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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name St. Cloud Hotel

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 1216 Manvel Avenue not for publication N/A
city or town Chandler vicinity N/A
state Oklahoma code OK county Lincoln code 081
zip code 74834

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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.)

Blake 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

4. National Park Service Certification

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

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

_X_ private
___ public-local
___ public-State
___ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

_X_ building(s)
___ district
___ site
___ structure
___ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 1

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: hotel

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Commercial Style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE:Sandstone
roof ASPHALT
walls STONE:Sandstone
BRICK
other METAL:Tin

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

8. Statement of Significance

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

_XX_ 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 1926-1944

8. Statement of Significance (Continued)

Significant Dates N/A

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

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(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.
_X_ 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
_X_ State Historic Preservation Office
___ Other State agency
___ Federal agency
___ Local government
___ University
___ Other
Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

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

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	14	691800	3952280	3			
2				4			

N/A See continuation sheet.

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.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization College of Architecture date May 31, 1994

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city or town Norman state OK zip code 73019

Additional Documentation

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)

Property Owner

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

name John Givens

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Chandler state OK zip code 74834

SUMMARY

The St. Cloud Hotel, built in 1903-1904 and 1929, is a two-story building constructed of native sandstone and brick. It is located on Route 66 (Manvel Avenue) in downtown Chandler, Oklahoma, among other early 1900 buildings. The second floor is covered with an ornate, pressed tin facade decorated with classical columns and rosettes, and capped with a large pressed tin cornice. The first floor is divided into four storefronts. Although the storefronts have been altered, the St. Cloud Hotel continues to maintain its historical integrity.

DESCRIPTION

The St. Cloud Hotel is a two-story building, 125' by 150', constructed of native sandstone and brick. The east half of the building was constructed in 1903 with sandstone side and back walls and a brick and pressed tin front elevation. In 1904, another building was constructed on the west two lots and the front elevation was covered with matching pressed tin. A final addition was made to the building in 1929. This addition was placed on the rear of the 1904 construction and included a brick, two-story addition. The 1904 "sample room," which was built for the traveling salesman, became the hotel lobby. The first floor of the west half of the building was an automobile garage and the second floor became additional hotel rooms.

The exterior of the second floor is covered with ornate pressed tin. A row of single and paired, double-hung, wooden windows line the upper floor and are divided by pressed tin corinthian columns with square bases decorated with a bulls eye design. A row of rosettes is located above the windows, above which is a projecting pressed tin cornice decorated with garlands.

The first floor of the building is divided into three storefronts and one garage bay. The east two storefronts are flanked by sandstone pilasters; the west storefront and bay are flanked by brick pilasters. Both of the east storefronts have been replaced with vertical siding and single, fixed windows. The west storefront has also been infilled with vertical siding and topped with a wood shingle awning. A modern overhead garage door has been placed in the bay.

The east elevation is constructed of native sandstone with single, double-hung windows set in segmental arches. The west elevation is constructed of brick and divided into four bays. Each of the bays has single, double-hung windows with segmental arches. The bays are divided by brick pilasters.

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

Alterations include the removal of the pressed tin cornice from the east half of the front elevation and the removal of the original storefronts. The storefronts have been replaced with vertical siding and fixed, single aluminum windows. Additionally, a wood shingle awning has been placed over the west storefront and a modern overhead garage door has replaced the historic paneled garage door in the west bay. The original porch, which extended the length of the second floor and had a balustrade of turned posts and spindles, has been removed. This porch was supported by slender, metal columns. Above the cornice was a pressed tin nameplate with "Gormley Block 1903." This has also been removed.

Although some changes have been made to the St. Cloud Hotel, the building continues to maintain integrity of location, setting, materials and association.

