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Honey Springs Battlefield Designated NHL

On March 11, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Director of the National Park Service Jonathan B. Jarvis announced the designation of 13 new National Historic Landmarks, including Oklahoma's Honey Springs Battlefield. Twenty-two Oklahoma properties now have this special designation.

"These National Historic Landmark designations span more than two centuries of our country's history, from 17th Century architecture to a Civil War battlefield to a 19th Century-Kentucky whiskey distillery that continued to operate through the Prohibition era," Secretary Salazar said. "Today's designations include significant sites that help tell the story of America and the contributions that all people from all walks of life have made as we strive for a more perfect union."

"From the Civil War to civil rights, to the struggles and accomplishments of women, African Americans and Latinos, these sites highlight the mosaic of our nation's historic past," said Director Jarvis. "We are proud to administer the National Historic Landmarks Program to educate and inspire Americans through their country's rich and complex history."



Texas Road. Photo: SHPO



Honey Springs Battlefield. Photo: SHPO

National Historic Landmarks are nationally significant historic places that possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. The program, established in 1935, is administered by the National Park Service on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior. Currently there are 2,540 designated National Historic Landmarks.

Honey Springs Battlefield, located in McIntosh and Muskogee Counties, is by far the largest Civil War engagement of the 1861-1865 period of conflict within Indian Territory, the Battle of Honey Springs was the largest battle in Indian Territory in which Native Americans fought as members of both Union and Confederate armies. It is also significant as the first and largest engagement in which Indian troops of both sides fought in the formalized style of Anglo-American warfare.

The Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) owns the majority of the property included in the nomination and is currently building a new interpretive center at the site with the support of the Friends of Honey Springs and the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program.

From the POK President

Dear Fellow Preservationists:

As Spring arrives, our thoughts turn to yard work and tackling those outdoor restoration projects we have been planning over the winter. To assist you with those projects and other issues, Preservation Oklahoma, along with the State Historic Preservation Office, have several events lined up in the months ahead.

First, POK will be offering a preservation workshop in Blackwell and a tombstone conservation workshop in Tahlequah. These are great opportunities to learn more about issues concerning preservation and conservation. See the opposite page for more information on how you can participate.

In June, we invite you to join us at the 25th Annual State-wide Preservation Conference in Perry, the Queen City of the Cherokee Strip. This year, POK will sponsor two events at the conference.

For the first time ever, POK will offer a mixer after the awards banquet. This is a great opportunity for attendees to gather at the end of the day to relax, network, and continue the conversation on preservation issues being discussed at the conference.

Our second event is POK's annual luncheon, where we present the highlights of our work over the past year. The highlight of the luncheon is the presentation of our annual Preservation Awards, which recognize the outstanding efforts of local organizations and individuals for their successful preservation projects. First, we need your help in nominating these worthy candidates. A nomination form is

available on page 6 and I encourage you to nominate for these distinguished awards.

We are also pleased to announce that our luncheon speaker will be Andi Holland, Director of the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid. She will present *Linking the Stories and People of the Cherokee Strip to the Landscape*, which discusses the settlement and development of the region, the landmarks that represent its heritage, and the resources available at the CSRHC for historical research. Reservations are required for both of these events and information on how to register will be available on May 1.

Every POK event is open to members and non-members alike! However, membership does have its privileges including discounted registration fees and free admission to other POK events. I encourage you to join today!

Yours in preservation,



Barrett Williamson, President
POK Board of Directors

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You can rejoin at any time by mailing in the membership card on the back page of this newsletter, or at www.preservationok.org. Don't miss all the fun, the news, and the members-only opportunities—renew your membership in Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. today!

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Upcoming Preservation Workshops



Top of Oklahoma Historical Society Museum, Blackwell

Preservation Workshop in Blackwell

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. and the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office will host a preservation workshop at the Top of Oklahoma Historical Society Museum on Friday, April 26. Learn about the many tools, resources, and programs available for the preservation and revitalization of Oklahoma communities. The museum is located at 303 South Main Street in downtown Blackwell. The registration fee of \$15.00 covers the cost of refreshments and materials.

