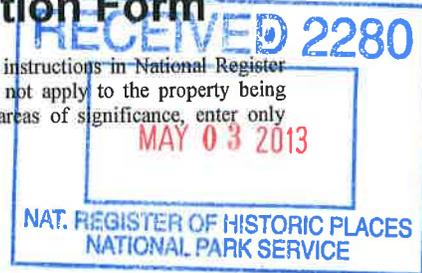


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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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: Danholt
Other names/site number: _____
Name of related multiple property listing: _____

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

2. Location

Street & number: 1208 North May
City or town: Guymon State: Oklahoma County: Texas
Not For Publication: Vicinity: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:

___ A X B ___ C ___ D

Bob Larkum Apr 29, 2013

Signature of certifying official/Title: _____ Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official: _____ Date

Title : _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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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:)

For Edison H. Beal
Signature of the Keeper

6-14-13
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

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</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 Dwelling

Domestic: Secondary Structure

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Domestic: Single Dwelling

Domestic: Secondary Structure

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Vernacular

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

Located on the northeast side of Guymon, Danholt is located on the west side of North May Avenue, seven blocks east of the main thoroughfare through downtown Guymon. North of Danholt is the main hospital while to the south is a large historic residential area. The house is one-and-one-half stories, and is clad in wood clapboards. The hipped roof structure is distinguished by dormers on each elevation. The major identifying characteristic of the house is the large full-width porch on the east elevation with two entrances on the facade. A long, sweeping side walk extends from May Avenue to the facade of the house where it creates a curve giving access via the sidewalk to both entrances.

Narrative Description

The facade, east elevation, has two entrances, one at the center of the elevation and one at the northeast corner. The doors are each flanked by one-over-one double hung windows. Three, large, one-over-one double hung windows are located on the facade; one window is between the doors while the remaining two are located at the southeast corner. The first floor is recessed under a gable side of the roof with wide eaves and a large frieze. Eight square columns support

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the roof structure. The center four columns have wood clapboard knee walls while the outer two columns at each corner have knee walls that wrap around to the north and south elevations respectively. Located in the center of the roof is a gable front dormer. This dormer has a pane and panel wood door with one-over-one double hung window on either side. The door opens onto a small porch that is surrounded with a turned ballustrade. The dormer is clad with wood clapboards and has a prominent pediment.

The south elevation has a brick clad basement level. The main floor has a centrally located one-over-one double hung window. Located in the center of the roof is a gable front dormer. The dormer has two one-over-one double hung windows. The dormer is clad with wood clapboards and has a prominent pediment.

The rear, west elevation, basement has been parged so that the brick is no longer visible. The main floor has four one-over-one double hung windows. The rear porch, located slightly off-center to the south, has a window on each elevation and a pane and panel door on the west elevation. Located in the center of the roof is a gable front dormer. The dormer has two one-over-one double hung windows. The dormer is clad with wood clapboards and has a prominent pediment.

The north elevation basement level has been parged so that the brick is no longer visible. The main floor has two one-over-one double hung windows. The knee wall on the porch wraps around slightly to this elevation leaving a portion open to access the door at the northeast corner via a staircase. Located in the center of the roof is a gable front dormer. The dormer has two one-over-one double hung windows. The dormer is clad with wood clapboards and has a prominent pediment.

Interior:

The distinguishing characteristic of the interior is the half-story space. It is one large continuous space connecting the dormers. The remainder of the house is traditional in its layout with the front rooms for entertaining, the side rooms as bedrooms and the rear reserved as kitchen space.

Garage

North and west of the house is a two-bay garage. The front gable garage is clad with wood clapboards. The east elevation has two wood overhead garage doors. They are clad with vertical wood boards. The south elevation has a wood panel door at the southwest corner. The west elevation has a fixed four pane window.

Storm Cellar

West of the rear of the house, just outside the rear entry door, is the storm cellar. The structure is accessed via a wood slab door on the south elevation. The "roof" of the structure is barrel vaulted and is clad with concrete. A vent pipe is located in the center of the roof.

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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

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Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance
1911-1913

Significant Dates
1911

Significant Person
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)
Mordt, Anders, L.

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder
Unknown

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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.)

