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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

Cupco Church

AND/OR COMMON

Cupco Free Will Baptist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

S of Yanush off OK 2

CITY, TOWN

Yanush

--NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

003

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Oklahoma

CODE

40

COUNTY

Latimer

CODE

077

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

Free Will Baptist Association

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Yanush

STATE

OK

 VICINITY OF**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Free Will Baptist State Office

STREET & NUMBER

4801 South Walker

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

OK

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey

DATE

1979

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

OK

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

The Cupco Free Will Baptist Church is a rectangular 35 feet by 25 feet single story wood structure. The gabled roof supports a small wood bell tower toward the front gable. A smaller gabled-roof porch with square-post supports shelters the main entrance. There are four equally spaced sash windows on either side of the building. A small sign on the porch pediment identifies the church. Tar (asbestos) siding covers the original wood siding. A rectangular wing at right angles and to the rear of the original structure are currently under construction giving the building a T shape. Extensive interior renovation has been done over the years. The glass double doors replace the original wood doors.

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 checked="" 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 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)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			Indian History

SPECIFIC DATES 1889 - Present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cupco Church, built in 1889, is one of Southeast Oklahoma's oldest continuously functioning churches. It was built by Methodist missionaries, instrumental agents in the forceful accomodation of the Choctaws to white culture. By 1889 when the church was built, it was already assumed that the Choctaws were assimilated into the Christian religion. The Choctaw Nation maintained the church for tribal members of the Methodist faith until 1914. At that time the building and grounds were sold to the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Association. In spite of, or perhaps because of, denominational change, most of the approximately fifty member congregation are Choctaw. Construction underway gives some indication that the group is thriving, continuing the long process of propagating the Christian faith among Native Americans.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview, Jack Mauser, Wilburton, OK, June 19, 1979
The Promoter, Free Will Baptist Newsletter, April, 1979, Vol. 46, No. 39.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Yanush, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 | 2,8,8,4,7,5 | 3,8,4,1,5,4,0

B | |

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Within the SE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, of Sec 28, T 3N, R 19E

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan Peterson Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

DATE

August, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Oklahoma State University

TELEPHONE

(405) 624-5678

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

Glenn Jordan

TITLE

DATE

4/10/80

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

Beth Grosvenor
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1/6/80

ATTEST:
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

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Verbal boundary description

From the road intersection in the SE corner of section 28 proceed west along unpaved road for 400 meters. Turn right and proceed north for 60 meters and establish point A. Proceed 10 meters further north, turn left 90 degrees to the west and proceed 10 meters, turn left again 90 degrees and proceed south 10 meters, turn 90 degrees to the left again and proceed 10 meters east to point A.