

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- Type or print, using a ballpoint pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of "Unknown" is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You

Type of Memorial

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monument <i>with</i> Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> Monument with <i>Cannon</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaque |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monument <i>without</i> Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Marker | |

Affiliation

- | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAR | Post Name & No. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> MOLLUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRC | Corps Name & No. _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUCVW | Camp Name & No. _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DUCVW | Tent Name & No. _____ | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other | Description <u>2nd Colorado Cavalry soldiers and officers</u> | |

Original Dedication Date 31 Jul 1864

Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the *first* dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication.

Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location 701 S. Noland Rd. (GPS coordinates: N39°05.158' W094°24.640')

City/Village Independence Township Blue County Jackson

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of property that Memorial is located in)...

Name Woodlawn Cemetery Dept./Div. _____

Street Address 710 S. Noland Rd.

City Independence State MO Zip Code 64050

Contact Person _____ Telephone 816-325-7365

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s):

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon is: Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) White Vermont marble

Material of the Sculpture is: Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" Solid Cast Hollow Undetermined

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet is: _____

Material of the Cannon is: Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm

Markings on muzzle are: _____

Markings on Left Trunion: _____ Right Trunion: _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? Yes No If so, describe: _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

Monument or Base: Height 8' 0" Width 2' 3/8" Depth 2' 3/8" or Diameter _____

Sculpture: Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/ implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank you!

Markings/Inscriptions (on stonework / metalwork of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? Yes No

If so, give name & location found: _____

The "Dedication Text" is formed: cut into material raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...):

[slashes indicate line breaks]
West: In memory and honor / Capt. S. W. Wagoner / Co. C 2d Col. Vol. Cav. / Died at Ind. Mo. / July 6, 1864 / Aged 33 yrs.

North: Corp. Eli Bear / Aged 32 yrs. / Privates / Andrew Eaves / .E. 18 yrs. / Michael Gunn / .E. 30 yrs. / John Laffer / .E. 35 yrs. / Robt Stackhouse / .E. 36 yrs. / Owen McFadden / .E. 31 yrs. / Henry Watson / .E. 24 yrs. / Co. C 2d Col. Vol. Cav. / who fell July 6, 1864 / near Ind. Mo. defending / their country's rights.

East: Theo. Lamminger / Private / Co. C 2d Col. Vol. Cav. / died at Ind. Mo. / July 9, 1864 / Aged 33 yrs.

South: Brave heroes rest beneath / this sculptured stone; / In unfair contest slain / by murderous hands. / They knew no yielding / to a cruel foe - / And thus, this tribute to / their memory stands / Our country's honor, and / a nation's pride / 'Twas thus they nobly lived / and bravely died.

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

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|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square" | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Library |

Other: _____

General Vicinity

- Rural (low population, open land)
- Suburban (residential, near city)
- Town
- Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

- Industrial
- Commercial
- Street/Roadside within 20 feet
- Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
- Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)
- Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)

Any other significant environmental factor:

Condition Information

Structural Condition (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments *with* Sculpture, and Monuments *without* Sculpture - including the base for Monuments with *Cannon*. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? <small>(look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any broken or missing parts? <small>(look for elements - sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any cracks, splits, breaks, or holes? <small>(also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
White crusting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chalky or powdery stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Granular eroding of stone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - please describe:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? Yes No Unable to tell

The 2d Col. Vol. Cav. Memorial

Woodlawn Cemetery

Independence, Missouri

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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department of Missouri

Westport Camp #64

In Woodlawn Cemetery stands a monument sculpted from white Vermont marble atop a concrete base. It has stood the test of time at that spot most certainly since its dedication on 31 July 1864, presumably the oldest Civil War memorial west of the Mississippi River. It was dedicated to nine soldiers of Company C 2nd Colorado Cavalry who died in or near Independence, Missouri.

All four faces of the monument bear weather-beaten inscriptions which have become difficult to read. Even after a stone rubbing the words appear incomprehensible. The least invasive method of deciphering the text is using a mirror to reflect sunlight across the engravings or, perchance the time of day is right, have the sun cast shadows across the surfaces enhancing their text.

According to Ellen Williams in her book, Three Years and a Half in the Army; or History of the Second Colorados, she "was requested to write an inscription" (Williams 60) which she did. The engravings on this surface are next to impossible to read, but knowing the inscription the words can be detected with careful studying. The inscription she wrote is on the southern face of the monument and it reads:

Brave heroes rest beneath
this sculptured stone;
In unfair contest slain
by murderous hands.
They knew no yielding
to a cruel foe –
And thus, this tribute to
their memory stands
Our country's honor, and
a nation's pride
'Twas thus they nobly lived
and bravely died.

Ellen Williams and her two children traveled with the Second Colorado since its inception when her husband, bugler Charles Williams, enlisted into Co. A under Capt. James Ford in the fall of 1861. She wrote about her travels and became acquainted with many of the soldiers. Her book was originally copyrighted in 1885.

The western face of the monument bore an inscription of the highest ranking officer killed in a skirmish with George Todd's guerillas. Ironically, Todd is buried in the same cemetery after being shot through the throat and killed by a sniper on 23 October 1864. The first and fourth lines are the most difficult to read and are interpreted along with the others as follows:

In memory and honor
Capt. S. W. Wagoner
Co. C 2d Col. Vol. Cav.
Died at Ind. Mo.
July 6, 1864
Aged 33 yrs.

Notice the spelling of Capt. Seymour W. Waggoner's last name. His headstone which is just as difficult to read definitely shows his last name spelled with two g's as does other documentation.

The 2d Col. Vol. Cav. Memorial
Woodlawn Cemetery
Independence, Missouri

The northern face of the monument continues with other soldiers killed in action in the skirmish with Todd's guerillas. It reads:

Corp. Eli Bear
Aged 32 yrs.
Privates
Andrew Eaves
.E. 18 yrs.
Michael Gunn
.E. 30 yrs.
John Laffer
.E. 35 yrs.
Robt. Stackhouse
.E. 36 yrs.
Owen McFadden
.E. 31 yrs.
Henry Whatson
.E. 24 yrs.
Co. C 2d Col. Vol. Cav.
who fell July 6, 1864
near Ind. Mo. defending
their country's rights.

The most difficult part of this surface was deciphering the ages. The ".E." was apparently used to denote repetition of the "Aged" text beneath Corp. Eli Baer's name. Also notice the misspelling of Corp. Baer's and Pvt. Henry Watson's last names. Their headstones are also difficult to read, but bear the correct spellings.

Finally, the eastern face of the monument records the name of one individual who died from disease three days following the aforementioned skirmish:

Theo. Lamminger
Private
Co. C 2d Col. Vol. Cav.
died at Ind. Mo.
July 9, 1864
Aged 33 yrs.

All nine men have government-issued headstones marking their burial locations around the memorial. The majority of them, like the monument, prove difficult to read even with a trained eye. Knowing the names of the fallen helps, along with the aid of a mirror to reflect the sunlight across the faces of the stones casting shadows of what is left of the engraved characters.

There are those who believe the 2d Col. Vol. Cav. monument should be restored, yet in its current state, it would seem more feasible to leave it alone for history's sake and, possibly, erect a modern replica to perpetuate the memory of the Second Colorado Cavalry buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Independence, Missouri.







