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Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places 2010 Announced



Douglass High School (renamed Page-Woodson 5th Grade School), Photograph: Preservation Oklahoma

On March 5, Preservation Oklahoma announced this year's Most Endangered Historic Places. Many POK members and representatives of Endangered Properties attended the event at Oklahoma City's Seiber Hotel, where the list was presented with closing remarks by Dr. Bob L. Blackburn, Executive Director of OHS. The List highlights representative sites and categories of resources across the state in the hope of bringing awareness to the many preservation challenges faced.

For more information about these sites, or to download the Endangered Historic Places booklet, visit www.preservationok.org.

This year's list includes:

Douglass High School, Oklahoma City:

As Oklahoma City's first school established for African American students, this building contributed to the upward mobility of countless students across the city and state. It brought together pillars of the African American community as educators and administration and created future leaders. This center of history has stood vacant for over 15 years and is currently in very serious disrepair.

Fairview #67 School, Roosevelt/Hoyt School, Hoyt:

Fairview #67 School, located in Roosevelt, was built in 1903 for pioneer children in pre-statehood Oklahoma. The school featured a uniquely sophisticated educational curriculum and also served

as the town's community center. After consolidation into another school district in 1942, the building has been empty and all but forgotten.

Hoyt School in Hoyt was built between 1934 and 1940. This four-room schoolhouse worked double duty. After closing its doors as a place of learning in the 1960s, it served as a community center and voting station until the 1980s. Today, it is privately owned and maintains much of its original charm, but it is in poor condition.

Route 66 Resources Statewide:

A wide variety of historic buildings and structures are associated with Route 66 across the state and are in danger of being lost. One example is the iconic gas stations lining the historic road, with updates rendering them invisible, new construction obliterating them, and simple neglect and disrepair threatening to make them disappear altogether. Thankfully, interest is piqued in a small few who are working to uncover and restore these historic treasures across the state, and there are a few success stories.

Tulsa Club Building:

This Bruce Goff art-deco creation was a joint effort to house Chamber of Commerce offices and Tulsa Club lounges, a gymnasium, a restaurant,

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New Tribal Historic Preservation Programs in Oklahoma Recognized by National Park Service

In the past three months, the National Park Service (NPS) has approved of five new THPO programs in Oklahoma. The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, the Comanche Nation, the Miami Tribe, the Wyandotte Nation, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have been approved to assume responsibility for administering State Historic Preservation Office reviews and other duties on their tribal lands. Previously, there were only four NPS-recognized Tribal Historic Preservation Offices in Oklahoma: The Caddo Nation, the Choctaw Nation, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The first NPS-recognized THPO programs were established in 1996, established under section 101(d)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act; there are now more than 100 THPO programs

across the country. By applying for this status, tribes are able to take on some or all of the review and regulatory responsibilities associated with the National Historic Preservation Act, such as maintaining inventories of historic sites, nominating properties to the National Register of Historic Places and participating in the Section 106 review process.

Many tribes in Oklahoma, and across the country, have well-established and active preservation programs or offices that do not have formal THPO status from the National Park Service; however, this status gives previously-established preservation programs additional recognition and autonomy in the protection of their historic and cultural resources. It also provides access to some additional funding from the Historic Preservation Fund.

New Features in Upcoming This Place Matters Tours

Preservation Oklahoma is pleased to announce the recent co-branding of the "Community Partners Program" through the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "This Place Matters" campaign. Launched in 2009, the "This Place Matters" tours and lectures are partnerships between Preservation Oklahoma and local organizations to bring awareness and appreciation to a community's historic and cultural resources. The events share co-branding with the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "This Place Matters" campaign, an effort to help people across the nation share their stories about the places that matter to them. Event participants will be able to have their photos taken with a "This Place Matters" sign and uploaded to the campaign's, and Preservation Oklahoma's, websites.

