

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:

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION - ARDMORE CHAPTER 1930 -

Original Dedication Date _____ 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: 7 MILES WEST OF DAVIS. ALONG HIGHWAY 7 AND INDIAN MERIDIAN
 Street/Road address or site location 7.

32968 INDIAN MERIDIAN ROAD GPS Coordinates 34 DEG 31.291' NORTH 97 DEG 14.858' WEST

City/Village &/or Township DAVIS

County GARVIN State OKLAHOMA Zip Code 32968

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.) _____

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 points25 INCHES Height 18 INCHES Width 14 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.

CEMENT HISTORICAL MARKER WITH BRONZE PLAQUE SECURED TO FRONT -
 INSCRIPTION: FORT ARBUCKLE ESTABLISHED 1851 ERECTED BY ARDMORE CHAPTER DAR
 1930 - ENGRAVED IN CEMENT -- INDIAN MERIDIAN 4 MILES SOUTH.

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 PULLOUT

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 8-9-2026Your Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Address _____

City OKLAHOMA CITYState OKLAZip Code 73150Telephone () _____ 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 MAL ----- LGAR NIM

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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.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (Look for signs of exterior rust)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	_____✓
Any broken or missing parts? (Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	_____✓
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	_____

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
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) .

BROKEN EDGES AND STAINING - STRUCTURAL HAIRLINE FRACTURES THROUGHOUT

Inspector's Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Date 8/09/26

MANY UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT SCENE

Those Who Attended Had Difficulty in Returning Over Dirt Road to Davis.

In a pouring rain Sunday afternoon Ardmore chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, formally unveiled a granite shaft, placed at the site of historic old Fort Arbuckle, with visitors present from Ardmore, Davis, Pauls Valley, Sulphur, Wynnewood and the surrounding communities.

The monument was erected on the site of the old fort cemetery, seven miles west and one half mile north of Davis. It bears a bronze marker designating the place which is visited frequently by sightseers who come in groups of 20 or 30 at one time.

Because of the rain Joseph B. Thorburn, curator of the Oklahoma Historical society and one of the outstanding historians of the United States, was not present to deliver the address.

The brief program conducted by Ardmore chapter began with the call to colors sounded by O. M. Redfield, a son of the American Revolution. George W. Strawn gave the invocation followed by the flag salute led by Mrs. J. Paris McCreary. Notes on Fort Arbuckle were given by Mrs. Isabelle Morton Henry, Ardmore regent, and the ceremony was closed with the singing of "America" by the audience.

Joan Finley, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Finley, mascot of Ardmore chapter, and Ingram Henry Jr., son of the regent, drew the veil which shrouded the marker.

Fall to Reach Fort
Many from Ardmore who left later than 1 o'clock did not reach the spot on account of almost impassable roads. In this group was Mrs. T. H. Gibson, immediate past regent, during whose administration details for erecting the marker were completed, and who was in charge of arranging the unveiling ceremony. Those who did so early had difficulty in returning over the dirt road leading from the old fort site back to the pavement at Davis.

Before the ceremony visitors inspected the old buildings and fort spring, one of the largest and most beautiful in Oklahoma. The spring is walled with native stone and is about 14 feet square and is surrounded by immense trees. It is at the head of Spring branch, which flows into Wild Horse creek.

Marking of old Fort Arbuckle is a part of a nation wide program of the Daughters of the American Revolution to properly mark all historic spots. Besides being the site of one of the oldest military posts established by the government in what now is Oklahoma it is important historically because the original stone, "Initial Point," is only one mile south, and a quarter mile west of Fort Arbuckle. It was placed in 1861 when the government began its survey of western Oklahoma lands.

Named for General
Fort Arbuckle was named in honor of the famous warrior, Gen. Matthew Arbuckle, whose death occurred about the time the post was established. The historic significance of Fort Arbuckle dates back to 1850 when orders were received at Fort Smith, Ark., commanding Captain Marcy believed it unwise to United States infantry to proceed with the First company and establish a military post at a point on the Canadian river road where it was intersected by the one hundredth meridian.

