

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 Threatt Filling Station

other names/site number N/A

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2. Location

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street & number SW corner of U.S. Hwy 66 & Pottawatomie Rd not for publication N/A
city or town Luther vicinity X
state Oklahoma code OK county Oklahoma code 109
zip code 73054

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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.)

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

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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: DOMESTIC Sub: single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
roof ASPHALT
walls STONE:Sandstone
WOOD:Weatherboard
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
ARCHITECTURE
Ethnic Heritage (Black)

Handwritten notes:
a...
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... 1915

Period of Significance 1926-1944
circa 1915

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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 Threatt, Allen, builder

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>668250</u>	<u>3948330</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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name/title Lisa Bradley & Susan Roth, Graduate Assistants: Oklahoma SHPO, ed.
University of Oklahoma,
organization College of Architecture date May 31, 1992
street & number 830 Van Vleet Oval telephone 405/325-2293
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
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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 Elizabeth Threatt

street & number P. O. Box 99 telephone _____

city or town Luther state OK zip code 73054

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SUMMARY

The Threatt Filling Station, built in the Bungalow/Craftsman style, was constructed circa 1915. The filling station is located on the south side of Route 66, on the eastern edge of Luther, a rural community approximately twenty miles east of Oklahoma City. To the west is located the foundation of a building and a rectangular, concrete block building currently used as a bar. To the rear of the filling station is a small asphalt sided shed. The one-story filling station, constructed of native sandstone quarried in the vicinity of Luther, represents a vernacular interpretation of the Bungalow/Craftsman style. The Threatt Filling Station continues to retain a high degree of architectural integrity.

DESCRIPTION

The Threatt Filling Station, built circa 1915, is an example of a "house" type of station, designed in the Bungalow/Craftsman style of architecture. The building is located three miles east of Luther on Route 66. The one-story station, square in plan, is constructed of native stone. The native sandstone is bound together by prominent beaded mortar joints. The building rests on a concrete foundation. Four gables of equal size are formed by the moderately-pitched, cross-gabled roof. The gable ends are sheathed with clapboard. The wide eaves of the side gables are supported by triangular knee braces. A brick chimney is positioned centrally on the rear gable of the roof. The front facade is characterized by a prominent front-facing gable positioned over the recessed steel double doors. A pair of screened doors, encased in wood, cover the entry. The entry is flanked by two rectangular display windows encased in wood. A one-over-one hung window is located in the eave of the front-facing gable. Under the eaves of each of the side-gables is a single-paned, diamond-shaped window. Three flood lights on the front of the building illuminate the entire front facade.

The original circa 1915 pumps, which had glass containers on top so the operator could predetermine the amount of gasoline to fill in the automobile, have been replaced with two circa 1940 pumps. The 1940 gasoline pumps are square with enameled exteriors. Situated between the two pumps is a slightly

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tapered wooden pole, painted white. The pole is topped with an inverted open triangle and lights on either side. The pole provided illumination for a sign and the gas pumps. The sign is no longer in place.

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

The rear of the building was converted into a residence in about 1961. This change in use has not affected the integrity of the building. The Threatt Filling Station has undergone two additions; a one-story shed roof addition and carport has been added to the rear of the building, and a one-story brick lean-to was built onto the rear portion on the east elevation. The sign, which once topped the tapered wooden pole, is also missing.

Although these alterations and additions have been made to the Threatt Filling Station, the front-facing elevation remains virtually unchanged and overall the building continues to retain its architectural integrity.

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SUMMARY

The Threatt Filling Station, constructed circa 1915, is located on Route 66 in rural Luther, Oklahoma, and is historically significant for its close association with the route as a Black family-owned station. It is an example of the "house" type of station. The Threatt Filling Station is built of native sandstone and also is significant as an excellent example of roadside vernacular architecture. Contextually, it relates to "Commerce on Route 66 in Oklahoma (1926-1944)" and the property type of Filling Stations, Service Stations and Garages, subtype "House."

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Threatt Filling Station is significant as an example of a Black family-owned filling station on Route 66 in Oklahoma. The station was constructed circa 1915 by Allen Threatt, Sr. His family had homesteaded in the Luther area, a part of Oklahoma which opened to non-Native American settlement in 1889. In this area a number of African-Americans claimed parcels of rural land to the west of Edmond and Guthrie. Poor land and better opportunities resulted in many African-Americans eventually moving to the city for stable employment. The Threatt family, who also earned a living from quarrying native sandstone on their land, built the filling station to take advantage of the growing traffic along Highway 7 (later Route 66), which bordered their property on the north. From the mid teens through the 1950s, the Threatt Filling Station remained a popular roadside stop for locals and for travelers along Route 66.

Two features of the station which remain from its Route 66 heyday are the gasoline pumps and the light fixtures. The original circa 1915 pumps, which had glass containers on top so the operator could predetermine the amount of gasoline to be put in the automobile, were replaced with two circa 1940 pumps. These pumps remain on a raised cement drive bisecting the service bay and the entry. The slightly tapered wooden pole located between the pumps, topped with an inverted open triangle and lights on either side, at one time illuminated a sign that is now gone and the pumps.

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Threatt Filling Station is significant as an outstanding example of Oklahoma's vernacular commercial architecture built in the Bungalow/Craftsman style. The hallmarks of this style include the cross-gabled roof, the use of native materials, exposed rafter tails, and triangular brackets. Although it is historically known as the Threatt Filling Station, it would fit the classification of a service station as outlined in the property type analysis.

