United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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Registration Form

Note: Registration Form

If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

Name of Property	
nistoric name Sheets House	
other names/site number "The Pink House"	
2. Location	
street & number 1350 W Peckham Road	not for publication
city or town Newkirk	x vicinity
state Oklahoma code OK county Kay	
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
As the designated authority under the National Historic Pre	servation Act as amended
for registering properties in the National Register of Historic requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.	
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Title	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Re	egister criteria.
Signature of commenting official	Date
Title	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government
4. National Park Service Certification	
I, hereby, pertify that this property is:	
entered in the National Register	determined eligible for the National Register
determined not eligible for the National Register	removed from the National Register
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5. Classification					
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)			
x private public - Local public - State public - Federal	X building(s) district site structure object	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 7 1 8	buildings district site structure object Total	
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6. Function or Use					
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		Current Function (Enter categories from			
Domestic: single dwelling		Domestic: single	dwelling		
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7. Description					
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	i e	Materials (Enter categories from	m instructions)		
Late Victorian: Queen Anne		foundation: sto	one		
		roof: asphalt other:			

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Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Sheets House, at 1350 West Peckham Road, is a modest two-story vernacular Queen Anne style residence on the outskirts of Newkirk, Oklahoma. Built around 1898, the home is located atop a gently rolling hill on the western edge of the community. Originally sited on a quarter section of land, today the property consists of just less than two acres. The house is bordered on the north by a wooded area and vacant agricultural land, on the east and the west by other residential properties on small acreages, and on the south by Peckham Road, a two lane, undivided, paved road. There is no fence surrounding the property. The Sheets House is a locally significant farm house related to the early days of settlement in Kay County following the Cherokee Strip Land Opening in 1893.

Narrative Description

The Sheets House is a two-story vernacular Queen Anne style residence clad in wood clapboard siding, built around 1898. The Sheets House has an asphalt shingle roof with fish scale shaped green replacement shingles. The house has a wide cornice board and narrow roof overhang. Cruciform in plan, with a steep cross gabled roof, the Sheets House has numerous large porches with spindled, wooden balustrades. The gabled ends have four courses of fish scale shingles dividing the gable from the main plane of the house. There are historic single story additions on the northeast and northwest sides of the house. Unless otherwise noted, the original wood windows have been replaced with one-over-one vinyl replacement windows. All windows have wooden sills and lintels. The lintels have a triangular pediment. The house has aluminum guttering, painted to match the roof, and a rusticated stone foundation.

The south façade of the Sheets Houses faces Peckham Road and is dominated by a front facing gable and wrap-around porch. This façade consists of the top portion of the cruciform shape of the house. On the west side of the façade, there is a single one-over-one window on each floor. There is a large wooden picture window with stained glass transom on the south wall of the "t" projection. On the second floor, above the picture window, are double, one-over-one windows. On the far, east side of this façade, there is a secondary entrance to the residence. It is a single, wood slab door with a single oval leaded glass pane. Above this entry on the second floor is a single, one-over-one window. The front wrap-around porch extends from the western edge of the top of the "t" to the secondary entrance on the far right side of the façade. It has a deck roof covered in the same composition shingles used on the rest of the roof. The porch has a wooden floor, posts, and balustrade. This porch is only accessible on the south side via stone steps. There are rough stepping stones leading from the street to the porch.

The east façade contains the house's primary entrance. On the south side of this façade, there is a single, one-over-one window above the first floor porch. Along the shorter leg of the "t", there is a secondary entrance to the home consisting of double, wooden French doors. Above the doors, is a pair of one-over-one windows. The primary entrance is located on the north side of this façade. It is a single wood slab door with a single oval leaded glass pane. This entrance is located within a single story porch with a deck roof. The roof extends over a single story addition located on the northeast corner of the house that consists of a butler's pantry. A small, single one-over-one window is located to the right of the primary entry, as well on the east wall of the butler's pantry. This porch also has a wooden floor, posts, and balustrade. There is no step leading to the porch. On the second floor, there is an additional exterior door that opens out onto the top of the first floor porch from the master suite. There is no balustrade on this balcony area.

