

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:

NE Oklahoma Historical Society and State Highway Commission, 1954 --- marker number 151-1995

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

WEST KETCHUM ROAD ROUTE 85 0.1 MILE EAST OF ROUTE 82 ON
The Memorial is currently located at: RIGHT SIDE WHEN TRAVELING EAST - SOUTH SIDE PULL OFF
Street/Road address or site location _____

GPS Coordinates 36 31.479 N 95 3.45 W

City/Village &/or Township KETCHUM

County MAYES State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 74349

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:

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 INCH 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. UNPOLISH ROSE GRANITE CENTER WITH INSCRIPTION READS: CROSSED HERE: FT GIBSON (EST 1824) TO FR. LEAVENWORTH. TWO CABIN CREEK BATTLES IN CIVIL WAR FOUGHT AT OLD FORD 5 MI SW OF KETCHUM AND EAST 1.5 MILE. THE FIRST STORE 1860, AND STAGE STAND WERE AT OLD SULHUR SPRINGS CAMPGROUND NEAR HERE, NE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, 1954

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: S.SIDE PULL OFF OF OK-85 EAST OF THE OK 82 JUNCT

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 4-7-2026
Your Name SANDRA FLORES
Address 12201 SE 64TH
City OKLAHOMA CITY State OK Zip Code 73165
Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

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

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

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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 FLORES

Date 4-6-2026

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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.]

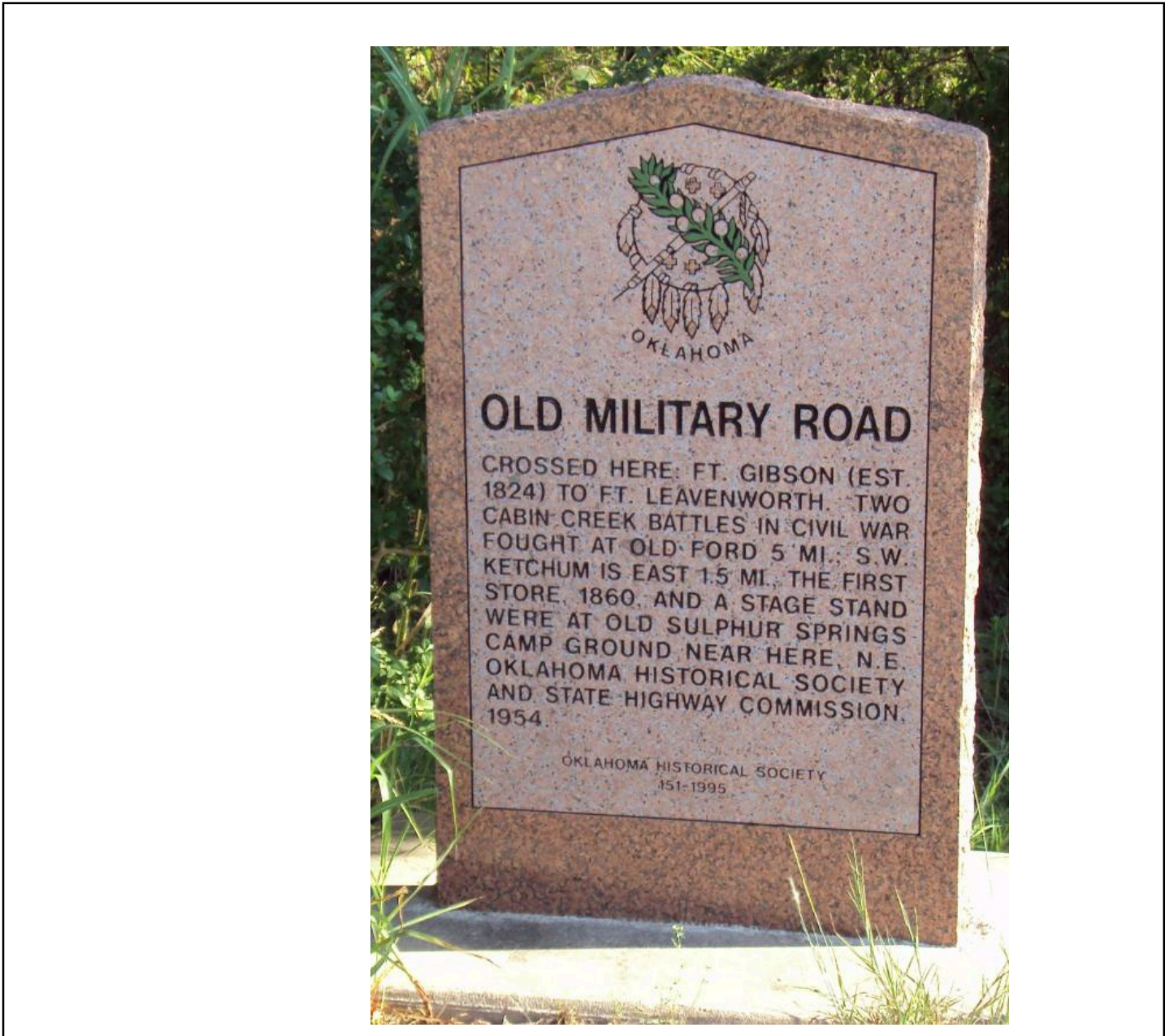
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TEXT



Inspector's Name _____ Date _____

6 November 1, 1992 Travel & Entertainment THE SUNDAY OKLAHOMAN

Talimena Drive Best Bet for Color

By Sandi Davis
Staff Writer

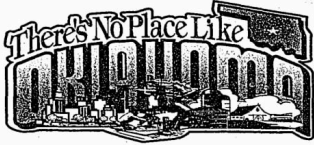
THE tinge of red seen earlier this year should now be yielding to the full glory of fall foliage in the Ouachita National Forest, which Oklahoma shares with Arkansas.

The best bet for seeing the bright autumn colors is the Talimena Scenic Drive, a 54-mile journey on a two-lane highway that winds along the crest of Rich Mountain and Winding Stair Mountain between Talihina, OK, and Mena, Ark.

The two peaks are part of the Ouachita range, the highest mountain range between the Appalachians and the Rockies.

Numerous vistas provide plenty of photo opportunities.

The drive has a visitor information center at each end, 21 vistas, four picnic areas, two campgrounds and the Kerr Arboretum,



Queen Wilhelmina State Park and Lodge and numerous historic sites.

Tourists can travel the highway in either direction. The drive is numbered from mile 1 in Mena to mile 54 in Talihina. Highlights of the drive include:

— Rich Mountain Fire Tower and picnic area, at mile 9.4 westbound, is one of the last remaining fire towers in the Ouachitas. This is considered to be the highest spot on the drive and in the mountain range, at 2,681 feet.

— Queen Wilhelmina Inn and State Park, at

mile 12.2. The inn has 39 rooms and a restaurant. Camping and picnicking are available. The park is owned and operated by Arkansas State Parks.

— Old Pioneer Cemetery Historic Site has 23 graves and is at mile 14.1. Most of the graves are of pioneers living on Rich Mountain in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

— West of mile 17 is the state line between Arkansas and Oklahoma.

— The Robert S. Kerr Arboretum extends from mile 29.8 on the east to mile 31.6 on the west. The entrance is at mile 30.7.



The Talimena Scenic Drive goes through the Ouachita Mountains, the highest mountains between the Appalachians and the Rockies. The drive, mainly in Oklahoma, has 17 miles in Arkansas. — Photo by Fred W. Marvel

The arboretum was developed as an interpretive center for the Ouachita Mountains and forest.

— Horse Thief Springs Historical Site is at mile 37.9. The old

Horse Thief Trail crosses the drive at this point.

— Old Military Road Historical Site, at mile 53.2, is a small recreation area with picnic tables and rest rooms.

An old wagon road crosses here, built by the soldiers of Fort Towson, OK, in 1832. The wagon road extended to Fort Smith, Ark.

Again, at each end of

the drive is a visitors information center with maps, brochures and information.

The Talimena Scenic Drive is about 180 miles from Oklahoma City. Take Interstate

40 to the Highway 59 exit at Poteau. Highway 59 leads right into the middle of the drive, which is Highway 1, and sightseers can go either direction to Mena or Talihina.

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Marker Pin-Points Old Military Road

A historical marker designating the old military road which operated many years ago between Fort Gibson and Fort Leavenworth, Kans., is located on S.H. 85 about 1½ miles west of Ketchum.

The metal marker, erected in, 1954 was purchased by the Ketchum's Commercial club. The inscription, authorized by the Oklahoma State Historical society, reads:

"The Old Military Road Crossed Here: Ft. Gibson (est. 1824) to Ft. Leavenworth. Two Cabin Creek battles in Civil War fought at old ford 5 mi. s.w. Ketchum is east 1.5 mi.; the 1st store, 1860, and a stage stand at old Sulphur Springs camp ground near here, n.e."

Kilawa Crater in the Hawaiian Islands has a circumference of 8 miles.

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