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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.

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1. Name of Property

Historic name: Hamilton Cross Farmhouse
Other names/site number: N/A
Name of related multiple property listing:

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

2. Location

Street & number: 1509 West Ninth
City or town: Stillwater State: Oklahoma County: Payne
Not For Publication: ☐ Vicinity: ☐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 ___B _X_C ___D

April 23, 2014

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**

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:) _____

Joe Edson Beall 6.9.14

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private: [x]

Public – Local [ ]

Public – State [ ]

Public – Federal [ ]

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

Building(s) [x]

District [ ]

Site [ ]

Structure [ ]

Object [ ]

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
1	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	1	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
Landscape: Garden

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)
Domestic: Single Dwelling
Domestic: Secondary Structure
Landscape: Garden

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)
_Late 19th and 20th Century __
_Revivals: Colonial Revival__
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

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

The Hamilton Cross Farmhouse is located in southwestern Stillwater. At the time of its construction, the farmhouse was in a rural area, where today, it is surrounded by mid twentieth century minimal traditional and ranch style houses. The house remains on a large city lot, surrounded by trees and approached from Gray Street rather than 9th Street. Constructed in the Colonial Revival style, the Hamilton Cross Farmhouse is the only Colonial Revival house in this area of Stillwater and maintains excellent historic integrity.

Narrative Description

Set against a backdrop of mid twentieth century housing, the Hamilton Cross Farmhouse is a stark contrast to the surrounding residential buildings. While the surrounding residential buildings are minimal in design, the Colonial Revival design of the Hamilton Cross Farmhouse features traditional elements associated with the style: steeply pitched roof, a continuous dormer and symmetry.

The basement of the house is constructed of brick. While a depth could not be determined on the outer, supporting walls, the interior walls are two wythe thick. Two pane hopper windows are located throughout the basement walls; however, on the exterior of the house, they are covered with concrete slabs. The walls are clad with wood clapboards on the first floor and wood shingles on the dormers and second floor. The gambrel roof is clad with asphalt shingles.

The façade, north elevation, has a centrally located door that is covered by a front facing gable porch roof. Two slender columns support the porch roof. Located on either side of the entry are two one-over-one double hung wood windows. Located in the steeply pitched gambrel roof, on the second floor, is a continuous shed roof dormer. Located in the center of the dormer are three smaller six-over-six double hung wood windows. Located on either side of the three windows are two larger six-over-six double hung wood windows. Two small brick chimneys are located along the ridge.

The east elevation has two one-over-one double hung wood windows on the first floor. Between the first and second floors is a shed roof creating a large soffit. Located in the gambrel end, on the second floor are three six-over-six double hung wood windows. Located in the clipped gambrel peak are two louvered vents for the attic space.

The south elevation has a central entry door. Located east of the central door is a fifteen-pane door. West of the central entry door are two one-over-one double hung wood windows. Located in the steeply pitched gambrel roof, on the second floor, is a continuous shed roof dormer. Located in the center of the dormer are three smaller six-over-six double hung wood windows. Located on either side of the three windows are two larger six-over-six double hung wood windows.

An exterior chimney was added in the center of the west elevation at an unknown date. Located on either side of the chimney on the first floor is a one-over-one double hung wood window. Between the chimney and the southern window is a small, square board and batten door. Located on the second floor, on either side of the chimney, is a six-over-six double hung wood window. Located in the clipped gambrel peak are two small louvered vents for the attic space.

Interior: Important interior features include the parquet floor on the first floor, the formal area on the west side of the first floor, elaborate built-in bookshelves on the second floor and built-in linen closets on the second floor.

Garage
A small flat roof breezeway connects the rear, south elevation of the house, with the ca. 1945 two bay, non-contributing, garage. Two panel garage doors are located on the east elevation. A one-over-one double hung window and a panel pedestrian door is located on the north elevation. The south elevation has two one-over-one double hung windows. Due to neglect, the garage is in a state of ruins.