SUMMARY

The St. Cloud Hotel, built in two phases in 1903 and 1904 with a 1929 addition, is located on Route 66 in Chandler, Oklahoma. It is historically significant as an excellent example of an early hotel which capitalized on the growing numbers of Route 66 travelers and salesmen. Although its construction predates the designation of the route by a number of years, the hotel itself played a vital role in Chandler's ability to accommodate many overnighters. Contextually, the St. Cloud Hotel relates to "Commerce on Route 66 in Oklahoma (1926-1944)" and to the property type of Cabins, Motor Courts and Hotels.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The St. Cloud Hotel, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984, is significant as an existing hotel prior to the designation of Route 66 which capitalized on the travelers who used the route. John E. Gormley, a grocer and lumberman, bought two lots in 1903 for $500 and built the hotel. The hotel and the two adjoining south lots, which Gormley also purchased, were known as "Gormley's Block." Gormley briefly operated the St. Cloud, sold it, and then bought it back due to legal problems. He managed the hotel until his death in January of 1926, the same year that Route 66 was designated in Oklahoma.

The original St. Cloud Hotel was a two-story stone building with a saloon on the first floor. The saloon, which was located in the hotel for many years, was the Silver King Bar. By 1904, Gormley had bought the two south adjoining lots, added a 24-foot brick annex, and installed a dining room and kitchen.

In the twenties, the St. Cloud was known as a salesman's hotel. The most outstanding feature which the hotel ownership provided salesmen was a special "sample room" in the front of the hotel to show merchants modern and popular products. Many of the salesmen viewed the hotel as an asset to their livelihood. The salesmen also had their own dining room.

The designation of Route 66 in 1926 was important to Chandler and the St. Cloud Hotel. The route introduced an increased number of cross-country travelers and their money to the town and to an already established hotel prepared to serve the travelers needs.

In 1929, Charles and Daisy Evans bought the hotel and named it the Evans Hotel. They not only continued to operate the hotel, they also built the south half of the building and established an auto dealership. In another change, they removed the sample room and converted it into a hotel lobby. Located to the north of the hotel was a filling station and auto salvage. These automobile-related businesses naturally brought Route 66 travelers to the area. The garage and hotel combination was a thriving business in the heyday of Route 66.

The St. Cloud Hotel retains its historical integrity. This building served as an important hotel for Lincoln County from the territorial days through the Route 66 era.

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The Chandler (Oklahoma) News. March 21, 1904.

Ferrell, Sally. "Townscape: St. Cloud." The Lincoln County (Oklahoma) News. April 16, 1981.

Historic Photograph of St. Cloud Hotel. Photographic Archives. Museum of Pioneer History, Chandler, Oklahoma.

The Lincoln County News. September 22, 1966.

