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DATA SHEET

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:	LeFlore
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ENTRY DATE	OCT 28 1976

1. NAME

COMMON:

Old Military Road

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: North of Okla. Highway 1, at Old Military Road picnic site
7 miles Northeast of Talihina on the Ouachita National Forest.

CITY OR TOWN:

Talihina

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

3rd

STATE:

Oklahoma

CODE

40

COUNTY:

LeFlore

CODE

079

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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 type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

USDA Forest Service, R-8 (Ouachita NF)

STREET AND NUMBER:

1720 Peachtree Road, N. W.

CITY OR TOWN:

Atlanta

STATE:

Georgia

CODE

13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

LeFlore County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Poteau

STATE:

Oklahoma

CODE

5

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

U. S. Forest Service

DATE OF SURVEY: March 30, 1972 Federal State

County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

USDA Forest Service, Region 8

STREET AND NUMBER:

1720 Peachtree Road, N. W.

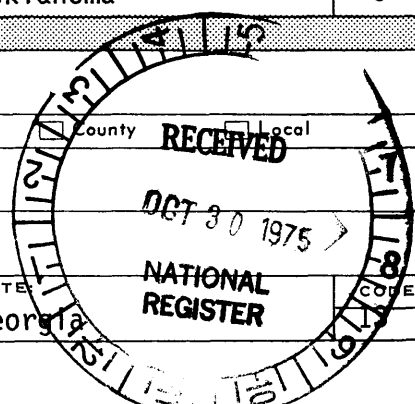
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

Site contains segment of Old Military Road constructed in 1832 from Fort Smith, Arkansas to Fort Towson, Oklahoma.

About 500 feet of the Road is in a condition much like the original construction except trees are growing in the roadbed.

The Road is about 18 feet wide. Presently the Road is used as a hiking trail with no alterations.

Campsite area (opening) and spring development are located adjacent to the Road.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site shows excellent evidence of one of the first Military Roads constructed in the Territory of Oklahoma.

This Road was the Far Frontier at the time of its construction in 1832. It facilitated the necessary protective measure while civilization was emerging on the frontier. It was the take off point for exploration and conquest. It gave the Choctaw and Chichasaw tribes the means of establishing unified governments and an agrarian civilization on the frontier.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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BOOKS

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				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	34	47	47
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	94	56	39
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	UTM-15/322-150E 3851-950 N		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **9 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Oklahoma	40	LeFlore	079
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Arthur P. Cowley, Recreation, VIS, EE		DATE: 5/27/75
BUSINESS ADDRESS: Quachita National Forest - P. O. Box 1270		
STREET AND NUMBER: Federal Bldg. - Reserve Street		PHONE: 501-623-7763
CITY OR TOWN: Hot Springs	STATE: Arkansas	CODE: 05

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>State Liaison Officer recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> State Liaison Officer Signature</p> <p>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 <input type="checkbox"/> National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> John P. Tucker 10.24.75 Federal Representative Signature Date</p> <p>Acting Director of Recreation Title</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Acting Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date 10/22/96</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date 10.15.76</p>
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The Road opened the section of Oklahoma Territory from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to Ft. Towson, Oklahoma, (150 miles) for the movement of Indians to the southwest and horses and other goods to Ft. Smith. It thus created a commerce and industry transportation and development corridor into Oklahoma Territory.

The old road demonstrates the engineering techniques in location, design, and construction of U. S. Military road construction 1834-1900.

This was a vital military road used in creating and maintaining U. S. Military presence in Oklahoma Territory from 1834-1900.

This and other roads were vital to the Indian settlement in Oklahoma Territory creating the only link between communities. The link or links eventually resulted in enough political unification to secure statehood for Oklahoma in 1907.

This road location was used until about 1932, when relocation and construction of a highway was made several miles to the west (now U.S. 271). Several sections of the old road still exist North and South of this point but this site is generally the best preserved section of the old road.

The road was a joint project of the War Department and the Indian Service under the leadership of Captain John Stuart. Robert Bean (a frontiersman) layed out the route and was assisted by young Jesse Chisholm.

The road was used by a number of Military including General Zackory Taylor, Ulysses S. Grant and Jefferson Davis. General Albert Pike used the road in soliciting Indians to join the Confederacy.

This Site is about midway on the 150 mile road. The campsite and spring are located adjacent to the road where they have not materially affected the road.

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construction
1832

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PERSONS CONSULTED

1. Johnston, Homer. A long-time resident of the area, now living at
Heavener, Oklahoma. Former law enforcement officer and game
management specialist, LeFlore County, retired.
2. St. John, Margeva. A resident of Mena, Arkansas who lived as a child
(eight years old) at Talihina in the early 1920's while her
father, H. A. Schmieding, was resident engineer for the building
of a highway over the Winding Stair Mountains.

