

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>	
COUNTY: <u>Johnston</u>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <u>71.8.40.0014</u>	DATE <u>8/5/71</u>

1. NAME

COMMON: <u>White House of the Chickasaws</u>
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Gov. Douglas H. Johnston House</u>

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: <u>NW edge of</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Emet</u> (S/2 SW/4 NW/4 Sec. 14, T 4 S, R 7 E)			
STATE <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>40</u>	COUNTY: <u>Johnston</u>	CODE <u>069</u>

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: <u>Douglas H. Johnston, Jr.</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Route 1</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Emet</u>	STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>
	CODE <u>40</u>

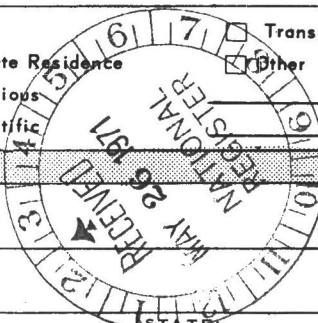
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Office of the County Clerk</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Johnston County Courthouse</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Tishomingo</u>	STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>
	CODE <u>40</u>

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: <u>Oklahoma Historic Site Survey</u>	
DATE OF SURVEY: <u>1958</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <u>Oklahoma Historical Society</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Historical Building</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Oklahoma City</u>	STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>
	CODE <u>40</u>

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The "White House of the Chickasaws" was built in 1895 in the gingerbreaded style of its day. The architect was W. A. Waltham of Dallas, Tex. Most of the finishing lumber was hauled by wagon from Denison, Tex., although the cherry mahogany mantels and facings for the two ornate fireplaces were shipped from Chattanooga, Tenn. Imported walnut also went into the ornamental woodwork on the encircling front porch.

The main center section of the house had (and still has) four rooms in a south-to-north row: the sun-lit parlor (also called the music room), the sitting room (or library), the state dining room, and the kitchen. A two-room wing flanked each side, with an open breezeway separating the west wing (Governor Johnston's bedroom/office) from the sitting room.

enlarged
The original house has been changed but slightly. About 1903 or 1904 the breezeway was enclosed and a stairway added from it to the attic, where a bedroom and bathroom were added. (The bathroom, containing a tin tub with a wood rim around it, is believed to have been the first in a private home in all the Chickasaw Nation. Another possible private-home first: a telephone.) One room on the east was also enlarged somewhat. These constitute the major changes. Lighting has been changed from hanging lamps and standing coal oil lamps, to carbide lights, to electricity. Baths have been added. The house has been quite well preserved.

Some of the original furnishings remain in the home, still owned by the Johnston family. In addition to the fireplaces there is the bedroom suite in the Governor's room: the massive bed and dresser, his desk, and a Morris chair. A child's chair, a wicker rocker, several small tables, a 150-year-old clock, a buffet and much hand-painted Haviland china - these and other relics remain.

Though hardly prepossessing by current standards, the White House was something of a mansion in its day - a not unimpressive mansion, when one considers its frontier setting. It was, in short, a worthy "White House," in fact as well as in name.

*1 1/2 - story
frame
porch ornamented by cast-iron
style carving in
railing, posts, open
brackets*



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☒ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century
(late)

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1895 to the present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

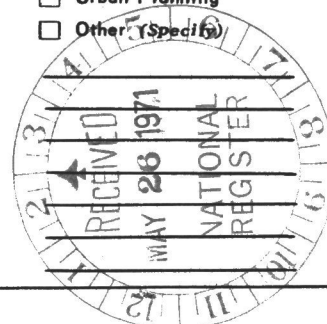
Aboriginal

☐ Education☒ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☒ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☒ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "White House" is an interestingly comfortable house built on the frontier when such structures were quite rare. More importantly, it is an impressive monument to a capable, dedicated Indian leader whose family has had considerable impact on the history and development of present Oklahoma.

Douglas H. Johnston -- closely related to Confederate Generals Joseph E. Johnston and Albert Sidney Johnston -- was born in Indian Territory in 1856. His father, Col. John Johnston, Sr., had played a leadership role in the removal of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians from Mississippi to Indian Territory. There he married a Chickasaw woman and settled down in the Fort Washita area. Douglas, one of four sons, was named for General Douglas Hancock Cooper, headquartered at Fort Washita as commander of Indian Confederate forces in Indian Territory. He was educated in Indian schools and academies.

