

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
2. 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 without Sculpture
☒ Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

☐ Monument with Cannon
☒ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque

Affiliation

- ☐ G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____)
☐ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____)
☐ WRC (Corps Name & No. _____)
☐ ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. _____)
☐ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
☐ LGAR (Circle Name & No. _____)
☒ Other Witts Springs Community Voices

(Please describe below)

Original Dedication Date 2012 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 Witts Springs School
 City/Village Witts Spring Township _____ County Sevier
 State ARKANSAS

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 _____

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Contact Person _____

Telephone () _____

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

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.) _____

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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 = Aluminum

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 36" Width 48" Depth _____ 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

MARMADUKE'S MISSOURI RAID: On Dec. 31, 1862, Confederate General John Marmaduke set out from Lewisville [the Lewisburg] on a raid into Missouri. He rode with Col. V. D. Shelby's "Iron Brigade" of Missouri Cavalry heading to Rolla to link up with other troops for the raid. On Jan. 2, 1863, they skirmished with local Unionists here at Witts Springs before proceeding to Rockport, Mo. They camped on the Bigfork River on the night of Jan. 3 and held court martial for six Confederate [over]

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

☐ Cemetery
☐ "Town Square"
☐ Municipal Building
☐ Courthouse
☐ Traffic Circle

☐ Park
☐ Post Office
☐ State Capitol
☐ College Campus
☐ Library

☐ Plaza/Courtyard
☒ School
Other: _____

deserters captured in the skirmish, three were executed. Morningdulse, reached Yellville on the 14th and moved north.

[North face]

SKIRMISH AT WITTS SPRINGS; Unionist Peace Society member B. F. Taylor and Confederate deserter, Sept. H. McGinnis formed a company of Union men and deserters for protection from Capt. J. H. Love's local Confederate Home Guard. They were drilling at Wits Springs when scouts of Col. J. O. Shelby's brigade appeared on Jan. 2, 1863. Thinking they were Love's men, Taylor's troops fired, killing 1. Other Confederates attacked and scattered Taylor's men, killing 12 and capturing 24. Six deserters were convicted and executed by firing squad on Jan. 3.

General Vicinity☒ Rural (low population, open land)☒ Town Off Ark Hwy 16☐ Suburban (residential, near city)☐ 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.

If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?

(Look for signs of exterior rust)

Sculpture**Base**

Any evidence of structural instability?

(Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)

Any broken or missing parts?

(Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)

Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?

(Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)

OKOKNoNoNoNoNoNo**Surface Appearance** (check as many as may apply)

Black crusting

White crusting

Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)

Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)

Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)

Chalky or powdery stone

Granular eroding of stone

Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)

Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)

Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe... _____

Sculpture**Base**No---No---No---No---No---No---Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to tell

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)

*Marker was only installed in 2013 or 2014
so is practically new and shows no signs of
aging*

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 *8-19-2017*
Your Name *James J. J. J.*
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What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? *SNV*

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Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

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