



A crew conducts a metal detection survey at Hawikku Zuni Pueblo Site National Historic Landmark. Photo: NPS



Current Projects & Partners 2014

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Recent Successes

Two Webinars on the Coronado Expedition Developed and Presented

More than 350 people in 21 national parks and all National Park Service (NPS) regional offices participated in two webinars on the 16th century Coronado Expedition presented by NPS Heritage Partnerships Program archeologist Charles Haecker. The webinar, “1539-1542 Vázquez de Coronado Expedition in the American Southwest and Great Plains,” opens by explaining the military tactics and equipment of 1540s Spanish warfare, then takes participants along on Coronado’s expedition from the Sonora River Valley of Mexico to what today is Kansas. The webinar focuses on battle and camp sites along the route, presents selected artifacts that have been recovered, and explains how the artifacts help reconstruct the expedition’s activities. The expedition passed through part of what today is Oklahoma.

Haecker has partnered with other archeologists in the NPS Coronado Expedition Archeology Project since 2003. To date, using a mixture of old and new methodologies, from metal detection to aerial photography and 3-D projection, the project has

ABOUT US

The Heritage Partnerships Program (HPP) of the NPS Intermountain Region includes several programs that provide technical and financial assistance to partner organizations to encourage the preservation of our Nation's most significant places. These programs, which are funded through the National Recreation and Preservation (NR&P) Program, work collaboratively with partners to extend the core mission of the NPS beyond the boundaries of our national parks and into communities across the region. Heritage Partnerships Programs include: National Historic Landmarks, Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and Historic American Landscapes Survey (HALS) documentation programs, the National Heritage Areas Program, Historic Surplus Property Program, and the Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program.



Among artifacts found by the project team were a bridle curb chain and awl at New Mexico's El Morro National Monument and a chain mail ring, crossbow bolt head, and copper sheet armor at the Piedras Millarcadas Pueblo Site in New Mexico. Photo: NPS

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identified 11 Coronado-related sites and made hundreds of 1540s-era Spanish artifacts available for research. Among artifacts recovered is a bridle curb chain, awl, chain mail ring, crossbow bolt head, and copper sheet armor.

The project, as illustrated in the webinar, also has mapped a "zone of uncertainty" boundary, within which the project team believes the actual route of the Coronado expedition lies. This represents a significant advance from a 1991 Coronado National Trails Study, which concluded that the Coronado expedition was an event of national significance but that the route was not eligible for national trail designation due to insufficient archeological evidence, inclusive ethnographic data, and the lack of new information on geographically locating the route. The webinar concludes with a call for additional surveys within the "zone of uncertainty," as well as interpretation of the Coronado Expedition within National Park Service units, and a reconsideration of the potential for a Coronado Historic Trail.

Project partners are: El Morro National Monument; Petroglyphs National Monument; Pecos National Historical Park; Pueblo of Zuni; University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Statistical Research, Inc.; Chris Adams, archeologist, Gila National Forest; Dr. Matthew Schmader, director, City of Albuquerque Open Spaces Program; Dr. Jim Kendrick, archeologist, NPS Northeast Region; Steve Baumann, archeologist,

El Malpais and El Morro, New Mexico; Dr. Richard Flint, historian; Dr. Douglas Scott, archeologist, Connor Associates; and Nancy Marble, director, Floyd County Historical Museum, Floydada, Texas. DVDs of the webinar, presented on January 21 and February 19, 2014, are available upon request from the NPS. Contact Alex Hernandez at 303-969-2846 or at Alexandra_Hernandez@nps.gov.

Heritage Partnerships Program activities posted on NPS National Historic Landmark Website

The National Historic Landmarks Program website now includes a link to the annual program reports compiled by staff of the Intermountain Region's Heritage Partnerships Program (<http://www.nps.gov/nhl/contact/imro.htm>). IMR staff administer the National Historic Landmarks program in the eight-state Intermountain Region (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Montana, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming). These eight states encompass approximately 250 Landmarks, all of which reflect the diverse history of the West.

Among them are the Hoover Dam, United States Air Force Academy, Georgia O'Keeffe Home and Studio, the mining towns of Leadville and Butte-Anaconda, the Folsom Site, Mountain Meadows Massacre Site, Cherokee National Capitol, Apollo Mission Control Center, and the Heart Mountain Relocation Center.

