

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: Cape Girardeau Convention & Visitors Bureau and City of Cape Girardeau Parks & Recreation Dept

**Original Dedication Date** 2010 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 Fort D Park, Locust at So. Fort St.N37°17.446 W89°31.594

City/Village Cape Girardeau Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Cape Girardeau

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 City of Cape Girardeau Dept./Div. Parks & Recreation Dept

Street Address A.C. Brase Area 410 Kiwanis Dr

City Cape Girardeau State MO Zip Code 63701

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( 573 ) 335-5421

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.) \_\_\_\_\_

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 = metal stand with composite plastic face \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Cannon = \_\_\_ Bronze \_\_\_ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
 Markings on muzzle = \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 4 ft Width 24 in Depth 24 in 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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  
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**Environmental Setting**

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

**Type of Location**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery           | <input checked="" 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) .

N/A

**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 10/18/2011

Your Name Walter E Busch US Grant Camp 68

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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 (616) 827-3369  
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Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee



# Saving Fort D

After the Civil War, the forts and earthworks of Cape Girardeau slowly disappeared as the city grew. Finally, only Fort D remained. In the early 1900's the area surrounding the fort was developed as Fort D Highlands. A campaign by veterans, concerned citizenry and the local newspaper kept the fort intact as the lands around it were developed.

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[US Flag] FORT D [Confederate 1st National Flag]

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[Pictures entrance to fort with stone columns, construction in the area, the WPA armory, plat map showing Fort D.]



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After the Civil War, the ruins and fortifications of Cape Fear were slowly abandoned as the city grew. Many were left to rot and in the early 1900s the area was used by the Fort as a stockpile of explosives. A campaign to restore the fort began in the 1970s and the area is now a park. The fort is now a state park and is more developed.

In the 1980s the fort was given over to the state. The state (NCDOT) approved a project to restore the fort and to build a parking lot, picnic grounds, and a restroom. In the early 1990s the fort was restored as a park. In 1991, 70 acres of it was officially sold. The remaining 10 acres is a park. In October a landmark to the site and a representative of NCDOT was given.

Now the ruins of the fort are in a state park. Being used for many purposes for the original design, including use as a picnic grounds, picnic area, and more.

After building the remaining walls of the structure, public works and private organizations stepped forward to bring the site to the site and interpret Cape Fear and life in the Civil War.



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