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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Faulkner, Judge Franklin, House

AND/OR COMMON

Faulkner Cabin

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

E. Cherokee Street ~~at US 59~~

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sallisaw

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 2

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Oklahoma

CODE

40

COUNTY

Sequoyah

CODE

135

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Sequoyah County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Sallisaw

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Oklahoma

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Sequoyah County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Sallisaw

STATE

Oklahoma

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1979

___FEDERAL STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

Oklahoma

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1956</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Faulkner cabin was probably built in 1845 and is a typical - almost prototype - affair of early pioneer days, whatever the frontier. It was 18-x-18 feet in size with a front and back door and a single front window. The plain hip roof was extended in front to cover an 8-x-18-foot porch, supported by cedar posts. Walls were of sawed logs, hand-notched at the corners, and mud-chinked. A massive stone chimney served a single fireplace.

In 1956 the cabin, abandoned and threatened with destruction, was removed to a downtown location in nearby Sallisaw, some six miles to the southwest. There it was carefully restored. Only one log had to be replaced. The chimney was marked stone by stone, dismantled, and then relaid at the new site. The interior mantel is at least partly original. The original floor remains, although a simple (rustic) new floor has been laid over it to protect it. The cabin now serves as a primarily summer-time-only information center for visitors. It contains some period furnishings, however, so it also serves as an informal pioneer or early Oklahoman museum.

Very few log structures of the age of the Faulkner Cabin still exist in Oklahoma today. Fewer still exist as complete and in near-original condition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1845 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Not known

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Franklin Faulkner might well represent the not insignificant number of non-Indians, mostly of West European stock, who cast their lot with the Cherokees when they were being pushed out of the Southeast, who accompanied them westward over the "Trail of Tears," and who, through intermarriage, continued to play a role in the building of the Cherokee Nation for the rest of their lives. If not the most important of these self-adopted Cherokees, neither was he the least. And the Faulkner Cabin - almost a prototype of the pioneer log hut in its own right - is one of the oldest still in existence in the state. It is nominated for National Register status to memorialize him because no other physical evidence of his life and contributions to the Cherokee Nation remains. Even his grave site was recently destroyed by a previous owner of the Franklin farm site - a fact which will, it is hoped, help to counter-balance the fact that the cabin has been re-located.

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Franklin Faulkner was one of eight sons born (about 1810) to white settlers living in the old Cherokee country of northern Georgia and eastern Tennessee. A young, largely self-taught lawyer when the U. S. government was forcing the Cherokees to move west of the Mississippi, he decided to go with them. He was a teamster and scout with a detachment under the command of a Captain Oldfield and the Rev. Stephen Foreman. The party left Tennessee Sept. 24, 1838, with 983 Cherokees. It arrived, with 921 members, Febr. 27, 1839.

Faulkner married a fullblood Cherokee woman soon after arriving in present Oklahoma. They had two children. When his wife died in 1845, he moved to the Sequoyah District of the Cherokee Nation - near the log home of famed alphabet-designer Sequoyah. There he built this simple log cabin. And there he married Nancy Pettit, another Cherokee woman, and fathered six more children. After she died he married again, twice, before his own death in 1887. And many of his numerous descendents, to the fifth and sixth generation, still live in Eastern Oklahoma. He is buried, with two of his wives and several children and grandchildren in the Faulkner Cemetery, now destroyed, at the homesite.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Sequoyah County, Sequoyah County Historical Society, 1975

Materials provided by the Sequoyah County Historical Society.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Sallisaw

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5 minute

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 5 | 3, 3, 8, 9, 1, 8 | 3, 9, 2, 5, 4, 2, 8
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [] | [] | []
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C [] | [] | []

D [] | [] | []

E [] | [] | []

F [] | [] | []

G [] | [] | []

H [] | [] | []

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 1, Block 4, Original Plat, Town of Sallisaw, Oklahoma

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 / TITLE

Kent Ruth, Deputy

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historical Society

DATE

August 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Historical Building

TELEPHONE

405/884-5456

CITY OR TOWN

Oklahoma City

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

H. Glenn Jordan

TITLE

DATE

12/11/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. Ray Luce
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: *Bill Groves*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

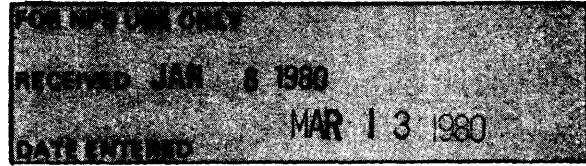
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FAULKNER, JUDGE FRANKLIN, HOUSE

When the Civil War broke out, Faulkner, being a southerner, favored the Confederate cause. And many of his younger friends left for Texas to join the southern forces. But he remained in the Nation during those turbulent war years that brought so much suffering and hardship to the Cherokees. Two of his sons, however, served under Cherokee General Stand Watie. Faulkner put his self-acquired legal training into service for the Cherokee Nation in 1871, becoming judge of the Sequoyah District. But for two years he filled this position until 1885, two years before his death.