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Winter proves to be Season for Grand Re-Openings

On November 15, 1997, in Claremore the six-story Hotel Will Rogers reopened as a 38 apartment senior citizen complex. This was the culmination of an impressive rehabilitation effort by the Rogers County Historical Society, MetroPlains, Inc., and the Wa-Ro-Ma community action agency.

The Rogers County Historical Society purchased the vacant historic hotel in 1994 and through aggressive fundraising and partnership with other organizations saved one of northeast Oklahoma's most significant landmarks.

This month, the Aldridge Hotel in downtown McAlester reopens its doors following another cooperative rehabilitation effort between local investors Aldridge Accommodated Living Limited Partnership, MetroPlains, Inc., and the KiBois Community Action Agency. The Aldridge Hotel was built in 1927 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1995. The building now serves as low income housing for the elderly.

Nominations requested for 1998-99 Most Endangered List

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., is accepting nominations for this year's list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties. The program is a joint project with the Oklahoma Historical Society's State Historic Preservation Office. Nominations will be accepted through February 15 and the selection committee will consider them during the first part of March. The new list will be announced on May 8 at Preservation Oklahoma's annual meeting and luncheon during the Statewide Preservation Conference.

If you know of a property listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places that is endangered due to impending demolition, vandalism, or continued neglect, fill out the enclosed nomination form and return it to Preservation Oklahoma. Only significant properties will be considered. The nomination form may be photocopied. All entries must be accompanied by a good quality, non-Polaroid color picture or slide.

Oklahoma's Certified Local Governments at Work

by Melvena Heisch, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Eleven cities are current participants in Oklahoma's Certified Local Governments (CLG) program. They are: Anadarko, Chickasha, Cordell, Enid, Grandfield, Guthrie, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, Ponca City, Tahlequah, and Tulsa. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) administers the program and provides federal matching grants to each CLG from its share of the U. S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund. Each CLG sets its own priorities and undertakes projects and activities designed to strengthen its local preservation program.

Since the program began in 1984, Oklahoma's CLGs have carried out architectural/historic and archaeological surveys, prepared National Register nominations, developed local preservation plans, designated local districts and landmarks, produced district design guidelines, and initiated numerous educational programs. Just as every city has a unique heritage, each city must identify its own preservation needs and determine its own priorities for meeting them. The special funds for CLGs provide an infusion of cash to help supplement local resources.

A few examples of the products of the CLG program include:

Anadarko's central business district is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated under the city's local preservation zoning ordinance. To help property owners better understand the zoning requirements and to aid them in obtaining the required "certificate of appropriateness" for construction work, the city is using an FY1997 CLG grant to develop design guidelines for the district.

Chickasha joined the CLG program in 1995. With their first CLG grant, they retained a consultant to complete an architectural/historic survey of the downtown area. The survey data will help the city determine if a National Register district exists and aid them in decisions about the local designation process under the zoning ordinance.

Cordell, also a participant in the Oklahoma Main Street Small Towns Program, is the site of many exemplary preservation partnership activities. Publication of a walking tour brochure has been a useful tool in protecting and developing the Courthouse Square Historic District.

Enid was one of Oklahoma's first CLGs and has concentrated much of its grant-assisted work in the city's residential areas. Architectural/historic survey projects have resulted in the documentation of hundreds of residential buildings, and the Enid CLG has produced design guidelines for the two locally designated districts.

Grandfield, Oklahoma's smallest CLG, has concentrated efforts in educating the public about its heritage and in providing an extensive reference collection of preservation material at the local library. With their FY1997 CLG grant, they will prepare a National Register nomination for their downtown commercial district.

Guthrie, another of the first CLGs in Oklahoma, is undertaking a special project this year. CLG funds will be used to prepare a National Historic Landmark nomination for the city's central business district. This outstanding collection of turn-of-the-century commercial buildings is considered to have national significance under the architectural history theme.

Oklahoma City has used the CLG funds in many ways. Their development of National Register nominations for historic residential districts is just one of many noteworthy efforts. Recently, the Edwards Historic District, the Jefferson Park Historic District, and the Crown Heights Historic District were listed in the National Register.

Okmulgee, another Main Street city, has focused on its commercial district through architectural/historic survey projects, a successful National Register nomination, and designation under the local ordinance. To help strengthen the local preservation effort, CLG funds were used to retain the special consulting services of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The program included community discussion and planning sessions and review and advice about administration of the local preservation zoning ordinance.

Ponca City has utilized their CLG grant money in public education efforts. A driving tour, complete with a detailed tour guide and an audio tape, was produced. The project has been quite popular with both visitors and local citizens.

