

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 with *Cannon*  
☐ Monument without Sculpture                      ☒ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque  
☐ Other ( flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

**Affiliation**

☐ G.A.R. (Post Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                      ☐ M.O.L.L.U.S.  
☐ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                      (Please describe below)  
☐ WRC (Corps Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ LGAR (Circle Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Other State Historical Society & Missouri Highway Commission

**Original Dedication Date** 1953 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 Cape Girardeau Co Park off of the 2300 blk N Kingshighway N37 20°29.6 W 89 35°25.4  
 City/Village Cape Girardeau Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Cape Girardeau  
 State MO

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 Cape Girardeau Co Parks  
 Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address 2400 County Park Dr City \_\_\_\_\_  
Cape Girardeau State MO Zip Code 63701 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone ( ) (573) 335-4146

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

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

### SUVCW -- CIVIL WAR

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 = Zinc/Aluminum Alloy

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 8 ft Width 6 ft Depth 18 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 for text

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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.

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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...		

Good Shape

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) .

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## 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 05/10/2012

Your Name Walter E Busch

Address PO Box 381

City Arcadia

State MO Zip Code 63621

Telephone (    ) 314-630-8407

What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? US Grant Camp 68

Please send this completed form to

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

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee

Missouri  
[State Seal]

CAPE GIRARDEAU  
[Outline of State]

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In 1795 Lorimier became commandant of Cape Girardeau District, most American of the 5 Spanish districts, later one of Missouri's first 5 counties. Germans from the states also settled here. Shawnee and Delaware Indians were given Spanish land grants nearby to act as a buffer against the Osages.

At time of American occupation, 1804, the district was third in population of the 5 districts, yet had no white village. Lorimier laid out town of Cape Girardeau, 1806, to be the seat of government. Delay in honoring his Spanish land grant halted growth.

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Missouri  
[Missouri Seal]

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