

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:

TULSA HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND THE TULSA INDIAN WOMENS CLUB

Original Dedication Date APRIL 15, 1945 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 NORTH DELAWARE AVENUE -- ON PRIVATE LOT CAN BE SEEN BY
The Memorial is *currently* located at: ROADSIDE VIEW.

Street/Road address or site location _____
NORTH DELAWARE AVENUE GPS Coordinates 36.17.118 N ---56.809 W

City/Village &/or Township SPERRY

County TULSA State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 74073

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.) LIGHT GRAY GRANITE

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

3.1 FEET Height 4 FEET Width 13-20 INCHES 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.

GRAY GRANITE TABLET STYLE MONUMENT --RESTS ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION 5.2 FEET - 3.1 FEET BY 4 FEET WIDE - 13 INCHES IN DEPTH AT THE CROWN AND 20 INCHES DEPTH AT THE BASE. EDGES ARE RUSTICATED. THE FACE OF MONUMENT HAS BLACK STAINING AND ENGRAVING HAS SOME DAMAGE. ENGRAVING: THE BATTLE OF "CAVING BANKS" WAS FOUGHT DEC.9, 1861 BETWEEN 1500 TEXAS AND INDIAN CAVALRY MEN UNDER CONFEDERATE COL. D.H. COOPER AND 2500 LOYAL CREEKS AND CHEROKEES ENROUTE TO KANSAS WITH CHIEF OPOTHE YAHOLA. THE TRUGGLE CENTERED AROUND A LOG HOUSE NEAR THE TIP OF THE HORSE-SHOE BEND IN BIRD CREEK WEST OF THIS POINT. FIFTEEN CONFEDRATE DEAR ARE BURIED ON THIS BATTLEFIELD - MANY OTHER LIE IN UNKNOWN GRAVE. -----MARKED BY THE TULSA HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND THE TULSA INDIAN WOMEN'S CLUB. APRIL 15, 1945

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: PRIVATE PROPERTY HOME LOT

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*]

Submission of this form requires at least one type of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This information will most likely be in the public domain. Your name is required; please include one (or more) pieces of contact information.

1. If a member of an Allied Order, the name of your camp, auxiliary, tent, circle or corps; along with your department;
2. Physical Address;
3. Phone Number
4. E-Mail address.

By submitting this, you are allowing the posting of this information on the internet.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 10/11/2025
Your Name SANDRA COLE FLORES AND KATELYN FLORES
Address _____
City OKC State OK Zip Code 73150
Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

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

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

Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Photographs & GPS Co-ordinates are very much desired.

Pages 4 & 5 attached to this electronic file are the Monument's Condition and the Narrative forms. Only the Monument's Condition form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Please mail (or e-mail pdf, and picture files) to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair, 1240 Konert Valley Dr., Fenton, MO 63026, cwmemorials@suvchw.org (314) 630-8407

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Civil War Memorials Committee.

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ADDENDUM – MONUMENT’S CONDITION

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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?.

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); Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains); Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...

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

Surface Coating

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

If known, identify type of coating.

Gilded Painted Varnished Waxed Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? 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 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) .

Inspector’s Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Date 10/11/2025

The Tulsa Tribune

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—Tulsa School Life Photo

AT CHUSTO-TALASAH—Members of the Tulsa Historical society of Central high school pause in their cleanup of the Chusto-Talasa battle site. Shown, left to right, are Violet Cochrane, Ed Brown, Robert Otterstatter, Joe Schumacher, Tommy Beck, Jack Keeler, Clayton Broach, Teddy Cavalier, Wilma McConnell, Bud Wiley, Jack Martin, Ted Glass and Mrs. Louise Whitham, sponsor.

Sunday 84th Anniversary of Famed Chusto-Talasa Battle

The average Tulsan never heard the words "Chusto-Talasa," but it is a significant name in the historical background of eastern Oklahoma.

For on Dec. 9, 1861—just 84 years ago this Sunday—one of the important battles in the struggle for Indian Territory during the War of the Rebellion, was fought there. Tulsans, however, know it better as the battle of Bird Creek or High Shoal.

Thanks to the long research of the Tulsa Historical society of Central high school and its sponsor, Mrs. Louise Whitham, the existence of this memorable battleground has been saved to posterity through fact-finding and identification.

If one travels north on Peoria avenue a mile north of Turley, turns east on the county line road, crosses the Bird creek bridge and turns north on the first road, he will observe a monument erected on the battle site by the society.

There Col. D. H. Cooper, with some 1,500 Texas and Confederate Indian cavalymen, met in a five-hour battle with the noted Creek chieftain, Hopethleyohola, and some 2,000 of his Indian warriors and refugees fleeing to Kansas.

The war department records give considerable attention to this battle and others in Indian Territory. Still to be seen on the grounds near the big bend of Bird creek, known then as "Caving Banks," are

mounds where, it is estimated, some 15 Confederate fighters are buried.

Recently student members of the society who erected the memorial through sale of historical postcards—which Tulsans may purchase to advance the group's work—went to the site, cut grass and weeds and cleaned it up.

Mrs. Whitham is instructor in community history and the society is limited to seniors. It is in its ninth year and Ted Glass is president this year.

The society's research on this battle brings out the names of such Confederate leaders as Col. James McIntosh of the Second Arkansas Mounted Rifles; Capt. Jackson McCurtain, First Choctaw and Chickasaw regiment; Col. William B. Sims, Ninth Texas cavalry, and Col. John Drew, First Cherokee Mounted Rifles.

In the struggle for the Indian frontier there were members of many tribes divided on both sides.

Lieut. A. B. Gant of Texas, grandfather of C. G. McLaren, 237 E. Twenty-eighth st., was in that battle. McLaren's mother, Mrs. W. H. McPherson, recently moved from Tulsa to Graham, Texas.

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