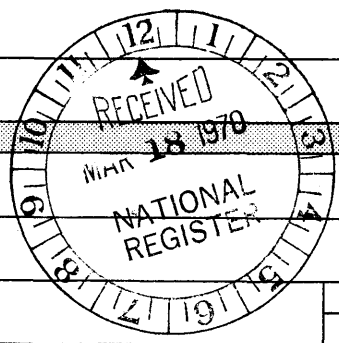


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Oklahoma	
COUNTY: Blaine	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70-4-35-000 #	DATE 4/28/70



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Cantonment

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Cantonment on the North Fork of the Canadian

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
NW/4, Sec. 29, T 19 N, R 13 W

CITY OR TOWN:  
Canton (2 m. W, 3 m. N)

STATE Oklahoma	CODE 35	COUNTY: Blaine	CODE 011
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Quasi-public	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) land surrounding building is being farmed

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Concho Sub-Agency

CITY OR TOWN:  
Concho

STATE:  
Oklahoma

CODE:  
35

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Land Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
C/A Indian Agency

CITY OR TOWN:  
Anadarko

STATE:  
Oklahoma

CODE:  
35

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
State Highway Department

DATE OF SURVEY:  
1949

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Highway Department

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Jim Thorpe Building

CITY OR TOWN:  
Oklahoma City

STATE:  
Oklahoma

CODE:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

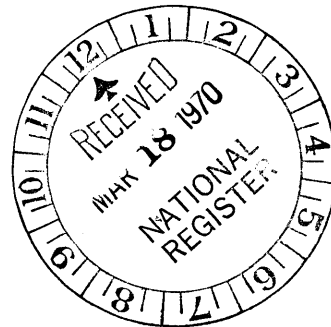
(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Unpretentious while in use, Cantonment is woebegone in abandonment. Only one structure remains, on a grassy flat overlooking Canton Dam and Reservoir to the southeast. A stone building roughly 24 x 90 feet, it stood as a vandalized shell until the summer of 1969. Then, following a fire possibly caused by lightning, it was reduced to a roofless ruin.

But the building was well constructed originally -- of stone and brick brought down from Kansas -- and the thick walls are still quite solid. It once contained at least six large rooms. A well built fireplace remains, with evidence of the stairway that led to a loft. A cellar pit and some broken foundations mark the area to the north and east. A ragged lane of weather-beaten trees marks the entrance from the section line on the west. The surrounding land itself is now used mainly for wheat and pasture.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

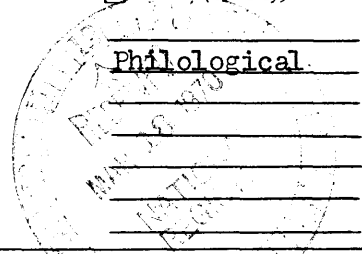
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture         | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        |  |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cantonment -- or, as referred to in official records, "Cantonment on the Canadian River, Indian Territory" -- was established by Colonel Richard I. Dodge on March 6, 1879. The summer before homesick Northern Cheyennes under Dull Knife had fled Fort Reno, leaving a trail of death and destruction across Kansas and Nebraska as they sought to return to their homeland. Settlers from Kansas appealed to Washington for additional protection, prompting location of this new post midway between Fort Reno to the southeast and Fort Supply to the northwest. Troops remained until June 1882.

At least three permanent buildings replaced the original "picket-house" structures, but the post never received a permanent name. When the last garrison marched away, the rather simple installation was turned over to missionaries of the Mennonite church who operated an Indian school there for many years. After they had moved to a nearby location, the Department of the Interior opened the Cantonment Indian School, which was operated until 1918. In 1903, when the Cheyenne and Arapaho Agency at Darlington was subdivided, Cantonment became a sub-agency for those Indians living in the northwestern part of the reservation. All government use of the fort ceased in the 1920s.

Despite its unpretentious physical plant and brief official life, however, Cantonment played an important role in western Oklahoma history. As a military post, it helped maintain calm during a period of special unrest. Afterwards, as a school and agency, it furthered as best it could the immensely difficult task of reconciling two virile, freedom-loving, nomadic Indian tribes to life on an allotted 160 acres and adaptation to an alien culture and economic system.

Additionally, Cantonment made two contributions to the world of letters, a not inconsequential accomplishment for a relatively primitive facility on the raw frontier. While in command at Cantonment, Colonel Dodge produced his book, Our Wild Indians, published in 1882. Here, too, Mennonite Missionary Rudolphe Fetter wrote his landmark Cheyenne Dictionary, beginning his life-long work and study -- later extended to the Northern Cheyennes in Montana -- that made him the recognized authority on the Cheyenne language.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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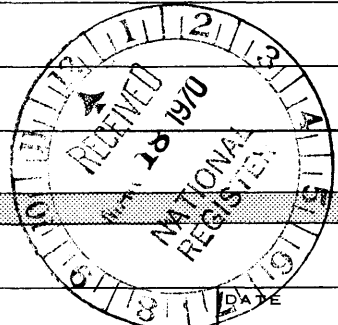
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **c. 5 acres**

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: **Kent Ruth**

ORGANIZATION: **Oklahoma Historical Society** DATE: **January 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Historical Building**

CITY OR TOWN: **Oklahoma City** STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **35**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name *Leon H. Shu*

Title *Liaison Officer for Oklahoma*

Date *30 January 1970*

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

*Ernest Allen Casewell*  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**APR 28 1970**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: *William J. Churchill*  
 Keeper of The National Register

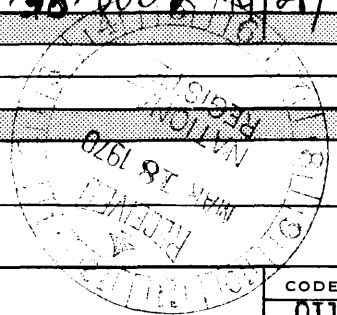
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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<b>1. NAME</b>			
COMMON: Cantorment		AND/OR HISTORIC: Cantorment on the Canadian	
<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: Five miles northwest of Canton, Oklahoma			
CITY OR TOWN: Canton			
STATE: Oklahoma	CODE 35	COUNTY: Blaine	CODE 011
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: Oklahoma Highway Department County Map			
SCALE: 1/2" = 1 mile			
DATE: 1949			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Property boundaries where required.</li> <li>North arrow.</li> <li>Latitude and longitude reference.</li> </ol>			

OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MAP OF BLAINE COUNTY

Scale:  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to the mile

