

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

1032

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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.



### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Kennedy Mansion

Other names/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related multiple property listing: \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

### 2. Location

Street & number: 502 South Okmulgee Avenue

City or town: Okmulgee State: Oklahoma County: Okmulgee

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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


I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request 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.

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

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D

	<u>Oct 20, 2014</u>
<b>Signature of certifying official/Title:</b>	<b>Date</b>
_____ <b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
_____ <b>Signature of commenting official:</b>	_____ <b>Date</b>
_____ <b>Title :</b>	_____ <b>State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</b>

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- 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:)

*Mr. Edson H. Beall*  
Signature of the Keeper

*12.10.14*  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

---

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic: Single Family

Domestic: Secondary Structure

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic: Single Family

Domestic: Secondary Structure

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

---

## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Colonial Revival

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Wood

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

---

#### Summary Paragraph

The Kennedy Mansion is located southwest of the commercial core of Okmulgee, in a long established neighborhood. The Colonial Revival style house, carriage house and outbuilding sit on at the southwest corner of South Okmulgee Avenue and West 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The house is a hipped roof with full porch type of Colonial Revival house. The corner lot has mature trees. The house was completed in 1904 by Henry Clay Kennady with the other outbuildings being completed at an unknown date. The exterior of the house is clad with weatherboard and features classic Colonial Revival details. The interior maintains the historic room layout.

---

#### Narrative Description

House, 1904:

The façade, east elevation, faces onto South Okmulgee Avenue. A public sidewalk lines both West 10<sup>th</sup> Street and South Okmulgee Avenue; the sidewalk leading to the main entrance on the façade extends from South Okmulgee Avenue to the main entry. Concrete steps, four total, lead to the full-width, gable roof, porch. The gable roof porch is supported by square stone columns. Located in the gable end of the porch is a sunburst design. The entry has a multi-light pane and

Kennedy Mansion

Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma

County and State

panel door. The door is framed with matching sidelights. Located south of the door is a one-over-one, hung window. The upper sash of the window is narrow and leaded caning. The second floor has two ten-over-one double hung wood windows at the north end. Located at the south corner is a bow window with three ten-over-one double hung windows. Located in the hipped roof is a gable front dormer with partial returns. This dormer has a Palladian window with the center upper sash having diamond panes and the side windows being twelve-paned wood windows. A small brick chimney also protrudes through the roof on this elevation.

The north elevation has a box window in the center of the first floor. This box window has three one-over-one wood, double hung windows sheltered by a hipped roof. Under the box window are wood brackets. To the south of the box windows is a fixed pane, multi-light window. To the west of the box window is a one-over one hung wood window. The bottom sash has six panes; the upper, narrower sash has three panes. Between the first and second floors, following an interior staircase, is a box window with two ten-over-one double hung wood windows sheltered by a hipped roof. The second floor has two ten-over-one double hung wood windows slightly off center. Located in the hipped roof is a gable front dormer with partial returns. This dormer has a Palladian window with the center upper sash having diamond panes and the side windows being twelve-paned wood windows. Locate at the northwest corner is an exterior brick chimney.

The rear, west elevation has a historic two-story addition. This addition is identifiable on the 1916 Sanborn Maps for Okmulgee. The first floor has two evenly spaced entry doors, one is pane and panel while the other is panel. The two large wood frame windows alternate with the doors on the first floor. The second floor has four large wood frame windows. Located in the hipped roof is a gable front dormer. This dormer has a Palladian window with the center upper sash having diamond panes and the side windows being twelve-paned wood windows. The roof is surrounded with posts and a balustrade for the third floor deck.

The south elevation has a box window at the southeast corner. The box window has three one-over-one double hung wood windows that are sheltered by a hipped roof. Located below the box window are brackets. Located at the southwest corner is a smaller box window. The box window has two one-over-one double hung wood windows that are sheltered by a hipped roof. Located below the box window are brackets. The second floor has four ten-over-one double hung wood windows. Located in the hipped roof is a gable front dormer with partial returns. This dormer has a Palladian window with the center upper sash having diamond panes and the side windows being twelve-paned wood windows. Locate at the southwest corner is an exterior brick chimney. Located at the northeast corner is a historic one-story wing. The wing has two historic one-over-one double hung windows on the east and south elevations.