In 1884 he became superintendent of Bloomfield Academy, south of present Durant, a position he held for thirteen years. In 1895, while still at Bloomfield, he began construction of the 8-room, frame "White House." Friends had been urging him to seek the office of governor of the Chickasaw Nation and he wanted to have a home befitting the office. In 1898 he and his family were living in the house when he was first elected governor.

Governor Johnston was re-elected in 1900. Then in 1902, because tribal law forbade a third successive term, he became a senator in the Chickasaw Nation legislature. He was serving his third term as governor in 1907 when Oklahoma became a state. By act of Congress he continued in office until his death in 1939 at the age of 83.

His home on the north edge of Emet, then a bustling trading center (Johnston operated a general merchantile store), was necessarily the scene of many important social and political events. Oklahoma Governor William E. Murray was married there - to a niece of Governor Johnston. Curiously enough, their son, Johnston Murray, was born in the house - and following the lead of his father and his mother's

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cornish, Melven, "Douglas H. Johnston," The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. 18, No. 1 (Spring 1940), pp. 99-101.
 Smith, Mrs. Juanita Johnston, An Interview record by Margaret Lokey, Chickasaw Capital-Democrat, July 1965.
 Thetford, Francis, "White House of the Chickasaws," The Daily Oklahoman, May 1, 1960.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

NO JTM
HL

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Kent Ruth, Deputy

ORGANIZATION: Oklahoma Historical Society DATE: April 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN: Oklahoma City STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name: Don N. Shum

Title: Liaison Officer for Oklahoma

Date: MAY 21 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ewert A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

AUG 5 1971

Date: _____

ATTEST: William M. Minter
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: JUL 29 1971

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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Oklahoma	
COUNTY Johnston	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.8.40.0014	DATE 8/5/91

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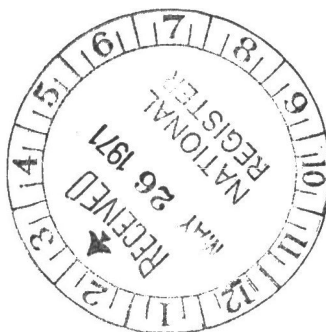
No. 8. Significance

White House of the Chickasaws

family, he went into politics, became Oklahoma's 14th governor in 1951. Other marriages took place in the house, including that of Julia Chisholm, granddaughter of the famed Jesse Chisholm and adopted niece of Governor Johnston.

The governor scored several notable achievements on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation and its people. By appealing upon occasion directly to Pres. Theodore Roosevelt, he was instrumental in keeping white adventurers off tribal rolls, in maintaining tribal control over Indian schools, and in saving tribal government by insisting Washington to live up to its treaty obligations in regard to taxes.

Thus, from 1898 until he died, reads a Chronicles of Oklahoma tribute at the time of his death, Governor Johnston "stood as the accredited representative of his Nation in all matters affecting the well-being of his people. By the exercise of a courage of the highest order, and an immovable firmness in the official conduct of all matters affecting the rights and interests of his Nation and people, he has won and held the respect and admiration of public officials, both in Oklahoma and at Washington."



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

71000662

WHITE HOUSE OF
THE CITICKASAWS
JOHNSTON CO, OK

Working No. 71,8,40,0014
Fed. Reg. Date: 8/5/71
Date Due: _____
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
 _____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



NPS Number 74.8.40.0014

Title: White house of the chickasaws

Loc. Johnston, Oklahoma

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Gov. Johnston's desk in his bedroom/office
at white house of the chickasaws at Emox.

Bill Francis photo - 1971

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Title: White house of the Chickasaws

Loc. Johnston, Oklahoma

view from south showing original

bridge way or open gallery

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*Home of Hor. Douglas
H Johnston at Ennet*

6, 1900



NPS Number 71.8.40.0014

Title: White House of the Chickasaws (Gov Douglas Johnston House)
Johnston City, Oklahoma

Loc. Front of House
from SSW

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM

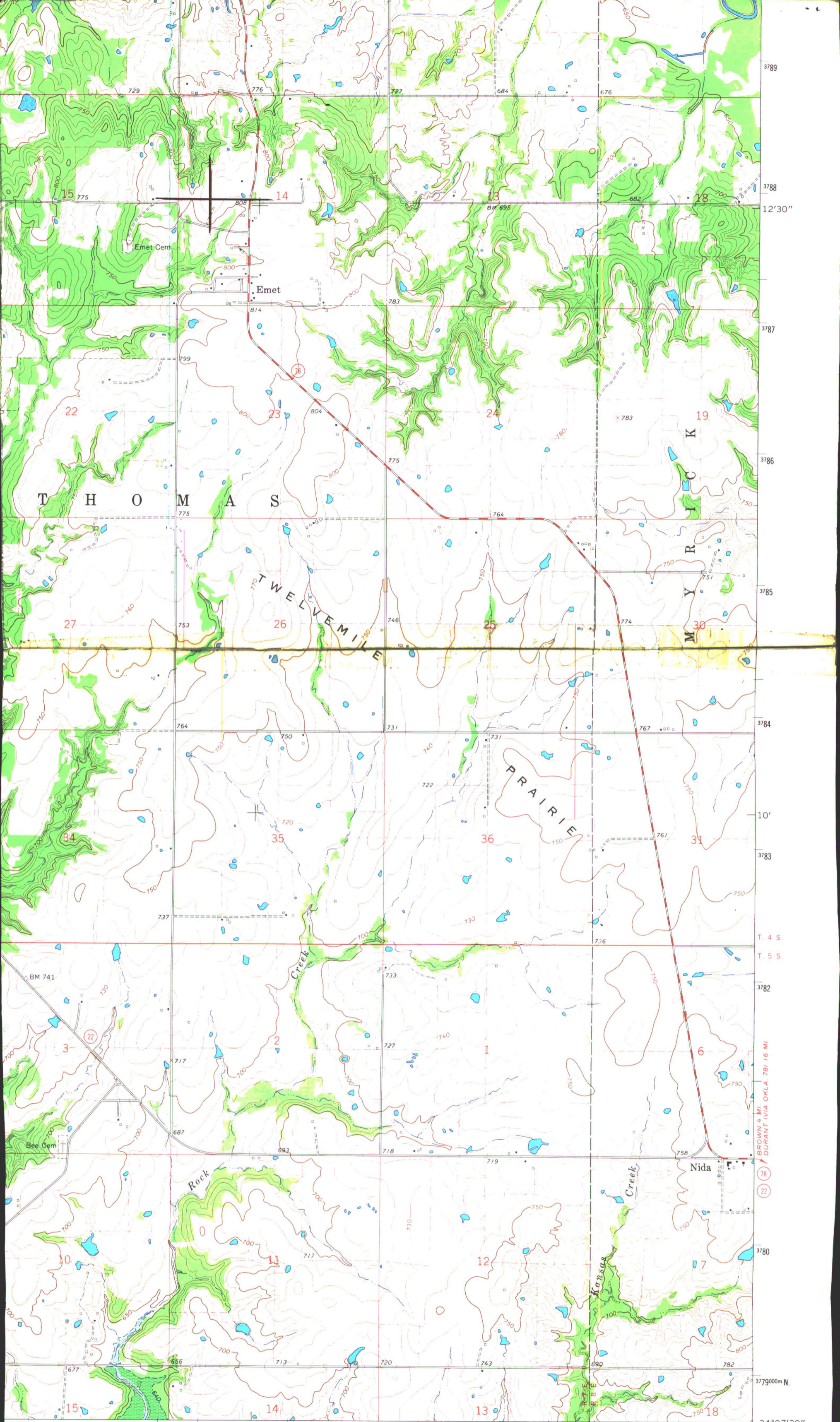
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Oklahoma	40	Johnston	069
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. - Milburn Quadrangle			
SCALE:	7.5" Series - 1:24,000		
DATE:	1967		
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference. Lat.: 34° 12' 09" Long.: 96° 32' 31"			





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Unimproved dirt =====

○ State Route

OKLAHOMA

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

MILBURN, OKLA.
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY MAP FORM

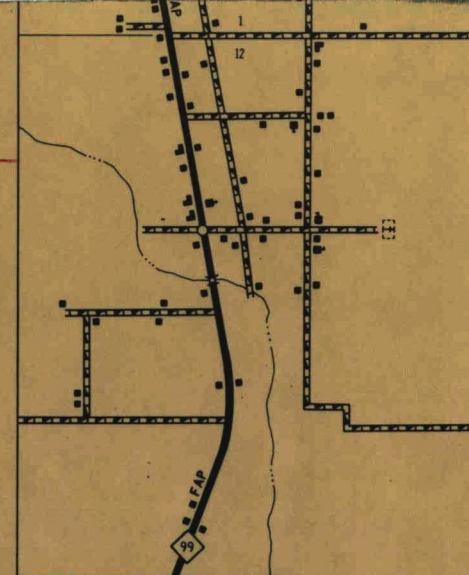
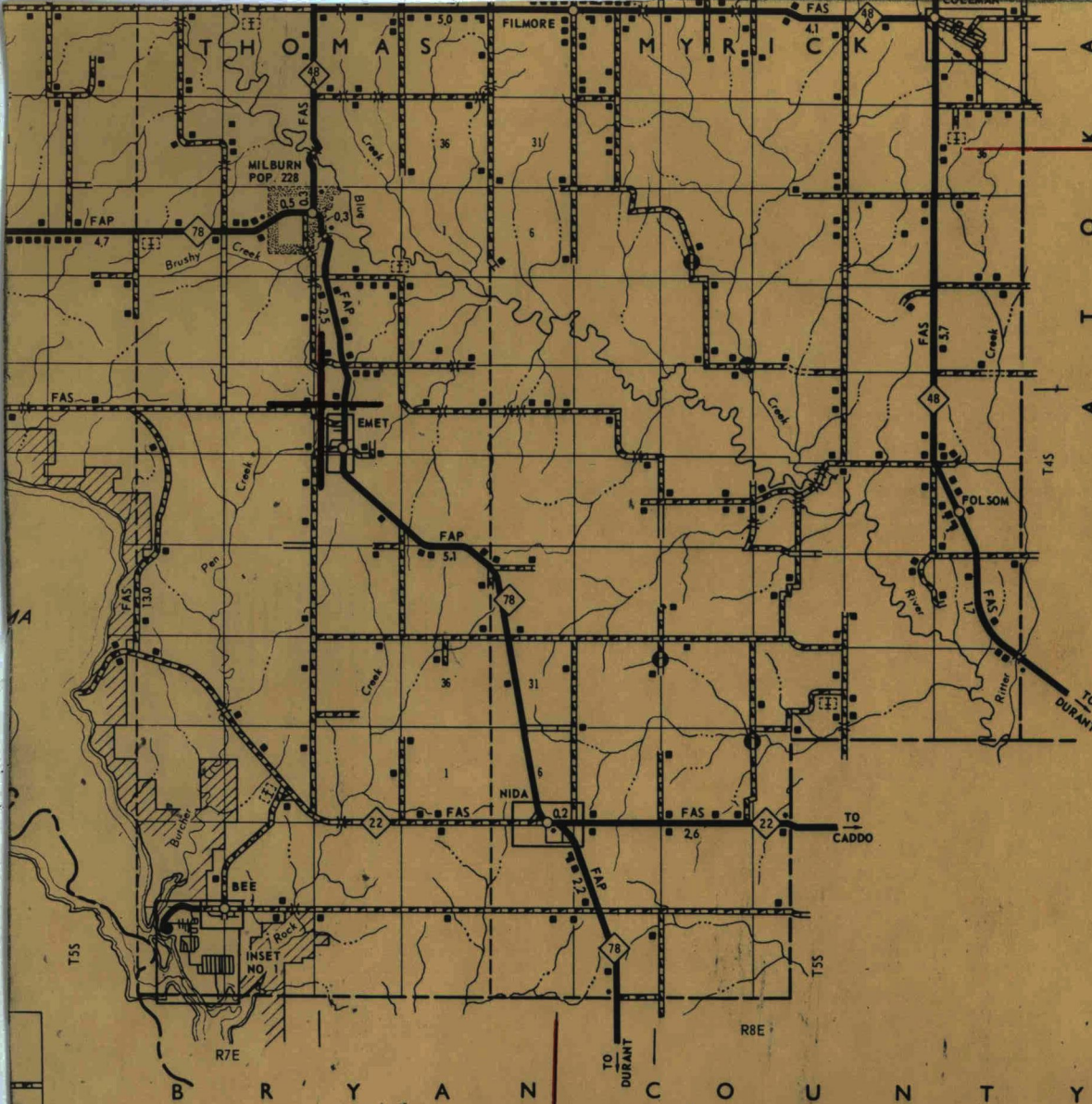
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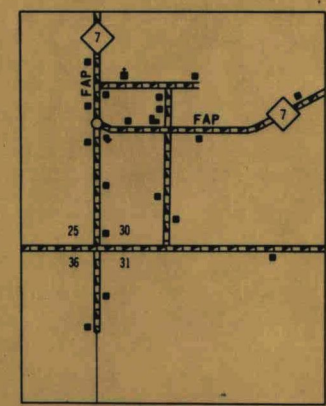
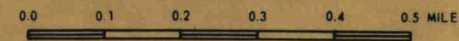
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CITY OR TOWN: Emet (S/2 SW/4 NW/4 Sec. 14, T 4 S, R 7 E)			
STATE: Oklahoma	CODE 40	COUNTY: Johnston	CODE 069
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Oklahoma State Highway Department			
SCALE: 1/2" equals 1 mile			
DATE: 1967			
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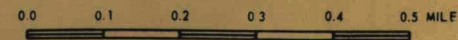