Upcoming tours include Sulphur (April 10th) and Cherokee (April 25th). The tour in Sulphur will include restored or rehabilitated structures such as the Artist of the Arbuckles shop, the Flower Bluff Bed and Breakfast, the First Christian Church, and the Old Movie House. The tour in Cherokee will coincide with the Crystal Festival and Celebration of Birds on the Great Salt Plains. For additional information about upcoming "This Place Matters" tours and lectures, or to inquire about bringing a "This Place Matters" event to your community, please contact Katie McLaughlin Friddle at 405-525-5325 or visit www.preservationok.org.

Subscribe to the Oklahoma SHPO's Listserve

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office invites you to subscribe to its listserv. Get the latest information on a wide range of topics such as availability of grants and share information about your preservation efforts. For step-by-step instructions for subscribing and using the listserv, go to <http://lists.onenet.net/mailman/listinfo/okshpo>.

Anyone can post a message to the listserv whether or not they are a subscriber. Just send a regular e-mail message to okshpo@lists.onenet.net. That's all there is to it, and your message reaches everyone on the list. Please remember that you cannot send attachments with your message.

The OKSHPO listserv is an easy way to publicize your preservation-related events.

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libraries and a ballroom. This was once the ultimate social spot of the Tulsa elite; it is now empty and crumbling and has been recently foreclosed upon by the City of Tulsa.

Tulsa Civic Center Plaza (representing Mid-Century Modern Architecture):

Named one of the 23 architectural achievements of the 20th Century by a German publication when it was initially planned in 1955, this district was envisioned as a symbol of Civic pride. Today it could become exactly what it aimed against—a symbol of civic decline. A recent vote to move City Hall to a new building is a dangerous foreshadowing to what could happen to the other civic buildings in this area if new ways to utilize this center are not developed.

Quanah Parker Star House, Cache:

Built for renowned Comanche warrior and leader Quanah Parker around 1890, this sprawling structure was the home of Quanah and his wives until he died. Though there are different stories as to why there are large white painted stars on the roof of the house, they are iconic and memorable nonetheless, and they illustrate the warrior's larger-than-life personality. Recent assessments of the building have determined it to be structurally deficient in many places, and repairs are desperately needed.

Hopewell Church, Edmond:

This truly unique architectural accomplishment in Edmond, designed by visionary Bruce Goff, combines old oilfield drill pipe, native stone, and even utilized an aluminum cake pan in its interior. Completed in 1951 by an all-volunteer crew (a feat in itself), this church drew rave reviews from publications across the country, and even landed a spot in TIME magazine. Today, services are held in a separate building near the original structure, which has a leaking roof and other major structural problems forcing parishioners out and threatening the building's survival.

Stuart Hotel, Stuart:

A family run hotel for railroad and pipeline workers in the only stop between Oklahoma City and McAlester, the Stuart Hotel was completed in 1903. Acting as a major social center for the small town and its visitors, the hotel was a popular and prosperous location until the Great Depression and a disastrous fire all but cleared the town. Today, though it has been recently purchased by the City of Stuart, there is still much work needed to restore this hotel to its original state.



Stuart Hotel, today, Photo: Terry Beck



Tulsa Club, today, Photo: Cathy Ambler

Ranger Theater, Alva:

Built in 1937 during the height of the cinematic era, the Ranger Theater was one of five theaters in Alva, and was owned and operated by Jones Amusement Company (the company credited with bringing some of the first "talkies" to Oklahoma). Though it was closed in the 1950s, it still retains much of its original charm, including ticket booth, intricate tile work, woodwork, paint, and a top floor apartment with furnishings intact. It has recently been purchased by a local couple, who hope to revive the once elegant theater into a vibrant performance space.

Archeological Sites Statewide:

An important part of our state's heritage that may not be as immediately recognizable, archeological sites (in particular for this year's list, Paleoindian sites), represent the earliest inhabitants of the land approximately 14,000-9,000 years ago. These sites showcase and help us learn about the hunting, residential, family, and cultural practices of our ancestors; however, they are extremely susceptible to erosion and weather, as well as new construction and expansion into previously undeveloped territories.

