

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 (F. B.) Fite ^{House} ~~Home~~ and Servant's Quarters

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 443 North 16th Street N/A not for publication

city, town Muskogee N/A vicinity of congressional district N/A

state Oklahoma code 40 county Muskogee code 101

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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: (medical)

4. Owner of Property

name Emil F. Stratton

street & number 443 North 16th Street

city, town Muskogee _____ vicinity of state Oklahoma 74401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of County Clerk

street & number Muskogee County Courthouse

city, town Muskogee _____ vicinity of state Oklahoma 74401

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982 _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society - State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City _____ vicinity of state Oklahoma 73105

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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date <u>N/A</u>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The F. B. Fite Home, constructed in 1906, is a 2½ story dwelling approximately 45 x 95' excluding the recently completed garage on the south and the enclosed stables to the west (see continuation sheet for floor plan sketch). Constructed of locally quarried limestone with coursed ashlar finish, the home has a gently pitched hipped roof covered with red tiles.

On the first floor, there are eight 1/1 double-hung sash windows in front, one 1/1 double-hung sash window on the south, three 1/1 double-hung sash windows on the north, and four small 1/1 double-hung sash windows on the west. Second floor fenestration includes eight 1/1 double-hung sash windows on the front, four on either side of balconied porch. Also on the second floor facade, there is a band of three 1/1 double-hung sash windows over the balconied porch. Other second floor windows include two 1/1 double-hung sash type on north, three 1/1 double-hung sash type on south, and four 1/1 double-hung sash type on west. The one-story enclosed porch on the southwest corner of the home includes two 1/1 double-hung sash windows and one eight-paned window on the west side, and two 1/1 double-hung sash windows and one eight-paned window on south. The one-story stables which have been enclosed to the northwest corner of the house has three single fixed-pane windows and six paired windows on both north and south walls. The recently enclosed carriage porch (porte cochère) on the north has two six-paned windows on east and west walls.

Doors include a set of French style type in balconied entry porch, a panel-type on enclosed porch on southwest corner of home, a panel door approximately in the center of the west side, and an opening on west end of the north side of the stables section.

There are two interior limestone chimney stacks with corbelled caps and six hipped roof dormers. Location of the dormers include two in front (one on either side of the large portico), two in rear, and one each on north and south.

Major decorative elements include a pedimented projecting portico featuring six unfluted colossal columns. The columns are adorned with voluted capitals and attic-type bases. A large Palladian window is the focal point of the pediment and it is surrounded by molded limestone floral pattern decorative work. The cornice above the columns and pediment feature bead and reel decoration. Within the large portico, there is a balconied entry porch with balustrades. Scrolled brackets of limestone support the balustraded balcony. Limestone pilasters emphasize each corner of the home and they are topped with scrolled capitals. The same feature is located on either side of the entryway wall. Limestone quoin-type decoration accentuates all first and second floor windows.

There have been three enclosures completed and one major addition during the last fifteen years. The porch on the southwest corner and the carriage porch on the north were enclosed. The stables, which were located approximately 50' from the northwest corner of the home, were attached and enclosed. Similar stucco finish was used for the enclosure, however, composition shingles were used on enclosure roof. A one-story 20' x 25' concrete block garage was added to the south side. The enclosure of the porch on southwest corner also was done with concrete blocks.

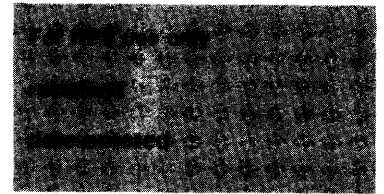
These changes were made when the home was converted into a children's clinic, however, the integrity of the basic structure remains intact.

The original one-story servant's quarters stands approximately 60' from the southwest corner of the Fite Home. Approximately 30' x 36' in a T-shaped floor plan, the structure has stucco finished walls and pediment. The hipped roof of red tiles and the pedimented portico with four colossal columns make it similar in appearance to the home. It contains two 1/1 rectangular-shaped double-hung sash windows and one smaller 1/1 square-shaped window in front, one 1/1 rectangular-shaped double-hung sash windows in each side and rear. There are two panel-type doors in the facade of the servant's quarters.

