

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Monhollow Artificial Stone House

and/or common Appleton House

2. Location

off US-183

street & number South of the city across from E. 2nd Street N/A not for publication

city, town Buffalo N/A vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 40 county Harper code 059

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	N/A being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Vincent Appleton

street & number -----

city, town Buffalo N/A vicinity of state Oklahoma 73834

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office

street & number Harper County Courthouse

city, town Buffalo state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Preservation Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Appleton House, built as a one-story concrete block farmhouse on the south edge of Buffalo in 1911, is (from the front) approximately 50'x40' with the appearance of an octagon house, although this is accomplished by angling the front corners. The roof is hipped with a flat section on top that used to house the central brick chimney (removed recently due to deterioration). The roof extends out horizontally over the veranda-like porch and forms a mansard-like edging that surrounds all but the back part of the house. The house faces east and on the south side at the rear of the porch, the space was enclosed into the kitchen with a small gable and interior brick chimney. The porch roof is supported by pressed concrete grooved columns at each corner that are segmented into tiers by horizontal, projecting bands above a square block plinths. The floor of the porch, the steps, and the foundation are also concrete blocks. The walls of the house are pressed concrete blocks made on the site with cement brought by wagon from Ashland, Kansas and formed by the owner, a stone mason named Herb Monhollow. The rough-cut stone-like quoining at the corners and around the windows offers visual variety to the surface as does the flat concrete lintels and sills, and the projecting foundation blocks.

The two entries are accented by the beveled oval lights and carved ivy moldings are around each light. Most of the windows are double-hung sash windows, except for the two lower windows on the angled corners that are segmented vertically on the lower two-thirds of the window. The concrete cellar and cistern base sits off the southwest corner of the house. The only alterations to the structure have been the elimination of a central front interior wall and central chimney, and the use of asphalt shingles in re-roofing. A metal carport has been added to the south side but it is recessed toward the back of the house, matching lines with the eave and corner of the house. The house is on farmland across the road, from the town of Buffalo with a well-landscaped yard of cedars and pines, especially on the north and west sides to provide wind breaks.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1911 **Builder/Architect** H.A. Monhollow

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Appleton House, built in 1911, is an excellent example of pressed concrete block construction common to the northwestern corner of Oklahoma around statehood in 1907. This Late Victorian cottage is a fine specimen of the workmanship that the early settlers in the region used in constructing their residences. Built on the southern edge of the Harper County seat, Buffalo, that was established in 1907 and originally planned as "Stone City", due to the fire proofing requirements, this house is one of the few remaining structures of the numerous commercial and residential artificial stone buildings of Buffalo that once characterized the town and it is the best preserved and most original example left in the town. In addition, this home built by a local stone mason, Herbert Monhollow, as his home is unique in its design with hipped roof and clipped front corners that give the appearance of the once popular octagon houses. The veranda style porch with pressed, segmented concrete posts add a touch of charm as well as provide a shady spot in hot summer weather. The Victorian influence is most notable in the decorative detailing, especially the columns and the oval, bevelled glass lighted doors with carved vine moldings. The original storm cellar and cistern foundation sit just off the southwest corner of the house.

The only alterations to the structure have been the removal of the central interior wall that divided the living and dining areas and the central chimney. In addition, a carport was attached to the south side of the house but the flat roof was matched to the height of the eave on the house and the open, recessed nature of the carport does not detract from the visual integrity of the house. The house has remained in the family, with Monhollow's nephew, Vincent Appleton now living in the home.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Interview, Vincent Appleton, Buffalo, May 27, 1982.
Sage and Sod; Harper County, Oklahoma, 1885-1974. Volume II, Harper County Historical Society, 1975, pp. 76-88.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Buffalo, Okla. 1970

Quadrangle scale 7.5 min.

UTM References

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14	44401010	41071551710
Zone	Easting	Northing

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Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Oklahoma Historical Preservation Survey date 1982

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city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C. M. Metcalf date 5/31/83

title date

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

Entered in the National Register

date 7/14/83

Keeper of the National Register

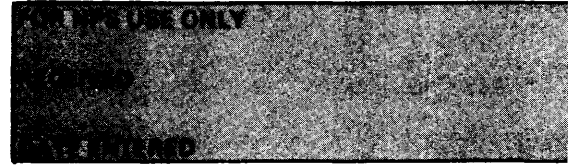
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Verbal Boundary Description:

From the paved road on the south side of Buffalo that leads east to Selman (west of Buffalo, this is U.S. Highway 64) and the junction of 2nd S.E. go south down the private road 240 feet to point of beginning. From the point of beginning go west 100 feet then south 150 feet then east 100 feet then north to point of beginning. The boundaries include the house and yard within the NW of NW of NE, Section 13, T27N, R23E, I.M. and were determined after examination of aerial photographs to include the area that is used as the yard for the house, but excluding other farm structures, pastures, and fields.