

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 NUMBER 75-1995 WEBBER'S FALLS

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

IT IS ON OK ROUTE 100 (US 64) 0.2MILES EAST OF 5TH STREET, ON
The Memorial is currently located at: RIGHT SIDE WHEN TRAVELING EAST

Street/Road address or site location _____
GPS Coordinates 35 DEGREES 30.89 N 95 DEG 8.049 W

City/Village &/or Township WEBBER'S FALLS

County MUSKOGEE State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 74770

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 MANUFACTURED BY WILLIS GRANITE PRODUCTS IN GRANITE, OKLAHOMA

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

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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: ROAD SIDE 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 122-1 SE 64TH ST
City OKLAHOMA CITY State OK 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 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 COLE FLORES

Date 4-9-2026

Sequoyah County Times, Sallisaw, Okla., Nov. 27, 1969

Pioneer Native Of Webbers Falls Recalls Steamboats On The River



MEMORIES OF WEBBERS FALLS—Miss Daisy Hanks, who will celebrate her 97th birthday Saturday, Nov. 28, stands beside the historical marker holding a picture of the May Hanks Rhomer home, a pioneer home of a sister and family of Webbers Falls.

She stood on the bank of the old sandstone river, the Arkansas River, under the golden brilliance of a late spring sun, watching the smoke spiraling above the water where the channel made a gentle turn near the mouth of the Illinois.

Her childhood face lit and her eyes brightened. She watched and listened, and finally heard the whistle of the steamboat as it rounded the river bend.

"I could hear the whistle of that old steamboat every time it came up the river," said Miss Daisy Hanks this week. "And the whistle of Captain Hirtzler's steamboat always made me happy. I knew the boat would stop and be up at our old home place."

The captain would also give treats to the children, she said.

"He always gave us things like oranges and candy, and we ate them that night while the boat stayed in up and the crew gathered to sing

schoolhouse and right among the cadets, and we walked to classes along a long trail. I remember my teacher. She was Evelyn Vire of Webbers Falls."

Miss Hanks still washes and iron her clothes, and looks at her moccasins, besides other laborwork. She also makes a garden each spring, and will walk to a nearby grocery store in the high winds, even without a cane.

In fact, neighbors declare she just won't use a cane at all.

She is definitely a woman of vast personal style and when she goes to the store or to visit neighbors she always dresses neatly. She was taught to do that as a child, she said.

"One time when I was a small girl, and it was real hot, weather. I went to church without putting on my stockings," she said with a hearty laugh. "My goodness, we wore so much cloth, and, of course, no long underwear couldn't even see out. But, my mother, I didn't have on my stockings, so she made me leave the church house and go back home and put them on."

She added, in what would be the understatement of the year, that "people didn't dress back then the way they do now."

Prepp, often ask Miss Hanks what she eats to keep her so healthy.

"Anything I want to," she said. "I eat lots of oranges and beans, and if I don't have pork to eat, I think I don't have anything."

She tidied up a bit this week and agreed to a short car ride around Webbers Falls. She passed for a picture beside the historical marker on the west edge of town and went to look again at the largest oak tree in the country, over where there used to be the old town square.

"That old tree was as big when I was a child as it is now," she said. "We used to gather around it for picnics during the summer months."

She said she watched the oak tree burn down when she was young. Evidently, from her tale, and from lettering on the historical marker, the town must have burned three times.

The historical marker states that Union soldiers burned the town to the ground in 1862. She said it had burned twice since then. But she said she did not see it. She attended the famous old Cherokee Female Seminary at Tallapoosa, however, and said she watched that great beautiful burn on a Sunday afternoon in the middle 1860s.

Neighbors say that the Hanks family members were just about all educated people, polite and very "up" on etiquette. However, they say she never tried to "kill a spade a spade," as the saying goes, and that she is a dedicated Democrat.

"I've always voted the Democratic ticket," she declared. "I never voted anything else."

Through one never had a family of her own, she reared four children for another family when she was young, she said.

She likes to talk about cooking and eating, and declared she often threw away leftovers, but that "it's better to throw away food than it is to throw away good health."

She says she actually believes that "oldies are healthy, and that pork is food."

"I eat a lot of pork now," she said, showing her natural teeth, not dentures. "Why, last night I got hungry, and I got right up and tried myself some sausage. I do think a lot of nights. When I get hungry, no matter what time it is, I get up and cook and eat."

She said she cooks a lot of noon meals for a neighbor by marriage, Maxie Gartin. She even worried when he fails to show up to eat the food she cooks.

"I like my food cooked fresh," Miss Hanks said.

A neighbor said Miss Hanks often makes time to go and pour in the graded cotton.

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"It's delicious, too," the neighbor said.

"It's likely that 'Aunt Daisy Hanks' neighbors call her, will have some company on Saturday. No doubt she will be cooking up delicious batches of food for some nice to sample, or that others will be cooking things for her that they know she likes."

Miss Hanks, in recalling the early years in Webbers Falls, said that she particularly remembered the Branson, Conn and Hutton neighbors.

"They had a log store here, and I remember they always kept maple sugar," she said. "I came in little cakes, all packaged up neatly in boxes."

Miss Hanks got up from her chair and reached to a cupboard shelf to take down a beautiful little china shoe.

"My father, one of my father's when I was a girl, gave me that little shoe when I was just 14 years old," she said. "I've kept it home all years."

In recalling the steam boat days on the Arkansas River, Miss Hanks also recounted incidents on the bank that was the only kind of crossing there was at Webbers Falls.

"I used to see the stage coaches, coming across the river on animal across on the ferry," she said. "They would pull off and up the banks and travel on east of west."

From her tale it is evident she has known handiwork and trappings as well as some happy times during her 97 years.

She said her father, Mr. Hanks, was short and

killed on the ferryboat, one day in May when she was four a child. She said she didn't recall exactly what had brought on the trouble and the killing. It may have gotten out of the control of the Civil War. She said she thought her father had fought some in the Civil War, but she wasn't sure.

Miss Hanks, according to neighbors, has little or no sympathy for folks who won't help themselves toward her own.

Not long ago, one neighbor said, Miss Hanks would not reveal her age.

"But now once grand she has lived so long, and is still able to do her own work," the neighbor said. "And she doesn't mind telling anyone she will be 97 this weekend."

School Adds Names To Honor Roll

It has been reported by the Sallisaw High School of the names of several students who qualified for the honor roll were not included on the list published by the school. The list was published in last week's issue of Your Times.

Names inadvertently omitted by those preparing the honor roll included:

Francis Jackson and Judy Pruitt, sophomores (last grades roll for students may

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Town to Celebrate Confederate Heritage

Webbers Falls Called Heart of Cherokee Indian Confederacy

By Jerry Fink
World Senior State Writer

WEBBERS FALLS — This town in the southeastern corner of Muskogee County was the heart of the Cherokee Nation Confederacy during the Civil War.

At least one-third of the Nation sympathized with the South, according to local historian Troy Poteet, and most of those people lived in the Canadian District of Indian Territory.

Webbers Falls was the seat of government for that district, one of nine that made up the Cherokee Nation between 1838 and 1907.

On Saturday, local residents will honor that period of Oklahoma history during the town's biennial Webbers Falls Days Festival.

"It's our town's Homecoming Day," said Poteet.

One of the highlights of the day will be a visit to the Cherokee Dixieland Historical Society Museum.

The museum contains a variety of memorabilia, including items from the Civil War.

According to Poteet, the Webbers Falls community existed almost 10 years before the main body of Cherokees arrived in 1838-39.

"The town started in 1829. Walter Webber acquired a warehouse across the (Arkansas) river on the Gore side and set up business there," said Poteet.

Back then it was just called The Falls.



World staff photo by Jerry Fink

Lisa Finley and Richard Birdtail will add authenticity to the observance of the Cherokee Nation's involvement in the Civil War at a Webbers Falls Homecoming Day celebration Saturday.

By the time the Cherokees were forced out of their homes in the east and into Indian Territory, there was already a thriving community called Webbers Falls.

"Because of the fertile river bottoms, this area became the home of many plantation Cherokees," said Poteet. "They had lots of slaves and shipped their goods up the river by river boat.

"They imported fine china and had race horses."

There were many plantations here, though there were others scattered around the Cherokee Nation.

With the plantations, a "southern aristocracy" formed much like the one that existed in the southern states.

One of the most prominent Confederate generals was a Cherokee chief named Stand Watie — the last southern officer to surrender when the Civil War ended.

There was one skirmish here

during the War.

On April 24, 1863, the Cherokee Confederate legislature held a session and the meeting was broken up by a surprise attack by Union troops.

At least six people were killed in the fight.

The town named its park "The Battle of Webbers Falls Park."

When the Civil War ended, Cherokees in the Canadian District didn't think they could get See War on A-17



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