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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 with Cannon Monument without Sculpture Historical Marker Plaque Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)
Affiliation
Original Dedication Date unknown Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the <i>first</i> 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 <i>currently</i> located at: N39.772611 and W94.862844 Street/Road address or site location Bellevue Street and West Michel Street
City/Village St. Joseph Township St. Joseph County Buchanan State Missouri
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 City of St. Joseph Dept./Div. Parks, Recreation, and Civil Facilities
Street Address 1100 Frederick Avenue City
St. Joseph State MO Zip Code 64501 Contact Person
Telephone () 816-271-5500
If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s).

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Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculp name specific material (color of gran		
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Material of the Sculpture = Storighter Sculpture = Storighter Sculpture is of metal, is it solid	lor of granite, marble, etc.)	
Material of Plaque or Historical Ma	rker / Tablet = steel and plastic	
Material of Cannon =Bronze _ Markings on muzzle =		
Markings on Left Trunion	Right Trunion	
Is inert ammunition a part of the Monote: adjacent cannon is a reproduction	emorial? If so, describe	
Approximate Dimensions (indica Monument or Base: Height 2' Sculpture: Height Width	te unit of measure) - taken from t Width 3' Depth 1" o Depth or Diamete	rallest / widest points r Diameter r
For Memorials with multiple Sculpt for each statue and attach to this for weapons/implements involved (in or	orm. Please describe the "pose" of	of each statue and any
Markings/Inscriptions (on stone- Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If		
The "Dedication Text" is formed: _	cut into material raised up	from material face
Record the text (indicate any separa see pictures for complete text	tion if on different sides) Please us	se additional sheet if necessary.
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Environmental Setting		
(The general vicinity and immediate locale s Type of Location	urrounding a memorial can play a major ro	ole in its overall condition.)
Cemetery	× Park	Plaza/Courtyard
"Town Square"	Post Office	School
Municipal Building	State Capitol	Other:
Courthouse	College Campus	Fort Smith Park
Traffic Circle	Library	Huston Wyeth Park

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General Vicinity Rural (low population, open land) Town	Suburban (resident	
Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply) Industrial Commercial × Street/Roadside within 20 feet Tree Covered (composed from the elements (canopy or enclosure, incomposed from the public (fence or other barrier) Any other significant environmental factor Park is open for winter months.	doors)	Park is
Condition Information		
Structural Condition (check as many as may apply) The following section applies to Monuments <i>with</i> Sculpture, and including the base for Monuments with <i>Cannon</i> . Instability in the number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually	e sculpture and its base can b	be detected by a
,	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?	<u> </u>	
(Look for signs of exterior rust) Any evidence of structural instability?		
(Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant gr Any broken or missing parts?	rowth)	
(Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc midue to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	issing	
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the mater	ial)	
Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)		
	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting White 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) Proposings (bird, animal, insect remains)		
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains) Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe		
Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial?	_ Yes ^x _ No Unable	to tell

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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
is the coating in good condition? res No Onable 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). Historical marker describes slavery in Missouri and possibility of St. Joseph being on the path for slaves escaping to Kansas and Iowa.
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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 27 July 2015 Your Name Dale Crandell
What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? Westport Camp #64
Please send this completed form to
Walt Busch, PDC, Chair

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. Sons of Union \boldsymbol{V}

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Just north of Fort Smith hundreds of slaves escaped by crossing the frozen Missouri River during the winter of 1862-1863. Once in eastern Kansas, the slaves would move on to Iowa, Chicago, and other points north.

Slavery in Missouri generally followed along the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. In 1860, only 9.7% of the state's population, or 114,931 individuals were slaves. In contrast to Southern states, the number of slaves working a Missouri farm was very small. The average Missouri slave owner had less than five slaves. Of the slave states, only Delaware had a smaller slave population.

Fort Smith overlooked the Missouri River and the path to freedom for the enslaved population of Missouri to the neighboring states of Kansas and Iowa. There is no evidence that St. Joseph had stations on the Underground Railroad, although local legends abound. Evidence does exist of runaway slaves in St. Joseph. Newspapers ran many advertisements seeking their whereabouts and return.

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