

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

**PLEASE:**

1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
2. 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  
☐ Other ( flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

**Affiliation**

☐ G.A.R. (Post Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                      ☐ M.O.L.L.U.S.  
☐ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                      (Please describe below)  
☐ WRC (Corps Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ LGAR (Circle Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Other Missouri Division of State Parks

**Original Dedication Date** 10/27/2012 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 N38°14.176 W94°26.418 Marth Rd, east of Cooper Rd off Hwy K West of Butler

City/Village Butler Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Bates

State Missouri

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 Missouri Division of State Parks

Dept./Div. DNR-DSP

Street Address PO Box 176 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jefferson City State MO Zip Code 65102 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allison Dubbert Telephone ( ) 800-3DIOXIN

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

NEW BATTLEFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE

## 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.) Grey

### SUVCW -- CIVIL WAR

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 = polymers

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 4 feet Width 3 feet Depth 1 1/2 feet 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 ☐ raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

See Text Attached

## Environmental Setting

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

### Type of Location

☐ Cemetery  
☐ "Town Square"  
☐ Municipal Building  
☐ Courthouse  
☐ Traffic Circle

☒ Park  
☐ Post Office  
☐ State Capitol  
☐ College Campus  
☐ Library

☐ Plaza/Courtyard  
☐ School  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**General Vicinity**☒ Rural (low population, open land)☐ Town☐ Suburban (residential, near city)☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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?<br>(Look for signs of exterior rust)  | _____            | _____       |
| Any evidence of structural instability?<br>(Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)   | _____            | _____       |
| Any broken or missing parts?<br>(Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.) | _____            | _____       |
| Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?<br>(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... | _____            | _____       |

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 10/27/2012

Your Name Walter E Busch, PDC

Address PO Box 381

City Arcadia

State MO

Zip Code 63621

Telephone (

) 314-630-8407

What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? MO - SUVCW US GRANT CAMP 68

Please send this completed form to

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair

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Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

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Battle of Island Mound State Historic Site

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State Parks is a division of the  
Missouri  
Department of  
Natural Resources [MSP Logo]

## The Toothman Farm: Home to a Notorious Rebel Family

After the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act was passed, pro-slavery Missourians and free-state Kansans fought over whether Kansas should enter the Union as a slave or a free state. The fighting was so intense that the conflict was called “Bleeding Kansas.”

In 1861, when the Civil War began, most Bates County, Mo. residents supported the Confederacy. Because Bates County bordered Kansas, guerrilla warfare from both states was rampant.

[Insert map showing flames over certain towns labeled: “On Sept. 22, 1861, Osceola, Mo., in neighboring St. Clair County, was destroyed by Kansas Unionists, jayhawkers, led by Sen. Jim Lane. The courthouse in Butler was also burned during the war.]

[Insert graphic showing people moving along wooded trail]

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Women of the Toothman household were present when the soldiers arrived and

were questioned about the presence of guerrillas in the area. The adult males, probably rebel sympathizers if not outright guerrillas, made themselves scarce during the occupation of their farm.

[Insert: “We encamped within Toothman’s yard, throwing up a rail barricade and raising a flag. We named the place, “Fort Africa.” Lt. R. Hinton]

[INSERT BOX TEXT]

#### Clues to the Past

Even though there appears to be nothing left of the Toothman farmstead or Fort Africa, clues to the past remain beneath the ground. By using a combination of research with historical records and archaeological investigation techniques, archaeologists are piecing together bits of the past to reveal the history of the Toothman property.

An 1859 land survey shows no structures on the Toothman property but a house was on the property by 1862 when the First Kansas camped here. None of the accounts from the time of the Battle of Island Mound describe the house or its exact location. In order to find the location of the Toothman house, archaeologists have carried out investigations that included metal detecting, geophysical survey and excavation. Archaeologists plan to do more work in the future to try to definitely determine the location of the Toothman house.

An 1875 plat map shows a Methodist Episcopal Church on the property and no other structures. The church was built sometime around 1870 and was probably gone from the property by the 1930s. Archaeologists have uncovered the church site in their investigations.

There are still many questions about the Battle of Island Mound, the Toothman farm and Fort Africa. Artifacts and other evidence provide clues to help to tell the story about what really happened at this site.

[Color photo labeled: A volunteer archaeologist screens soil from a test unit during an archaeological dig at Battle of Island Mound State Historic Site. Missouri State Park file photo.

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Home to a Notorious Rebel Family

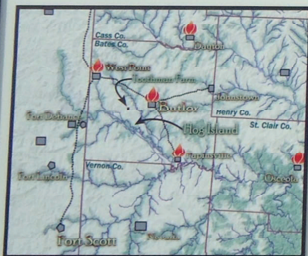
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