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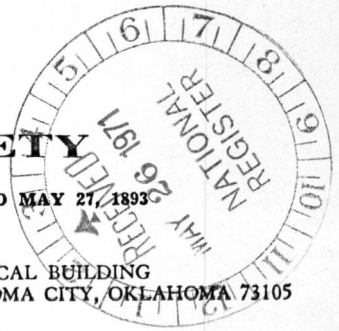
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FOUNDED MAY 27, 1893

HISTORICAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73105



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CERTIFICATE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the attached nomination for the National Register has been reviewed in accordance with the requirement of Section 3.6.3 of the Grants Guide and that in our opinion it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 thereof.

Dated: MAY 21 1971

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IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing constitute the Review Commission for the State of Oklahoma as heretofore appointed by the Governor.

James D. Morrison
Secretary to the Commission

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OKLAHOMA

Date Entered AUG 5 1971

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Seeger Indian Training School	Washita County Colony, Oklahoma
<u>White House of the Chickasaws</u>	Johnston County Ennet, Oklahoma

Also Notified

Hon. Henry L. Bellmon
Hon. Tom Stead
Hon. Carl Albert
Hon. Fred R. Harris

State Liaison Officer
Mr. George Shirk
President, Oklahoma Historical Society
1108 Colcord Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

cc: Director, Southwest Region

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NOTIFICATION OF GRANT-IN-AID ACTION

Do Not
Use
This
Space

1. STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER

J30505

2. (Reserved for use by State central information reception agency)

3. GRANTOR: a. Federal agency

Department of the Interior

b. Organizational unit

National Park Service

c. Administering office - (1) Name

Division of Grants

(2) Address - Street or P.O. Box

18th and C Streets, NW.

City

Washington

State

D.C.

Zip Code

20240

4. FEDERAL AGENCY GRANT IDENTIFIER:

a. Code

b. Title

40-72-00021-01

White House of the Chickasaws Dev., Phase III

c. Purpose

Architectural plans for future restoration work will be prepared.

5. GRANTEE: a. Name

Oklahoma Mr. George H. Shirk, State Historic Preservation Officer

b. Address - Street or P.O. Box

1108 Colcord Building

City

Oklahoma City

State

Oklahoma

Zip Code

73102

6. GRANTEE TYPE (Check only the single most applicable box)

a. State

☒b. Inter-
state☐

c. County

☐

d. City

☐e. School
district☐f. Special
unit☐g. Community
action☐h. Sponsored
organization☐

i. Other

☐

7. APPLICATION RECEIPT DATE

Year Month Day

75 11 12

8. ACTION DATE

Year Month Day

75 11 21

9. EFFECTIVE STARTING DATE

Year Month Day

75 11 21

10. ENDING DATE

Year Month Day

78 11 20

11. TYPE OF ACTION (Check as many boxes as apply to this action)

a. New
grant☒b. Continuation
grant☐c. Supplemental
grant
(identify agency in item 16)☐

d. Change in existing grant

☐(1) Increase in
duration☐(2) Decrease in
duration☐

(3) Cancellation

☐

(4) Increase(\$)

☐

(5) Decrease(\$)

12. AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION

a. Federal - (1) basic

(2) Supplemental

\$ 2,000

\$

b. State

\$ 2,000*

c. Local

\$

d. Other

\$

13. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (if none, clarify in item 16)

a. Program Number

15.904

b. Supplemental Program Number

14. AUTHORIZATION

a. Federal Budget Accounts

10-58-1040-0-1-405

b. Public Laws

PL

Title

Sec.

89

665

PL

Title

Sec.

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Title

Sec.

c. U.S. Code

16 U.S.C. 470

15. FACILITY LOCATION: (For facility grant actions only)

a. City

Emet vicinity

b. County

Johnston

16. REMARKS

*Donated property

Prepared by Ralph E. Thomas 523(139)-5054

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June 1970 Bureau of the
Budget Circular A-98
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