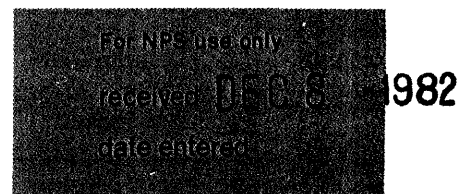


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National Park Service

# 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 Shawnee Historic Homes Thematic Resource

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number See continuation sheet N/A not for publication

city, town Shawnee N/A vicinity of congressional district

state OKLAHOMA code county POTTAWATOMIE code

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THEMATIC	N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name See continuation sheet

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pottawatomie County Court House

street & number 300 N. Broadway

city, town state

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1982 federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

## 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	See continuation sheet
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Shawnee is located forty miles east of metropolitan Oklahoma City. It is east of a geographical divide that separates western prairie from gently rolling hill country. The outlying landscape is characterized by rich agricultural cropland, low tree-studded rises and valleys. The town itself has a single central business district with rings of residential areas and an outer ring of recent commercial developments - motels, fast food chains, etc. The five nominated houses are located close to the CBD in residential areas characterized by tree shaded lawns and streets, two story frame dwellings of the same time period, with the exception of the Nuckolls home, which is surrounded by newer, though smaller brick and frame homes. The five homes are exceptional examples of early residential building in Shawnee and the Beard Cabin is the only remaining example of pioneer dwelling.

Katherine Yeats conducted the survey as part of the Oklahoma State University Historic Preservation Survey. Miss Yeats has a Master of Arts degree in history from Oklahoma State University.

Shawnee is a town of 26,000 people and the entire town was surveyed. These five houses represent the best remaining examples of houses connected with the development of Shawnee. Houses were chosen for age - over 50 years old and their association with events and people considered important to Shawnee history and for their architectural integrity.

Through interviews, document research, and a windshield survey these five houses were determined the only ones that met both architectural and historical criteria.

## 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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 *N/A*

Builder/Architect *N/A*

### Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

The five houses in this thematic nomination represent the best examples of residential buildings connected with the development of Shawnee from 1892, the date of the founding of Shawnee, to 1929, the beginning of the depression. All of the houses are recognized by residents of Shawnee as familiar and orienting landmarks that contribute to and characterize the sense of place.

Oklahoma towns were settled relatively recently through a unique series of events. Most towns resulted from trade opportunities with Indian Tribes, opening of territories through land runs or the advent of a railroad line.

First permanent homes were log cabins or simple frame structures. The Beard Cabin is considered Shawnee's first dwelling.

Physical and environmental hardships quickly eased, speculation, profit and status and by 1898 ostentatious houses were being built for profit. The Walker house is an example of this.

Shawnee's proximity to Oklahoma City gave it a place in early political affairs of the state. Although it never gained political prominence it was one of three cities to muster 5000 signatures to put it on the ballot to be the capital city. The Giga house represents the events of this era.

Because of its proximity to the Seminole, Earlsboro and Shawnee oil pools and because of its rich agricultural land, Shawnee quickly achieved an affluent population. This allowed its residents to express their status through extravagant and personally-oriented dwellings. The Kerfoot house is the example of this.

Shawnee attracted industrial developers as well as oil and agri-businesses. In 1904 Alvin Nuckolls started the Shawnee Garment Manufacturing Company and built his elaborate house in 1929.

These five homes reflect major cultural developments in Shawnees founding and growth.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property See continuation sheet

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

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

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Oklahoma Preservation Survey date 1981

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city or town Stillwater, OSU 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 Cemetary date 11/30/82

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

For NPS use only

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

Jane McChesney  
Keeper of the National Register

date 4/8/83

Attest: Patrick Anders  
Chief of Registration

date 4/8/83

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Shawnee Historic Homes Thematic Resources  
State Oklahoma

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Beard Cabin

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

Linda McClelland 4/8/83

Attest accept Patrick Andrews 4/8/83

2. Kerfoot House

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 1/21/83

Attest

3. Nuckolls House

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 1/21/83

Attest

4. Walker House

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

Linda McClelland 4/8/83

Attest accept Patrick Andrews 4/8/83

5. Governor's Mansion  
(Giza House)

~~Substantive Review~~ Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 1/21/83

Attest

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Keeper

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