

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

Original Dedication Date Unknown 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 Spencer County Courthouse

200 Main St GPS Coordinates N37.8831053 W87.0471269

City/Village &/or Township Rockport

County SPencer State IN Zip Code 47635

The front of the Memorial faces: \_\_\_ North  South \_\_\_ East \_\_\_ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Spencer County Courthouse

Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address 200 Main St

City Rockport State IN Zip Code 47635

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( 812 ) 649-6025 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.) Concrete

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 = \_\_\_\_\_

**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon = \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze  Iron Type of Cannon (if known) 4.2" Army Parrott Rifle 5 right hand rifle groovesRifled  YES  NOMarkings: Muzzle 4175 [LBS] No 209 1863 WPF Base Ring/Breech near breech SMcM & Co No 14 on ball 214

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ 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 &amp;/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

A story about General James C. Veatch attached to the front of the monument

**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 24 June 2022  
 Your Name Walt Busch  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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Spencer County Courthouse Cannon  
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4.2 Army Parrott Rifle, Iron, 5 RH rifling, WPF Foundry  
Registration #209 , no inspector initials , FDY# 753, Made 1863, Weight 4175

### General James C. Veatch



General James C. Veatch was born in Harrison County, Indiana, December 13, 1815, and died December 21, 1893 at Rockport. His great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

In 1838, after teaching one term of school in Luke Township, he moved to Rockport where he married Eliza Jane Anderson in June, 1838.

In 1839-40 Veatch taught in the seminary at Rockport, then the best school in Spencer County and one of the best in Indiana.

In 1841, he decided to abandon the teaching profession and enter the political field when he was elected constable. But that same year the office of county auditor was created, and he was elected the first auditor of the county, a position which he held until 1853. In 1852, he was the 1st nominee for Congress, of the new Republican Party, in the First Indiana District. In 1860, he was nominated and elected to the state legislature from Spencer County. In 1860, Veatch was a delegate to the national convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln. Indiana was the pivotal state in Lincoln's campaign and General Veatch was one of its fighting warriors. In 1868, he was nominated for Congress by the Republicans of the First Indiana District, but was defeated by W. E. Atkock, of Vincennes, Indiana, the Democratic candidate.

General Veatch joined Special Lodge No. 140, Independent Order of Red Fishers in the year 1854. He was made a Master Mason in Rockport Lodge No. 112 in 1855. He was a charter member of Spencer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, organized December 23, 1862, and he was also a charter member of Rockport Lodge No. 107, Knights of Pythias, organized in 1863. In 1843, James C. Veatch and A. W. Jones founded the Indiana west a 96 page paper. They edited and published it until the summer of 1845. Veatch wrote, and R. S. Hicks published in the Rockport Gazette, all the papers ever published in the state. It was a history of the county and giving a sketch of the owners and editors.

Veatch was secretary of the Rockport and Georgetown plank road party. They built a road as far as Cannelville in 1850, and it was mostly repaired as a toll road until 1857. The Rockport bank was moved in 1854 with J. C. Veatch as a shareholder. He showed his interest in education by starting the movement to build the Rockport College.

At the outbreak of the War of the Rebellion, Veatch was appointed recruiting officer, and superintended the recruiting, mustering, and drilling of twelve or fifteen companies of militia in Spencer and adjoining counties. At the battle of Fort Donelson, he was in command of a brigade which was in the forefront of the assault on the fort. After the battle of Shiloh, he was appointed a brigadier general, and after the battle of Mobile, he was advanced to major general. At the battle of Hatchers River, he was seriously wounded. Near the close of the war, he was appointed the military governor of Memphis, Tennessee.



This 30 lb. Parrot gun was presented by the Government to General Veatch. It was used in the siege of Vicksburg. It is 12 feet long and weighs 4,200 lbs. Several shot were also received.

General Veatch died at his home west of the city. The funeral took place at the residence and was probably one of the largest ever witnessed in this county. A special train from Evansville brought about one hundred of his comrades and friends from that place and points enroute to pay a last tribute of respect. He was buried at Sunset Hill Cemetery with military honors.

His home was later turned into the Spencer County Orphanage. In 2013, his home site is being used for trash collection.



Spencer County Historical Society, 2013

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