

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Bristow Motor Company Building

other names/site number List Motor Company

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2. Location

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street & number 500 North Main not for publication N/A  
city or town Bristow vicinity N/A  
state Oklahoma code OK county Creek code 037  
zip code 74066



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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> buildings
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> sites
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> structures
<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u> objects
<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register   0  

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)   Route 66 and Associated Historic Resources in Oklahoma

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: specialty store

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: specialty store

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Commercial Style

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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation N/A

roof ASPHALT

walls BRICK

other STONE:Limestone

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE

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Period of Significance 1926-1944

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8. Statement of Significance (Continued)  
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Significant Dates N/A  
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Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A  
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Architect/Builder Unknown  
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

previously listed in the National Register

previously determined eligible by the National Register

designated a National Historic Landmark

recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>14</u>	<u>735680</u>	<u>3968820</u>	3	—	—
2	<u>N/A</u>	<u>See continuation sheet.</u>		4	—	—

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By  
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city or town Norman state OK zip code 73019

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Additional Documentation  
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage  
or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

USDI/NPS NRHP Registration Form  
Bristow Motor Company Building  
Creek County, Oklahoma  
Route 66 and Associated Historic Resources in Oklahoma

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Property Owner  
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Dub and Wilma Bolin

street & number 512 North Main telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Bristow state OK zip code 74010

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Bristow Motor Company Building  
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county and State

SUMMARY

The Bristow Motor Company Building is a one-story, Commercial style automobile dealership on the corner of North Main and West 10th (Route 66) in downtown Bristow, Oklahoma. The building is located on Main Street which is lined with several commercial buildings dating to the 1920s. The Bristow Motor Company Building is divided horizontally by a stringcourse of limestone, which separates the storefronts from the upper brick wall. The two facades which face Main and West 10th Avenue are almost identical and combine brick, glass and decorative limestone in a typical 1920s commercial design. Although the original storefronts and display windows have been replaced with glass and aluminum, the Bristow Motor Company Building continues to maintain its architectural integrity.

DESCRIPTION

The Bristow Motor Company Building is a one-story brick building divided horizontally by a stringcourse of limestone, which separates the storefronts from the upper brick wall. The two facades which face North Main and West 10th are almost identical and combine brick, glass and decorative limestone in a typical 1920s commercial design. The front facade is divided into five bays by brick columns, which have limestone capitals and bases.

The two end bays on the front (east) facade are accentuated by triangular pediments, which are outlined in limestone. Set in the center of each triangular pediment is a decorative limestone cartouche, shaped in an octagon and encircled by voussoirs. Between the two end bays is a flat, slightly stepped pediment with a limestone coping. Centered between the stringcourse and the coping is a horizontal name plate of limestone with "19 BRISTOW MOTOR CO 23." The upper half of the south facade is identical.

The corner of the building was originally open and had gasoline pumps. The ceiling was covered with pressed tin. At one time the bays were filled in with brick and glass, however, most of the infill has been removed and the building is currently being restored to its original condition. The original tin ceilings are still in place.

The interior of the building was designed to have an office, a display area, and a garage. These features remain in place.

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ALTERATIONS

The Bristow Motor Company Building has undergone little alteration. The front facade has a series of doors and display windows, once wood and glass, that are now glass and aluminum. The side facade had three garage doors and one large metal casement window. Two garage doors remain; however, the far east door has been removed and the opening has been infilled with brick. Overall, the building continues to possess a high degree of architectural integrity.

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SUMMARY

The Bristow Motor Company Building, located on Route 66 in Bristow, Oklahoma, is historically significant as a fine example of an early twenties automobile dealership on the route. During the first two decades of the century, cars were becoming increasingly affordable to the common household and thus a retail outlet need was created. The Bristow Motor Company Building, a one-story red brick and limestone building constructed in 1923, exemplifies the automobile dealership property type. The Bristow Motor Company Building continues to maintain its architectural and historical integrity. Contextually, the building relates to "Commerce on Route 66 in Oklahoma (1926-1944)." As a property type, the Bristow Motor Company Building relates to Automobile Dealerships.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Bristow Motor Company Building is significant as one of the few remaining car dealerships built in the early 1920s along Route 66 in Oklahoma and was an important transportation-related business to the Route 66 traveler. The motor company building was built in 1923 by George Carmen, a prominent Bristow businessman, and was reportedly the first automobile dealership in Creek County.

Carmen, previously a sales manager for the Ford Company, continued his affiliation with the Ford Company by selling Ford cars and services at the Bristow Motor Company. The first shipment of cars to the dealership included a Ford truck, which sold for \$850, and Ford automobiles that sold for \$650-\$975. Carmen frequently would parade the newly arriving vehicles along Bristow's Main Street, which became Route 66 in 1926.