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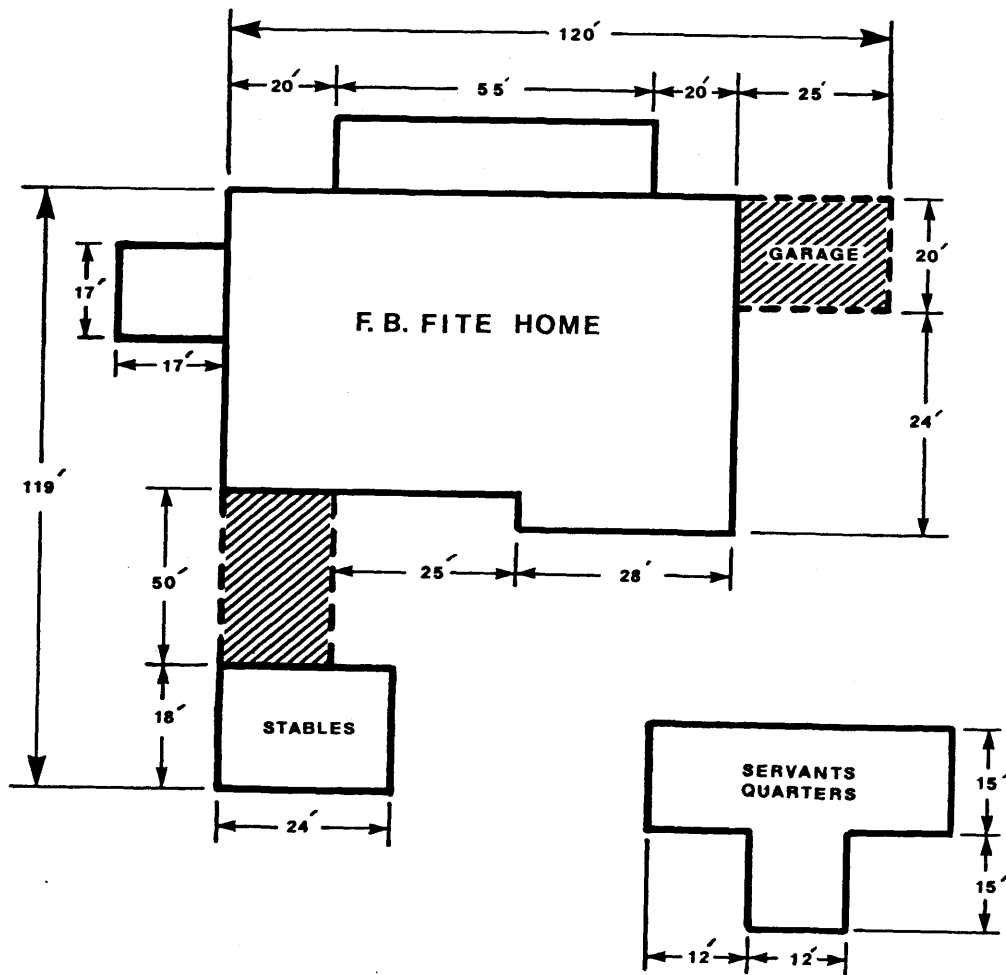
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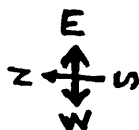
Continuation sheet Description

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 ADDITIONS



8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1906-1970

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The F. B. Fite Home and Servant's Quarters are significant because: (1) their historical association with Dr. F. B. Fite, one of the prominent physicians and politicians in Indian Territory and the newly created state of Oklahoma from 1889 to 1920, and (2) their Georgian Revival architectural styles.

Dr. F. B. Fite began his medical practice in Muskogee, Indian Territory in 1889 after graduating from New York Polytechnic Hospital and having been associated with his brother, Dr. R. L. Fite, at Tahlequah, Indian Territory. In conjunction with Dr. J. L. Blakemore, Fite established the Fite-Blakemore Hospital in 1893 in Muskogee, the first hospital in Indian Territory. He was recognized as one of the outstanding surgeons in Indian Territory having been one of the first to use X-ray techniques in this frontier region. He was president of the Indian Territory Medical Association and served as quarantine office for Indian Territory during a smallpox epidemic in the 1890s.

Fite served two different terms as mayor of Muskogee. From 1905-1907, he was mayor when Muskogee was the major urban center of Indian Territory, and served a second term from 1918 to 1920 after Oklahoma became a state. In 1907, he entered the Governor's race for the newly created state of Oklahoma, however, he withdrew before the election. Several historical sources state that Fite built the nominated property in anticipation of his governorship and that it would have served as the first governor's mansion had he been elected.

Fite also played a prominent role in the business and civic affairs of Muskogee while living in the home at 443 North 16th Street. He served as a member of the board of directors and vice-president of the First National Bank of Muskogee and was a charter member of the Muskogee Kiwanis Club organized in 1911. He maintained extensive landholdings in the Muskogee area consisting of two cotton plantations and a cattle ranch. The Fite Home remained in the family until 1981 when it was sold and converted into a children's medical clinic.

The main part of the Fite Home follows the Georgian Revival architectural style. The uniform limestone rock-faced exterior, bands of windows on the first and second story which punctuate the facade, and the overall massive form provide the qualities. Applied to the basic structure is Georgian Revival vocabulary which is emphasized by a pedimented portico supported by six colossal columns. The pediment features a large Palladian window surrounded by decorative floral patterns of molded limestone. The six hipped roof dormers, corner limestone pilasters topped by scrolled capitals, and the balustraded balcony above the entry porch add further Georgian Revival architectural elements to make the F. B. Fite Home one of the outstanding examples of high style architecture in northeastern Oklahoma.

9. Major Bibliographical References

West, C. W., "Mayor Fite's Home Becomes Victim of Progress", Muskogee Phoenix, May 31, 1981.
West, C. W., Muskogee: From Statehood to Pearl Harbor. Muskogee: Muskogee Publishing Co., 1976, pp 124, 141, 143, 216, 319, and 342.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Northwest Muskogee, OK

Quadrangle scale 7.5"

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 5-8, Block 216, Original Townsite of Muskogee, Oklahoma

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Claudia Craig supervised by Dr. George Carney

organization Northeast Oklahoma Counties Survey date January, 1983

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405-624-6250

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma 74078

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C. M. P. et al date 8/8/83

title date

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Lisa McClure</u>	date <u>10-6-83</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	