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National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Supplementary Listing Record

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NRIS Reference Number: SG100002219

Date Listed: 3/15/2018

Property Name: Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course

County: Okmulgee

State: OK

This Property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation

Signature of the Keeper

Amended Items in Nomination:

Description:

The two non-contributing buildings, while dating from the period of significance, are categorized as non-contributing due to a loss of integrity resulting from periodic maintenance, alterations, and general deterioration.

The nine, modern (2017) course holes, while maintaining a sense of the historic open landscape of the original course, are considered non-historic features and do not contribute to the historic significance of the property. The original nine-hole course has also seen reconfiguration of certain areas, but generally aligns with the basic original layout and historic character of the circa 1920 course and contributes to the overall significance of the property. Certain changes have been made to allow for 18-hole play. The course is not nominated under Criterion C at this point for its historic design, but serves to convey the historic character of the course.

The OKLAHOMA SHPO was notified of this amendment.

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National Register property file Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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OMB No. 1024-0018 56 10 - 2219

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places 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.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: <u>Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course</u> Other names/site number: <u>Okmulgee Golf Course</u> Name of related multiple property listing:

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing

2. Location

Street & number: 1400 South	n Mission Lane		
City or town: Okmulgee	State: OK	County: _Okmulgee	
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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this \underline{x} nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property \underline{X} meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

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$\underline{X} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} \underline{X} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{D}$	
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Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tril	bal Government
In my opinion, the property meets	_ does not meet the National Register criteria.
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify 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

____ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.) Private:

Public – Local

Public - State

Public - Federal

Category of Property

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Building(s)	
District	X
Site	
Structure	
Object	

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing <u>1</u>	Noncontributing2	buildings
<u> 1 1 </u>	0	sites
2	0	structures
0	0	objects
4	2	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register _____0

6. Function or Use Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

SOCIAL: Clubhouse___ RECREATION AND CULTURE: Sports Facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE: Business

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.) <u>Late 19th and 20th Century American</u> Movements: Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.) Principal exterior materials of the property: <u>Stone</u>

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Located one and one-half miles southeast of downtown Okmulgee, the Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course (OCCGC) are located on the site of a former orchard. Designed by Leon Senter and dedicated in1920, the OCCGC represents the Craftsman style of architecture. Constructed of native sandstone, the rear of the club house has a walkout basement providing access to the course for the golfers from the rear of the facility. OCCGC includes the club house, golf course, tennis courts, and swimming pool. While the facility has been non-operational for the past few years, the complex retains integrity of location, setting, feeling, materials, design, workmanship and association.

Narrative Description Setting

The Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course is located one and half miles south and east of downtown Okmulgee. The Clubhouse is located on the northeast corner and the highest point of

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Club House, contributing, 1920

Overall features of the building include a side gable roof with exposed rafter tails on the long elevations, rusticated masonry, twelve-over-one hung wood windows and two porte-cocheres on the façade. A wrap-around porch on the south elevation includes steps directing people to the golf course. A full walk-out basement on the rear elevation allows golfers to access the course as well.

The façade, east elevation, has a gable front porte-cochere at each corner. The roof is supported by four square wood posts with ornamental rusticated masonry at the base of each post. The end gable has an ornamental bracket while the side gables have exposed rafter tails. Under each porte-cochere is a multi-pane door with side lights that provide access to the interior. Between each porte-cochere are five sets of two, twelve-over-one hung wood windows. Above each window is a twelve-pane transom window.

The east end of the south elevation has a pair of nine-pane basement windows and a set of steps to an exterior below grade basement entry. The west end of the south elevation at the basement level has four sets of six-over-one wood hung windows. At the southwest corner is a set of steps with rusticated masonry knee walls leading to the main level. The main level has an open porch that continues to this elevation from the porte-cochere on the façade. It has rusticated masonry knee walls and a wood balustrade. The porch roof is supported by alternating thin and larger wood square posts that frame four pairs of openings without any screens. The gable end features ornamental brackets at the eaves and a false window with a shed roof awning. The smaller gable front has a single wood ornamental bracket in the gable peak. The gable front portion at the southwest corner has ten eight-over-one wood hung windows. At the center of the steps is a multi-pane wood door.

