

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: City of Cape Girardeau in conjunction with community groups

**Original Dedication Date** May 6, 2006 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 D Park, Locust at So. Fort St. W89°31'36 N37°17'26"

City/Village Cape Girardeau Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Cape Girardeau, 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 City of Cape Girardeau

Dept./Div. Parks & Recreation Dept

Street Address A.C. Brase Arena 410 Kiwanis Drive

City Cape Girardeau,

State MO

Zip Code 63701

Contact Person Dan Muser

Telephone ( 573 ) 335-5421

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

New Historic Marker

**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.) \_\_\_\_\_



**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.

	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...	_____	_____

The marker is new as of 2006

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) .

Reinspection in 5 years will tell whether this historic marker will need maintenance

**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 19 June 2006

Your Name Walter E Busch, Commander, US Grant Camp #68, Dept of Missouri

Address PO Box 509 City Pilot Knob

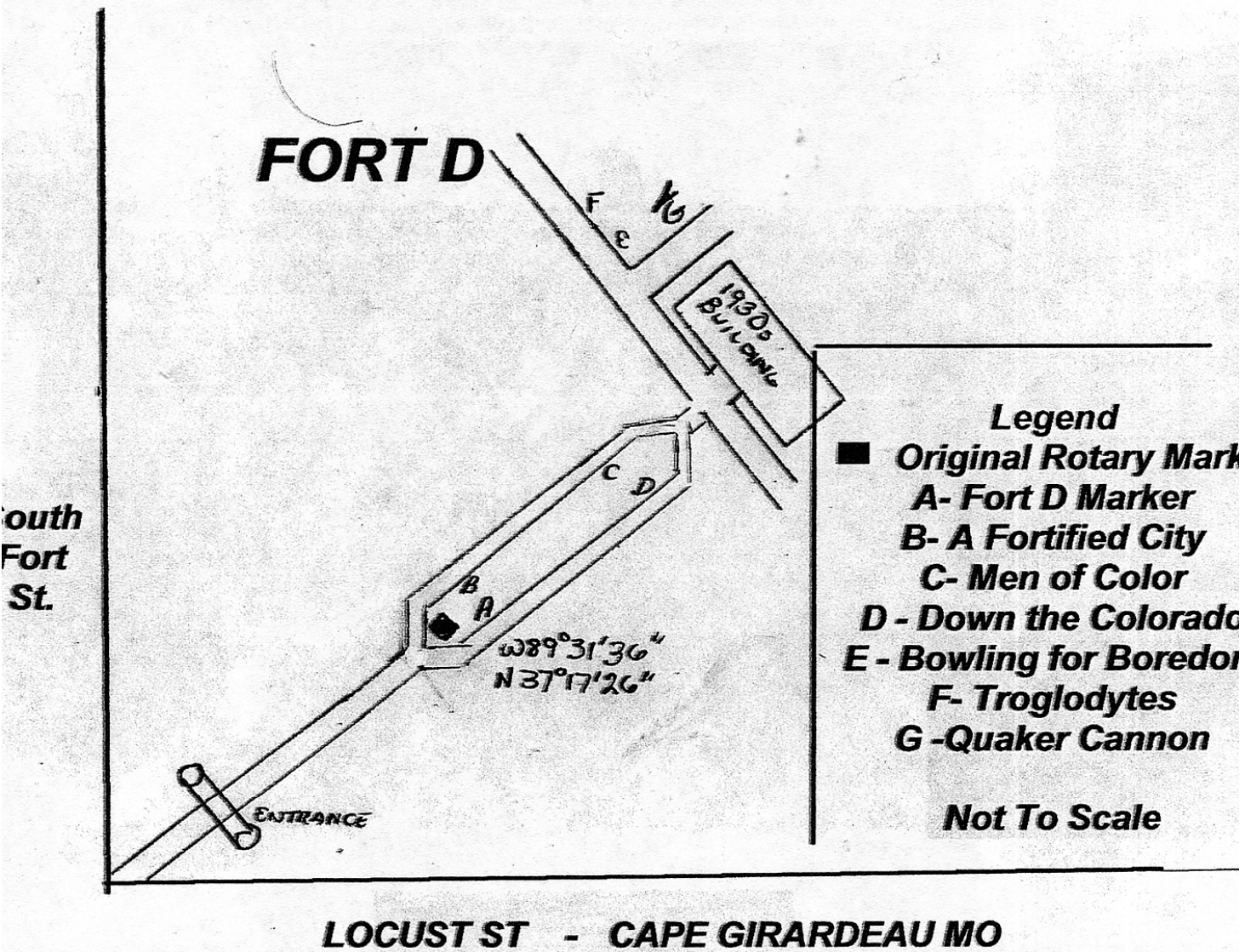
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Please send this completed form to:

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Holley, NY 14470-1022  
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Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee





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