The north façade is dominated by the two story gable end of the cruciform plan. The single story additions on the north corners of the house are also visible. Unlike the single story addition on the north east side, the addition on the northwest side has a half hipped roof. In the center of the façade, along the gable end of the house, there is a single one-over-one window on the first and second floors. On the far right (west) side of the façade, there is an additional secondary entrance with a modern storm door.

The single story addition on the northwest side of the house contains a single one-over-one window along its far right (south) side. On the second floor, above this addition, there is a single one-over-one window located along the center of the wall. Continuing south along this façade on the short leg of the "t", there is a single one-over-one window on each floor. On the far south side of this façade, there is a single one-over-one window on the first floor.

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Other Resources Located on the Grounds of the Sheets House:

- Pole barn. Non-contributing. Ca 2000. Large gable front metal pole barn with sliding doors. Large shed roof addition on the west side.
- 2. Play fort, Non-contributing. Ca 2005. Modern wooden play fort with slide and other attachments.
- Storage building. Non-Contributing. Ca 2005. Built atop the historic root cellar. Single story building with a
 gabled roof. Wood clapboard siding. Entry on the north with paneled wood door with a single large glazed pane.
 Elaborate wood door surround. 4/4 imitation light vinyl window on west façade. 4/4 imitation divided light vinyl
 window on south façade.
- 4. Merry go round, Non-Contributing. Date unknown. Metal tee-pee shape merry go-round.
- 5. Carport. Non-contributing. Ca 2000. Open metal carport built to match pole barn.
- 6. Clothesline. Non-contributing. Ca 1960. Metal t-posts with clothesline run between the posts.
- 7. Dog kennel. Non-contributing. Ca 2000. Four foot chain link rectangular dog enclosure.
- 8. Goldfish pond. Non-contributing. Ca 2000. Modern black vinyl pond insert with rock surround.

Alterations/Additions

The Sheets House has sheltered numerous occupants since its construction at the end of the nineteenth century. On the interior, the layout has been significantly altered to adapt to the changing needs of its owners. Modern bathrooms and cooking facilities have been added. But care has been taken to preserve any existing woodwork and to match original woodwork when possible. With the exceptions of the single story additions on the north side of the house, the basic shape has remained intact however. Most likely, these single floor additions were added to the house more than fifty years ago to provide additional functional space for its occupants. Other important alterations include the replacement of the historic wood windows, as well as the original doors. However, new windows and doors are in original placement, with original or like trim. The new asphalt roof was chosen to mimic a historic roofing material and shape, common for use on Queen Anne style residence. However, one of the most significant alterations has been to the setting of the property. Originally located on 160 acres, this home that would have been isolated on a large expanse of agricultural land is now virtually surrounded by newer residential properties and a fairly busy road. However, because it sits atop a modest hill and is surrounded by older trees, the residence still seems set apart and somewhat sheltered from the outside world. Its historical form remains recognizable despite some alterations to materials and setting, and as such retains a high degree of historic integrity.

Period of Significance (justification)

within the past 50 years.

a commemorative property.

a cemetery.

This date reflects the construction period of the residence, as suggested by best available historical documentation. This period reflects the architectural significance of the residence.

Architect/Builder

unknown

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

less than 50 years old or achieving significance



Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria)

The Sheets House is a locally significant example of territorial style Queen Anne architecture. Since its construction by early homesteaders around 1898, this residence, known locally as the "pink house," has been virtually unaltered on the exterior. The Sheets House is a local landmark and is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, for its architecture.

Narrative Statement of Significance (provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance)

The Sheets House is an outstanding local example of the Queen Anne style, popular across the United States from 1880 to 1910. This residence retains the distinctive characteristics of the Queen Anne style including the steeply pitched roof with a dominant front-facing gabled, patterned shingles, and a wraparound porch with elaborate spindle work.

