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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Glaser - Kelly House

other name/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: 310 North Oak Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Sheridan

vicinity: N/A

state: AR county: Grant code: AR 053 zip code: 72150

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

Category of Property: Building(s)

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	<u>    </u>	buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. See continuation sheet.

Cathryn H. Byrd
Signature of certifying official

12-3-91
Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register
other (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current : Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Bungalow/Craftsman

Other Description:

Materials: foundation Brick roof Asphalt
walls Wood/Weatherboard other

Describe present and historic physical appearance. X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: Locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: B,C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions):

Areas of Significance: Health/Medicine
Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: c. 1923-1940

Significant Dates: N/A

Significant Person(s): Kelly, Dr. O.R.
Glaser, Jake

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above. X See continuation sheet.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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X See continuation sheet.

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other -- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreeage of Property: Less than one

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing    Zone Easting Northing

A	<u>15</u>	<u>555130</u>	<u>3796480</u>	B	___	___	___
C	___	___	___	D	___	___	___

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
Lot 2, Block 9, in the Nixon Addition Town of Sheridan, Arkansas.

Boundary Justification: \_\_\_ See continuation sheet.  
This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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### Summary

The Glaser-Kelly House is a one story Craftsman style bungalow with an irregular plan covered by a gable roof main section with a hipped roof rear section. The nomination also includes an associated barn, garage, and surrounding fenced garden and pasture area.

### Elaboration

Painted a cream color with maroon trim, the Glaser-Kelly House is a one-story Craftsman style bungalow with an irregular plan covered by a main section gable roof with a hipped roof rear section. The composition shingle-covered roof features the typical yet classic exposed rafters of the Craftsman style which ornament the flared eaves. The wooden frame walls rest on a continuous brick foundation and are sheathed with novelty siding except for the small later addition which is covered with weatherboarding. The lone brick chimney is located on the south side of the house.

The western or front elevation features a full facade, recessed front porch with wooden balustrades and two brick piers supporting three square wooden columns each. The front gable over the porch consists of stuccoed half-timbering with brackets decorating the cornice. The wall of the recessed porch beneath features a single-leaf door surrounded by a ten-pane transom and ten-pane sidelights to the south. The wall north of the door is lighted by a pair of four-over-one Craftsman windows with decorative shutters.

The northern elevation is comprised of a single, one-over-one double-hung window with decorative shutters to the west, an identical but smaller window in the middle, and paired windows on the east end which are identical to the west window. The northeast corner of the house is dominated by a sleeping porch. The north side of the porch extends about a foot from the rest of the northern elevation and is comprised of three sets of paired casement windows.

The eastern elevation of the sleeping porch consists of five pairs of slightly smaller four-pane casement windows. The porch is covered by an extremely low-pitched shed roof and rests over a fruit cellar. This cellar is partially above ground, and the exposed brick foundation (over concrete) contains a wooden door entrance surrounded by a northern four-over-four double-hung window and a southern sidelight window. An identical four-over-four window pierces the foundation south of the cellar entrance. The sleeping porch extends from the eastern elevation a few feet to allow for a southern-facing door and wooden steps. The center of the eastern elevation is an original hipped roof extension of the main structure which serves as the kitchen. The kitchen features a single small double-hung window in the center covered by a metal awning. The southern portion of the eastern elevation consists of a

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shallow-pitched end gable addition constructed circa 1940 as a housekeeper's bedroom. This addition is covered with weatherboarding and features a small double-hung window with decorative shutters facing the north and a larger double-hung six-over-six window facing east.

The southern elevation reveals that the previously mentioned addition was originally an open, side entrance porch to the kitchen. It appears that the porch was enclosed first for it is covered with novelty siding and the eastern room addition was later added and covered with weatherboarding. From the south, the roof of the addition appears as a shed roof tucked underneath the exposed rafter eaves of the kitchen hipped roof. A single window with decorative shutters centers the weatherboarded portion whereas double-hung one-over-one windows flank the wood screen door. Cast concrete steps lead up to the doorway. The addition projects several feet from the main body of the southern elevation. Paired double-hung one-over-one windows with decorative shutters are found immediately west of the addition. Just east of the brick chimney is a narrow double-hung two-over-two window with the same shutter treatment. The chimney is adjacent to the eastern end of the carport, a former trellised entry porch which was converted in the early 1950's. The carport rests on three unevenly spaced wooden columns on brick piers and is covered by a flat roof. The carport extends to the recessed wall under the gabled porch of the western elevation.

Interior features of the house include high ceilings, original porcelain door knobs, and a fireplace with decorative tile built by the Kellys when they purchased the home. Dr. Kelly also had a petition of bookshelves with glass doors opening to either side constructed to separate the living and dining rooms. Thereafter Dr. Kelly could tend to patients in the living room without disturbing the family. A center portion of the bookcases has been removed in the recent past to allow passage between the two rooms. The sleeping porch deserves mentioning for its sensitively done historic windows and trim.