Landscaping

Dr. Frank Baker Cross was the head of horticulture at Oklahoma A.& M. (Oklahoma State University) when he lived in the Hamilton Cross Farmhouse. Historic drawings of the landscaping at the house were located within the house. Remnants of the English gardens on the west elevation are still evident; the paths are still visible. The rear of the property was planted with spirea and barberry in a U-shaped design with the middle area being open. The island created by the driveway had a formal design with trees and barberry. Due to the lack of maintenance, many of the designed landscapes are overgrown but still extant.

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.
- [x] 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

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions.)
Architecture

Period of Significance
c. 1904

Significant Dates
c. 1904

Significant Person
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder
House: Unknown
Landscape: Dr. Frank Baker Cross

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.)

The Hamilton Cross Farmhouse is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C in the area of Architecture as an excellent example of Colonial Revival, embodying the distinctive characteristics of that style. Identifying features of Colonial Revival that are seen on the house include an accentuated front door, symmetrical façade and double hung windows. While Colonial Revival style houses were a dominant style for domestic buildings throughout the country in the early part of the 1900's, the Hamilton Cross Farmhouse is an exceptional example in Stillwater that has maintained its architectural integrity.

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

The Hamilton Cross Farmhouse was constructed c. 1904 for Hays and Margaret Hamilton. Eventually, their daughter Fearn and her husband Frank Baker Cross moved into the house while Hays and Margaret lived elsewhere. A member of the Hamilton family had owned the house until 2013. The house has changed very little since the house was built. The defining historical elements have not been altered by the addition of rooms or otherwise. With the exception of the installation of a garage and landscaping, the house looks as it did when it was constructed c. 1904. The interior of the house has retained its original, traditional floor plan.

The identifying characteristics of the Colonial Revival style can be identified on this house. The most significant characteristic is the accentuated front door with a pediment supported by columns which create an entry porch. Another important defining characteristic is the use of symmetry. The primary façade demonstrates balanced symmetry in the window placement, door placement and dormer placement.

The Hamilton Cross Farmhouse can be identified as a sub-type of the colonial Revival style as it has a gambrel roof. Approximately 10% of all Colonial Revival houses are known as "Dutch Colonial." This sub-type is popular from 1895 to 1915. Identifying characteristic of this sub-type include a steeply pitched gambrel containing almost a full second story of floor space and a continuous shed dormer with several windows.

Houses in the surrounding neighborhood date from the 1940's to the 1970's. Historic homes in this area are considerably different in style and design with many suffering from significant alterations. The historic street patterns and landscaping remain extant however, the Hamilton Cross Farmhouse is the largest, oldest and most elaborately landscaped property in the area.

The Hamilton Cross Farmhouse represents traditional American architecture in its use of the Colonial Revival vocabulary. As it demonstrates the distinctive characteristics associated with colonial Revival and specifically represents a rare sub-type, it is eligible for listing in the

National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C for its architectural merit. The Hamilton Cross Farmhouse stands in great contrast to other homes, as it is the earliest extant house in the neighborhood.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

Cross, Dr. Frank Baker. " Drawings of Plantings." Undated.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guild to American Houses*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1996.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Maps. "Stillwater." 1907, 1924, 1929.

"Stillwater," Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture, http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia (accessed January 8, 2014).

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:

_X_ State Historic Preservation Office
____ Other State agency
____ Federal agency
____ Local government
____ University
____ Other
Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property _less than 1___

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates
Datum if other than WGS84:_____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 36.111822 Longitude: -97.076487
2. Latitude: Longitude:
3. Latitude: Longitude:
4. Latitude: Longitude:

Or
UTM References
Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☐ NAD 1983

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

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

Lot 2, Block 2 of Hamilton Addition, Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 2 East.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries include all of the land that is historically associated with the Hamilton Cross Farmhouse.

11. Form Prepared By

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telephone:_405-522-4478_____
date:_8 January 2014_____

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.)

