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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

Terry House

AND/OR COMMON

Woodson House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Terry Hill

CITY, TOWN

Poteau

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

003

STATE

Oklahoma

CODE

40

COUNTY

LeFlore

CODE

079

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. Earl Woodson

STREET & NUMBER

Terry Hill

CITY, TOWN

Poteau

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

OK

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

LeFlore County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Poteau

STATE

OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1979

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

OK

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

Placed on a high hill overlooking Poteau, Oklahoma, rests the Terry/Woodson house. Built of mitered red brick from Coffeyville, Kansas, this three-story structure with full basement attracts the attention of all who pass through the area. The exterior has not been significantly changed since its construction; the interior, however, has gone through several changes.

All windows are double-hung sash and they are based on stone lintels. The roof is hipped and is broken by the protrusion of three pedimental dormers. The house has two main chimneys running from the basement through the roof.

The front of the house is what attracts most people's eyes. Six two-story hollow wood Corinthian columns adorn the center section of the porch. Above them is the typical classical element—the entablature. A balcony with balustrade breaks the vertical sweep of the columns at the second floor. A door pierces both the first and second floor of the front. The lower door, the main entrance, is framed by sidelights and transoms.

To each side of this central porch area is an almost circular porch. These are also two stories high but are made up of the basement and first story. The former is the brick foundation of the porch and is pierced by windows that extend from the ground to the porch floor. The first story section is open and is supported by five graceful Ionic columns with bases. No dentils are found here and the top and bottom are adorned by a banister.

On the southwest side of the house is a protrusion decorated by several cement Ionic columns. The white section at the rear of the house was a later addition for storage space. The roof is covered with Spanish tiles and with tile ridges. The house rests on a solid rock foundation.

The interior of the house was never finished originally. The present owners created most of the interior spaces since they purchased the house in 1942. There are six bedrooms on the second floor and two more on the first floor. The rest of the first floor is comprised of a formal living room, a living room, bathrooms, and a dining room and kitchen. The entire basement area is a game room with a bathroom, bar, pool room, and kitchen.

The view offered from the porch is the most spectacular in the area. The entire plain can be seen as well as the distant Arkansas mountains. A natural stone and metal fence provides a break between the crown of the hill where the house sits and the slope down to the city below. A series of steps continues from the porch down the slope of the hill to a level area below.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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 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

1913-

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

George W. Terry

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure is significant because of its unusual architecture for the area and because of its recognition as a local landmark. It was built by an eccentric banker, George W. Terry, who came to the area shortly after statehood. Construction was started in 1913 during a boom period in the southeastern corner of the state of Oklahoma. However, George Terry died in 1918 and only the hull of the building was completed.

Another eccentric, Mr. Pemberton, a baker, purchased the house in approximately 1926. He completed the chimneys and ceilings but could not really afford the house because of the large number of people in his family.

Sometime between the period of Pemberton's ownership and the present ownership, the house was divided into apartments and rented as individual dwelling units. Still not much was done to the inside.

When Dr. Woodson and his wife purchased the property in 1942, they created the present interior space. The only later addition here has been the replacement of the original stairway from the first to the second floor with a smaller elliptical one in 1950.

When President Kennedy visited the area in the early 1960s, the entire Washington Press with him were graciously quartered here by the Woodsons.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY under 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Poteau West, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 | 35 | 14 | 6 | 10 | 38 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 10

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 115 Lot 4 Poteau, OK

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

Diane Everman Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

DATE

August, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Oklahoma State University

TELEPHONE

405-624-5678

CITY OR TOWN

Stillwater

STATE

OK

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

Glenn Jordan

TITLE

DATE

4/10/80

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4/27/80

ATTEST: *Pete Grosvenor*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

4/25/80