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DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Oklahoma
COUNTY:	Comanche
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	NOV 7 1976

1. NAME

COMMON: Chief's House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Penateka *wh*

2. LOCATION

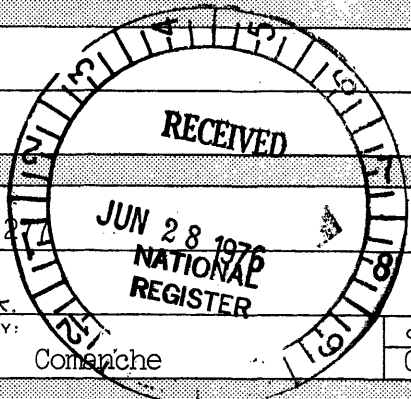
STREET AND NUMBER: 3.5 miles west of Elgin on U. S. Highway 277

CITY OR TOWN: Elgin

STATE: Oklahoma

4th Cong. Dist.

CODE: 40 COUNTY: Comanche CODE: 04



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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Unused by owner</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>Considered for educational use</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Worth C. Fulbright

STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1, NW 1/4 Sec. 33, R11W T4N

CITY OR TOWN: Elgin STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Lawton STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Oklahoma Statewide Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Oklahoma Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Oklahoma City STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

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STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chief's House was built in the spring of 1877 for Tsee-ah-t-sinne-kah, headman of the Penateka Band of the Comanche Nation.

The outside dimensions are eighteen feet in width by 30 feet in length. Outside walls are fourteen inches thick and are constructed of limestone quarried from an outcropping near the house site. A small kiln was built nearby and used for refining cement for mortar used in laying the stone walls. Sand used for temper was obtained from the adjacent creek bottom.

The structure has four doors and four windows. Two doors and two windows were placed in the west wall, while the other two doors are immediately opposite on the east wall. The north wall contains one window, as does the south wall.

Rafters and ceiling joists are 2"x4" oak timbers. The rafters are cut on a 7"x12" pitch spaced on 24" centers. The roof is covered with wooden shingles. The floor joists are 2"x8" oak timbers on 24" centers. The interior walls are eight feet high. A double fireplace in the center of the house separates it into two rooms.

Shingles, windows, and doors have been replaced, but the window and door jambs are original.

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8. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>The United States</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>Army built this</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	<u>house for the</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	<u>Comanche as a</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<u>pacification</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		<u>measure.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house built for Tsee-aht-sinne-kah (One-feather-pointing-forward), known historically as See-i-chin-i-cah (Straight Feather), is the only remaining structure of its kind. Colonel Ronald Slidell Mackenzie, Commander of Fort Sill, decided to build houses for the Comanche headmen following the War with the Comanche Nation of 1874-1875. Mackenzie had two constructed of stone, before the Department of the Interior picked up the program to construct houses in 1877. The nomination is of one of the first two structures.

The program was based on the statement of Esse-toyet, a major headman who pledged to burn all the lodg-s and abandon the migratory existence of the Comanche people, when the United States government provided comfortable log and stone houses. While the concept of ownership among the Comanche is comparison with the civilization Western of Europe, the houses were used by the bands as they camped in the surrounding grounds. This was the building of the Penateka Band (Honey-eater).

When the late H. M. Fulbright purchased the allotment of an Indian from the Indian Service, he was required to pay an additional \$1,000.00 because of the old stone house on the property.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Kiowa-Comanche Files, Indian Archives, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
2. Annual Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Secretary of the Interior for 1878 (Washington, D. C.: Government Printing Office, 1878).
3. Nye, W. S., Carbine and Lance, The Story of Old Fort Sill (Norman: University of Oklahoma, 1937).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	98°	22'	15"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	<i>Zone 14</i>		
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	<i>N-3448-780</i>		
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	<i>E-551-920</i>		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Howard L. Meredith, Director, Historic Preservation Program

ORGANIZATION: Oklahoma Historical Society DATE: June 16, 1976

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Oklahoma City STATE: Oklahoma CODE: 40

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

[Signature]
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/9/76

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date 11/1/76

This a re-submission of the same nomination submitted in 1974 which seems to have been lost

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Date 6-23-76

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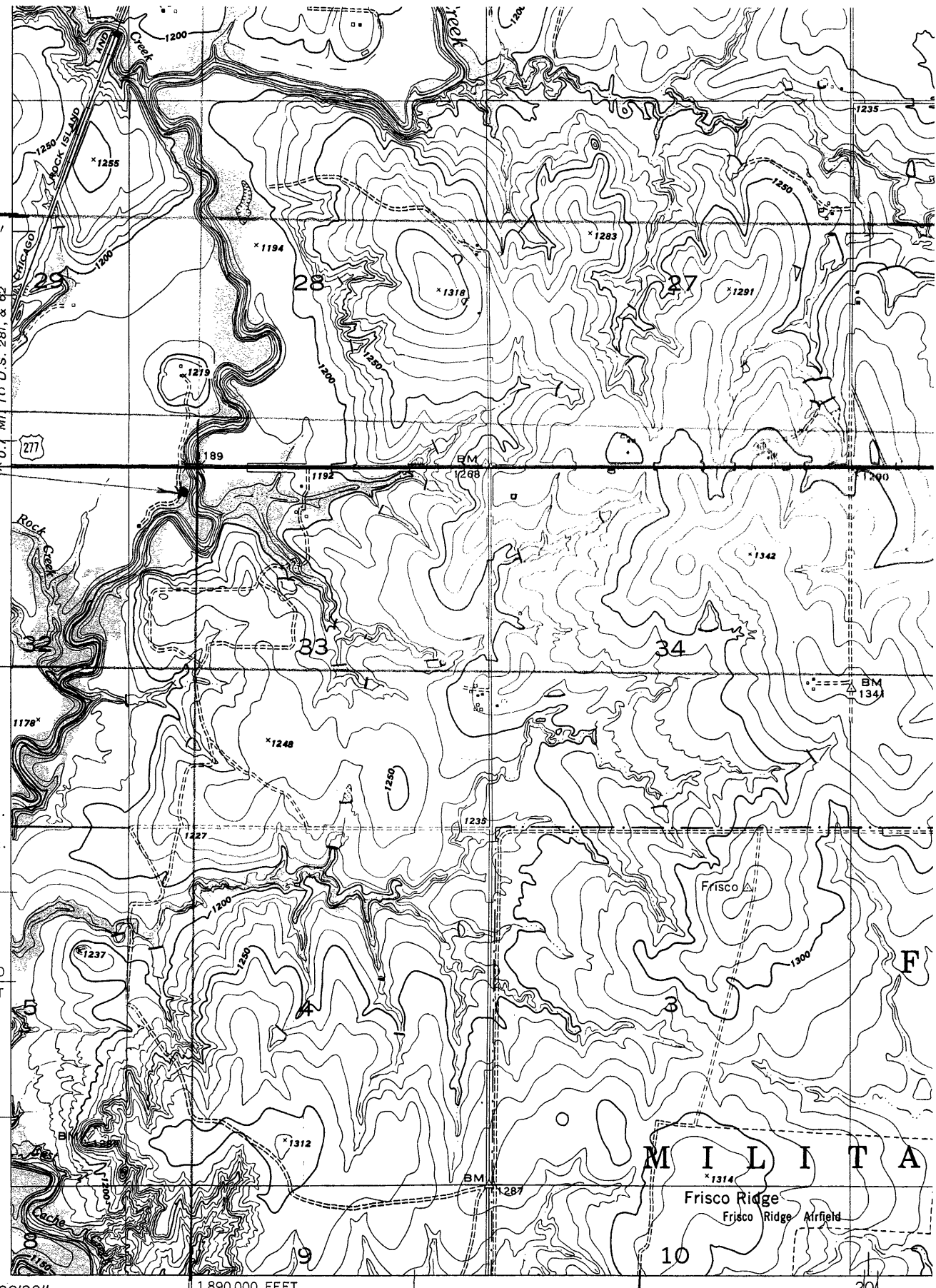
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs
taken 1947. Culture and drainage revised from aerial photographs
taken 1954. Field check 1956

(FORT SILL)