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: Hamilton Cross Farmhouse

City or Vicinity: Stillwater

County: Payne State: Oklahoma

Photographer: Lynda Ozan

Date Photographed:

Photograph Number	**Subject**	**Direction**
0001	Façade	South
0002	East Elevation	West
0003	South Elevation	North
0004		Interior
0005		Interior

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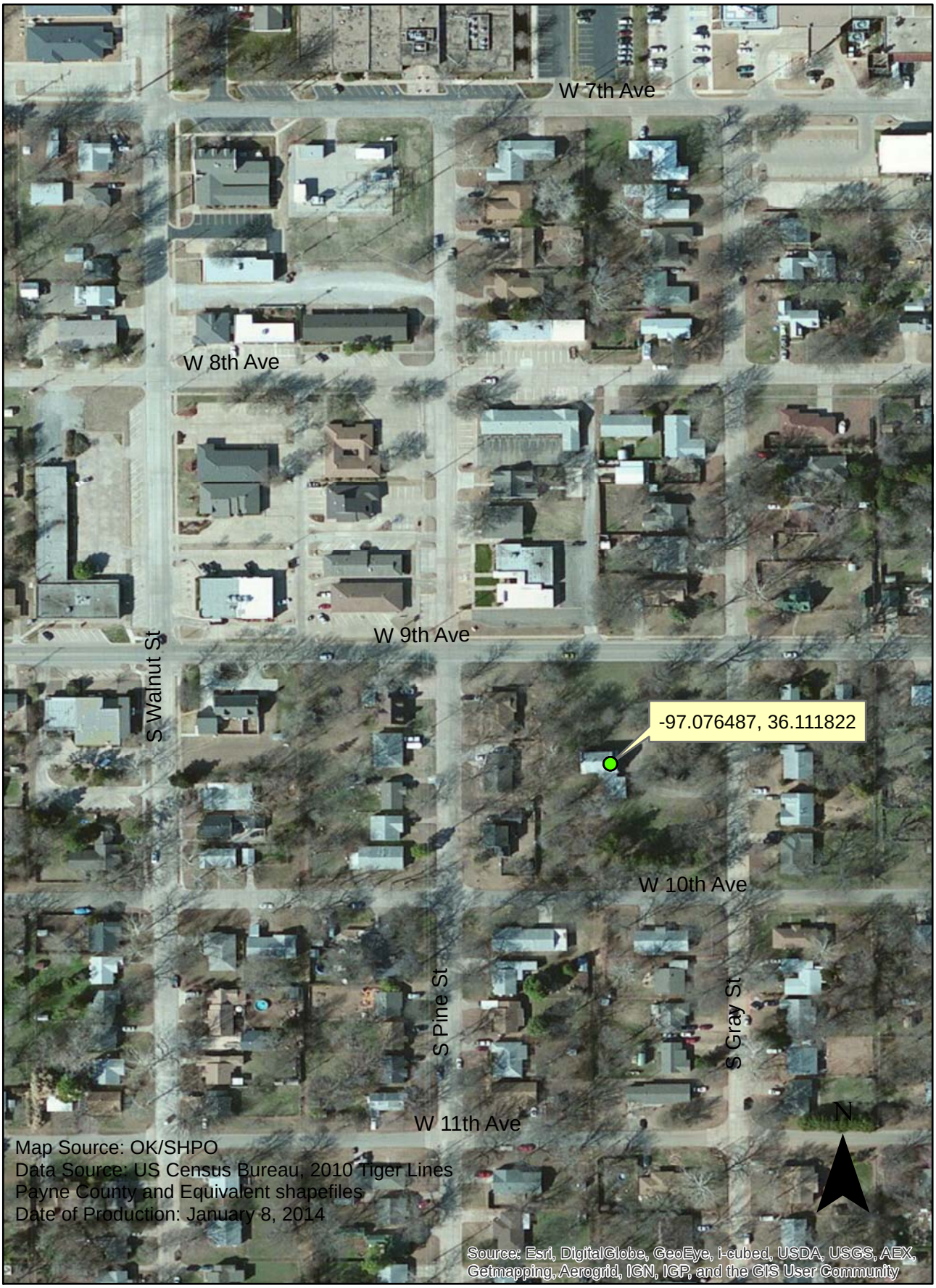
Hamilton Cross Farmhouse, 1509 West Ninth Avenue
Stillwater, Payne County, Oklahoma



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