

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 *without* Sculpture

☐ Monument with Cannon
☒ 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: IRON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Original Dedication Date May 1996 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: W90°37'40" N37°35'55"
IRON Co. Courthouse
 Street/Road address or site location MAIN @ RUSSELL
 City/Village IRONTON Township _____ County IRON

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 IRON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY Dept./Div. N/A
 Street Address 123 WEST WAYNE
 City IRONTON State MO Zip Code 63650
 Contact Person N/A Telephone (573) 546-3513

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, etc.) _____

Material of the Sculpture = N/A 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 = MISSOURI RED GRANITE
TWO GUNS

Material of Cannon = Bronze X Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
 Markings on muzzle = 8.16 POUNDS T.T.S.L. (INSPECTOR) ONE #328 OTHER #382

Markings on Left Trunion N/A Right Trunion FOUNDRY# PHOENIX IRON CO.
 Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? N/A If so, describe PHOENIXVILLE PA

NOTE: CANNONS ORIGINALLY GIFTED TO THE COUNTY BY MRS. JULIA DENT GRANT

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

Monument or Base: ^{REAR} Height 3 FT Width 2 FT Depth 1 FT 6 IN or Diameter
 Sculpture: Height Width Depth or Diameter

FRONT HGT: 2 FEET 6 INCHES

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 SHOWN ON MONUMENTS)

MAKER: MISSOURI RED QUARRIES

The "Dedication Text" is formed: X 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

"THE BATTLE OF PILOT KNOB" FACE

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

<u> </u> Cemetery	<u> </u> Park	<u> </u> Plaza/Courtyard
<u> </u> "Town Square"	<u> </u> Post Office	<u> </u> School
<u> </u> Municipal Building	<u> </u> State Capitol	Other: <u> </u>
<u>X</u> Courthouse	<u> </u> College Campus	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Traffic Circle	<u> </u> Library	<u> </u>

General Vicinity

☐ Rural (low population, open land)
☒ Town

☐ 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)

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)

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...

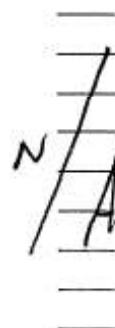
Sculpture

Base

NoNoNoNo

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NoNoNoNoNoNoNoNoNo

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

Surface CoatingDoes there appear to be a coating? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

☐ Gilded ☐ Painted ☐ Varnished ☐ Waxed ☐ Unable to determineIs the coating in good condition? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ 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).

VERY GOOD SHAPE. REINSPECTION EVERY 5 YEARS SHOULD BE
SUFFICIENT. CANNONS EVERY 2 YEARS

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 IdentificationDate of On-site Survey 05-03-2005Your Name WALTER S. BUSCHAddress PO BOX 509City PILOT KnobState MO Zip Code 63063Telephone (573) 546-3454

Please send this completed form to:

PAUL LEISTRITZ
8553 HOWELL ST.
ST LOUIS MO 63147
314-867-3692

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

Marker No. 6 -- Iron County Courthouse

Front of marker:

BATTLE OF PILOT KNOB
IRON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
SEPTEMBER 26, 1864
2:30 P.M. - 6 P.M.

Text:

Pvt. Rector of the 3rd M.S.M. was killed in front of the courthouse. Co. E, 47th Missouri, firing from the courthouse, killed the Rebel who shot Rector. They were the first to die in the battle. A cavalry detachment led by Major Wilson drove the Rebels back into Shut-In Gap. Fighting ended at sunset.⁵ On the 2nd day, Rebel artillery fired into Ironton and hit the courthouse. The imprint of one of the shells can still be seen in its facade.⁶

