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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

Berry, James E., House

AND/OR COMMON

Gilliam Interiors

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

502 S. Duck St.

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Stillwater

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

006

STATE

Oklahoma

CODE

40

COUNTY

Payne

CODE

119

3 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

George M. Berry

STREET & NUMBER

2302 W. 8th

CITY, TOWN

Stillwater

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

OK

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Payne County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Stillwater

STATE

OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1978

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Oklahoma Historical Society, Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

OK

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Berry House is a picturesque two-story rectangular wood frame structure with lapped wood siding. The overall style is vaguely Italianate with a midwestern Victorian feeling. The entry is recessed left of center in a front porch. The front door is flanked by glass sidelights. Three Tuscan columns on the front support the upper story, which is separated from the lower by a belt on this face. A bay window occurs on each side of the structure. The roof, which is double-hipped, is set off by three low dormers, one on the front and one on each side. Overall, the house, which is on a corner lot, gives a feeling of grandeur.

The interior has been remodelled only slightly. The most recent work, done by the current owner, restored the interior to its original condition, which includes egg and dart molding, in-laid oak doors, stained glass, wooden wall paneling and all other interior woodwork.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1908 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Lou Haycraft

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture and because of its association with James E. Berry, a prominent Stillwater resident. Architecturally, the structure remains in excellent condition and is by far the most imposing residence in the town. It is also one of the oldest residences in town and, for its age, the best preserved.

Marshall Edwards, the house's builder and first owner was both a banker in Stillwater and a dealer in oil and gas. Wanting a more cosmopolitan atmosphere, Edwards moved to Tulsa in 1914. Dr. W. C. Whittenburg, the second owner, was a colorful Stillwater surgeon who liked to trade cars frequently and entertain lavishly. During the early 1920s, the house served first as a fraternity house and sorority house. In 1926, James E. Berry purchased the house and it is still owned by the Berry family.

Berry first ran for lieutenant governor in 1930 but was defeated. He ran again in 1934 - when Earnest Marland was governor - and was elected. Subsequently, he served with Govs. Marland, Phillips, Kerr, Turner and Murray. Berry served in WWI, in France, and was a member of the National Guard until 1940 when the governor told him to resign from the National Guard or from Lieutenant Governor. While Berry was Lieutenant Governor, the house was the setting for frequent parties and housed numerous visiting political dignitaries. Berry maintained the house as his residence through the years he served as lieutenant governor.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McBee, Marilyn, The Berry House, unpublished paper, Stillwater.
 Webb, Madeline, A Heritage Trail of Early Stillwater Houses.
 (Arts and Humanities Council of Stillwater, Inc., 1970).

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY under 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Stillwater South, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,4 6,7,4 3,9,5 3,9,9,8 3,9,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 26, College Addition, Stillwater.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Ann Anders Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

DATE

February, 1980

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

9/23/80

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Bell Grosvenor

DATE

11/21/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION