

# 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:

Battle of Athens State Historic Site, Department of Natural Resources

**Original Dedication Date** July 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 Battle of Athens State Historic Site Old Store / Shelter  
 GPS Coordinates N40; 35; 6.0100 W91;41;46,49999

City/Village &/or Township Revere  
 County Clark State MO Zip Code 63465

The front of the Memorial faces: ☐ North ☒ South ☐ East ☐ West

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Battle of Athens State Historic Site  
 Dept./Div. Dept of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks  
 Street Address PO Box 159  
 City Jefferson City State MO Zip Code 65101  
 Contact Person Site Manager Telephone ( 660 ) 877-3871 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.)

Material of the Sculpture ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other Is it hollow or solid?

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Polymer Material for sign mounted to Wall

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

What best describes the memorial

## Materials of the Memorial

**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

6 ft ONwALL	Height 48 inch	Width 36 in	Depth or	Diameter
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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!

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found

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

See Pictures for Details

**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 Within the boundaries of a state historic site

[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 03 May 2018  
 Your Name Walt Busch & Sumner Hunnewell  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State MO Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail wbusch@suvchwmo.org

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

Walt - US Grant Camp 68 SUVCW Sumner - Fletcher Camp 47

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.

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# Businesses in Athens, circa 1853-1860

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Armstrong, beef and pork packer  
Baker and Company, general store  
J. and W. B. Barwett, coopers  
David Bedell, carpenter and builder  
J. S. Bedell, justice of the peace  
John Bobbitt, carpenter and builder  
Mr. Beucler (or Benchler), stoves and sheet iron ware  
W. Burhage, painter  
E. F. Colton, flour and grist mill  
A. W. Calvert, cabinet maker and carpenter  
E. F. Colton, woolen manufacturer  
Wm. Deck, blacksmith  
Isaac, grocer  
Henry Fehlhaber, wagon maker  
R. P. Gray, coal dealer  
B. Gray, livery stable  
Isaac P. Gray, grocer  
George Gray, general store  
G. Gray, brick yard  
George Gray, beef and pork packer  
George Gray, postmaster  
T. H. Hallan, physician and surgeon  
T. H. and J. R. Hallan, druggists  
P. F. Hamilton, cooper  
J. M. Hiller, general store  
George Hiller, blacksmith

David Kennedy, general store  
Miss Kelly, milliner and dress maker  
J. T. McKnight, baker  
David Mc Kee, assessor  
McGown and Boler, blacksmith  
J. T. McNiglet, tailor  
Rev. D. Mason, Methodist Episcopal minister  
J. D. Nash, boot and shoe dealer  
G. Neuse, lumber yard  
Henry Ostrander, blacksmith  
James Perkins, justice of the peace  
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B. Robinson, ambrotype artist  
G. Slaughter, constable  
C. W. Stone, butcher  
R. Jackson, proprietor, St. Louis Hotel  
M. Scott, cabinet maker  
John Stafford, general store  
A. Starr, cooper  
D. M. Scott, physician  
R. P. Slaughter, school teacher  
James Slaughter, meat market  
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Henry Warner, boots and shoes  
Rev. Samuel Wood, Christian minister

(Kahoka Gazette-Herald, June 20, 1930)

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Map from An Illustrated Historical Atlas of Clark County, Missouri (1878)

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Isaac, grocer	C. W. Stone, butcher
Henry Fehlhaber, wagon maker	R. Jackson, proprietor, St. Louis Hotel
R. P. Gray, coal dealer	M. Scott, cabinet maker
B. Gray, livery stable	John Stafford, general store
Isaac P. Gray, grocer	A. Starr, cooper
George Gray, general store	D. M. Scott, physician
G. Gray, brick yard	R. P. Slaughter, school teacher
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# ATHENS

Scale 400 ft. = 1 in.

Athens Ferry, circa 1910.  
Photo courtesy of Kenneth Gray



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Ruben Hanson's Blacksmith Shop, 1906.  
Pictured around 1906 by Kenneth Doud.  
Photo courtesy of Bertha Doud Parke



Athens Ferry, circa 1916.  
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