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## Historical Markers

### Aunt Sally



This marker marks the place where Aunt Sally, a steamboat, landed on the Walnut River East of Arkansas City.

Today this site is known as Walnut Park or Aunt Sally's Landing

A steamboat on the Arkansas River? Sounds incredible, but not only was there one, but two steam boats traveled the Arkansas River from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

"Aunt Sally" was the first making its grand entry in the Arkansas City area on July 30, 1878. Churchgoers left during the middle of their Sunday morning services to "gather at the river" when "Aunt Sally" arrived sounding its whistle. This, said enthusiasts, meant quick and lasting prosperity for the community. Profitable markets could be reached. The Arkansas was navigable and here was the "Aunt Sally" to prove it. Arkansas Citizens had high hopes that the community would become an inland "seaport". For a time, this dream seemed to hold some promise.



Aunt Sally loaded down with passengers.

(Photo from Cherokee Strip Land RushMuseum Collection)

### American Legion



This monument is on the steps of City Hall in commemoration of the fiftieth Anniversary of the American Legion of the U.S.—Shelton Beaty Post No. 18—1969.

### The Avenue of Flags





The Avenue of Flags is located at Memorial Lawn Cemetery north of Arkansas City. It is dedicated to Veterans and was placed there by American Legion Post 18.

### **Shelton Beaty**



This plaque is located at City Hall. It reads, "To the memory of Shelton Brown Beaty the first soldier from this community to lose his life on the battlefield of France, June 2, 1918, aged 22, 'We Live in deeds not years.' This tablet is erected by the People of Arkansas City through the Community Service Council 1918."

### **The Blue Star Memorial Highway**



The Blue Star Memorial Highway marker is a tribute to the Nation's Armed Forces who served in World War II. It is located south of Arkansas City on Hwy 77.

### The Cherokee Strip Land Rush



The monument dedicated to the Cherokee Strip Land Rush of September 16, 1893 is located 2 miles south of Arkansas City on the West side of Hwy 77.



### Civil War Monument at Riverview Cemetery



This monument is located at Riverview Cemetery. It is dedicated to Civil War Veterans.

The monument was sponsored by the GAR.



These four photos are at the base of the Civil War monument at Riverview Cemetery.

Each side is broken into six squares. They read:

**Photo 1**, "Kenesaw Mt. Mobile, Cold Harbor, Lyon, Farragut, Foote,"

**Photo 2**, "Antietam, Wilderness, Gettysburg, Hooker, Ganby, Meade,"

**Photo 3**, "Shiloh, Vicksburg, Atlanta, Grant, Sherman, Logan,"

The base reads "1861-1865," and Builders: Geo C. Hughes, Geo R. Wagner, "

**Photo 4**, " Stone River, Pea Ridge, Chicamauga, Sheridan, McPherson, Thomas"



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