The stone used for the station was quarried from the Threatt farm, which was located approximately one-half mile west and one-eighth mile south of the station. The Oklahoma County Register on December 30, 1937, notes that "Mr. Allen Threatt, Sr. has opened a rock quarry at his farm east of Luther. He can supply building rock of many nice colors."

The Threatt Filling Station is a reminder of the importance of the service station to the Route 66 travelers. It also stands as an excellent example of vernacular architecture.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the intersection of Highway 66 and Pottawatomi Road approximately 80' west, then 80' south, then 80' east, then 80' north to point of beginning, NE/4 of Section 25, T14N, R1E.

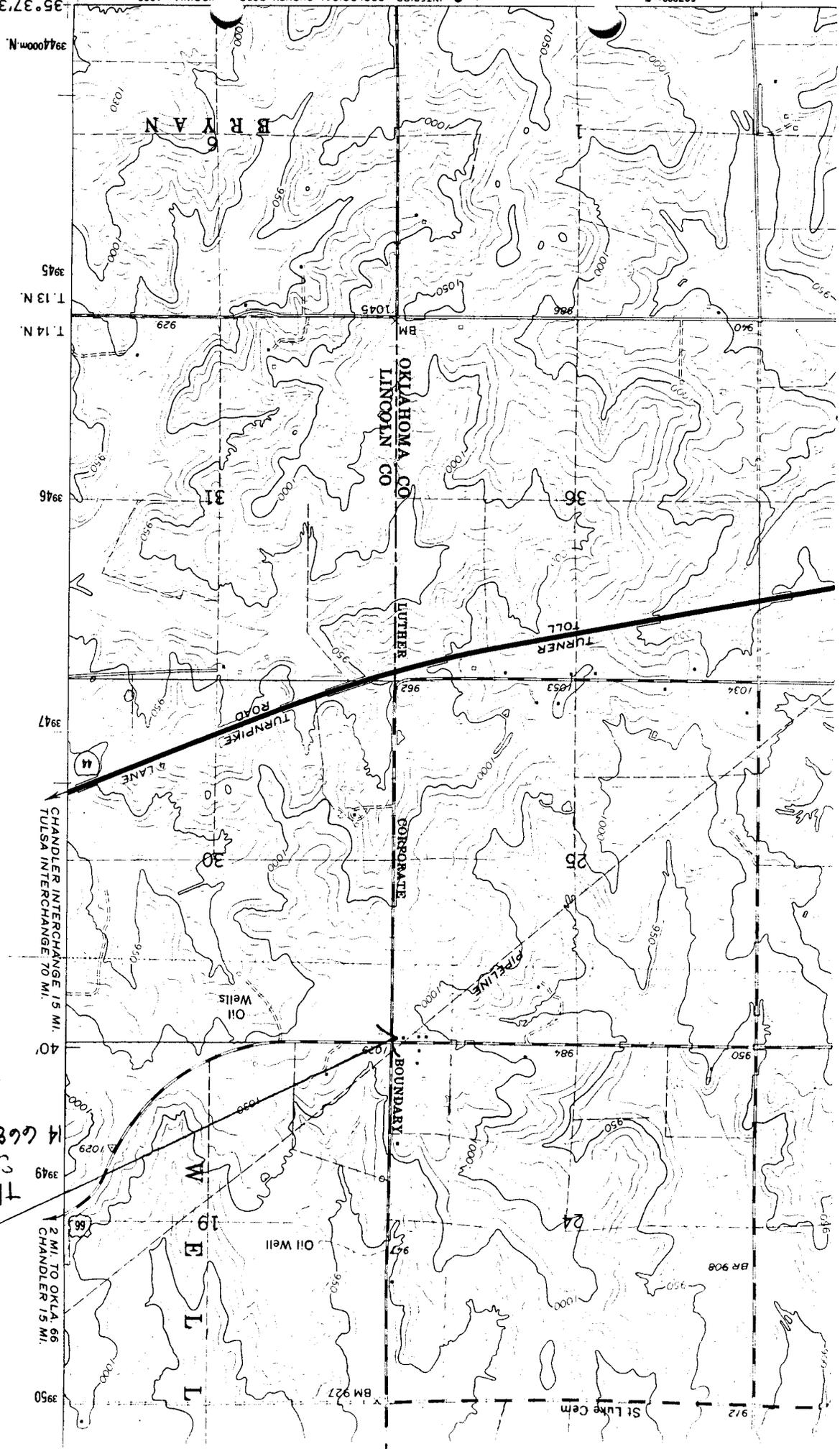
BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary includes only the property that historically has been immediately associated with the filling station. The boundary does not include the building foundation or concrete block building located to the west of the filling station or the shed to the rear of the filling station.



Threatt Filling Station





LUTHER CITY CORP.

TEXA

Threat Filling Station
668250 3948330

2 MI TO OKLA. 66
CHANDLER 15 MI.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: NR File for Threatt Filling Station, Luther vicinity, Oklahoma County

FROM: Susan Allen SA

DATE: April 18, 1995

RE: Telephone conversation with Beth Boland, 4-18-95, SLR for the nomination

As informed by Beth Boland of the NRHP, "Ethnic Heritage, Black" will be added as an Area of Significance for this property.