

**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 Maurice Meyer Barracks

and/or common Meyer Hall

**2. Location**

street & number College Hill not for publication

city, town Claremore vicinity of congressional district 002

state Okla. code 40 county Rogers code 131

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Board of Regents - Claremore Junior College

street & number College Hill Drive

city, town Claremore vicinity of state Oklahoma

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number Rogers County Courthouse - 219 South Missouri

city, town Claremore state Oklahoma

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978  federal  state  county  local

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

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

## 7. Description

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

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Maurice Meyer Hall, completed in 1920, is a two-story building constructed of red brick laid in a running bond pattern. The flat-roofed structure has a rusticated brick foundation, approximately 3' high, topped by a brick water table which has been painted white. The main portion of the building is 150' long and 32' wide. A wing, 25' x 52', is attached to the central portion of the rear of the structure.

The front facade includes an 8' x 50' porch. A rusticated brick wall, approximately 3' high, surrounds the entire porch except in the entryway. Four Ionic columns support a full entablature pediment which extends approximately three-fourths of the distance over the porch. Above the entablature there is a single row of dentils which extend above the front and sides of the entablature and continues for 8' on each side of the front of the building. Above the dentils there is a parapet which runs around the entire building. The area above the porch is decorated with brickwork friezes.

A single, unpaneled door serves as the front entrance to the building. Plain pilasters support a simple architrave trim above the door. Above the trim there is a segmented pediment decorated with a star in a circle.

On each side of the building there is a single panel door with lights at the top. The doors are topped by a transom. Above the transom there is a semi-circular window with radiating glazing bars. The doors are each framed by two pilasters which support a wooden triangular arch. At the base of each door, there is a stoop flanked on each side by a low rusticated brick wall.

The building's fenestration includes a single  $\frac{6}{6}$  window above the front door. On each side of the front door on both floors, there are single  $\frac{12}{12}$  windows. Next to these windows there are  $\frac{9}{9}$  single windows which begin in the middle of the first floor and extend midway into the second floor. To the southeast of the porch, there are five single  $\frac{12}{12}$  windows on each floor. To the southwest of the porch, there are four single  $\frac{12}{12}$  windows.

On each side of the building there is a single  $\frac{6}{6}$  window located on the second floor above the door.

Window placement in the rear of the main portion of the building is the same for both floors. On each floor there are nine  $\frac{12}{12}$  single windows, five northeast of the wing and four northwest of the wing. There are paired  $\frac{6}{6}$  windows on either side of the intersection of the wing and the main part of the building.

On each side of the wing there are ten  $\frac{5}{5}$  single windows, five on each floor. In the rear of the wing, there are six  $\frac{6}{6}$  single windows, three on each floor.

Maurice Meyer Hall served as a barracks for the Oklahoma Military Academy from 1920 to 1971. For the next eight years, it was used as a classroom

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building for Claremore Junior College. Presently, the building houses community center activities such as workshops, civic club meetings, and campus organization meetings.

The nominated property is situated on a large grass plot overlooking the campus lake. The area around the building is landscaped with large pine trees. Located on the 40-acre campus which overlooks the city of Claremore, the building is accessible from College Hill Drive via a series of parking lots.

## 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1920 - 1971      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Maurice Meyer Hall is significant because it was the first building constructed exclusively for the Oklahoma Military Academy established by the Oklahoma legislature in 1918 and because it has been continuously associated with education in northeastern Oklahoma for over 60 years.

Completed in 1920, Meyer Hall signified the permanent residential status of the Oklahoma Military Academy as it served as the first residence hall on campus. It served as the focal point for the socialization process of the cadets who attended Oklahoma Military Academy.

Oklahoma Military Academy was established by the state of Oklahoma to provide a total education; academic, military, and personal growth. The school began holding classes in 1918 in one building which had previously housed the Eastern University Preparatory School. Because the one building housed only classrooms and administrative offices, the first class of forty cadets camped in tents on the school grounds.

Because of the lack of living quarters, construction immediately began on a 60-room residence hall to be named Maurice Meyer Barracks after the first Oklahoma soldier to lose his life in World War I.

One of the principal aims of Oklahoma Military Academy was to promote leadership activities through good habits of personal and social conduct. On-campus living was a critical element in establishing these modes of conduct. When Meyer Hall was completed, the cadets had permanent housing and an environment in which to grow and develop leadership skills. Moreover, it helped foster a spirit of camaraderie and cooperation that was vital to the objective of the school.

The function of Meyer Hall changed in 1971 when Oklahoma Military Academy became Claremore Junior College, however, it still remains an integral part of the campus. First used as a classroom building by Claremore Junior College, it is currently used as a community center for various adult education and community service programs.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Oklahoma Military Academy Yearbook, Guido. Guthrie: Cooperative Publishing Company, 1930.

Interview with Richard H. Mosier, President of Claremore Junior College, June 10, 1981.

# 10. Geographical Data

UNITED STATES  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Sageeyah, OK

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minutes

### UMT References

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Beginning at a point 500' west of the intersection of College Hill Drive and Oklahoma Highway 88, proceed south 200', then west 200', then north 200' and then east 200' to point of beginning. Meyer Hall is located within these boundaries.

### 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 Claudia A. Craig, Supervised by Dr. George O. Carney

organization Northeastern Oklahoma Counties Survey date September 24, 1981

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405-624-6250

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. Metcalf* date 1-4-82

title date

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u><i>Thomas Lee Davis</i></u>	date <u>3/1/82</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	