

Final

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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 Spraker Service Station

other names/site number N/A

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2. Location

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street & number 240 South Wilson not for publication N/A

city or town Vinita vicinity N/A

state Oklahoma code OK county Craig code 035

zip code 74301

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this XX nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property XX meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (N/A See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

D. Wade December 19, 1994
Signature of certifying official Date

Oklahoma Historical Society, SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register _____
- See continuation sheet. _____
- determined eligible for the _____
- National Register _____
- See continuation sheet. _____
- determined not eligible for the _____
- National Register _____
- removed from the National Register _____
- other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper Date
of Action

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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

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: _____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Tudor Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
roof ASPHALT
walls BRICK
other _____

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

Period of Significance circa 1927-1944

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8. Statement of Significance (Continued)
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Significant Dates N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
 N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Continental Oil Company

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>15</u>	<u>307220</u>	<u>4056360</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
Spraker Service Station
Craig 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 D. L. Butner, Jr.

street & number 235 South Ross telephone _____

city or town Vinita state OK zip code 74301

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Spraker Service Station
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Craig County, Oklahoma
county and State

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SUMMARY

The Spraker Service Station, constructed circa 1927, is a one-story, brick service station built in the Tudor Revival style of architecture. It has a side-gabled roof combined with a dominant front-facing gable. The entry is located in the front-facing gable wing. The building is located on the edge of the central business district of Vinita, Oklahoma, along Route 66. The Spraker Service Station maintains a high degree of architectural integrity.

DESCRIPTION

The Spraker Service Station is a one-story, brick, Tudor Revival style service station. Built in about 1927, the station has a steeply pitched, side-gabled roof combined with a steeply pitched, front-facing gable. Faced with both dark and light colored brick, the dark brick forms a three foot band around the lower part of the building. The light brick extends into the gable ends.

The entry is a single glass and aluminum door. Directly adjacent to the entry is a fixed, aluminum and glass display window, which is divided vertically into two parts.

Under the side-gabled roof is the garage. The garage door has been removed, and the door opening has been infilled with vertical, wooden siding with two narrow, fixed, aluminum and glass windows.

The side elevations remain unchanged with alternating fixed and double-hung wooden windows, with brick sills and lintels. Small, vertical vents with brick sills and lintels are located in the upper part of the gable ends.

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

The Spraker Service Station remains virtually unchanged except for the replacement of the garage door with vertical siding. The entry door was originally a glazed, wooden panel door and the window was a wooden, single pane display window. The entry door and display window have been replaced with glass and aluminum. These alterations have no significant effect on the dominant architectural features of the station, such as the steeply pitched roof and colored brick. The Spraker Service Station continues to maintain its architectural integrity.

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SUMMARY

The Spraker Service Station on Route 66 in Vinita, Oklahoma, is historically significant for its association with Route 66 and as an excellent example of the "house with bays" type of service station, designed in a Tudor Revival style. Built about 1927, this station is an example of a type popular during the twenties. Contextually, the Spraker Service Station relates to "Commerce on Route 66 in Oklahoma (1926-1944)" and to the property type of Filling Stations, Service Stations and Garages, subtype "House with Bays."

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The 1920s were a time when many new and growing petroleum companies were entering the automobile gasoline market. These companies tried to attract the motoring public by creating a positive and recognizable image. The Spraker Service Station was no different. The Continental Oil Company built the station to sell Conoco gasoline products and the station sold only Conoco products throughout the period it was in operation.

The Spraker Service Station is commercially significant because of its close association to the automobile and the traveling public. Located on Route 66 in Vinita, the station served the needs of tourist as well as the local residents of the town.

Although several agents ran this station, C. T. Spraker was the most noted. After working for Continental Oil several years, he leased this station during the late 1920s and ran advertisements in the local Vinita Daily Journal with the slogan "Spraker Service Satisfies."

In 1930, with the opening of Hotel Vinita a few blocks away, an even greater number of tourists stopped for gasoline and repairs at the Spraker Service Station. In 1942 with the second World War underway, the station's business decreased but it continued in use as a gasoline outlet until 1985.

The Spraker Service Station is an example of the "house with bays" type of service station designed in the Tudor Revival cottage style. The Spraker Service Station is an excellent example of the petroleum company's first attempts to captivate the public with a home-away-from-home approach and the early beginnings of the standardized approach to marketing. The Spraker

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

Service Station is one of the few remaining "house with bays" type stations along Route 66.

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Jakle, John A. "The American Gasoline Station, 1920-1970." Journal of American Culture 1 (Spring 1978): 520-542.

Liebs, Chester H. Main Street to Miracle Mile: American Roadside Architecture. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1985.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1990.

