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- Location:** Heritage Hills Neighborhood  
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma  
Lat: 35.48481 Long: -97.51897 (Heart of Heritage Hills Neighborhood at  
intersection of NW 15th Street and N Hudson Avenue, Google Earth, Simple  
Cylindrical Projection, WGS84)
- Significance:** The first district within Oklahoma to be classified as a historically significant area by the Oklahoma City Historic Preservation Committee in 1969, the Heritage Hills Historic and Architectural District is a group of six residential areas that were developed early in Oklahoma City's existence. They are some of the earliest examples of community planning in Oklahoma City and the state of Oklahoma. Anton H. Classen, a politician and developer, organized the original residential area called Highland Parked Addition in 1900. Additional developers followed and construction of the residential areas included within the district ended around 1930. Over the years, the estates within the district have been home to many of the city's leading politicians, bankers, businessmen, doctors, and civic leaders. The district is characterized by a variety of architecturally-styled homes situated on large lots set back from the road. The streets and sidewalks are tree-lined, and there are multiple parks. Heritage Hills is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Description and History:** Heritage Hills is the collective name for six residential developments constructed from 1900 to 1930 that include in excess of 360 single-family residences. The six developments are Classen Highland Parked, Colcord Heights, Harndale, West Highland Parked, Winan's Highland Terrace, and Winan's Second. These developments were some of the first planned residential areas within Oklahoma City and within the state of Oklahoma. Prominent developers included Anton H. Classen, Charles F. Colcord, Gilbert A. Nichols, John Winans, and William Taylor Hales. The district is marked by a variety of architectural styles that include vernacular Prairie, Bungalow, Renaissance Revival, Neo-Classical Revival, Georgian Revival, Spanish Revival, Jacobethan, and Mission. The styles of the individual landscapes are varied as well. However, most of the homes are two-story and situated at least 25 to 30 feet from streets and have tree-lined sidewalks and streets, which gives the area a sense of cohesiveness. In addition, a series of parks and wide boulevards were designed into the developments.
- Sources:** "Heritage Hills Historic and Architectural District," National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form,

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Illustrates one of the many styles of architecture within the district; also showcases mature trees and sidewalk set back from road (Dr. Charles Leider, 2009).



View of tree-lined street and sidewalk; mature, established trees provide a nice canopy (Dr. Charles Leider, 2009).