

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: Community of Hermann, MO _____

Original Dedication Date N/A after 1888 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 119 East 1st St N38°42'26" W91°26'14"
 City/Village Hermann Township _____ County Gasconade

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 Gasconade County Courthouse Dept./Div. County Commissioners
 Street Address 119 East 1st St Ste 2
 City Hermann State MO Zip Code 65041
 Contact Person _____ Telephone (573) 486-5427

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

Monument is a cannon without monument, historical marker or plaque.

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.) Grey Granite/Limestone

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 = _____

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = "Ever True " "Hermann" _____

Markings on Left Trunion ¹⁹³⁸ _____ Right Trunion ^{CA & Co, Boston} _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? NO If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points
Monument or Base: Height ^{4 FT} _____ Width ^{20"} _____ Depth ^{9 ft} _____ 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 _____

Cannon made by Cyrus Alger & Co, Boston MA _____

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 FOR STORY OF THE CANNON

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 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) 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 Street/Roadside within about 40 feet.

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
White crusting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chalky or powdery stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Granular eroding of stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good Shape		

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) .

Cannon is aged bronze with splits on two sides. No

Supplemental Background Information

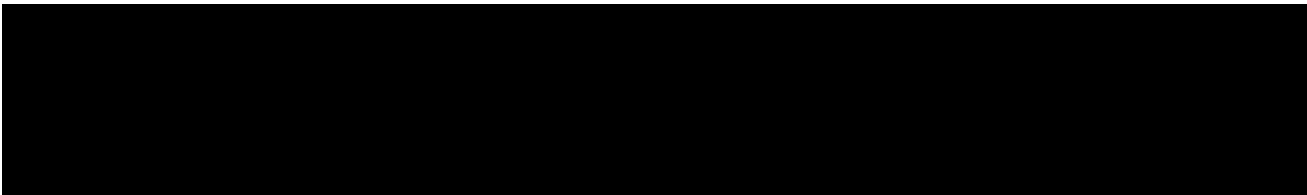
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation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

Inspector Identification

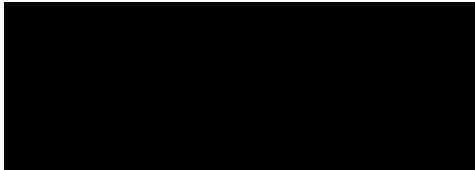
US Grant 68 MO SUVCW

Date of On-site Survey 05/09/2009

Your Name Walt Busch US Grant Camp #68



Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

The Hermann, MO [Cyrus Alger & Co., Boston, MA] 1839 Bronze 6 pounder Cannon

As reported in *The Advertiser-Courier* on 9 October 1907:

On the afternoon of October 4th, 1864, the advance of Gen. Marmaduke's army in their march westward made its appearance on the hills on the east side of town. The town which maintained a militia company composed of infantry and also a section of artillery had received before the war from Gov. Stewart a cannon, and this on the arrival of Gen. Marmaduke's army a handful of desperate citizens picked up and from the railroad track at the high school fired at the intruders who were coming around what is now called Frank's Bluff. Our gunners in a jiffy pulled their cannon on the hill where the Catholic church stands and fired at the Confederates on the opposite hill, from here they went into the wine yards of the new Stone Hill Wine Co., and kept up the shooting till their ammunition gave out. The Confederates figured that all of the western hills in town were fortified with artillery and checked their advance for an hour or more. The gun had in the meantime been spiked and thrown in the river.... The cannon was later fished out of the river by some soldiers and taken to Jefferson City, but again restored to the town by Gov. Gamble.

For the celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hermann's founding [1888], the cannon was to be fired 50 times. However, on the 48th firing, the barrel burst irreparably.



