

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

## CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

**PLEASE:**

- Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You.

**Type of Memorial**

Monument *with* Sculpture                       Monument with *Cannon*  
 Monument *without* Sculpture                       Historical Marker                       Plaque

**Affiliation**

G.A.R. (Post Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                       M.O.L.L.U.S.  
 W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                       Other Allied Order  
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                      (Please describe below)  
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Other: Howell County Court \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Dedication Date** \_\_\_\_\_ 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 GPS N 36° 43' 41.4" W 91° 51' 09.8" 100 West Main Street  
 City/Village West Plains Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Howell

The front of the Memorial faces:  North     South     East     West

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner** (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Details**

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon =  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Undetermined  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Material of the Sculpture = \_\_\_ Stone \_\_\_ Concrete \_\_\_ Metal \_\_\_ Undetermined  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" \_\_\_\_\_

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

Material of Cannon = \_\_\_ Bronze \_\_\_ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
Markings on muzzle = \_\_\_\_\_  
Markings on Left Trunion \_\_\_\_\_ Right Trunion \_\_\_\_\_  
Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? \_\_\_ If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points  
Monument or Base: Height 16 inches Width 18 inches Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
Sculpture: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The "Dedication Text" is formed: \_\_\_ cut into material X raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.  
See attached sheet  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Environmental Setting**

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

**Type of Location**

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Park           | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Town Square" | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office    | <input type="checkbox"/> School          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building       | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol  | Other: _____                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courthouse    | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle           | <input type="checkbox"/> Library        | _____                                    |

**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 \_\_\_\_\_
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**Condition Information**

**Structural Condition** (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments *with* Sculpture, and Monuments without Sculpture - including the base for Monuments with *Cannon*. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (look for signs of exterior rust)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	_____

**Surface Appearance** (check as many as may apply)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
Black crusting	- - -	_____
White crusting	- - -	- - -
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	- - -	- - -
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	_____	- - -
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	_____	- - -
Chalky or powdery stone	- - -	_____
Granular eroding of stone	_____	- - -
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	- - -	- - -
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	_____	_____
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...		

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Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial?     Yes     No     Unable to tell

**Surface Coating**

Does there appear to be a coating? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  Unable to determine  
 If known, identify type of coating.

\_\_\_ Gilded \_\_\_ Painted \_\_\_ Varnished \_\_\_ Waxed  Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  Unable to determine

**Basic Surface Condition Assessment** (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?

\_\_\_ Well maintained \_\_\_ Would benefit from treatment \_\_\_ In urgent need of treatment \_\_\_ Unable to determine

**Overall Description**

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

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**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. Thank you.

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey 28 May 2011

Your Name Daniel Tuck

Address 728 SE 10th Terrace City Lee's Summit

State MO Zip Code 64081 Telephone ( 816 ) 554-0565

Please send this completed form to:

Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, Chair  
 1691 Summerfield Street, SE  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49508-6499  
 (616) 827-3369  
 civil-war@comcast.net

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee

# Location

GPS N 36° 43' 41.4" W 91° 51' 09.8"

Nearest Address:

100 West Main Street

West Plains, Missouri 65775

# Transcript

Civil War Skirmish – 1862

West Plains, Missouri

THE ONLY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN UNION AND CONFEDERATE REGULARS IN HOWELL COUNTY OCCURRED AT THIS SITE ON FEBRUARY 19, 1862.

COMBINED FORCES OF COLONEL WOOD'S SIXTH MISSOURI AND MAJOR DRAKE'S THIRD IOWA CAVALRIES, SEEKING TO LOCATE AND ENGAGE CONFEDERATE COLONEL COLEMAN, SURROUNDED THE TOWN (POPULATION ONE HUNDRED FIFTY) AT 3:00 P.M. AND OPENED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND A MOUNTAIN HOWITZER. COLEMAN AND HIS CAVALRY WERE ABSENT, AND CONFEDERATE RESISTANCE WAS ONLY BRIEF.

THE UNION FORCES SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES, SIX OF THE CONFEDERATE INFANTRY WERE KILLED, EIGHT WERE WOUNDED, AND FORTY WERE TAKEN PRISONER; SIXTY STANDS OF ARMS, FORTY HORSES, AND SEVERAL WAGONS WERE CAPTURED AS A RESULT OF THIS SKIRMISH.

WEST PLAINS WAS COMPLETELY BURNED BY GUERRILLAS IN 1863

JUDGES OF THE HOWELL COUNTY COURT, 1976

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THE HONORABLE SIDNEY WILLIAMSON, NORTHERN DISTRICT

THE HONORABLE JOE POWELL, SOUTHERN DISTRICT

DALE MITCHELL, CLERK OF THE COURT

**End Transcript**









# CIVIL WAR SKIRMISH-1862

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