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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

Choate Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Second & Walnut

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Indianola

VICINITY OF

003

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Oklahoma

40

Pittsburg

121

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Roy and Ola Bynum

STREET & NUMBER

Second & Walnut

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Indianola

VICINITY OF

OK

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Pittsburg County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

STATE

McAlester

OK

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1979

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Oklahoma City

OK

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE 1966

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one-and-one-half story log cabin with dog trot between the two main rooms is essentially as it was when built in 1867. The body of the cabin is constructed of oak logs and cedar beams. The building measures 20' by 13'; each of the downstairs rooms measure about 8' by 9' and the dog trot about 4' by 9'. The front of the cabin has a wooden siding placed over the horizontal log construction to give the appearance of a frame house. Also in front is a natural stone porch, about 4' wide, running the length of the cabin. The roof of the porch is supported by three plain wooden posts resting on a natural stone wall, about 2' tall. It appears that part of the porch (the east end) has been closed off and a room created at a date later than original construction. 1.

Both main rooms have natural stone end-wall chimneys. The cabin itself has a natural stone foundation. 2.

Both downstairs rooms have two doors and two windows. The wooden floors, panelling and dropped ceiling were a later alteration. 3.

A stairway is in the dog trot, next to the east room. This leads upstairs to the one-half story rooms. The area above the dog trot is enclosed and has two windows - one north and one south. Both upstairs rooms are also enclosed and have a window each.

All hinges in the structure are extremely elaborate, as are the door knobs and plates. This equipment is original.

The structure was moved three and a half miles east from its original site in 1966 in an effort to preserve it and protect it from vandalism.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTOIC	<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
<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/HUMANITARIAN
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Indian History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

### SPECIFIC DATES

Built about 1867

### BUILDER/ARCHITECT

George W. Choate

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small log cabin with dog trot is one of the oldest standing structures in Oklahoma. It dates from 1867 and was a residence until 1966 when it was moved to its present location and became a museum.

The builder and original owner was George Choate of Choate Prairie, about three and a half miles from present day Indianola, Oklahoma. Mr. Choate was himself an important character in Oklahoma's early days. George W. Choate, a Choctaw, was a county judge for a long time in the Choctaw Nation and served at the Tobucksy County Courthouse beginning in 1876. Mr. Choate was also the last president of the Choctaw Senate. No other structure associated with Mr. Choate survives.

The structure retains much of its original architectural integrity. It is one of the few buildings remaining which participated in the development of the Choctaw Nation.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Letter, Roy Bynum, Indianola, Oklahoma, January 23, 1979.  
 Interview, Mrs. Roy Bynum, Indianola, Oklahoma, March 15, 1979.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Under 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Indianola, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SW 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 Section 13 T8N-R14E  
 Block 3, Perkins; 1st edition to Indianola, Indianola, OK

## 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

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ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

DATE

March, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Oklahoma State University

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CITY OR TOWN

Stillwater

STATE

OK

# 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

TITLE

Harry G. Deupree III

DATE

7-16-79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

10-3-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

10/3/79