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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

Isaac Billy Homestead and Family Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NE of Daisy

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Daisy

VICINITY OF

003

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Oklahoma

40

Atoka

005

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

Mr. Posey Beal

STREET & NUMBER

Rural Route

CITY, TOWN

Daisy

VICINITY OF

STATE

OK

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Atoka County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Atoka

STATE

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

Oklahoma City

STATE

OK

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original structure of the Isaac A. Billy homesite was constructed about 1875. Facing east-southeast, it was a single story dwelling and was constructed of locally milled timber (oak). "Clapboard" in appearance, siding was vertical rather than horizontal. Porches ran the length of the structure's east and west sides and provided access to each of the three rooms; there were no interior doors. A chimney--constructed of mud and straw bricks--was located at the south end of the building.

1.

In 1890 a fireplace and chimney of native sandstone were erected at the north end of the dwelling. At the same time a two room addition was added to the northwest corner of the homestead and was joined to the original building at the roof line. The effect was to give the dwelling an "L" shaped appearance and to provide a "dog trot" between the wings.

2.

In 1894 additional changes were made in the homestead. At the south end of the original structure the chimney of mud and straw bricks was torn down and the opening enclosed with clap boards. The 1890 addition was then altered by constructing a native stone fireplace and chimney at its west end. Since 1894 the exterior of the dwelling has not been altered, although the interior has been changed to the extent that doors have been provided that permit passage from room to room without exiting to the porch.

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The Isaac Billy family cemetery is located just northeast of the house. Comprising approximately three-fourths of an acre, it is encompassed by a chain link fence and is the site of about 25 graves. Although the original stones are still present, the graves of Isaac Billy and his wife, Emily, are now marked by a new marble headstone.

The area being nominated includes the original structure and a small surrounding plot, encompassing the Billy Family Cemetery.

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 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 1875 to present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Isaac Billy

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Isaac Billy House and Cemetery property is significant because the house is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, surviving structure in Atoka County. Moreover, the house is of the rural-southern architectural style, demonstrating the pervasiveness of southern-white culture in the Choctaw Indian Nation. The property is also significant because it was owned by Isaac A. Billy. A full-blood Choctaw Indian, Billy was the most significant personality in Jack's Fork County, which was one of seventeen counties in the Choctaw Nation prior to its being incorporated in the State of Oklahoma. For the Choctaws, their county governments were as important as similar units were for whitemen in the United States. Each county had a judge, a court clerk, and a sheriff. At one time or another, Isaac Billy held all of these offices in Jack's Fork County and made his home his administrative headquarters. He was noted for his harsh judicial decisions and vigorous tax collection policy. The Billy property, therefore, symbolizes Choctaw Indian county government in general and Jack's Fork government in particular. Indeed, Isaac Billy and Jack's Fork County were synonymous. This property is a monument, albeit a fading one, to a little known aspect of American Indian history--sophisticated civil government.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Underwood, William Henry. "A History of Atoka County." Unpublished M.A. Thesis, University of Oklahoma, 1931.
 Interview, Posey Beal, Daisy, Oklahoma, March 15, 1979.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 3 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Daisy, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

House	A	1,5	2,5,2,6,2,5	3,8,2,5,7,9,5	B	1,5	2,5,2,6,6,0	3,8,2,5,8,4,0	Cemetery
	C				D				
	E				F				
	G				H				

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

W. David Baird

Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

DATE

March, 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

F. Glenn Jordan

TITLE

DATE

2/4/80

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

[Signature]
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4/17/80

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
 BETH GROVER
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

4/15/80

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Beginning at a point 1528' south of the northwest corner of Section 23, T1N, R15E, on a dirt road that forms the west boundary of the section, proceed east 416' passing along the north edge of the Billy Cemetery. Turn south at the northeast corner of the cemetery and proceed 312', then turn west and proceed 416' back to the dirt road, then north 312' to the point of beginning.