Wendell List, a local Bristow man, took over ownership eight months after the completion of the Bristow Motor Company Building and continued its operation under the name List Motor Company. He operated the business until his death in the late 1980s.

The Bristow Motor Company Building is furthermore a good example of the early 1920s automobile dealership architecture. The facades of automobile-related business buildings visually related to other Main Street businesses by conforming to their overall commercial style. This commercial style was

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executed in brick with a parapet roofline trimmed in stone. The Bristow Motor Company Building, like many other dealerships of its time, had larger than average front windows so that the person on the street, whether walking or traveling by car, could easily view the inventory of automobiles.

The Bristow Motor Company Building is significant for its representation of the vanishing 1920s automobile dealerships and retains its historical and architectural integrity.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 9-12, Block 25, Original Town of Bristow, Oklahoma.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes the entire city lots that historically have been associated with the building.



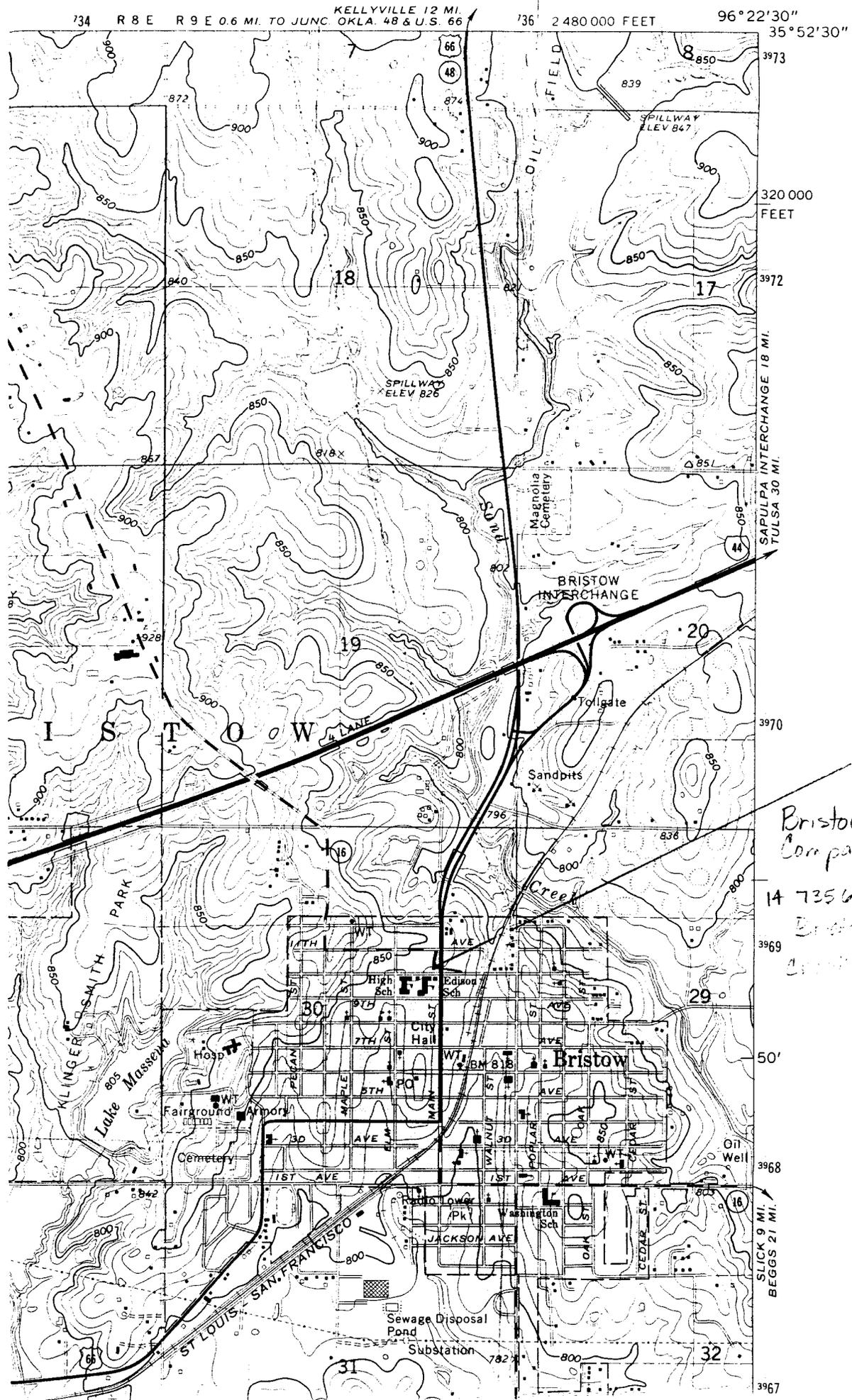
Bristow Motor Company Building



OKLAHOMA--CREEK CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW 4 BRISTOW 15' QUADRANGLE

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