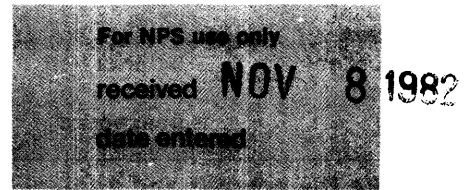


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Corey House/Hotel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North Main at 2nd Street \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Grove \_\_\_ vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~

state Oklahoma code 40 county Delaware code 041

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Pat Little (and two sisters) Jodawn Bell June Evinger

street & number 3013 S 58 3421 West Moark 407 South Grand

city, town Fort Smith \_\_\_ vicinity of state Arkansas 72903

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Clerk

street & number Delaware County Courthouse

city, town Jay state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes \_\_\_ no

date 1981 \_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

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## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Corey House was built in 1899, the Corey Hotel (three feet to the south) in 1909. Both are two-story frame affairs, roughly alike in size (the house 28 x 39 feet, the hotel 24 x 36 feet). A gingerbreaded porch ties them together on the East. Outside walls are covered with lapsiding, interior with lathe and plaster.

The house has living room, dining room, kitchen, and one bedroom downstairs, two bedrooms upstairs with a large loft. The adjacent hotel had a lobby, dining room, and two bedrooms downstairs, six bedrooms on the second floor. Stairs faced the center front door in both buildings. Interesting "preservation" note: Windows in the hotel's upstairs windows still have their iron ring, screwed into the frame, the better to use for tying a sheet onto in case of a fire! The six rooms themselves boast their original beds, dressers, and chairs.

A grand-daughter has left this interesting picture of what was involved in running a turn-of-the-century boarding house. "Mother did all the cooking and I waited tables and did other work. We had a well on the porch on the north side of the dining room. We cooked on a wood stove and had a wood stove in the front room. Mother served all the big shots of our county . . . Since there was no refrigeration one of us went to the meat market south of the park square and bought meat each day. Mother made lots of her bread and bought butter from country women. When they came with the butter, my mother would fix them something to eat. Free, of course."

Remarkably, much of this ambience remains because so much of the physical setting for it has survived the ravages of the past three quarters of a century. Inside and out, the Corey House/Hotel has been amazingly well preserved - including the original sign: COREY HOTEL / CLEAN ROOMS 50¢ A NIGHT.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1899 and 1909      **Builder/Architect** C. H. Corey

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Taken together - the Corey House and adjacent Corey Hotel - provided a remarkably authentic picture of small town innkeeping in Oklahoma in the early years of the 20th century. C. H. Corey came to Indian Territory in 1891, built his two-story frame house in 1899. Mrs. Corey promptly made it a boarding house, charging 25 cents for a meal and renting an occasional bed for 50 cents. The food was apparently good. By 1909 business was brisk enough that Mr. Corey built the Corey House a few feet to the south. It, too, was a two-story frame affair, almost identical to his house. The two buildings were operated together by the Corey family as a boarding house/hotel for another 40 years. And they stand today pretty much as they always have, well cared for, many of the rooms boasting original furniture and furnishings.

In the small town of Grove - established in 1889 and still having a population of less than 2,000 - the Corey House/Hotel was a center of social and commercial activity for more than a half century. Strategically located on Main Street, with the depot a block to the north and other businesses to the south, it continued to operate long after most similar establishments had closed shop. In the years that followed retained family ownership, a growing awareness of traditional values, and perhaps a modicum of nostalgic sentimentality, have all conspired to assure its preservation. Today the plan of the three heir/owners is to restore it and make it available to the public as a tribute to their grandparents and an authentic memorial to the turn-of-the-century small town boarding house.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Compiled by Jean E. Bohannon, Exposition Press, 1976.  
Heritage of the Hills - A Delaware County History, Delaware County  
Historical Society, Litho Pringers, Cassville, Mo., 1979.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Grove

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minute

UMT References

A 

1	5	3	4	1	7	4	4	4	0	5	1	1	1	2
Zone	Easting			Northing										

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing										

C 

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Zone	Easting			Northing										

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1-2, Block 17, Grove original plat.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kent Ruth - Deputy

organization Oklahoma Historical Society

date December 1981

street & number Historical Building

telephone 405/884-5456

city or town Oklahoma City

state Oklahoma

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*C. M. Petco*

10/28/82

title

date

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Beth G. Owens*  
Keeper of the National Register

date

12/17/82

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration