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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

Edmund McCurtain House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

NE of Kinta

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kinta

STATE

Oklahoma

VICINITY OF

CODE

40

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

003

COUNTY

Haskell

CODE

061

3 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ruby Young

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kinta

VICINITY OF

STATE

OK

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the County Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

Haskell County Courthouse, 202 S. Main

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		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

A long dirt drive leads to the house, which is located on the south side of the road. To the east of this house are the remains of the home of Green McCurtain. The Edmund McCurtain house, built shortly after the Civil War, is partially obscured by trees and foliage. The walls of the house are unpainted clapboard, and are joined by cut nails. Wooden steps lead to a small wooden porch with a wood-shingled hipped roof. The tin roof of the house is also hipped with a cross gable running east and west along the back or south side. A single stone chimney is in the center of the house. The house has numerous double-hung sash windows all around with screen doors on the north and south ends. The screen door on the south side has screen sidelights and transom. The home is still in use although in severe disrepair. This house was larger at one time, for there is evidence that portions have been removed from the west side of the house.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Indian History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1866 to present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Edmund McCurtain

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Edmund McCurtain house is significant for its historical connection with a prominent Choctaw rancher and statesman. Edmund McCurtain, son of Cornelius McCurtain and brother of Jackson and Green McCurtain, was born on June 4, 1842, at Fort Coffee in present day LeFlore County, Oklahoma. During the Civil War he served with the Confederate First Regiment of Mounted Rifles under command of his brother Jackson. After the war, he moved near Sans Bois in present day Haskell County, where he built this ranch home in 1866. McCurtain was one of the wealthiest landowners and ranchers in the Choctaw Nation, cultivating about 300 acres and owning about 500 head of cattle under the Choctaw system of common ownership and use of land.

McCurtain spent more than half his life in the service of his people. He served as judge for Sans Bois County during the late 1860s and as school trustee for the Mosholatubbee District during the early 1870s. While his brother Jackson was principal chief he was superintendent of schools for the Choctaw Nation and was a strong advocate of quality education for young Choctaws. Edmund McCurtain was active in the council of the Choctaw Nation from the 1860s until his death. From 1884-1886 he served as principal chief of the Choctaw Nation. After refusing to run for another term as chief, he served as senator for Sans Bois County and as a member of a committee to return to the Choctaws about \$3 million in undistributed proceeds stemming from the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek. While serving his people, McCurtain retained his interest in farming and ranching on his place near Sans Bois. He lived in this structure until his death at Skullyville on November 11, 1890. The Edmund McCurtain House is a reminder of an enterprising Choctaw rancher and statesman.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY under 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Sans Bois, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

C

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SE ¼ of NE ¼ of NW ¼, NE ¼
 T8N R20E Sec 35

A twenty foot boundary around the house is suggested.

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

Michael Everman

Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey

DATE

August, 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

[Signature: Glenn Jordan]

TITLE

DATE

4/10/80

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

[Signature: Bruce M. Davidson]
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *[Signature: Beth Grosvenor]*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 6/27/80

DATE 6/25/80