

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:

Pawnee Bill Museum

Original Dedication Date July 2, 2022

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

PAWNEE BILL RANCH AND MUSEUM 1140 PAWNEE BILL ROAD 1/2

The Memorial is *currently* located at: MILE WEST OF PAWNEE ON US 64

Street/Road address or site location _____
 _____ GPS Coordinates 36,3319 N 96,8247 W

City/Village &/or Township PAWNEE

County PAWNEE State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 74058

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name PAWNEE BILL RANCH AND MUSEUM

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address 1140 PAWNEE BILL ROAD

City PAWNEE State OK Zip Code 74058

Contact Person _____ Telephone (918) 762-2513 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.) _____

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:

MODEL 1861 CAST IN 1863

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

Model 1861, three-inch ordnance "rifle" was cast in 1863 at the Phoenix Iron Co Penn 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

From Cannon Register

	REG No & Inspector	Year	Weight	Groves	Location When Originally Recorded
3" Ordnance Rifle, M1861 ⁿ	Phoenix 651 TTSL	63	816	7RH	OK Hist.Soc.lawn, "N.J."

Materials of the Memorial

Complete for All Memorials

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

_____ Height _____ Width _____ 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.

The Model 1861, three-inch ordnance "rifle" was cast in 1863 at the Phoenix Iron Company in Phoenixville, Penn. The gun reportedly saw service in several Civil War battles, including Missionary Ridge, before Pawnee Bill acquired it for use in the Wild West Show. .

USE OF PHOTOS WITH CITATION SOURCE : Pawnee Bill, May Lillie, and Unknown Woman with a Cannon, photograph, 1911; (<https://gateway.okhistory.org/ark:/67531/metadc2098112/>: accessed November 2, 2025), The Gateway to Oklahoma History, <https://gateway.okhistory.org/>; crediting Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum.

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*]

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 11/2/2025
Your Name Sandy Coles Flores
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone () _____ E-Mail floresbrldy@aol.com

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

DUVCW SALLIE PEACHEATER TENT 318 OKLAHOMA -- WRC NIM OK -- LGAR MAL OK

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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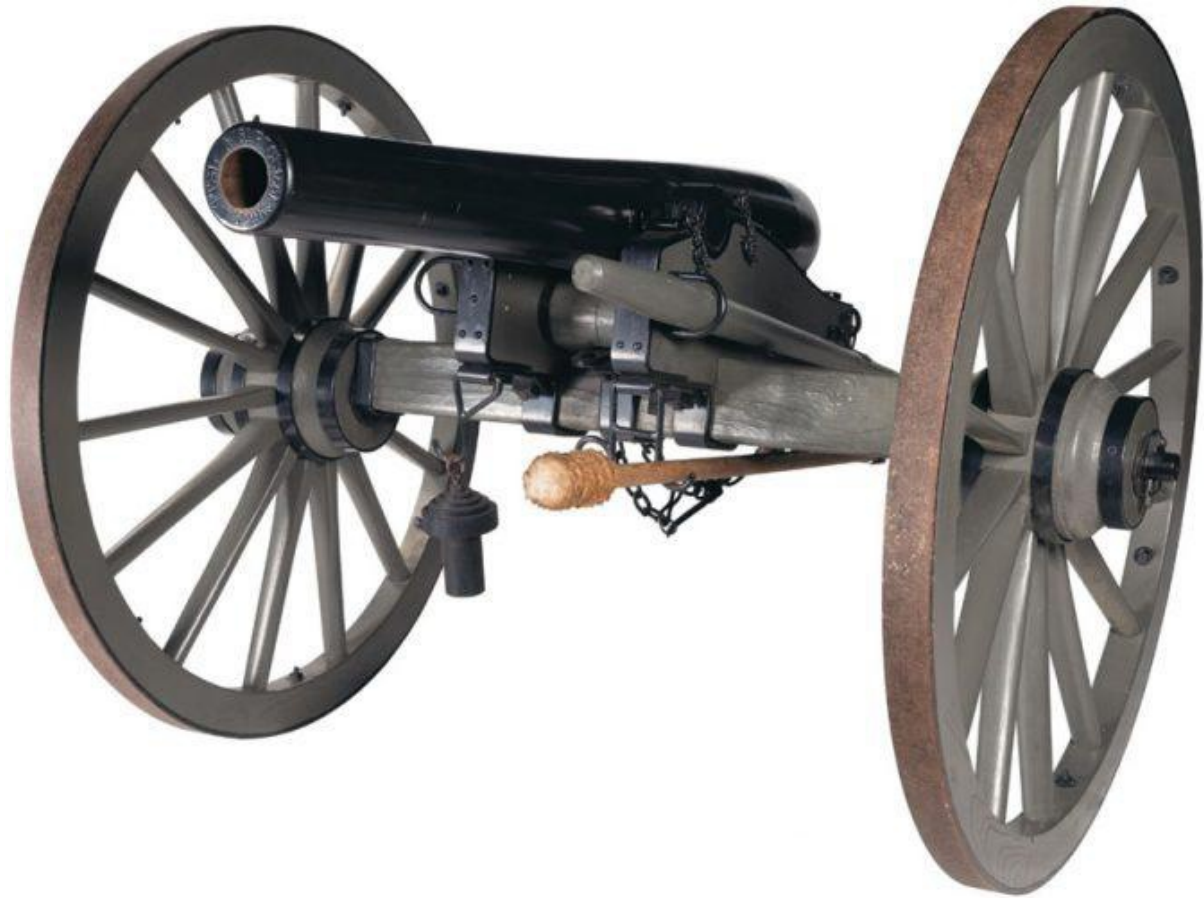
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TEXT

