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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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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. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

Historic name Smith, Walter Lee, House

Other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 7202 North 7th Avenue

city of town Phoenix

State Arizona

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

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I hereby certify that this <u>X</u> nomination <u>request</u> 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.

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county Maricopa

In my opinion, the property <u>X</u> meets <u>does</u> does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

local national statewide Federal agency and bureau In my opinion, the property ____ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. Signature of commenting official Date Title State or Federal agency and bureau 4. National Park Service Certification I, hereby, certify that this property is: ignature of the Keep Date of Action 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:)

Smith, Walter Lee, House. Name of Property Maricopa, Arizona County and State

| 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.) | | | |
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| | | Contributing | Noncontributing | | |
| x private public - Local public - State | x building(s) district site | 1 | 1 | _ buildings _ sites _ structures | |
| public - Federal | structure object | 1 | 1 | objects Total | |
| Name of related multiple pro (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a North Central Phoenix Farmh Estate Homes, 1895-1959 | a multiple property listing) | Number of contr listed in the Nati | ibuting resources ponal Register | previously | |
| 6. Function or Use | | | | | |
| Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) | | Current Function (Enter categories from | | | |
| DOMESTIC/single dwelling | | DOMESTIC/sing | le dwelling | | |
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| 7. Description | | | | | |
| Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) | | Materials (Enter categories fro | m instructions) | | |
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| Tudor Revival | | walls: <u>CONCR</u> BRICK | ETE | | |
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| Narrative Description | | | | | |

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Summary Paragraph

The Walter Lee Smith House is a two-story rural estate home built in 1926 and designed in the Tudor Revival Style. Built around 1926, the house has an irregular plan and a high-pitched, cross gable roof with rear gable dormers, and overhanging eaves and exposed rafters. The foundation is concrete and the walls are cast stone (decorative concrete made to look like stone) and brick with stucco and half timbering at the gables. An additional building on site, a garage converted to a guesthouse, is a non-contributor. The Smith House is located in a prominent location on 7th Avenue near the prestigious Orangewood subdivision. The house is an excellent example of the rural estate home detailed in the associated Multiple Property Documentation Form, "North Central Phoenix Farmhouses and Rural Estate Homes, 1895-1959," and as a rare example of the once popular Tudor Revival Style, which is covered under the same MPDF.

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.

- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- xC

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)

Property is:

| 1 | A | owed by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. |
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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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Maricopa, Arizona

County and State

Period of Significance

1926-1959

Significant Dates

1926

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance is from 1926, when the house was built, to 1959, when the rural area was annexed by the city of Phoenix.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary) n/a

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The Walter Lee Smith House is a Tudor Revival Style influenced rural estate home. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, "Community Planning and Development" because it is one of the few remaining rural estate homes that are representative of agricultural development trends in North Central Phoenix during the period 1895 to 1959. The Smith House is also eligible under Criterion C, "Architecture" because it embodies the distinctive characteristics of Tudor Revival-style architecture that developed in North Central Phoenix during the same period. For a more detailed explanation of both contexts, please refer to the associated Multiple Property Documentation Form, "North Central Phoenix Farmhouses and Rural Estates Homes, 1895-1959."

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

The Walter Lee Smith House is significant under Criterion A because it is a excellent example of a rural estate home in the North Central Phoenix area as detailed in the associated MPDF, "North Central Phoenix Farmhouses and Rural Estate Homes, 1895-1959." The property is located in North Central Phoenix, in a prominent location on north 7th Avenue adjacent to the Orangewood subdivision. This area features most of the few remaining high-style rural estates and once ubiquitous farmhouses in the middle of the greater Phoenix metropolis. The location and the integrity of the property demonstrate the high artistic quality of rural estates in the north central Phoenix area. The Smith House is a well-maintained example of its style with most of its original architectural integrity intact. Much of the original setting, including an eighty-eight-foot setback and mature landscaping, is also intact. The lot size is .57-acres in an area where average lots size is under a quarter acre. The house is 3,500 square feet in an area where the average house is 2,000 square feet. These features convey a sense of feeling and association of agricultural development trends during the period 1895-1959.

