

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 #190

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

The Memorial is currently located at: BATTLE OF BACKBONE MOUNTIAN MARKER It is at the intersection of State Highway 112 and Hardin Lane, on the right when traveling north on Street/Road address or site location State Highway 112

GPS Coordinates 35° 12.164' N, 94° 29.476' W.

City/Village &/or Township POCOLA

County LE FLORE State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 74902

The front of the Memorial faces: ___ North ___ South ___ East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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 _____

Empty rectangular box for 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: RED GRANITE

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 _____

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

OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL MARKER --WITH RUSTICATED EDGES WITH POINTED CROWN --GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IS POSITIONED AT THE TOP CENTER OF THE POLISHED FRONT FACE. UNPOLISHED ROSE PANEL WITH

INSCRIPTION: On Sept. 1, 1863 Confederates under Brig. Gen. W.L. Cabell ambushed a Union force commanded by Maj. Gen. J.G. Blunt, but were driven off after a three hour battle.

Later on July 24, 1864, the Choctaw Battalion led by Capt. Jack McCurtain defeated a Federal cavalry force here.

The actual battlefield for the September 1, 1863 battle was six miles east along the Devil's Backbone in Arkansas. There is little documentation of the July 24, 1864 battle.

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 PULL OUT

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 11/10/2025

Your Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Address _____

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 OKC -- 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?.

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 11/10/2025

Matching Funds Needed For Historical Markers

About \$80,000 in local matching funds is needed to complete renovation or replacement of historical markers in eastern and southeastern Oklahoma counties.

Lewis Stiles, Oklahoma Historical Society president, said Phase I, which involved northern Oklahoma counties, has been completed. But historical institutions will be asked to raise \$80,095 for the work on 60 historical markers in 15 counties in the eastern and southeastern parts of the state.

Local funds will represent 20 percent of the \$400,493 needed to improve the markers, said Bruce Joseph, coordinator for the society. The project will include the cooperation of the state Transportation Department and the state Tourism and Recreation Department.

"Federal funds will provide 80 percent of the funds through the enhancement program of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act," said Mary Brewington, project manager for the transportation department's Traffic Division.

The funds are available to enhance the safety and beauty of the highway system. The transportation department hopes to make the historical markers more attractive to tourists as well as safer to view, Brewington said.

New markers will be made of granite. If they don't already have turnouts, some markers will be moved at least 30 feet from the road to allow cars to safely pull off highways and onto turnouts.

The 15 counties and their markers will include:

ADAIR COUNTY: Baptist Mission; Fairfield

Mission; Fort Wayne; Robert Rogers.

ATOKA COUNTY: Atoka; Old Boggy Depot.

BRYAN COUNTY: Bloomfield; Chahta Tamah, Armstrong Academy; Colberl's Ferry; Durant; Fort Washita.

CHEROKEE COUNTY: Park Hill Press; Riley's Chapel/Station; Tahlequah.

CHOCTAW COUNTY: Fort Towson; Goodland Mission; Rose Hill; Spencer Academy.

HASKELL COUNTY: Sinking of the J.R. Williams; Tamaha Jail/Ferry Landing.

LATIMER COUNTY: Bernard de la Harpe.

Le FLORE COUNTY: Battle of Backbone Mountain; Choctaw Agency; Fort Coffee; Fort Smith-Fort Towson Military Road; Reynolds Castle; 48 Milepost Old State Line.

McCURTAIN COUNTY: Clear Creek Water Mill; Eagletown; Elliott Academy; Gardner Mansion; Garland Cemetery; Harris Home; Harris Mill Cemetery; Miller Courthouse; Pecan Point; Shawnee Town; Smithville; Wheelock Seminary Mission; Alikchi Spring.

MUSKOGEE COUNTY: Fort Davis; La Harpe's Council; state's earliest oil refinery; Union Agency; Webbers Falls.

OKMULGEE COUNTY: Creek Capitol; Nuyaka Mission; Samuel Chocote.

PITTSBURG COUNTY: Dr. J.E. Wright; Perryville.

PUSHMATAHA COUNTY: Choctaw Capitol; Choctaw Nation Capitol Building.

SEQUOYAH COUNTY: Dwight Mission; Entering Indian Territory; Tahleonteeskee.

WAGONER COUNTY: Chief Pushmataha; Koweta Mission; Oklahoma's first Baptist church; Tullahassee Mission; Wigwa Neasho.



BATTLE OF BACKBONE MOUNTAIN

ON SEPT. 3, 1863, CONFEDERATES
UNDER BRIG. GEN. W. L. CABELL
AMBUSHED A UNION FORCE COM-
MANDED BY MAJ. GEN. J. G. BLUNT,
BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF AFTER A
THREE HOUR BATTLE. LATER, ON
JULY 27, 1864, THE CHOCTAW BAT-
TALION LED BY CAPT. JACK McCURTAIN
DEFEATED A FEDERAL CAVALRY
FORCE HERE.

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1947-1955





