

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;5.60999 W91;41;46.66999

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.)

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.

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

THE ATHENS GENERAL STORE

Located at the northwest corner of Thome and Spring streets, the store was one of six general stores operating in Athens prior to the Civil War. It was an ideal commercial site because of its location in the Spring Street business area on the Thome Street corner that led to the ferry landing and business district on the Des Moines River water front.

The location was first titled by Isaac Gray in 1852. Subsequent owners of the property included David Bedell, D. M. Scott, Paul Thome, James Ryan, John Stafford, H. C. Thompson, J. Townsend and Julia Hills. In 1898, Henry King was the owner-operator of the property and store. He sold to David Fortune in 1899. In 1913 the Fortune family sold the property to M. D. Caldwell. In 1915, Caldwell sold the property to William Bradshaw. The following year, Bradshaw sold the property to John Bedell.

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Spring Street Store 1906-1909. Photo courtesy of Katherine Gray



Wright General Store circa 1916. Left to right: Wesley Bradshaw, Glen Peacock, Garret Dunn, Orr Rumbold, Milton Malaric, Clyde Wright, Wilbur Dunn and W. M. Cecil. The man with the horse is Ed Dues. Photo courtesy of Earl Wright.



A 19th century woodcut of a general store interior.



Spring Street, 1908. Photo courtesy of Bertha Dool Parks

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