Barns Statewide:

Barns across the state truly tell the story of Oklahoma's history from its meager beginnings in the Land Run to major agricultural and ranching centers. Different architectural styles, materials, and sizes illustrate the diversity of the state. As family farms decline, many barns statewide have been rendered useless, and therefore have fallen into disrepair. A current survey of barns in a 17-county region by OSU's Dr. Brad Bays will produce a wealth of information about these structures and will hopefully awaken an excitement for the historic tales these buildings can tell.

The Watch List includes the Chilocco Indian School in Newkirk; Wheelock Academy near Millerton; the Boley Historic District in Okfuskee County; Rural cemeteries statewide; and the Midtown Tulsa neighborhood. The Watch List includes properties that have been on the Endangered Historic Places list over the past years, and are on an edge; some show promise, some further decline, and continue to be the concern of preservationists statewide.

Success in Progress Resources include the Guthrie First United Methodist Church; Blanchard City Hall; and the Saline Courthouse and Spring House in Saline. The Success in Progress List highlights places that are well on their way to being saved and provide good examples for properties on the Endangered List, but still need public support.

Notable Saved! Resources include the Nickel-McClure Mansion in Alva; the Mayo Hotel in Tulsa; the Seiber Hotel in Oklahoma City; and the Meadow Gold sign along historic Route 66 in Tulsa. Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Places list "Saved!" category highlights some of the past year's successes. Each of these properties was once considered at risk, or even a lost cause, but has been turned around through effort and dedication.

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Tulsa Civic Center Plaza, Photo: Oklahoma SHPO



Ranger Theater, today, Photo: Kay Decker



Schultz/Neal Barn, near Red Rock, Photo: Bret Carter



Restored and Relocated Meadow Gold sign, Photo: Tulsa Foundation for Architecture

National Register Nomination Grants Round 2 Deadline Reminder

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is now accepting applications for its annual matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations for the preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations. The SHPO reserved \$10,000 of its FY 2010 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior for award in two grant rounds. Applications and detailed instructions are available

from the SHPO. The deadline for Round 2 applications is 5:00pm on June 1.

Each grant is limited to \$1,000.00, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700.00. For additional information or to obtain a National Register Nomination Grant Application and instructions, contact the SHPO at 405/521-6249 or visit our website at www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm.

Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History

The print edition of the Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture has now been released. The two-volume work contains 2,455 entries, including biographies, geographical features, town and county histories, major events and historical movements, and much, much more about the state of Oklahoma and its people.

The Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) Gift Shop stocks the

book. The retail price is \$100 for the set, plus \$8 shipping/handling, plus applicable state and local sales taxes. OHS members receive a discount on their purchases. Institutional discounts may also apply for certain types of organizations such as schools, libraries, etc.

Contact the Gift Shop at giftshop@okhistory.org or call them at 405/522-5214 for information or to order a copy.

A SPECIAL INVITATION!

Preservation Awards 2010

Preservation projects happen ONLY because of the efforts of local citizens across our state. Preservation Oklahoma would like to applaud the work of these individuals and groups whose tenacity, courage and determination are the backbone of successful preservation projects across Oklahoma. We are eager to compile our 2010 Preservation Awards recipients and would like to solicit your assistance. Help us identify candidates whose work in historic preservation is noteworthy by returning the completed form below.

Two awards will be given:

- 1) The Award for PUBLIC LEADERSHIP.**
- 2) The Award for ADVOCACY.**

The Preservation Awards will be presented at Preservation Oklahoma's Annual Luncheon held at the Statewide Preservation Conference at Okmulgee on June 10th, 2010.

Name of Candidate (Individual or Group): _____

Award Category (Public Leadership or Advocacy): _____

Candidate's Address: _____

Candidate's Telephone and Email: _____

Name of person/group nominating candidate: _____

Nominator's telephone and email: _____

On a separate piece of paper, in 150 words or less, please describe why you believe this candidate should receive this award. Feel free to attach additional sheets of paper and letters of recommendation.

Please return this form to:
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Deadline May 1, 2010

Muskogee Designated *Preserve America* Community

On February 2nd, First Lady Michelle Obama informed Muskogee's Mayor John Tyler Hammons of the City's designation as a *Preserve America* Community. The First Lady stated, "President Obama and I are proud of your community and we applaud your achievement . . . Your community holds a treasured place in the American story, and it is through your vision and dedication that our history will be upheld and our future will be renewed."

