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Commandant's Quarters.

Location: 905 Coppinger Avenue, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, 40, Muskogee County, 101.

Owner: Katherine O. Garrett, Route 1, Box 480, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, 74434.

Description: Condition; very good, altered, original site.

Construction on the Commandant's Quarters was begun prior to March 1868, the work being completed by December 1870. The two and one-half story, massive block, native stone building measured forty-six by forty feet and featured an "English basement". The hip roof features a widow's walk and four massive chimneys projecting though and above on two sides. All rooms rooms excepting those in the attic featured fireplaces.

Small, two over two windows, either double hung or sliding casement, were visible in the upper story above the hipped piazza roof. On the piazza level four two over two, double hung windows flanked a large front entry door with a decorative transom. The piazza or porch was a elevated wooden structure, open underneath to provide passage of light and air to the "English Basement", below the porch. The piazza roof was supported by wooden posts interconnected by wooden rail and ballister construction. The structure was reported as measuring thirty-six by forty feet and received no major structural alterations between 1870 and the time that the post was abandoned in 1890.

The appearance of the building now is essentially that of the post period. The full wooden piazza being replaced with a narrower entry porch, the porch roof supported by decorative metal supports. Windows feature decorative shutters and a aluminum storm door has been installed at the front entry. The sunken area in front of the windows of the "English basement", is enclosed with an iron railing. The area of the widow's walk atop the roof is also enclosed with a railing similiar to this.

The chimneys, massive block stone walls, configuration and location of wall penetrations such as windows and doors and lines of roof and porch seem to have been retained unaltered.

Significance: 1867; builder/architect, A.S. Kimball, Captain, AOMUS.

The Commandant's Quarters is significant because it was the residence of the commanding officer and his family. As with any military installation where families are present the hierarchy of

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the post society is set by the members of the commandant's family. The building was the center of formal functions of celebration, greeting and lodging for significant visiting dignitaries. Located immediately adjacent to the parade grounds, it served a point of reference and reminder of the order of command present at the fort.

Acerage: less than one acre. Quadrangle: 1:24,000/7.5 minute.

Verbal boundry: Lot 7, Block 9, Plat survey of Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, March 7, 1904. (Approved by the Secretary of the Interior.)

UTM: 15/296510/3964900

1" = 24,000'

"D" building