

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
PURSUANT TO 36 CFR PART 800.6(a)**

WHEREAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs has determined that construction of the VA Medical Center Renovation/Expansion Project will have an effect upon the Union Agency Building (Muskogee, Muskogee County, Oklahoma), a property included in the National Register of Historic Places, and has consulted with the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f); and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Oklahoma SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

STIPULATIONS

The Department of Veterans Affairs will ensure that the following measures are carried out:

- (1) Documentation of the historic retaining wall will be compiled in accordance with Historic American Buildings Survey standards. This documentation, including drawings, photographs, and narrative, shall be developed, provided to, and approved by the Oklahoma SHPO and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service prior to disturbance of the historic retaining wall.
- (2) The historic retaining wall shall be reconstructed using the original materials and fabrication techniques. The reconstructed wall shall retain the original detail appearance at the new location as depicted in the site plan for the Veterans Administration Medical Center/Five Civilized Tribes Museum prepared by Murray-Jones-Murray and plotted on July 14, 1992.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Oklahoma SHPO, its subsequent acceptance by the Council, and implementation of its terms, evidence that the Department of Veterans Affairs has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the VA Medical Center Renovation/Expansion Project and its effect on historic properties, and that the Department of Veterans Affairs has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

By: Robert H. Neary Jr Date: 12-7-92

OKLAHOMA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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ACCEPTED FOR THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

By: Robert W. Bush Date: 4/6/93