Preserve America is a federal program, which designates communities that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. The designation is based on an application that demonstrates the community's commitment to the preservation of its history and cultural heritage. In addition to other requirements, each community's application highlights one project or activity that represents this commitment. Muskogee featured its well-known Honor Heights Park and the annual Azalea Festival.

The City of Muskogee celebrated its 40th annual Azalea Festival in 2007. Each April, over 100,000 visitors come to see the azaleas in bloom in the historic Honor Heights Park. The celebration was planned and implemented by the City's Parks and Recreation Department as well as the Chamber of Commerce (the original sponsor of the festival), local museums and numerous clubs and organizations.

Honor Heights Park dates to 1909 when the Muskogee (Creek) Nation ceded the land on Agency Hill to the city of Muskogee. For many years, it was merely a bramble of trees and vines with a winding wagon path around the hill that afforded a spectacular view of the city in the valley below. Gradually the city's parks department, along with the Muskogee Garden Club, began a transformation of the park turning it into an English style garden.

The park was given its name in 1921 to honor the veterans of World War I. In 1935, Honor Heights Park won the Better Homes & Gardens More Beautiful America Award after the WPA had added picnic tables, ponds and covered pavilions among its winding trails. It was a private donation of azalea plants that gave the park its greatest feature. Today, hundreds of varieties of azaleas bloom during April and bring visitors from around the world.

Many cultural and heritage tourism events are now offered during the Azalea Festival including the Native American Art Market at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum and a Downtown Trolley Tour offered by the Three Rivers Museum. A downtown parade sponsored by the Parks Department, the Exchange Club's chili cook-off, a quilt show presented by the Muskogee Quilters Guild, and Darkwood Film Art Institute's international film festival are other events tied to the Azalea Festival. The economic impact of these events averages \$3.5 million spent in Muskogee during the month of April and with 143 jobs directly relating to Honor Heights Park and the Azalea Festival.



Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame and Museum in a former train depot in Muskogee, Photo: Muskogee Chamber of Commerce.

Preserve America encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our heritage. The goals of the program include a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of our communities. Since the program's inception in 2003, the First Lady of the United States has been involved in supporting and promoting *Preserve America*. For more information visit www.preserveamerica.gov.

In addition to Muskogee, Oklahoma communities having the *Preserve America* designation include Ardmore, Durant, Enid, Newkirk, Oklahoma City, Ponca City, Shawnee, and Tulsa. There are now 814 *Preserve America* Communities representing all fifty states and two territories. For assistance with the application process, contact Glen Roberson of the State Historic Preservation Office at 405/521-6387 or groberson@okhistory.org.

National Main Streets Conference Offers Free Daylong Workshop

The National Main Streets Conference: The Power of Main Street will be held May 2-5 in Oklahoma City. Billions of dollars in reinvestment, thousands of volunteer hours, hundreds of thousands of new jobs and new businesses, and thousands of revitalized communities – this is the Power of Main Street. The National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Oklahoma Main Street Center, and other conference cosponsors encourage community leaders across the state to attend.

There's no free lunch anymore, but there is free **Main Street 101** training by National Trust Main Street Center staff. New directors, board members, and volunteers are invited to participate in a daylong free training on the basics of the Four Point Main Street Approach®, Sunday, May 2 (8:30am-6:00pm). You are not required to register for the rest of the conference to attend this special session, nor is advance registration required. The session will be held in the Cox Convention Center (Second Floor, Halls A B), 1 Myriad Gardens, Oklahoma City.

The 2010 National Main Streets Conference will showcase and celebrate the innovative techniques and practices that make the Main Street Approach one of the most powerful economic development tools in the nation. Whether you hail from an urban business district, small rural downtown, or some place in between, you won't want to miss the opportunity to find real solutions to

not only survive this economic downturn, but also to find ways to position your Main Street and your community to thrive long after these difficult times are gone and forgotten.

8:30am – 11:00am:
Main Street 101: Organization

11:15am – 1:15pm:
Main Street 101: Economic Restructuring

1:45pm – 3:45pm:
Main Street 101: Promotion

4:00pm – 6:00pm:
Main Street 101: Design

Learn more about the free daylong Main Street Approach training at the website below. The National Main Streets Conference also offers four days of networking sessions, along with more than 20 educational tours and an Expo Hall filled with product and service providers that specialize in commercial district revitalization. To get the full benefit of the conference, we encourage you to register for the entire program at: <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2010/registration/>.

Phase II of Restoration of the Overholser Mansion Now Underway



Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. is beginning the second phase of restoration of the historic Overholser Mansion in the Heritage Hills neighborhood of Oklahoma City. This phase will include repair and restoration of roofing, ornamental metal work, and masonry re-pointing on both the Overholser Mansion and the carriage house and is expected to be completed by April 2010. The first phase of restoration, completed in early 2009, included the total restoration of all windows in the mansion. A third phase will address deteriorated stonework at the Overholser Mansion.

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s Restoration Leadership has worked closely with the Oklahoma Historical Society, preservation architects, and conservation experts to ensure that all work is carried out in a way that will maintain the historic integrity of the site. The restoration has been generously funded by donations from Chesapeake Energy Corporation, Devon Energy, the Kirkpatrick Family Fund, the Kirkpatrick Foundation, Historical Preservation Incorporated, the Colonial Dames of America, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Cliff and Leslie Hudson, and countless others.

The Overholser Mansion, built in 1903 and listed on the National Register in 1970, was the home of Oklahoma City entrepreneur Henry Overholser and his family. The Mansion was the first built in what is now Heritage Hills and was a centerpiece of early Oklahoma City social life. Nearly all original furnishings remain, accurately depicting the lifestyle of the residents from pre-statehood through the mid-20th century. It passed from the family's hands to the state of Oklahoma in 1972 and has been managed by Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. since 2003.

The Overholser Mansion will continue to be open for tours throughout the restoration, and will be developing a special exhibit on the restoration work. For additional information, please contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405-525-5325 or visit www.preservationok.org.

Statewide Preservation Conference, June 9-11

Out Front in Preservation: Oklahoma's 22nd Annual Statewide Preservation Conference will be held in historic downtown Okmulgee June 9-11. The program features two plenary sessions, a special design review workshop, and much more.

Each plenary session provides an opportunity for participants to come together and to hear from nationally recognized speakers.

PLENARY SESSION #1 (8:30am, June 10): Robert St. John, Chef, Author, and Chairman of the Board, Mississippi Restaurant Association will present *Robert St. John - My South: The History, Traditions, Eccentricities, and Absurdities of Food and Life in the South*. He will explore how food contributes to our sense of place and cultural identity.

St. John, a native of Hattiesburg, MS, is a 28-year veteran of the restaurant industry. For the last 22 years he has served as executive chef, president, and CEO of the Purple Parrot Café, the Crescent City Grill, and the Mahogany Bar in Hattiesburg and Meridian, and he is a restaurateur, chef, food writer, author, and a true original. The Lexington Herald-Leader called him a "Jeff Foxworthy-style chef with an opinion on all things culinary." A recent Booklist review stated, "If he had accomplished nothing more, St. John deserves kudos for making Hattiesburg, Mississippi a restaurant destination." He is the author of seven books, including *Deep South Staples or How To Survive in a Southern Kitchen Without A Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup*.

PLENARY SESSION #2 (2:00pm, June 10): Thomas D. Guzman is Director of the Iowa Downtown Resource Center, Iowa Department of Economic Development. His plenary session topic is *Out of the Box Thinking - Using CDBG for Rehabilitation, Downtown Revitalization and Community Sustainability*. He will share examples of Iowa's many successful and creative rehabilitation and revitalization efforts funded through this important federal program.

