

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 316 S Prairie St  
GPS Coordinates N36°53'05052 W89°55'44.982

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.) \_\_\_\_\_



**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.

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## THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN TOM WALKER

Early Saturday morning, January 5, 1863, two farmers followed a team of oxen along the Bloomfield Road in Madison County, Missouri. Suddenly a tall man stepped out into the path of the team and stopped to face them. In a strong and determined voice he stated, "You tell these men to leave that if they want me, to come after me. My name is Tom Walker."

These were Civil War times and Tom Walker had been the commander of Company "C," a part of the Illinois Missouri State Cavalry which (Union) Walker had been the strong and respected leader of his company, but had recently been accused by his commanding officer, Captain Lindsay Marbeck of Dallas (Marble Hill, Missouri), of accepting bribes from Confederate sympathizers. Accused by the Missouri Walker resigned his command and returned to his home near Bloomfield and challenged any man to come after him.

On this day in January of 1863 his challenge was answered. A party of armed Confederate soldiers came after him. Walker was the first to be shot, killing Captain Marbeck. Walker, the leader of the group, was immediately hit by a shot to his forehead, falling dead a short distance from the home of his parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Sanders Walker.

His beautiful young wife, Lavinia Sanders Walker, quickly ran to him and hugged his lifeless body. Thus, it was written, "This was the end of Captain Tom Walker."

Approved by the Illinois State Historical Society and the Missouri State Historical Society



## THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN TOM WALKER

Early Saturday morning, January 3, 1863, two farmers followed a team of oxen along the Bloomfield Road in Stoddard County, Missouri. Suddenly a tall man stopped out into the middle of the road and stopped to face them. In a strong and determined voice he started, "You tell those men in town that if they want me, to come after me. My name is Tom Walker."

These were Civil War times and Tom Walker had been the commander of Company "C," a part of the 11th Missouri State Cavalry in the Union. Walker had been the strong and respected leader of his company, but had recently been accused by his commanding officer, Captain Lindsay Murdoch of Dallas Marble Hill, Missouri, of accepting bribes from Confederate sympathizers. Angered by the accusation, Walker resigned his command and returned to his home near Bloomfield and challenged any man to come after him.

On this day in January of 1863 his challenge was answered. Fifty armed Confederate soldiers came after him. Walker was back from the first shot, killing Captain Benson Barnes, the leader of the armed group. Walker was immediately hit by a shot to his forehead, falling dead a short distance from the home of his parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Sanders Walker.

His beautiful young wife, Lavina Fitcher Walker, quickly ran to him and hugged his lifeless body. That, it was written, "was the end of Captain Tom Walker."

Information on the Walker family available on the Internet.



## STODDARD COUNTIANS ABOARD THE C.S. ARKANSAS

In 1861 President Abraham Lincoln requested General Winfield Scott to submit a plan to suppress the outbreak of the Civil War and reunite the Union. Scott devised "the Anaconda Plan" to blockade Southern ports and control the southward flowing rivers. The Confederacy sought to counter this with the construction of ironclad rams which could keep Southern rivers open. One such vessel was *The Arkansas*, a ram constructed on the Yazoo River just north of Vicksburg.

As *The Arkansas* neared completion in June of 1862, commanding officer, Lieutenant Isaac Brown, sought to build a crew of 100 sailors and 100 artillerymen. As the day of launching approached, 126 field artillerymen from Jeff Thompson's Missouri State Guard arrived to help man the cannons. For two days the Missourians drilled and practiced on the larger and unfamiliar naval guns.

On Saturday, July 12, 1862, sixty-four of the Missourians were selected to board the ironclad and sent into action against the Union fleet. Three youngsters from Stoddard County were among the ranks of these new navy cannoners: Josiah Dowdy, Smith Minton and his 17 year-old brother Stephen Minton. Dowdy and Smith Minton survived the first engagement, but young Stephen Minton did not. He was beheaded by a cannon ball. His body fell onto the deck and an officer immediately directed the nearest cannoner, "Throw that body overboard." A shocked Smith Minton replied, "I can't Sir, that's my brother."

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