

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oklahoma	
COUNTY: Garvin	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.35.0014	DATE 10/6/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Initial Point

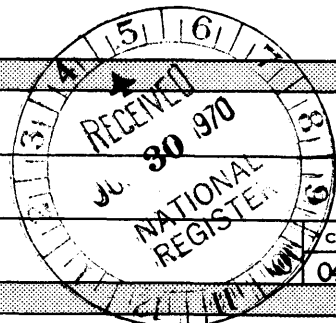
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
C. 7 1/2 m. W of

CITY OR TOWN:
Davis

STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 35 COUNTY: Garvin COUNTY CODE: 049



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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 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:
Mrs. Ada Luster (Cf. attached sheet for other owners.)

STREET AND NUMBER:
803 E. Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Davis STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 35

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Garvin County Courthouse Murray County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Pauls Valley Sulphur STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 35

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Oklahoma Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1958 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Oklahoma Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN: Oklahoma City STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 35

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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)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The official description of Initial Point, as taken from the surveyor's field notes, reads as follows:

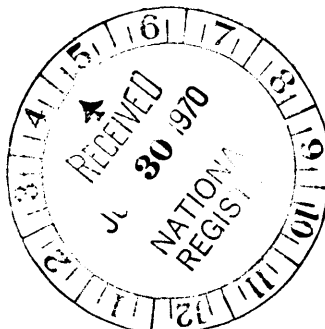
Initial monument at point between two small streams both having a northerly course, making a junction about twenty chains north.

Set Sandstone 54x18x18, marked on west side I. P., on east side Ind. Mer., and on north side 1870, in a mound of stones six feet in diameter and three feet high, from which flagstaff at Fert Arbuckle bears north seven degrees, thirty-seven minutes west. East end of Messa [mesa], bears north 46 degrees, 17 minutes west. East end of Messa bears north 47 degrees, 42 minutes west. East end of Messa bears north 55 degrees, 56 minutes west. Black oak 10 inches in diameter bears north 70 degrees, 11 minutes west 617 links distant. Rock on east side of brook marked thus (111) bears south 14 degrees, 12 minutes east, 1,365 links distant. Cedar eight inches in diameter just left of rock.

Stone and cedar still remain, intertwined with barbed wire used to protect the various property lines. No regular road serves the area, but it can be reached by a track road across the fields from Okla. 7 one mile to the north.

Coast and Geodetic Survey triangulation stations were established in Oklahoma starting in 1927, first west of the 98th meridian, then east. First-order triangulation in Oklahoma from this data was published in 1935. Triangulation continued to include the Initial Point area in 1954. In 1955, Indian triangulation station -- its marker stamped "Indian 1954" -- was established. It is located 11.73 feet southwest of the Initial Point stone pest set in 1870.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1871 to present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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

The significance of Initial Point is attested to by the presence on this nomination form of Nos. 2 & 5. Precise locations are always important, whatever the site in question, and every system of site location must have a basic reference point that is fixed, convenient, and unquestioned by all who must use it. Initial Point - in south-central Oklahoma - is such a point.

When Congress authorized breaking up the Chickasaw lands into quarter sections on April 8, 1864, the need for a convenient section/township/range system became apparent. The 1871 report to the 42nd Congress of the Commissioner of the General Land Office puts it this way:

The surveyors were instructed to select a suitable initial point in the center of the Chickasaw lands, or in the vicinity of Fort Arbuckle, and perpetuate it by a suitable monument, and from this point to establish a principal meridian and base line, to be known by the designation of "The Indian Base Line and Meridian."

The point was established and suitably marked -- with a stone post that still stands (cf. No. 7). During fiscal 1870-1871 some 1,350,107 acres were subdivided into 65 townships. The surveyors then sub-divided the townships into 160-acre tracts. By 1879 most of Oklahoma west of the 96th meridian, except for the Panhandle, had been surveyed. The Indian Meridian is now recognized as far north as South Dakota.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Drummond, Willis, 1871, Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office for 1871: U. S. 42nd Cong., 2d sess., House Executive Dec. 1505, vol. 3, no. 1, p. 49, cf. p. 329.

Myers, Arthur J., and Vosburg, David L., "Distances Within the State of Oklahoma," (Norman: Oklahoma Geological Notes, November 1964), pp. 247-260.

Rucker, Alvin, "'Initial Point' in Oklahoma," The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. V (1927), pp. 328-332.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

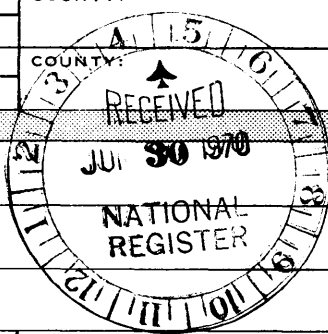
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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**

ORGANIZATION: **OK - Hist - Soc**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Hist - Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Oklahoma City**

STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **35**

DATE: **June 1970**

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 *[Signature]*

Title *Liaison officer for Oklahoma*

Date **JUN 27 1970**

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

OCT 6 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

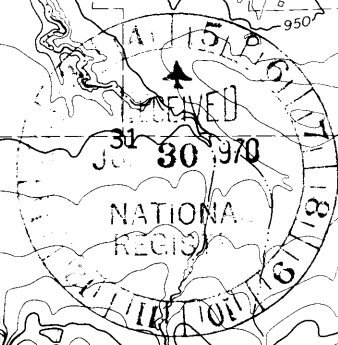
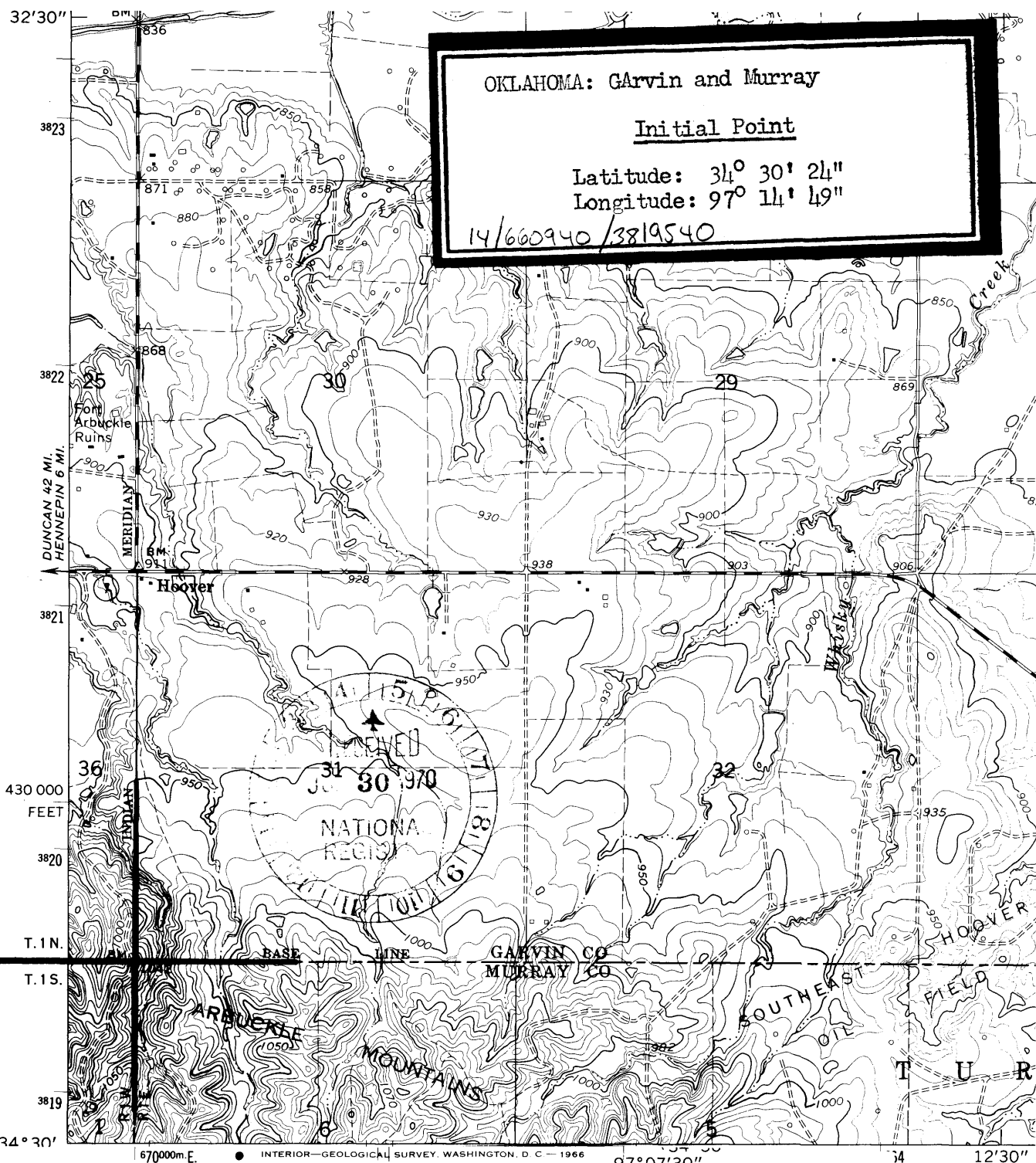
Date **AUG 3 1970**

OKLAHOMA: Garvin and Murray

Initial Point

Latitude: 34° 30' 24"
Longitude: 97° 14' 49"

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MI. TO U.S. 77

34° 30'

670000m. E.

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C.—1966

97° 07' 30"

SPRINGER 13 MI.
ARDMORE 24 MI.

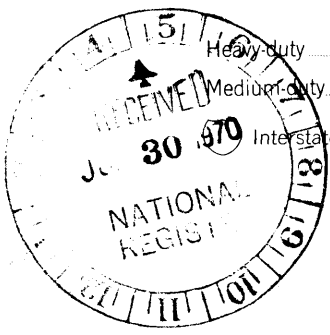
34

12'30"

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————
- Medium-duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

(DOUGHERTY)
6552 INE



JOY, OKLA.
N3430—W9707.5/7.5

3 NORTH SHEET

1965

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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1. NAME

COMMON: Initial Point
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2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
c. 7.5 miles W. of
CITY OR TOWN:
Davis

STATE: <u>Oklahoma</u>	CODE <u>35</u>	COUNTY: <u>Garvin</u>	CODE <u>049</u>
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U. S. G. S. - Joy Quadrangle - 7.5
SCALE: 1:24,000
DATE: 1965

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.