Tahlequah became a CLG in 1995. The city is just completing a reconnaissance level architectural/historic

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survey of the central portion of the city and will use the information from this to develop a special tour guide.

Tulsa is just completing an update of the city's comprehensive historic preservation plan. The first edition of the plan was released during the 1992 statewide preservation conference held there. The document is extremely useful to the preservation community as well as other groups. In addition to clear statements of preservation goals and policies, the plan offers quick reference to the city's history, its historic districts, and its landmarks, as well as sources of information on a variety of related topics.

In addition to eligibility for matching grants, participation in the CLG program provides the local government a formal role in the National Register nomination process and the opportunity to assume certain SHPO responsibilities. As of November, 1996, 1,063 local governments across the nation have been certified and enjoy these benefits. For details about the CLG program, contact Melvena Heisch, State Historic

National Trust announces New Grant Program

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is now accepting applications for grants from the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors. The purpose of the new fund is to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Nonprofit organizations, government agencies, for-profit businesses, and individuals are eligible for grants, which are expected to range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Eligible activities and projects include obtaining services of consultants, sponsoring workshops/conferences, and producing print/video communications. For further information and grant applications, please contact Bob Blais at (202) 588-6197.

The deadline for 1998 applications is February 1.



Need a Speaker for Your Next Meeting?

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., can solve your guest speaker woes. Set up a presentation for your local preservation group or civic organization's next meeting. Preservation Oklahoma's staff can tailor the talk to fit your program's time constraints and to address the issues of most concern to your group; it can be as general as an overview of the historic preservation network in Oklahoma, or discussion of a specific topic like the National Register or Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties List. Call (405) 232-5747 for more information.

Tribal Grants Application Deadline Near

The National Park Service is accepting applications for the Fiscal year 1998 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes. Grants will be from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to be used for: Locating and Identifying Cultural Resources, Preservation Planning, Oral History and Documenting Cultural Traditions, or Education and Training for Building a Historic Preservation Program.

Grantees will be chosen based upon a number of factors, including how critical the project is to addressing the tribe's cultural resources, achievability of goals, qualifications of personnel, justifiability of budget, clear tribal commitment, and lasting impact. **The deadline for application submission is January 30, 1998.** For a copy of the Grant Program Guidelines and Application Form, call Preservation Oklahoma at (405) 232-5747.

Friends of the Agra Bank Building group formed

A condemnation hearing in mid-December led to a unanimous vote by the Agra city council to delay action for six months on demolition of the Bank of Agra building. Built in 1904, the two-story stone structure was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1990.

Friends of the Agra Bank Building, a group formed two weeks earlier to save the threatened building, had already raised \$260 to begin stabilization, which will require erecting a fence to protect the building and the public, removal of debris from a collapsed roof, boarding up of windows, and bracing of the walls. Tom Myers, state tourism economic development specialist, visited Agra prior to the hearing and encouraged the group in its effort.

Building owner, Matt McGuire of J&M Investments, purchased the building in December with plans to deed the building to the City of Agra or the *Friends* group for community use. The bank building was the subject of an optimistic feasibility study in 1990 funded by McGuire and the National Trust's *Preservation Services Fund*.

The *Friends of the Agra Bank Building* group is selling memberships for \$10.00 and has started stabilizing the building. For more information on the new group, contact publicity chair Erresia Jackson at (918) 375-2385.

The La Quinta Preservation Foundation in Bartlesville hopes to raise \$30,000 by April to begin a \$100,000 restoration of the exterior stucco on the former home of oilman H. V. Foster. Interested parties should contact Bonnie Mills, Secretary, at (918) 333-7764.

**Briefs
in
brief**

The National Park Service, through its Cultural Resources Division's Preservation Assistance Program publishes a series called Preservation Briefs. To date, there are 40 of these publications, which cover a wide variety of preservation topics. Each brief provides an overview of the topic; examples; a list of required steps and usual staffing needs; useful pictures, diagrams, and other aids; and, information on further reading on the subject. Here follows information concerning two new issues in this series. Single copies of these briefs are available from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). If you would like more details on any brief in the series, call the SHPO at (405) 521-6249, or Preservation Oklahoma at (405) 232-5747.

#39 Holding the Line: Controlling Unwanted Moisture in Historic Buildings

Sharon C. Park, AIA

"Uncontrolled moisture is the most prevalent cause of deterioration in older and historic buildings. It leads to erosion, corrosion, rot, and ultimately the destruction of materials, finishes, and eventually structurally components."

