United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name _Bristow Tire Shop______________________________________________

other names/site number _N/A__________________________________________________

2. Location

street & number _115 West Fourth Street__________________ not for publication N/A
city or town _Bristow_________________________ vicinity _N/A________________
state _Oklahoma________________ code _OK________________ county _Creek________ code _037
zip code _74010________________________
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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 ___ locally. (N/A See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] __________________________________________________________________________________________
Signature of certifying official

[Signature] __________________________________________________________________________________________
Signature of commenting or other official

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] __________________________________________________________________________________________
Signature of Keeper

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Date

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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
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site
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structure
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object

Number of Resources within Property

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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_
6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: COMMERCe/TRADE           Sub: specialty store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: COMMERCe/TRADE           Sub: specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)
ITALIAN RENAISSANCE

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
foundation N/A
roof TIN
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

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.

XX 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 commemoratory 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

Period of Significance 1926-1944
ca. 1923
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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.
____ 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: ______________________________
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10. Geographical Data  

Acreage of Property Less than one acre  

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

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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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University of Oklahoma, organization College of Architecture date May 31, 1992  

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

name _Jack E. and Melissa G. Smith_

street & number _115 West Fourth Street_ telephone ____________

city or town _Bristow_ state _OK_ zip code _74010_
The Bristow Tire Shop, built ca. 1923, is located on Fourth Street at the south edge of the Bristow, Oklahoma, central business district on Route 66. The transportation-related commercial building to the east of the Bristow Tire Shop was constructed ca. 1925 and other commercial buildings as well as residential structures surround the nominated building. The station is designed in the Italian Renaissance Revival style with a hipped, tin roof and is sheathed with white and blue glazed bricks. Although an addition has been added to the rear of the station, the original brick service station continues to maintain a high degree of architectural integrity.

DESCRIPTION

The Bristow Tire Shop, built ca. 1923, is a one story, brick building designed in the Italian Renaissance Revival style. The building is situated on the corner of Fourth Street and Main Street on the edge of downtown Bristow, where Route 66 makes a 45 degree turn from south to west. The original building consists of a small, square, brick office and a two-pump station. The pump station and the office are both incorporated under a hipped roof covered with pressed-tin shingles which resemble clay mission tiles.

The most prominent feature of the station is the original service bay, which extends out from the front of the office. The porte cochere is supported at the corner by massive brick columns. The ceiling of the porte cochere is covered with decorative pressed-tin.

The entry door is paneled and glazed with multi-panes and capped with a row of brick headers. On either side of the entry are two, single, rounded arch windows with wooden, double hung windows with multi-panes. The windows are also outlined with brick surrounds. Identical windows are located on both side elevations.

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS

Additions are located behind the original building and extend both to the north and to the west to form an "L." The original brick building continues to be the most prominent part of the facility. The first addition was to the rear of the brick building. A second addition was built behind the first with further
additions attached to this part of the building. To the west, forming an "L,"
is a third concrete block addition, and the fourth and final addition is an
open, metal car wash.

Other alterations include the removal of the two gas pumps, which originally
were located between the two brick columns of the front service area.

Although the additions to the building are significant in size, they are
attached to the rear of the original building and are set back at such a
distance that they do not significantly affect the visual appearance of the
original service station building as they appear to be separate, distinctive
constructions. The original portion of the building retains integrity of
design, location, setting, materials, and workmanship and conveys the feeling
of its past environment.
The Bristow Tire Shop, built in the early twenties and located on Route 66 in Bristow, Oklahoma, is historically significant as a station located on the outskirts of town and was constructed at a time when the route was initially beginning its popularity. The building is architecturally significant as a "house with canopy" type service station in the Italian Renaissance Revival style along Route 66. The building retains its historical and architectural integrity. Contextually, it relates to "Commerce on Route 66 in Oklahoma (1926-1944)." The associated property type is Filling Stations, Service Stations and Garages, subtype "House with canopy."

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Bristow Tire Shop was at the perfect location to accommodate the Route 66 traveler by being on what was then the outskirts of the Bristow business district and, more importantly, on the most used east-west transcontinental route. To the traveler heading east, this station would have been one of the first they would have encountered entering Bristow. The Bristow Tire Shop originally sold Wilcox products from the local Bristow refinery. The station not only was selling gasoline but also offered oil, washing, greasing, and tire repairs, and most importantly, road service. The presence of a traveling mechanic on duty was top priority for the motorist on Route 66.

Continuing to take the motorists' needs into consideration, the station concentrated its energies on the tire business. After all, the tire tube and tire were the two most popular items sold in service stations after gasoline and oil products. Like many others, the Bristow Tire Shop sold tire replacements to travelers whose automobiles had taken a beating on the road. Finding this business most profitable, in 1955 the pumps were removed and the station devoted itself to tire and automobile repairs.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Bristow Tire Shop is architecturally significant as an excellent example of an Italian Renaissance Revival service station located on Route 66 in Oklahoma. Italian Renaissance Revival characteristics include the hipped tin roof clad in simulated clay tiles, and the arched windows. During the twenties, many builders were feeling the pressure of city improvement commissions. It was a
reaction to this beautification pressure in combination with an improved corporate image that inspired companies to build structurally sound and attractive buildings.

The Bristow Tire Shop has retained its historical and architectural integrity. The original building serves as a reminder of the services once provided to the steady stream of travelers through the town as well as through Oklahoma.
BIBLIOGRAPHY


Bristow City Directory, Bristow, OK: Bristow Directory Company, 1926.


VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The east half (E/2) of Lot 26, and all of Lots 27, 28, 29 and 30, Block 79, in the Original Townsite of Bristow, Oklahoma.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

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