

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 ☐ PlaqueAffiliation☐ 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, 2006Please 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.LocationThe 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, MOThe 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 GirardeauDept./Div. Parks & Recreation DeptStreet Address A.C. Brase Arena 410 Kiwanis DriveCity Cape Girardeau,State MOZip Code 63701Contact Person Dan MuserTelephone (573) 335-5421

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

New Historic MarkerPhysical DetailsMaterial 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 CoatingDoes there appear to be a coating? ___ Yes X 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?

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) .

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.

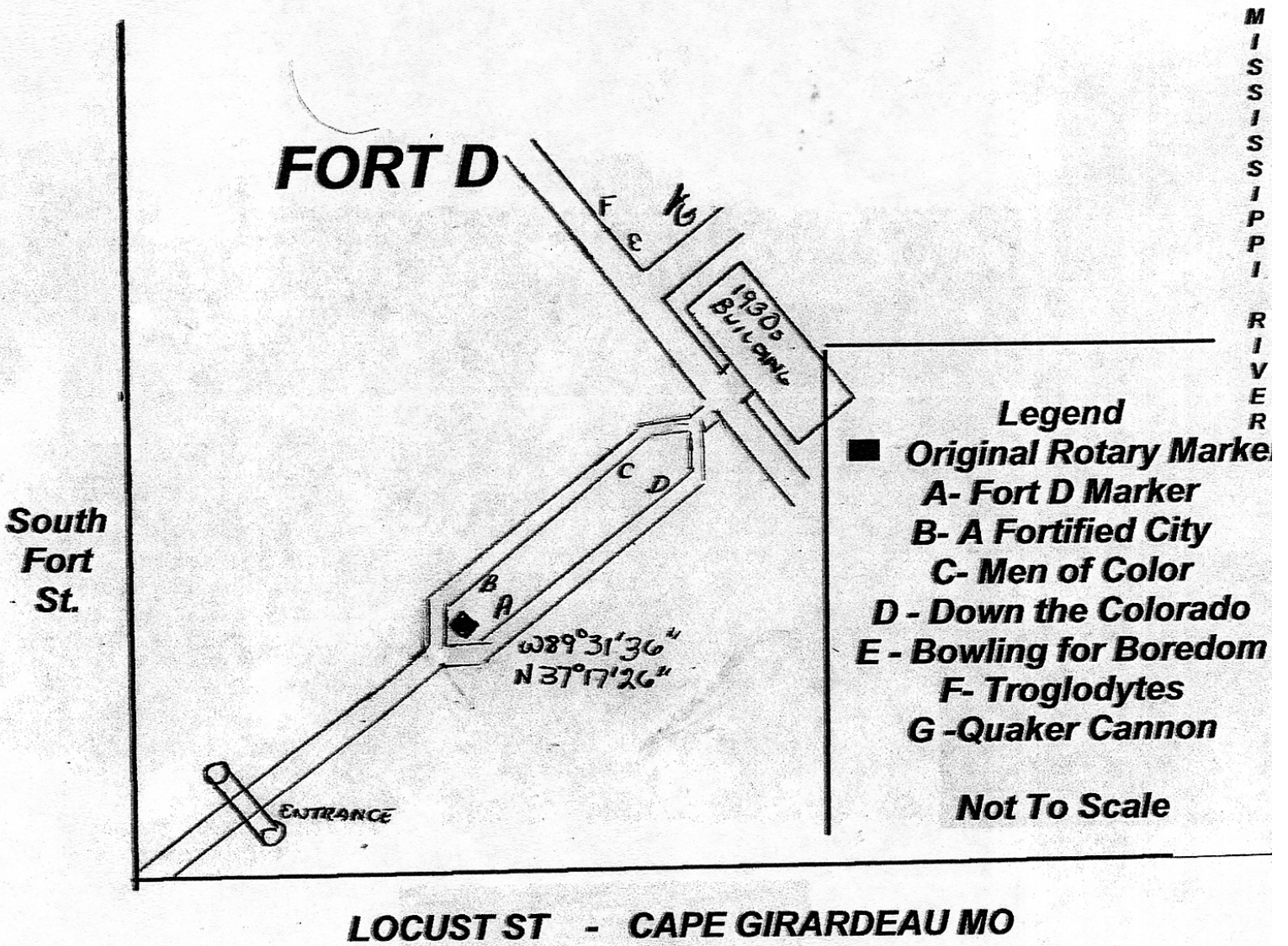
Inspector IdentificationDate of On-site Survey 19 June 2006Your Name Walter E Busch, Commander, US Grant Camp #68, Dept of MissouriAddress PO Box 509City Pilot KnobState MO Zip Code 63663Telephone (314) 630-8407

Please send this completed form to:

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Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee



**FORT D**

Bowling for Boredom

Rarely being on alert and never under attack, boredom and disease were the biggest enemies of the soldiers serving at Fort D. Soldiers passed their spare time reading, writing letters, playing cards, sewing, gambling, or playing music. Games played included baseball and pitching horseshoes.

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