This Brief includes sections on how and where to look for damaging moisture (warning signs, uncovering and analyzing moisture problems), transport or movement of moisture, surveying and diagnosing moisture damage (key questions to ask), selecting an appropriate level of treatment, and ongoing care.

#40 Preserving Historic Ceramic Tile Floors

Anne E. Grimmer and Kimberly A. Konrad

"Their modularity, as standardized units, make them easy to fit into different sized spaces, which explains much of the popularity of ceramic floor tiles throughout history."

This Brief begins with an overview of ceramic tiles as a traditional flooring material. It includes an explanation of the various kinds of historic floor tiles used in the United States and how they were made. It provides general guidance on preservation treatments, focusing on maintenance, and, when necessary, selective replacement of damaged floor tiles. It is intended to provide greater understanding of ceramic floor tiles and a basic awareness of maintenance techniques and various deterioration problems to which tile floors are especially prone.

National Register Grants Available

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce that it will again offer matching grants for preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations. The application form and detailed instructions will be available on February 2. A total of \$10,000 has been reserved for this special program. These funds are from the SHPO's FY1998 Historic Preservation Fund allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

Two rounds of grant awards will be conducted. The deadline for the first round is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, and for the second round is 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 1. Each grant is limited to \$500 and an equal amount in nonfederal matching funds is required. The funds must be used for consultant services for preparing individual property National Register nominations. This year, preference will be given to those projects resulting in nominations for properties associated with minority heritage, agriculture, or energy development. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, local governments, state agencies, and tribal governments.

To request an application packet, contact the SHPO, 2704 Villa Prom, Oklahoma City, OK 73107, or call (405) 521-6249, or FAX (405) 947-2918.

Tenth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

Mark your calendars for May 7th-9th and plan to attend Oklahoma's Tenth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference. The Conference will be held in Ardmore, and joining the Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma Main Street Program, and Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., as cosponsors are the Ardmore Main Street Authority, City of Ardmore, Ardmore Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Southwest Historical Museum.

The Conference program will again feature three concurrent tracks, which will include such topics as partnerships for downtown revitalization, funding historic preservation projects, local government's role in historic preservation, education programs and sources of information about historic preservation, and many others. Several tours to see the many important historic properties in and around Ardmore and the exciting efforts to protect them are planned.

National Historic Preservation Week is May 10th-16th and this year's statewide conference will serve as the kick-off event for this special observance in Oklahoma.

Watch your mail and the next issue of Preservation Oklahoma News for details.



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MCCLAIN COUNTY NATIONAL BANK CREATES \$100,000 LOW INTEREST LOAN POOL FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS

As part of our ongoing project to develop new sources of low-interest funding for historic preservation projects, Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., is pleased to announce the creation of a \$100,000 loan fund by the McClain County National Bank in Purcell. The loan fund will provide lower than market rate loans for rehabilitation projects in McClain County. This new loan fund is the second in a series of funding sources created through this program, which is a joint project of Preservation Oklahoma and the State Historic Preservation Office. Previously, Citizens Bank and Trust in Okmulgee created a \$100,000 loan fund for Okmulgee County. It is the intention of this program to stimulate further loan fund creation throughout Oklahoma, but providing strong examples. For more information, or to request an application form, call Robert K. Erwin at (405) 232-5747.

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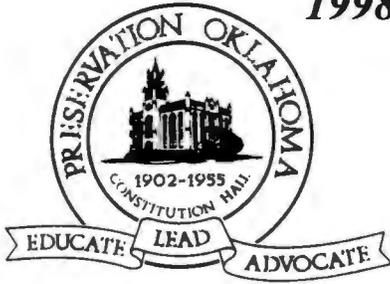
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1998 Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties List NOMINATION FORM

Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties List is a joint project of Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., and the State Historic Preservation Office.

Note: Only fully completed nominations will be considered.

Use reverse side if more space needed for answers.

Your Name _____

Your Mailing Address and Daytime Phone Number _____

Endangered Property Information

Name of Property _____

Name of Property Owner and Contact Info. _____

Location (Address/City/County) and Description (please enclose color slide or photo)

Nature of Threat to Property: _____

Why is this property historically and/or architecturally significant? _____

Criteria checklist for inclusion in list:

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|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Is this property listed in the National Register of Historic Places? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If No, does the State Historic Preservation Office staff consider it eligible? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is this property friendless, i.e. -- no current rehabilitation prospects? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is it threatened with destruction from impending demolition, neglect, or vandalism? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is it being sold to a party insensitive to preservation concerns? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

To be eligible for consideration by the selection committee, properties must meet the criteria above.

