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Lat: 36.396639 Long: -97.892661 (Northeast corner of historic district, Google Earth, Simple Cylindrical Projection, WGS84)
- Significance:** Waverley Historic District is a turn-of-the-century planned subdivision in Enid, Oklahoma with a complete set of streets, alleys, and sidewalks. Its wide streets are lined with beautiful tall shade trees. Its period of significance is 1902-1935. Today, 202 of the 277 buildings within the district contribute to the historic character of the district.
- Description:** The Waverley Historic District is located about three quarters of a mile west of downtown Enid. It includes 22.5 city blocks that almost cover 94 acres. The topography of the neighborhood is gently flat with a slight rise from east to west. Lot sizes are typically 27.5' wide (front) by 100' in length (deep) or 55' by 100'. The neighborhood house setbacks are mostly uniform with the largest setbacks along Broadway Avenue. Typical houses have a concrete sidewalk about 20' from front porch with a front lawn. Many of these lawns are neatly outlined with concrete curbs. The district has many street trees, mostly elms, between the sidewalks and the streets. Alleyways run behind the lots parallel to the streets and avenues.
- History:** The Waverley Development Company began construction of the Waverley neighborhood in the east part of Enid in 1902 during the large oil boom that brought many residence to this small northwest Oklahoma town. R.W. Shaw and Charles Wheeler served as both architects and builders. 275 buildings were completed by 1935.
- The construction took place during the transition from horse to automobile, leaving wide streets and back alley ways for the use of both carriage and car. Several different styles of architecture were represented over the 33-year development of the district, reflecting changes in technology and tastes of architecture of the early 1900s. The predominate architectural style of houses in the neighborhood is craftman bungalow and colonial revival, but there are also examples of Queen Anne cottage, folk Victorian, and Prairie School American foursquare styles, among others.
- Sources:** Ambler, Cathy. 2006. National Register of Historic Places Inventory -

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Waverley Historic District.

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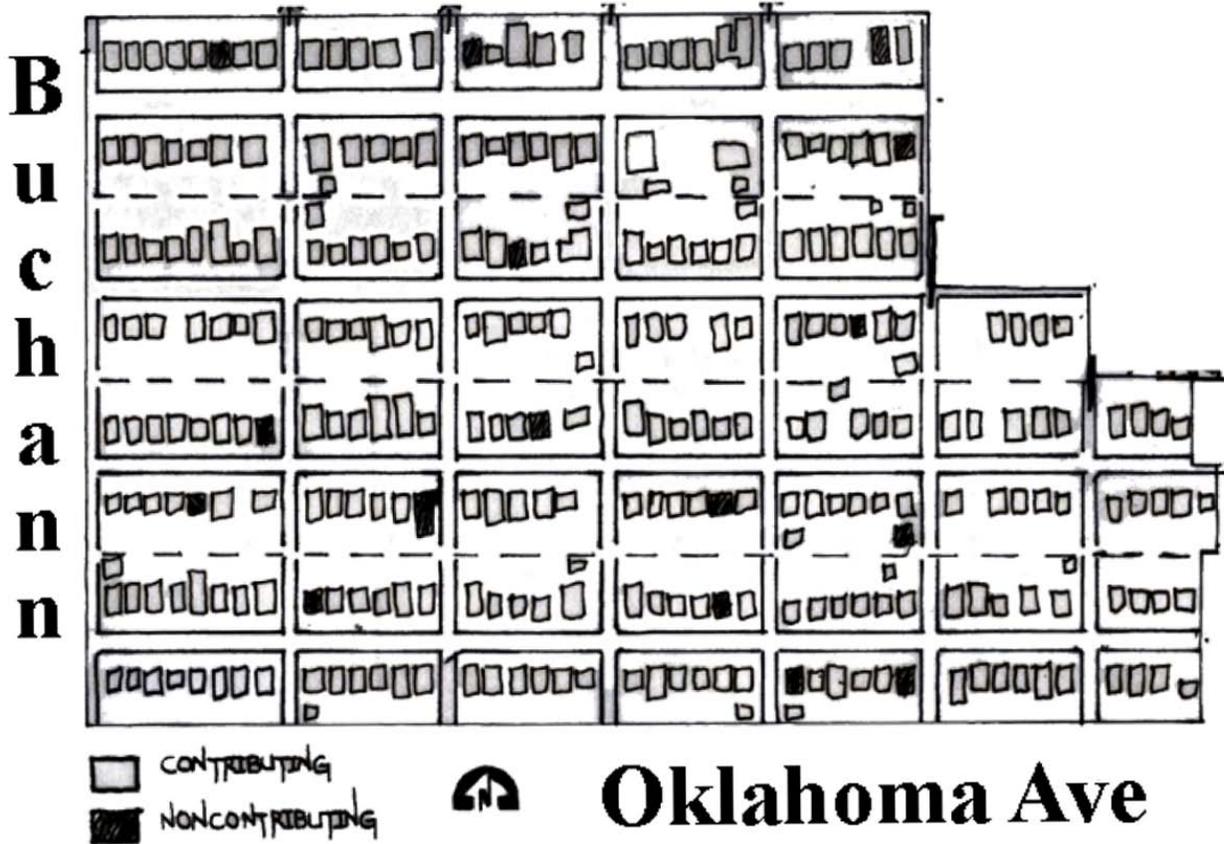
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Corner of South Taylor Street and West Cherokee Avenue (Eric Humphreys, May 2011).

Broadway Ave



Map of the Waverley Historic District (Eric Humphreys, May 2011).