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**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 ****

Spaulding-Olive-Bagwell House

AND/OR COMMON

"Magnolia"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

601 S.E. Adams

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Idabel

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 3

STATE

Oklahoma

CODE

40

COUNTY

McCurtain

CODE

089

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Tom Bagwell

STREET & NUMBER

601 S.E. Adams

CITY, TOWN

Idabel

VICINITY OF

STATE

Oklahoma

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

McCurtain County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Idabel

STATE

Oklahoma

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Special Magnolia Survey

DATE

1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

Oklahoma

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED basically	<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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Magnolia," the gracious colonial home Judge Spaulding built in 1910 and the Tom Bagwells have now restored, is quite typical in style and certainly not overly pretentious ... at least by post-Civil War, Deep South standards. It is, however, quite impressive for its time and place ... early statehood years in the old Choctaw Nation.

Basically, the white frame house is a two-story, 50 x 30-foot shell, highlighted by a classic portico, supported by four massive Doric columns and topped by a balustrade. The roof line is broken by three plain dormers. The main floor features a large entrance hall that contains the stairway. The living room and dining room are to the left; a large den is on the right. The kitchen area is beyond the entrance foyer. The second floor, its space juggled somewhat now to accommodate present-day needs and amenities, contains three bedrooms and two baths, the stairway leading to the attic, and a generous hall/balcony area.

The Olive family made some improvements after they bought the house in 1946, but the most important changes have been made by the Bagwells since 1972. However, a balcony across the rear of the house is the principal exterior change. Inside the main alteration has been the opening of the stairway to provide greater space of the Bagwells' glassware collections. Also added were such "functional" things as new wiring, plumbing, insulation, and a third bath.

Otherwise, an effort has been made to preserve both the substance of the original house and its spirit. The only floor coverings, for example, are carpets in areas such as kitchen, laundry and baths where coverings had previously existed. All other floors, still in excellent condition, are of the original polished oak. The two-story portico columns are new, but only because the originals were destroyed in a storm. In woodwork, draperies and furnishings the present owners have tried to capture much of the flavor of the old in their restoration.

The same holds true with the exterior and the grounds. "Magnolia," as they have renamed the old home, is nestled among huge red and post oaks, hickory, pecan and cherry trees, some of which were undoubtedly on the full-block site when Judge Spaulding built the house. To them the Bagwells have added magnolia, redbud, dogwood, and holly, along with wisteria, crepe myrtle, rose bushes, and other plants and shrubs indigenous to southeastern Oklahoma. They have also restored the one-time servants' quarters (converting it into a guest house), added an authentic gazebo, and refurbished an old fountain.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 **1910 to present**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Spaulding-Olive-Bagwell House - a handsome example of Southern Colonial architecture, now restored to its original turn-of-the-century elegance - has been closely associated with several well known families in this southeastern corner of the old Choctaw Nation, as well as with the social and political life of the region.

Federal Judge George A. Spaulding, a native of New York, came to Kansas as a young man. He was admitted to the practice of law in that state in 1881 and to the U. S. Supreme Court in 1902. He moved to Indian Territory in 1896 and two years later he was appointed U. S. Commissioner, a position he filled in several Choctaw Nation locations until 1907. After statehood he opened a law office, with another judge, in Idabel, continuing that practice until 1917 when, again as U. S. Commissioner, he was based in Ardmore.

Mrs. Spaulding's family also played a role in the development of this area, before and after statehood. Her father, Francis D. Taaffe, of Choctaw blood, was with the U. S. Geological Survey in 1897. From 1900-1902, as a surveyor, he helped the Arkansas and Choctaw Railroad, now a Frisco branch. For the rest of his life he served in a variety of surveying and engineering jobs at the county, state and federal level. Spaulding built this house in 1910 and until he left Idabel it was one of the town's social centers. (He died in 1930, but some of his family live in Idabel today.)

The Richard Olive family owned the house from 1946 to 1972, when it was purchased by the present owners. Tom Bagwell is medical supervisor for the Weyerhaeuser Company. Betty Bagwell, a teacher, was long associated with the McCurtain County school system. Both are active in the community, interested in history and the preservation of the county's rich cultural heritage. (He was first president of the McCurtain County Historical Society.) They promptly began an ambitious restoration program and it is now virtually complete, inside and out. With its period furnishings - some items closely associated with early-day county families - the house again serves as a community gathering place.

Francis D. Taaffe 1810-1897
Idabel 1946-1972
1917-1946

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Carter, W. A., McCurtain County and Southeastern Oklahoma, Idabel, 1923, pp. 243-245
 Green, Len, "Historic Idabel Home Being Reclaimed," McCurtain Gazette, July 23, 1975

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY c. 3 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1.5	33.1	710	710	3.7	5.1	7.1	0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING					
C					D							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kent Ruth, Deputy

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN

Oklahoma City

DATE

September 1975

TELEPHONE

405/884-5456

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

Don W. Steen

TITLE

DATE

FEB 20 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

9/28/91

ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

9/27/76

ATTEST

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER