

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:

OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY --- MARKER

Original Dedication Date 1995

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

US 69 SOUTH OF McALESTER

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location _____
 _____ GPS Coordinates _____

City/Village &/or Township PERRYVILLE /McALESTER

County PITTSBURG State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 74501

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.) RED 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

5.6 FEET Height 2.6 FEET Width 4 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 WILLIS GRANITE PRODUCTS, GRANITE, OKLA

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

RED GRANITE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL MARKER WITH RUSTICATED EDGES WITH POINTED CROWN AND . GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IS POSITIONED AT THE TOP CENTER OF THE POLISHED FRONT FACE. ROSE GRANITE CENTER WITH INSCRIPTION: PERRYVILLE --- ORIGINALLY THE TRADING POST OF JAMES PERRY, BY 1849, THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EARLY DAY TOWNS. HERE WAS THE INTERSECTION OF THE TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA ROADS, AND MANY NOTED EPEDITIONS PASSED THROUGH ALONG BOTH OF THESE ROUTES. COLBERT INSTITUTE, METHODIST SCHOOL FOR CHICKASHAWS, ESTABLISHED HERE 1854 AND BATTLE OF PERRYVILLE IN CIVIL WAR FOUGHT HERE IN JULY 1863.

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: ROADSIDE

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 11/8/2025

Your Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Address _____

City OKLAHOMA CITY State OKLA Zip Code _____

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

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.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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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?.

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 11/08/2025

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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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TEXT

Inspector's Name _____ Date _____

Five Civilized Tribes Mark Perryville Battle

Civil War Historians Hold Memorial Ceremony Today

By the State Staff
McALESTER — Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of one of Oklahoma's major battles of the Civil War at Perryville, three miles south of McAlester.

A historical marker is about all that is left as a reminder the area was the site of Oklahoma's southernmost fighting in the war between the states.

But the battle and its history are not forgotten.

Memorial services at the battle area are promoted by the inter-tribal council of the Five Civilized Tribes. The committee in charge of the Sunday afternoon program is made up of statewide promoters and historians on Indian affairs.

George Shirk, president of the Oklahoma Historical Society, and Miss Muriel H. Wright, editor of the Chronicles of Oklahoma, will be principal speakers during ceremonies.

Shirk will review the background of the Perryville battle, when Union forces overtook retreating Confederate troops there. The town, which once was the capitol of the Choctaw Indian nation, was burned to the ground by

the northern soldiers. Miss Wright will tell of events in the area leading up to the Civil War, including information on Wilson Jones and the part he played in lining up Choctaw Indians on the side of the Confederacy. She will show two rifles used in the Civil War, one belonging to Jones and the other to her grandfather, Allen Wright.

Allen Wright, a Presbyterian missionary, was among the Choctaws who joined the south's army and was chaplain of the First regiment of Choctaw and Chickasaw Mounted Rifles. He also is the man credited with naming Oklahoma.

A minute of silent prayer will be held during the ceremonies for J. B. Wright, former state Indian agent, who died some three weeks ago. He was a son of Allen Wright.

The program will be held on land of W. H. Johnson, which is the first place to the left on the turnoff from the Perryville historical marker on U. S. 69, south of McAlester.

A special unit from the national guard will serve as a color guard and firing squad.

Many Indian warriors



This is a replica of old stage station.

were in the ranks of the Confederate troops that clashed with Union armies at the Perryville battleground. Ben P. Choate, Oklahoma City, is chairman of the arrangements committee.

It was just after the state's most important battle of the Civil War, at Honey Springs, that Confederate forces began retreating to the south down the old Texas road, the northern part of which now is U. S. 69.

Confederate Gen. Douglas H. Cooper and Brig. Gen. William Steele picked the trading post and stage station at Perryville as a refuge to consolidate their forces, and those of Choctaw and Creek Indians.

