

Four northeast Oklahoma sites are among six properties in the state named to the National Register of Historic Places, state officials announced Monday. The historic properties include Bacone College in Muskogee County; the Kennedy Mansion in Okmulgee; the Oklahoma A&M College Dairy Barn in Stillwater; the Fox Hotel in Skiatook; the Town House Hotel in Oklahoma City; and a rural separate school in Cleveland County. Amanda DeCort, the city of Tulsa preservation planner, said the register catalogs buildings, districts, sites and structures that “are significant to our past and worthy of preservation.” In order to be listed in the register, a property must possess its historic and architectural integrity, DeCort said, and be associated with a significant event or significant person; embody distinctive architectural characteristics; or yield significant information such as that found in archaeological sites. Here is a summary of the properties named to the National Register of Historic Places, as announced by the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office:

Union School District 19 1/2: This rural separate school in Cleveland County is at the intersection of 149th Street and South Luther Road near Newalla. The school is significant for its role in education and African-American heritage. Constructed around 1936, the school served as the separate school in Stella until the statewide desegregation of the schools in the mid-1950s resulted in its abandonment.

Bacone College Historic District: As the only American Indian college in the state, Bacone College in Muskogee is significant for its association with the educational opportunities and practices for American Indians from the late 1800s to the mid-1950s. Although other public institutions admitted American Indians, this occurred well after Bacone College was established.

Town House Hotel: Located at 627 NW 5th St. in Oklahoma City, the Town House has been a residential hotel “a particular type of multiple dwelling popular in the United States and Oklahoma City in the 1920s through the 1940s. It exemplifies a pattern of semi-permanent residential units erected to attract people in transit between permanent residences. The building is an excellent example of a combination of Spanish Colonial Revival and Art Deco architecture.

Kennedy Mansion: Located at 205 S. Okmulgee Ave. in Okmulgee, the

mansion is significant for its architectural style. It represents traditional American architecture in its use of the distinctive characteristics associated with the Colonial Revival style. The property is identified as a subtype of the Colonial Revival style as it has a hipped roof with a full-width porch. Approximately one-third of Colonial Revival style houses built before 1915 were of this type. Oklahoma A&M College Dairy Barn: Located at 2624 W. McElroy Road in Stillwater, the dairy barn is significant for its role in agricultural education in Oklahoma as well as for its architectural style. The barn earned local, state and regional importance as a template for other dairy programs and a venue for agricultural leaders to meet and discuss the future of dairying within the state. The dairy barn served as a primary facility for more than 30 years and stands today as a contribution to the historical and contemporary success of the university's Animal Science Program. Fox Hotel: Built at 201 East W. C. Rogers Blvd. in Skiatook, the hotel is significant for its Classical Revival style architecture. As befits the property type, the design adeptly accommodates both retail and hotel use in the single building. The banded storefront, quoining, refined cornice and ornate door surrounds at each hotel entrance evoke elements of Classical Revival design while reflecting the small-town setting of Skiatook. Listing in the National Register is an honorific designation that provides recognition, limited protection and, in some cases, financial incentives for these important properties. The city of Tulsa has several properties on the register. They can be viewed at tulsapreservationcommission.org. Kevin Canfield 918-581-8313 Kevin.canfield@tulsaworld.com