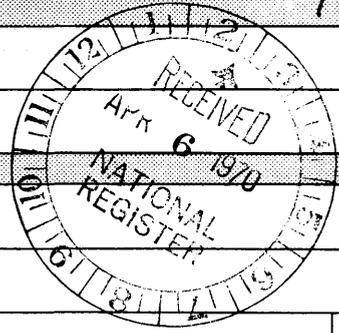


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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COUNTY: <u>Garvin</u>	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Erin Springs Mansion

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Frank Murray Home in Erin Springs

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
(Block 18, Lots 1-5)

CITY OR TOWN:
Erin Springs (2 miles S of Lindsay)

STATE <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>35</u>	COUNTY: <u>Garvin</u>	CODE <u>049</u>
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Oklahoma Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN: <u>Oklahoma City</u>	STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>35</u>
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the County Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
Garvin County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: <u>Pauls Valley</u>	STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>35</u>
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Theodore H. Barrett Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
1872 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN: <u>Oklahoma City</u>	STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>35</u>
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7. DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frank Murray built his "mansion" in Erin Springs in 1880 -- a two-story, 14-room affair -- to replace his first home, a log cabin erected on the site in 1871. It was built of native stone, quarried five miles to the south, and timbers brought in by mule team from Gainesville, Texas. Remodeling in 1902 added a dormered third story, a handsome portico on the front supported by four massive columns, stucco to the 18-inch-thick stone walls. The mansion's spacious, high-ceilinged rooms boasted massive fireplaces, fine birch, polished oak and cherry woodwork, and the elegant furniture, fixtures and furnishings demanded by the elaborately elegant tastes of the period.

Owned and maintained by the Murray family until purchased by the Oklahoma Historical Society in 1968, the old home, not seriously damaged by a 1966 fire, has required no great amount of refurbishing to restore its impressive beauty. Lawn, trees and shrubs add to the appearance of gracious living. The showplace of a relatively wild frontier when erected, the mansion remains a showplace today, almost a century later.



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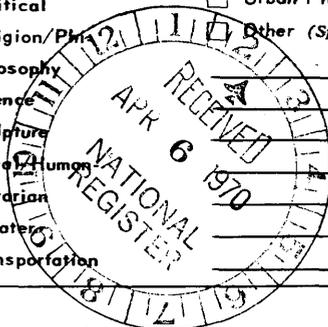
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An ambitious Irishman who made it big in the Chickasaw Nation, that's the story of Frank Murray and the mansion he built for his growing family on the south bank of the Washita River. Born in Ireland, he came to New York in 1850, at 18. Marriage to a woman with Chickasaw blood allowed him entry to this part of what is now south-central Oklahoma.

His first child (of nine), Anita, was born at nearby Fort Arbuckle in 1869. He came to the "Elm Springs" area (for some natural springs several hundred yards east of where the house now stands) in 1871, built a log cabin beside the trail connecting Cherokeeetown and Pauls Valley to the east and newly established Fort Sill to the west. While primarily interested in farming, he opened a store to take advantage of the east-west traffic flowing past his home.

The settlement began to grow. A post office was established, on March 14, 1875, called Edgewood. Frank Murray's fortunes as rancher and merchant began to grow, too, and on November 3 of that year Edgewood became Erin Springs, for his infant son Erin. By 1880 he was able to have building materials freighted up from Texas, combine them with stone quarried near by to replace his simple log house with a genuine "mansion." In 1885 the Reverend Father Hilary Cassal noted in his journal, Missionary Tour in the Chickasaw Nation, that he had visited Erin Springs, "a nice little town located near the Washita river - the home of Mr. Murray, a wealthy cattleman who has fenced in over 20,000 acres of land." Before his death in 1892, Murray's holdings were vast and for many years his Erin Springs ranch was said to be the largest farm under cultivation in Indian Territory.

When the railroads built on the north side of the Washita -- the Santa Fe in 1902, the Rock Island in 1903 -- the town of Lindsay was born and Erin Springs was doomed to remain Father Cassal's "nice little town." Fittingly enough, however, the new town was laid out on the 400-acre farm of Lewis Lindsay--whose wife, Anita, he had married in the old Murray Mansion in 1880. Mr. Murray died in 1892, Mrs. Murray in 1924. Six years later, after her own husband had died, Mrs. Lindsay moved into the old family home, which had been extensively remodeled in 1902. She lived there until her death, at 93, in 1962.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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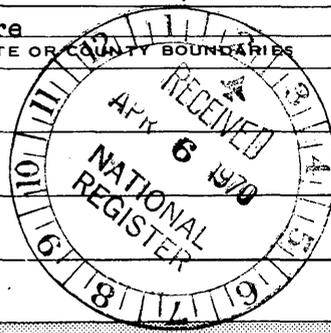
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Kent Ruth

ORGANIZATION: Oklahoma Historical Society DATE: February, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN: Oklahoma City STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 35

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Sean N. Ahu

Title Liaison officer for Okla

Date 25. III. 70

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date JUN 22 1970

ATTEST: William J. Huntley
 Keeper of The National Register

Date MAY 27 1970

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ERIN SPRINGS MANSION

8. Significance

The handsome mansion was purchased by the Oklahoma Historical Society in 1968. It is now being refurbished and will be opened to the public shortly as a magnificent symbol both of gracious living and the soil-based affluence that supported it, familiar enough in the slave-holding "plantation country" of the Southeast, but far less common in the more Spartan Southwest - particularly in the Indian Country.





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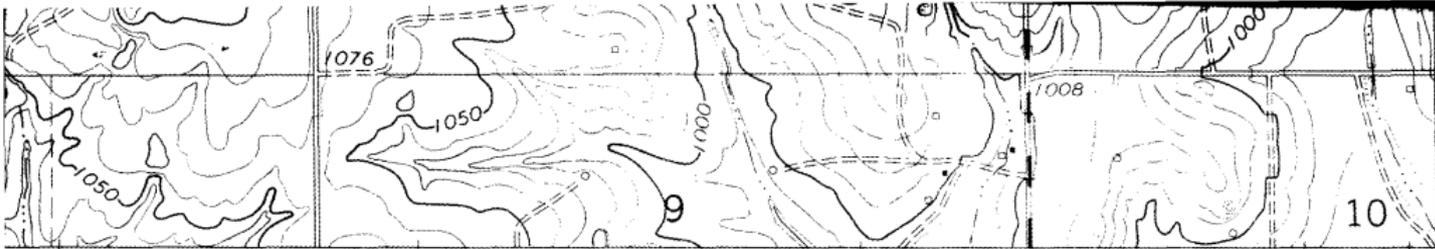
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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COMMON: <u>Erin Springs Mansion</u>			
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2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>(Block 18, Lots 1-5)</u>			
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: <u>U. S. G. S. - Lindsay Quadrangle</u>			
SCALE: <u>1:24,000</u>			
DATE: <u>1966</u>			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

