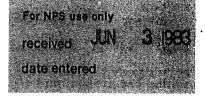
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National Register of Historic Places Inventory---Nomination Form

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

1. Name

HISTORIC COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN STILLWATER TR

and/or common

2. Location

street & number

city, town Stillwater

____ vicinity of

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2 on NE

county

Payne

state Oklahoma

3. Classification

Category district	Ownership public	Status _X occupied	Present Use	museum
building(s)	_X private	unoccupied	_X_ commercial	park
structure	both	work in progress	educational	private residenc
site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	entertainment	religious
object	N/A_in process	yes: restricted	government	scientific
Thematic	Ŋ/A₋ being considered	_X yes: unrestricted	industrial	transportation
Group		no	military	other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Ownership

street & number

city, town

vicinity of

state

state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Payne County Courthouse

street & number

city, town

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Stillwater,

Stillwater

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title	Oklahoma Preservation Survey	has this property been determined eligible? \underline{X} yes	no
date	October 1982	federal state county _	locai
depos	sitory for survey records		

7. Description

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 ______ deteriorated
 _X____ unaltered

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 ______ fair
 _______ unexposed

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 y

Check one _X_ original site

__ moved date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Check one

The downtown core of Stillwater is an active commercial area. While there has been considerable strip development, the proximity of the University campus and County Court House to the downtown area have contributed to keeping commerical viability strong. Unfortunately, while many of the early masonry structures still exist. they have been throughly modernized and have virtually no historic integrity. Many of the original structures have been torn down to be replaced by asphalt parking lots.

The five structures included in the thematic were all built within a three year time span, which is reflected in their similarity of red masonry construction. The bank is of sandstone, the bank of red brick, and the three others of red paver brick. Four of the buildings have limestone lintels, string courses, keystone, or sills as decorative features.

The selection of buildings, other than maintaining historic integrity, are representative of a crosssection of commercial use in the downtown area. The buildings were used for freight distribution, professional services, product sales, and banking businesses.

8. Significance

1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture architecture art X commerce communications	community planning landscape architecture	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1894-1933	Builder/Architect varied	

varied

1894-1933 **Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The commercial structures of Stillwater are significant to the early growth of the community as they housed the local service centers, including freight distribution, office space, retail outlets and financial institutions. Specifically these are the few structures which either remain or still maintain integrity.

Stillwater was founded on April 22, 1889 during the first Run in Oklahoma Territory. The town was located twenty miles from the nearest rail line, however, the offer of an A & M College by the Territorial Legislature sent enterprising businessmen to negotiate for rail service. The procurement of both the college and railroad provided the impetus for a strong commercial community. Another contributing factor to the commerce of the area was its importance as the county seat.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cunningham, Robert E. Stillwater, Where Oklahoma Began, Norman, OU Press, 1957

10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of nominated property See continuation s	heets
Quadrangle name	Quadrangle scale
UTM References	
A Zone Easting Northing	B Zone Easting Northing
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Verbal boundary description and justification The structures which have enough integrity in National Register. There is one possible at this time. See continuation sheets	the downtown area for inclusion in the

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

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state	N/A	code	county	code
state	N/A	code	county	code

date

state

telephone

11. Form Prepared By

city or town

name/title Sandra S. Stratton Preservation Planner

organization State Historic Pres. Office

street & number Historical Building

Oklahoma City

Oklahoma 73105

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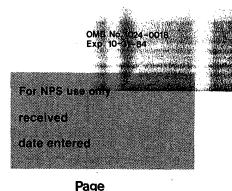
12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

State Historic Preservation Officer signature title date For NPS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register mono date Keeper of the National Register Attest: date **Chief of Registration**

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Multiple Resource A Thematic Group	rea	dnr-11
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	**	Date/Signature
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3. Selph Building Substantive Review	Keeper	Beth Grosvenn 9/12/8
	Attest	
4. Santa Fe Depot	Keeper	
(previously listed 3/3/80)	Attest	
5. Citizens Bank Building	Keeper	······································
(previously listed 2/24/81)	Attest	
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