The Smith House is also significant under Criterion C as a rare example of rural estate home described in the MPDF "North Central Phoenix Farmhouses and Rural Estate Homes, 1895-1959," because it is a unique example in North Central Phoenix of this property type designed in the Tudor Revival Style. Characteristic of this style, the house features a steeply pitched, cross gable roof, with stucco and half timbering decorating the gable heads and gable dormers. The windows are multi-light steel casement. The house is a well-maintained example of its style with most of its original architectural integrity intact. Much of the original setting and landscaping is also intact.

Developmental history

Located adjacent to the prestigious Orangewood subdivision, the house was originally built as a residence for agricultural entrepreneur Walter Lee Smith. Smith was born in Syracuse, Indiana, and moved to Phoenix, purchasing twenty acres in 1909 where the house now resides. The property was located along the right-of-way of the Phoenix Railway Company's Glendale-Orangewood-Salt River Valley Nurseries Interurban Extension, popularly known as the Glendale Line. Smith cultivated the land, planting cotton and later citrus. He also invested in other properties in the area and became one of the most successful farmers in the North Central Phoenix area. Smith worked in the citrus industry for over forty years and served eighteen terms as president of the United Producers and Consumers Operative, eleven years on the State Fair Commission, and was one of the founders of the Arizona Cooperative Cotton Growers Association. The house was built around 1926 and Smith lived there until 1945. The property was reduced to its current size by single-family residential development between 1955 and 1964.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Arizona Republic

Book of Agreements, vol. 3. Phoenix: Maricopa County Recorder's Office, 1909.

Book of Maps, vols. 6 and 65. Phoenix: Maricopa County Recorder's Office, 1913 and 1955.

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North Central Corridor Estate Survey: Phoenix, Arizona. Tempe: Woodward Architectural Group, 1993.

| Smith, Walter Lee, House Name of Property | | | | Maricopa, Arizona County and State | | | | |
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Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

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The boundary of the Walter Lee Smith House is County Assessor's parcel number 157-09-118D, as recorded at the Maricopa County Recorder's Office.

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Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

The boundary of the Walter Lee Smith House is the current boundary of the property.

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| date December 1, 2010 |
| telephone (480) 829-0267 |
| state AZ zip code 85012 |
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Additional Documentation

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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)

Maricopa, Arizona County and State

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive black and white 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.

Photograph List

Photographer: Vincent Murray

Date Photographed: August 10, 2009

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

- 1. Façade of front, facing west.
- 2. Façade of front, facing southwest.
- 3. South façade, facing northwest.
- 4. South Façade, facing north.
- 5. West/rear façade facing north.
- 6. Rear addition, facaing north.
- 7. Northwest corner, facing southwest.
- 8. North addition, facing west.
- 9. North addition and north façade, facing south.
- 10. Guesthouse, facing west.

| Property Owner | |
|---|--|
| Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO. | |
| name Larry Wiersum | |

| street & number | 7202 North 7 th Avenue | telephone | (602) 674-3059 | |
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| city or town Pho | penix | state _ AZ | zip code 850 | 021 |

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Additional Documentation

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Halm, George M./Mary Alverda Howard House Name of Property

Maricopa, Arizona County and State

North Central Phoenix Farmhouses and Rural Estate Homes, 1895-1959 Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Smith, Walter Lee, House NAME:

MULTIPLE North Central Phoenix Farmhouses and Rural Estate Homes, 189 NAME: 5-1959

STATE & COUNTY: ARIZONA, Maricopa

DATE RECEIVED: 12/08/10 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/06/11 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/21/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/23/11 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 10001167

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

| APPEAL: | Ν | DATA PROBLEM: | Ν | LANDSCAPE: | Ν | LESS THAN 50 YEARS: | Ν |
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| OTHER: | Ν | PDIL: | Ν | PERIOD: | Ν | PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: | Ν |
| REQUEST: | Ν | SAMPLE: | Ν | SLR DRAFT: | Ν | NATIONAL: | Ν |

COMMENT WAIVER: N

REJECT 1.24.11 ACCEPT RETURN

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in The National Register of Historic Places DATE

| DISCIPLINE | |
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| DATE | |
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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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