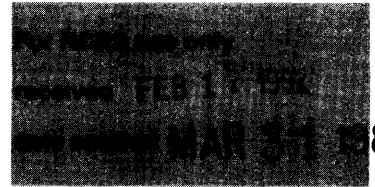


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Everidge Cabin and Cemetery

and/or common

2. Location

SR

street & number Rural Route N/A not for publication

city, town Hugo *Mo.* vicinity of congressional district 003

state Oklahoma code 40 county Choctaw code 023

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Henry E. Everidge

street & number Rural Route

city, town Hugo vicinity of state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of County Clerk

street & number Choctaw County Courthouse

city, town Hugo 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

Facing south, the original Everidge Cabin was constructed ca. 1834 of rough-hewn mud chinked oak logs joined at the corners with full-dovetail notchings. Two foot high wooden piers served as the foundation. Two rooms measuring some 12 feet by 12 feet were connected by a dog-trot, and broken angle porches were attached to both front and back. Rough hewn, native stone chimnies were erected at the east and west ends. Of southern United States characteristics, the log structure suggested vernacular German architecture with a witches hat roof line. Ceilings in the interior of the two rooms were 10 feet high, above the exposed beams of which were sleeping lofts.

Some years after the construction of the original cabin, its owners attached a board and batten addition to the northwest corner. An ell, it too had a broken angle porch roof. The upper portion of at least one of the chimnies was re-constructed in 1894 with hewn sand stone blocks 3 inches thick and measuring approximately 12 by 18 inches. Tin roofs were also added, as was a sleeping room at the west end of the front porch. Within the last thirty years, the west chimney and fireplace were removed and the resultant opening boarded up. These alterations and concrete chinking added in 1927, however, have not at all destroyed the original integrity of the structure.

Some 70 feet northeast of the cabin is the Everidge Cemetery. Dating to the 1850s and measuring some 130 by 190 feet, it is encircled by a hogwire fence and is well maintained.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1834 to present **Builder/Architect** Thomas Willie Everidge

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Everidge Cabin and Cemetery is significant because it is related to the original Indian settlement of southeastern Oklahoma and because of its architectural antiquity and integrity. The Choctaw Indians were removed forcibly to Oklahoma from Mississippi by the federal government during the three years following 1831. Among these were full blood Eve Brashears and her white husband, Thomas Willie Everidge, a native of England. Everidge was a carpenter-farmer by occupation, and upon arrival in Indian Territory in 1834 he and his black slaves constructed the cabin on the property under consideration. As a consequence, the structure is one of the two oldest in what is now southeastern Oklahoma. Moreover, it reflects something of the character of the society established by the Choctaws in their new homeland. Theirs was an agricultural society dominated by isolated homesteads and much influenced by southern United States traditions. Thus the property reflects the early diffusion of white southern material culture into southeastern Oklahoma and indicates the degree of cultural accommodation that had occurred among the Choctaws prior to removal in the 1830s.

The Everidge Cabin is equally significant because of its architectural integrity. With minor alterations, it remains very much as it was constructed. It is appropriate that the present owner is the great, great grandson of the builder, a fact that illustrates the uncommon strength of tradition that still exists within the Everidge family.

In the adjacent cemetery are buried the original occupants of the cabin, 60 of their descendants and collateral kin, and, in a special section, the family slaves. According to one authority, this is the only known marked burial section in Oklahoma where black slaves alone are interred.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 10 acres

Quadrangle name Frogville

Quadrangle scale 7.5'

UMT References

A

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at a point 905' north of the southeast corner of the East one-half of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 7 south, Range 18 East, thence go West 690', then North 630', then East 690' and south 630' to beginning.

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 W. David Baird

organization Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey date July 24, 1980

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. M. Metcalf 2-2-82

title date

For HCRS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Bob Gasman date 3/31/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: St. Charles date 3/31/82
Chief of Registration