

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Oklahoma</b>	
COUNTY: <b>Bryan</b>	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<b>JUN 29 1972</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Carriage Point**

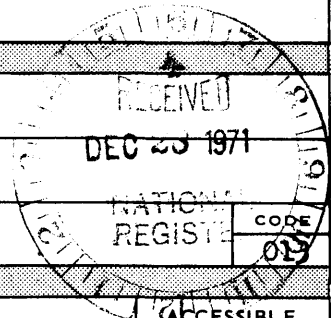
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**(Fisher's Station)**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**c. 4 m. W of**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Durant (SW/4 SE/4 Sec. 34, T 6 S, R 8 E)**

STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **40** COUNTY: **Bryan**



**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

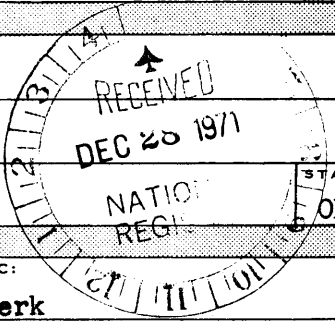
**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**O. A. Cross**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Star Route**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Durant**

STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **40**



**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
**Office of the County Clerk**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Bryan County Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Durant**

STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **40**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Oklahoma Historic Sites Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1958**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Oklahoma Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Historical Building**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Oklahoma City**

STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **40**

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Although its more or less "permanent" buildings were in use throughout the 1858-1861 existence of the Butterfield Overland Mail, Fisher's Station today is a virtual ground-level ruin. And little is known of its original appearance. In 1858, when the Oklahoma Historical Society prepared its official report on the route, in connection with the nation's centennial celebration, it issued this description of the site:

Prominent and well defined mounds of sod cover the fallen chimneys and the remains of other structures. Immediately east of the Cross [the present owner of the property] barn are many scattered stones and other rubble, giving ample evidence of the one time location of several buildings. Two large wells, each lined with stone, appear in good condition. Immediately north of the site, are a few scattered grave stones indicating the location of a small cemetery. The largest remaining stone, approximately four feet in height, reads:

Thomas L. Rider

Died

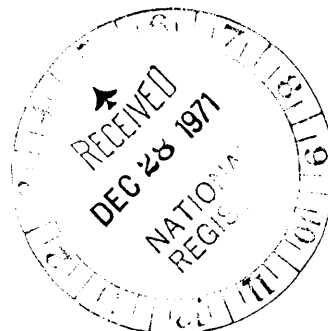
Aug. 17, 1863

Aged

19 ys. 4 m. 14 ds.

On a recent visit the writer found the site little changed, but for the natural attrition of yet another dozen years of exposure to the elements.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                        |                                       |                                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1858-1870

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                              |                                       |                                                    |                                          |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric         | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic            | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian       | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                   | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications      | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |                                                    | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation        | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |                                                    | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fisher's Station (better known as Carriage Point) was No. 11 of the 12 stage stations established by the Butterfield Overland Mail to serve its 192-mile-long, northeast/southwest route across Indian Territory from Fort Smith to the Red River from 1858 to 1861. Four miles west of present-day Durant, in Bryan County, it was about three hours by stage from Colbert's Ferry on Red River. Like several other of the stations, Fisher's did not long survive the institution that gave it birth; yet the dramatic importance of the Butterfield adventure itself - perhaps the most elaborate mail contract signed by the U. S. government to that time - would seem to justify recognition of the site and the few remaining physical evidences of its brief existence.

Fisher was undoubtedly the station operator or a Butterfield employee. Little is known about him - even as to whether his full name was Osborne Fisher or Fisher Durant. The flat, grassy area where the station was established seems to have been known locally as Carriage Point before Butterfield arrived on the scene and when the Civil War ended the run of the rumbling ConCORDs the old name of Carriage Point returned to use. Fisher's was a relatively prosperous stand with several permanent buildings and two rock-lined wells. But the station itself was not re-opened after the Civil War. A post office, established March 23, 1869, with the name Carriage Point, was in operation less than two years.

An official Oklahoma Historical Society marker notes the site today. Only mounds of rubble, some scattered stones, evidence of two wells, and a few neglected grave stones remain to recall the presence of once-bustling Fisher's Station.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Wright, Muriel H., "The Butterfield Overland Mail One Hundred Years Ago," The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. XXXV (1957), pp. 55-71.  
 --- Report on the Butterfield Overland Mail, A Special Committee Report, The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. XXXVI (1958), pp. 468-469.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE					
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds			
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	33°	59'	07"	96°	27'	16"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Kent Ruth, Deputy**

ORGANIZATION: **Oklahoma Historical Society** DATE: **October 1971**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Historical Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Oklahoma City** STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **40**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name *Kent Ruth*

Title *Liaison officer for Oklahoma*

Date **DEC 14 1971**

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Robert M. Treacy*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *6/29/72*