Captain Marcy believed it unwise to place the post so far west and he therefore selected a site on the south side of the Canadian, in what is now the eastern part of McClain county. Temporary buildings were erected and the post was occupied until the following year, when a new location was selected on Wild Horse creek, a few miles from the Washita river in the southern part of what is now Garvin county. The site was ideal since it provided a wonderful view of all possible approaches. Fort Arbuckle was continuously garrisoned until the outbreak of the Civil war and was occupied by Confederate forces during the course of that struggle. After the war it was reoccupied by federal troops for several years until the establishment of Fort Still when it was abandoned.

Commissary Still Stands
Soon afterward the land and buildings were brought by Tom Grant. At this time there was a village of log cabins which had been occupied as barracks. The commissary, which is still standing, was the largest of the buildings. The hospital stood nearby. What is now the first floor of the present Grant home was formerly the home of one of the officers. Nearby is the old fort well which still is in use. There are only four of the original buildings standing.

Ardmore D. A. R. Seeks to Mark Site of Fort Arbuckle

Original Survey Stone Located Close to Historic Fort

ARDMORE, Oct. 16.—(Spl.)—Ardmore chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has for its chief objective this year the placing of a marker on the site of Fort Arbuckle, seven miles west and one half mile north of Davis. They plan to erect a granite boulder at this historic spot which will bear a bronze marker designating the place which is visited frequently by sight-seers who come in groups of 20 or 30 cars at one time.

Mrs. E. V. Morton, chairman of the committee, named by Mrs. T. G. Gibson, Ardmore regent, to seek out and mark the historic spots of southern Oklahoma, pointed out recently that another reason that this part of the state is so important historically is that the original survey stone, "Initial Point," is only one mile south and a quarter mile west of Fort Arbuckle. It was placed in 1867 when the government began its survey of western Oklahoma lands.

Fort Arbuckle was named in honor of the famous warrior, Gen. Matthew Arbuckle, whose death occurred about the time the post was established. The historic significance of Fort Arbuckle dates back to 1850 when orders were received at Fort Smith, Ark., commanding Capt. Randolph B. Marcy of the Fifth United States infantry to proceed with the First company and establish a military post at a point on the Canadian river road where it was intersected by the one hundredth meridian.

SELECTED THE SITE

Captain Macey believed it unwise to place the post so far west and he therefore selected a site on the south side of the Canadian, in what is now the eastern part of McClain county. Temporary buildings were erected and the post was occupied until the following year, when a new location was selected on Wild Horse creek, a few miles from the Washita river in the southern part of what is now Garvin county. The site was ideal since it provided a wonderful view of all possible approaches. Fort Arbuckle was continuously garrisoned until the out-

break of the Civil war and was occupied by Confederate forces during the course of that struggle. After the war it was re-occupied by federal troops for several years until the establishment of Fort Sill when it was abandoned.

Soon afterward the land buildings were bought by Grant. At this time there was a large of log cabins which had been occupied as barracks. The commissary, which is still standing, is the largest of the buildings, being about 80 by 100 feet. It was made of logs and the floors were of oak put together with wooden nails. At each of the four corners were circular concrete base on which were kept machine guns ready for action against Indian attacks. In the logs of this building many bullets and flint arrowheads have been taken, even in recent years. By the side of this building one may find the hole where the flag pole was placed.

HOSPITAL NEAR

The hospital stood nearby. It was about 40 by 100 feet. The first floor of the present Grant home was formerly the home of one of the officers. Nearby is the old fort which is still in use. There are four of the original buildings standing. Grant gave the logs of the building to any one who would take them off in order to clear the land for farming. According to tradition much money had been buried at this site and in a search for buried treasure one grave was found in recent years, the other bodies having been removed from the Fort Arbuckle cemetery to Fort Sill at the time of its establishment. The old fort spring is one of the largest and most beautiful in Oklahoma. It is walled with native stone and is about 14 feet square and is surrounded by immense trees. It is the head of Spring branch, which flows into Wild Horse creek.

PLEAD GUILTY TO FRAUD

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Charles W. Kable and Harry Goldhurst, operators of Kable & Co., the stock brokerage house with which Bishop James Canon traded, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging 10 counts of mail fraud, an conspiracy today.

KABUL HAS FALLEN

SIMLA, India, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Confirmation of the fall of Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, before the troops of Nadir Khan, was received today in a wireless message to Simla which also announced the flight of Habibullah who, took the throne after Amanullah had been deposed.





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ESTABLISHED
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D. A. R.
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