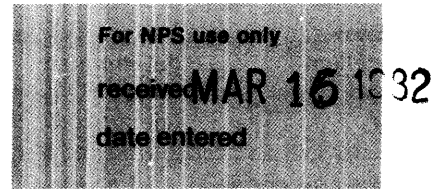


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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 Drumright, Aaron, House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 403 S. Creek Ave. N/A not for publication

city, town Drumright N/A vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Oklahoma code 40 county Creek code 037

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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name David J. Jr. & Bonnie Shanahan

street & number 403 S. Creek

city, town Drumright N/A vicinity of state OK 74030

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Creek County Courthouse

city, town Sapulpa state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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	(somewhat)		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Drumright House is a comfortable two-story frame affair, under wide eaves and a plain hipped roof. It is basically a modest, rectangular box with each floor offering 1,400 square feet of space. The flat-roofed, one-story addition on the south was made following the 1957 tornado, which destroyed or severely damaged many of the homes in the area. The Drumright House came through virtually unscathed, but the lines of the front porch were changed at this time.

Local stone was used for foundation and the chimney is of brick. Otherwise the house is of frame construction throughout. Roof is now covered with composition shingles. Windows are for the most part multi-paned, double-sash affairs. Paired on either side of the entry, upstairs and down, they give the east front of the house an expansive, uncluttered graciousness. Both front entries have a single multi-lighted door with flanking sidelights. The rear entry features the original bevel-glassed panel door. Other original interior features include wood floors, plaster walls and ceilings, brass light fixtures in the dining room and rear entryway.

Special architectural significance for the house is not claimed. Pressed for a style, one would be inclined to call it Early Oil Field. Certainly in this period the sturdy salt box was a popular choice of the more affluent in an area of basically one-story cottages. And the early oil money tended to emulate them. The flashier "mansions" usually came later as fortunes began to soar.

Be that as it may, the Drumright House is a well preserved, and not unrepresentative, example of the residences built by Oklahoma's early oil wealth ... if not by the Marlands and Phillips and Skellys, then by countless others who profited - though to a lesser degree - from the great booms they triggered.

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There was a room added to create more family space. The addition is on the south side of the structure. While an attempt was made to match foundation, siding and window style, the addition is clearly definable which is in keeping with the Secretary's Standard #9. The alteration to the front porch is the addition of the wrought iron railing which again is clearly a contemporary addition.

Both alterations are easily seen and do not negate the integrity of the property.

## 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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1920

**Builder/Architect** Charles Kahl the presumed builder

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1920, the two-story Drumright House is the last known surviving residence of Aaron Drumright, co-founder of the town that bears his name, donar of land on which much of it sits, and a strong civic leader in the town's social and commercial life. The brief association of two other men lend additional local significance to the house: son Everett Drumright, was U. S. Ambassador to China 1931–1943, a veteran foreign service officer in cities around the world until 1965; and L. E. Shanks, who purchased the house from Drumright in 1937, continued his strong public service role in the field of banking, real estate and insurance.

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Aaron Drumright settled here in 1900 while still in his late teens. He and J. W. Fulkerson were farming adjacent plots in 1912 when the Wheeler No. 1 blew in (a mile to the north) to open the world famed Cushing Oil Field ... and create the need for a new supply town. Drumright and Fulkerson both gave land for the town, known first as Fulkerson and then, in 1913, officially as Drumright. (Broadway, the town's main street, is the old dividing line between the two men's properties.)

Both Drumright and Fulkerson were active in developing the downtown business district and in the building of schools and churches. Drumright was a leading organizer of the Washington School, Drumright's first, and a significant contributor to the Drumright Methodist Church. He was also the first president of the Drumright State Bank.

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Drumright bought the Drumright House from Charles Kahl in 1920. He sold it to L. E. Shanks in 1937, but continued to live and work in the community for many years. He died in 1969 at 87. The house itself, though undistinguished, survived the devastating 1957 tornado and remains today much as it was when built sixty years ago.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Carney, George O., Ed., Cushing Oil Field: Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, 1981, pp, 17-20.

## 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property 1.67 acres

Quadrangle name Drumright, OK

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 15 minute

UMT References (no UMTs) 1:24,000

A 

1	14	7	11	5	7	18	10	3	19	8	14	7	19	10
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

C 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

D 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

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Zone	Easting				Northing									

H 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1-5 & 24-28, Block 34, Broadway Addition, Drumright, Oklahoma.

### 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 Kent Ruth - Deputy

organization Oklahoma Historical Society

date December 1981

street & number Historical Building

telephone 405/884-5456

city or town Oklahoma City

state Oklahoma

## 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

*C. M. Petcal*

2-25-82

title

date

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Bill Grosvenor*

date

8/17/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration