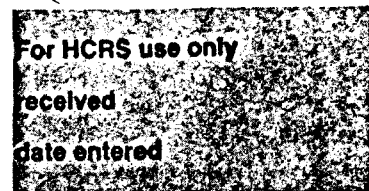


Resubmission

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 McAlester House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14 East Smith Avenue

not for publication

city, town McAlester

vicinity of

congressional district

003

state Oklahoma

code 40

county Pittsburg

code 121

3. Classification

Category

- district
- building(s)
- structure
- site
- object

Ownership

- public
- private
- both

Public Acquisition

- in process
- being considered

Status

- occupied
- unoccupied
- work in progress

Accessible

- yes: restricted
- yes: unrestricted
- no

Present Use

- agriculture
- commercial
- educational
- entertainment
- government
- industrial
- military
- museum
- park
- private residence
- religious
- scientific
- transportation
- other:

4. Owner of Property

name James T. McAlester

street & number 14 East Smith

city, town McAlester

vicinity of

state OK

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Pittsburg County Court House

city, town McAlester

state OK

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980

federal state county local

depository for survey records Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City

state OK

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

J.J. McAlester built a four room log structure about 1870. Around this house a larger single story home was built a few years later. The log walls and foundation are still intact and visible from underneath the house.

At the same time a large two story Victorian house was constructed by McAlester and connected to the single story house with a breezeway. This two-story Queen-Anne home was an area showplace and status symbol, and was McAlester's residence until his death. Its square peak roof tower gables with fish-scale shingles, stained glass windows, and large three-sided verandas represented its builder's wealth and stability to the mining community.

In 1960 the house was critically deteriorated. J. L. McAlester, J.J.'s grandson, restored the home making only minor changes externally (enclosing the breezeway) and internally (making two living rooms into one large room). The interior retains original woodwork, bannisters, door locks and hinges, and Belgium light fixtures. Walls have been repapered, central air/heat installed and bathrooms added.

Some of the original outbuilding are on the grounds, including a well-house and a small structure once used as a school.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1810-present Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This property is significant because of its architectural character and for its long association with J.J. McAlester. McAlester was the founder of the city of McAlester and active developer of industry in southeast Oklahoma.

In the late 1860s J.J. McAlester convinced a commercial firm to help him establish a trading post in Indian Territory at the juncture of the California and Texas Railroads. McAlester was aware of the coal out-croppings in the area and recognized the possibilities of mining development. In fact, another railroad, MK & T, changed its route, dropping south to McAlester's store at Bucklucky (as it was first called) because of the prospect of the coal mines.

Later as mining, other industries and commerce developed around McAlester's stores Bucklucky was changed to McAlester.

As his influence and popularity grew McAlester entered the political arena. When Oklahoma became a state he was elected its first Lieutenant Governor and later Corporation Commissioner of Oklahoma. He and his work led to the development of coal as king in southeast Oklahoma. He brought transportation and population expansion to the area and aided in the development of a thriving and productive state.

Now maintained by the McAlester family in keeping with its early 1900's character, the house is a fine example of style adapted for large family/small town living.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

The History of McAlester, Hiram Impson. Pamphlet for city's 50th anniversary, 1949.
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 Gene Aldrich, "A History of the Coal Industry in Oklahoma to 1907." OU Phd., 1952.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name McAlester, OK

Quadrangle scale 7.5'

UMT References

A

1	5	2	4	7	9	1	10	3	8	7	1	4	10	10
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

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Zone				Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 7, 8, 14, 15, and 16, Block 101

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Diane Everman and Mary Ann Anders Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

organization Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey date June 29, 1979

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone (405) 624-5678

city or town Stillwater state OK

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *H. Glenn Jordan*

title _____ date _____

For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	date _____
Keeper of the National Register	date _____
Attest:	date _____
Chief of Registration	date _____

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McAlester House



J. J. McAlester
House



3871

3870

T. 6 N.

T. 5 N.

(KREBS)
6853 1 NW

3869

31

270

KREBS 2 MI.
WILBURTON 29 MI.

55'

3867

16 MI.
INTERSTATE 40