For more information about how to register for the workshops, please contact Preservation Oklahoma at 405/525-5325 or email preservationok@preservationok.org, or visit www.preservationok.org.

Gravestone Conservation Workshop in Tahlequah

On May 16-17, 2013, Preservation Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation Cultural Tourism, and The Saline Preservation Association will host a hands-on workshop on gravestone and cemetery monument conservation.

Jonathan Appell, a member of the Preservation Trades Network, will lead hands-on, interactive training for participants, covering topics including how to re-set stones, repair to fragmented stones, appropriate repair materials, use of infill material, and methods for re-pointing and cleaning masonry. Mr. Appell is a professional gravestone and masonry conservation specialist with expertise in cemetery preservation planning.

The two-day workshop will be held in the Tahlequah area. Participants may attend one or both days, but space is limited. Please contact Preservation Oklahoma or visit www.preservationok.org for more information and to register for the workshop; space and supplies are limited.



National Register Nomination Grants Round 2

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is now accepting applications for Round 2 of 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 2012 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) allocation from the U.S. Department of the Interior for these grants. The deadline for Round 2 applications is 5:00pm on June 3.

Each grant is limited to \$1,000.00, and the applicant must provide a nonfederal, cash match of at least \$700.00. Grant recipients will use the funds to retain an appropriately qualified professional to complete preparation of an individual property nomination for the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register is the catalogue of our nation's significant buildings, structures, sites, districts, objects, and landscapes important in our past. While listing in the National Register is not a guarantee of preservation or of financial assistance, it is one of the most important components of the preservation strategy for any significant property. The designation provides increased public awareness of these irreplaceable resources, provides limited protection for them, qualifies property owners for federal tax credits under certain circumstances, and may qualify the property owner for grant assistance when such programs are funded.

To submit a National Register Nomination Grant application online or obtain an application form, just go to www.okhistory.org/shpo/nrgrant.htm. You may also obtain the application from the SHPO by calling 405/521-6249.

2013 OKLAHOMA STATEWIDE PRESERVATION CONFERENCE PREVIEW



Noble Courthouse Square. Photo: Main Street of Perry

Our Sense of Place: Oklahoma's 25th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference takes place June 5-7 in historic downtown Perry. Full conference details will be mailed and available on the web by May 1. In the meantime, we offer a brief preview of conference sessions and events.

Concurrent sessions will run Wednesday afternoon through Friday morning. **TRACK A: Homes and Hometowns** features the neighborhoods, individual houses, commercial buildings, sacred places, and other properties that define the unique character of our communities. **TRACK B: Technologies and Techniques** explores how preservationists use current technology and preservation techniques to share information, adapt historic buildings for new uses, and protect all types of properties for future generations. **TRACK C: Landmarks and Landscapes** examines the vernacular and designed landscapes and the icons that connect Oklahomans to the places they call home.

The Plenary Session on Friday afternoon (June 7) features two speakers who will discuss our sense of place from the favorite downtown business to the rural landscape and how these very personal connections fuel our passion for historic preservation.

First, **Robyn Ryle**, Associate Professor of Sociology, Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, will present *The Coffee Shop and the Corner Store: Sociological Perspectives on Place*. In addition to teaching, she writes about books, knitting, fiddling, cooking, gardening, and the stories of small town life in a 170 year old house in historic Madison, Indiana.

When Dr. Ryle addressed the National Main Streets Conference last year in Baltimore, she opened by saying, "Thank you all so much for having me here today. It's good to be in a room full of people who love place, appreciate place and are working to build great places."

Dr. Ryle will talk about her own experiences with places and how those experiences are informed by her sociological perspective. She says, "As a sociologist, I'm interested in how places shape social life. So, I ask questions about how places shape our social interactions and the kind of communities in which we live."

