

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: Save the Franklin Battlefield, Inc

Original Dedication Date Not yet dedicated 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 300 Eddy Court
 City/Village Franklin Township _____ County Williamson

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 Franklin City Dept./Div. Parks
 Street Address 705 Boyd Mill Ave.
 City Franklin State TN Zip Code 37064
 Contact Person Lisa Clayton Telephone (615) 794-2103

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.) Aluminum
 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 _____
Sewah Studios, Marietta, Ohio

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 attached sheet

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: <u>old sac -</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | <u>temporary location -</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <u>To be moved across the street to a park yet to be constructed</u> |

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 _____

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

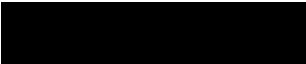
Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on).

New - Excellent condition - Installed January 25, 2007

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 January 25, 2007
Your Name Sam Gant
Address 580 Jordan Rd. City Franklin
State TN Zip Code 37067 Telephone 

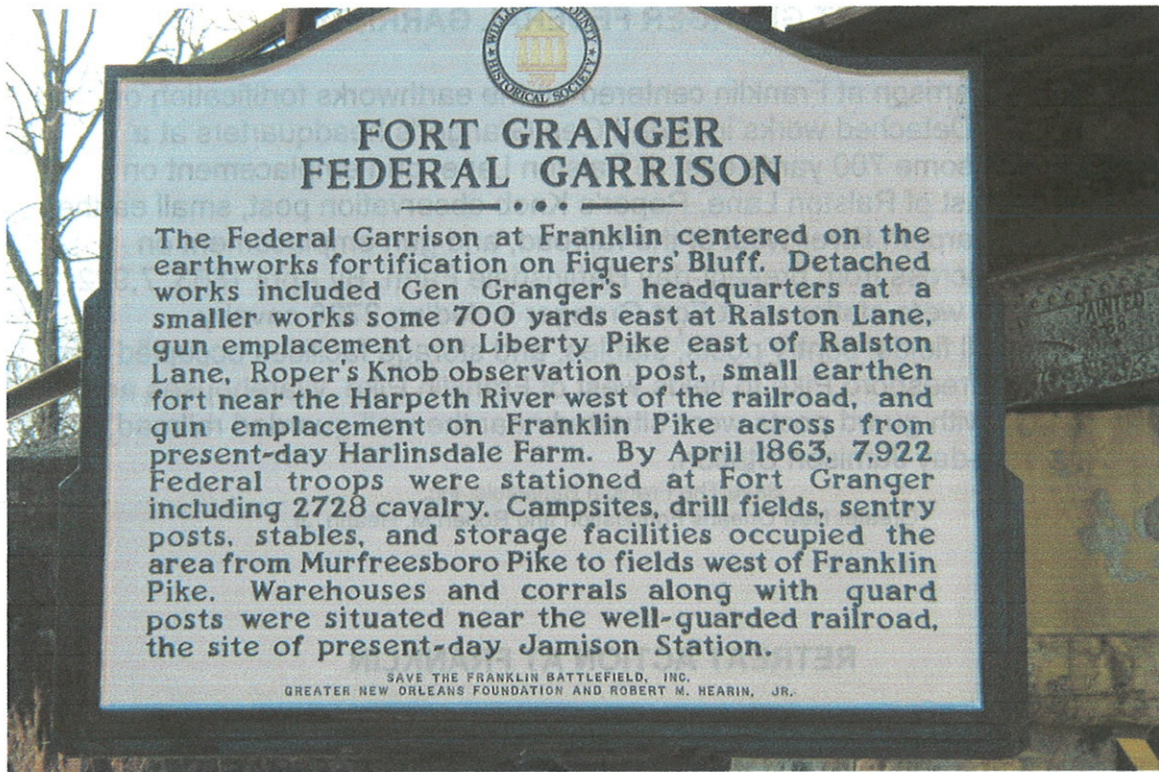
Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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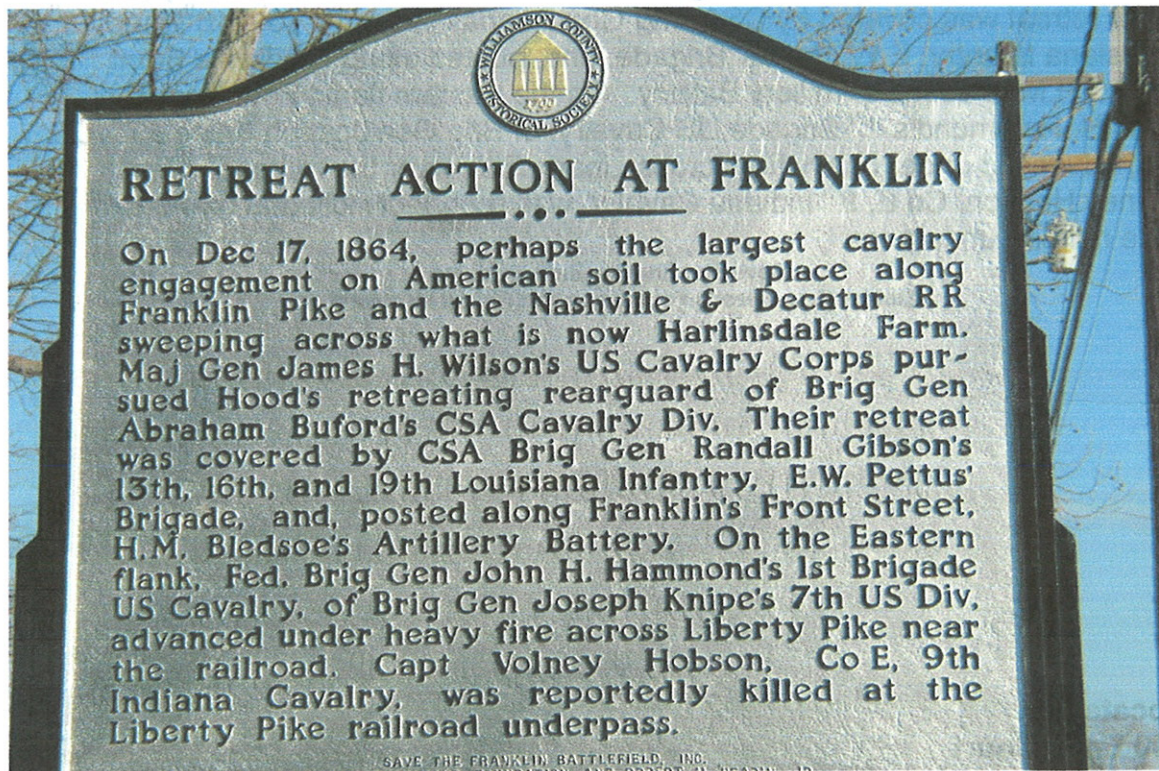


