

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

NAME

HISTORIC

Ingram House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION *NE of Cache,*

STREET & NUMBER

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Cache *vic.*

VICINITY OF

6

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Oklahoma

40

Comanche

031

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDEN
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Bob Karges, Manager)

STREET & NUMBER

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Cache

VICINITY OF

Oklahoma 73527

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Comanche County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Lawton

Oklahoma 73501

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Survey

DATE

May 1978

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historic Preservation Office

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Oklahoma City

Oklahoma 73105

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

The Ingram House exterior is native stone (granite) slabs set on edge in mortar on the north, east and south walls. The west wall is mainly cobblestone. These walls are a combination of stone backed up with poured concrete, which was a typical method of construction at the time this structure was built. Roof construction is wood frame with composition shingles. Several rooms comprise the first floor level. Two major rooms on the second floor and a small basement make up space elements for the rest of the house. A detached garage with several adjacent foundations of structures now gone are to the north, west and south of the building.

The structure has decorative stone work over each window and arch. A dormer extends from the roof, and a shed roof covers the porch. The fire place is expressed on the east elevation with a tall chimney capped out with different colored stone. All windows are double-hung. The openings on the porch are arched.

Orientation of the Ingram House front is to the east where visitors entered a porch before going on through the entry hall. Trees on the south and west of the house insured welcome shade during the hot days of summer and early fall seasons.

Medicine Park is located six and a half miles east of the Ingram House where many specimens of cobblestone construction may be examined. The Ingram House is an outstanding example of the stone and cobblestone type of construction that was prevalent in this part of Oklahoma.

SIGNIFICANCE

MOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
0-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
0-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
0-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANIT.
0-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
0-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
0-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		(Ranching)

IFIC DATES

1928

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Earl Ingram/None

EMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Before Europeans reached the area which is now Oklahoma, the Wichita people inhabited the area of the Wichita Mountains. In the last quarter of the nineteenth century the Kiowa and Comanche tribes were moved to a reservation in this area. As it became evident that the frontier was closing, white settlers increased th demands for the opening of Indian lands. The area of the Wichitas was not broke for settlement, however, as the leases of the grazing land to Texas cattlemen p vented this.

At the turn of the century the efforts of the Oklahoma City Commercial Club, wi its many influential civic leaders, persuaded the Oklahoma congressional dele- gation to support conservation efforts for the Wichita Mountains. The area was proclaimed the Wichita Forest Reserve in 1901 and a National Game Preserve in 1

It was on the edge of this preserve that Earl Ingram lived with his family and built his cobblestone ranch house. Ingram was a civil service employee at Fort Sill, and he reported that he constructed his home in "his time off." The ston and the sand used for mixing the cement were all available on his half section ranch land. The lumber used in the building was purchased from Jones Lumber Co in nearby Cache. The Ingram family lived in a small house just to the north of present structure during its construction. The house was built in 1928, and th Ingrams lived in it until 1942.

In that year emergency war time legislation resulted in Fort Sill taking the In property to extend the artillery range. Then, after the war, the land was pass to the Fish and Wildlife Department in a land exchange. The Ingram House serve as a refuge employee's residence until 1967, and was also used as a highway eng office. However, it has been vacant in recent years.

The Ingram House represents the style of architecture popular in this region of Oklahoma at the time of its construction. The Ingrams used the materials that available from their land, the native stone and materials for mixing cement. T Ingram House is also a symbol of the ranching industry, which has been such an important factor in the development of Oklahoma.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ingram, Interview, May 1978.

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ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 4	5 3 6 4 0 1 5	3 8 4 2 1 8 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The house is three tenths of a mile southwest of the Lake Jed Johnson dam and is 600 feet west of Scenic Highway 49.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Oklahoma	40	Comanche	031
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Melvina Thurman, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historical Society

DATE

June 21, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Historical Building

TELEPHONE

(405) 521-2491 Ext. 67

CITY OR TOWN

Oklahoma City

STATE

Oklahoma 73105

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Blenn Jordan

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is State National State Local .

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

James Williams

TITLE

Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3-19-81

OR NPS USE ONLY

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

Lyman B. Becker for Adam Keener, N.R.

DATE

12/11/1981

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

TEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Although the Wichita Mountain Area was designated a Forest Reserve in 1901 and a National Game Preserve in 1905, ranchers continued to retain the right to graze cattle on Reserve land. Fees were required for each head allowed on the pastures. Earl Ingram was one of the ranchers who took advantage of this concession to cattlemen and ran cattle on the Reserve until the grazing rights were ended in 1937. As a result of these activities, Ingram's house stands as a monument to the cattlemen who once grazed thousands of cows on the Wichita National Game Preserve.

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the ranchers in the Wichita Mountains area, though few in numbers, built homes of stone and cobblestone, because, as previously noted, the materials plentiful and immediately available. Visitors who came into the Wichita Mountains identified these distinctive structures as ranch houses since the symbolism with the ranching industry. The other scattered homes not of stone veneer were rightly identified as belonging to families connected with agriculture and government constructed homes of Americans.

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Verbal Boundary Description, cont:

The ranch house property being nominated lies within a square boundary described as follows: From the northwest corner of the house go north 25' to a point on the north boundary line. Proceed east on this line for a distance of 50' which locates the northeast corner of the property. From this point go south a distance of 100' to the southeast corner of the property. Proceed west for a distance 100' to the southwest corner of the property. From this point proceed north a distance of 100' to the northwest corner of the property. Proceed east from this point a distance of 50', to the point of beginning.