The Heritage Partnerships Program helps citizens, agencies, organizations, and communities identify, document, interpret, protect, and preserve National Historic Landmarks within the 8-state Intermountain Region. This includes assistance in the preparation of Landmark nominations, historical documentation, historical and archeological surveys, treatment plans for stabilization and repair, and planning and education.



The National Historic Landmarks Program website includes a link to the annual reports that highlight accomplishments of the Heritage Partnerships Program staff in the eight-state Intermountain Region, which includes Oklahoma. Photo: NPS

Ongoing Projects

1. Historic Structures Report for the Stone Barracks at Fort Gibson National Historic Landmark

Project Partner: Oklahoma Historical Society

HPP Contact: Tom Keohan

Location: Fort Gibson

Project Goal: Complete a Historic Structures Report assessment and plans for the preservation of the historic Stone Barracks.

HPP Role: Provide partial funding and technical assistance.



Stone barracks at Fort Gibson. Photo: NPS

2. Interpretive Panels for the Smokehouse and Spring House at the Murrell Home National Historic Landmark

Project Partner: Oklahoma Historical Society

HPP Contact: Tom Keohan

Location: Park Hill

Project Goal: Develop design plans and cost estimates for interpretive panels for the historic smokehouse and spring house.

HPP Role: Provide funding and technical assistance.



The Murrell Home was built in 1845 by Virginian George Murrell.
Photo: Library of Congress

3. Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild West Shows Theme Study and National Historic Landmark Nomination

Project Partner: Colorado State University

HPP Contact: Shirl Kasper

Location: Pawnee

Project Goal: Conclude a study to determine the national significance of sites associated with Buffalo Bill Cody and the Wild West Shows, including the Pawnee Bill Ranch in Oklahoma.

HPP Role: Provide funding and technical assistance.



Interior of the Pawnee Bill Ranch house. Photo: Oklahoma Historical Society



Bird's eye view of Fort Sill, date unknown. Photo: Library of Congress

4. Fort Sill National Historic Landmark Boundary Study

Project Partner: U.S. Army

HPP Contact: Christy Dickinson

Location: Lawton

Project Goal: Clarify the existing NHL boundary and update the NHL nomination.

HPP Role: Provide technical assistance, as well as advice and guidance for the project.



African American soldiers of the 25th Infantry, some wearing buffalo robes. Ft. Keogh, Montana, circa 1890. Photo by Christian Barthelme: Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, LC-DIG-ppmsca-11406

5. African American Soldiers in the U.S. Army in the American West, 1866-1891, Multiple Property Documentation

Project Partner: Organization of American Historians

HPP Contact: Christy Dickinson, Charles Haecker, Shirl Kasper

Location: Western United States, including Oklahoma

Project Goal: Complete a National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form that will document the history and significance of the men known popularly as the Buffalo Soldiers, and identify properties associated with that history, including sites in Oklahoma.

HPP Role: Provide funding for the project, as well as expertise, guidance and advice regarding National Register and National Historic Landmarks guidelines.



This building was owned by Mr. T.M. Haynes, a Townsite Agent and promoter of Boley, Oklahoma. Photo: Andre' and Jessilyn Head.

6. Black Towns Photo Digitizing and Video Project

Project Partner: The Coltrane Group, Inc.

HPP Contact: Christy Dickinson

Location: Boley

Project Goal: Complete digitization of historic photographs and capture information on photos through video interviews.

HPP Role: Provide financial assistance.



Cottonwood Creek Bridge, Guthrie. Photo: NPS

7. Guthrie Historic District NHL Cottonwood Creek Bridge Replacement

Project Partner: Federal Housing Administration, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office.

HPP Contact: Tom Keohan, Shirl Kasper

Location: Guthrie

Project Goal: Complete Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) documentation for submission to the Library of Congress.

HPP Role: Provide technical assistance and review HAER documentation.



Bizzell Library Reading Room. Photo: Wikimedia Commons, tylerphotos

8. Bizzell Library National Historic Landmark Rehabilitation

Project Partner: University of Oklahoma

HPP Contact: Tom Keohan

Location: Norman

Project Goal: Preserve building interior during rehabilitation of library.