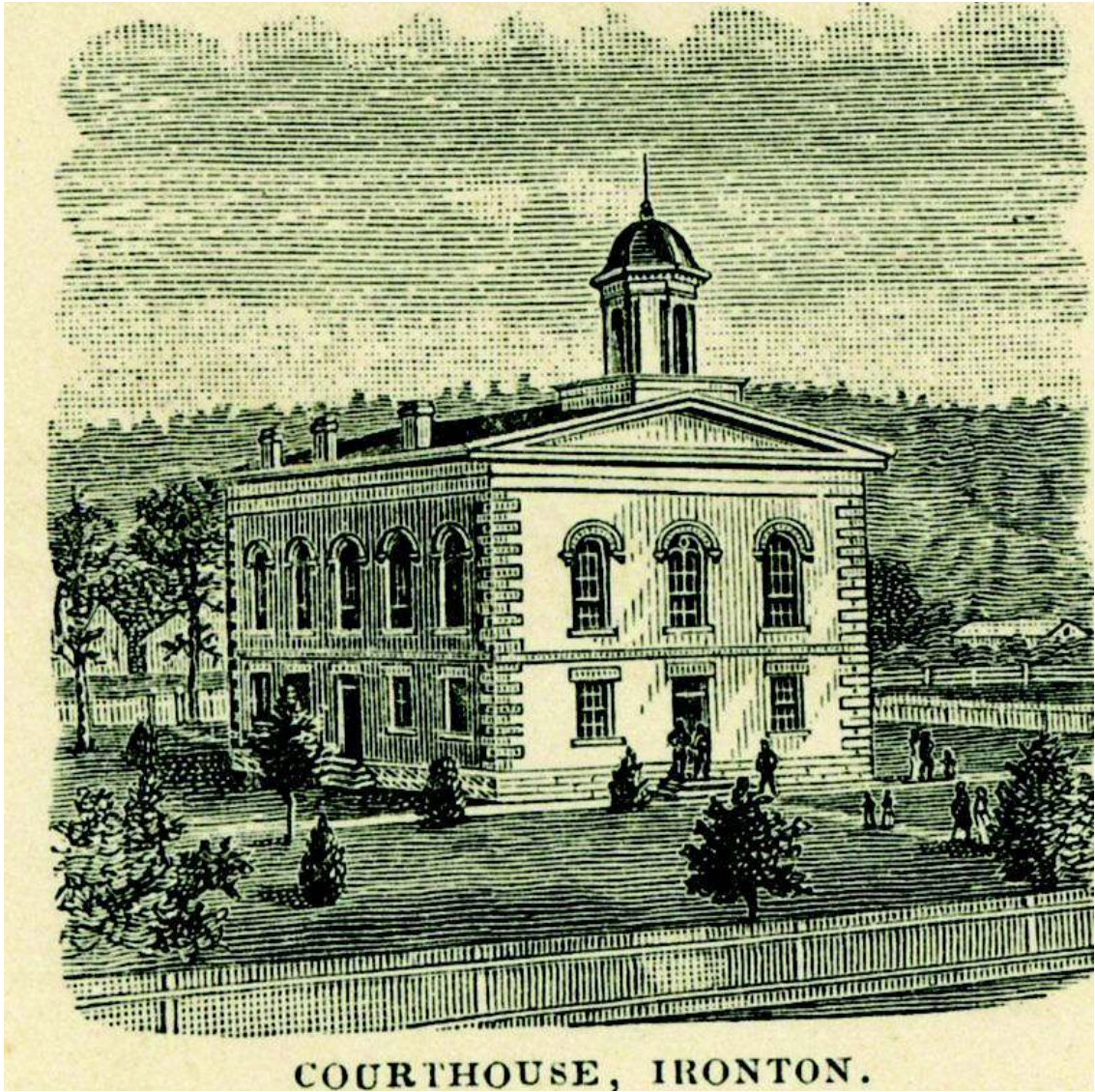
⁵Henry C. Wilkinson to C.A. Peterson, Letters No. 17 and 18, Jack Mayes Collection; O.R. 61, 447; Earl J. Lamson letter to Ewing, Jack Mayes Collection; Hugo Hoffbauer letter to C.A. Peterson, Jack Mayes Collection; J.W. Nations, "Battle of Pilot Knob and Subsequent Retreat to Leasburg and Rolla, Mo.", Jack Mayes Collection; Peter Shrum, "Reminiscences of Peter Shrum," Jack Mayes Collection; Smith F. Thompson, "Battle of Pilot Knob," Jack Mayes Collection; John W. Wynn, "Story of John W. Wynn," Jack Mayes Collection; Lewis W. Sutton letter to C.A. Peterson, Jack Mayes Collection; Thompson, "The Great-Little Battle of Pilot Knob, [Part I], 156-158; Suderow, *Thunder in Arcadia Valley*, 64-69; Peterson and Hanson, *Pilot Knob*, 111-113, 124