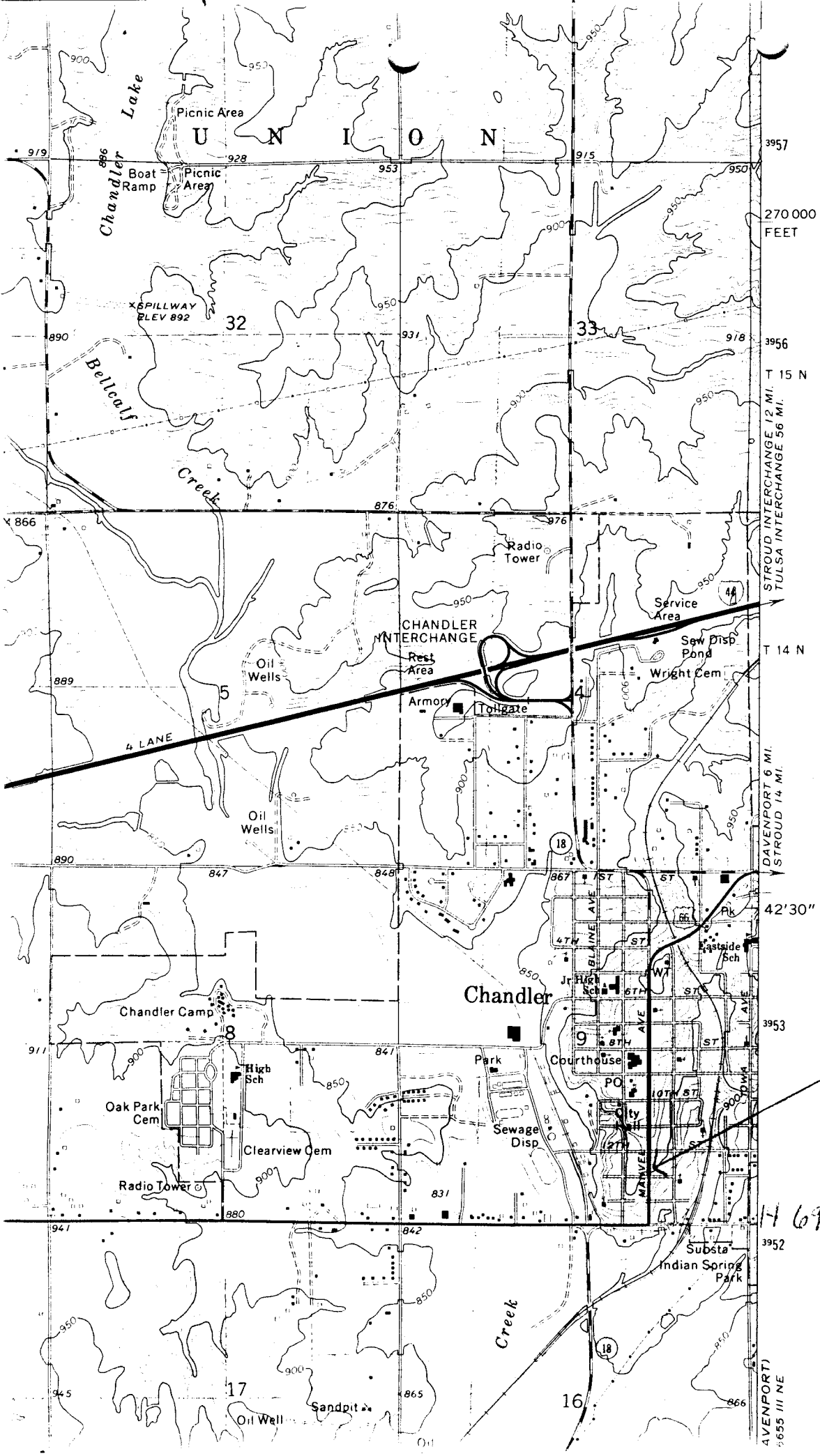
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. Chandler, Oklahoma. 1914, 1920, 1931.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 18-21, Block 77, Original Townsite of Chandler, Oklahoma.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

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



St. Cloud Hotel,
Chandler
Lincoln County,
Oklahoma

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St. Cloud Hotel

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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St. Cloud Hotel NRC 4-5-84

Location: 1216 Manvel Avenue, Chandler, Oklahoma, Lincoln County

Owner: Joann and Jim Birkes, 116 E. 7th, Chandler, Oklahoma 74834

Description: Condition - deteriorated, altered

The St. Cloud Hotel is a two-story building, approximately 50 x 100 ft. with a basement and a 46 x 60 ft annex completed soon after the original construction. The front is red brick with thirteen pairs of cast iron engaged Counthian-style columns separating the front windows. The columns and the ornamental parapet make the main structure and its annex homogenous. A shingled front has altered the annex somewhat. The side and back walls are of irregular sandstone with arched Victorian windows. The basement level is exposed on the back (east) side of the structure. The original molded metal roofline trim has been removed as have the awnings over the sidewalk. Scaffolding on the front suggests some attempt to repair or stabilize the structure.

Significance: 1904; Builder/Architect: Unknown

The St. Cloud Hotel opened April 24, 1904, part of "Gormley's Block," the 1200 block on the east side of Manvel Avenue. The property of John Edward Gormley, a Chandler pioneer, the St. Cloud was noted for its elegance and for its elevator, the first in the town. It competed successfully with Chandler's other hotels. The upper floors were intended to serve as the town hospital but no record of such service exists. During World War I the Oklahoma National Guard leased rooms in the hotel for administrative offices and officers' quarters. It was later owned by honeybee and pecan processors and served as a warehouse, a cabinet maker's shop, and a garment factory. Presently the annex houses a muffler repair shop.

Acreage: less than 1 acre Quadrangle name: Chandler, Oklahoma; 7.5; 1:24,000

Verbal Boundary Scale: Lots 18-21, Block 77

UTM: 14 692210 3952330