

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.

Location

The Memorial is currently located at:

Street/Road address or site location 800 blk Park Lane and Crowley Ridge Dr
GPS Coordinates N36°52'40.068 W89°55'54.071

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 points

8 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 &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

See Photographs For Text - Brief Description Follows

- General Davidson's Cavalry: Cast aluminum marker in the Bloomfield City Park across from the large pavilion tells the story of six thousand Union cavalymen that waited in Bloomfield for more than a week for orders to proceed into Arkansas and capture Little Rock. (Park Lake Drive and Crowley Ridge Drive)

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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GENERAL DAVIDSON'S CAVALRY

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General Davidson held his troops here waiting for reports from hired spies regarding road conditions and the strength of Confederate forces between Bloomfield and Little Rock. The troops were kept busy with drill, picket duty, drill, foraging parties, drill, digging and erecting fortifications, dress parades and MORE drill.

His orders were that no soldier could enter a private home or take private property unless ordered to do so. Soldiers found little to take, indicating that Bloomfield residents were subsisting mainly upon cornmeal and bacon. A few soldiers reported that they found a few chickens, some butter and a few vegetables.

At dress parade on July 18, the men of Davidson's command were told to strike their tents and prepare to move south at 8:00 a.m. on July 19. The men seemed happy to leave the area after camping so long in the July heat of southeast Missouri. It is safe to assume that the residents of Bloomfield were pleased to see the 6,000 Union soldiers and their horses leave.

A consequence of the "occupation" of the community by General John "Black Jack" Davidson and his large force was that the 1854 gardens of Bloomfield were said to be the most productive in history.

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