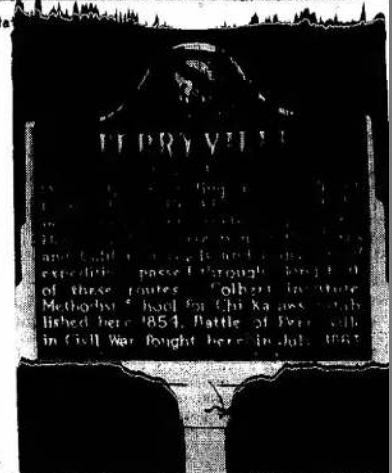
The small town had been established about 1838 by James Perry, who is buried there. He was a member of a prominent Choctaw-Chickasha family.

Named after Perry, the stage station became the seat of the Choctaw Nation's Tubock County in 1855. Being at the crossing of the two important routes, the Confederates selected Perryville as a military post and supply depot.

Maj. Gen. James G. Blunt led Union forces southward from Honey Springs in pursuit of part of the retreating southern troops. Some retreated to the east, others to the west.

Blunt and his forces came upon Perryville, closely surrounded by timber. They were fired upon from two howitzers, which set off the battle of Perryville.

"This was a regular military post and an important depot, being the only point between Boggy



Historical marker stands at site of famous skirmish.

Depot and North Fork Town," Blunt wrote following the battle. "As nearly every building contained government stores, I directed the burning of the whole place."

Now at Perryville, only some wells remain from the original town. Troops poured salt in these wells during the Civil War evacuation of the town.

A replica of the old stage stand is there. It is near the location, where the old Texas road turned further west from the present U. S. 69, south of Boggy Depot.

The old Tubock County courthouse was located just southeast of there.

Old Indian graves on the former townsite, including

that of Perry, are no marked.

A historical marker stands at the general site of one of the famous skirmishes of the Civil War.



High School Dedication Set

By the State Staff
WATONGA — The new 1250,000 senior high school will be the center of attention here Sunday.

More than 300 persons are expected to attend dedication rites and open house for the structure, Charles Weber, superintendent of schools, said Saturday.

The ceremony gets under way at 2:30 p.m. with a formal flag-raising and presentation of the building by the contractor to J. O. Smith, high school principal.

Weber said the new building will be open to the inspection of residents through 5 p.m.

The building and grounds, which cover 10 acres, will accommodate more than 300 students, Weber said. He added fall enrollment is expected to be 240 students.

Joyce Hessel, president of the board of education, explained:

"We were planning to handle the consistently growing student load for several years in advance but the

Sea Farm Answer To Hunger Plight?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A population expert proposed Saturday that man domesticate dolphin and other sea animals to help feed the rapidly rising number of hungry people in the world.

The suggestion was made by Ritchie Calder, professor of international relations of the University of Edinburgh, at the 16th international congress of zoology. He foresaw sea farms the size of Texas.

"I can see us employing that highly intelligent and apparently loquacious creature, the dolphin," he said, "as the sheep dogs or even the farm managers of our submarine ranches."

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Calder participated in a symposium on the world's population growth and its consequences. He said the population is bound to grow from three billion now to four billion or more by 1980.

The food supply, he said, must be doubled by then not merely to feed the new mouths but to improve currently inadequate diets. "There are many ways in

dolphins or porpoises, the so-called sea-cows, the manatee and the dugong. These related mammals grow to giant size and constitute "a pretty substantial hunk of protein" food.

They also feed on the water-hyacinth, a pestiferous plant which clogs the rivers and estuaries of Asia and Africa. Perhaps, Calder suggested, these sea animals could be trained to keep water-hyacinth under control while they are being fattened for the human food supply.

Calder noted that the sea bottom is rich in fertilizer. Even in so-called marine deserts, this sea-bottom compost could be stirred up by mechanical means to enrich the ocean levels where fish can thrive, he said.

"We could fence off great arms of the sea and turn (each of) them into an oceanic Texas by putting mild electric shock-waves across the entrances to discourage fish from migrating, just as strands of electric wires restrain farm animals."



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