

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: Boone County Historical Society

**Original Dedication Date** 27 Sep 1994                      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 0.7 east of Hwy Z on Grassland School Rd W92°07'16" N39°10'12"  
 City/Village Centralia                      Township \_\_\_\_\_                      County Boone

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 Boone County Historical Society                      Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Columbia                      State MO                      Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_                      Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

not applicable  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**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.) Galvanized Metal

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = galvanized metal

Material of Cannon =  Bronze  Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
 Markings on muzzle = n/a  
 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 5'5" Width 36 in Depth 6 in 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 n/a

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.  
 Upper Sign: Centralia Civil War Battle -- September 27, 1864 --- One-quarter of a mile northeast of this site a unit of the 36th Missouri Infantry Volunteers while pursuing a band of guerrillas rode into an ambush of approximately 600 men (including Frank and Jesse James) headed by "Bloody Bill" Anderson. The Union troops, commanded by Major A.V.E. Johnson, were (two words unreadable in photo) annihilated on this battleground or while returning to the village of Centralia. 124 Union soldiers and three of the guerrillas were killed.  
The largest loss of life in Boone County during the Civil War  
 Lower Sign: Boone County Historical Society Logo. This Marker is dedicated on September 27, 1994.

**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>Roadside</u>                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse         | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle     | <input type="checkbox"/> Library        | _____                                    |

**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? <small>(look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	___	<u>n/a</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	___	<u>n/a</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>n/a</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? <small>(also look for signs of uneven stress &amp; weakness in the material)</small>	___	<u>n/a</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... <small>very clean, fine condition, except lettering very difficult to photograph</small>	___	___

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial?    \_\_\_ Yes     No    \_\_\_ Unable to tell

**Surface Coating**

Does there appear to be a coating? \_\_\_ Yes  X  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?

X  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) .  
five year inspection cycle

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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**

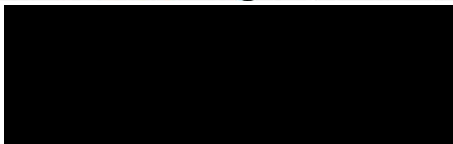
Date of On-site Survey  10/01/2005

Your Name  Walter E. Busch

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Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
National Civil War Memorials Committee

## GENTRALIA CIVIL WAR BATTLE

SEPTEMBER 27, 1864

ONE-QUARTER OF A MILE NORTHEAST OF THIS SITE WERE THE  
MISSOURI INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS. WHILE PURSUING A REBEL  
RODE INTO AN AMBUSH OF APPROXIMATELY 300 MEN (INCLUDING  
AND JESSE JAMES) HEADED BY "BLOODY BILL" WHEELER'S  
TROOPS, COMMANDED BY MAJOR JAMES CONWAY. THE  
ANNIHILATED ON THIS BATTLEGROUND IN THE  
OF GENTRALIA.

127 UNDER SOLDIERS AND STAFFS OF THE  
14,000TH CASE OF CIVIL WAR



THE BATTLE WAS  
RECORDED IN  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1864