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83002099
----- NR Reference Number

**State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this \_\_\_ additional documentation \_\_\_ move **X** removal  
\_\_\_ name change (additional documentation) \_\_\_ other

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Certifying Official/Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

**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
- \_\_\_ additional documentation accepted
- \_\_\_ other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the Keeper

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**Summary Paragraph**

The Goodholm House (NRIS #83002099) was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on March 30, 1983, for its architectural significance. Built for Andrew Goodholm between 1899 and 1901 by J. L. Moore and J. H. Leedy, the three-story, wood-frame building was “an example of [a] fine Victorian home” originally located at 211 Northeast 4<sup>th</sup> Street, less than one-half mile northeast of downtown Oklahoma City (Figures 1–3).<sup>1</sup> The house remained at this address for over seventy years, until it was relocated to the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds in 1979 (Figures 4–6). Despite being moved from its historic location, the building retained sufficient integrity to merit listing in the National Register. The nomination noted numerous historic architectural features, including a three-story turret “shingled with metal pantile units,” porch columns with “elaborate capitals and extended bases,” and an entrance porch with “an elaborate scroll-work pediment....”<sup>2</sup> After an extensive restoration effort, the Goodholm House was regularly opened for tours and became a popular attraction each fall during the Oklahoma State Fair. The house closed to the public in the early 2000s and was relocated to 10735 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in east Oklahoma City in 2008. The property sat vacant for the next decade and was demolished in September 2021.

As the Goodholm House is no longer extant, it has ceased to meet the criteria for listing in the National Register, which per 36 CFR 60.15, is sufficient grounds to remove the property from the National Register.

The following narrative amends the National Register nomination form to discuss the history of the Goodholm House at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds, the circumstances that led to its relocation to 10735 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, and its ultimate demolition.

<sup>1</sup> National Register of Historic Places, “Goodholm House, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County” (NRIS #83002099), Section 8, Page 3.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., Section 7, Page 2.

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The Goodholm House underwent an extensive restoration following its relocation to the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds (Figures 7–8). Repairs to the exterior, undertaken by the Oklahoma State Fair Board and Oklahoma Historical Society, cost approximately \$60,000 and were completed in time for the 1981 State Fair. Work progressed more slowly on the building's interior, however, and was supported largely the volunteer labor and donated materials under the direction of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).<sup>3</sup> The first story of the house did not open to visitors until 1989. Tours of the first and second stories were available starting in 1990, when *The Oklahoman* newspaper declared the house “fully restored and refurbished.”<sup>4</sup> Volunteers from local DAR chapters, dressed in Victorian Era attire, served as docents. DAR members and local antique stores donated period furnishings for display. Tour tickets cost one dollar.

Touted as the Goodholm Mansion, the building was a popular attraction at the Oklahoma State Fair for about a decade. More than 75,000 people had toured the house by 1993, and *The Oklahoman* estimated that roughly 16,000 visited the building annually by the mid-1990s.<sup>5</sup> Although the fair always ran in the fall (typically mid-to-late September), volunteers sometimes dedicated the house furnishings and décor to a specific holiday such as Christmas or the Fourth of July. Such attention to detail, accompanied by tales of the Goodholm family told by tour guides and the mansion's overall extravagance, elicited many positive reactions from visitors.<sup>6</sup>

The house closed to the public in the early 2000s. Indeed, the closure accompanied several significant changes indicative, according to one local reporter, of an effort to “beautify” the fairgrounds and market it “as a leading destination for equine events.” (Figures 9–11)<sup>7</sup> The Oklahoma Art Center (presently, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art), housed on the fairgrounds since 1965, relocated to a new facility in downtown Oklahoma City in 2002. The Monorail, a popular attraction during the State Fair, was taken down in 2005. The Space Tower, also known locally as the Space Needle, closed by 2010 and was subsequently demolished. Amid these changes, it was clear that the Goodholm House was not in the future plans of the Oklahoma State Fair and the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.<sup>8</sup>

The building was relocated for a second time in 2008, this time to east Oklahoma City near the intersection of Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Westminster Road (Figures 12–13).<sup>9</sup> Richard Harris acquired

<sup>3</sup> The nomination file for the Goodholm House contains numerous news clippings documenting the relocation and renovation effort. Helpful articles include “Mansion to Be Restored,” *The Sunday Oklahoman*, December 16, 1979; Diane Hust, “Period home has no welcome mat,” *Oklahoma City Times*, September 24, 1981; and Peggy Gandy, “Victorian House Awaits State Fair Visitors,” *The Sunday Oklahoman*, September 10, 1989.

