

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Meacham Building

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 102 East Main St. N/A not for publication

city, town Oilton _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district No. 2

state Oklahoma code 40 county Creek code 037

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	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Leonard Lauener

street & number 208 East Broadway

city, town Oilton _____ vicinity of _____ state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of County Clerk

street & number Creek County Courthouse

city, town Sapulpa _____ state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Cushing Historic Oil Field Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society—State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City _____ state Oklahoma

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Meacham Building was constructed in 1916 by Guy Meacham shortly after the town of Oilton was platted in 1915. The building is located on the north side of Main Street in the downtown commercial district. The overall dimensions of the building are 50' x 100'. The building is a three-story, red brick structure with the appearance of a small town version of Louis Sullivan's commercial building style. The front facade includes four double windows on the third floor, four triple windows on the second floor, and double entrance doors on the first floor which separate two large pane glass windows. Four pilasters adorn the front facade and dentils are located above the double windows on the extreme east and west ends of the third floor. The large number of windows give the building a Sullivan-esque appearance.

One end of the first floor of the building was occupied by Meacham Brothers Furniture and the other half of the first floor and mezzanine served as the lobby and rooms for the hotel. Doctors' and attorneys' offices occupied the third floor. The building remained a commercial structure throughout the 1930's and 1940's with Meacham Brothers Furniture on the first floor, a music studio and apartments on the mezzanine floor, and doctors', attorneys' and dentists' offices located on the third floor.

A metal awning runs across the top of the first floor front and an addition on the west side was added approximately fifteen years ago. The addition is not visible from the front of the building as it begins 16½' back from the front of the building. It is constructed of concrete block painted red to match the red brick of the original building.

Leonard Lauener purchased the building in 1951. Extensive renovations to the interior were made. The Economy Wholesale Company has carried on a thriving business in the building for the past 29 years. Lauener has constructed a metal building to the east of the original building which is connected by an enclosed walkway approximately 6' x 8'.

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 1916-Present **Builder/Architect** Guy Meacham

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Meacham Building is significant because it is the only three-story commercial structure remaining on Main Street in Oilton, Oklahoma. Oilton, an oil boom town, emerged from a cotton farming area to a city of 3,000 residents in a period of seven weeks in 1915. The building was a hub of business activity during the peak production years of the Cushing oil field serving the oil field workers as both hotel and furniture store. Of the many hotels and boarding houses that once provided lodging for oil field laborers in the Cushing field, the Meacham Building is the only hotel structure left intact from Oilton's oil boom period. The building escaped a devastating fire in 1916 which destroyed most of the commercial district on the south side of Main Street. Originally, the building included a mezzanine floor with open balcony which was an attempt by the builders to bring sophistication to the primitive conditions of the oil boom town.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview with Leonard Lauener, present owner of property, June, 1980.
Interview with Paul Peck, local historian, June, 1980.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Under one acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Oilton, OK

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

UTM NOT VERIFIED

A

1	4	7	1	7	4	2	0	3	9	9	6	0	7	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 17 and 18, Block 24, City of Oilton, Oklahoma

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. George O. Carney, Associate Professor of Geography

organization Cushing Historic Oil Field Survey date July 17, 1980

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405-624-6248

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C. M. Metcalf 2-8-82

title date

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.	
<u>William H. Brubaker</u>	date <u>4.21.82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	