#### Carriage House, 1904:

Located southwest of the house is the two-story clapboard clad carriage house. A driveway from South Okmulgee Avenue provides access to the carriage house. The façade, east elevation, has a large overhead, hinged door at the southeast corner. Located slightly off-center is a pane and panel door. Located at the northeast corner are two large wood frame windows and a set of wood frame glass doors. Located in the second floor are two large wood frame fixed pane windows. Located in the side gable roof is a gable front through dormer with a hay door. Located in on the

Kennedy Mansion

Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma

County and State

ridge of the Carriage House is a hipped roof cupola with four four-pane windows on the east and west elevation and one four-pane window on the north and south elevations.

The north elevation has two large wood frame fixed pane windows on the first floor and a single large wood frame fixed window on the second floor. The gable end has board and batten siding. The west elevation has two large fixed pane wood windows, a one-over-one wood double hung window and a wood pane and panel door. The south elevation has two square wood frame windows on the first floor. The second floor has one large wood frame fixed pane window. Located in the end gable is board and batten siding.

Shed, ca. 1915:

This one-story wood clapboard building has a set of hinged doors of the side gable elevation and a single one-over-one double hung window in each gable end.

Modern Garage, ca 2000:

This one-story side gable garage has two overhead doors and a single metal panel door. The walls are clapboard and the roof is asphalt shingle.

Setting:

The Kennedy Mansion has a driveway from South Okmulgee Avenue which passes near the south elevation of the house, providing access to the Carriage House. A public sidewalk is located on both the east and north sides of the property. An interior sidewalk extends from the driveway to the façade of the house. Mature trees are located throughout the property, providing screening form adjacent properties.

Integrity:

The Kennedy Mansion maintains all seven aspects of integrity: Location, Design, Setting, Materials, Workmanship, Feeling and Association.

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

---

## 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.)

- 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.
- C. 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.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- 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

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1904-1916  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1904  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Henry Clay Kennedy  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Kennedy Mansion, and its associated outbuildings, are eligible for the National Register under Criteria C in the area of Architecture as an excellent example of Colonial Revival, embodying the distinctive characteristics of that style. Dominant Colonial Revival details that can be seen on the resources include accentuated front entries, sidelights on the main entrance, and gabled dormers. While Colonial Revival style houses were the dominant style of architecture throughout the country until early part of the 1900s, the Kennedy Mansion is an exceptional example in Okmulgee that has maintained architectural integrity. The period of significance extends from 1904 when the house and carriage house were constructed to 1916 when the other outbuilding appears on the 1916 Sanborn Map for the town of Okmulgee.

---

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Kennedy Mansion was constructed in 1904 for Asa D. and Nellie Kennedy. Asa acquired the land for the house from Samuel Haynes who received it through the allotment process. The Kennedy Mansion has changed very little since its construction. Historical elements of the property have not been altered by modern additions, alterations in siding or otherwise. With the exception of changes in landscaping, the property looks as it did when it was constructed. The interior of the house has retained its original, traditional floor plan.

Many identifying characteristics of the Colonial Revival style can be identified on the Kennedy Mansion property. The most significant is the accentuated front door with a decorative front porch pediment supported by columns which create an accentuate entry. This entry also has a beveled glass pane and panel door with beveled glass sidelights; these are a very typical Colonial Revival detail. Another important defining characteristic is the use of symmetry. The primary façade, demonstrates balance symmetry in the window placement, door placement and dormer placement.

The property is identified as a sub-type of the Colonial Revival style as it has a hipped roof with a full-width porch. Approximately one-third of Colonial Revival style houses built before 1915 were of this type. This is sometimes referred to as the Classic Box. This type has a one-story, full-width porch which is added to a symmetrical, two-story house of square or rectangular plan. In this case, it is a traditional American Four-square house. The Kennedy Mansion, both the house and carriage house, exhibit the traditional gable dormers. The final distinctive characteristic of this type is a door placed to the side on the façade which is found on both the house and the carriage house.

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

Houses in the surrounding neighborhood, referred to South Okmulgee, date from the early 1900s through the 1950s. Encroachment from the commercial district and conversions of houses to commercial purposes are effecting the integrity of the neighborhood. The historic street patterns and landscaping remain extant; however, the Kennedy Mansion is the largest and earliest constructed in the area.

