

The barn quilt is located on the Strother Field Terminal Building which houses the industrial parks manager's office and Cowley First-Economic Development.

Strother Army Air Field, now Strother Field Airport and Industrial Park, was a training base used by the United States Army Air Force during World War II. It was a joint venture by the neighboring towns of Winfield and Arkansas City to lease the ground to the Army beginning in April 11, 1942 through 1953. Construction of the airport began a month later and included four asphalt runways with connecting taxiways, and a large parking ramp to accommodate hundreds of planes. The first class of cadets, 43-D, arrived on December 15, 1942.

The south end of the Air Field contained the maintenance hangar, engineering shops, supply rooms, dispensary, training department, paint storage, and fuel and oil facilities. The central area of the field housed the barracks, swimming pool, theater, chapel, beer hall, bowling alley, and reception room along with many other service facilities. At the furthest north-east end was the Air Field's Hospital Complex. The park now houses the industrial park, home to businesses such as GE Aviation, Columbia Elevators, Greif, Morton Bldgs., Vector Technologies and Western Industries.