

# 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:

UNKNOWN IF TRUE MARKER, POSSIBLY JUST A TOMBSTONE

**Original Dedication Date** UNKNOWN IF ANY 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 Bellefontaine Cemetery

Block 160, Lot 2532

GPS Coordinates N38°41'23.321" W90°13'46.751

City/Village &/or Township St Louis City

County St Louis City

State MO

Zip Code 63115

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

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Bellefontaine Cemetery

Dept./Div. 4947 W Florissant Ave

Street Address 1400 Douglas Street

City St Louis City

State MO

Zip Code 63115

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( 888 ) 870-8777

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.) Gray Granite

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

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

**For Historic Marker or Plaque:**

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = \_\_\_\_\_

**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 points

5' \_\_\_\_\_ Height 8' \_\_\_\_\_ Width 4' \_\_\_\_\_ 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 &amp; 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.

THIS MAY NOT BE A TRUE MONUMENT --- TO BE DETERMINED. ONLY MINIMAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND.

TEXT

NELSON COLE  
NOVEMBER 18, 1833  
JULY 31, 1899

ANNA COLE  
NOVEMBER 26, 1832  
MAY 27, 1917

[CANNON BAS-RELIEF] COLE [CANNON BALLS BAS-RELIEF]

**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 Some light cleaning to remove blacking would benefit the monument

[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 26 JAN 2022

Your Name Walter E Busch

Address 1240 Konert Valley Dr

City Fenton

State MO

Zip Code 63026

Telephone ( 314 ) 630-8407

E-Mail webusch@hotmail.com

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

US GRANT CAMP 68 MO - SUVCW

Please send this completed form to:

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

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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## Civil War Colonel / Spanish-American War Brig-Gen Nelson D. Cole's Grave

Col. Cole's grave tombstone may or may not be a monument based on the SUVCW definition of one. It is unknown who paid for the marker. But there are markings on it indicating that he was an artillery officer and it may indicate that it was created by someone else. As such it is listed here, but requires more research. - Walt Busch, National CW Monuments/Memorials Officer 7-21-2022

Nelson D. Cole  
Rhinebeck, Dutchess County,  
New York, USA  
31 Jul 1899 (aged 65)  
Death Saint Louis, St. Louis City,  
Missouri, USA  
Bellevue Cemetery  
Burial Saint Louis, St. Louis City,  
Missouri, USA  
Plot Block 160, Lot 2532











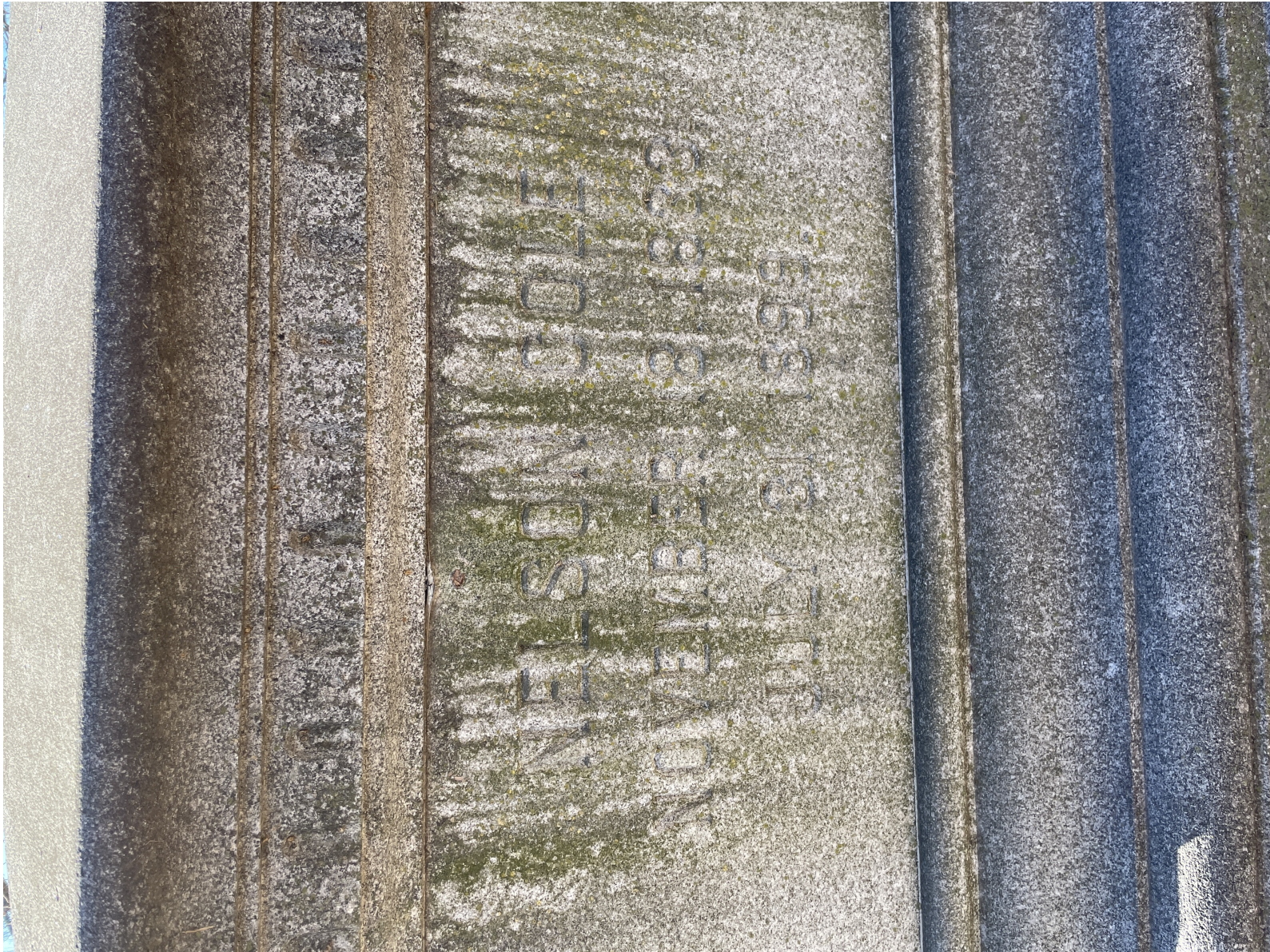




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ERECTED BY THE  
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
IN 1873  
TO THE MEMORY OF  
JOHN WILKINSON  
WHO DIED IN 1873



