

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oklahoma	
COUNTY: Atoka	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 13 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Capt. Charles LeFlore House

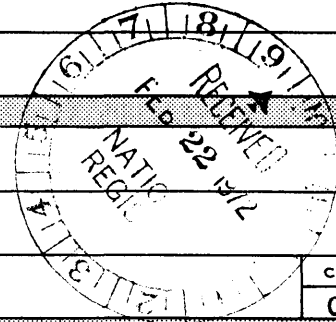
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
c. 1/2 m. N of

CITY OR TOWN:
Limestone Gap (NE/4 Sec. 31, T 2 N, R 13 E)

STATE Oklahoma	CODE 40	COUNTY: Atoka	CODE 005
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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 type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Though presently unoccupied	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Cordis Martin

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 1

CITY OR TOWN: Kiowa	STATE: Oklahoma	CODE: 40
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Office of the County Clerk

STREET AND NUMBER:
Atoka County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Atoka	STATE: Oklahoma	CODE: 40
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Oklahoma Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1958** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Oklahoma Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Building

CITY OR TOWN: Oklahoma City	STATE: Oklahoma	CODE: 40
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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	

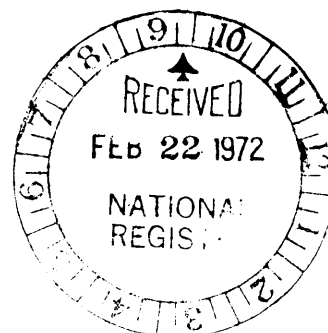
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Capt. LeFlore's first home on this site, probably built in the early 1870s, was a double two-story log house. Sometime later, perhaps around 1880, the two-story main (north-south) section of the present clapboarded house was built. It is flanked by massive twin chimneys of cut native limestone. When built, the house had a double gallery on the east, in the gracious Southern style with which the Choctaws were most familiar. These porches have now disappeared and only the concrete outline remains.

From newspaper wall covering in one of the rooms it is surmised that the projecting two-story wing on the northwest was added about 1884. Even later additions include a second story bath, on a projection over the now concreted back porch. Water was provided from a windmill-fed tank that towers over the old house at its southwest corner.

In recent years the house has been unoccupied and it is deteriorating rapidly. It remains structurally sound, however, and a new roof gives it a measure of protection. Despite the obvious neglect, it possesses a graciousness of form that even scaling paint and naked windows cannot completely hide. Restoration of the double front gallery and a generous application of white paint would accomplish wonders. Awaiting this happy day is a white picket fence protecting the front lawn with its sturdy native trees . . . all part of the picture of what was for many years an excellent example of gracious living by a successful and respected Indian family in the Choctaw Nation.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1870s to the present

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

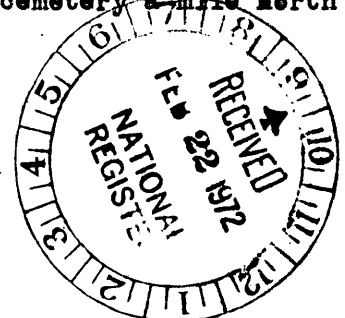
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Charles LeFlore came from a distinguished Choctaw family. His father was Ferbis LeFlore, brother of Basil LeFlore, one-time governor of the Choctaw Nation. A well known and respected citizen in his own right, he served creditably as Captain of the Choctaw Light Horsemen (mounted police). At various times he ran a store in Limestone Gap, served as postmaster, operated toll bridges and a grist mill, managed a cattle ranch. He married Angelina Guy, of an equally distinguished Chickasaw family, and one of their daughters, Checkie, became the wife of Lee Cruce, Oklahoma's second governor.

Charles LeFlore was born near Deaksville (itself near Fort Towson, in present Choctaw County) in 1841. He went to school in Tennessee and Arkansas before finishing his education at Armstrong Academy (the noted Choctaw institution for which National Register is also being sought). Married after his Civil War service, he contracted with the U. S. government to supply meat to the Cherokees and other refugees who had sought shelter among the Choctaws during the war.

In 1866 the Choctaw Nation granted him the privilege of erecting a toll bridge on Clear Boggy Creek near the important settlement of Boggy Depot. He operated this bridge (said to be the first in what is now Atoka County), as well as a nearby grist mill, for several years before moving to Limestone Gap. His bridge remained in service until 1890.

At Limestone Gap he purchased, in 1876, a toll bridge that had been erected over Limestone Creek some years before by Greenwood Thompson. He also operated a store in the settlement of Limestone Gap for a time. On January 26, 1877 he was appointed postmaster. He died in 1920 and is buried in a small, neglected cemetery a mile north of his still impressive two-story frame house.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Perry, Mrs. A. E., "Colonel Ferbis LeFlore, Pioneer Statesman," The Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. VI (1928), 83, 86
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

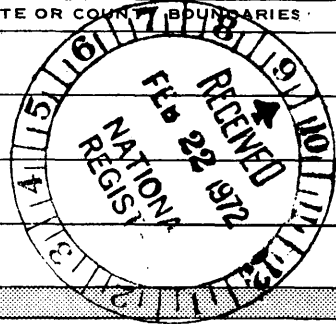
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One Acre**

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

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

NAME AND TITLE: **Kent Ruth, Deputy**

ORGANIZATION: **Oklahoma Historical Society** DATE: **January 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Historical Building**

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

Name: [Signature]

Title: Res. officer for Oklahoma

Date: FEB 22 1972

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/13/72

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

SCALE 1:125,000

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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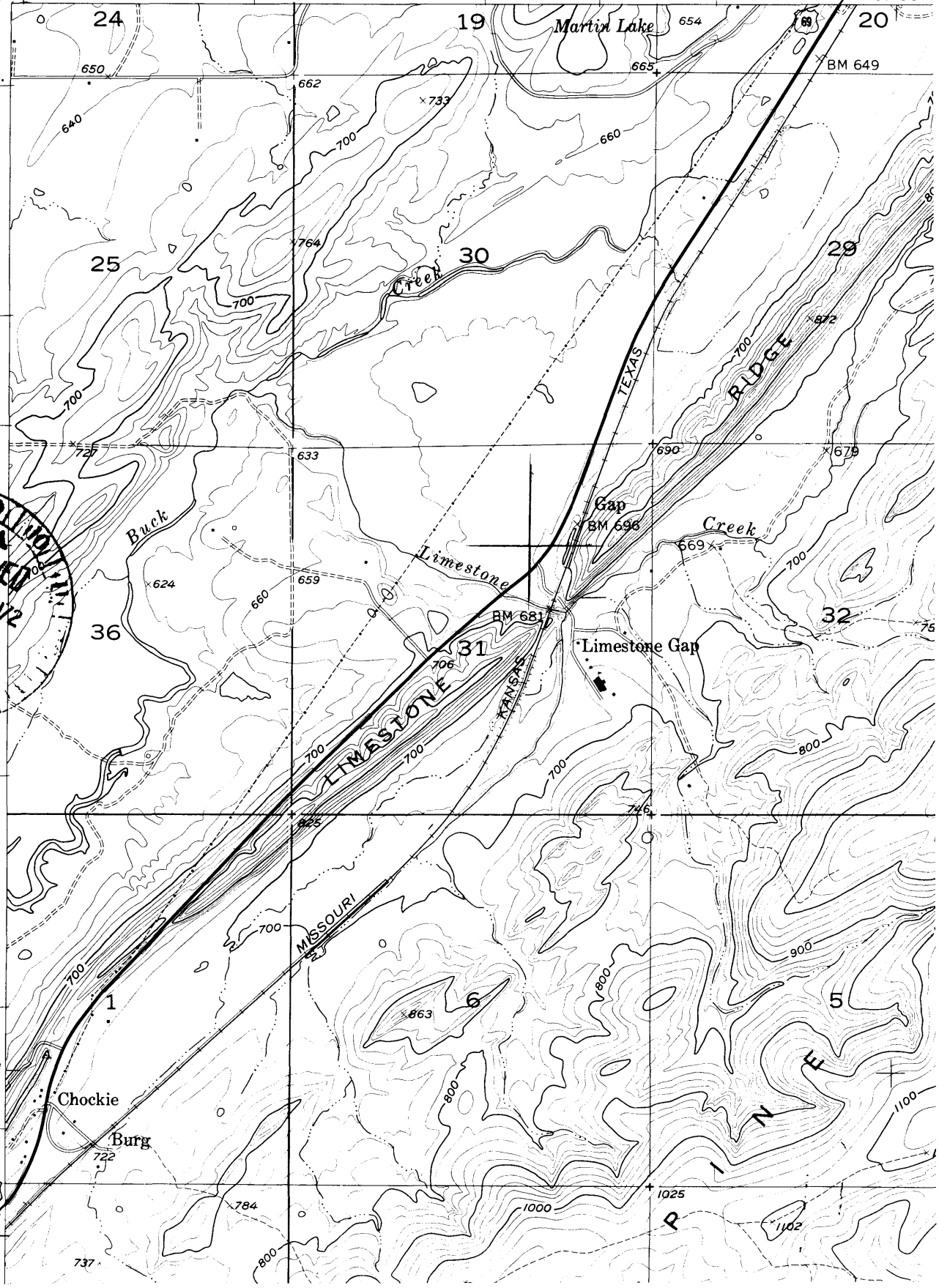
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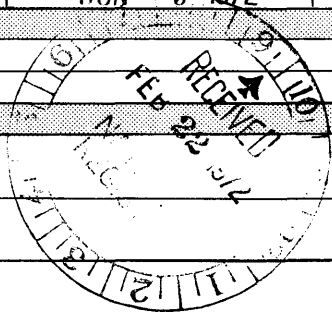
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005



3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:

U.S.G.S. - Quadrangle

SCALE:

7.5 minute series 1:24,000

DATE:

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.

Lat.: 34° 36' 17"
Long.: 95° 58' 33"