

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

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

Affiliation

- GAR Post Name & No. _____ MOLLUS
 WRC Corps Name & No. _____
 SUVCW Camp Name & No. _____
 DUVCW Tent Name & No. _____
 Other Description Jefferson County Historical Society

Original Dedication Date 14 Oct 2007

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.

LocationThe Memorial is *currently* located at:Street/Road address or site location Vineland - Wilson Hollow Rd. W90°37'39" N38°04'32"City/Village DeSoto Township _____ County JeffersonThe front of the Memorial faces: North South East West**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner** (of property that Memorial is located in)...Name Jefferson County Commissioners Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City Hillsboro State MO Zip Code 63050

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 is: Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Red Granite

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: red granite

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 4 1/2 feet Width 3 feet Depth 6 inch 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...):

The Battle of Big River Bridge — At dawn on October 15, 1861 the Iron Mountain Railroad Bridge over Big River was attacked here by 400 rebel calvary [sic] (2nd & 3rd dragoons) of the Missouri State Guard led by Brigadier General M. Jeff Thompson. The bridge was defended by 40 men of Company E, 33rd Illinois Volunteer Infantry (The Normal Regiment) led by Captain Isaac Elliott. After a brief but bitter fight the Union troops were overwhelmed and the bridge was burned. This was the only Civil War battle fought in Jefferson County. ——— The Battle of Blackwell Station – Later that morning the rebels were attacked 2 miles south at the town of Blackwell by 50 men of Company K, 33rd Illinois led by Captain Charles Lippincott. After routing this force, Thompson withdrew to Fredericktown. Total losses on both sides for the day's fighting were 7 killed and 22 wounded. These 2 engagements are known together as the Battle of Blackwell and mark the northernmost point of Thompson's advance toward St. Louis. ——— Erected on the 146th Anniversary of the Battle by a grateful nation to preserve the memory of the brave men who fought here. Oct 15 2007 -"All quiet along the Potomac tonight. No sound save the rush of the River. And soft falls the dew on the face of the dead. picket's off duty forever!"

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 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: Roadside - Farm Fields

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 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<input 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 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

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

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).

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 10/14/2007

Your Name Walter E Busch

Address PO Box 509

City Pilot Knob

State MO

Zip Code 63663

Telephone 314-630-8407

[Print Form](#)

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PCC
 15 Park Place
 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



THE BATTLE OF BIG RIVER BRIDGE



AT DAWN ON OCTOBER 16th 1861 THE IRON MOUNTAIN
RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER BIG RIVER WAS ATTACKED HERE
BY 400 REBEL CALVARY (2ND & 3RD DRAGOONS)
OF THE MISSOURI STATE GUARD LED BY BRIGADIER
GENERAL M. JEFF THOMPSON. THE BRIDGE WAS
DEFENDED BY 40 MEN OF COMPANY E, 33RD
ILLINOIS VOLUNTEER INFANTRY (THE NORMAL REGIMENT)
LED BY CAPTAIN ISAAC ELLIOTT. AFTER A BRIEF BUT BITTER
FIGHT THE UNION TROOPS WERE OVERWHELMED AND THE BRIDGE
WAS BURNED. THIS WAS THE ONLY CIVIL WAR BATTLE FOUGHT
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY.

THE BATTLE OF BLACKWELL STATION

LATER IN THE YEAR THE TROOPS WERE ATTACKED 2 MILES SOUTH AT
BLACKWELL STATION BY COMPANY K, 33RD ILLINOIS
VOLUNTEER INFANTRY. AFTER ROUTING THIS FORCE
THE UNION TROOPS SUFFERED TOTAL LOSSES OF 20 MEN
AND 3000 POUNDS OF SUPPLIES. THE REBELS
SUFFERED LOSSES OF 10 MEN AND 1000 POUNDS
OF SUPPLIES.



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THOMPSON WITHDREW TO FREDERICKTOWN. TOTAL LOSSES ON BOTH
SIDES FOR THE DAY'S FIGHTING WERE 7 KILLED AND 22 WOUNDED.
THESE 2 ENGAGEMENTS ARE KNOWN TOGETHER AS THE BATTLE OF
BLACKWELL AND MARK THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF THOMPSON'S
ADVANCE TOWARD ST. LOUIS.

ERECTED ON THE 146TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE, BY A
GRATEFUL NATION, TO PRESERVE THE MEMORY OF THE BRAVE MEN
WHO FOUGHT HERE

OCTOBER 15, 2007

"ALL QUIET ALONG THE POTOMAC TONIGHT NO SOUND SAVE THE
RUSH OF THE RIVER, AND SOFT FALLS THE DEW ON THE FACE OF THE
DEAD - THE PICKET'S OFF DUTY FOREVER!"