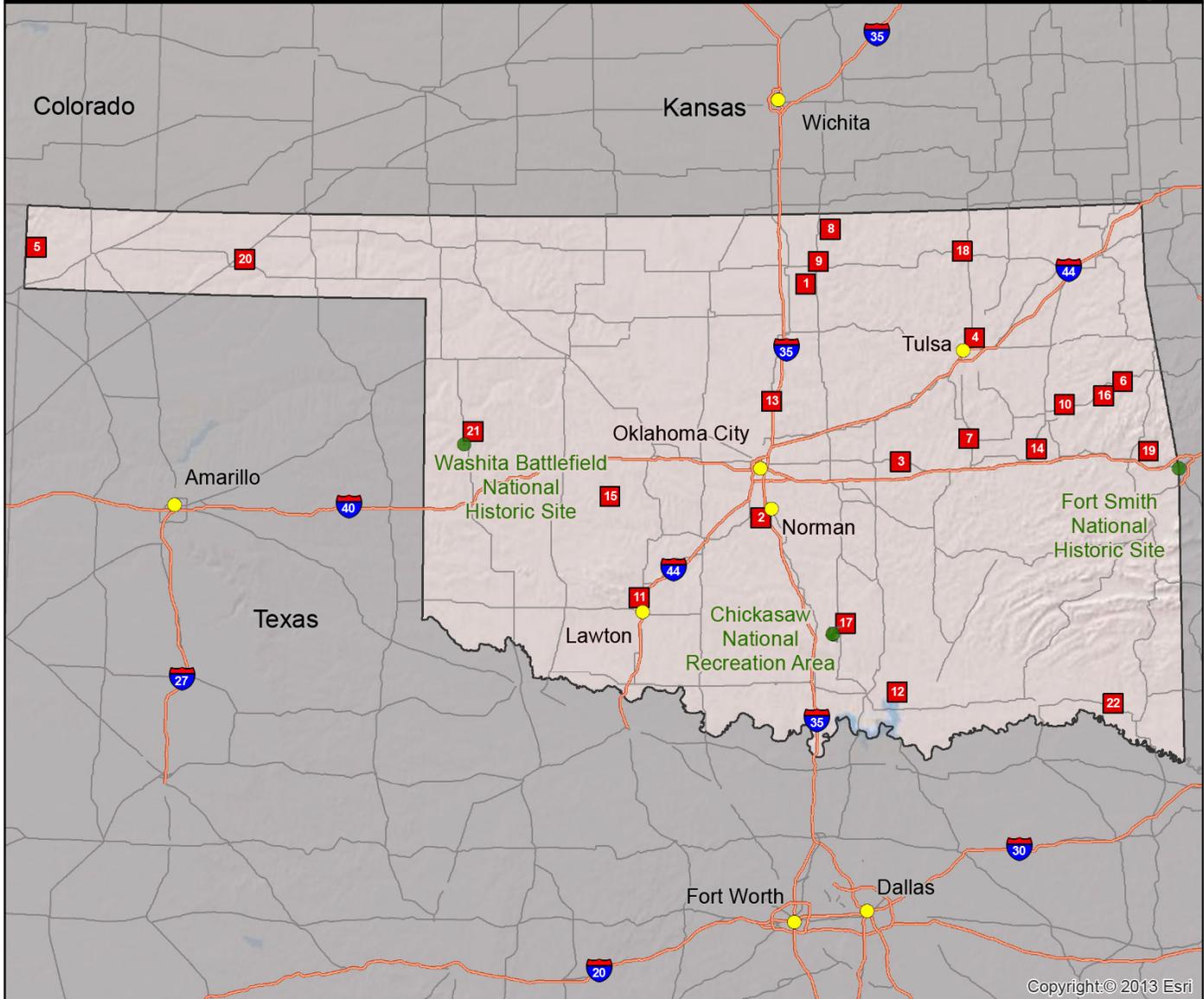
HPP Role: Provide technical assistance and advice to the university.



Bizzell Library, Photo: Wikimedia Commons, ragesoss

National Historic Landmarks (NHL) Intermountain Region Oklahoma

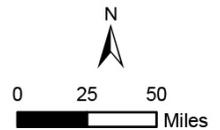
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- National Park Unit
- National Historic Landmarks
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- Major Highways
- Cities



Landmarks

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| 2 Bizzell Library | 13 Guthrie Historic District |
| 3 Boley Historic District | 14 Honey Springs Battlefield |
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| 5 Camp Nichols | 16 Murrell Home |
| 6 Cherokee National Capitol | 17 Platt National Park |
| 7 Creek National Capitol | 18 Price Tower |
| 8 Deer Creek Site | 19 Sequoyah's Cabin |
| 9 Earnest Whitworth Marland Mansion | 20 Stamper Site |
| 10 Fort Gibson | 21 Washita Battlefield |
| 11 Fort Sill | 22 Wheelock Academy |