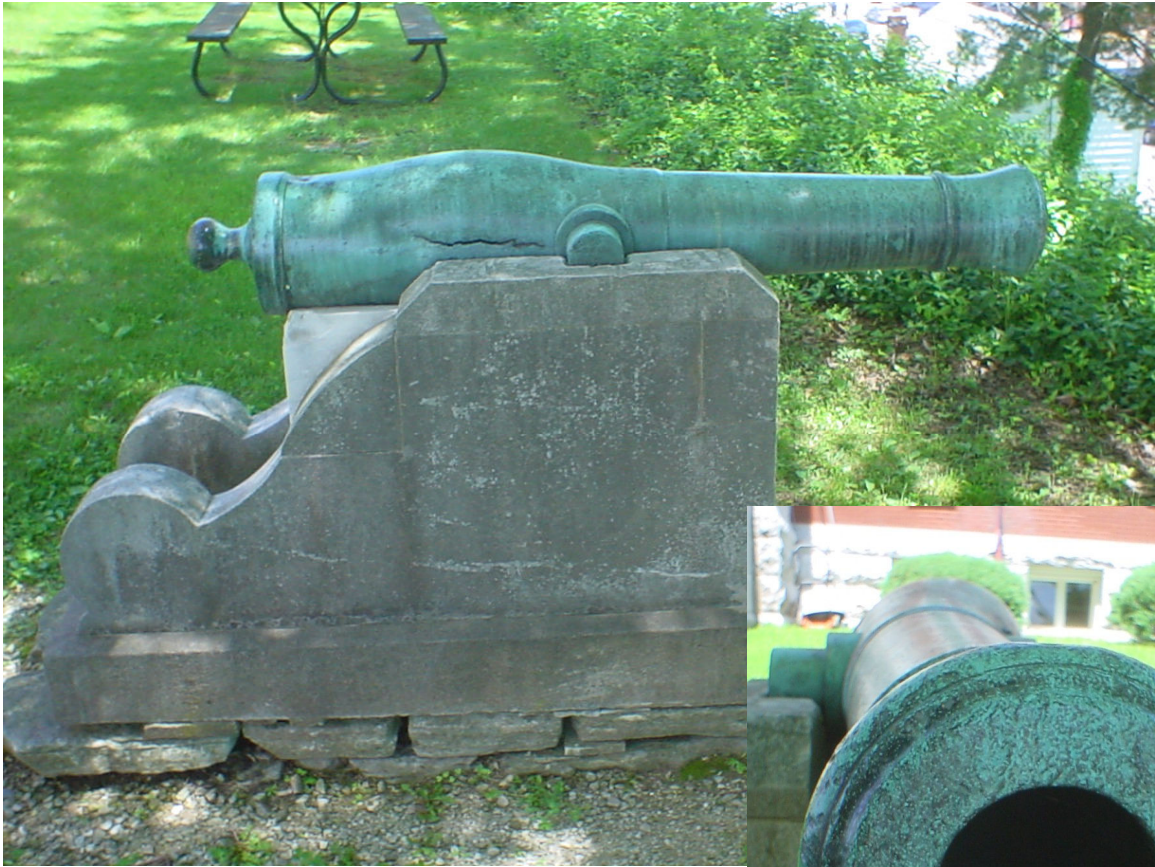




Marked " Ever True"



Cyrus Alger & Co Boston, MA

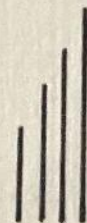




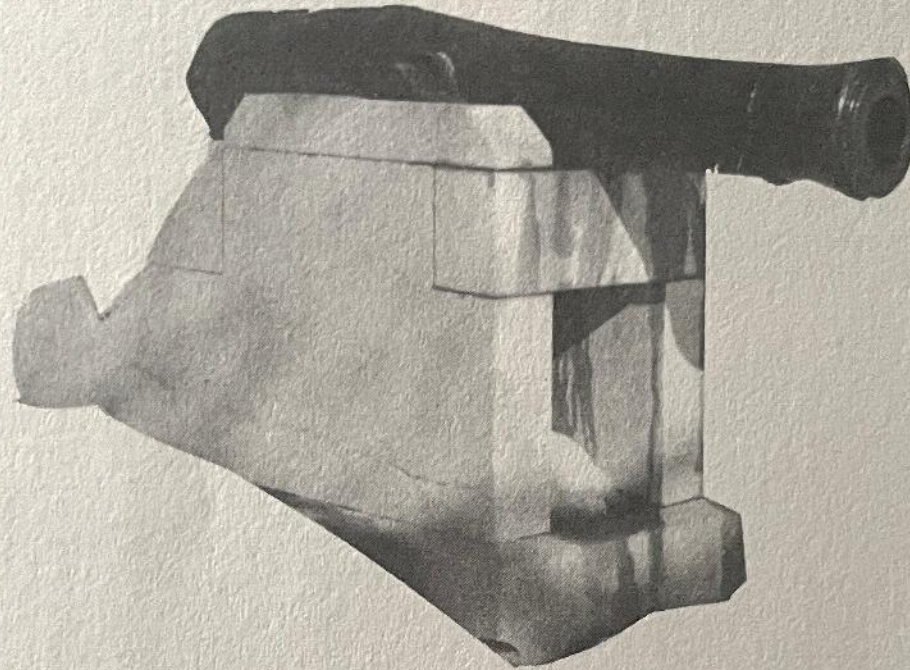
History Of
Hermann,
Missouri



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By
SAMUEL F. HARRISON



tion, spanning more than a century. This old equipment is displayed in the new firehouse that was built in 1972.



Civil War Cannon

CIVIL WAR

Hermann's citizens were greatly opposed to the ideals the Confederacy offered, and supported the Northern side very loyally.

In October, 1864, Confederate General Sterling Price made a last desperate attempt to secure Missouri for the South. He marched his army north to near St. Louis, then he swung west along the Missouri River toward Jefferson City. As the army approached Hermann it was met by a cannon shot. The army quickly took cover, then another shot came from a second hill and finally a third shot from still another hill. Price was completely fooled, he thought

he had met a strong army. Price knew it had to be an army because the only people left in town were women, children, and a few old men, since the younger men had all joined the Union Army. After some time of silence from the town, a party was sent to find out about attack. They found nothing but a small cannon. As it turned out, the cannon was manned by a few old men who had received training in the German Army. They fled the town along with the women and children as soon as the shots were fired. Being in a hurry to get to Jefferson City, the only revenge taken by the Confederates was throwing the cannon into the river. Price was later defeated at Westport, Mo. The cannon has been recovered from the river and may be seen at the Gasconade County Courthouse in Hermann.