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East side



RETREAT ACTION AT FRANKLIN

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**Located at:
300 Eddy Court
Franklin, Tennessee 37064**

580 Jordan Road
Franklin, Tennessee 37067
April 11, 2005

Todd A. Shillington, PCC


Brother Shillington:

Enclosed you will find Civil War Memorial Assessment Forms for four historic markers commemorating events at Franklin, Tennessee.

Except for about a three-week period following the November 30, 1864, Battle of Franklin, the town was occupied by Federal troops from Spring 1862 through the end of the Civil War. During this time, the Federal troops built Ft. Granger and established a formidable trench line south of the town curving from the Harpeth River bank on the east to the riverbank on the west. These fortifications led to disastrous casualties for the Confederate forces attacking during the Battle of Franklin. Some historians of the Battle state that it quite possibly was the bloodiest five hours of the War.

In 1899, a fine marble shaft topped with a statue of a Confederate soldier was erected in the town square to commemorate the Battle of Franklin. This statue has become the symbol of the town, but few other monuments or markers have been placed here to remember the Battle. The citizens seemed to wish to forget these trying years of the occupation and the tragic events and aftermath of the Battle itself. The current *National Geographic* (April 2005) contains an article, "Civil War Battlefields," that includes excellent information on Civil War preservation efforts at Franklin.

In the late 1980s, the city acquired the Ft. Granger site, and the Williamson County Historic Society placed a historic marker near the fort. Then within the past few years, the city has cleared the brush off the earthworks and placed appropriate markers within the fort. Save The Franklin, Inc.(STFB), has placed five markers in Franklin, including the three reviewed in the assessment. STFB plans to place another marker at an extant, Civil War-era railroad underpass where the 9th Indiana Cavalry suffered an ambush by the Confederates, but they still must raise the funds to purchase the marker.

I appreciate the opportunity to contribute information on historic markers in Franklin, Tennessee, to the SUVCW Civil War Assessment.

Fraternally,



Sam Gant




WHITE HALL

Circa 1844

*National Register of Historic Places
Frequent Destination of General Nathan Bedford Forrest
First Spring Hill Headquarters of General Earl Van Dorn
Site of Infamous Visits of Jessie McKissack Peters
Hospital after Battle of Franklin
Location of Legendary Hoofbeats in the Night*

*Tours Available
October 1 and 2, 2004
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
October 3, 2004
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM*

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Spring Hill, Tennessee 37174
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