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Form 10-306
(Oct. 1972)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Oklahoma
COUNTY:	Comanche
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ENTRY DATE	1978

1. NAME

COMMON:

Chiefs Knoll, Post Cemetery

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

N of Macomb Road bounded on the West by Donnelly Rd and East by Burrill Rd

CITY OR TOWN:

Fort Sill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

Hon. Tom Steed, 4th District

STATE:

Oklahoma

CODE

40

COUNTY:

Comanche

CODE

31

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. AGENCY

U. S. Army

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

HQ, US Army Field Artillery Center

CITY OR TOWN:

Fort Sill

STREET AND NUMBER:

STATE:

Oklahoma

CODE

40

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Director of Facilities Engineering

STREET AND NUMBER:

1950 Barbour Road, HQ US Army Field Artillery Center

CITY OR TOWN:

Fort Sill

STATE:

Oklahoma

CODE

40

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal

State

County

Local

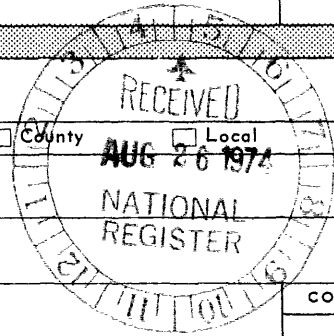
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE



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STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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2026

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

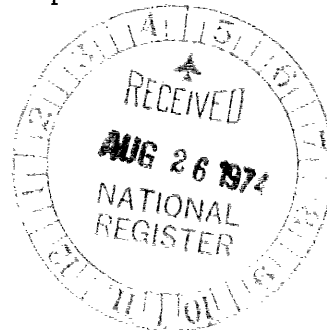
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Chiefs Knoll at Fort Sill is known to the Indians of the South Plains as the "Indian Arlington." Here lie buried in a single location many of their war chiefs and peace chiefs of a hundred years ago.

The earliest Indian burial here, by order of the Post Commander, was Satank or Sitting Bear, the fierce leader of the Kiowa Indians, who was killed by 4th Cavalry troopers in 1871. He was followed by Ten Bears, noted peace chief of the Yapparika Comanches, who was buried with full military honors on his death in 1872. Others include Chiefs Kicking Bird, Stumbling Bear, and Big Bow of the Kiowas, Horseback and Iron Mountain of the Comanches, and Little Raven, Yellow Bear, and Spotted Wolf of the Arapahoes. Many were signers of the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty of 1867. Some represent reburials from unmarked isolated locations in recent years, performed by Fort Sill authorities at the request of the Indian descendants.

This knoll is the oldest section of the Post Cemetery, established in 1869 and includes the graves of the earliest Cavalry troopers and white scouts who died here in that period. The Fort holds Veterans Day ceremonies at this location annually, and Indian descendants continue to decorate the graves of their chiefs, in tribute to their past.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Old Post Records, Fort Sill Museum Collection.
 Historical Records and Burial Lists on file, Fort Sill Museum and
 Directorate of Facilities Engineering
 Newspaper Accounts, Lawton Constitution and Fort Sill Cannoneer, 1957-1967.
 Nye, W. S., COL, Carbine and Lance, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, p. 233

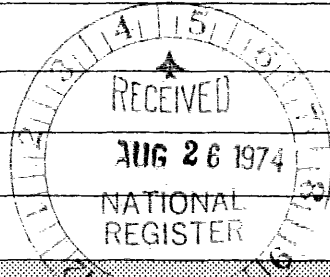
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	0 ' ' "	0 ' ' "	34 °	40 ' 10.32"	98 ° 23 ' 42.25"
NE	0 ' ' "	0 ' ' "			
SE	0 ' ' "	0 ' ' "			
SW	0 ' ' "	0 ' ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.137**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Mr. Gillett Griswold, Director

BUSINESS ADDRESS:
 US Army Field Artillery and Fort Sill Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
 HQ US Army Field Artillery Center

CITY OR TOWN:
 Fort Sill

STATE:
 Oklahoma

PHONE:
 351-5123

DATE:
 23 Apr 74

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None
Gerrit A. Shire
 State Liaison Officer Signature

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

James B. Cole
 Federal Representative Signature

8/19/74
 Date

Director, Real Property & Natural Resources, OASD (I&L)

Whitely Z
 Director, Office of Technical and Statistical Presentation
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 5/16/78
 Date

ATTEST:
Katherine Cole
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 5.5.78