<sup>4</sup> Peggy Gandy, “Goodholm Mansion Fully Restored,” *The Sunday Oklahoman*, September 16, 1990.

<sup>5</sup> Charolette Aiken, “Old House Watches Fair After Fair,” *The Oklahoman*, October 1, 1993; Lisa Elder, “Mansion Visits Long-Ago July 4,” *The Sunday Oklahoman*, September 17, 1995.

<sup>6</sup> Mick Hinton, “Mansion Tour Opens Doors To Memories,” *The Sunday Oklahoman*, September 24, 1995.

<sup>7</sup> Steve Lackmeyer, “Storied Oklahoma City mansion now in a field in eastern Oklahoma County,” *The Oklahoman*, December 28, 2020.

<sup>8</sup> Lynne Rostochil, “The Oklahoma State Fair Goes Modern,” *OkieModSquad*, <https://okcmmod.com/2012/09/the-state-fair-goes-modern/>, September 2012, accessed January 15, 2023.

<sup>9</sup> The nomination file for the Goodholm House did not contain any documentation related to the building's relocation at the time of preparation of this amendment. It is likely that the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office was not consulted in

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and moved the building with the intention of renovating and living in the house. However, Harris died in 2012 with the renovation still unfinished, leaving the house “in a field surrounded by mobile homes.”<sup>10</sup> The building was torn down in September 2021, almost a decade after Harris’s death (Figures 14–15). The family cited security and financial concerns as reasons for the demolition. Christina Puckett, Harris’s daughter and current property owner, complained of “trespassers and gawkers” stopping in the driveway or disturbing her privacy with requests to visit the house.<sup>11</sup> Harris’s widow, Elizabeth, estimated that the family had spent more than \$200,000 in relocating and reconstructing the house, with still more costs accruing with its continued insurance and maintenance.

the 2008 move.

<sup>10</sup> Steve Lackmeyer, “History at Home: Eight Historic Houses Help Tell the History of OKC,” *The Oklahoman*, September 25, 2021. Also see Steve Lackmeyer, “Storied Oklahoma City mansion now in a field in eastern Oklahoma County,” *The Oklahoman*, December 28, 2020.

<sup>11</sup> Steve Lackmeyer, “Goodholm Mansion Reduced to Rubble-Historic Home, constructed in 1901, had been moved twice to avoid destruction,” *The Oklahoman*, September 28, 2021.

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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: Goodholm House

City or Vicinity: Oklahoma City

County: Oklahoma

State: Oklahoma

Photographer: M. Pearce, OK/SHPO

Date Photographed: January 2023

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

Photo #	Description	Direction
0001	Goodholm House site, Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.	North
0002	Goodholm House site, Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. State Fair Park Administrative Office in background.	East
0003	Goodholm House site, 10735 Northeast 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Oklahoma City.	Northeast
0004	Goodholm House site, 10735 Northeast 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Oklahoma City.	Northeast

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**Photo Key 1:** Goodholm House Site, Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. Photographs #0001-0002.



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**Photo Key 2:** Goodholm House Site, 10735 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Photographs #0003-0004.

