

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: Rotary International

Original Dedication Date Unknown (1945-1955) 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 Northeast of Fort St, Sturdevant St & Locust St Jct W89°31'36" N37°17'26"
 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 American Legion Dept./Div. Louis K Juden Post 63
 Street Address 2731 Thomas
 City Cape Girardeau State MO Zip Code 63701
 Contact Person Unknown Telephone (573) 335-0305

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.) aggregate cement

Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) n/a

If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" n/a

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Bronze

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm

Markings on muzzle = N/A

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 2 1/2 feet Width 2 1/2 feet Depth 2 1/2 feet or Diameter

Sculpture: Height 24' 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 not found

The "Dedication Text" is formed: cut into material X raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

[American Indian Chief Head with Bonnet] "Fort D," one of the forts erected in Cape Girardeau by Union forces in 1861, is the only

one preserved. Its site southeast of the town was chosen to command the entire bend of the river southward and also the river road from downstream.

Inclined embankments were built with ditches on the outside. A rectangular gun emplacement protected diagonally at each corner.

These earthworks may still be seen.

The soldiers made a bowling alley on the terreplain of the fort using huge sticks of wood for pins and 32 pound cannonballs to bowl them over.

During extremely cold weather some of the soldiers dug caves into the steep hillside north of the fort and became temporary troglodytes, but most of them decided the extra comfort did not warrant the extra work.

Rotary International [and logo]

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

 X 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 within 75 feet of roadway.

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? (look for signs of exterior rust)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
White crusting	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Chalky or powdery stone	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Granular eroding of stone	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...		

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) .

Good condition

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 13 Dec 2005

Your Name Walter E. Busch

Address PO Box 509

City Pilot Knob

State MO Zip Code 63663

Telephone (314) 630-8407

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC
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





FORT D.

FORT D. ONE OF THE FOUR FORTS, ERECTED IN CAPE GIRARDEAU BY UNION FORCES IN 1863. THE ONLY ONE PRESERVED. IT WAS THE ONLY ONE CHOSEN TO COMMAND THE ENTIRE BEND OF THE RIVER SOUTHWARD AND ALSO THE RIVER ROAD FROM DOWNSTREAM.

INCLINED EMBANKMENTS WERE BUILT WITH BATTERS ON THE OUTSIDE. A RECTANGULAR GUN IMPLACEMENT PROJECTED DIAGONALLY AT EACH CORNER. THESE EARTHWORKS MAY STILL BE SEEN.

THE SOLDIERS MADE A 100' LONG ALLEY ON THE TERRACE PLAIN OF THE FORT USING HUGE LOGS OF WOOD FOR PINS AND 32 POUND CANNON BALLS TO BLOW THEM OVER.

DUE TO EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER SOME OF THE SOLDIERS DIED. AS THE STORM WINDS BLEW NORTH THE FORT BECAME TEMPORARILY INOCCUPY. BUT MOST OF THEM DECIDED THE EXTRA COMFORT WAS WORTH THE EXTRA WORK.



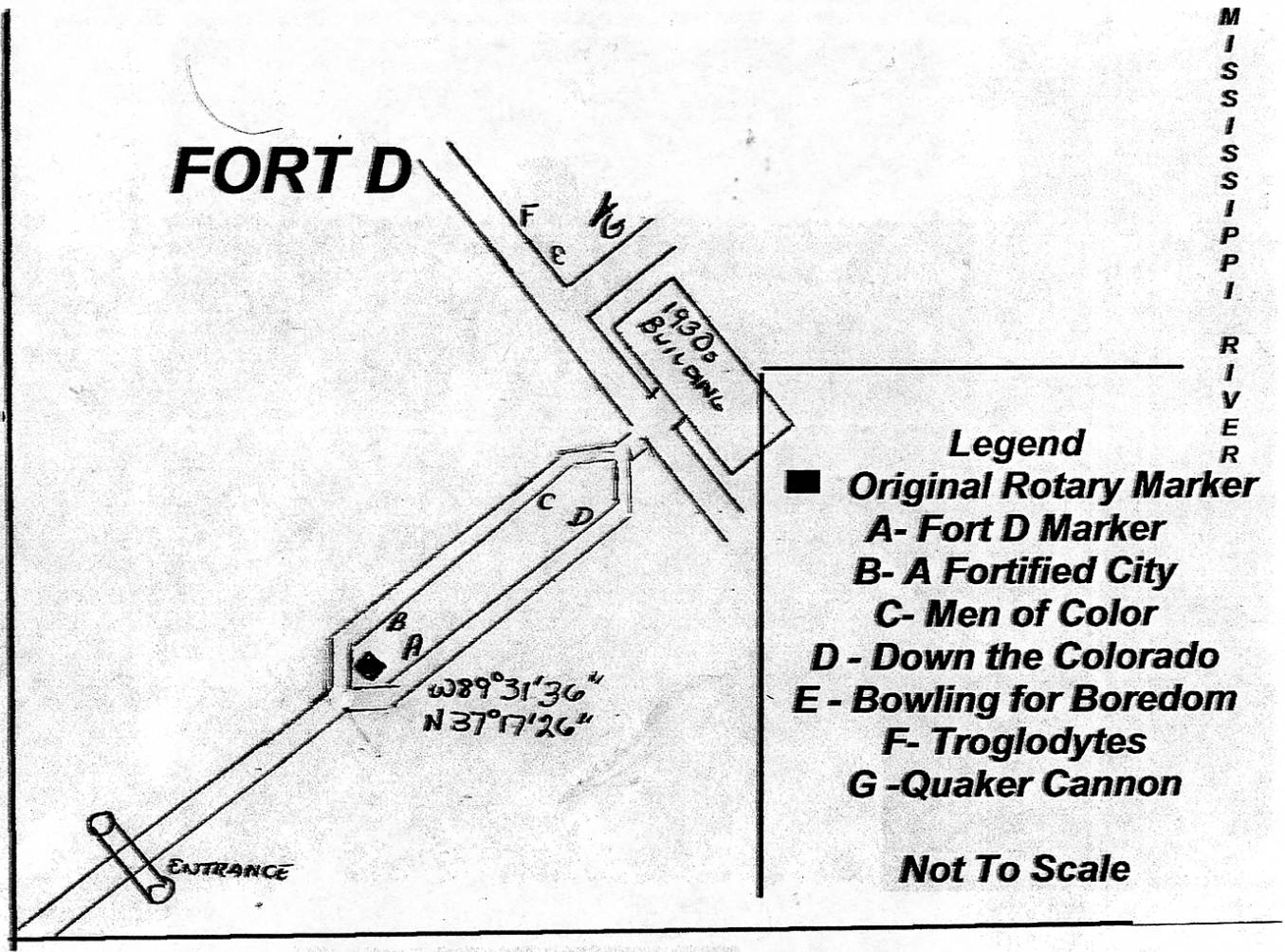
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- Legend**
- Original Rotary Marker
 - A- Fort D Marker
 - B- A Fortified City
 - C- Men of Color
 - D - Down the Colorado
 - E - Bowling for Boredom
 - F- Troglodytes
 - G -Quaker Cannon

Not To Scale

LOCUST ST - CAPE GIRARDEAU MO