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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM



1. Name of Property	
historic name <u>McAllister House</u>	
other names/site number <u>N/A</u>	
2. Location	
street & number 311 North Locust Street city or town Seiling state Oklahoma code OK county Dewe	_ not for publication <u>N/A</u> vicinity <u>N/A</u> ey code <u>043</u>

3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
As the designated authority under the National as amended, I hereby certify that the determination of eligibility meets the properties in the National Register of and professional requirements set forth property X meets does not meet the that this property be considered signal locally. (N/A See continuation sheet)  Signature of certifying official  Oklahoma Historical Society, SHPO State or Federal agency and bureau	documentation standards for registering Historic Places and meets the procedural in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the National Register Criteria. I recommend ificant nationally statewide _X for additional comments.)
Signature of commenting or other official State or Federal agency and bureau	Date
4. National Park Service Certification	
entered in the National Register  See continuation sheet.  determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.  determined not eligible for the National Register  removed from the National Register  other (explain):	Edsan H. Ball 2/27/97
	Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)  _X private public-local public-State public-Federal
Category of Property (Check only one box)  _X building(s)  district  site  structure  object
Number of Resources within Property
Contributing       Noncontributing         2       buildings         sites       structures         objects       Total
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register $N/A$
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter " $N/A$ " if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) $N/A$

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.
Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)
A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or a grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)  Architecture
Period of Significance 1920

8. Statement of Significance (Continued)
Significant Dates N/A
Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
Cultural Affiliation N/A
Architect/Builder unknown
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)
9. Major Bibliographical References
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)
Previous documentation on file (NPS)  preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.  previously listed in the National Register  previously determined eligible by the National Register  designated a National Historic Landmark  recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #  recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #
Primary Location of Additional Data  X State Historic Preservation Office Other State agency Federal agency Local government University Other Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data
Acreage of Property <u>less than one acre</u>
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing  1 14 507030 4000150 3
Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)
11. Form Prepared By
name/title <u>Ms. Catherine P. Wilson; ed. by Jill Marsh, Preservation Research</u> <u>Assistant, OK SHPO</u>
organization date <u>October 16, 1996</u>
street & number 311 North Locust Street telephone (405) 922-4955
city or town <u>Seiling</u> state <u>OK</u> zip code <u>73663</u>
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Continuation Sheets
Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location. A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs
Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)
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#### Summary/Context

The McAllister House is a two-story, textured stucco house built in 1920, and is the only textured stucco Bungalow/Craftsman house remaining in Seiling, Oklahoma. Both the exterior and interior possess a high degree of integrity. Most prominent are the seven gables and fifty-two windows that adorn the home. Located in a residential neighborhood among other single dwellings of various styles built in the late 1930s and early 1940s, the house sits on a large corner lot among one hundred year old Silver Maple, Pecan, and American Elm trees. A unique twelve window sunporch on the rear of the house enhances the backyard. This property is in excellent condition.

# Description

The McAllister House is a two-story house designed in the Bungalow/Craftsman style. Facing Locust Street on the east with a thirty foot wide facade, the exterior walls are covered with a unique and heavy textured stucco pattern. All other stucco houses in Seiling are flat stucco making the McAllister House extremely unique. The house has been painted a light taupe. The fifty-two windows are painted hunter green with a crimson red accent. The house has exposed rafter ends and all of the gable ends have exposed beams.

The house has an asphalt covered cross-gabled roof, with several intersecting cross gables. In all, there are seven gables which make up the roof form. The facade is asymmetrical and has two front facing gables and a porch. The porch, which is covered by the northern most gable, has exposed rafter ends and beams as well has fake half-timbering in the gable end. The porch roof is supported by square pillars which rest on larger piers. There are also low side walls which flank the stairs leading up to the porch, and a wooden balustrade around the north side of the porch. The southern half of the facade contains a large, three-sectioned window, and a small, single window in the apex of the southern gable.

The south elevation also has two gables. The elevation has a series of eight windows in a double, single, double, double, single pattern. All of the windows in the house are one-over-one double hung. There is also a large shed roofed dormer near the west end of the elevation.