The original outbuildings of the house still remain. The rectangular one-story garage, constructed at the same time as the house, still stands to the south of the house. In construction, the garage mimics the primary structure with its cream colored weatherboard siding and maroon painted exposed rafters and trim. A medium-pitched end gable roof covers the building and a western-facing rolling door provides access for the automobile. The driver may exit through a northern-facing door. A red dairy barn stands behind the house to the east. It was built in 1934 by Dr. Kelly to house the occasional cow and calf that he would keep at home. The barn consists of one story with a hayloft and is sheathed with horizontal simple drop siding. An end gambrel roof covered with tin sheets keeps the cows dry, and a recessed corner provides entrance into the barn. A wooden picket fence connects the garage with the side porch addition, and wire fences define the garden/pasture area east of the house.

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### SUMMARY

The Glaser-Kelly House is being nominated under Criteria B and C with local significance. The house is significant under Criterion B primarily for its association with Dr. Obie R. Kelly, a prominent local physician and philanthropist. The property is also important because of its association with Jake Glaser, the Jewish merchant whose business contributed substantially to the economy of Sheridan in the 1920's and 1930's. Under Criterion C, this dwelling is significant as a fine and virtually unchanged example of the Craftsman style of architecture which was popular in Arkansas from about 1915 until the early 1940's.

### ELABORATION

The Glaser-Kelly House is believed to have been built in the early 1920's by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Glaser, a prominent Jewish family in Sheridan. The Glasers owned and operated a dry goods and clothing store, J. Glaser Ready-To-Wear, which played an important role in the economy of Sheridan during the 1920's and 1930's. The local residents considered them to be quite "well-to-do" and as being kind and generous to everyone. The Glasers' religious beliefs, however, were often upsetting to some upright local Protestants. Mr. Glaser was active in local civic organizations and was a charter member of the Sheridan Rotary Club which was formed in 1930. Mrs. Glaser was involved as well, belonging to the Sheridan Eastern Star, a service organization, and the Twentieth Century Girls Club, a local women's organization.

Dr. Obie R. and Ellen Forrester Kelly purchased the Glaser house in 1932. Dr. Kelly was born in 1885 in Grant County, Arkansas. After graduating from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1909, Dr. Kelly practiced in Dallas County before moving to Sheridan in 1913 where he was in practice for forty-two years.

In his early years, Dr. Kelly was a "horse and buggy doctor" before purchasing a car in 1917. In the 1920's lumber was the leading industry in Grant County, and Dr. Kelly was the physician for both the local lumber company and the Missouri-Pacific Railroad employees in the area. He was often the only doctor in the county. Patients were attended at the Kelly house any time of day or night on the long front porch and in the living room. There is even a "worn in" place on the front door from people knocking on it. Watermelons and cantaloupes were frequently the only payment Dr. Kelly received, as he would never turn away a patient that could not pay.

Despite his extensive medical practice, Dr. Kelly was very active in civic organizations. He was

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a charter member of the Sheridan Rotary Club, a member of the Sheridan Masonic Lodge, a member of the First Baptist Church, and a life member of the Sheridan Parents-Teachers Association. Dr. Kelly served as president of the Grant County Medical Association and was a member of the Arkansas State Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Concerned with the physically handicapped, Dr. Kelly was in the forefront of the county's rehabilitation efforts.

As a strong supporter of education, Dr. Kelly served thirty-nine years on the Sheridan School Board, twenty-seven as president. The Kelly-Williams Gymnasium was named in his honor for his services and financial contributions. When the Grant County library was in need of a permanent home, Dr. Kelly was the first to donate, contributing five thousand dollars toward the construction of the Grant County Memorial Building.

Dr. Kelly did not limit his efforts to just medicine and education. In an address dedicating the new Kelly-Williams gymnasium, Conrad Glover credited Dr. Kelly with advancing agriculture in Grant County as well. Dr. Kelly's hobby was raising pure-bred beef cattle, and he also pioneered in the use of modern mechanized farm equipment. From these successful experiments, many farmers in Grant County were encouraged to enter the pure-bred livestock business and modernize their equipment.

Dr. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly remained in the house until their deaths in 1955 and 1988 respectively. The house is owned today by the Kelly's daughter, Mary McKenzie of Hughes, Arkansas.

The Glaser-Kelly House is significant under Criterion B by virtue of its two remarkable owners: Jake Glaser, local merchant and member of a distinct ethnic minority and Dr. Obie R. Kelly, physician and philanthropist.

