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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

Scott Store  
AND/OR COMMON

## LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

OK 2

CITY, TOWN

Kinta

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

003

STATE

OK

CODE

40

COUNTY

Haskell

CODE

061

## 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:

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Hubert Nicholson

STREET & NUMBER

806 south Maxwell

CITY, TOWN

Siloam Springs

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

AKA DWSAS

72761

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Haskell County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Stigler

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

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                                 RUINS  
 FAIR                                  UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Scott Store stands on the north side of highway 31 in the business district of Kinta. It is the tallest and most impressive building in this small area. The rectangular structure of native stone is 100 feet long and 30 feet wide. The long west side is unadorned except for the remnants of advertisements written on its side. Red brick buildings are adjacent on the east side. At the top of the front of the building is the emblem "19 Scott 03" cut into the stone above the door. Modern double windows about two feet off the bottom bracket a modern double door. In front of the store is a concrete sidewalk with two steps leading to the door. A white facade is above the doors and windows, but is visually broken by stone panels on each side of the windows and between the windows and the door.

The interior retains much of the character of the original general store. The original hardwood floor remains, as do wooden shelves which line the entire west wall. Several wooden-frame glass cases display merchandise. Near the back of the store along the east wall is a walk-in safe with the name "Geo. W. Scott" over the door in gold letters. Modern touches include the dropping of the ceiling and the addition of display shelves.

# 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
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> _COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> _TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> _1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> _INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> _INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George W. Scott

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Scott Store in Kinta, built in 1903 of native stone by prominent Choctaw politician and businessman George W. Scott, was the first stone building in the community and retains the character of a turn-of-the-century general store. Scott was born near Hugo in 1872 and attended Spencer Academy. He moved to the Sans Bois community in 1893 where he engaged in cattle raising and the mercantile business. Here he met and married, in 1896, Alice McCurtain, daughter of noted Choctaw chief Green McCurtain. With the aid of his father-in-law, Scott became active in Choctaw politics, serving as clerk of Sans Bois County during the late 1890s and as Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation from 1900-1906. He also energetically promoted support for separate statehood for the Indian Territory.

When the Fort Smith and Western railroad bypassed Sans Bois in 1903, Scott, ever the entrepreneur and knowing the advantages of rail connections, moved a few miles west to Kinta on Beaver Creek, where he helped the tiny settlement flourish. He built a wooden store and was also involved in the operation of a bank, a hotel, a barrel stove factory, and several sawmills in the area. Later that year he built the first stone building in Kinta-the Scott Store. Scott dealt in general merchandise and provided the farmers and citizens of the area with most of their needs, including relief supplies for indigent Choctaws. He sold the store building after about five years to devote more energy to his diverse activities. In 1916 he moved his family to Stigler, where he ran an abstracting business until his death in 1945.

The store has changed ownership several times, but still dispenses general merchandise as it did during the early twentieth century. The Scott Store stands as a historical reminder of the political and economic dynamism of life in the Choctaw Nation and during the transition to statehood.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview, George Scott, Jr., Kinta, Oklahoma, June 18, 1979.  
 Indian Pioneer History and Choctaw Nation Files at Oklahoma Historical  
 Society, Indian Archives Division.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Under 1 acre

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

QUADRANGLE NAME Kinta, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 296660 3888200

B               

C               

D               

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G               

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Everman Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historical Society

DATE

June 29, 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

*H. Glenn Jordan*

TITLE

DATE 9/18/79

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

*Carol W. Stael*

DATE

1-11-80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Beth Grosvenor*

DATE

10/6/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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Scott Store, Kinta, OK--Legal Description: Lot 13, Block 35