Please return this form to: Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.
P.O. Box 25043
Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0043

Deadline is March 6th!

Changes in the National Park Service Administrative Procedure for Investment Tax Credits for Rehabilitation

by Eva Osborne, AIA, State Historic Preservation Architect

In 1995, major changes in the organization of the National Park Service (NPS) began in order to address a reduction in the agency staff. Procedural changes have started to stabilize recently, so we expect efficient reviews as well as nationwide consistency in opinions concerning design issues.

Prior to 1995, the NPS operated out of regional offices based on the idea of "decentralized" government assistance. (Some readers may remember Chris Jones, Sayre Hutchison, and Tom Keohan from the Rocky Mountain Regional Office who visited several of our projects personally and came to Oklahoma City to assist with the Murrah Building Bombing Damage Assessment Teams.) A decision was made on the national level early in 1995 to "centralize" NPS activities. Plans called for centralization of the Tax Act Program in Washington, D.C. Since the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) had a good working relationship with the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, we anticipate continued good service from the Washington, D.C. office. During the transition period, projects that initially had been reviewed in Denver stayed at that office until completion of the Part II process. All projects with completed Part II's and all new projects were sent to Washington, D.C., so there was a natural termination of the Denver office's duties.

The core staff in Washington, D.C. consists of preservation professionals who, for the most part, have been with the program since its inception in 1976. Also, each of these professionals brings to the team an exceptional expertise in a particular area of preservation practice. For example, Anne Grimmer, the masonry consultant, has an impressive portfolio of projects that required repair or cleaning of various types of masonry structures. She has written and lectured on this subject extensively and is familiar with current products and practices as well as experimental applications.

The most significant change for the Oklahoma SHPO was that Steve Kline, AIA, was assigned the duty of reviewing all Oklahoma projects. Kline has a long time relationship with this office, so we enjoyed a comfortable

exchange of queries, information, and advice. We were fortunate to have Steve in this position during the transition period. Recently, he accepted a new position as Historic Preservation Architect for the regional office of the General Services Administration in Fort Worth. We look forward to working with his replacement, Jason Fenwick.

In February, 1997, we had our first opportunity to visit with the NPS staff in person when they sponsored the Window Conference and Exposition of Historic Buildings in Washington, D.C. This was a major conference with three days of lectures concerning all aspects of window repair and replacement. Window manufacturers, consultants, and technicians exhibited their products and shared information on an individual basis. The history of window and glass manufacturing was explained and demonstrated. The conference set a new standard for this type of exchange of information with participants from all over the nation and proved an impressive example of how the new, centralized NPS office will coordinate future educational opportunities.

In June, SHPO directors and staff members from every state were invited to return to Washington, D.C. for another three day conference which addressed changes in administrative procedures as well as NPS recommended approaches to several common rehabilitation issues. We received new regulation manuals and discussed the tax application process from start to final certification. NPS stressed that the goal of those coordinating the transition process is to minimize additional steps, eliminate any unnecessary steps, and identify and address any differences that previously may have existed between the various regional offices concerning approved rehabilitation practices. Other major goals of the NPS are streamlining the Tax Act review process and improving consistency in decisions issued.

For more information on Investment Tax Credits for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings, contact Eva Osborne at (405) 522-4479.

SHPO's 1998 Calendar of Events

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to present its 1997/98 series of special events. Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held in the Oklahoma Historical Society Boardroom, Wiley Post Historical Building, 2100 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, with no registration fee required. If you desire to attend any of these events but have a disability and need accommodation, please notify the SHPO at least three (3) days before the event. For more information, call the SHPO staff at (405) 521-6249.

May 1998

7-9 Oklahoma's Tenth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, Ardmore (Registration Fee)

June 1998

The June workshops will be held in the Hartford Building, Conference Room A, 110 South Hartford Avenue, Tulsa:

- 24 Introduction to the Section 106 Review Process (9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon)
- 24 Determination of Eligibility under Section 106 (1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- 25 Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places (9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- 26 Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon)
- 26 Documenting Historic Properties: the HABS/HAER Programs (1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

September 1998

- 11 Public Meeting for the SHPO's FY1999 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application (10:30 a.m.)
- 11 Updating the Statewide Preservation Plan: a public forum (1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

December 1998

- 2 State and Local Governments as Preservation Partners in Oklahoma: the CLG Program (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon)
- 2 Introduction to the Section 106 Review Process (1:30 - 4:30 p.m.)
- 3 The Section 106 Review Process: what happens when there is an effect? (9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
- 4 Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places (9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

1998 Centennial Farm and Ranch Program Applications Available

The Centennial Farm and Ranch Program is an ongoing activity of the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. The program was established to recognize the important role agriculture has played in Oklahoma settlement and development, and to honor the contributions made by the state's long-standing farm and ranch families.