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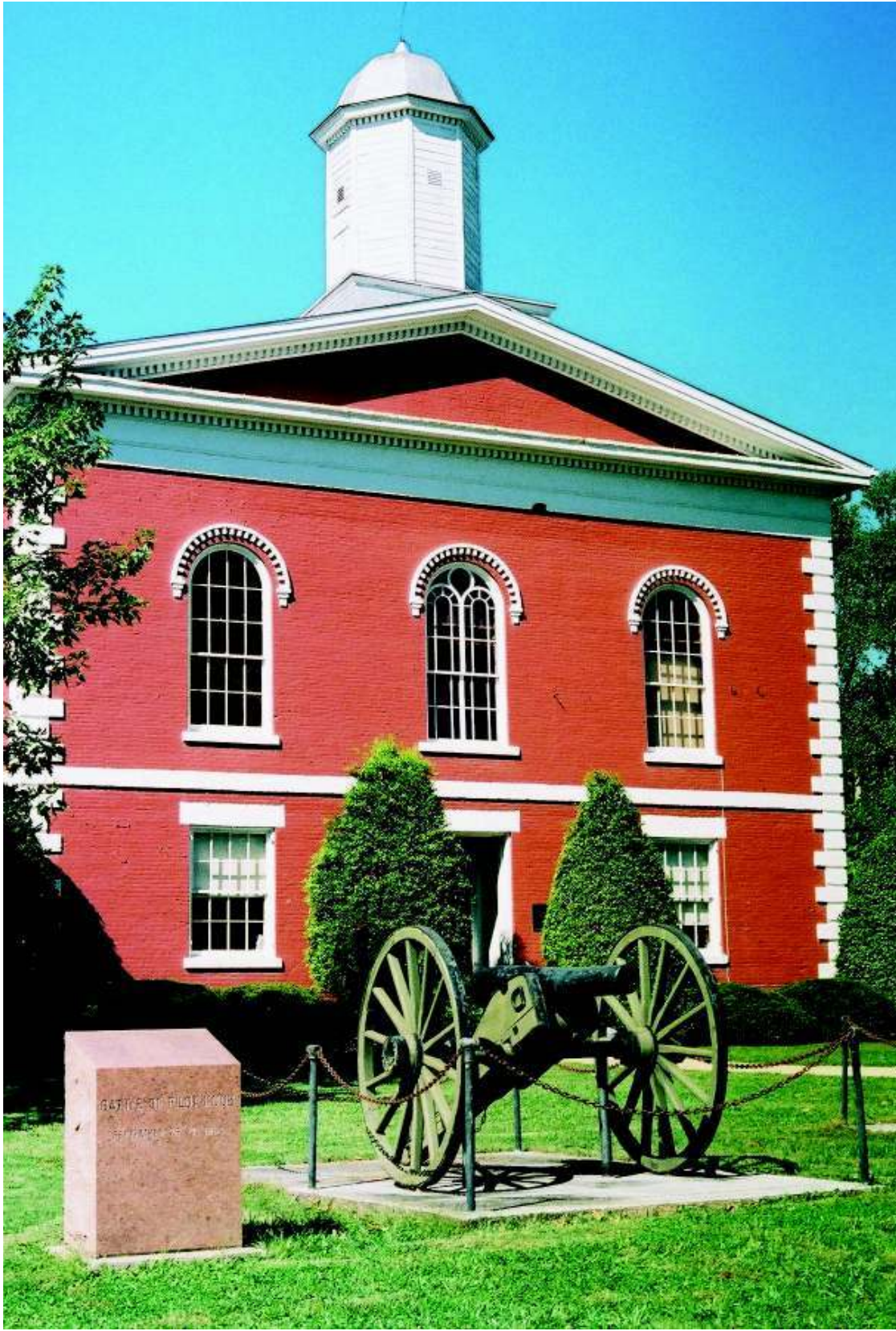
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