

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- Type or print, using a ball-point 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

Monument *with* Sculpture Monument with *Cannon*
 Monument without Sculpture Historical Marker Plaque

Affiliation

G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) M.O.L.L.U.S.
 W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. _____) Other Allied Order
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
 Other: The "Wilson's Monument Association"

Original Dedication Date 2 Aug 1870 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. Thank you.

Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:
 Street/Road address or site location Troy Cemetery, south side of Boone Near Ceasar W90°59'29" N38°58'28"
 City/Village Troy Township _____ County Lincoln

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

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

Name Troy Cemetery (Possibly operated by City) Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address Unknown
 City Troy State MO Zip Code 63379
 Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____

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

N/A

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) gray granite

Material of the Sculpture = 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?" _____

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
 Markings on muzzle = Not Applicable _____

Markings on Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? If so, describe _____

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

Monument or Base: Height 11 feet Width 2 1/2 feet Depth 2 1/2 feet 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 stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found _____

Not Applicable

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

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.
 See Attached (Text is very badly deteriorated and has become more so since my last vist in 2002).

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

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? Yes No Unable to determine
 If known, identify type of coating.

Gilded Painted Varnished Waxed Unable to determine
 Is the coating in good condition? Yes No Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?
 Well maintained Would benefit from treatment In urgent need of treatment Unable to determine

Overall Description

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on).

Recheck every year. Ought to consider immediate stabilization program.

Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 07 August 2005

Your Name Walter E. Busch

Address PO Box 509 City Pilot Knob

State MO Zip Code 63663 Telephone (314) 630-8407

Please send this completed form to:

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 Holley, NY 14470-1022
 (585) 638-5929

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
 National Civil War Memorials Committee

22 Nov 1864

A group of former comrades meet at the St. Louis Courthouse to raise money to buy a monument to Major James Wilson (murdered near Union Mo during Price's Raid). They commission William Hinchey to produce a lithograph of the Battle of Pilot Knob (where Wilson was captured). The proceeds from selling it are to be used to buy the monument. The "Wilson's Monument Association" has as officers and members Gen. Gray, Brig-Gen (Governor elect) Thomas Fletcher, Col. David Murphy, Co. Stone, Col. Matthews, Capt. Cheever, Hon. H.T. Blow, Mr. C. Irwin, Mayor Thomas and Mr. S.D. Barlow. A message from General Thomas Ewing is read: "I hope you will be successful in your efforts to give public honor to the name of my dear friend and companion in arms, whose splendid virtues should live in the hearts of his countrymen as long as the principles he honored and died for are cherished in the land." \$100 is raised by subscriptions of \$25 each at this meeting. The minutes of the meeting are published in the St. Louis Republican on this date.

2 Aug 1870

Former comrades and relatives gather at the Troy Cemetery to dedicate a monument at Major Wilson's grave. It is placed on a cemetery walkway. The grave may be elsewhere. The group is addressed by Mr. H.G. Ferguson of Louisiana, MO., and Capt. Robertson of Carroll Co. An attempt is made to hire a brass band, but they refuse to participate. Lincoln Co. Herald 4 Aug 1870

The monument carries the inscription, "Preserve What He Gave His Life to Defend , Our Nationality."

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May 5, 1862
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