Then, **Jennifer Kalkman**, Director of Digital Marketing, Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma City, will present *Genealogical Tourism: Connecting Family History to the Oklahoma Landscape*. She holds a Bachelors Degree in finance and an MBA. She oversees development and content for TravelOK.com as well as email marketing, SEO, paid search and online display advertising. TravelOK.com was #1 among state tourism websites for pages per visit in 11 of the 12 months during 2012, and has won numerous awards.

Ms. Kalkman's presentation will focus on one of the exciting new features of the website, Genealogical Tourism in Oklahoma. You will be asked, "Does your family have a connection to Oklahoma?" Then, you are invited to "Take a journey of self-discovery and trace your family tree while connecting with the people, places and landscapes that helped shape your ancestors."

Ken Culp, III, Principal Specialist for Volunteerism, Department of 4-H Youth Development and Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Family Sciences, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, returns to Oklahoma's statewide preservation conference by popular demand. He will present two workshops designed to appeal to the broad historic preservation audience (June 6 and 7). Many historic preservation programs and community development initiatives depend on volunteers, but finding, motivating, and retaining them can be a challenge. The workshops will help organizations meet these challenges in the Twenty-First Century. *Transfusions R Us: Recruiting New Blood onto Boards and Committees* will be presented over lunch on Thursday, June 6, and *Recruiting and Involving Youth in Community Service* is on the agenda for Friday morning, June 7.

The opening reception on the courthouse square, special tours, Dutch-Treat lunches for architects and architectural historians, the SHPO's annual awards banquet, Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s mixer after the awards banquet and their annual meeting and luncheon are all on the conference schedule.

Questions? Contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org. Also, see the conference blog at <http://okpreservationconference.wordpress.com>.

SHPO ANNOUNCES MAY WORKSHOPS

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce its May Workshop series. The sessions will be held May 1-3, 2013, at the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site Conference Room, 18555 Highway 47A, Suite A, Cheyenne, OK. From I-40 east and west, take Exit 20 (Sayre) and travel north approximately 23 miles on US-283 into Cheyenne. Turn west on Highway 47 through town. Continue ½ mile and turn north onto Highway 47A. The Visitor Center is located on the right. The historic site, featuring the park overlook and interpretive trails, is located approximately one mile further on Highway 47A. The workshops are free and open to the public, but we ask that you register by 5:00pm, Wednesday, April 24. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come basis. 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 qualify for American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System (AIA/CES) learning units. Simply register for the workshop(s). After the workshops, self-report your attendance at <http://www.aia.org/education/index.htm>. The SHPO will provide written learning objectives at the door and a certificate of attendance the week of May 6th. If you have questions about any of the workshops, contact Melvena Heisch, Deputy SHPO, at 405/522-4484 or mheisch@okhistory.org.

Workshop Schedule and Descriptions:

May 1 (9:30am-12:00noon) - 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 1 (1:30pm-4:30pm) - 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 2 (9:30am-4:30pm) - 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 3 (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 3 (1:30pm-4:30pm) - 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 common-sense 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 rehabilitate 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.



Washita Battlefield National Historic Site. Photo: National Park Service.

A Special Invitation!

Preservation Awards 2013

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 2013 Preservation Award 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.

Four awards will be given:

- 1) Rural Private Sector
- 2) Rural Public Sector
- 3) Urban Private Sector
- 4) Urban Public Sector

The Preservation Awards will be presented at Preservation Oklahoma's Annual Luncheon held at the Statewide Preservation Conference in Perry on June 7, 2013.

Name of Candidate _____

Award Category _____

Candidate's Address _____

Candidate's Phone and Email _____

Name of person/group nominating candidate: _____

Nominator's Address _____

Nominator's phone and email _____

On a separate piece of paper, in 500 words or less, please describe why you believe this candidate should receive this award. Feel free to attach additional information, photos, and letters of recommendation.

Please return this form to:

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Deadline May 1, 2013

The Drive is Fine on Route 69

Jonita Mullins

Few roads in Oklahoma can claim as much history as Highway 69 which runs in a southwesterly direction from Miami to Durant. This stretch of road reaches back in time to the days when the Osage were the dominant people in the region. It has gone by many names in its two hundred years or more of existence – the Osage Trace, the Texas Road, the Military Road, the East Shawnee Cattle Trail, and the Jefferson Highway.