Aside from its association with Jake Glaser and Dr. Obie R. Kelly, the Glaser-Kelly House is significant under Criterion C as one of the best representatives of a Craftsman-style bungalow of this size and scale in Sheridan. No other houses in the neighborhood are of this subtype of the Craftsman style of architecture. Noteworthy features include an Oriental flared roofline with exposed Craftsmen rafters and a gable end with stuccoed half-timbering. The front porch is highlighted by square columns on brick piers, wooden balustrades, and a front entrance flanked by side lights and a transom. Another typical Craftsman feature is the sleeping porch at the rear of the house, with this example containing a small fruit cellar underneath. Alterations to the exterior have been minor and do not affect the visual integrity of the property. The interior, punctuated by high ceilings and a living room fireplace, has also changed little over the years. Most of the Kelly's furnishings remain and lend to the historic ambience which is felt throughout



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the house.

As for the outbuildings, the original garage still exists on the south side of the house. The old red barn, built in 1934, still stands behind the house, although it no longer contains hay in the loft for the occasional calf that Dr. Kelly would keep at home. The pleasant rural atmosphere exuded by this small urban farmstead distinguishes the Glaser-Kelly house from the others on Oak Street.

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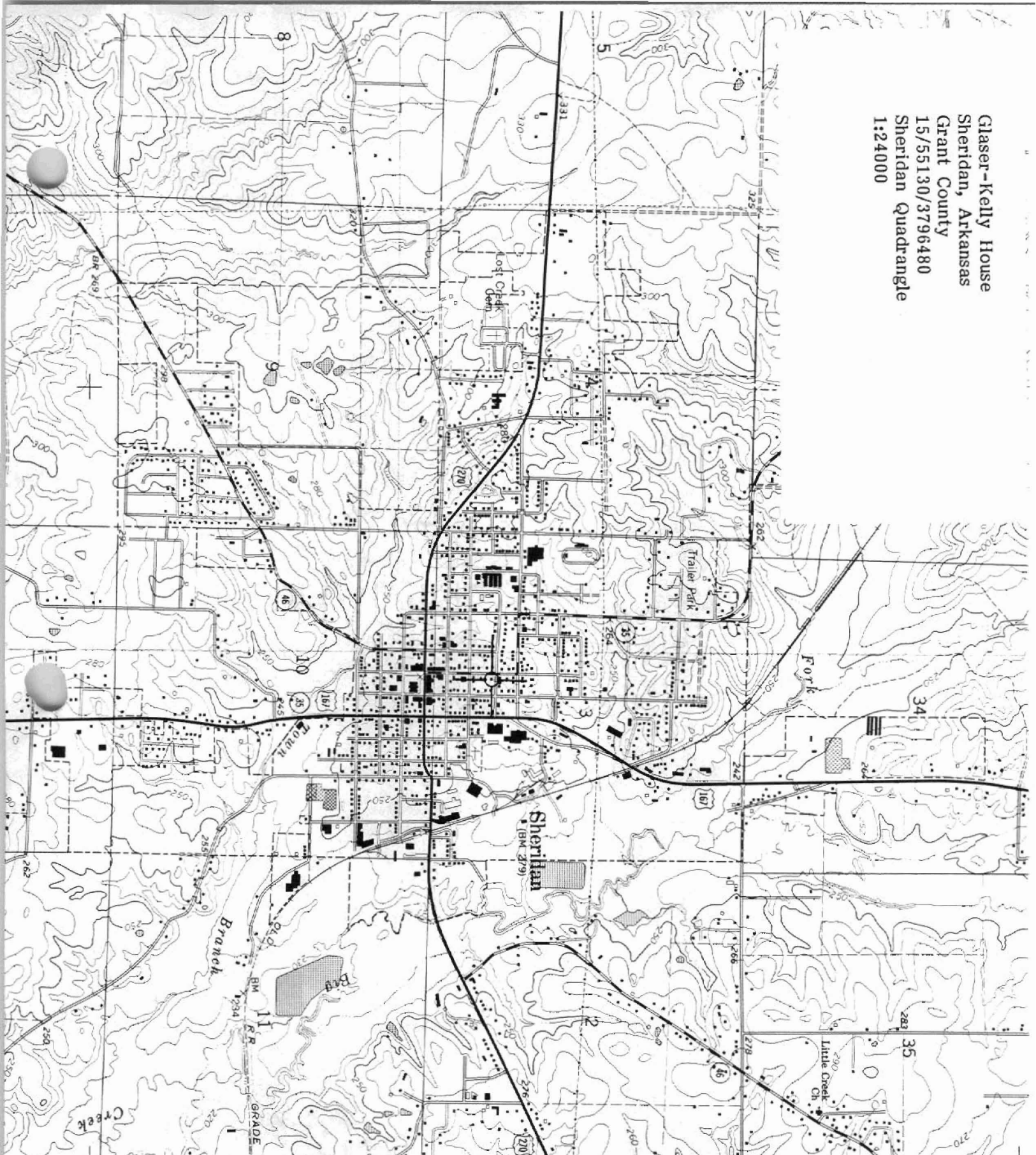
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Grant County  
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Sheridan Quadrangle  
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