To qualify, the property must be a working farm/ranch; have a minimum of forty acres with gross yearly sales of at least \$1,000; have been occupied by the family continuously for at least 100 years; and, the farm/ranch must be operated by, lived on by, or leased out by a family member over 65 years of age.

Applications can be obtained from the SHPO, 2704 Villa Prom, Oklahoma City, OK 73107. Along with each application, a ten dollar application fee is required. The deadline for the 1998 program year is March 31, 1998.

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In conjunction with the Centennial Farm and Ranch Program, there is available the Historic Structures Award. This award recognizes the preservation of historic structures. To qualify, the property must have at least four buildings and/or structures, such as a barn or windmill, that are at least fifty years old and have not been significantly altered. To receive the necessary forms and instructions, please indicate your interest in this program on the back of the Centennial Farm and Ranch application.

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If you have questions, contact Jill Marsh, Centennial Farm and Ranch Program Coordinator, at (405) 521-6387.

Remembering Leader of Arcadia Round Barn Effort

Funeral services for Luther "Luke" Davis Robison were held October 24, 1997. Robison, an experienced carpenter, led the effort to save the deteriorating Round Barn on Route 66 in Arcadia. Between April 1988 and April 1990, Robison spent almost every day doggedly working on the local landmark. Robison is credited with turning the community's attitude toward the collapsing barn from resignation to enthusiasm. Robison was recognized at the state and national level for his preservation work on the Arcadia Round Barn.

Four Oklahoma Properties listed in National Register

by Cynthia Savage

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the listing of four Oklahoma properties on the National Register of Historic Places. These include two schools in Lincoln County, one armory in Pontotoc County, and an oil well site in Osage County. With the addition of these properties, the total number of properties listed on the National Register in Oklahoma is 908.

Both the Fairview High School and Old Stroud School were constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1936. The schools are historically significant as examples of the work undertaken by the WPA in Lincoln County, statewide, and nationally. The work relief provided by the WPA allowed many destitute people to survive the trying times of the 1930s while also stimulating the local, and therefore state and national, economies. The schools are also historically significant due to their educational function. The construction of the new school buildings allowed for enhanced educational opportunities in Lincoln County during the latter half of the 1930s, the last real era of the small, rural school. The buildings are further architecturally significant as good examples of the WPA Standardized style as applied to rural schools. The schools are part of the multiple property nomination "WPA Resources in Lincoln County."

The Roff Armory in Pontotoc County was also a WPA project. Built between 1935-37, the project cost nearly \$85,000. The armory is historically significant for its association with the WPA and the role it played in the military readiness of the Oklahoma National Guard in World War II. Part of the 45th Infantry Division, the Oklahoma National Guard was among the first four National Guard divisions federalized in late 1940 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Architecturally, the armory is an excellent example of the WPA Standardized style as applied to armories. Having undergone only minor alterations since construction, the Roff Armory maintains an extremely high degree of historic integrity.

Oklahoma's most recent addition to the National Register is the Barnsdall Main Street Well Site. Drilled in 1914 in Osage County's Bigheart oil field by the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company, the well was located west of the original town site of Bigheart. In 1918-19, the town of Bigheart annexed the property northwest of town, including the well site. Main Street was then extended west through Red Eagle addition, allowing the well to remain fully operational. In 1922, the town of Bigheart changed its name to Barnsdall, to honor the Barnsdall Oil Company's late president and oil tycoon, T. N. Barnsdall. By the late 1920s, the street began to assume a residential character. In a 1930s "Ripley's Believe It or Not" column, the site became known as "the world's only Main Street Well." The well remained active into the 1960s. The well site is significant as a symbol of the economic impact of petroleum exploration and production during the 1910s and 1920s in Bigheart and as the only resource of its type still extant in Barnsdall.

For more information on these properties or the National Register of Historic Places, contact Cindy Savage at (405) 522-4478.



Roff Armory, Pontotoc County



Become a member of the statewide historic preservation network . . .



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Preservation Oklahoma's mission is to foster the preservation of historic buildings and sites in Oklahoma through advocacy, education, and technical and financial assistance within a statewide network. To join, complete the form below and send with payment to: Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., P. O. Box 25043, Oklahoma City, OK 73125.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Club: \$1,000.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor: \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Family: \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining: \$500.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization: \$50.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron: \$250.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Partner: \$30.00 | |

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