

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
2. 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 without Sculpture
 Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)
 Monument with Cannon
 Historical Marker Plaque

Two flagpoles flank the marker. One flies an American flag the other a Confederate battle flag

Affiliation

- G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) M.O.L.L.U.S.
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
 WRC (Corps Name & No. _____)
 ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. _____)
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
 LGAR (Circle Name & No. _____)
 Other *Wills Springs Community Voices*

Original Dedication Date 2013 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 Wills Springs School
 City/Village Wills Spring Township _____ County Sevier
 State ARKANSAS

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.) _____

SUVCW - CIVIL WAR

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 36" Width 48" 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
MARMADUKE'S MISSOURI RAID: On Dec. 31, 1862, Confederate General John Marmaduke set out from Lewisville (sic Lewisburg) on a raid into Missouri. He came with Col. D. Shelby's "Iron Brigade" of Missouri, and on heading to Rolla he met with the 1st Regt. of the 1st Mo. Inf. (C) on the night of Jan. 3, 1863. They skirmished with local Unionists here at Witts Springs, before marching to Rolla. They camped on the Buffalo River on the night of Jan. 3 and held courts martial for six Confederate [ones]

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |

deserters captured in the skirmish, three were executed. Morningdine reached Yellville on the 14th and moved north.

[North face]

SKIRMISH AT WITTS SPRINGS; Unionist Peace Society member B. F. Taylor and Confederate deserter Septimus McGinness formed a company of Union men and deserters for protection from Capt. J. H. Love's local Confederate Home Guard. They were drilling at Witts Springs when scouts of Col. J. O. Shelby's brigade appeared on Jan. 2, 1863. Thinking they were Love's men, Taylor's troops fired killing 1. Other Confederates attacked and scattered Taylor's men, killing 12 and capturing 24. Six deserters were convicted and executed by firing squad on Jan. 3.

General Vicinity

Rural (low population, open land)
 Town off Ark Hwy 16

Suburban (residential, near city)
 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)	<u>OK</u>	<u>OK</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? (Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Any broken or missing parts? (Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>No</u>	_____
White crusting	<u>No</u>	_____
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u>No</u>	_____
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u>No</u>	_____
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>No</u>	_____
Chalky or powdery stone	<u>No</u>	_____
Granular eroding of stone	<u>No</u>	_____
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u>No</u>	_____
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u>No</u>	_____
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).

*Marker was only installed in 2013 or 2014
so is practically new and shows no signs of
aging*

Supplemental Background Information

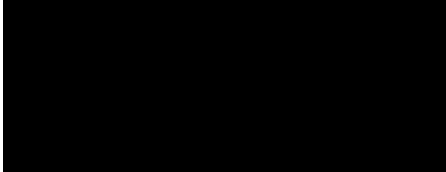
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 8-19-2017
Your Name James Johnson
Address 2338 N. East Oaks Dr City Fayetteville
State AR Zip Code 72703 Telephone [REDACTED]
What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? SNVW

Please send this completed form to

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

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