

**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	DEC 31 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Tower Two

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *NW of Junction of Hwy 101 & 102*

CITY OR TOWN: Fort Sill *Lawton vicinity* 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 type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" 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"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. AGENCY

U.S. Army

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
HQ US Army Field Artillery Center

CITY OR TOWN: Fort Sill 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

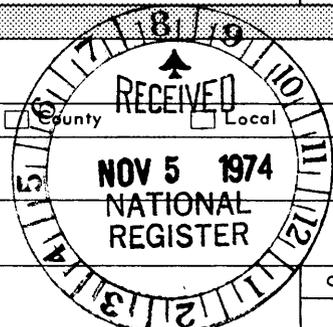
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

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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

Of concrete construction, 10 feet in diameter and 30 feet high. Has a recent temporary observation platform at top that was built for a one-time experimental requirement. The addition can be easily removed without damage to original structure. Located 1-3/4 miles west of the main Post, Fort Sill. Built in 1911 by the School of Fire for Field Artillery as an observation tower for artillery firing. In use from 1911 to 1918 when observation balloons and airplanes altered the methods employed in observation of artillery fire. Present condition fair. Present use: point of interest to field artillerymen and Fort Sill visitors.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> 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 last remaining tower in preservable condition of those constructed when the Field Artillery School was founded in 1911, for the observation of artillery fire. In 1917 Camp Doniphan was established in this area, and the 35th Division trained here before going overseas. Among the officers of the Division trained at Camp Doniphan was President Harry S. Truman, then a lieutenant of Field Artillery.

The Tower Two structure reflects the development of training methods for the observation and evaluation of artillery fire before the adoption of observation by means of aircraft.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Nye, W.S., Carbine and Lance, Univ of Okla Press, Norman, OK pp 320-331
 Old Post Records, Fort Sill, OK (on file Fort Sill Museum)
 Interview with Major General (Ret) Ralph McT. Pennell, first Secretary of the Field Artillery School, 1911-1915, and Commandant, 1944-45, by Director, Field Artillery Museum, 1968.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

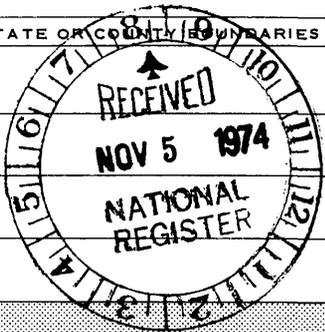
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NE	0	0	34	40	24	98	26	48
SE	0	0						
SW	0	0						

NO
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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** DATE: **27 Sep 74**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **US Army Field Artillery and Fort Sill Museum**

STREET AND NUMBER: **HQ US Army Field Artillery Center** PHONE: **351-5123**

CITY OR TOWN: **Fort Sill** STATE: **Oklahoma** CODE: **40**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None

Ronald D. Coyle
 State Liaison Officer Signature

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

Francis B. Becker 10/25/74
 Federal Representative Signature Date
 Director, Real Property and
 Title **Natural Resources**

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

A. R. Winters
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **DEC 3 1 1974**

ATTEST:
Ronald M. Greenberg
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date **DEC 3 1 1974**