

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. Ft. Donelson Camp #62)                      (Please describe below)  
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Dedication Date** Nov. 3, 2001 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 1400 Block, Columbia Ave.  
 City/Village Franklin Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Williamson, TN

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 = Aluminum

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ 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  raised up from material face

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

FEDERAL FORWARD LINE

On November 30, 1864, Col. Joseph Conrad's ... (See attachment)

### **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 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 type="checkbox"/> Courthouse	<input type="checkbox"/> College Campus	<u>Street side</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle	<input type="checkbox"/> Library	_____

**General Vicinity**

Rural (low population, open land)  
 Town

Suburban (residential, near city)  
 Urban / Metropolitan

**Immediate Locale** (check as many as may apply)

Industrial  
 Street/Roadside within 20 feet  
 Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)  
 Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)  
Any other significant environmental factor \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial

Tree Covered (overhanging branches)

**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.

	Sculpture	Base
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)

	Sculpture	Base
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**

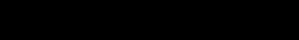
Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

*Excellent 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. Thank you.

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey April 1, 2005  
Your Name Sam Gant  
Address 580 Jordan Rd. City Franklin  
State TN Zip Code 37067 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PCC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee

## FEDERAL FORWARD LINE

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SALT CREEK CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, WHEATON, IL      SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD, INC.

# Northern group funds new Franklin battlefield marker

## Site of forward Federal line will be dedicated tomorrow

By PEGGY SHAW  
Staff Writer

**FRANKLIN** — A new Tennessee Historical Commission marker is going up on the Franklin battlefield, but it is being paid for by an Illinois group and will mark the Federal forward line in the battle.

Save The Franklin Battlefield Inc. (STFB) in conjunction with the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table of Wheaton, Ill., will dedicate the marker at 2 p.m. Saturday along Columbia Avenue just south of Battlefield Drive.

"So much of the battlefield has been developed that really the only way to interpret the battlefield is through historical signage," explained Joe Smyth, STFB president. "So folks can come to town and move from marker to marker and get not only a chronological feel, but the distances involved — the ground that was fought over."

Brig. Gen. George D. Wagner's Division formed the Federal forward line about one-half mile south of The Carter House, ground zero for fighting in the Battle of Franklin.

In the late afternoon of Nov. 30, 1864, Wagner's Division was posi-

tioned as an advance line several hundred yards in front of the main Federal works, south of Carter House. Two divisions of the Confederate Army of Tennessee — about 8,000 men — advanced along both sides of Columbia Pike, charging into Wagner's two brigades, which were about 4,000 men strong.

"After several volleys from both sides, the Federal position was quickly overrun and the fighting became a melee of hand-to-hand fighting, using clubbed muskets and bayonets," said Smyth, STFB. "The line gave way and the Federals broke in total disorder, running pell-mell for their main earthworks."

A desperate foot race then took place as the soldiers in the center of the Confederate line pursued the fleeing Federals into the main trenches just south of Carter House, Smyth said.

The text for the marker reads: "Federal Forward Line. On November 30, 1864, Col. Joseph Conrad's and Col. John Lane's brigades of Brig. Gen. George D. Wagner's Federal Second Division, Fourth Corps, were placed east and west of the road near this position one half mile south of the Federal main line. Acting Federal field commander Maj. Gen. Jacob D. Cox had warned Wagner that if pressed too closely by the enemy to withdraw his two brigades into the main line. Instead of conveying this order to the forward line, Wagner com-

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Members of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table, which provided funding for the monument, will be touring Franklin this weekend.

The tour is part of the group's "Partnership in Preservation" with STFB. "They came up with this concept of the partnership, and one of the things they were interested in was to get involved in some type of preservation," said Smyth. "A lot of them had been here and had visited in the past and I think felt a special affinity (for the Franklin battlefield)."

Reenactors and descendants of Wagner's Division and STFB members have been invited, as has the public.

Save The Franklin Battlefield Inc. is a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation dedicated to the preservation, protection, and promotion of Civil War sites in Williamson County. Members and prospective members meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Williamson County Library in Franklin.

For more information, visit the STFB Web site at [www.franklin-stfb.org](http://www.franklin-stfb.org), or call 500-6612. ■



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