Danholt was constructed in 1911 for Anders L. Mordt, a land promoter. The building is eligible under Criteria B at the local level for Mordt's association with settlement in the panhandle region. It is the only building in Guymon Oklahoma associated with Mordt with architectural integrity. Located northeast of the downtown Guymon area it is a vernacular house that made a mark on the community of Guymon when it was opened and served as the identity for the Mordt family.

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

In May of 1908 Anders L. Mordt arrived in Guymon, Oklahoma to create a Norwegian settlement. Born in Kristiania (modern day Oslo) Norway and educated in law, Anders immigrated to the United States in 1904. With the support of his father-in-law, Nicolai Grestad, editor of the *Skandinaven* a newspaper based in Chicago, Illinois, Mordt turned to the land business.

His first attempt at land development occurred in Grady County in the community of Norge, outside of Chickasha. This venture failed and Mordt soon looked to the open area of the panhandle for his development. In mid-May of 1908 Mordt announced he had secured sales rights to approximately 100 sections of ranch land across the state boundary, in Hansford County Texas. Because of its location along the Rock Island Railroad, Guymon became the headquarters of his firm, the Anders L. Mordt Land Company: Norwegian Colonization and Immigration in and to the Great Southwest.

Within days of arriving in Guymon, Mordt hired a small staff and established his offices in the First National Bank building (determined not eligible for the NRHP in a 2011 downtown survey). Mordt's desire was to colonize this new community with Norwegians who had recently come to the United States and were familiar with customs and practices of the United States. Mordt's goal was readily realized due to the massive Norwegian population in the Midwest already.

Mordt's land development business has a major impact not only on budding Oslo but on Guymon itself. Guymon was the closest community with railroad access. He would advertise his development in newspapers printed in Norwegian throughout the Midwest and East coast. In the advertisements he would list an excursion date. He would meet up with the excursionists at a major city, such as Chicago or Kansas City, and escort them to Guymon. Once in Guymon, Mordt would place them in appointed hotels and provide transportation to Oslo. Once "sold," many of the parties would move their households into the town of Guymon until their houses could be built. Oslo slowly grew; developing a church and school. Next, Mordt felt a newspaper

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in Norwegian was needed for the community. The Guymon newspaper began a Norwegian print copy in 1910.

With the growth of Oslo, Mordt became a prominent citizen of Guymon. Seldom did an issue of the local press pass without mentioning the land promoter and his activities. As such, when Mordt purchased land for a private residence, the building activities were often reported. Once completed, a housewarming, including fireworks, was reported in the paper. Locals believed that the entire region benefitted from his promotional efforts and his participation in the National Dry Farming Congress.

Oklahoma had six of the driest years on record from 1909 to 1914. By 1913, Mordt was on the verge of bankruptcy with heavy and on-going expenses. He built an expensive home, purchased a car to transport visitors to and from Oslo, had expenses associated with the excursions and operational expenses. Opponents of Mordt vocalized their belief that he over-estimated the success of the area for agriculture, which after continuous years of a lack of rain, the opponents were right. From 1913 to 1920, more people were leaving Oslo than moving into the community. By September of 1913, Mordt, himself, left Oklahoma and returned to Chicago never to return.

Anders Mordt's significance in Guymon is unparalleled. He was significant for his role in bringing commerce to Guymon through his land dealings by escorting them into town on the railroad, housing them in local hotels and finding temporary residences for his clients until they could occupy their land in Texas. His role in settlement and exploration in the region can still be seen in the Norwegian ancestry in the panhandle and specifically in Guymon. Danholt is significant for its association with Anders Mordt as it is the only extant resource associated with his land dealings and the development of Oslo, Texas with architectural integrity.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Newspapers:

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Personal Correspondence:

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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): _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 1. Latitude: 36.360096 | Longitude: -101.476720 |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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

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

Block 3, Stonebreaker-Zea Addition, Guymon, Texas County

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary for Danholt represent that which has historically been associated with the house.

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11. Form Prepared By

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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.)

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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: Danholt

City or Vicinity: Guymon

County: Texas

State: Oklahoma

Photographer: Lynda S. Ozan

Date Photographed: 21 November 2011

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

No.	Subject	Dir.
0001	Facade	West
0002	Detail	West
0003	South Elevation	North
0004	Garage and Storm Cellar	East
0005	Garage	West

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 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.

Danholt, 1208 North May, Guymon, Texas County, Oklahoma