ATTEST: *William H. Sturtevant*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NO JT  
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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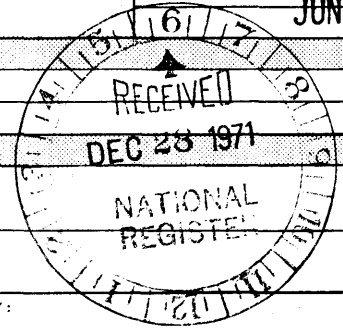
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Oklahoma	40	Bryan	013

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:  
U. S. G. S. Durant Quadrangle  
SCALE: 15" Series - 1:62,500  
DATE: 1958

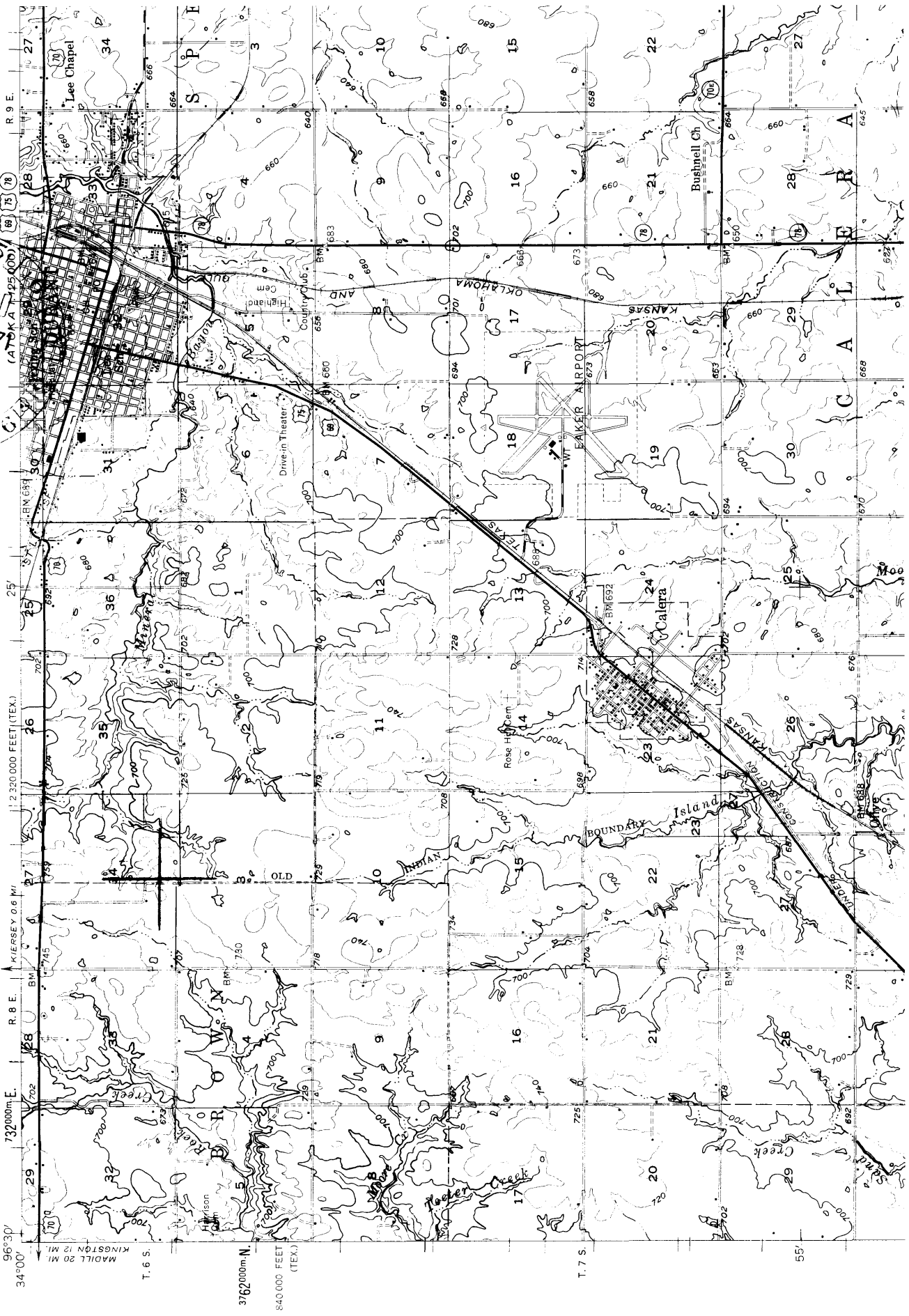
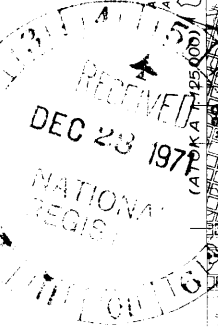
4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

(715HOMINGO)  
1:125,000



ATOKA 27 MI.  
ARMSTRONG 5 MI.

96°33' 34"00" W. 732000m.E. R. 8 E. KIERSEY 0.6 MI. MADILL 20 MI. KINGSTON 12 MI. T. 6 S. 3762000m.N. 840 000 FEET (TEX.)

29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

AND BAKER

OKLAHOMA

KANSAS

AND CALERA

BOUNDARY ISLAND

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