

# NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

## Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

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

## Affiliation

GAR  MOLLUS  SUVCW  WRC  ASUVCW  
 LGAR  DUVCW  Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

[Assorted Local Community Groups in cooperation with City](#)

**Original Dedication Date** 2013-2016 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 303 No Prairie GPS Coordinates N36°53'15.042 W89°55'44.711

City/Village &/or Township Bloomfield  
County Stoddard State Missouri Zip Code 63825

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Probably city  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ext \_\_\_\_\_

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places  Yes  No ID # if known \_\_\_\_\_

## For Monuments with/without sculpture:

### Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon =  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Aluminum Post

Material of the Sculpture  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other Is it hollow or solid? \_\_\_\_\_  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**For Historic Marker or Plaque:**Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Aluminum**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon =  Bronze  Iron Type of Cannon (if known) \_\_\_\_\_Rifled  YES  NO

Markings: Muzzle \_\_\_\_\_ Base Ring/Breech \_\_\_\_\_

Left Trunion \_\_\_\_\_ Right Trunion \_\_\_\_\_

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial?  Yes  No[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance]  Yes  No**For Other Memorials:** (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial

Materials of the Memorial

**Complete for All Memorials****Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points8 ft Height 3 ft Width 6 inches Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) 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 None

Please attach legible photographs of all text &amp;/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

**See Photographs For Text - Brief Description Follows**

- The Civil War Hospitals of Bloomfield: Cast aluminum marker (303 N. Prairie) This marker is located on the site of Major Henry Bedford's home, It is the location of one of several hospitals in Bloomfield. Maj. Bedford was an officer in the Missouri State Guard. Due to his health, he did not continue to serve in the military when the Guard disband at the end of 1861.

**Environmental Setting**

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

**Type of Location**

Cemetery       Park       Plaza/Courtyard       "Town Square"       Post Office  
 School       Municipal Building       State Capitol       Courthouse       College Campus  
 Traffic Circle       Library      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Vicinity**

Rural (low population, open land)       Suburban (residential, near city)       Town       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 \_\_\_\_\_

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's 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.

Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Thank you.

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 09/03/2016  
 Your Name Walt Busch  
 Address 1240 Konert Valley Dr  
 City Fenton State MO Zip Code 63026  
 Telephone ( 314 ) 630-8407 E-Mail wbusch@suvchwmo.org

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

Sons of Union Veterans

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair  
 1240 Konert Valley Dr.  
 Fenton, MO 63026  
 (314) 630-8407  
 wbusch@hotmail.com

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.**





## THE CIVIL WAR HOSPITALS OF BLOOMFIELD

The strategic location of Bloomfield on the high ground of Crowley's Ridge made it an important crossroads during the Civil War. Both Union and Confederate forces contested for control of the region. The small community changed hands more than twenty times during the war.

Both armies sought to use existing businesses and homes as hospitals for the sick and wounded. The large home of Major Henry Bedford, a prominent Bloomfield attorney with Confederate sympathies, was seized by Union troops in early 1862 and converted to a hospital. A description of the home stated that "the building and site are unusually adapted to the purpose for which they are used. Extensive grounds around, filled with shrubbery and worked by gravel walks, arbors, shady trees and a well of excellent water - all conducive to the health and comfort of the patient."

Union surgeon Lt. Thomas S. Johnson was in charge of the Bedford Hospital and was credited with providing excellent care for the sick and wounded. Dr. Johnson evidently spent much time in the Bedford household as he married Miss Laura Robinson, Major Bedford's stepdaughter, in October of 1863. Miss Robinson was a Confederate sympathizer, possibly a spy. Following the war Dr. Johnson lived and practiced medicine here for many years.

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**THE CIVIL WAR HOSPITALS  
 OF BLOOMFIELD**  
*(Completed from street level)*

The first hospital in Bloomfield was primarily to care for the sick and wounded of the Union Army. It was located on Frederick Street, just to the west of the intersection of the street and the railroad. A large structure, built in 1862, was the first of the permanent buildings. It was built on the site of the old Union Hotel, which was destroyed by fire in 1861. The building was built on the site of the old Union Hotel, which was destroyed by fire in 1861. The building was built on the site of the old Union Hotel, which was destroyed by fire in 1861.

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Dr. Kinney, bearing at the nearby home of Mrs. Susan Green, investigated medical cases in various hospitals as well as military hospitals.

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The first hospital in Bloomfield was probably in the new school academy on Missouri Street. Prior to General Jeff Thompson's 1861 attack on Fredericktown, he directed that the facility be prepared to care for military casualties.

A large structure on the corner of Shawnee and Spring has been traditionally described as a "Civil War hospital." This was the home of the prosperous merchant Norphlat "North" Jones, a strong supporter of the Union. When the war began he moved to Cape Girardeau where he died a short time later. His widow, Sarah Christy Jones, returned to Bloomfield and made the home available as a hospital. Several Union grave sites are said to exist on the property.

Near the end of the war Union physician Dr. Cyrus T. Kimmel occupied a large house on the corner of Center and Spring that had earlier served as Union headquarters. It was reported that he had the house "scoured out" and converted to a hospital. On the first day in this facility he is said to have vaccinated forty Union soldiers and cared for two wounded cavalymen.

Dr. Kimmel boarded at the nearby home of Mrs. Sarah Christy Jones and became a favorite of the Bloomfield community as he provided medical care to civilian families as well as military patients.

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