

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1** NAME

HISTORIC

The Homestead

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3 miles north of Flagstaff on US 180

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Flagstaff

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Arizona

04

Coconino

005

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Northern Arizona Society of Science and Arts, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

Fort Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Flagstaff,

VICINITY OF

Arizona

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Coconino County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Flagstaff

Arizona

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Arizona State Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1970

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Arizona State Parks Board

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Phoenix

1688 West Adams

Arizona

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

The Homestead is a 2-story, 30 ft. square log saltbox built in 1886. The logs were felled, barked, and adzed by the owner with the assistance of Jim Goodwin. It is believed to be the oldest house in Flagstaff. The white clapboard over the logs was added by McMillan in 1888 when he married.

After McMillan's death, the house deteriorated until it was purchased and restored in 1927 by Dr. Harold S. Colton. The two straddle ridge chimneys for the living and dining room fireplaces remain, but the chimney for the kitchen stove has been removed. The shingle roof has been replaced.

Both the upstairs and downstairs front porches are supported by 6 turned posts. The decorative railing on the upstairs porch has been retained, but its height has been doubled.

The downstairs porch railing has been replaced by stone. The original upstairs front door remains. It has two wood panels below and two arched glass panels above. The first floor door, however, has been replaced by one with three vertical panels topped by 6 square panes.

The 1927 restoration added shutters to all the windows. An upstairs storage room window, which had been sealed, has been restored. A window in the den on the first floor has been converted to a french door.

In the rear of the second floor, a shed dormer has been added to accommodate the bathrooms.

The house was restored again in 1956 by the Museum of Northern Arizona, which now owns it.

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 checked="" 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 1886, 1928, 1956 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Homestead is an attractive 2-story, log saltbox covered with white clapboard and built in 1886 by prominent Flagstaff settler Thomas F. McMillan.

Thomas Forsythe McMillan (1832-1906) was a native of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee and a nephew of the wife of President James K. Polk.

As a young man, McMillan went to California to prospect for gold and then to Australia, where he raised sheep for a few years before returning to California.

In the 1870s he took up land in Flagstaff, becoming the first permanent settler in the area. On a homestead 3 miles north of Flagstaff, he engaged in sheep raising and had about 85 acres under cultivation. In 1888 McMillan married Katherine Donnelly Anderson, a widow in San Francisco who had a seven-year-old son. The McMillans had three children.

McMillan was a prominent local citizen who served as a member of the first Board of Supervisors of Coconino County in 1891 and for several terms thereafter. McMillan had been active in the move (1888-1891) to create Coconino County out of a portion of Yavapai County, which was too large to be easily administered.

Although Flagstaff was not incorporated until 1894, McMillan showed his faith in the town's future by building the Bank Hotel. The hotel was a terminal for the stage to Grand Canyon and the McMillan ranch, where the Homestead is located, was a watering place for the stage. The Homestead was acquired by Dr. Harold S. Colton in 1927 and was donated to the Museum of Northern Arizona in 1946.

Dr. Colton had been a professor of zoology in Pennsylvania but after several trips to Arizona decided to settle in Flagstaff in 1926. He had then already done considerable archaeological work in northern Arizona, and when the founding of a museum was

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM OK
HL

Pioneer

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.2

UTM REFERENCES

A | 12 | 4 | 39 | 6 | 4 | D | 3 | 8 | 99 | 09 | 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D | | | | | | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Marjorie Wilson, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Arizona State Parks Board

STREET & NUMBER

1688 West Adams

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

DATE

3-5-75

TELEPHONE

(602) 271-4174

STATE

Arizona

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.

~~PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE~~ SIGNATURE

Dennis McC...

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE
3-5-75

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

A. R. Montoya

DATE

5/27/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles...

DATE

5-27-75

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

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suggested, he and his wife were among the most active supporters of the new enterprise. Dr. Colton served as director of the museum until he retired in 1958. The land on which the present museum stands was donated by Mrs. Colton and was once part of the McMillan Ranch. The McMillan Homestead was also donated to the museum by Mrs. Colton and serves as a residence for the director.

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