

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 with Cannon  
 Monument *without* Sculpture                       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: Missouri Dept of Natural Resources, Div of State Parks, Fort Davidson State Historic Site

**Original Dedication Date** Spring 1993                      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 Fort Davidson SHS Grounds W90°38'25" N37°37'14"  
 City/Village Pilot Knob                      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** Fort Davidson State Historic Site                      **Dept/Div.** Dept of Natural Resources Div of State Parks  
**Street Address** PO Box 509 (118 East Maple St.)  
**City** Pilot Knob                      **State** MO                      **Zip Code** 63663  
**Contact Person** Site Administrator                      **Telephone** ( 573 ) 546-3454

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

Yes, but only to orient them correctly to the compass points.

**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.) Black aluminum

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 = Photo Embedment Plastic

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 4 feet Width 3 feet Depth 3 feet 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 No, but made by Division of State Parks Exhibits Section

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.

- Afternoon, Sept. 27: The Doomed Assault 1. While the Confederates deploy they put two cannons and open fire. Accurate return fire puts both out of action.
2. Marmaduke's Missouri division streams down Shepherd's Mountain. Rifle and artillery fire breaks its ranks. The men seek shelter in a creek bed.
3. McCray's and Siemmon's brigades of Fagan's Arkansas division charge across Pilot Knob Mountain. They overwhelm the Federal cavalry then rush for the fort. They too are driven to shelter.
4. Dobbins' mounted Confederate brigade threatens the fort from the rear. Federal from the north rifle pit charge out and drive them off.
5. Cabell's brigade of Fagan's division advance up the gap. They reach the fort in spite of intense fire and enter the moat. Exploding hand grenades drive them out. Every attack fails. By night, some 1,000 Confederates lie dead or wounded. More than 200 Federals are casualties.
6. After midnight, Ewing evacuates the fort. His men march north between sleeping Confederate camps.
- . At 3:30 a.m. volunteers blow up the fort's powder magazine. Price does not investigate until daylight.

**Environmental Setting**

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

**Type of Location**

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square"      | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office     | <input type="checkbox"/> School          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol   | Other: _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse         | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle     | <input type="checkbox"/> Library         | _____                                    |

**General Vicinity**

- Rural (low population, open land)
- Town
- Suburban (residential, near city)
- Urban / Metropolitan

**Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)**

- Industrial
- Street/Roadside within 20 feet
- Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)
- Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)
- Commercial
- Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
- 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? (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)**

	Sculpture	Base
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 _____		

In fair shape, however photo embedment fading and the marker will probably have to be replaced in 5 to 10 years due to sun bleaching. The text is almost completely faded and is to be replaced this summer

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Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? \_\_\_ Yes  No \_\_\_ Unable to tell

**Surface Coating**

Does there appear to be a coating? \_\_\_ Yes X No \_\_\_ Unable to determine  
 If known, identify type of coating.

\_\_\_ Gilded \_\_\_ Painted \_\_\_ Varnished \_\_\_ Waxed X Unable to determine  
 Is the coating in good condition? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No X Unable to determine

**Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)**

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?  
X 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 10 March 2007  
 Your Name Walt Busch, US Grant Camp #68  
 Address PO Box 509 City Pilot Knob  
 State MO Zip Code 63883 Telephone ( 314 ) 630-8407

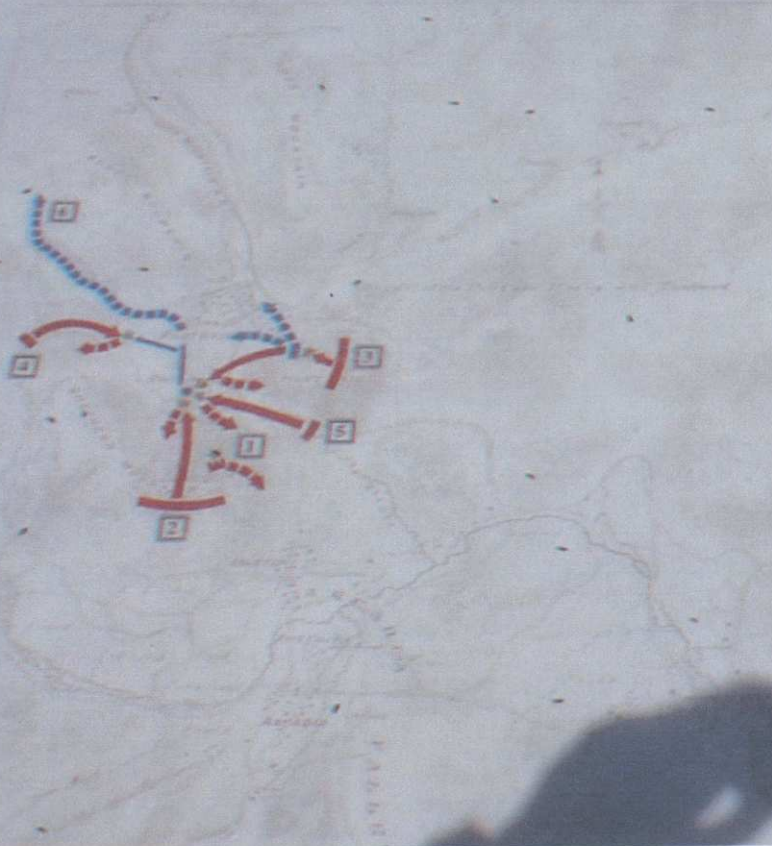
Please send this completed form to:

**Todd A. Shillington, PDC**  
 15 Park Place  
 Holley, NY 14470-1022  
 (585) 638-5929

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee

Afternoon, Sept. 27:  
**The Doomed Assault**



Federals

	Retreat
	Advance