Guzman has been with the Iowa Department of Economic Development since 1988. As Director of the Iowa Downtown Resource Center, he oversees all downtown development programs of the department, including its premier program, Main Street Iowa. He has been a real estate broker, retail sales manager, non-profit association manager, Main Street program director, and state coordinator prior to assuming his current responsibilities.

These include managing a million dollar annual budget, overseeing the planning and delivery of technical assistance services, training, and assessments for Iowa's 46 Main Street communities and for developing technical assistance and training opportunities for all Iowa communities.

DESIGN REVIEW WORKSHOP (1:45pm, June 9): Monica Callahan is Planning & Community Development Director for the City of Madison, Georgia, and representing the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), she will present *Effective Design Review: A Workshop for Local Commissions*. The half-day workshop will focus on the designation of local landmarks and districts, best practices for commission operations, design review, and commissioner and staff roles and responsibilities.

Ms. Callahan staffs seven citizen commissions appointed to oversee a range of community planning functions - including historic preservation, downtown development, greenspace conservation, corridor management, cemetery stewardship, and comprehensive planning. She has extensive experience in preservation commission operations, design guidelines development, community outreach, and conflict resolution.

Watch your mail in late April for the conference program and registration brochure or visit the SHPO's website at www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm.

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s Annual Meeting and Luncheon (separate registration required): Oklahoma's statewide nonprofit organization invites you to join them for their annual meeting and luncheon. The program will include an update on POK's activities, presentation of awards, and a special luncheon address by Jay Hannah, Executive Vice President, BancFirst, who will present "The Road to Preservation is Paved with Paper: Community Grass Roots Planning for Preservation Projects Large and Small." He will talk about his diverse experiences with preservation, including his work with BancFirst and POK to develop the PlanFirst grant program, his personal experiences with preservation efforts across the state and as the Chairman of the Board of Cherokee Nation Enterprises and their preservation work. POK members and non-members are welcome. To register and reserve your luncheon ticket, contact POK at 405/525-5325 or preservationok@preservationok.org.

Special Opportunities for University Students and Architects

The State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to offer special opportunities to college and university students and architects who attend *Out Front in Preservation: Oklahoma's 22nd Annual Statewide Preservation Conference* to be held June 9-11 in historic downtown Okmulgee.

Twenty (20) scholarships are available on a first-come basis to qualified Oklahoma college and university students. The scholarship covers the conference registration fee, and the application deadline is 5:00pm, Friday, May 14. For details and an application form contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at

405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org. or visit the SHPO's website at www.okhistory.org/shpo/conference.htm.

Registered architects can earn American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) learning unit hours for their attendance, and they will only be charged the conference registration fee. For details about reporting your earned credits, contact your American Institute of Architects chapter.

For general conference information or questions, contact Melvena Heisch at the above telephone number or e-mail address.

Oklahoma History: One Piece at a Time: B. W. McLean House and Office

by Cynthia Savage



McLean Home, Jenks, photo: Melinda Bennett

As of April 1, 2010, there are 1,685 Oklahoma properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. These properties represent many of the different facets of Oklahoma history, from the unique to the commonplace. This includes a range of historic resources from archeological sites to masterfully-designed buildings to the ubiquitous structures of every day that dot the landscape. The one thing all of these properties have in common is the recognition of their contribution to our history and sense of place that listing on the National Register represents.

The listing of these properties reflects more than forty-four years of statewide preservation effort by a variety of individuals and organizations. In order to recognize this effort, as well as highlight some of the properties that have been listed over the years, a brief synopsis of a different property from across the state will be showcased in Preservation Oklahoma News under the series title of "Oklahoma History: One Piece at a Time." The featured properties will fall into the loose categories of: One Hit Wonders (representing the only National Register listed property in the community); the Early Days (representing listings from the 1960s and 1970s); Oklahoma Marvels (representing the unusual or famed); and, the Gone But Not Forgotten (representing properties for which only the National Register documentation remains).