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The west elevation (the rear of the house) contains a shed roofed sunporch. The sunporch has a series of 12 windows which surround the porch, making a wall of windows. There is also a three-sectioned window in the gabled end of the second story. There is a single, wooden, paneled door with a large window leading from the sunporch to the back yard.

The north elevation contains two gables, with an exterior chimney on the end wall of the larger of the two gables, with small, high windows on each side of the chimney. The chimney pierces the eave and extends above the roof line. There is another interior chimney on the slope of the western portion of the roof. The gabled end which contains the chimney also has a three-sectioned window on the second-story near the apex of the gable. The smaller of the two gables covers a protruding bay that has a large three-sectioned window on the main level, and a small single window in the apex of the gable. There are two additional, smaller windows located to the west of the protruding bay. On both the north and south elevations there are short, wide basement windows at ground level.

A contributing garage is located behind the house to the southwest. The garage has an asphalt shingle front gabled roof with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends, and the walls are covered with a flat stucco. The overhead doors, located on the north elevation, have been replaced with metal doors.

#### Significant Interior Features

The fourteen room house contains hardwood floors throughout in a "log cabin" pattern, consisting of large squares with a succession of smaller squares inside. However, the floors have been covered with carpet and the wooden floors are not visible. Beautiful beamed ceilings remain in the parlor, formal living room and formal dining room. French doors and a pocket door are added features to this five bedroom house. In the formal living room, a twenty foot wood and glass cabinet built in around the fireplace stands along the south wall. An elegant bevelled mirror hutch with glass cabinet doors remains in the formal dining room. All the woodwork throughout the house is in excellent condition.

#### Alterations

In 1994, the entire house was rewired and replumbed, and new carpet was added throughout. In May of 1995, the kitchen and upstairs bathroom were updated. Both the exterior and interior of the McAllister House are in excellent condition and retain a high level of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and conveys the feeling of its past environment.

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### Summary of Significance

The McAllister House is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its architectural significance as an excellent local example of a Bungalow/Craftsman style home. Although there are several stucco buildings in Seiling, Oklahoma, the McAllister House is the only example of the textured stucco and is therefore unique in Seiling. It was built in 1920 by the prominent McAllister Family of Seiling; James McAllister being the first mayor in the Town of Seiling.

## Historical Background

When the McAllister House was built in 1920, it was the most expensive house being built at the time. Together Pat and Belva McAllister used the \$10,000 she had received from the military for the loss of her first husband during World War I to build the fourteen room home. Interviews with Ms. Josephine Goss, a neighbor to the McAllister's for over fifty years, and Mr. Ernie Hussman a personal friend of the McAllister's for over sixty years, stated that the McAllister House is the second finest home in Seiling. A pond was built in the backyard for Belva McAllister. She was thrilled about this pond and wanted some goldfish. Mr. Hussman and a buddy surprised her by putting goldfish in the pond. The cement pond remains in the backyard today.

Belva McAllister died of cancer and the McAllister House was sold to Lillie Perkins in the early 1940s. Ms. Perkins ran the six bedroom home as a boarding house until 1985. Ms. Perkins died in September of 1994, with the current owners having purchased the home the month earlier, in August of 1994.

### Architectural Significance

The McAllister House is an outstanding example of a Bungalow/Craftsman style home. It is the only two-story textured stucco home in Seiling. There are 378 dwellings in Seiling, of which 50 are stucco homes. All the stucco homes are "flat" stucco, one-story, two bedroom homes. The artistry in building a stucco home has become extinct in the Seiling area. No stucco homes have been built in Seiling since the 1940s. Thus, the architectural significance of the McAllister House is of great importance to the Seiling area being the only two-story textured stucco home in the Town of Seiling.

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"Spanning the River", Dewey County Historical Society text, Volume I and II.

- Ms. Josephine Goss (born 1900), 310 North Locust Street, Seiling, Oklahoma, Neighbor to McAllister's for over 50 years. Interview July 1996 by Catherine Wilson.
- Mr. Ernie Hussman (born 1900), 109 North Locust Street, Seiling, Oklahoma, Personal friend to McAllister's for over 60 years. Interview July 1996 by Catherine Wilson.

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# Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 1 and 25 feet North in Lot 2, Block 9, First Addition Town of Seiling, Section 5, Township 19, Range 16.

# Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the McAllister House.