The Kennedy Mansion represents traditional American architecture in its use of the Colonial Revival vocabulary. As it demonstrates the distinctive characteristics associated with the Colonial Revival style; specifically the house represents a rare sub-type. It is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C for its architectural merit. The Kennedy Mansion stands in great contrast to other homes, as it is one of the earliest extant houses in the neighborhood.

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

---

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

McAlester, Virginia, *A Field Guild to American Houses*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2013.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Maps. "Okmulgee." 1916, 1920, 1924, 1924-1949.

"Okmulgee," Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture,  
<http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia> (accessed May 22, 2014).

Turnage, Marion. Personal Interview. May 12, 2014.

---

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

---

## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreege of Property** less than 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Latitude: 35.618938 | Longitude: -95.915632 |
| 2. Latitude:           | Longitude:            |
| 3. Latitude:           | Longitude:            |
| 4. Latitude:           | Longitude:            |

**Or**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or  NAD 1983

- |          |           |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Zone: | Easting:  | Northing: |
| 2. Zone: | Easting:  | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting:  | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting : | Northing: |

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Re-plat of the Haynes-Walter Weiner addition: Block three less south 100 feet and less west 50 feet.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary includes all of the land currently associated with the house.

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

---

### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Lynda S. Ozan/ National Register Program Coordinator  
organization: OK/SHPO  
street & number: 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr  
city or town: Oklahoma City state: OK zip code: 73034  
e-mail lozan@okhistory.org  
telephone: 405/522-4478  
date: 22 May 2014

---

### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

**Photographs**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

**Photo Log**

Name of Property: Kennedy Mansion

City or Vicinity: Okmulgee

County: Okmulgee

State: Oklahoma

Photographer: Lynda S. Ozan

Date Photographed: 16 June 2014

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photograph Number	Subject	Direction
0001	House	Southwest
0002	Façade	West
0003	Side elevation	North
0004	Carriage House	West
0005	Shed	Northeast

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding

Kennedy Mansion  
Name of Property

Okmulgee County, Oklahoma  
County and State

this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior,  
1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Kennedy Mansion, 502 South Okmulgee Avenue  
Okmulgee, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma



0 0.015 0.03 0.06 Miles







8509

GREENSMAN







UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Kennedy Mansion  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OKLAHOMA, Okmulgee

DATE RECEIVED: 10/24/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/14/14  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/01/14 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/10/14  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 14001032

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

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

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 12.10.14 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in  
The National Register  
of  
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



**Oklahoma Historical Society**  
**State Historic Preservation Office**

*Founded May 27, 1893*

Oklahoma History Center • 800 Nazih Zuhdi Drive • Oklahoma City, OK 73105-7917  
(405) 521-6249 • Fax (405) 522-0816 • [www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm](http://www.okhistory.org/shpo/shpom.htm)



October 20, 2014

Ms. Carol Shull  
Acting Keeper of the Register  
National Park Service 2280, 8th floor  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

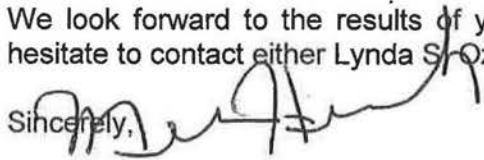
We are pleased to transmit seven National Register of Historic Places nominations for Oklahoma properties. The nominations are for the following properties:

Kennedy Mansion, 502 South Okmulgee Avenue, Okmulgee, Okmulgee County  
Union School District 19 ½, SW corner of 149<sup>th</sup> Street and South Luther Road, Newalla,  
Cleveland County  
Town House Hotel, 627 Northwest Fifth Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County  
Main Street Arcade, 629 West Main Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County  
Oklahoma A&M Dairy Barn, 2624 West McElroy Road, Stillwater, Payne County  
Fox Hotel, 201 East W.C. Rogers Boulevard, Skiatook, Tulsa County  
Bacone College Historic District, Old Bacone Road, Muskogee, Muskogee County

All members of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (state review board) were present for the public meeting at which each of these nominations was considered and the recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer was formulated. Therefore, the member possessing the requisite professional qualifications for evaluation of each nominated property participated in the recommendation's formulation.

We look forward to the results of your review. If there may be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Lynda Szozan of my staff or myself.

Sincerely,

  
Melvena Heisch  
Deputy State Historic  
Preservation Officer

MKH:iso  
Enclosures