

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Washington
COUNTY:	Stevens
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE:	MAY 17 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Old Indian Agency

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Chewelah Indian Agency

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3rd Street

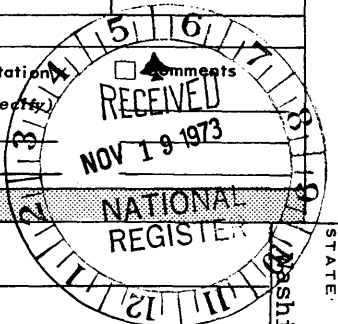
CITY OR TOWN:  
Chewelah

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
#5 - Honorable Thomas S. Foley

STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Stevens CODE: 065

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)



**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mrs. Alice Hutchinson

STREET AND NUMBER:  
3rd Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Chewelah

STATE:  
Washington

CODE:  
53

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
City Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Chewelah

STATE:  
Washington

CODE:  
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1930's  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:  
18th & C Streets, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
D.C.

CODE:  
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Indian Agency building was erected about 1870, and is the only surviving structure belonging to the original agency group. This home, constructed of squared-off logs with open mortise and tenon joints, retains its rustic character and was built without the use of nails. In plan, the cabin is the typical one-story rectangular log structure that appeared so often in early settlements.

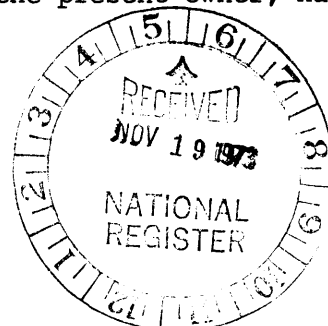
Today the building remains much the same as when originally constructed. Of about a 1 to 2 proportion, the "1" being width and the "2" length, the structure has an upper loft and is capped by a simple "A" roof. A roof pitch change occurs on the front to accomodate a porch. The porch runs full length along the front and is supported by four square posts. The front central entryway is flanked on each side by multi-paned windows.

An exterior chimney rises from the roof ridge on the east end of the cabin. Another chimney, this one an interior chimney, projects from the roof ridge on the west end of the cabin. Flanked on each side by multi-paned windows, the east chimney originally served an interior wood stove, but was later converted to a fireplace. The cabin rests on the original stone foundation which was covered on the outside with a layer of concrete in about 1920.

Additions were built on to the Old Indian Agency building over the years, but these have been removed by the owners so that the building now looks much the same as when first built. A granary was added to the house after Mr. McPherson, an ancestor of the present owner, purchased the building from the government just after the turn-of-the century. In about 1964, this granary was removed. The granary was originally longer than the house, of the same height, and composed of squared-off logs and open mortise and tenon joints. It was added to the back of the cabin and formed an "L" shape. A porch projected from the interior side of this addition and the entire roof was wood shingled.

Another addition that was also removed in about 1964, was a small rectangular frame addition to the front of the house. This addition projected out from the west portion of the front under the porch.

Shortly after the removal of the granary, a back patio-carport was added in such a manner that it could easily be removed without damaging the original cabin. Mrs. Alice Hutchinson, the present owner, has made the cabin her home.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Circa 1870

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Colville Indian Agency headquarters was moved from Fort Colville to Chewelah in 1873, to administer the newly-created Colville Indian Reservation, as well as the older Spokane and Couer d'Alene Indian Reservations. The Old Indian Agency building, constructed three years earlier in 1870, is now the only surviving structure on the original Chewelah agency site. Major John A. Sims, the first Indian agent stationed at Chewelah, used the building as both a headquarters and a home.

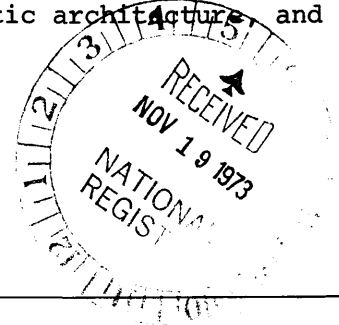
Aside from Sims, a number of other men held positions with the agency at the time. John McFadden, for instance, was in charge of a grist mill located nearby which ground grain for the Indians; Dr. E.L. Morgan attended to the ailments of the Indians, and Major James O'Neil taught agricultural methods. The agency also had a supply department which distributed equipment and seeds.

The agency served, among others, the Spokane, Kalispel, Kutenai, Chelan, and Wenatchi tribes. In addition, non-reservation Indians often utilized the agency during the twelve years it was located in Chewelah. In 1885, the agency was moved to Fort Spokane, located thirty-five miles to the southwest at the confluence of the Spokane and Columbia Rivers.

Although the agency was located in Chewelah for only twelve years, it served many tribes and had the responsibility for administering an extremely large area. The Colville Indian Reservation, established in 1872, was, until 1891, double its present size and extended to the Canadian border; and the Couer d'Alene Indian Reservation was also considerably larger at that time.

In 1902, the house became a private residence; and in the 1930's, it was included in the Historic American Buildings Survey. The home's present owner, Mrs. Alice Hutchinson, has preserved and maintained the building. The building is a fine example of rustic architecture and remains in excellent condition.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Durant, Thomas J., pamphlet, from collection of Judge Thomas Oakshott, Colville, Washington.

Ruby, Robert H. and Brown, John A. The Spokane Indians: Children of the Sun. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1970.

Steele, Richard F. Illustrated History of Stevens, Ferry, Okanogan and Chelan Counties. Western Historical Publishing Co., 1904.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

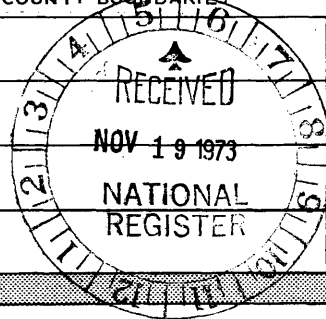
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
J.C. McMillan

ORGANIZATION: Stevens County Historical Society DATE: Sept. 22, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Addy STATE: Washington CODE: 53

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Charles H. Odegaard  
Charles H. Odegaard

Title Director - Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

Date Nov 7, 1973

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

A. R. Winters  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/17/74

ATTEST:  
Charles H. Odegaard  
Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date 5.16.74