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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

Cotton Storage House

AND/OR COMMON

## LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

OM OK 2

CITY, TOWN

Kinta

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

003

STATE

Oklahoma

— VICINITY OF

CODE

40

COUNTY

Haskell

CODE

061

## 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: Not in use

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

J. L. Adams

STREET & NUMBER

Box 163

CITY, TOWN

Kinta

— VICINITY OF

STATE

OK

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Clerk's Office

STREET & NUMBER

Haskell County Courthouse

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This property, built about 1904 served as a cotton storage house, part of a larger complex of structures relating to the cotton industry. The octagonal cotton storage house has a rock foundation. The exterior of the entire building is corrugated tin. A hipped roof slopes from each side to converge at an octagonal tower. The roof of the tower slopes from each side to form a peak. A portico with a two-sided sloping roof and a frontal pediment extends from the east side and is supported by wooden corner posts. Farmers drove their wagons under this portico where the suction fan would take the cotton into the tower. On each side of the structure are windows hinged to fall out and down. Doorways are in five sides. The windows allowed cotton to be moved on conveyors to the gin for seed removal and baling.

Inside is a wooden floor. In the center wooden posts rise parallel to the outer corner supports, forming an octagonal vacant space in the center rising into the tower. In this space a man could direct the flow of the cotton from the tower to the storage areas. Originally the building was divided into eight wedge-shaped storage areas by board walls from the outer wall to the center; however, only portions of these walls remain.

About twenty feet to the west of the house is the foundation of the gin which accompanied it when in operation. About 30 feet to the north-east is a pond which supplied water for the steam-driven suction fan.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kinta cotton house is one of the few remaining examples of the octagonal gin buildings constructed during the heyday of the cotton industry in Oklahoma. This structure was built around 1904 when cotton was the major crop for southeastern part of Oklahoma. Cotton production dominated agriculture in southern Oklahoma in the 1910s and 1920s, during which time there were over 1,000 gins in the state. Cotton contributed to the development of Oklahoma as a foremost state. From 1926 until 1952 when the gin finally shut down, it was operated by the Choctaw Cotton Oil Company.

It was one of three gins in the Kinta area and was extremely active until the late 1930s when a combination of drought, depression, and the suspension of railroad operations through Kinta destroyed the cotton economy of the region. The gin continued to operate through the 1940s, but eventually the change from a cotton economy forced it to cease operation. The gin and the equipment were sold and the gin buildings were destroyed, but the cotton house remained. The building stands as a testament to the changing agriculture and architecture of the twentieth century.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Nall, Garry L., "King Cotton in Oklahoma, 1825-1939" in Donald E. Green (ed.). Rural Oklahoma (OKC: Oklahoma Historical Society, 1977).  
 Interview, J. R. Griffith and Mrs. Ralph Carpenter, Kinta, June 24, 1979.  
 "Kinta's Old Gin Building Causing Stir," Oklahoma City Times, October 27, 1978, p. 17.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Under 1 acre

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

QUADRANGLE NAME Kinta, OK

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5'

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,5 2,9,6,5,6,0 3,8,8,8,3,0,0

B         

C         

D         

E         

F         

G         

H         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

*see continuation sheet*

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Everman Directed by Dr. Annetta L. Cheek

ORGANIZATION

Oklahoma Historical Society

DATE

June 29, 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

*H. Glenn Jordan*

TITLE

DATE

9/18/79

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

*Sally G. Orth*

DATE

1/10/80

ATTEST:

*Beth Groves*

DATE

12/5/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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