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Inspector's Name _____

Date _____



Pawnee Bill Cannon Dedication Ceremony

July 2, 2022, 10 a.m.

Event Navigation

On Saturday, July 2, at 10 a.m., the Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum will hold a special dedication ceremony on the front lawn of the site to return one of the cannons used in the original Pawnee Bill Wild West Shows to the home of the former Wild West Show entertainer. After more than 70 years in Oklahoma City, the cannon will be unveiled on the front lawn at the historic site in Pawnee.

Opening remarks will be delivered by Oklahoma Historical Society Executive Director Trait Thompson, followed by remarks from Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, Senator Chuck Hall, and Representative Ty Burns. The Pawnee VFW Color Guard will present the colors at the ceremony. The celebration will include a ceremonial firing of a reproduction cannon, as well as musical performances by the Pawnee High School Band and the Pawnee Elementary School chorus with Gary Vance Jr.

The Model 1861, three-inch ordnance “rifle” was cast in 1863 at the Phoenix Iron Company in Phoenixville, Penn. The gun reportedly saw service in several Civil War battles, including Missionary Ridge, before Pawnee Bill acquired it for use in the Wild West Show. After the Wild West Show, the gun found a home on the front lawn of Pawnee Bill and May Lillie’s mansion.

Shortly before Pawnee Bill died in 1942, he gifted the gun to his longtime friend and publicist, Frank Stuart. The carriage was in bad shape and continued to deteriorate as the gun sat in Stuart's backyard in Oklahoma City for many years. Stuart died in 1950, and under his will the cannon was left to the OHS in 1951. The OHS had a new carriage built for the cannon, and has displayed it in Oklahoma City ever since.

"We are very pleased for the community of Pawnee that we can restore the cannon back to the ranch," said Executive Director Thompson. "When the cannon is permanently installed at the ranch, the installation will include the placing of a flagpole near the cannon and lighting the front of the mansion and the cannon display. The cannon will be placed on a concrete pad with exhibit panels to tell its story. A new sidewalk will be laid to ensure the display is accessible to everyone," continued Thompson.

The Pawnee Bill Ranch was once the showplace of the world-renowned Wild West Show entertainer Gordon W. "Pawnee Bill" Lillie. Pawnee Bill and May Lillie's 14-room mansion, completed in 1910, is filled with Lillie family memorabilia, photographs, and original artwork. The 500-acre ranch property is home to a herd of bison, longhorn and several draft horses. There is no admission fee to attend this event. For more information about the event, contact the Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum at 918-762-2513 or email pawneebill@okhistory.org. The Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum is located at 1141 Pawnee Bill Road in Pawnee.



The Civil War 10-pounder, 3-inch cannon was often fired to signal the start of Pawnee Bill's Wild West Shows as they traveled the US. The cannon also featured in crowd-pleasing artillery races, which would pit branches of military members against one another as they raced teams of horses around the arena to see who could assemble and fire a cannon first.

Details

Date: July 2, 2022 Time: 10 a.m.

Location [Pawnee Bill Ranch and Museum](#) 1141 Pawnee Bill Road Pawnee, OK 74058

918-762-2513

www.okhistory.org/pawneebill



