

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

Monument with Sculpture without Sculpture with Cannon standalone Cannon
 Historical Marker Plaque Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Note: try to record items separately. Cannons near monuments should be recorded & photographed separately, etc. Thank you.

Affiliation

GAR MOLLUS SUVCW WRC ASUVCW
 LGAR DUVCW Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

GAR AND WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Original Dedication Date MAY 30, 1909

Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the *first* dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

Location

CUSTER CITY MASONIC CEMETERY

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location 23067-23068 EAST COUNTY ROAD 920 GPS Coordinates 35.681011 -98.8866

City/Village &/or Township CUSTER CITY

County CUSTER State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 73639

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name _____

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places Yes No ID # if known _____

For Monuments with/without sculpture:

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = Stone Concrete Metal Other

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) PAINTED WHITE

Material of the Sculpture Stone Concrete Metal Other Is it hollow or solid? _____

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze _____ Iron _____ Type of Cannon (if known) _____

Rifled _____ Yes _____ No _____

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____

Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes _____ No _____

[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] _____ Yes _____ No _____

For Other Memorials: (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial

Materials of the Memorial

Complete for All Memorials

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

9.1 FEET _____ Height 4 FEET _____ Width 4 FEET _____ Depth or _____ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

CEMENT FOUNDATION IS 54 INCHES X 54 INCHES -- THERE IS A DEEP CRACK/ RECESS TO THE BASE -- CEMENT BASE IS 1 FOOT IN HEIGHT AND 4 FEET X 4 FEET IN DIAMETER - CEMENT MIDDLE BASE IS 1 FOOT IN HEIGHT AND 2 FEET BY 2 FEET IN DIAMETER. A CEMENT OBELISK SITS ON TOP WITH A 18 INCH WIDTH AT BASE AND 9 INCH WIDTH AT TOP. THE ENTIRE MONUMENT IS PAINTED WHITE. SEVERAL LAYERS OF PAINT. INSCRIPTION ON MIDDLE BASE ON THE EAST FACING SIDE: " MAY 30, 1909 " INSCRIPTON ON THE MIDDLE BASE ON THE NORTH FACING SIDE " TO THE UNKNOWN DEAD OF THE CIVIL WAR OF 1861" THERE IS A METAL BLOCKADE POST AT EACH CORNER TO PROTECT MONUMENT. ALSO A FLAGPOLE ON THE SOUTH SIDE APPROX 1-2 FEET FROM MONUMENT.

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

Cemetery Park Plaza/Courtyard "Town Square" Post Office
 School Municipal Building State Capitol Courthouse College Campus
 Traffic Circle Library Other: _____

General Vicinity

Rural (low population, open land) Suburban (residential, near city) Town Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

Industrial Commercial Street/Roadside within 20 feet Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
 Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors) Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)

Any other significant environmental factor _____

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 10/27/2025

Your Name SANDRA (SANDY) COLE FLORES

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City OKLAHOMA CITY State OKLA Zip Code 73150

Telephone () _____ E-Mail FLORESBRDLDY@AOL.COM

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

DUVCW SALLIE PEACHEATER TENT #18 OKLA --- WRC NIM OKLA --- LGAR MAL OKLA

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ADDENDUM – MONUMENT’S CONDITION

Completion of this form is required when requesting grant money using form CWM-62 SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions.

Condition Information

Structural Condition (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments with Sculpture, and Monuments without Sculpture including the base for Monuments with Cannon. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?; Any evidence of structural instability?; Any broken or missing parts?; Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (with checkmark in Base column).

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: Black crusting; White crusting; Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal); Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.); Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines); Chalky or powdery stone; Granular eroding of stone; Spalling of stone (surface splitting off) (with checkmark in Base column); Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains) (with checkmark in Base column); Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? [checked] Yes [] No [] Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? [checked] Yes [] No [] Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

[] Gilded [checked] Painted [] Varnished [] Waxed [] Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? [checked] Yes [] No [] Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?

[] Well maintained [checked] Would benefit from treatment [] In urgent need of treatment [] Unable to determine

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

THERE IS A DEEP GAP BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION AND 1ST BASE. APPROX 2 INCHES

Inspector’s Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Date 10/27/2025

Notice.

Memorial services in Custer City will be held at the M. E. Church, at 11 a. m. on Sunday May 29. Memorial sermon preached by Rev. Upchurch, of Arapaho.

On Monday morning at 9 o'clock all old soldiers, with the Woman's Relief Corps are requested to meet at the G. A. R. hall and march to the church, where Decoration services will be held. A monument to the unknown dead will be erected on the Graves 40 acres belonging to the town site, and will be dedicated to their memory and honor.

The public is cordially invited to be present and assist in the exercises.

Program.

For Decoration Services By G. A. R. Post and W. R. C. of This City.

Meet at Hall Monday, May 30, at 9 a. m. and march to church at 9:30 a. m.

PROGRAM.

Singing by Choir—"Tenting To-night,"
Prayer—by Minister.

Reading—"With Tenderness in Our hearts," Mrs. Lizzie Chalfant.

Recitation—"We are keeping Memorial Day."—Eva Cork.

Song—by the Choir, page 128.

Salute to the Flag—by The Boys,

Recitation—Nettie Fifer.

Song by Choir, page 141.

Address—by Sam L. Darrah.

Song by Choir—"Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Quotations by Children.

Recitation—"The new Memorial Day," Ina Gilliland.

Exercises by three girls—Ethel Clifford, Daylie Lamburtus, Jennefred Wilson.

Song—"The vacant Chair," page 10.

Remarks—by Comrades of Post.

□ Reading—"Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg," by W. H. Ferguson.

Singing—"America."

Next will be exercises by Corps and Post.

Short address on the Flag, Mr. Porter.

Decoration Day.

The Custer City G. A. R. post, assisted by the Women' Relief Corps, observed Decoration Day in a very fitting manner. As there are no soldiers buried in this cemetery, the decoration of soldiers' graves was necessarily omitted, but a monument to the unknown dead was erected north of the Frisco track, and fitting services were held there and the monument was dedicated. This service was one of the prettiest the writer ever witnessed and it was carried out with feeling and in the proper spirit.

The Decoration Day exercises proper were held at the M. E. church at 9:00 a. m. The Women's Relief Corps prepared the program which consisted of singing by the choir, and by the Custer City Male Quartet, recitations, and exercises by the children, and short addresses by Sam L. Darrab, Elder J. W. Hull, and an address on the flag by Comrade S. D. Porter.

At the conclusion of the program at the church, the G. A. R. and W. R. C. marched to the monument and the concluding services were held there.


The day was a success in every respect. Quite a number of people from the country were in attendance.

The Monument

Erected to the Unknown Dead in Custer cemetery, recently, by the Post and the Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps is very properly a work of merit, and it should bear its message deep into the great future. This rather imposing structure consists of nearly three tons of cement and gravel and stands 9 feet high. It rises by diminishing bases from something like five feet square to two feet square, and this third and last one is surmounted by a 5½ foot shaft. Mr. Standley, the builder, has received many congratulations and sincere thanks of the amalgamated ex-army forces.







TO THE UNKNOWN
DEAD OF THE
CIVIL WAR 1861

MAY 30

1909