Queen Anne style homes are characterized by their distinctive shape and/or decorative detailing. The Sheets House is an example of the cross-gabled roof shape of the Queen Anne style. This shape was less common across the country and is usually found in an I-shape, not a T-shape, making this house an even rarer example. As explained in A Field Guide to American Houses, crossed gabled examples must be accompanied by other details in order to identify the style. In terms of other details, the Sheets House possesses decorative spindle work, the most common form of elaboration on Queen Anne style residences. As with most Queen Anne homes, the spindle work on the Sheets House is found on the porch balustrades. Spindle work is rare in Newkirk examples of the Queen Anne style. The free classic subtype is most common in the community. The shape and decorative details found on the Sheets House clearly identify it as belonging to the Queen Anne style of architecture.

Some have claimed the Newkirk possesses the "most intact streetscape" in the state of Oklahoma. Residential properties in Newkirk date back as far the mid -1890s. There are examples of all the major late nineteenth and early twentieth architectural styles. The Queen Anne style was extremely popular for residential construction in Newkirk and vicinity in these early days of settlement. Within a several mile radius of the subject property, there are at least a dozen examples of the style, including at least three of the most popular shape of Queen Anne style home, houses with a hipped roof with lower cross gables and a tower. These properties range in size and vary greatly in materials, but the basic Queen Anne characteristics are found time and again. Despite the existence of some remarkable architectural treasures, the majority of residential properties dating to the earliest period in Newkirk's history have been significantly altered, with the application of non-historic materials or with overwhelming additions. The most common alteration is certainly the application of vinyl siding. This is such a frequent alteration that there are very few wood frame houses in the community that do not have vinyl siding. This is especially true for Queen Anne style homes. Although there are stylistically more "interesting" examples of the Queen Anne style in Newkirk, the Sheets House remains by far the best example of this architectural style retaining its historic integrity.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

Newkirk is located in northern Kay County, just south of the Kansas state line in north central Oklahoma. Newkirk and Kay County were part of the so-called "Cherokee Outlet" -- the area of land guaranteed to the Cherokee Nation by the federal government to provide access to their ancestral hunting grounds in the west. The land was also home to other Native American tribes, including the Nez Perce, the Tonkawa, and the Ponca, peoples forcibly removed to the area in the 1800s. The land was desirable for grazing purposes during the era of the great cattle drives. Initially, ranchers grazed their herds without compensating the tribes, but eventually, a price per head rental was paid. In 1873, the Cherokee Strip Cattlemen's Association was formed and the entire area was leased by the Association from the tribes. Although it had been given in perpetuity, increasing pressure from white settlers in the 1880s led to the opening of the Cherokee Outlet for settlement in the Cherokee Strip land run in September 1893. The government paid the Cherokees \$8,300,000 for the land, also purchasing excess land in the reservations of the Nez Perce and Tonkawa. Prior to the opening, the land was surveyed and broken into seven, lettered counties. Kay County was initially "K" county, and Newkirk was platted as the county seat.



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The new town grew quickly after the land opening, with numerous businesses, professional services, and access to rail transportation via the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe. Besides commercial services, Newkirk benefitted from rich agricultural and grazing lands, as well as proximity to numerous oil fields. The resulting wealth can be seen in numerous commercial and residential properties throughout the community