Vinita (Oklahoma) Daily Journal. May 12, 1927. May 28, 1927. September 25, 1929.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The south 59 feet of west 90 feet of Lot 12, Block 72, Original Townsite of Vinita, Oklahoma.

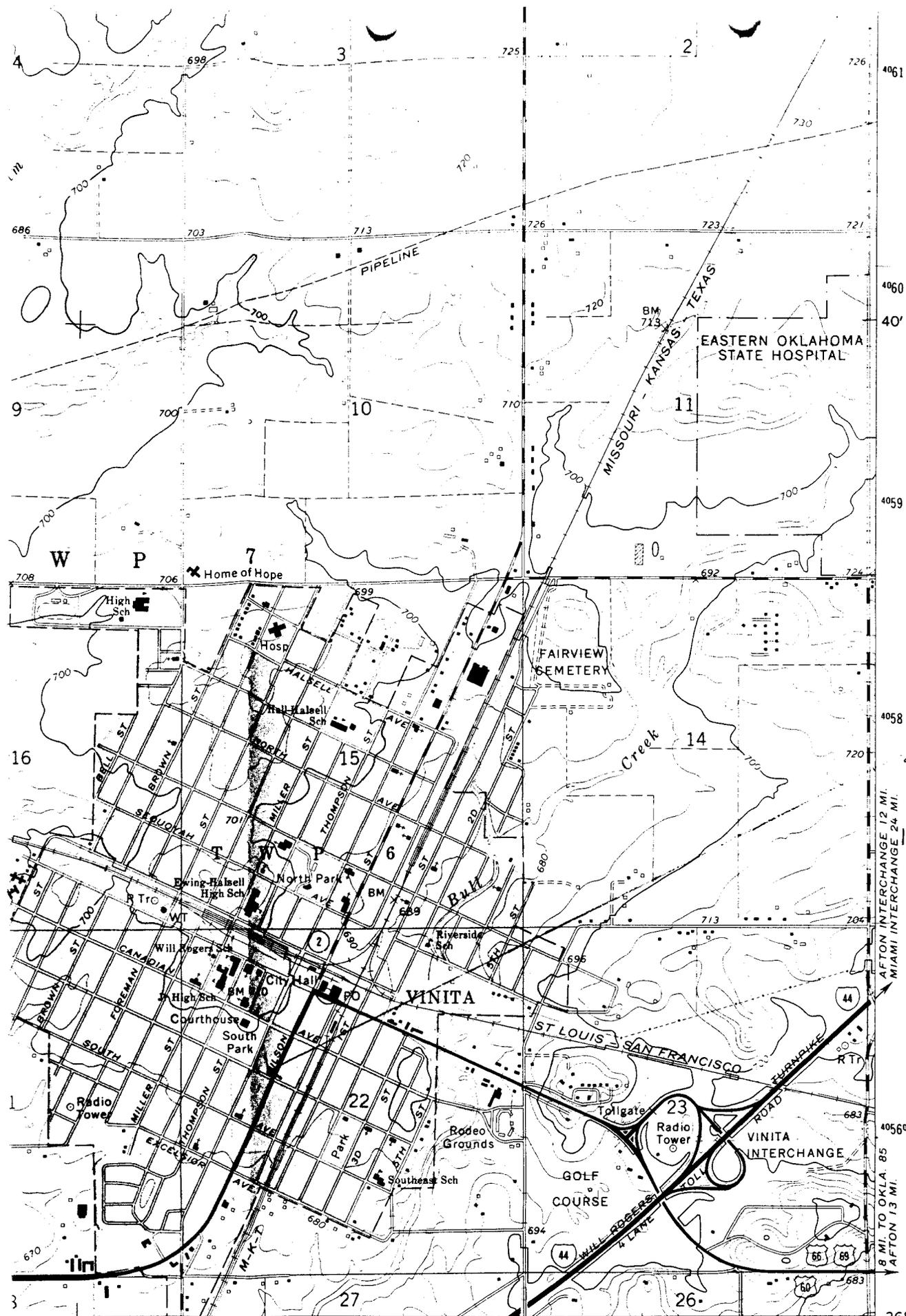
BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes the property that historically has been associated with the station.



Spraker Service Station





Sparker Service
 Station
 15 307220 4056200
 Vinita
 Creek

306 10' 307000m E

BIG CABIN INTERCHANGE 6 MI.
 EAST TULSA INTERCHANGE 48 MI.

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1973-516-080/6

36° 37' 30"
 95° 07' 30"

1 MILE

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway,
 hard surface

Light-duty road, hard or
 improved surface

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