The rear, west elevation, features the walk-out basement level. In the center of the basement level are two metal frame glass doors. On either side of the doors are three sets of two six-overone hung wood windows. Some of the single bottom panes have been infilled with wood paneling. The southwest corner of the main floor is the continuation of the porch from the south elevation. This section has six, eight-over-one wood hung windows. The main portion of the main floor is a former, but historically enclosed open-air porch. It now has eighteen single pane wood frame windows. Above this are two gable front dormers. Each has ornamental wood brackets in the eaves and under each peak are three small windows sheltered by a shed roof.

The east end of the north elevation at the basement level has a pair of nine-pane windows at the northeast end, two sets of six-over-one wood hung windows, a basement ramp entrance and two sets of six-over-one wood hung windows on the west end of the north elevation. At the northwest corner is a set of steps with rusticated masonry knee walls leading to the main level. The main level has an enclosed porch (originally open) with six pairs of window that continues to this

¹ The Tulsa Daily World, October 3, 1920.

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elevation from the porte-cochere on the façade. It has rusticated masonry knee walls and a wood balustrade. The porch roof is supported by alternating thin and larger wood square posts. The main portion of the main floor is a former, but historically enclosed open-air porch. It now has twelve single pane wood frame windows. The gable end features ornamental brackets at the eaves and a false window with a shed roof awning. The smaller gable front has a single wood ornamental bracket in the gable peak.

Interior:

The ballroom has a plaster box-beamed ceiling. From the ballroom, French doors, topped with transom windows, provide entry to a large hall. In the hallway entrance is an entryway with tapered wall columns with dentil molding. Adjoining the hall between the ballroom and women's living room was the office of the executive secretary. The kitchen adjoins the dining room with built-in cupboards that extend to the ceiling. The women's parlor and the dining room both feature fireplaces with mantles paneled with tile and ivory. A mantle of tile and wood paneling accents the women's living room. The club house historically included smoking rooms and toilets (men's and women's). Also located in the basement were the servants' quarters, a billiard room and a men's grill. A storeroom adjoined the kitchen supply room.²

Alterations:

The north and west porches historically were enclosed and air-conditioned in the early 1950s. In place of open porches, single pane glass windows were installed to create a new exterior wall. The exposed stone of the enclosed porches is still visible.

Golf Course, contributing, 1920

William (Bill) Nichols, the golf pro at the Muskogee Country Club, with assistance from golf professional Willie Brown, designed the Okmulgee Country Club golf course. Nichols was born in Edinburgh Scotland and was a successful golf player in competitive play in Scotland.

Nichol's golf course design sited a nine-hole course with sand greens on the lowlands downhill from the club house. Two small lakes and a grove of trees were incorporated into the natural beauty of the course design. Four more holes with sand greens were added later. Bermuda grass greens were added in 1938 to replace the original sand greens. "Two years earlier, Bob Dunning of Tulsa, helped rebuild the third green with Seaside bent grass. It is one of the few large greens on the course and members hope to enlarge all present greens and change them to Seaside in the not-too-distant future."³ A set of second tees were added in the late 1950s so that all the holes had two teeing grounds. Some of the old tees were also enlarged.

² Okmulgee Daily Times, January 30, 1991 (reprint of Oct. 10, 1920 Special Section) and The Tulsa Daily World, October 3, 1920.

³ 1957 Okmulgee Daily Times column titled, "Golf Report by Wally Wallis

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Name of Property County and State The course summary is as such: Par 36; Yardage 3,442; Course Rating 35; Slope Rating 113; Holes 9.⁴

Alterations:

For many years golfers at the Okmulgee Country Club were tempted with plans to add nine additional holes to the course. However, it wouldn't be until 40 years after the end of the historical period that the Okmulgee Golf Course would finally offer golfers 18 holes of regulation play.

