

**United States Department of the Interior**  
**National Park Service**

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

**1. Name of Property**

Historic name: Dusbabek Filling Station

Other names/site number: Okeene Oil Company, Corner in Okeene

Name of related multiple property listing:

**2. Location**

Street & number: 101 N Main Street

City or town: Okeene State: OK County: Blaine

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**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

   national         statewide        X   local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

   A         B        X   C         D

<p>_____</p> <p><b>Signature of certifying official/Title:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b></p>	<p>_____</p> <p><b>Date</b></p>
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<p>In my opinion, the property <u>  </u> meets <u>  </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.</p>	
<p>_____</p> <p><b>Signature of commenting official:</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>Title :</b></p>	<p>_____</p> <p><b>Date</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b></p>

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#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register  
 determined eligible for the National Register  
 determined not eligible for the National Register  
 removed from the National Register  
 other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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#### 5. Classification

##### 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

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>          </u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>          </u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>          </u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>          </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>          </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Commerce/Trade: Specialty Store  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Commerce/Trade: Organizational  
Commerce/Trade: Business  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> & Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Revivals:

Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Brick

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

Dusbabek Filling Station at 101 North Main, is located at the northeast corner of East Oklahoma and North Main in downtown Okeene, Blaine County. It is a one-story brick service station with a canted entry/pump bay. This is a commercial area with one to two-story buildings located along the commercial corridor. The service station maintains integrity of location, setting, design, workmanship, feeling and association.

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### Narrative Description

The façade faces west onto North Main Street. The one-story brick service station has shed roof, clay tile canopy that wraps to the south elevation and a canted corner that allows for drive through lanes on either side of the gasoline pumps. The canopy has 24 pendant lights.

The façade features brick corner posts at both the north and south corners. The through roof canopy is clad with curved clay tiles. A soldier course of bricks is located directly above the

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canopy. The stepped brick parapet is capped with a stone coping. Located in the brick parapet is a brick sign board with square stone details at each corner. Located in the center of the angled entry is a glass door with a glass transom. On either side of the entry is a three part display windows that dates to 2021. The west elevation of the angled wall has a single pane display window. The remainder of the west elevation has a single display window and a former garage door entry that now has a central entry with a single pane window on either side.

The south elevation has two twelve pane metal frame windows and a modern garage door at the southeast corner. This elevation also has the shed roof canopy and the stepped brick parapet with stone coping. Located in the brick parapet is a brick signboard with square stone details at each corner.

The east elevation (alley) has a central panel entry with a twelve pane metal frame window to the south and two nine pane metal frame windows to the north of the central door.

The north elevation has a shared wall with the adjacent building. The exposed position of the wall has no openings.

#### Gasoline Pump Island

While the pumps are no longer extant, the island has integrity of setting, location, design, feeling and association thus making it a contributing resource to the property. The island maintains its elongated, oval shape. Each end of the island is raised while the center is lower and the pump locations have been capped. The south end still maintains a hand water pump. The north end maintains the stanchion for holding hoses (hook is still extant).

#### Interior

The front door area is a customer service area with tin ceilings. Inside the second room is an interior bathroom that features the original tin ceiling tiles. The third room is the garage area where they historically serviced vehicles. It also has the original tin ceiling.

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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.)

- 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 grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Commerce

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**Period of Significance**

1923-1973

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**Significant Dates**

1923-1924

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**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

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**Cultural Affiliation**

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**Architect/Builder**

George Dusbabek/builder

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Dusbabek Filling Station is significant at the local level under Criterion A for its association with Commerce in Okeene. It is also significant under Criterion C for its Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival architectural style. The building constructed from 1923-1924 maintains architectural integrity and is an excellent early example of a service station. It is important for its association with travelers who depended on having gas, parts and repairs available in the community. Its period of significance extends from its date of construction until it ended its operation as a service station in 1973.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

This building was built in 1900 and established as the Okeene Oil Company by George Dusbabek. Located at the intersection of two state highways it attracted customers entering and leaving Blaine County in every direction.

The Okeene Oil Company, originally a gas station, was the only station in Blaine County during World War II that was certified to sell gasoline in the area. During this time of heavy rations and struggles these doors and buildings were a welcome site to consumers that needed gas for their personal and business needs.

The building continued to sell gas and service vehicles until the 1970's. After this time period it was sold to a local feed store servicing the agricultural needs of local farmers. In 2012 it was purchased by a local donor and deeded to the Okeene Historic Preservation Group. It is now used as a civic area for our community, a welcome center and a small retail store featuring Made in Oklahoma items.

