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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Buffington Hotel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number N/A Main St. N/A not for publication

city, town Westville N/A vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 040 county Adair code 001

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mable Whelchel

street & number N/A

city, town Westville N/A vicinity of state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Adair County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Stillwell state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City state OK

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Buffington Hotel is a two story red brick plains commercial style building. The corner location allows for prominent repetition of the architectural detailing along the corner section of the south and east elevations. A corbelled corner pilaster extends above the parapeted roof line. Two second story pilasters with corbelled stops outline the corner section. Window arcading with prominent brick relieving arches are in the entablature between the pilasters. Continuous stone lintels define the eight bays on the south second story elevation and the five bays on the east elevation. Brick toothing extends from the outlining pilasters to the corner pilaster at the north and west ends.

The first floor facade has five round arched bays on the south and three on the east. The respective sets of bays are connected with brick relieving arches. At the southeast corner the Cutaway corner has been filled with plate glass windows. There are three entrances on the south and one on the west. The rear of the building faces an alley and the north side is connected to a single story concrete block building.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca 1910 **Builder/Architect** Mr. Buffington

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Buffington Hotel is significant for its associations with the primary era of growth of Westville that produced its two most substantial commercial building

Westville began as a trade center in 1895. Its location between the military road to Fort Gibson on the north and the stage road, also to Fort Gibson on the south made it an ideal trade center. Its commercial potential was further enhanced when the Kansas City Southern and the Frisco railroads made it a center for freight and passenger service. The railroads also brought cast and crews for the touring vaudeville troupes.

Buffington built the hotel in 1910, just a block from the depots, in response to the need for travelers' lodging. It was managed by Mr. O'Conner until 1929 when O'Conner went to Tulsa to manage the Mecca Hotel (where Negroes hid during the Tulsa race riot).

By the 1930's Westville's spurt of growth was over and there was little need for a hotel. However, it continued to function as a boarding house, a function it still serves now. Along with the Opera House Block, the Buffington Hotel is the most impressive building along Westvilles main commercial street.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Summers, Luther, Westville, Oklahoma. Interview, 20th July, 1983.

Westville Reporter, 30th June, 1983, p. 5w, Column 1-8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property under one acre

1:24000

Quadrangle name Westville, OK-AR

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UTM References

A

1	5	3	5	8	6	5	0	3	9	8	4	1	6	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 22, lot 3, original town

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

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12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

C. Metersky

1-23-84

title

date

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

2/23/84

Melona Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration