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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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NAME: George Carr Ranch House

LOCATION: vicinity of Camargo, Oklahoma 040, Ellis County 045

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Ellis County Courthouse, Shattuck, Oklahoma

OWNER: Donald Harrel, Rural Route, Leedey, Oklahoma

DESCRIPTION: Condition--good, original site, altered

The George Carr ranch house is a large, two-story building constructed of wooden logs. Carr built the house shortly after settling in Oklahoma Territory in 1894. Its dimensions are approximately 48 feet by 37 feet. The house remains in its original condition, except for a frame hall on the south side that Carr added in the early years of the century to accommodate dances. Alterations do not detract from architectural integrity, but reflect the fact that this ranch was the center of a rural community activity.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1859--Builder/Architect: W. H. Vanselow

The George Carr ranch house is significant because it was the headquarters of the T-Bar Ranch. Born in 1859, Carr settled in Day County, Oklahoma Territory in 1894 after ranching for years in Colorado. Carr and his wife, Emma, built their home on the banks of the South Canadian River, several miles west of Camargo, Oklahoma. The division of Day County into smaller units placed the Carr home in Ellis County, but they also owned land in Dewey County. Carr named his ranch the "T-Bar" Ranch, earning Carr the nickname of "T-Bar George." At its greatest extent the ranch contained 39 sections of land. The Carr ranch was known for its registered quarter horses, the first in western Oklahoma, and its high-quality cattle. The Carr house became the social center for the surrounding area and the Carrs hosted a variety of celebrations, such as picnics and dances. The Carrs lived in Camargo and in Woodward, Oklahoma during the 1920s before retiring to California. Emma died in 1930 and Carr in 1946. Carr's land passed into the hands of the Harrel family.

ACREAGE: one acre

QUADRANGLE: Vici SW, Oklahoma
N3600-W9922.5/7.5 1970

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nominated property is one acre delineated by the following four UTM points that form a square.

a. 14 465310 3988480

b. 14 465380 3988480

c. 14 465380 3988420

d. 14 465310 3988420

UTM: 14 465325 3988460

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ACREAGE: Less than one acre.

QUADRANGLE: Vici SW Oklahoma
N3600-W9922.5/7.5 1970

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Take U. S. Highway 60 east out of Arnett, Oklahoma; go 19-1/2 miles east and turn south on the gravel section line road. Continue on this road for 7 miles, at which point the road will curve east--stay on it. After a mile and a quarter there is a gravel driveway curving south leading to the T-Bar ranch house. From this intersection go 250 yards south to the NW corner of the T-Bar ranch house. This is the point of beginning of the boundary of the nominated property. From this point go 10.9 feet west; turn 90 degrees and go south 48 feet; turn 90 degrees and go east 37.2 feet; turn 90 degrees and go north 48 feet; turn 90 degrees and go west 27.2 feet to point of beginning.