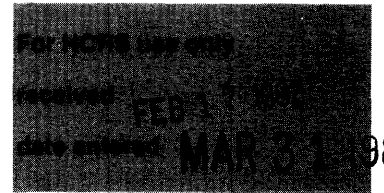


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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



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

**1. Name**

historic Alice Brown House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Chestnut Street n/a not for publication

city, town Sasakwa \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 003

state Oklahoma code 40 county Seminole code 133

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>n/a</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Unoccupied

**4. Owner of Property**

name Frances Brown Bennett

street & number 10509 N. McKinley

city, town Oklahoma City \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Oklahoma

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Seminole County Courthouse

street & number Wewoka Street

city, town Wewoka \_\_\_\_\_ state Oklahoma

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1980 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City \_\_\_\_\_ state Oklahoma

# 7. Description

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

In 1901 Governor John F. Brown built a frame house for his daughter Alice. The house is a two-story four bedroom square plan, three bays wide, with symmetrical hip roof of Italianate derivative design (See Photos #1 and #2). The house contained a single-story front porch (now screened) and a single-story rear addition with a steeply hipped roof (See Photo #3). The ground floor level is comprised of a kitchen, dining room separated from the library/living room by French doors, a front bedroom, central bath and a rear bedroom. The second floor is comprised of a south and a north bedroom and a large walk-in closet on the west and surrounded by an attic area. There are two chimneys, one for the stove flu on the north wall servicing the front downstairs bedroom and the upstairs north bedroom, and one for a fireplace in the library/living room. When the house was first built there was no gas or electricity and kerosene lamps and wood and coal heating were used. When gas came into the area gas lights were added in the late 1920s. Running water and plumbing were added in the early 1930s. The bathroom was added at that time and the walkin pantry next to it. The stairway is original. The second story porch on the front originally had a railing around it. A cistern was added after the original building was completed to collect water which ran off the roof.

The exterior of the house has been changed very little: the railing around the second story porch is gone and the porch is now screened. The exterior also shows the effects of weathering. The house has been unoccupied since 1970 but is in fair 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 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 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 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) Tribal History
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**      1901      **Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Alice Brown House is significant because it is the only remaining structure which is associated with the Seminole Governor John F. Brown. Governor Brown built the house for his daughter, Alice, in 1901. Although Governor Brown did not actually live in the house, he spent a lot of time there and when the weather was too bad for him to return from his Sasakwa mercantile store to his own mansion two miles west of there, he would remain overnight at the house on Chestnut Street. Alice Brown lived in the house until 1925 when it was rented for two years. In 1929 Golda Brown, a daughter-in-law married to Governor Brown's son Tobb Brown, moved into the house with her family. She lived in the house until 1970 when she moved next door to another house.

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Governor John F. Brown was the son of Dr. John F. Brown, a native of Scotland, who was detailed by the U. S. Government as a physician to accompany a band of Seminoles from Florida to Indian Territory. There Dr. Brown met Lucy Redbird, a Seminole woman. The law prevented them from marrying because a man employed by the government could not marry an Indian. The Seminoles were also against Indian-white marriages. After Dr. Brown was released from his position as physician to the tribe, he took Lucy to what is now Kansas and they were married there. John F. Brown, son of Lucy and Dr. Brown, became chief of the Seminole Nation in 1877 when John Jumper resigned the office. Governor Brown served as principal chief from that time until 1907 when the Nation's government was dissolved, except for a two-year period from 1902-1904 when Hulputta Micco was the principal chief. Governor Brown also succeeded John Jumper as pastor of the Spring Baptist Church in 1894 and served until his death in 1919.

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Governor Brown began a trading post at the original site of Sasakwa where he eventually built a 16-room mansion. Although he continued to live at the mansion he moved his trading post east two miles to the later site of Sasakwa and subsequently became a member of the Wewoka Trading Company in Wewoka. The Trading Co. was one of the largest commercial firms in the Southwest, once rated by Dunn and Bradstreet in the million-dollar class. The interest and welfare and education of the Seminoles were the main objectives of Brown's thirty-year service as the principal chief of the Seminole Nation.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wright, Muriel, Indian Tribes of Oklahoma, 1951 Norman: OU Press, p. 235

# 10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Sasakwa

Quadrangle scale 7.5 minutes

UMT References

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 6, 7 and 8 in Block 16, Sasakwa Townsite

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

name/title Marjorie M. Schweitzer

organization Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

date 1980, December

street & number Oklahoma State University

telephone (405) 624-5678

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*C. Metcalf*

2-2-82

title

date

For HCPS use only

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

*Bob Brown*  
Keeper of the National Register

date 3/21/82

Attest: *Jan Mauer*  
Chief of Registration

date