

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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**1. Name**

historic Territorial Homes of Chandler, <sup>TR</sup>~~Oklahoma~~

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number (see continuation sheet)

N/A not for publication

city, town Chandler

N/A vicinity of

state Oklahoma

code 40

county Lincoln

code 081

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input 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. Office of County Clerk

street & number Lincoln County Courthouse

city, town Chandler

state Oklahoma 74834

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1983

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office-Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City

state Oklahoma 73105

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The three properties nominated in the Territorial Homes of Chandler thematic group were built between 1897 and 1905. They were constructed shortly after Chandler was founded in 1891 and are the only Colonial Revival style homes still intact in the town. One home is located on Fifth Street and the other two are situated across the street from each other on Eighth Street in the residential section of Chandler. All of the homes remain single-family dwellings which was their purpose at the time of construction. Their integrity is also preserved by the landscaping, character of the neighborhood, and location on the original sized lots platted in the original townsite of Chandler. All three dwellings are dominated by Colonial Revival styling, popular in America between 1870 and 1920. Colonial Revival vocabulary applied to all three include the massive two-story projecting porticos with pedimented roofs, veranda-style porches supported by wood columns representing various orders, and fenestration characteristics.

Although additions were made to the Johnson Home in 1905, none of the properties have been significantly altered since that time. They stand as reminders of the architectural and settlement heritage of Chandler. The three dwellings included in the Territorial Homes of Chandler are:

- (1) Johnson House (1897)
- (2) Kee House (1898)
- (3) Conklin House (1905)

Although there are other Territorial Era homes in Chandler, the three included in this nomination represent the only remaining examples of Colonial Revival architecture.

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1897-1930      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Territorial Homes of Chandler thematic nomination is significant because: (1) the three properties are among the oldest dwellings in north central Oklahoma as they were all constructed shortly after Chandler was officially designated as the county seat of "A" County by the Organic Act creating Oklahoma Territory in 1890, and (2) the three homes represent the oldest and best remaining examples of Colonial Revival architecture in north central Oklahoma including large balconied two-story porticos with pedimented roofs, multiplicity of bay windows, and veranda-style porches supported by numerous columns of varying orders.

Chandler was one of two townsites platted in anticipation of the second major land run into Oklahoma Territory on September 22, 1891. Chandler's post office was actually established on September 21, 1891, one day prior to the Land Run. The 1891 Run opened lands formerly occupied by the Iowa, Sac and Fox, and Pottawatomie Indians. An estimated 20,000 people made the race for some 7,000 homesteads which encompassed approximately 1,120,000 acres. Because of the rich agricultural land suitable for cropping and grazing and the abundance of timber and water, the area was quickly settled and Chandler became an immediate focal point for serving the surrounding homesteaders. It was one of the first towns to receive official status as a county seat in Oklahoma Territory. Before counties were named, Chandler was county seat for "A" County, and eventually became county seat for Lincoln County following statehood.

These factors contributed to the quick growth and historic significance of Chandler during the latter years of the Oklahoma Territorial Era and the first decades of Oklahoma as a state. By 1910, year of the first official census for Oklahoma, Chandler's population had reached 2,024.

For the most part, the development of Chandler was fostered by a small group of merchants, bankers, and professionals. They invested the capital necessary to promote growth and helped develop both economic and social institutions. They were responsible for establishing schools and churches, organizing financial institutions, operating businesses of all types, and maintaining law and order.

The homes in this nomination were constructed by the early merchants, bankers, and professionals responsible for the early development of Chandler. Their pride in the community was reflected in the large, expensive homes which they built. All three homes were built between 1897 and 1905, prior to Oklahoma statehood in 1907. They are among the oldest homes in north central Oklahoma and the oldest in Chandler which still retain their original character. They stand as monuments to the developmental forces of Chandler as it grew and prospered during the Territorial Era of Oklahoma.

Their architectural significance is based on the outstanding application of Colonial Revival vocabulary to each. The centerpiece of each dwelling is the large two-story balconied porticos with pedimented roofs and the sweeping veranda-style porches supported by columns of varying orders. The overall formal design, decorative elements, and integrity make them the best group of residences embodying Colonial Revival features in north central Oklahoma.

The Johnson House, built in 1897, was the home of H. F. Johnson, one of Chandler's first settlers, from the time it was built until 1905. For the next decade, it was occupied by Hugh M. Johnson (no relation to H. F.), president of the First National Bank of Chandler. The July 6, 1905 Chandler News reported that it was one of the most handsome and beautiful dwellings in Chandler. During later years, it was the home of

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D. R. Owens, local cotton gin operator and petroleum businessman; and Leo Schreibers, successful cattleman and thoroughbred horse raiser. Although alterations were made to the home in 1905, it has retained its architectural integrity for almost 80 years. The Colonial Revival vocabulary of the Johnson house includes a large two-story balconied portico with pedimented roof, colossal columns of the Ionic order, veranda-style porch supported by Tuscan-type columns, two-story three sided bay, and sidelights flanking the front entrance.