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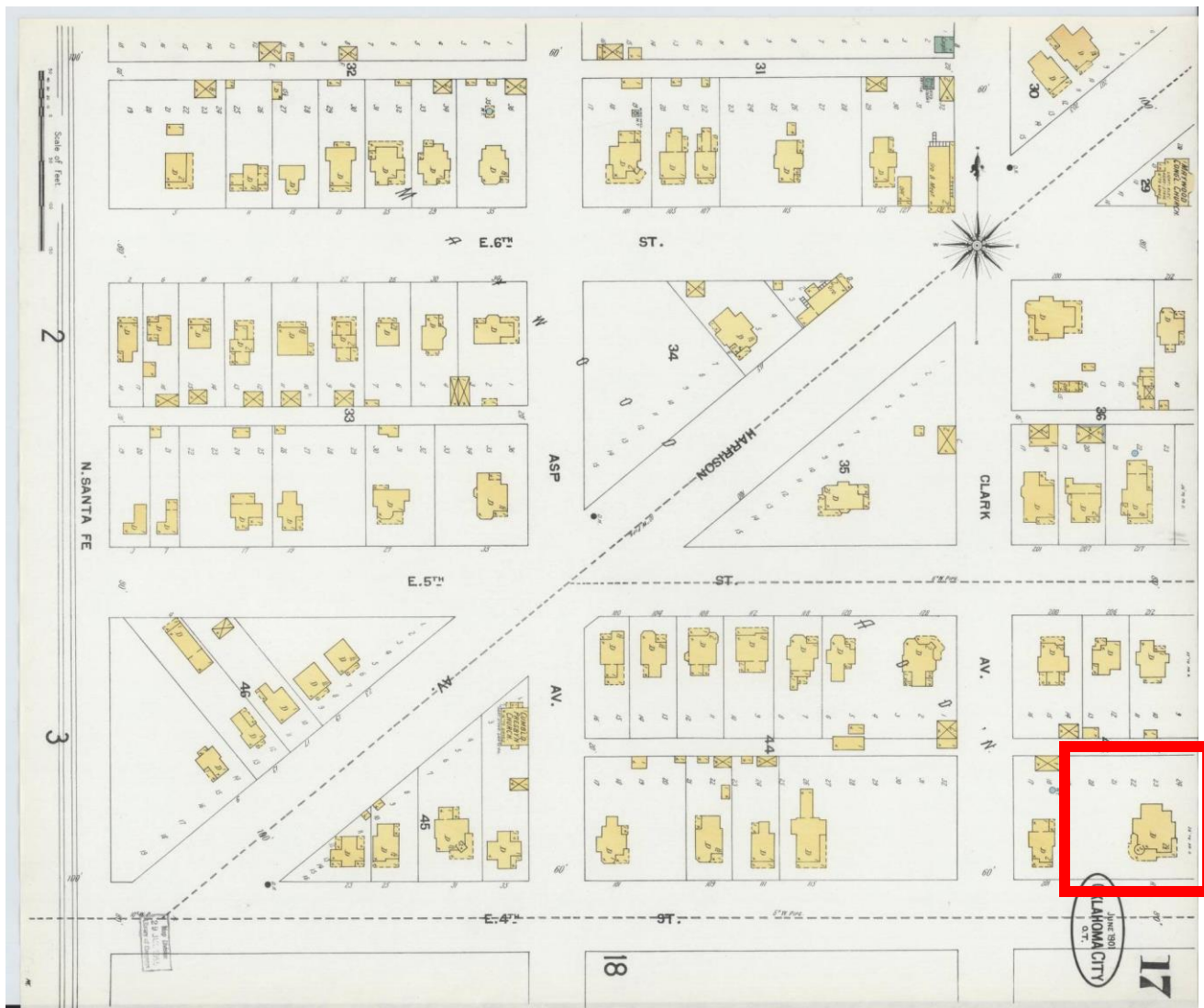
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**Figure 1:** The Goodholm House (outlined in red) was constructed between 1899 and 1901 and was originally located at 211 Northeast 4<sup>th</sup> Street, less than one-half mile northeast of downtown Oklahoma City. Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Oklahoma City, 1901, Sheet #17 (Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division, Sanborn Maps Collection).



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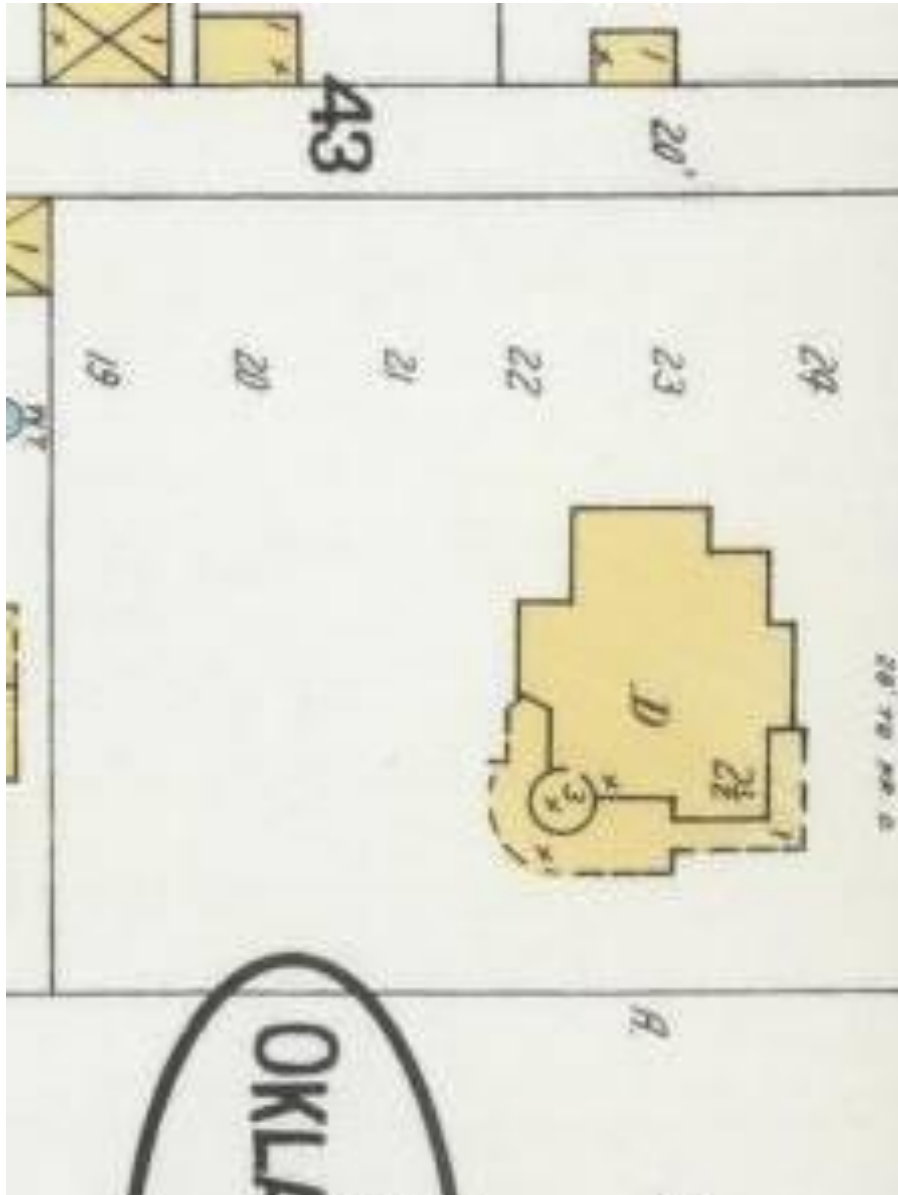
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**Figure 2:** Close-up view of the Goodholm House from the 1901 Sanborn Map. The 2 ½ story dwelling was of frame construction with a shingle roof. Notable features included the three-story turret at the southwest corner and a one-story porch that spanned the south-facing façade and portions of the east and west side elevations. Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, Oklahoma City, 1901, Sheet #17 (Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division, Sanborn Maps Collection).

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**Figure 3:**The Goodholm House under construction in 1901. Oklahoma Historical Society Photo Collection, Oklahoma Historical Society.

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**Figure 4:** The Goodholm House in April 1979, prior to its relocation to the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. Oklahoma Publishing Photograph Collection, Oklahoma Historical Society.



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**Figure 5:** The above photograph shows the deconstruction of the Goodholm House underway in preparation for its relocation to the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. Oklahoma Publishing Company Photograph Collection, Oklahoma Historical Society.

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**Figure 6:** The above photograph shows the relocation of the Goodholm House to the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds in progress in August 1979. Oklahoma Publishing Company Photograph Collection, Oklahoma Historical Society.



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**Figure 7:** The Goodholm House in September 1979, shortly after its relocation to the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. Oklahoma Publishing Company Photograph Collection, Oklahoma Historical Society.

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**Figure 8:** The Goodholm House underwent an extensive restoration following its relocation to the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 and opened to the public in 1989. Oklahoma Publishing Company Photograph Collection, Oklahoma Historical Society.



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**Figure 9:** This 1990 aerial image shows the Goodholm House (outlined in red) in context with other resources at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. Google Earth.

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**Figure 10:** Street view of the Goodholm House (indicated by red arrow) at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds in 2007, one year before its move to 10735 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Oklahoma City. Google Maps.



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**Figure 11:** This 2010 aerial image shows the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds two years after the relocation of the Goodholm House. The former site of the Goodholm House is outlined in red. Google Earth.



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**Figure 12:** The Goodholm House was moved in 2008 by Richard Harris to 10735 Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Oklahoma City, near the intersection of Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Westminister Road. Google Earth, 2010.

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**Figure 13:** View of the Goodholm House (indicated by red arrow) looking north from Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in 2014. Google Maps.



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**Figure 14:** The above aerial image indicates the Goodholm House site (outlined in red) after its demolition in September 2021. Google Earth.

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**Figure 15:** View of the Goodholm House site (indicated by red arrow) looking north from Northeast 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in January 2022, after the house's demolition. Google Maps.