Our first piece in the series features the B.W. McLean House and Office (Dr. McLean House), a One Hit Wonder located in Jenks, Tulsa County. The Dr. McLean House was listed on the National Register in 1991 for its architectural significance as an excellent, local example of the Folk Victorian style. While the overall building is simple in form, the house features an ornamental hip-

roofed porch with a spindle frieze, decorative brackets and turned columns. The relatively elaborate porch applied to a basic building form is the hallmark of the Folk Victorian style. The nomination for the property notes that the Dr. McLean House was the only extant property of this style in Jenks and was one of the few properties more than fifty years old still standing in the community at the time.

Issac and Jim Gentis, the father and brother of Mrs. B.W. (Maude) McLean, constructed the two-story, clapboard house in 1913. Dr. McLean was one of the first physicians in the community of Jenks and also served for a time as the County Doctor. Dr. McLean and the Gentis family were among the earliest settlers of Jenks, which incorporated in 1905.

The house was identified for its architectural significance in the 1982 Tulsa County Historic Sites Survey. In 1987, the Jenks City Council passed a resolution supporting the nomination of the house to the National Register. The nomination was prepared in 1990 by a city planner employed by the city of Jenks, Diana Fernandez.

For more information on the Dr. McLean House, or just to review the diversity of Oklahoma properties listed on the National Register, visit the Oklahoma SHPO's website (www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm), click on the National Register program and follow the links to the National Register of Historic Places in Oklahoma website. Have a property you'd like to see featured? Contact Preservation Oklahoma at preservationok@preservationok.org.

New Oklahoma National Register Listings

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce that the following nominations were added to the National Register as of April 2010. The National Register of Historic Places is a catalogue of the buildings, sites, structures, districts, and objects whose hallowed ground and sturdy walls provide a glimpse into our past. These sites also may be selected for architectural and archeological interests.

The **Attucks School** is locally significant as a separate primary and secondary school in Vinita. The Attucks School served the black community of Vinita as a combined elementary, junior and high school. It was the only secondary school available to blacks until after desegregation in the mid-1950s. While the Vinita public school system readily desegregated as required by law following the landmark decisions of Brown vs. Board of Education, it took over three years for desegregation to occur in Vinita.

The **Bassett House** in Cushing is an excellent and well preserved example of the American International style of architecture. As the Bassett family home from 1954 to 2009, it became a local landmark, not only as an example of modern residential architecture unique to Cushing but also as an important venue for the town's social life and community activities. The original external and internal design of the house has been only slightly altered, while the 1950s feeling of the house has been strongly bolstered by retention of its original furnishings. It is believed to be the only example of this style of architecture in Cushing other than the Bassett Clinic. The Bassett House is also believed to have been the only residence designed by the award-winning firm of Coston and Frankfurt, Architects and Engineers, which continues today as Frankfurt-Short-Bruza, Architects, Engineers, Planners. The nomination was prepared by Dr. Mary Jane Warde of Stillwater.

Since its earliest settlement, downtown Mangum has served the needs of its surrounding community, providing commercial, professional, and social services to residents and visitors alike. The commercial success of the community, as well as the importance of the downtown district, is reflected in the existing properties. The **Downtown Mangum Historic District** represents the development and maturation of commerce in Mangum from 1900 to 1937.

The **Ingle Brothers Broomcorn Warehouse**, constructed in 1908, is locally significant due to its historical connection to the commerce in Shattuck. Broomcorn grew exceptionally well in Oklahoma; the state led the nation in production between

1915 and 1946. Broomcorn brush was sold to local, state and national broom factories which purchased it directly from the farmer or from broomcorn warehouses. The Ingle Brothers Broomcorn Warehouse is the only extant historic warehouse associated with the broomcorn industry in Shattuck.

The restrained Gothic Revival **Irving Baptist Church** is locally outstanding due to its historical connection to the settlement and growth of Jefferson County, as well as the integrity of its architecture. The Irving Baptist Church was designed to meet the needs of a growing yet relatively small population. Members chose a type of plan that is a very simple, restrained version of the Gothic Revival style.

