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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

~~Robert M. McFarlin House~~ McFarlin, Robert M., House

AND/OR COMMON

Robert M. McFarlin House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1610 S. Carson

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Tulsa

VICINITY OF

#1

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Oklahoma

40

Tulsa

143

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCormack

STREET & NUMBER

1610 S. Carson

CITY, TOWN

Tulsa

VICINITY OF

STATE

Oklahoma

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

500 Civic Center

CITY, TOWN

Tulsa

STATE

Oklahoma

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey, Tulsa Historic Preservation Office In-
ventory

DATE

1977-1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Oklahoma Historical Building

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

Oklahoma

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two story brown brick Robert M. McFarlin House, located in the Riverview Historic District, is constructed of reinforced concrete. A balustraded stone portico on the east elevation is supported by six Doric columns. The east elevation also features stone lintels and keystones above ground floor windows and doors. The red tiled hip roof has copper gutters and downspouts.

Four ground floor rooms are paneled in walnut salvaged from a St. Louis bank. Fireplaces and basement floors are marble; ground floors oak parquet, except for ceramic tiled kitchen and breakfast room floors. Walls and ceiling of the breakfast room, designed by Briton Robert Adams, are faced with blue wedgewood pottery. Most of the original brass hardware, light fixtures and beveled glass remain, as does the hand painted French wallpaper in the upstairs hall. Two white tiled bathrooms with original fixtures, including pedestal basins and a ten nozzled shower, suggest a luxury uncommon to pre-1920 houses.

Banks of fuses (over 1500 amps) power the built-in Frigidaire and beer cooler (both still operational) and once provided ampage to recharge the McFarlins' electric automobile. Also on the property is a two story garage built at the same time as the house and of the same construction.

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
<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
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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
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<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 1918

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Barnett-Haynes-Barnett

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Robert M. McFarlin House, built in 1918, is significant for its association with one of Tulsa's leading businessmen and civic leaders as well as its architectural excellence and fine craftsmanship. It was one of the first reinforced concrete residences in the southwest.

Robert McFarlin, with his nephew James A. Chapman, formed the McMan Oil Company which had one of the most successful operations in the fabulous Glenn Pool oil field. In 1910, McFarlin, with Harry Sinclair and other oilmen, organized the Exchange National Bank of Tulsa (now the Bank of Oklahoma). Predictably, the Exchange was primarily an oil bank, providing financing for oil ventures when more conservative financial institutions hesitated. The Exchange also offered incentives such as building sites to oil companies that headquartered in Tulsa, thus playing an important part in the development of Tulsa as the Oil Capital of the World.

McFarlin's ability to take decisive action is illustrated by the following incident. On April 25, 1920, a mob of depositors gathered in front of the closed doors of the American National Bank, across the street from the Exchange. McFarlin went out, climbed atop an automobile and assured the worried depositors that they could bring their passbooks into his bank and receive the full amount owed them. The banks were not affiliated in any way and McFarlin knew, as did knowledgeable onlookers, that he was risking financial ruin. Fortunately, his confident assurances calmed the depositors and few took him up on the offer. McFarlin also served Tulsa as President of the Chamber of Commerce and as a leading fund raiser for local schools and service organizations.

Since 1969, the house has been both a photographic studio and a residence. This use of the house and its grounds as photographic backdrops has undoubtedly contributed to its largely unaltered condition. Only the kitchen has been substantially altered. The basement is used for the photo lab and the now finished attic provides storage.

The St. Louis firm of Barnett-Haynes-Barnett designed both the house and a downtown commercial building, now known as the McFarlin Building.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Tulsa Sunday World, 4 May 1969

The McMan, The Lives of Robert M. McFarlin and James A. Chapman; by Odie B. Faulk, James H. Thomas, Carl N. Tyson; University of Oklahoma Press; pp 119, 121-123

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Tulsa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 230900 4003310
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

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H [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Stonebraker Heights, Block 6, Lot 3

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Tulsa Historic Preservation Office staff; Jan Jennings Sparks, director

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Tulsa Historic Preservation Office

October 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

411 South Denver

918/585/2681

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Tulsa

Oklahoma

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

*State
call
1-22-79*

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

TITLE

Larry L. Dombrowski

DATE

11-27-78

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1-25-79

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Marella Shuff

DATE

1-23-79

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The McFarlin Building, located in Tulsa's Central Business District, is listed in the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory. The Robert M. McFarlin House is the only one in Tulsa associated with McFarlin and was lived in by his daughter and son-in-law following Mr. and Mrs. McFarlins' move to Texas in 1922 for health reasons. The McFarlins returned to the house in 1946 to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.