Okeene is located in the northeastern corner of Blaine County, twenty-two miles northeast of the county seat. A townsite company established Okeene on April 19, 1892 during the Cheyenne-Arapaho land opening. Given the community's location, it has served primarily as a farming, cattle and agricultural area through time.

Although technically a service station, historically the station has been referred to as the Dusbabek Filling Station. The Service Station is significant under Criteria A for the role it played in commerce in the local communities. These types of facilities made it possible for people to travel the highways and local roads in relative safety and security. Throughout Oklahoma, service stations grew and developed with the highway system. Originally oil companies considered gasoline a secondary product from their main line of kerosene and lubricants and sold it in grocery store and hardware stores. As the automobile became increasingly popular, so did the demand for gasoline. It was not long until safety requirements forced the openings of outlets for the sale of gasoline only. In response, the oil companies decided to construct stations for the



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sale of gasoline. The first stations were little more than portable shacks. The idea of gasoline stations allowed travelers to drive in the station and get gasoline directly from the pumps.

Early locations were only filling stations, where the sole service performed by the attendants was to fill the customer's automobile with gasoline. As traffic increased and cars grew more sophisticated, drivers demanded other services from stations; additionally, owners found that more money could be made in offering more services. Many became true service stations offering repair work, free air, free water, free windshield washes and free toilet facilities. To attract the traveler, they might also feature tiled restrooms or free road maps.

The appearance of service stations changed with their expanded role. In the late 1920s the exterior design of service stations copied styles to fit in with the neighboring landscape. Gas station subtypes developed over time: curbside, shed, house, house with bays, house with canopy, oblong and more.

The Dusbabek Filling Station best fits the house with bays typology. While the building is actually located in the downtown commercial district and therefore does not resemble a "house" it does resemble its surroundings. By the 1920s the role of the service station had grown to include washing cars and performing a variety of mechanical repairs. To accommodate these expanded functions additional bays were added. This service station maintains the single-story appearance with a pump island "covered" by a canopy with the service bay at the rear of the building. While the actual pumps are non-existent the essential characteristics of the architectural design are prominent and intact.

The Dusbabek Service Station serves to chart the changing social dynamic associated with travel. The material, design, and location of this station reflects the circumstances that gave rise to the station. It also reflects the status as an independent operation as its design does not reflect others that were popular/distinctive at the time. The Dusbabek Service Station shows a clear association with, and conveys a feeling of, personal and commercial traffic. It is located in the downtown district servicing any traveler coming through Okeene. It has an easily accessible drive for automobiles to enter and exit, and a lane that allows the traveler to pull next to pumps.

The Dusbabek Filling Station is also significant under Criteria C for its Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival style. Constructed from 1923-1924, the Service Station is a commercial building with many Mission style elements: elaborate parapet on two elevations, tile roof coverings, and the large square piers/columns. There are no other examples of this style in the commercial district of Okeene. While this is not the most elaborate example of Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival, the simplified details are in excellent condition and exemplify the overall design.

The Dusbabek Filling Station is an excellent local example of a Mission/Spanish Colonial Revival Style building that provided an important commercial service to the community of Okeene and to those travelers passing through town. It is significant under both Criteria A and C at the local level.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Sanders, Blue Skies and Prairie, Page 147

Sanders, Blue Skies and Prairie, Page 255

Blaine County Assessor Office

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### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

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

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreeage of Property** less than one acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

### Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Latitude: 36.11617 | Longitude: -98.316834 |
| 2. Latitude:          | Longitude:            |
| 3. Latitude:          | Longitude:            |
| 4. Latitude:          | Longitude:            |

### Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

BLK 45, LOTS 9-10 & N8' OF LT 11 OKEENE CITY  
SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19N AND RANGE 10W

### Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are those that are historically associated with the property.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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telephone: 580 822-3994 or 580 822-5305

date: 3/29/2024

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## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

## Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

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**Photo Log**

Name of Property: Dusbabek Filling Station

City or Vicinity: Okeene

County: Blaine State: Oklahoma

Photographer: Michael Mayes

Date Photographed: 2/6/2024

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photograph Number	Description	Direction
0001	Façade	East
0002	Façade and south elevation	Northeast
0003	South elevation	North
0004	East elevation (rear)	West
0005	Interior	

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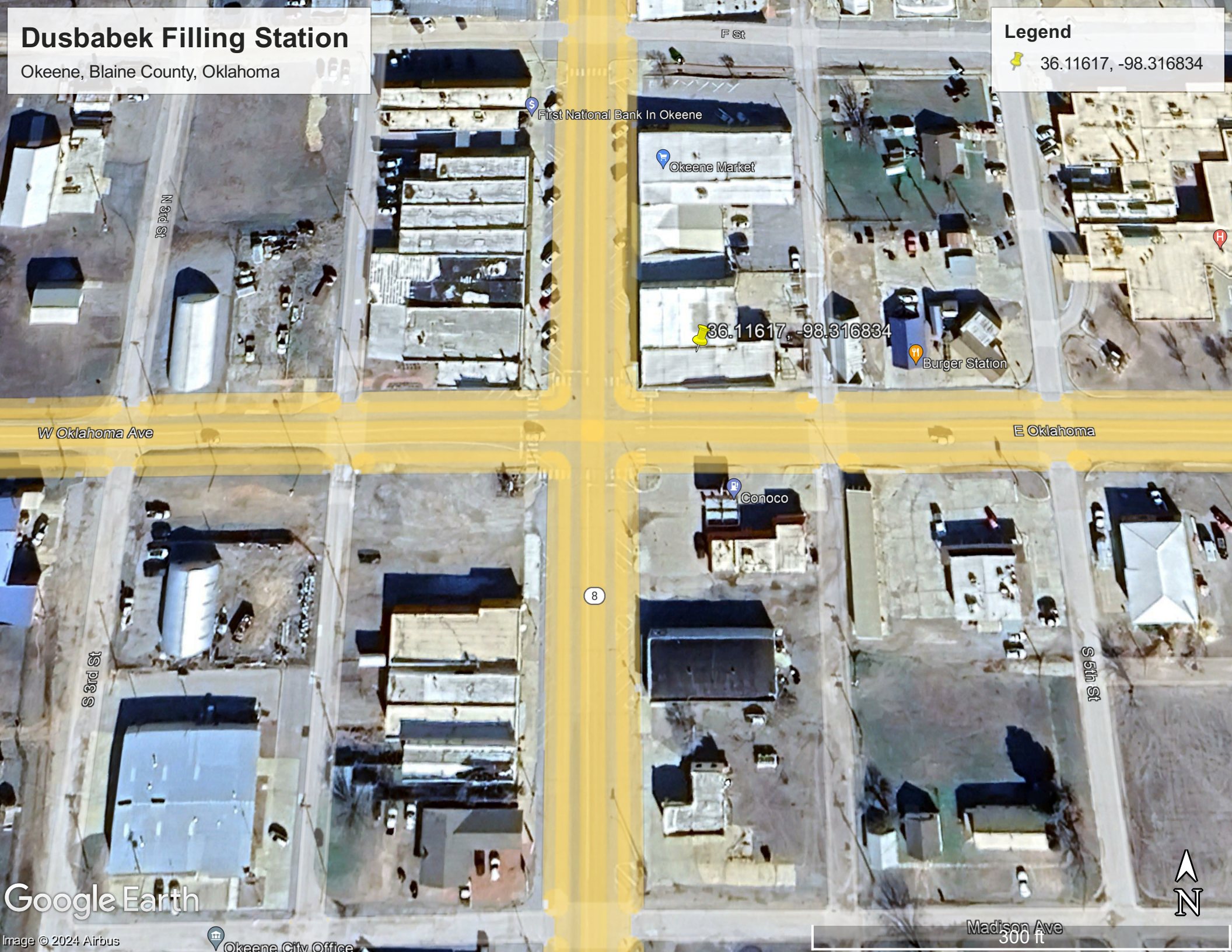
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Okeene, Blaine County, Oklahoma

## Legend


 36.11617, -98.316834




F St

First National Bank In Okeene

Okeene Market

 36.11617, -98.316834

 Burger Station

N 3rd St

W Oklahoma Ave

E Oklahoma

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Conoco

S 3rd St

S 5th St

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 Okeene City Office

Madison Ave  
300 ft





LIVE  
LAUGH  
LOVE



# THE CORNER

*The Corner*  
Classic American Furniture, Food and Gifts



MAIN ST







THE CORNER

THE CORNER

*The Corner*  
Classic American, Fresh Food and Life



THE CORNER



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THE CORNER

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