Rose Hill Plantation was one of multiple plantation properties along the Red River owned by the prominent Choctaw Nation member Robert Jones. Rose Hill Plantation is located approximately five miles southeast of Hugo, Oklahoma on the uplands above the Red River in Choctaw County. Rose Hill served as Jones' summer residence while Lake West, also in Oklahoma, served as his winter residence. Jones is known to have controlled thousands of acres on the six plantations, owned over 200 slaves, owned two steamboats and operated many stores/trading posts.

Hidden from view from the nearest road by large growth trees and undergrowth, all that remains of the plantation are scattered foundations, large growth cedar trees and the plantation cemetery. The property is significant for its association with Robert Jones and its archeological potential.

The **Sixth Street Commercial /Residential Historic District** emerged in the late nineteen-teens as Tulsa grew outside the original town core. This small commercial area is distinguished by the residential units which were an important attribute in the district until 1960, when parking for automobiles became more important than housing. Until then, the buildings provided a large number of apartments for individuals and families in transition during one of the city's most explosive periods of growth, through years just after the World War II housing shortage, and gave neighborhood residents an important shopping locale for everyday needs. The nomination was prepared by Cathy Ambler, Ph.D.

The State Historic Preservation Office continues to strive to gain recognition for those places significant in Oklahoma's history. For more information on these or other National Register properties, contact Lynda Schwan at (405) 522-4478 (email: lschwan@okhistory.org).

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SHPO Announces May Workshops

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce its May workshop series. The sessions will be held May 12-14 in the Muskogee Civic Center (Room AB), 425 Boston Avenue, Muskogee, OK

The workshops are free and open to the public, but we ask that you register by 5:00pm, Wednesday, May 7. To register, contact Betty Harris at 405/521-6249 or bharris@okhistory.org. You may also register online at www.okhistory.org/shpo/workshops.php.

Registered architects who attend these workshops can earn American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) learning unit hours. Contact your local AIA chapter to self-report your attendance.

If you have questions about any of the workshops, contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org.

May 12 (9:30am-12:00 noon)

The Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview

The half-day workshop provides the basics about Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and how the process works in Oklahoma. Specific topics include who is responsible for Section 106 compliance, when does Section 106 apply, what is the State Historic Preservation Office's role in the process, what other agencies are involved, what is a historic property, and what happens when a project will affect a historic property. The workshop is designed as a stand-alone session and as a companion to Determination of Eligibility under Section 106. Participants should also consider attending The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

May 12 (1:30pm-5:00pm)

Determination of Eligibility under Section 106

The session provides a step-by-step description of how to document standing structures for the State Historic Preservation Office's review. Specific topics include a discussion of the National Register of Historic Places Criteria for Evaluation, how to complete the Historic Preservation Resource Identification Form, photograph requirements, what a determination of eligibility means, how differences of opinion about eligibility are resolved, and when consultants may be helpful to agencies in preparing documentation for the Section 106 process. The session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to The Section 106 Review Process: Introduction and Overview. Participants should also consider attending The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

May 13 (9:30am-5:00pm)

Working with the National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is the foundation of the SHPO's programs, and a basic understanding of the

register is essential for those involved in historic preservation at all levels of government and in the private sector. The workshop provides detailed information about the National Register criteria, what listing means, the rights of property owners in the nomination process, tips for preparing successful nominations, and much more.

May 14 (9:30am-12:00 noon)

Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

In this workshop participants will learn about the federal and state investment tax credits for certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. A detailed discussion of the Historic Preservation Certification Application, Parts 1, 2, and 3 will guide owners and developers in successfully preparing the information needed for the State Historic Preservation Office to review the project and for the National Park Service to certify it. This session is designed as a stand-alone workshop or as a companion to the Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

May 14 (1:30pm-5:00pm)

The Secretary's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings

The half-day workshop features a thorough discussion of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation. Generally referred to as The Standards, these commonsense principles are widely used in the historic preservation field. Whether you are involved in a rehabilitation project for the 20% federal and 20% state tax credits, planning a rehabilitation project funded with federal assistance, serving on a local historic preservation commission, or just wanting to know the best approach to rehabilitating your historic private home, you will find this session invaluable. It is designed as a stand-alone workshop and as a companion to Federal and State Tax Incentives for Rehabilitation.

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