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National Historic Landmarks/National Register of Historic Places
Webinar
Differentiating Between NR and NHL Properties

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National Significance:
National Historic Landmarks and National Register of Historic Places



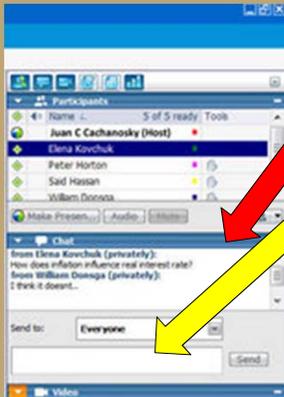
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Two Federal designation programs



National Register of Historic Places
36 CFR 60
National Historic Landmarks
36 CFR 65

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What is the National Register of Historic Places?



The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation.
Over 87,500 properties are currently listed in the National Register.



Significance: National Register

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)

Stories that have meaning either to the local community, the residents of a specific state, or to the citizens of the nation as a whole.

Local: The Albany Institute of Art, Albany, NY



State: Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Kula, HI



National: Pearl S. Buck Birthplace, Hillsboro, WV



What is a National Historic Landmark?

National Historic Landmarks are historic places that “possess exceptional value in commemorating or illustrating the history of the United States.”

Fewer than 2,500 historic places are National Historic Landmarks.

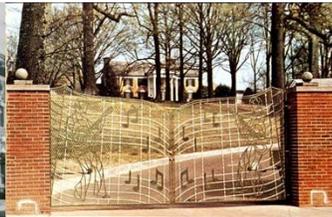
All NHLs are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



Heart Mountain Relocation Center
Wyoming



College of Physicians Building
Pennsylvania



Graceland (Home of Elvis Presley)
Tennessee

Significance: National Historic Landmarks

National Historic Landmarks (NHLs)

Stories that are of importance to the nation as a whole. Properties that are NHLs are those which illustrate a turning point in American history (such as a property which played a role in a major Supreme Court case).

Harmony Mills in Cohoes, NY



Integrity: National Register and National Historic Landmarks

The National Register:
possess good historic integrity.

National Historic Landmarks:
must demonstrate high integrity.

Carson McCullers House, South Nyack, New York



Laura Ingalls Wilder House, Mansfield, Missouri



National Level of Significance



Guidelines for establishing
significance at the national
level

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Why the Rush for National Significance?



- Numbers of new and amended nominations claiming National significance is climbing
 - Total number of NR listings at the national level of significance as of 2011 is 8,085, including approximately 2,500 NHLs (9% with NHL included; 6% NR nominations alone).
- Save America's Treasures (SAT) program
- NHL Increased Interest

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What's the Magic Formula?

- Context
- Comparative Analysis



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It is All About the Context!

- Context
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- Context



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Where Can We go to Find Context?



- Existing contexts
 - NHL Theme Studies
 - <http://www.nps.gov/nhl/themes/themes-all.htm>
 - Nation-wide multiple property documents
- NRIS database
 - Other NR or NHL listed properties
- Call Us!

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What if there is no existing context?

- Must provide the context
- Must be based on scholarly research and evaluation
- Must have a comparative aspect
- Must show exceptional importance within the theme
- More than one property of a type can be nationally significant, but not all properties associated with a national theme are automatically nationally significant!



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National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmark Staff

Reviewing National Register
nominations

Collaboration between NR
and NHL Staff

CHRIST CHURCH LUTHERAN

Minneapolis, Minnesota

National Register of Historic Places, 2001 (National Level)

National Historic Landmark, 2009



SALISBURY HOUSE

Des Moines, Iowa

National Register of Historic Places, 1977 (National Level)



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Differentiating between National Register and National Historic Landmark

NHL Criterion 2: Rachel Carson



RACHEL CARSON BIRTHPLACE
Springdale, Pennsylvania
National Register of Historic Places,
National Level



RACHEL CARSON HOUSE
Silver Spring, Maryland
National Historic Landmark

National Register Examples

Arroyo Terrace Historic District Los Angeles County, CA

Nationally significant under National Register Criterion C

contains some of the nation's finest examples of Arts & Crafts- inspired architectural design, by many of the era's most influential designers



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National Register Examples

Hewlett-Packard House and Garage Santa Clara County, CA

Nationally significant under National Register Criteria A and B in (Engineering).

the first tentative steps in what would emerge as a vital entrepreneurial process that integrated the resources of Stanford University with the practical application of manufacturing and design efforts by recent graduates, engineers and researchers.



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SOLOMON R. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM
New York, New York

National Register of Historic Places, National Level, 2005
National Historic Landmark , 2008



PARK INN HOTEL
AND CITY
NATIONAL BANK
Mason City, Iowa

National Register of Historic
Places, 1972 (National Level)



National Register Examples

Elfers Barn and Field
Idaho County, ID

Under National Register Criterion A
in the areas of Ethnic
Heritage/Native American and
Military history

The murders precipitated the
outbreak of full hostilities
between the government and the
non-treaty Nez Perce bands who
were being forcibly relocated to
designated reservation lands.