In 2005 The Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course was purchased by a new entity. Plans were announced to not only to expand the course to 18 holes, but to undertake an ambitious gated single-family housing development. To expand the course, 40 acres of additional adjoining wooded land was purchased. After extensive clearing of trees and undergrowth, the holes began to take shape in 2006. The course expansion left the original nine holes unchanged, which have water on 7 of the 9 holes. The new nine holes (10-18) are located on portions of the original 120 acres and the expanded wooded area. The 18-hole "Okmulgee 2" course opened for play in 2017. Inclusive of the original club house and the full 18-hole course, the property is 140.85 acres in size. Carl Higgins served as the golf professional and superintendent, construction foreman and developer of the expanded golf course.⁵

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Okmulgee Country Club Scorecard

The distance information shown in feet. ⁶

⁴ <u>http://www.publicgolfcourses.net/oklahoma/okmulgee/okmulgee-country-</u> <u>club.php?golfcourseinfo=yardage-par-review</u>

⁵ South Central Golf magazine, Volume 14, No. 4 August-September 2007

⁶ http://www.fairwaysandroughs.com/courses/Okmulgee-Country-Club-2294

Tennis Courts, contributing, 1920

The original Country Club exterior grounds included a pair of tennis courts. The tennis courts are located north of the club house but are not currently operational. The tennis court nets have been removed, the edges of the original overlay can be seen, while the center of the courts, now serve as an overflow parking area. Contemporary lighting has been installed.

Swimming Pool, contributing, ca. 1950

In the early 1950s, a \$35,000 swimming pool was added to the club. The pool is irregularly shaped with a graduated entrance at the north end and the deepest portion at the south end. It is surrounded by a concrete patio.

Maintenance Building, non-contributing, ca. 1952

The pool chlorination and filtration building is located adjacent to the pool. It is constructed of concrete block with one entry door and boarded window openings. The gable front building has exposed wood rafters. Windows and door are non-extant.

Equipment Storage Building, Non-contributing, ca. 1952

These are mower and tractor grounds maintenance equipment storage buildings. Two pole barns and two quonset huts abut each other creating one larger building. It is constructed of sheet metal with larger doors for equipment storage.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- X
 A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

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- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location



- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.) Entertainment/Recreation Architecture

Period of Significance

<u>_1920-1967____</u>

Significant Dates

_<u>1920</u>____1938_

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.) N/A_____

Cultural Affiliation

<u>N/A</u>

Architect/Builder

<u>Smith, Rea, Lovitt & Senter</u> (Charles A. Smith, Frank S. Rea, Walter Y. Lovitt and Leon Bishop Senter) William (Bill) Nichols and Willie Brown – golf course

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Okmulgee Country Club is locally significant under Criterion C for its architecture, designed by Leon B. Senter, of the Smith, Rea, Lovitt, and Senter, architectural firm of Kansas City and Okmulgee. The club house building is an exceptional example of a Bungalow/Craftsman design executed in native sandstone on a picturesque natural setting on a gradually sloping hillside. The country club is also significant under Criterion A for its association with the recreation and culture of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. The club house, the nine-hole course laid out on an undulating landscape; and, tennis and croquet courts were all constructed in 1920, which is when the period of significance begins. The period of significance concludes at the end of the historic period, 1967.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Okmulgee County Club, Club House is the only bungalow/craftsman style building designed by Leon Senter in Okmulgee. Opened in 1920, the club house exhibits classical elements of the Bungalow/Craftsman style including the exposed rafter tails under a low pitched roof, ornamental brackets, full-width porch supported by square columns and one-and-one-half stories in height. The columns of the porch and porte-cochere rest upon masonry piers which is an additional feature of this style.

While there are extensive examples of the Bungalow/Craftsman style in Okmulgee, this is the only extant example commercial building designed by Senter in this style. It maintains excellent architectural integrity and is therefore, eligible under Criteria C for its architectural merit.

The Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course is also eligible under Criteria A for Recreation and Entertainment. Organization of a country club was assured when T.D. Harris and J. Belford, bought an orchard located in the east half of the northwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of 17-13-13 in 1919. The 120 acre property was bought on behalf of the Okmulgee Town and Country Club, which had recently been incorporated. The Committee paid \$11,000 for the land. A local newspaper indicated that the organization would proceed to build a club house, lay out a golf course, tennis courts, croquet grounds and other recreation and game features and improve and beautify the grounds of the club. The article also indicated that an experienced golf architect would come to Okmulgee to plan the course and have it ready for play by the Spring.⁷

⁷ Muskogee Times-Democrat. Sat. Feb. 18, 1919.

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After arrangements for the design of the club house building had been made with architect Leon Senter, the founders extended an invitation to all (white) Okmulgee people to join the new club and help finance the construction of the club house. A total of 57 charter members were initially acquired by August 1919, and as of the October 9, 1920 opening of the Club House, there were 240 members. Membership was capped at 250 members.⁸

When the Okmulgee Country Club opened in 1920, no other country-club clubhouses existed in the Okmulgee area of Oklahoma. To-date, no other public golf course has been constructed in Okmulgee. The closest other country club golf courses available at the time were located in Henryetta (13 miles direct distance), Muskogee (34 miles direct distance) and Tulsa, Oklahoma (37 miles direct distance).

Between the booming start of the club to 1957, when the club operated under the name Okmulgee Town and Country Club, the club was reorganized due to an ill-advised expansion and bad management. At that time, plans were announced to add nine additional grass green holes, a new pro shop removed from the present clubhouse and other necessities for a comfortable and enjoyable country club. None of these plans were realized however. In 1957, the local club had 265 members. Members paid a \$125 initiation fee and dues were \$10 per month. Their club had no stock.

The Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course is locally significant in the area of Recreation and Culture as it was the only recreational facility in Okmulgee of this nature. It not only included the club house but also a golf course, croquet and tennis court, and swimming pool. In terms of recreational opportunities in Okmulgee, the only other facilities available circa 1940 included the Harmon Stadium for baseball and softball; Douglas Park and Greenwood Lake for swimming; and, Hospital Park for tennis. The other recreational opportunities were scattered throughout the community at individual locations; no other facility had multiple recreation opportunities.⁹

The Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course provided a one-stop recreational opportunity that included golf, swimming, tennis and croquet. Initially constructed in 1919/20 and expanded to an 18-hole course in the 2000s, the Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course became a respected facility, hosting amateurs and professional golf tournaments through the historic period.

Leon Senter

After graduating from high school in Kansas, Leon B. Senter enrolled in Architectural Engineering at International Correspondence School in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1906. In 1910, he began working for Corrigan, Lea and Halpin Construction Co. of Kansas City, and served as a steel superintendent on construction projects. From 1912 to 1915 he was employed as a draftsman and specification writer for Smith, Rea, and Lovitt, Architects, of Kansas City. Leon B. Senter moved to Okmulgee from Kansas City in 1915 when he was 26 years old. He opened a

⁸ Okmulgee Daily Times, January 30, 1991 (reprint of Oct. 10, 1920 Special Section)

⁹ Oklahoma A Guide to the Sooner State, compiled by Workers of the Writers Program of the Works Projects Administration, 1941

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Name of Property field office for the Kansas City architectural firm of Smith, Rea & Lovitt to capitalize on work generated by Okmulgee's oil wealth. Senter designed significant commercial and institutional buildings in Okmulgee, including the Commerce Building, Orpheum Theatre, the Okmulgee City Library, and the First Presbyterian Church.¹⁰

Senter had a large presence in the State of Oklahoma. He was issued License #1 when the licensing law went into effect in Oklahoma in 1925 and was President of the Oklahoma Board of Governors of Licensed Architects as well as a charter member and past president of Oklahoma Chapter of AIA Tulsa.¹¹

William (Bill) Nichols

William (Bill) Nichols was brought in by the founding members to design the golf course in 1919. Nichols was educated in Scotland where he worked as a law clerk. He had no formal training in golf course design however the learned the game of golf and successfully competed in tournaments in Scotland before moving the United States. Competing as a golf player in the United States was his career; however, he did design one additional course in Oklahoma, the 9-hole Tulsa Country Club.

The Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for Craftsman/Bungalow design of the clubhouse as prepared by Leon Senter. It is also significant under Criterion A for its role in recreation and culture in the community of Okmulgee. As the only facility of this nature in the entire community, it provided different opportunities for recreation in Okmulgee including golf, tennis, croquet and swimming.¹²

The Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for Craftsman/Bungalow design of the clubhouse as prepared by Leon Senter. It is also significant under Criterion A for its role in recreation and culture in the community of Okmulgee. As the only facility of this nature in the entire community, it provided different opportunities for outdoor recreation in Okmulgee including golf, tennis, croquet and swimming. The Country Club also figured significantly in the Okmulgee social scene. It was the favored venue for numerous balls, dances and reunions.

¹⁰ <u>http://cinematreasures.org/comments?page=2&user_id=johnmcconnel</u>

¹¹ Tulsa Foundation for Architecture

http://tulsaarchitecture.org/architects/leon-bishop-senter-faia-1889-1965/
¹² www.northberwick.org.uk/clubmakers 2.html#nichols;

http://www.muskogeecountryclub.com/golf history/; Del Lemon, The Story of Golf in Oklahoma, 2001; <u>http://www.muskogeephoenix.com/sports/remembering-a-</u> pioneer-family-honors-muskogee-s-first-club-pro/article_41b65653-1a22-5455-84a7-0d11fee16976.html

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http://www.publicgolfcourses.net/oklahoma/okmulgee/okmulgee-countryclub.php?golfcourseinfo=yardage-par-review

Tulsa Foundation for Architecture http://tulsaarchitecture.org/architects/leon-bishopsenter-faia-1889-1965/ Accessed May 25, 2017

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- _____ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- _____ previously listed in the National Register
- _____previously determined eligible by the National Register
- _____designated a National Historic Landmark
- _____ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #_____
- _____recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- _____ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # ______

Primary location of additional data:

- <u>X</u> State Historic Preservation Office
- ____ Other State agency
- _____ Federal agency
- ____ Local government
- _____ University
- ____ Other
 - Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): ______

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property <u>140 MOL</u>

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84:(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)	_
1. Latitude: 35.610044	Longitude: -95.944193
2. Latitude: 35.606227	Longitude: -95.944200
3. Latitude: 35.606184	Longitude: -95.944841
4. Latitude: 35.605631	Longitude: -95.944879
5. Latitude: 35.605539	Longitude: -95.945849

Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course	
Name of Property	
6. Latitude: 35.602825	Longitude: -95.946977
7. Latitude: 35.602825	Longitude: -95.952884
8. Latitude: 35.609766	Longitude: -95.952905

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.) Unplatted: Section: 17, Township: 13 Range: 13

OKM NE Less a TR for HWY Beg @ NW COR S 96.1' N81°25' E 44.4' NE'LY on a curve to right having a radius of 8474.4' a dist of 534' N 24.75' W 574' to POB & less a TR Beg @ SE NE/4N 1075.33' to POB cont N 175' W 200' S191.70' N84°03'14" E 160.87' E 40' to POB less 17.58 AC IN SE SE

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries conform to the current boundaries of the Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course, comprising 140.85 acres. These boundaries conform to the current ownership of the property, as documented by the Okmulgee County Assessor and County Clerk. The original boundaries were the east half of the northwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of 17-13-13, comprising 120 acres.

