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TERRITORIAL HOMES OF CHANDLER TR

1. Johnson House (No. 1 on Sketch Map and Photos #1-6)

Location: 503 Manvel Avenue
Chandler, OK 74834

Owner of Property: Bill & Tami Yinger
503 Manvel Avenue
Chandler, OK 74834

Lincoln Co.

Description: The Johnson House is a two-story three bay white clapboard dwelling built in the Colonial Revival style of architecture. It is approximately 45' x 40' and has a low pitched hipped roof with a gable over a bay window at the southeast corner. The front of the house is dominated by a two tier portico with plain entablature and triangular pediment supported by two columns of the Ionic order with scroll capitals. The lower part of the portico is part of the covered veranda which runs around the front and south sides of the building and is supported by five single story Tuscan order columns. The upper portico forms a square balcony with a low wooden-slate railing.

The front or east side of the house has two, paired 1/1 wooden double-hung sash windows to the right of the portico and a two story bay to the left. The bay has one 1/1 wooden double-hung sash window on each of its three sides. The front entrance door is constructed of wood with a central glass light and single-paned door lights on either side. The door leading to the balcony is also wooden with a center light.

The south side of the building has a three-sided bay on the south west corner. The bay has one 1/1 wooden double-hung window on each side of both floors. There are also two 1/1 double-hung sash windows on both the upper and lower stories of the house. Towards the rear or west side of the house there is a single bay wing. This wing has an entrance door on the south side with a covered porchway. The porchway has turned wooden posts and railings and wooden spindles along the porch frieze supported by a decorative bracket.

The wing forms part of the rear side of the house. It has a window with four fixed panes on the upper level and a single 1/1 wooden double-hung sash window below. To the left of the wing there are: a 1/1 double-hung sash window and a double French door with two side and four transom lights. On the second story there are two 1/1 double-hung sash windows. A wooden based patio is located towards the northwest corner of the rear. The patio has a wooden railing with turned wooden posts.

On the north side of the house there are four paired 1/1 wooden double-hung sash windows, two on each story.

The grounds of the house are delineated by a decorative iron railing which runs around the north, east and south sides with a wooden fence completing the property line on the west side.

Statement of Significance: The Johnson House is historically and architecturally significant because: (1) it is one of the oldest remaining Territorial Era dwellings still intact in the town of Chandler, and (2) it is one of the best and oldest examples of Colonial Revival architecture in Chandler.

Built during the Oklahoma Territorial year of 1897, the Johnson House was one of the first dwellings constructed in Chandler following a devastating tornado which

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destroyed most of the residential section of the town. Constructed a decade prior to Oklahoma statehood, it has been occupied by some of the most influentials citizens of Chandler including a bank president, cotton gin owner, petroleum businessman, and cattleman. Featured in the Heritage Homes of Chandler, published in 1976, it was considered to be the finest residence in Chandler at the time of its construction.

Colonial Revival vocabulary applied to the single-family dwelling includes the colossal columns of Ionic order with bold volutes which support the massive two-story balconied portico with pedimented roof, the Tuscan-like porch piers, the two story, three-sided bay, and sidelights flanking the front entrance. Additional decorative elements characteristic of the Colonial Revival style consist of the veranda-style porch, architrave trim over window openings, and turned porch posts and wooden spindles in rear and sides.

Although several elements were added in 1905, the architectural integrity of the home has remained intact since that time. It continues to function as a single-family residence, a role for which it was constructed more than 86 years ago.

Quadrangle Name: Chandler, Oklahoma

Scale: 7.5 minutes

UTM: 14/691730/3953160

Verbal Boundary Description: Lots 1-3 and North 15' of Lot 4, Block 29,
Original Townsite of Chandler, Oklahoma.