As early as the 1780s, the Osage had begun to settle in the Three Forks region near Muskogee. Their principal trade partners were the Chouteau brothers at St. Louis. The Osage traveled overland from the Three Forks to Missouri along a trail that became known as the Osage Trace. This trail, which followed the natural contours of the land, became the basis for the many roads that followed.

With the establishment of Fort Smith, Fort Gibson and Fort Scott, military roads were built connecting these posts. It was along these roads that many of the Five Tribes made the final leg of their tearful trail into their new homeland, Indian Territory. Since Indian Territory was set aside for Indians only, for years it was a place for pioneers to simply “pass through” on their way to settling the West. In the 1830s and ’40s the Osage Trace was crowded with settlers heading out from St. Louis to Texas. The trail became known as the Texas Road. Grant Foreman described the route of the Texas Road:

One branch came from Baxter Springs, Kansas, and followed the Verdigris and Grand rivers to Fort Gibson. The other branch came from Saint Louis through Springfield and Maysville to Salina, and joined the other. The Texas road proceeded southwest from Fort Gibson past Honey Springs and crossed Canadian River just below present-day Eufaula. The road continued on a southwesterly route to cross the Red River at Colbert’s Ferry.

During the Civil War, several battles were fought in Indian Territory for control of the Texas Road, including the Battle of Honey Springs. During the decade of the cattle drives, the Texas Road became the East Shawnee Cattle Trail and hundreds of cattle were driven up from Texas to the railheads in Kansas.

Following the Civil War, these railroads began to forge into Indian Territory. The first was the Missouri-Kansas & Texas (KATY). The route chosen for this first rail line followed closely that of the Osage Trace, crossing the rivers at the fords established along the Texas Road. The railroad surveyors and engineers could not improve upon the instinct of the Indians and pioneers in choosing the best route. With the advent of the automobile, a “good roads movement” began in 1914 and civic and municipal organizations began working to pave the hard-packed “Indian road.”

W.T. Meredith, editor of *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine in 1915, proposed the formation of a highway to run through the states that were part of the Louisiana Purchase. Meredith thought the road should be called the Jefferson Highway in honor of Thomas Jefferson’s “greatest real estate deal in history.” A call went out to the states making up the Louisiana Purchase to meet in New Orleans in November 1915 to discuss such a highway.

D.N. Fink, president of Commercial National Bank of Muskogee, attended as a delegate from the youngest state, Oklahoma. Out of that and subsequent meetings evolved the Jefferson Highway Association with the goal of building a “365-day road” (meaning it could be traveled even in wet, winter weather). The main cities along this highway were to be New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Denison, Muskogee, Joplin, Kansas City, Des Moines, St. Paul and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The route veered out of the Louisiana Purchase in that neither Texas nor Manitoba had been part of that great land deal.

The Jefferson Highway Association raised funds for the project by membership dues of \$9 per mile. Many counties also raised funds for the road through bond issues. So the road was a cooperative effort between government and private enterprise.

Oklahoma did its part in getting the highway built, following the route of the Texas Road. D.N. Fink, who had been elected vice president of the Jefferson Highway Association, reported in 1916 that he and his family had traveled from Muskogee to Joplin (149 miles) in “just seven hours.” In 1925,

highway commissioners from 11 states in the

Mississippi Valley met at Kansas City to work on plans to bring state roads into a numbered federal highway system. The Jefferson Highway, being one of the best in America at that time, was made a federal highway. The Oklahoma portion of this road was designated U.S. Highway 69.

Road construction was delayed during WWI but it was projected that by 1929 the entire 2,300 miles of the Jefferson Highway would be paved, beating Route 66 which wasn’t completed until 1938. The Jefferson Highway Association marked the entire route with blue and white directional poles and aggressively advertised it as a “tourist’s delight.” Recently a revived Jefferson Highway Association has been working to bring deserved recognition to this historic highway.

If 66 is “the mother road,” then perhaps Route 69 could be called the granddaddy of roads. It’s past, rich in the history of people, places and events should be preserved and celebrated and the towns along the old Osage Trace should undertake to promote it as ardently as those who promote Route 66.



Photo: Jonita Mullins

New Oklahoma National Register Listings

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office is pleased to announce four new National Register of Historic Places listings. The National Register of Historic Places is our nation's official list of properties significant in our past.

Commercial buildings come in many forms in Oklahoma; from the simple one-story commercial building on Main Street to multi-story skyscrapers. Commercial buildings also come in a variety of architectural styles. The two most recent commercial buildings added to the National Register of Historic Places represent two very distinctive architectural styles and uses.

The Mayfair, Oklahoma City

The Mayfair significant as an example of a property type that is specified in the multiple property form for "Midtown Brick Box Apartments, 1910-1935, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma." These apartments help convey the historic development and growth in the Midtown area of Oklahoma City. The Mayfair is among the last of the Midtown Brick Box Apartments to be constructed during the period of significance. The Midtown Brick Box Apartments represent a distinct alteration in the Midtown's previous forms of multi-family dwellings such as wood-framed duplexes, or flats for two-, four- or six families. The Brick Box Apartments are significantly different from these housing forms and they provided amenities such as the "latest" in kitchens and bathrooms, as well as personal services that were not available in more basic multiple dwellings. The Mayfair's location was in the northern most section of Midtown, an area where the more well-to-do moved as they continued their northward migration into other areas over several decades.



The Gillespie Drilling Company Building. Photo: SHPO

The Gillespie Drilling Company Building, Cushing

The Gillespie Drilling Company building, located in downtown Cushing in Payne County and constructed ca. 1954, is one of Blaine Imel's finest non-residential works. A true representation of organic architecture, the natural environment served as the design framework for the Gillespie Drilling Company building. Blaine Imel is an Oklahoma architect recognized for his conceptualization and realization of organic architecture reflecting site location, materials, client's desires and the influence of his professor and mentor, Bruce Goff. With an architectural career spanning from 1950 to 2004, Blaine Imel was an important contributor to the twentieth-century modern and organic architecture movements in Oklahoma. The Gillespie Drill Company building is one of two non-residential resources designed by Imel in Cushing.

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The Mayfair, Photo: SHPO

New Oklahoma National Register Listings

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The remaining two listings are the result of an on-going state-wide barn survey in Oklahoma. The two barns were identified in the survey by Brad Bays, professor in the Oklahoma State University Geography Department, as significant and Preservation Oklahoma sponsored their creation.

Bennie L. Aupperle Dairy Barn, Kay County

The Bennie L. Aupperle Dairy Barn, located in the vicinity of Newkirk in Kay County, is significant for its architectural style. It is a distinctive dairy barn that has been well-maintained since its date of construction in about 1934. The barn is Kay County's best example of a pre-World War II-era dairy barn exhibiting characteristics of family dairy farming as it existed before mechanization and the subsequent rise of large commercial dairies. By the early 1950s most dairy farms, including this one, had fully mechanized. Mechanization of dairy farming eventually necessitated an increase in the size of individual operations, which made barns like this example completely obsolete by the 1970s.



Aupperle Dairy Barn. Photo: SHPO



The Elmer Barn. Photo: SHPO

The Elmer Barn, Texas County

The Elmer Baker Barn, located in the vicinity of Hooker in Texas County, is significant for its architectural style. It is one of the oldest and best-preserved examples of a large Transverse-crib barn dating to the state's Territorial period found in Northwest Oklahoma.

Listing in the National Register is an honorific designation that provides recognition, limited protection and, in some cases, financial incentives for these important properties. The SHPO identifies, evaluates, and nominates properties for this special designation.

For detailed information, contact Lynda Ozan at 405/522-4478 or email lozan@okhistory.org.

OHS Website Update

Now it is easier than ever to locate the resources of the Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) for your research topic on the web. When you visit the OHS website at www.okhistory.org, use the search box in the top right corner of any page to search for articles, videos, records, and more.

This single search box will explore not only the OHS website, but also the Oklahoma Encyclopedia of History & Culture, Oklahoma's listings in the National Register of Historic Places, The Chronicles of Oklahoma, OHS videos on YouTube, and the Gateway to Oklahoma History.

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in Perry at the Statewide Preservation Conference.

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June 6

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Annual Preservation Awards
June 7

Oklahoma Statewide Thematic Barn Survey

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is currently working with cosponsors to complete multiple architectural/historic surveys across the state. One of these initiatives is an ongoing statewide survey of barns. This thematic survey is being conducted in partnership with the Oklahoma State University Department of Geography. The survey is being accomplished in five phases. Currently, the fourth phase is underway in Northeastern Oklahoma and will be completed in September 2013. The three completed portions are Southwestern Oklahoma (2010), Northwestern Oklahoma (2011), and Central and South Central Oklahoma (2012). The survey reports are available online <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/thematics.htm>.

The results of each phase consist of a detailed report, forms, photographs, and mapping of each property studied. The materials are on file with the SHPO and are being added to the SHPO's online database <http://www.ocgi.okstate.edu/shpo/>. The survey is designed to collect a sampling of barns across each county with the goal of documenting approximately 10 barns in each county. To date Dr. Bays has surveyed 47 of Oklahoma's 77 counties and collected information on nearly 700 barns. With the three phases there are patterns emerging about the types of agricultural buildings constructed across the state. This survey has helped to produce two National Register of Historic Places nominations, with one more in progress. The project will continue to provide a guide for evaluating barns throughout the state. The final phase of the survey should be completed by the fall of 2014.

This project was identified as a priority in the SHPO's annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant application to the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The SHPO funds 60% of project costs from the HPF, and its cosponsors provide the remaining 40%.

Surveys are preformed to identify, record, and evaluate resources for their National Register of Historic Places eligibility. Also, information collected through surveys form the basis of effective local and statewide preservation programs. The SHPO designs thematic and other types of surveys on the basis of the statewide preservation plan and public input and seeks cosponsors through requests for proposals.

Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Designated THPO

The Director of the National Park Service (NPS) has formally approved the proposal of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma to assume certain State Historic Preservation Officer duties within the tribe's trust lands in Oklahoma. Section 101(d)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act (the Act) authorizes this special designation.

The Tribe has assumed formal responsibility for review of Federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the Act. In addition, they have assumed all of the other SHPO functions set out in the Act with the exceptions of assisting in the certification of local governments and assisting in the evaluation of Investment Tax Credit rehabilitation projects.

The tribe's THPO is:

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With this designation, fifteen (15) Oklahoma tribal governments now have formal THPO status, including the Absentee Shawnee, Caddo Tribe, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Choctaw Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Comanche Nation, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, Seneca Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town, and Wyandotte Nation.

For more information about the role of tribal governments in the federal historic preservation program and for a complete list of Oklahoma's THPOs, visit the SHPO's website at <http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/tribalconsultation.htm>.

For a complete list of the tribes that have assumed SHPO functions nationwide, visit the NPS website at http://grants.cr.nps.gov/THPO_Review/index.cfm.

Restoration Work Continues on Overholser Mansion



Preservation Oklahoma is honored to call the Henry Overholser Mansion our home. As the stewards of this 110 year old Oklahoma City treasure, we are responsible for the exterior renovation made possible by the generosity of local foundations, corporations, and individuals.

The restoration began in 2008 and we are pleased to announce that we are nearing completion on one of the final phases. For the past six months, Choctaw Stone Works has been carefully and painstakingly removing layers of paint added to the original sand-



stone in the 1970s. Choctaw Stone Works will also be repairing the damage done to the sandstone due to the paint and natural deterioration.

Once this is complete, plans are underway to repair the porches and repaint the soffits. Once these are done, the exterior restoration will be complete and the Overholser Mansion will be restored to its original glory. The Overholser Mansion is open for tours during this process, so please come visit and see the progress being made!

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