Not included is an adjacent tract with a house and the 17.58 acres of undeveloped land on the southeast corner of the property that has been platted for single family housing subdivision (The Club East: Blocks 1, 2 and 3; 86 lots with street infrastructure); both of these tracts of land were originally part of the golf course, which have been cut from the original 120 acre tract of land.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Russell Burkhart/Edits by Lynda Ozan					
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date: <u>August 30, 2017</u>					

Additional Documentation

Okmulgee, Oklahoma County and State

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course

City or Vicinity: Okmulgee

County: Okmulgee State: Oklahoma

Photographer:

Date Photographed:

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Name of Property

Okmulgee, Oklahoma County and State

Photograph Number	Subject	Direction
0001	Façade (east)	looking west
0002	South elevation	looking north
0003	West elevation	looking east
0004	North elevation	looking south
0005	SE corner	looking NE
0006	SE porch entrance	looking west
0007	SW stairs	looking NE
0008	Ballroom	looking south
0009	Living room	looking south
0010	Hall-stairwell	looking west
0011	Foyer	looking east
0012	Kitchen	looking north
0013	Golf course layout sign	looking west
0014	Golf course W	looking west
0015	Golf course S	looking south
0016	Golf course SW	looking SW
0017	Swimming pool	looking SW
0018	Tennis courts	looking west
0019	Pool house	looking NW
0020	Mower-maintenance building	looking north

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.











































UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Nomination							
Property Name:	Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course							
Multiple Name:								
State & County:	OKLAHOMA, Okmulgee							
Date Recei 1/29/201		st: Date of 16th Day: 3/13/2018	Date of 45th Day: Date of Weekly List: 3/15/2018					
Reference number:	SG100002219							
Nominator:	State							
Reason For Review:								
X Accept	Return	_ Reject3/15	/2018 Date					
Abstract/Summary Comments: The Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course is locally significant under National Register Criteria A and C in the areas of Architecture and Recreation/Entertainment. The 1920 Clubhouse is a handsome local example of Craftsman-style design by Kansas City architect Leon Senter. The building's rustic, rough-faced stone, exposed wood rafters and brackets, the low-profile roof and multi-pane windows represent characteristic period forms. The Country Club and Golf Course were built to serve as a local public course and continued to serve as a significant recreational and social venue up through the historic period.								
Recommendation/ Criteria	Accept NR Criteria A and C							
Reviewer Paul Lu	isignan	Discipline	Historian					
Telephone (202)354-2229		Date	3/15/2018					
DOCUMENTATION	DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : Yes							

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



Muscogee (CREEK) Nation

Executive Office

August 31, 2017

Lynda Schwan Ozan Oklahoma Historical Society 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Ms. Ozan,

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation supports the application from the Muscogee Historical and Cultural Foundation to add the following described property to the National Register of Historic Places and the Okmulgee Historic Preservation special overlay district.

Unplatted 17-13-13 OKM NE Less a Tract for Hwy Beg @ NW corner S 96.1' N81°25'E 44.4' NE'ly on a curve to right having a radius of 8474.4' a dist of 534' N 24.75' W 574' to POB & Less a Tract Beg @ SE cor NE/4 N 1075.33' to POB cont N 175' W 200' S 191.70' N 84°03'14"E 160 .87 E 40' to POB less 17.58 ac in SE NE (AKA Country Club)

We see it as a great value to the property and look forward to continuing to preserve the Okmulgee Country Club for future generations.

Sincerely, James R. Floyd Principal Chief

Cc: Patrick Moore, Muscogee Historical and Cultural Foundation

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January 26, 2018

J. Paul Loether Keeper and Chief National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs National Park Service 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 7228 Washington D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Loether:

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

1210-1212-1214 North Hudson Historic District, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County Dunbar Elementary School, 1432 Northeast Seventh Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County

First National Bank and Trust Company Building, 120 North Robinson Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County

Enid High School Observatory, 611 West Wabash Avenue, Enid, Garfield County Okmulgee Country Club and Golf Course, 1400 South Mission Lane, Okmulgee, Okmulgee County

The member of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (state review board), professionally qualified in the field of prehistoric archeology was absent from the public meeting at which each of these nominations was considered and the recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer was formulated. However, the member possessing the requisite professional qualifications for evaluation of each nominated property was present and participated in the recommendation.

We look forward to the results of your review. If there any further questions regarding the nominations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lynda Ozan

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures