

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:

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Original Dedication Date 2024

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: IT IS ON OKLAHOMA ROUTE 10 ONE MILE NORTH OF EAST 63RD
 Street/Road address or site location STREET ON LEFT WHEN TRAVELING NORTH. OPPOSITE THE SICILY
GATE OF CAMP GRUBER TRNG CENTER, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
 GPS Coordinates 35 DEG 40.947 N --- 95 DEG 12.205 W

City/Village &/or Township SAND HILL
 County MUSKOGEE State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 74423

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.) CAST ALUMINUM

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

42 IN Height 45 IN Width 7 FT POLE 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.

FREESTANDING TWO SIDED CAST ALUMINUM MARKER 42 INCHES BY 45 INCHES SITS ATOP A 7 FOOT METAL BREAKAWAY POST - SILVER LETTERING ON A GREEN BACKGROUND AND THE OKLAHOMA STATE SEAL IN TOP CENTER.

INSCRIPTION: ON JUNE 16, 1863, A MOVING SKIRMISH FLOWED ACROSS THE PRAIRIE NEAR PRESENT -DAY CAMP GRUBER TO THE ARKANSAS RIVER, IT WAS THE FINAL ACTION IN AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT BY CONFEREATE COLONEL STAND WATIE AND HIS CHEROKEE REGIMENT TO DISRUPT UNION SUPPLY LINES TO FORT GIBSON. UNION INFANTRY AND CAVALRY, COMMANDED BY COLONEL STEPHEN H WATTLES, QUICKLY CAUGHT UP WITH WATIE'S FORCES AND DEFEATED THEM. COLONEL WATIE RETREATED WITH HIS SOLDIERS AND FORDED THE ARKANSAS RIVER. AN ESTIMATED 4-10 SOLDIERS ON EACH SIDE WERE KILLED.

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 TURN 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*]

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 4-9-2026
Your Name SANDRA COLE FLORES
Address 12202 SE 64TH STREET
City OKLAHOMA CITY State OKLAHOM Zip Code 73150
Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

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

DUVCW TENT #18 SALLIEPEACHEATER OKC --- WRC NIM --- LGAR MAL

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 4/9/2026

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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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FEATURED

Braggs History Project highlights Civil War battle with roadside marker

BY WILL CHAVEZ Assistant Editor
Feb 11, 2025

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Members of the Braggs History Project attended a dedication ceremony for a roadside marker that tells the story of the little-known Civil War Battle of C that took place in 1863 near present-day Braggs. Attending the ceremony were BHP board members Rudy Wilson, left, Pat Isbell and Mike Pierce.

COURTESY



BRAGGS – The little-known Civil War Battle of Greenleaf Prairie took place on June 16, 1863, near present-day Braggs and extended to the nearby Arkansas River near what is now Muskogee.

It was the “final action in an unsuccessful attempt by Confederate Colonel Stand Watie (Cherokee) and his Cherokee regiment to disrupt Union supply lines to Fort Gibson.”

Union or United States infantry and cavalry, commanded by Col. Stephen H. Wattles, quickly caught up with Watie’s forces and defeated them. Col. Watie retreated with his soldiers and forded the Arkansas River. An estimated 4-10 soldiers on each side were killed.



ODOT installed the marker in early November, and it was dedicated on Nov. 9, 2024.

Isbell added before the story of the battle was shared with her, she had not heard of it.

“It was a skirmish. There was like 14 people killed and they (Confederate forces) took off across the (Arkansas) river, which is west of here. But it’s our history, as small as the battle was, it’s our history, and we’re proud of it,” she said. “There are people who are not happy with Stand Watie and what he did, but it was war. We had Cherokee families here that fought on both sides during the war.”

Local people are “proud” to have the marker in Braggs to share some of the area’s history, Isbell said, and she has seen cars parked at the marker as people check it out. ODOT has added signs a mile on each side of the marker to tell drivers the marker is ahead.

The mission statement of the non-profit Braggs History Project, which was established in 2009, is to preserve Braggs history and honor Braggs veterans. Along with the Battle of Greenleaf Prairie roadside marker, BHP is responsible for erecting two highway signs on each end of Braggs to honor the town’s veterans. The signs read, “Braggs Veterans Memorial Highway.”

In 2009, BHP established the Braggs Veterans Memorial Park, which has memorials for Braggs veterans from the Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and the recent Gulf Wars in southwestern Asia.

Braggs History Project board members include President Fran Barker, Vice-President Mike Pierce, Secretary Pat Isbell, Board Member Richard Tidmore and Board Member Rudy Wilson.

Now, thanks to the efforts of the Braggs History Project, the battle will become more common knowledge for people passing through the small town located southeast of Muskogee and near Greenleaf Lake on Hwy. 10. BHP members, with the cooperation of state officials, have placed a roadside marker about the battle in Braggs.

BHP Secretary Pat Isbell said the Civil War battle was brought to the attention of the BHP by local historian and Cherokee Nation citizen, Troy Wayne Poteete, who shared the story with BHP President Fran Barker.

“She decided this is something we should do as a project,” Isbell said. “It’s Braggs history. It happened in our front yard, so to speak. She (Barker) did all the research. Troy didn’t know everything because he had just heard about it. Fran delved into it and got all of the pertinent information.”

Isbell explained that anytime a highway marker is requested to be placed alongside a roadway, authorization must be obtained from the Oklahoma Historical Society, which approved the marker commemorating the battle.

Following OHS approval in early 2024, work began to look for a spot to place the historical marker, which is handled by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. The entire process took about six months, Isbell said.

“Our project paid for the marker, and then ODOT installed it. You have to meet certain criteria. You have to have a formal pull off from the highway. So, I worked with the National Guard here in Braggs and suggested several spaces, which they finally agreed on one. It is on the west side of Hwy. 10 ... across from the Sicily Gate (of Camp Gruber).”



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