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Dedication Ceremony

March 29, 2017

Opening Remarks

Remarks from BG Frank

Unveiling of the Custer House Plaque

Cake Cutting

Closing Remarks

Refreshments & Voting

Custer House

This building was constructed in 1855, at a cost of \$3,500. It was one of six double quarters built along the north side of the Cavalry Parade Field. The architect for these quarters is unknown. Military officers lived continuously in this house, until 1974, when it was converted into a museum and renamed "The Custer House." The Museum reflects the time period in which Lieutenant Colonel George Custer and his wife Libbie resided at Fort Riley.

U.S. Cavalry Museum

The south wing of the U.S. Cavalry Museum was built in 1855 for use as the post hospital. The building served as the post hospital for three and a half decades, until a new hospital was constructed. In 1890, the building was enlarged and renovated, to include the addition of a turret clock tower. In 1957, the Fort Riley Historical Museum made the building its home. In 1962, it was fittingly renamed the U.S. Cavalry Museum, under which name it continues to operate.

St. Mary's Chapel, The Chaplain's Quarters & Main Post Chapel

The cornerstone of the post's first chapel was laid in 1855. This is also the first stone chapel built in Kansas. The chapel was completed in 1861. During this time, attendance at Sunday service was mandatory for all soldiers. It was also a school for the post's children for a time. In October 1929, the old chapel officially became known as St. Mary's chapel, and was consecrated for Catholic services.

The Chaplain's Quarters (Building 123) was constructed in 1855 for the Post Parsonage of St. Mary's Chapel. It served in this role from 1855 to 1890. This was the only single family residence of limestone built at Fort Riley during the 1850's. Chaplain David Clarkson was the first chaplain to occupy this residence in 1855 and did so until 1861. This building is located across the road of Huebner between Barry Avenue and Sheridan Avenue and remains in use as a private residence.

The Main Post Chapel was constructed during the massive building program that began in 1887 after Fort Riley was chosen as the location for the Cavalry and Light Artillery School. Built in 1897 at a cost of \$12,100, this chapel was dedicated on January 30, 1898, by Chaplain J.W. Barry, for whom the street is named. In that same year, with the entry of the United States into the Spanish-American War, most officers left the post quite rapidly and Chaplain Barry, being the ranking officer, briefly assumed command of the post.

Map of the Plaque Locations