The Kee House, constructed in 1898, has been the residence of several prominent Chandler citizens including a businessmen, banker, physician, and United States Marshall. Kee, the original owner, lived in the home until 1901 when it was purchased by William Tilghman, celebrated law enforcement officer who served as sheriff of Lincoln County and later as United States Marshall. Other community leaders who occupied the home were A. E. Patrick, a banker; J. W. Adams, a physician; and P. D. Erwin, a merchant. The two-story balconied porch features stained glass windows and several with multiple upper-light sashes with single-light lower sashes; all of which are characteristic of the Colonial Revival style. Its polychromatic wall finish includes red brick materials on first floor and fish scale pattern wood shingles on the second.

The Conklin House, built in 1905, was the home of E. L. Conklin, one of the most influential individuals in Chandler. He served as Sac and Fox Indian Agent and later as member of the board of directors of the Union National Bank of Chandler. Later occupants included Edgar Marshall, a prominent Chandler physician. Its two tier projecting portico, roof dormers, bay windows, and Tuscan-type columns are exemplary of the Colonial Revival elements.

All three properties have recently been restored or are in the process of restoration.

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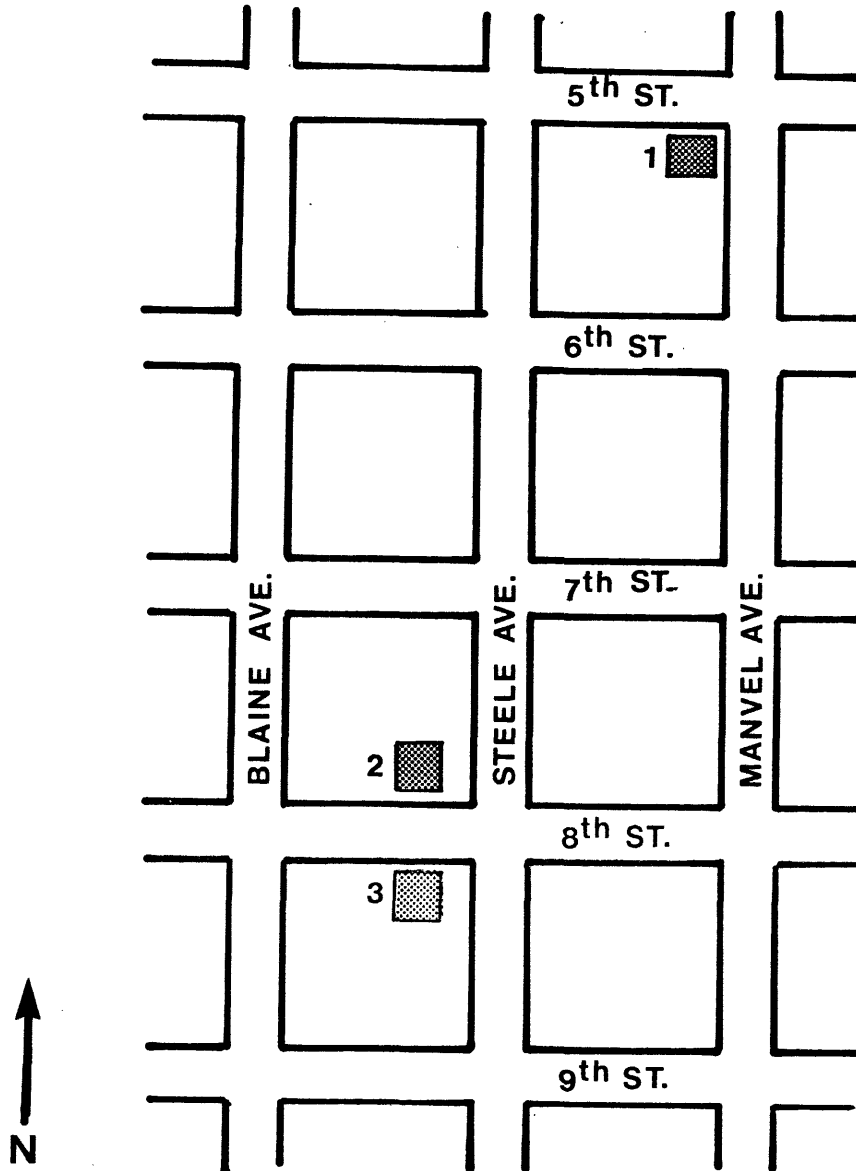
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OF CHANDLER



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Heritage Homes of Chandler. Chandler: Lincoln County News, 1976.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Each property is less than one acre

Quadrangle name (continuation sheet)

Quadrangle scale (continuation sheet)

UTM References (continuation sheet)

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

(continuation sheet)

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

state N/A code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 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

*C. E. Metcalf*

7-30-84

title

date

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

date

*Beth G. ...*  
Keeper of the National Register

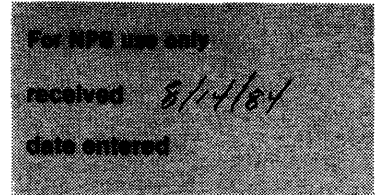
Attest

date

Chief of Registration

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

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Name Territorial Homes of Chandler Thematic Resources

State Lincoln County, OKLAHOMA

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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Conklin House

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

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2. Johnson House

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

Beth Grosvenor 9/28/84

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3. Kee House

~~Substantive Review~~

Keeper

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