

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>
COUNTY: <u>Muskogee</u>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER <u>9</u> 1973 DATE <u>SEP 7 9 1973</u>

1. NAME

COMMON:
Foreman, Grant, Home

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Thomas - Foreman Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1419 W. Okmulgee Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Muskogee

STATE <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>40</u>	COUNTY: <u>Muskogee</u>	CODE <u>101</u>
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <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 type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Oklahoma Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Oklahoma City

STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>40</u>
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the County Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
Muskogee County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Muskogee

STATE <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>40</u>
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Special Survey - Foreman Home

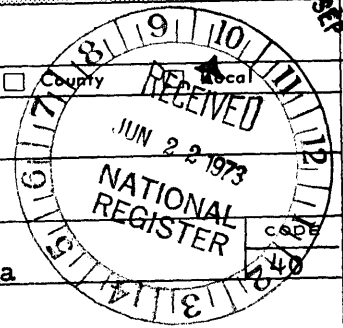
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Oklahoma Historical Society

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1898, a year after his appointment to the federal bench in Indian Territory, Judge John Robert Thomas bought a 300-foot-square piece of virgin prairie on what was then the western outskirts of Muskogee, an unincorporated town of 3,500. On it he built a comfortable frame house and the routine outbuildings of the day: a barn and stable, servants' quarters, a shed for coal and wood.

The cistern, which can still be seen on the west side of the house, was excavated from solid rock. The well serving the house also had to be cut through rock for most of its 60-foot depth. Judge Thomas had 350 fruit and shade trees planted, the entire plot surrounded by an ornamental fence.

The Foremans moved into the house in 1905. Changes made over the years were mostly on the inside and of a minor nature. A fireplace was added. The attic was finished, largely to accommodate books and papers that overflowed the downstairs. (The Foremans traveled widely and the house today is filled with articles from around the world.) Muskogee spread westward and eventually engulfed their house. But Dr. and Mrs. Foreman held on to a small, tree-shaded yard that they turned into something of a bird sanctuary. It remains that today.

The Foremans had no children. After Mrs. Foreman died, the property was passed on to a niece who, in 1969, willed it to the Oklahoma Historical Society. The house had been well maintained over the years. Relatively little effort was required to restore it and the grounds to the way they were when the Foremans lived and worked there. It is open to the public, admission free, 9-5 Tuesday through Friday, 2-5 Saturday and Sunday. The house is closed Monday.



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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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1898 to the present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Few houses anywhere would seem to have a more solid claim on National Register recognition than the modestly comfortable white frame cottage occupied for a half-century by Grant and Carolyn Foreman. Among the top historians the state has produced to date, the Foremans -- an exceedingly prolific husband/wife team of researchers and writers -- published between them more than a score of books, countless articles in The Chronicles of Oklahoma and other magazines and newspapers. The house with its bookcases was their workshop. Owned now by the Oklahoma Historical Society, and open to the public, it is an altogether fitting memorial to two capable and dedicated historians.

Grant Foreman came to Oklahoma in 1899 as a young lawyer with the Dawes Commission, then allotting land to Indian members of the Five Civilized Tribes. His interest in Indians and Indian history was promptly kindled and it remained strong throughout the rest of his life. In 1903 he became a law partner in Muskogee of Judge John Robert Thomas, a federal Judge at Large for Indian Territory 1897-1901 and then in private practice. In 1905 Foreman married the Judge's daughter, Carolyn. The couple lived with the Judge in what was then the Thomas house until he died in 1914, remained there until their own deaths -- Grant Foreman in 1953, Carolyn Foreman in 1967, at the age of 95. From 1920 on he gave up his law practice, devoted his efforts full time to historical research and writing. After his death Mrs. Foreman carried on, publishing her last book at 91.

Foreman's first book was Pioneer Days in the Early Southwest, published in 1926. Among his other fifteen volumes are such now standard reference works as Advancing the Frontier, Indians & Pioneers, The Five Civilized Tribes, and Indian Removal.

Carolyn Foreman's first book was Oklahoma Imprints, published in 1936. Between them credits in the Cummulative Index to The Chronicles of Oklahoma run to six columns.

The Foremans traveled widely. (Mrs. Foreman once stated that they had researched in 113 libraries and institutions throughout the world.) Muskogee remained their home, however. And as their reputations became increasingly well known, historians, writers, artists, politicians, and

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

-- Unpublished Data, Compiled largely by Archivist Rella Looney, on File at the Oklahoma Historical Society Building in Oklahoma City

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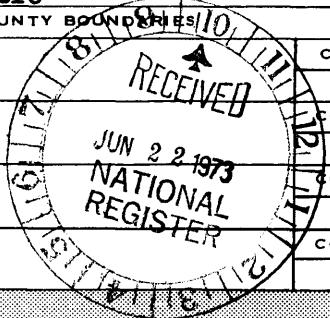
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Kent Ruth, Deputy**

ORGANIZATION: **Oklahoma Historical Society** DATE: **April 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Historical Building**

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

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: [Signature]

Title: SLCO for Oklahoma

Date: JUN 20 1973

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

[Signature: Robert M. Utley]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 9/19/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 9 7 73

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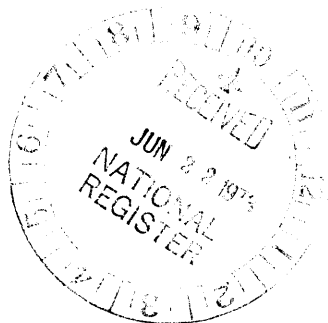
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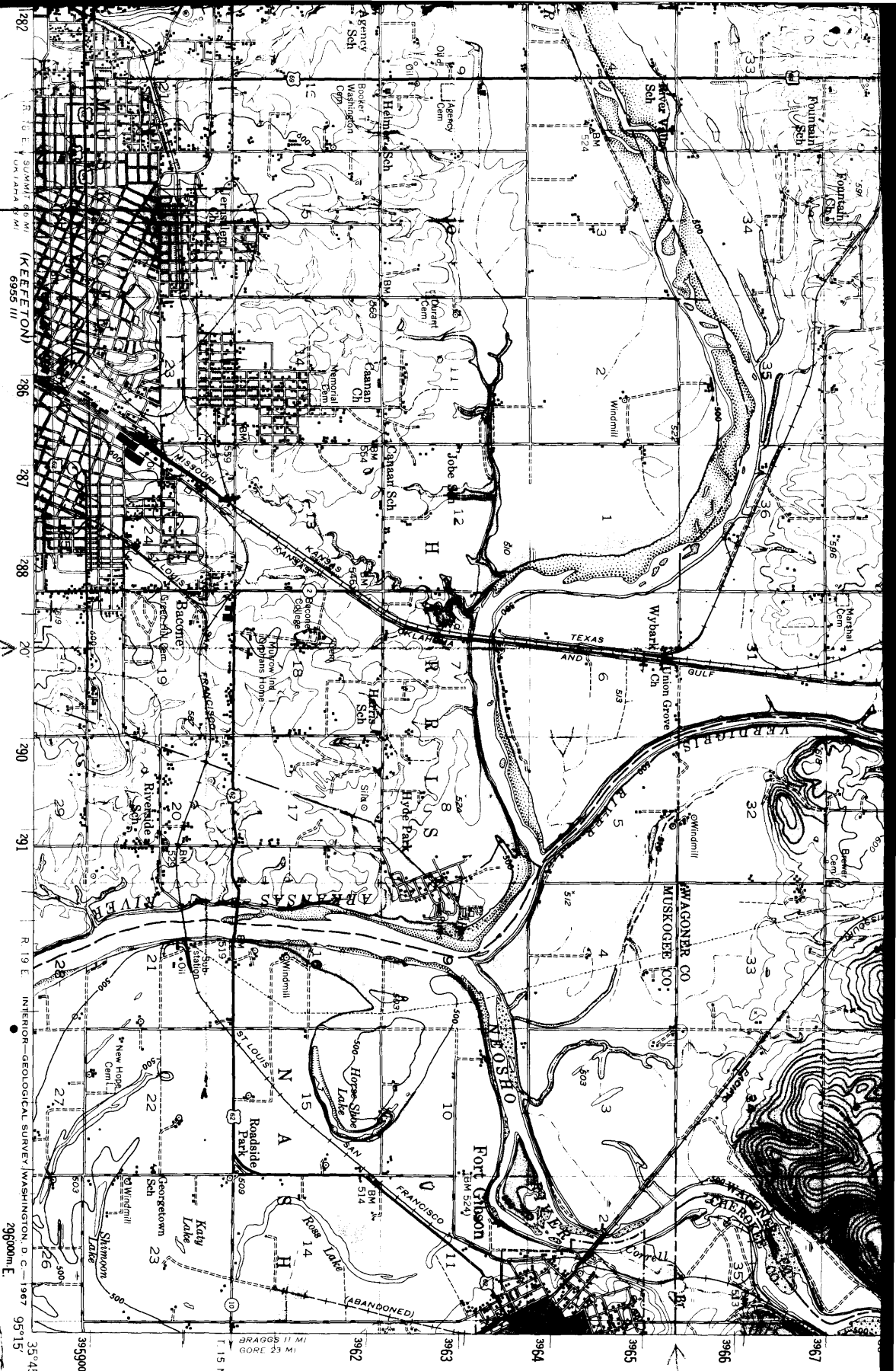
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No. 8. Significance

Foreman, Grant, Home

many others came to visit them. From 1920 to 1967 the pleasant Thomas-Foreman House on West Okmulgee Street, with its bookcases inside and bird-filled gardens outside, was a hub of historical activity in Oklahoma.





SCALE 1:62,500

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

HARD SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS DRY WEATHER ROADS

Heavy-duty 4 LANE ROAD IMPROVED DIRT

Medium-duty 4 LANE ROAD UNIMPROVED DIRT

Loose surface, graded, or narrow hard surface

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BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225 OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242

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(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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CITY OR TOWN:

Muskogee

STATE:

CODE	COUNTY:
10	Muskogee

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U. S. G. S. - Wagoner Quadrangle

SCALE: 15 minute series 1:62,500

DATE: 1948

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

Long.: 95° 23' 11.0" W
Lat.: 35° 45' 13.8" N

