

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: _____

Original Dedication Date June 1, 2000 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.

I was present at the dedication.

LocationThe Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location 202 W Sycamore
 City/Village Ness City Township _____ County Ness

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 Ness County Dept./Div. _____Street Address 202 W SycamoreCity Ness City State KS Zip Code 67560Contact Person Grantz, Gary Telephone (785) 798-3852 (Mayor)

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.) Bronze

Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Bronze
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" _____

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Bronze

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 3 ft Width 5 ft Depth 5 ft or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 6 ft Width 3 ft Depth 2 ft 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 inscription on plaque attached to the base.

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.
Corporal NOAH V. B. NESS - Seventh Kansas Cavalry
Died August 22, 1864 Abbeville, Mississippi

In 1876 the Kansas Legislature named Ness County in the his honor. This statue is in memory of Noah Ness and all the brave men who have fought to keep this country free.

Harold T. Holden - artist
Kremlin Oklahoma

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____ |
| <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) chain
- 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? <small>(look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	<u>new</u>	___
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	<u>new</u>	___
Any broken or missing parts? <small>(look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)</small>	<u>no</u>	___
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? <small>(also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)</small>	<u>no</u>	___

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...	___	___
<u>new sculpture</u>		

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).

This small town in Kansas decided that they needed
a monument to the man the country is named after.
The cost of the monument was \$50,000. They sold bricks
and held fund raisers. It is a great tribute to all
of us to see such spirit. 1st bronze Civil War monument
in Kansas since 1918. There is a booklet available from the
people who made the monument.

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 June 2004

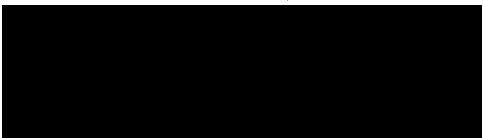
Your Name Mark Coptin

Address 9629 Twincrest City St. Louis

State MO Zip Code 63126 Telephone [REDACTED]

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



Corporal Noah V. B. Ness

*cover photo
of the book.*

NESS COUNTY



Location: Ness, Ness County
County Courthouse

Type: Bronze Soldier Statue

Description:

Erected June 1, 2002. The inscription on the base of the statue reads: "Corporal V.B. Ness ~ Seventh Kansas Cavalry ~ Died August 22, 1864 ~ Abbeville, Mississippi ~ In 1878, the Kansas Legislature named Ness County in his honor. This statue is in Memory of Noah Ness and all the brave men who have fought to keep this country free. ~ Dedicated June 2000 ~ Sculptor: Harold T. Holden"

Reported By: Fritzler and Gantz, 2000
Mark Coplin

Status:

Completed

Submitted

Under Assessment

Needs Investigation

photographed by
Mark Coplin June 2002
DE McGovern 15 Aug 05

Notes: