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**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

Mine Rescue Station Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

507-09 E. Third Street

—NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

McAlester

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

003

STATE

Oklahoma

— VICINITY OF

CODE

40

COUNTY

Pittsburg

CODE

121

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY** DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT**OWNERSHIP** PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS** OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE** YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO**PRESENT USE** AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

U.S. Department of Labor-Mine Safety and Health Administration

STREET & NUMBER

507-09 E. Third Street

CITY, TOWN

McAlester

STATE

OK

— VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Pittsburg County

CITY, TOWN

McAlester

STATE

OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1979

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

OK

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original building was constructed in 1910 by the Coal Operator's Association to be used for meetings of the Association. The structure was a two-story building of red brick. The first floor was used for offices and the second floor was living quarters for the U.S. Bureau of Mines supervisor after they had purchased the building in 1914 (see sketch). Shortly after the Bureau of Mines purchase in 1914, a one-story wing was added to the original structure to be used as a "mock mine" to train miners in rescue and safety operations. This was filled with dust and gas to simulate actual rescue conditions.

A garage to the west was used for parking by the Mine Safety supervisor and as a storage facility for "breathing apparatus" equipment.

The original two-story building and the one-story wing on the north are now painted tan with brown trim. It currently houses offices for the U.S. Department of Labor-Mine Safety and Health Administration which serves a six-state area. The interior of the first-story has been converted into four modern offices. A hallway divides the first floor with two offices on each side. The hallway contains a display of mine safety and rescue equipment. The second floor is used for storage. The garage is no longer used. The building is in excellent condition and is an attractive architectural asset to the neighborhood. An exhibit of mine safety and rescue equipment is on display in the hall between the offices. The "mock mine" has been filled in.

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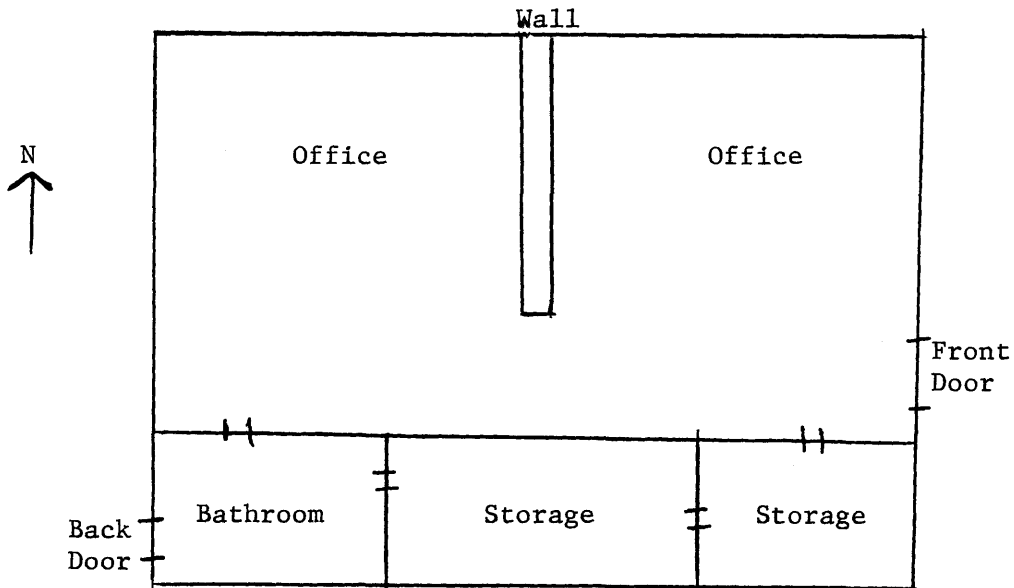
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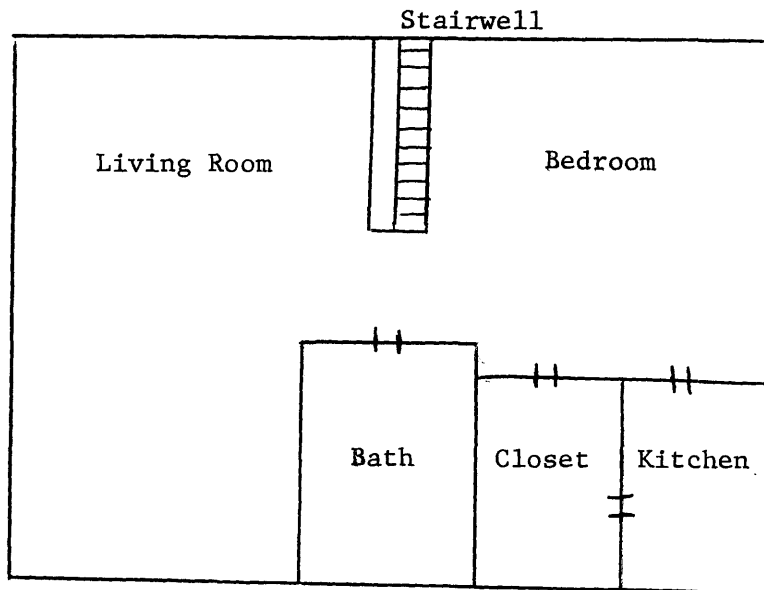
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NOT TO SCALE

FIRST FLOOR SKETCH OF ORIGINAL BUILDING



SECOND FLOOR SKETCH OF ORIGINAL BUILDING



Living Quarters
for Supervisor
1914-1930

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 1910 - Present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mine Rescue Station building is significant both for its general relationship to the process of coal mining development in southeastern Oklahoma and for its specific role in that development. It was built originally to house meetings of the Coal Operators' Association, a group of operators and owners who united to oppose labor's attempt to organize the coal miners of the area. Numerous labor-management negotiations occurred here.

In 1914, the building became the property of the U.S. Bureau of Mines. It was to be used as a mine rescue station, both to train safety personnel and to serve as a headquarter from which those personnel were taken in a "rescue and first aid" railroad car to the site of mining blasts and cave-ins. During this period, it was involved in numerous rescue attempts, as the coal fields of the area claimed the lives of many miners.

In 1921, the United States Geological Survey began sharing office space in the building. This office supervised the development of coal, lead, zinc, gold, and silver mining in a five-state area.

Today the building houses the U.S. Department of Labor-Mine Safety and Health Administration. This office supervises safety conditions and does research on mine accidents and work-related health problems over a six-state area.

From the time it was built, this building played an important role in mining development. Today, it still serves the mining industry through its role in mine safety and health administration.

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY under 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME McAlester, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 2,4,7,1,4,0 3,8,6,8,1,5,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Blk 477 Lot 4

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George O. Carney, Associate Professor of Geography Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

DATE

June 23, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Oklahoma State University

TELEPHONE

405-624-5678

CITY OR TOWN

Stillwater

STATE

OK

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

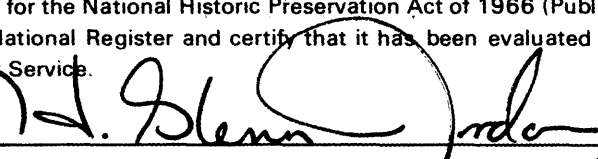
NATIONAL

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



TITLE

DATE

12/3/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3/13/80

ATTEST: Beth Gussner
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

3/1/80