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National Register Examples

Will Rogers High School
Tulsa County, OK



Nationally significant under
National Register Criteria A
and C in the areas of
Education and Architecture

An extremely well preserved
example of early twentieth-
century Art Deco-style
design

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National Register Examples Will Rogers School, OK



Collaboration of talented local and regional architects, artists, craftsmen, and educational planners, with the result that the completed school lay beyond the standard scope of PWA/New Deal/Depression era commissions

Intended to create a world-class example of modern educational design, which was widely recognized in contemporary literature as well as in later architectural style guides and studies.

Physical form and curriculum reflected the educational philosophies of the "progressive" educational movement, which educators in the 1920s and 30s promoted as an alternative to the static educational systems of the nineteenth century

Important test lab for implementing and evaluating progressive movement programs during the period and the Will Rogers High School was held up as a nationwide model for integrating progressive school programs with school plant design

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National Register Examples

White Eagle Park, OK

Kay County, OK

National Register Criterion A in the areas of Ethnic Heritage/Native American, Religion, Performing Arts, and Social History

Dating to the establishment of the Ponca Reservation in 1877-78, the site has been the location of significant cultural practices associated with the religious and social life of the tribe since their relocation from Nebraska



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National Register Examples

White Eagle Park

Used as a ceremonial and social event center, as well as a dance ring and powwow grounds, the park continues to represent a site of critical importance to the Ponca Nation and their tribal identity. While elements of the physical facilities have changed over the years, the site's value to the community as a means of maintaining their unique cultural identity has remained constant.

A Traditional Cultural Place (TCP) is not just a place where varied cultural activities have been conducted here over a long period, but that the site itself is imbued with cultural importance owing to its associations with the earliest settlement and encampments of tribal members in their new Oklahoma home.



The appropriate level of significance is *state*.

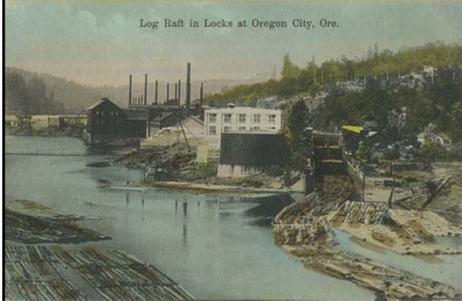


The potential national influence of the intertribal powwow, while intriguing, was not sufficiently documented or explored to merit national level significance for the Oklahoma property. Additional scholarly research and context development is necessary to assess national significance.

National Register Example

Willamette Falls Lock (1873)

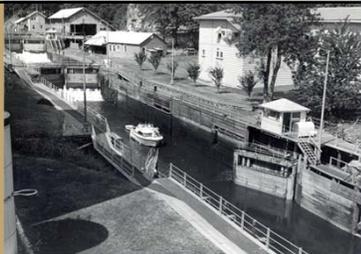
Clackamas County, OR



Constructed during the late 19th century, this cut stone lock complex represented a significant public works effort in Oregon.

Criterion A and C at the state level. Recent additional information sought to document national level significance.

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National Register Example Willamette Falls Lock

Establishing national significance under Criterion C requires a thorough discussion of the historic context for lock and canal design during the historic period and a strong comparative analysis of the subject property to other similar resources.

Similarly, under Criterion A, the current documentation failed to establish the economic or commercial significance of the particular facility beyond the state level.

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The current documentation fully supports the significance of this property at the state level.



National Register Example Willamette Falls Lock

Clarified importance within Oregon's development, but failed to place these in broader regional or nationwide context or to provide comparative analysis.

Complicated by the secondary economic status of river-borne (steamboat) traffic during the late nineteenth century.

Needed a more detailed discussion of the broad patterns of history as they relate to the contributions of such resources and a strong comparative analysis of extant properties.

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National Register Example

Okmulgee Colored Hospital (1924)
Okmulgee County,
OK

Criterion A, local level



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National Register Example Okmulgee Hospital

Failed to show how this particular example represented either an important singular resource whose creation or operation represented nationally significant events or precedence, or a sufficiently rare or extraordinary example of those themes in comparison to other examples.

A mere relationship to important national themes is not sufficient justification for considering a property at the national level of significance.

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Carnegie Library Ridge Farm, Illinois

National contexts will often have associated properties that are locally or statewide significant representations, as well as those of national significance.

Braddock Carnegie Library
Braddock, PA
Designated 2012



U.S. Courthouse and Post Office, Los Angeles
Site of Mendez v. Westminster (1947)
Currently Under Consideration



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and

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Washington, DC



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