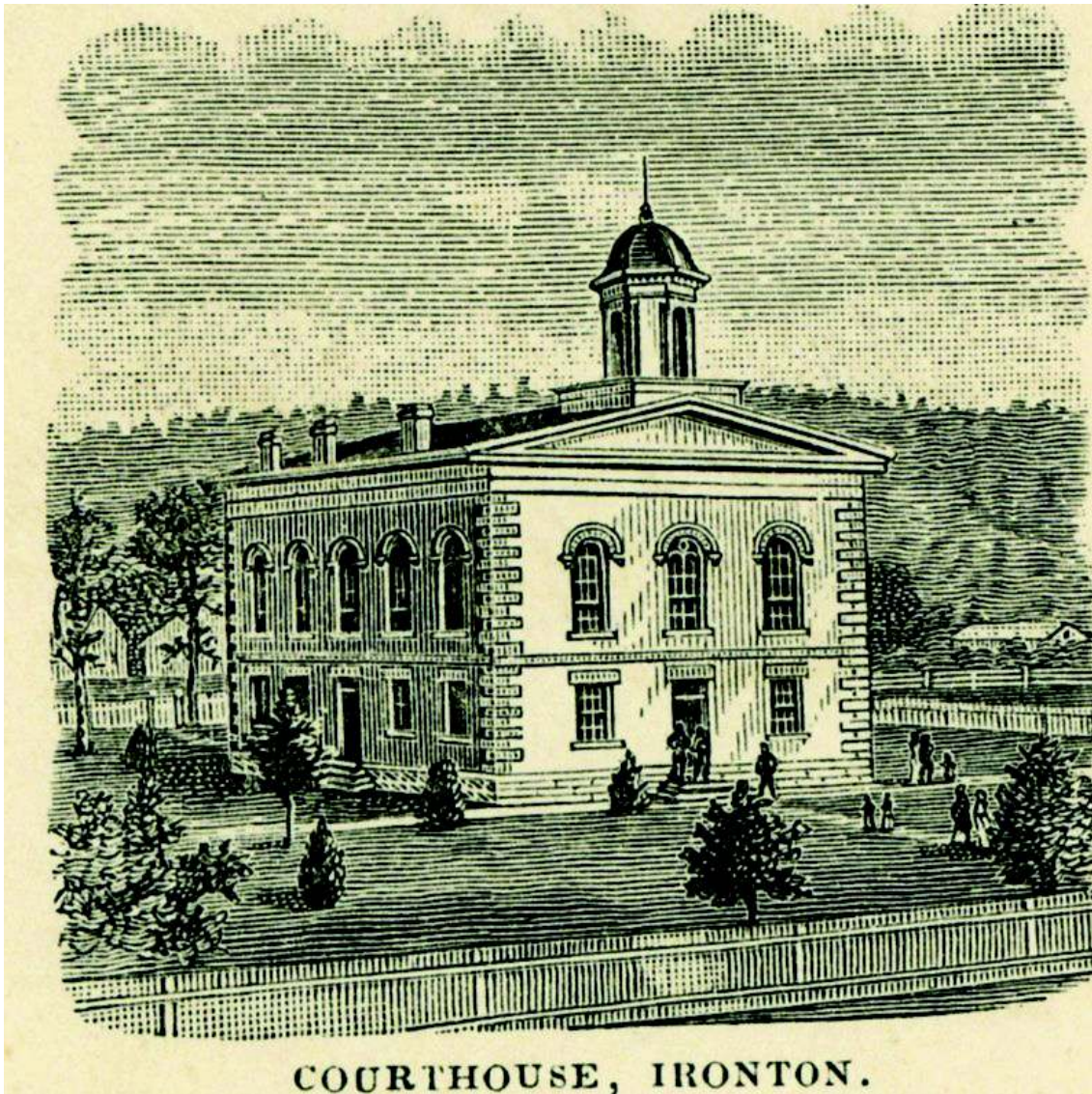




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