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HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Historic Preservation Resource Identification is the systematic process of surveying and recording historic buildings, structures, objects, districts and/or sites. The completed resource identification forms and accompanying documentation are evaluated and become part of the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory, the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office's resource database.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CONDUCT HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION?

Ongoing development and changes in our state bring about pressures and conditions that can adversely affect historic properties. The primary goal of the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office is to aid in the preservation of these resources which help us to understand our history.

To work toward proper and effective preservation, it is necessary to identify and document historic properties. This information is used in several SHPO program areas such as Review and Compliance, the National Register of Historic Places, Comprehensive Planning and Investment Tax Credits.

Historic Preservation Resource Identification data is an important information source used to evaluate historic properties that may be affected by federal undertakings as well as to plan future preservation efforts. The collection of this information provides an overview of similar resources that, taken together, form a property type. This property type, placed in a context with specific time and geographical limits in turn provides the basis for generalizations about other historic resources that may occur within similar contexts. Historic Preservation Resource Identification is thus an ongoing process of gathering and evaluating information related to the historic resources of our state.



Creek County Courthouse, Creek County

Contrary to popular belief, preservation does not necessarily mean that a resource will be physically retained in place or as built. Sometimes preservation takes the form of documentation by research, photographs, drawings and narrative histories. So, while providing the needed information for evaluation of affected properties, the documentation resulting may well be the only true preservation possible for a particular resource.



Ardmore Historic Commercial District, Carter County

WHO CAN CONDUCT HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION?

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office accepts completed Historic Preservation Resource Identification Forms from many sources, including local preservation groups and interested individual citizens. The data present must be complete and accurate, and it must contain supporting documentation in accordance with the SHPO's guidelines so it may be included in the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory.

The majority of resource identification data is accumulated through subgrant and contract arrangements with the SHPO. Anyone wanting to participate in these projects must meet professional qualifications set forth by the U.S. Department of the Interior. Further, all work done under these arrangements must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Identification.

WHEN IS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS CARRIED OUT?

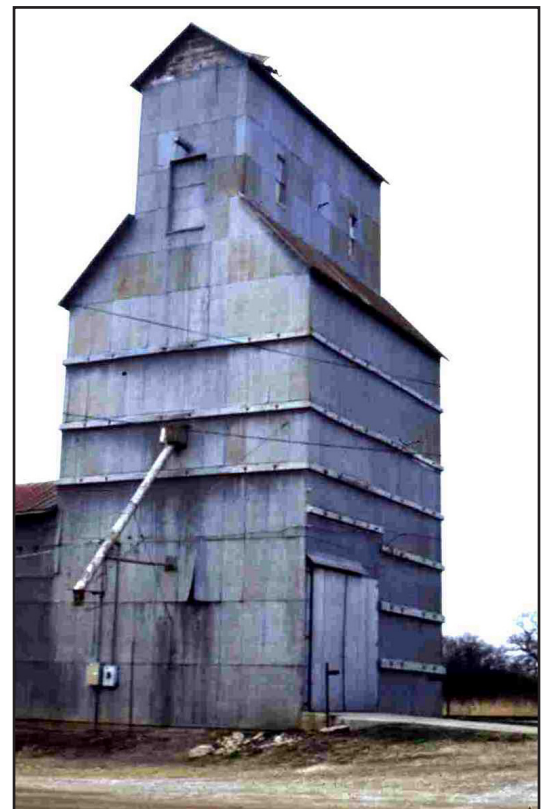
The collection and evaluation of Identification data is a continuous process. Contractual and subgrant projects are advertised locally and statewide each year and depend upon the federal funding cycle.

WHERE ARE THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION RECORDS KEPT AND USED?

All information is collected and retained in the State Historic Preservation Office, a division of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma History Center, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Access to these records for the public is during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Access to certain types of records, such as for archeological sites, is limited.

For more information concerning the Historic Preservation Resource Identification process, contact:

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