

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 June 30, 1996 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 200 Block, Hwy 96 West
 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 BREASTWORKS
BATTLE OF FRANKLIN

The breastworks thirty yards south were ... (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

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| <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 | _____ |

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 Road 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 BREASTWORKS BATTLE OF FRANKLIN

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SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD ASSOCIATION
AND THE FAMILY OF JAMES W. HICKMAN 1996



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FRIDAY AFTERNOON • JUNE 21, 1996

Remnants of Civil War trenches get marker

By Jeff Wilkinson
BANNER STAFF WRITER

After the Battle of Franklin on Nov. 30, 1864, Fountain Branch Carter did what he considered a service to his fellow Southerners.

The fiercest fighting of the battle and perhaps the war had raged around his home and cotton gin, and Carter's own son, Todd, had been shot down trying to retake the farm from the Yankees.

Grief-stricken, Carter wanted to erase the memory of that horrific day, and plowed away all of the earthworks on his property — earthworks that had protected the Union troops from the Rebels' bloody assaults.

But in the process, Carter wiped away an irreplaceable historic resource.

Of the two miles of entrenchments that Union forces had dug around the city, only traces of them still exist.

On Sunday June 30, the Save the Franklin Battlefield organization will dedicate a historic marker on a 60- to 70-foot stretch of breastworks that survived time, development and the despondent Fountain Branch Carter.

The marker will be placed on State Highway 96 West between North Ninth and North 11th avenues and dedicated at 4 p.m. It is the first marker to be erected by the organization.

The Carter House and some

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Marker

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the battle have been swept away by time and development — most tragically the destruction of the cotton gin to make way for Domino's and Pizza Hut restaurants on Columbia Ave.

Marking the breastworks is a step toward interpreting the battlefield for visitors, says Tom Van Dyke of the Save the Franklin Battlefield group.

"Now we have actual places to put our feet and pinpoint the 2-mile battle line," he says.

The breastworks were preserved on the farm of the late James Hickman and his wife, Syble, who survives.

"He owned the property for many years and chose not to level

it — so much of that has been done," Van Dyke says. "It just remained in its natural condition. That's fortunate for us."

Also fortunate was the gift of about \$1,500 for the marker by Franklin resident Pamela Lewis, a transplant to the Williamson County seat.

Lewis, a music industry executive, also is responsible for buying and renovating the Harrison House, in which she now lives. Harrison House served as Gen. John Bell Hood's headquarters during the battle.

"She is not a native of Franklin but has a desire to protect our community," Van Dyke says. "We are very thankful for that."

The day of the battle

Van Dyke describes the breastworks as the "last best" remaining on the battlefield. They are west, north and about one-half mile forward of the Carter House on what

was the right of the Confederate line.

In the battle, the lines were defended by Grose's Brigade, Kimball's Division of the Fourth Corps, U.S. Army.

At about 5 p.m. on the day of the battle, they were assaulted twice by two regiments of Finley's Florida Brigade, then by Chalmers' Division of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry.

A Union general after the war called the fighting in front of the works "short but severe."

The defenses of that part of the line were considered weaker than those on other parts of the battlefield, Van Dyke says. Hood was criticized for, among many other things, not attacking that section of the line more vigorously.

The Save the Franklin Battlefield group meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Williamson County Library in Franklin. For more information call (615) 591-1774.



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