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TERRITORIAL HOMES OF CHANDLER - R

2. Conklin House (No. 2 on Sketch Map and Photos #7-11)

Location: 206 West 8th St.
Chandler, OK 74834

Owner of Property: Mr. & Mrs. Grover Gregory
206 West 8th
Chandler, OK 74834

Description: The Conklin House is a 2½ story, three bay, white clapboard dwelling situated in its own grounds in a residential district in the City of Chandler. The building has a hipped roof with two intersecting cross gables with dormer windows. The dormer sides and typanum are covered in fish scale shingles. A veranda supported by twelve Tuscan order columns runs around the south and east sides of the building.

On the front or south side of the building, the veranda is incorporated into a two tier portico. The upper level of the portico is supported by two paired Tuscan order columns which forms a balcony. A railing with turned wooden posts surrounds the balcony. A wooden framed door with central glass panel and two side window lights leads onto the balcony. On either side of the balcony is a 1/1 wooden double-hung sash window. The first story has a wooden framed entrance door with single paned window lights and a four paned transom. A triple 1/1 double-hung sash window is to the left of the door and a single 1/1 double-hung wooden sash window to the right.

The west side of the building has a two story bay window which is supported by two brick columns on the lower level. The lower story bay has a 1/1 wooden double-hung sash window on each of the three sides, the upper bay is squarer in shape and has a 1/1 double-hung sash window on the two sides and two 1/1 wooden double-hung sash windows on the front panel. Underneath the upper bay are decorative wooden brackets. Also on the west side are three single 1/1 wooden double-hung sash windows of varying sizes.

The rear side of the house has a wooden framed back door with a covered porch leading into the yard. The porch has a hipped roof and is supported by five turned wooden posts and has a low wooden railing. There are six 1/1 double-hung wooden sash windows located on the rear side of the house.

The east side of the house has a wooden framed side door with a glass central panel and transom. There are three 1/1 wooden double-hung sash windows on the lower level and three on the upper level.

There are two ornate brick chimney stacks located to the rear of the west and east dormers. The side dormers each have one fixed paned, wooden framed window. The facade dormer has three fixed paned, wooden framed windows.

Statement of Significance: The Conklin Home is both historically and architecturally significant because: (1) it is one of the oldest dwellings in Chandler having been constructed in 1905, two years prior to Oklahoma statehood, and (2) it is one of the oldest and finest examples of Colonial Revival architecture in Chandler.

The property was built by E. L. Conklin, one of the most influential individuals in Chandler. He served as agent to the Sac and Fox Indians and was also prominent in the Union National Bank of Chandler. According to local residents, it was considered to be the most impressive residence in Chandler during the early statehood years. Prominent

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politicians, including the governor of Oklahoma, visited the Conklins while they lived there. Over the years it has continued to house prominent citizens including attorneys and physicians.

Several Colonial Revival features were applied to the dwelling including the two-story projecting portico supported by paired Tuscan order columns at each level, heavy entablature with plain frieze, sidelights flanking entry door and front window, white horizontal siding, and two-story bay window on west side. The encircling veranda porch, decorative typanum above portico, and ornately formed chimney stacks provide further decorative elements characteristic of Colonial Revival vocabulary.

The house is currently under restoration and will be used as a single-family residence enhancing its historical continuity. Great care has been taken to preserve the architectural integrity of this 79 year old home.

Quadrangle Name: Chandler, Oklahoma

Scale: 7.5 minutes

UTM: 14/691610/3952830

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 20-22, Block 44, Original Townsite of Chandler, OK.