The property on which the Sheets House is located was settled around 1898 by John Sheets, his wife and family. Mr. Sheets was born in lowa and identified himself in the 1900 federal census as a farmer. The date of his arrival in Oklahoma is unclear, but he did not participate in the Cherokee Strip land run in 1893. Instead, in March 1898, John Sheets filed the documents to homestead this quarter section of Section 22 at the federal land office in Perry. The best surviving documentation indicates that the house was built during this time, around 1898. Five years later, after fulfilling the homestead requirements. Mr. Sheets received the patent deed for the property. Shortly thereafter, he sold the property for \$10,000 to George Shoemaker and moved his family to Arizona. Nothing is known about Mr. Shoemaker. According to Kay County records, the next property owner was a John Peters. In reviewing census records, there is no evidence of this John Peters ever living in Newkirk. John and his wife, Rika, are identified as living in Michigan in 1900 and in Illinois in 1910. 1920 census data identifies Mrs. Peters as living in Chicago after the death of her husband around 1915. After Mr. Peters' death, Kay County records indicate that Rika Peters inherited the property. The U.S. Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918 show John Peters owning this quarter of Section 22, as well as land in Peckham, Kay County. It appears that Mr. Peters was an absentee landlord who rented the property. His link to the community of Newkirk is unclear. After Rika Peters inherited the property, it was sold to Frederick C. Nietert. Mr. Nietert was born in 1883 in Illinois. He participated in the Cherokee Strip land run in 1893, and homestead 160 acres just north of the Newkirk cemetery. He was a farmer and a dairy man, delivering milk throughout the area. In addition to farming and operating a dairy, Mr. Nietert dabbled in different businesses. He was involved in real estate and oil exploration. According to census records, Mr. Nietert and his family were living in Newkirk by 1900. He is identified as a farmer, who owns a 130 acre farm free of mortgage. By 1920, Mr. Nietert is listed as retired. From descriptions of Mr. Nietert and his family in local histories, it does not seem likely that he actually lived on the premises. Instead, the Sheets House was likely a real estate investment that he rented out to various tenants. Frederick Nietert owned the property until 1937. After that time, the original 160 acres is gradually broken up in to smaller tracts and there are an abundance of different owners, none for any extended duration. In 1997, the home was purchased by Jeffrey and Anna Randol, who undertook an extensive renovation of what is locally known as the "pink house," stabilizing the historic exterior while adapting it to their particular needs.

The Newkirk community possesses numerous commercial and residential properties reflective of the area's history and development. The Sheets House at 1350 W Peckham is significant as the best preserved local example of the cross gabled with spindle work subtype of Queen Anne architecture popular in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. As such, it is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the local level under Criterion C for its architecture.

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Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

A tract of land in the East Half of the SE ¼ of Section 22, Township 28 North, Range 2 East of the Indian Meridian, Kay County, State of Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ thence 625.33 feet west along the south line of said SE ¼ to the point of beginning; thence North and parallel to the east boundary of said SE ¼ a distance of 330 feet; thence West and parallel to the south line of said SE ¼ a distance of 185 feet; thence South and parallel to the east boundary of said SE ¼ a distance of 330 feet to a point on the south line of said SE Quarter; thence East and along the south line of said SE ¼ a distance of 185 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

This includes the extent of property currently associated with the residence.

11. Form Prepared By	
name/title Kelli E. Gaston, architectural historian for the New	kirk Community Historical Society
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Continuation Sheets**
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property:

Sheets House

City or Vicinity:

Newkirk

County:

Kay

State: OK

Photographer: Kelli E. Gaston

Date Photographed: February 18, 2011

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

No.	Subject	Direction	
0001	Front oblique	NW	
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0004	Rear oblique (and outbuildings)	SE	
0005	North elevation	S	
0006	East elevation	W	
0007	Pond	NW	
8000	Additional structures/objects	NE	
0009	Interior trim	W	

Name of Property	County and State
Property Owner:	
(complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)	
name Jeffrey and Anna Randol	
street & number 1350 W Peckham Rd	telephone
city or town Newkirk	state OK zip code 74647

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July 22, 2011

Ms. Carol Shull Acting Keeper of the Register National Park Service 2280, 8th floor National Register of Historic Places 1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW Washington D.C. 20005



Dear Ms. Shull:

We are pleased to transmit four National Register of Historic Places nominations for Oklahoma properties. The nominations are for the following properties:

Knipplemeir Farm, Minco Vicinity, Grady County Sheets House, Newkirk, Kay County Phillips 66 Station #1423, Chandler, Lincoln County Tulsa Civic Center Historic District, Tulsa, Tulsa County

We look forward to the results of your review. If there may be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Lynda B. Schwan of my staff or myself.

Sincerely,

Melvena Heisch
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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Enclosures