

## 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**

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 City of Platte City

**Original Dedication Date** 2003 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: N39.370364 and W94.781342  
 Street/Road address or site location 200-250 Main Street  
 City/Village Platte City Township Platte County Platte  
 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 Platte City  
 Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address 400 Main Street City \_\_\_\_\_  
Platte City State MO Zip Code 64079 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone ( ) 816 858 3046

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

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### 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 1.5' Width 1' Depth 1" 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 x raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

see pictures for complete text

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### 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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|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| ___ Cemetery           | ___ Park           | ___ Plaza/Courtyard    |
| ___ "Town Square"      | ___ Post Office    | ___ School             |
| ___ Municipal Building | ___ State Capitol  | Other: _____           |
| ___ Courthouse         | ___ College Campus | <u>public sidewalk</u> |
| ___ Traffic Circle     | ___ 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 \_\_\_\_\_
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**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.

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
Black crusting	___	___
White crusting	x ___	___
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...	___	___

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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) .

Plaque indicates location of original Platte County Courthouse and indicates structure was burned during Civil War on December 16, 1861

by Union Colonel James Morgan. This event was part of the Burning of Platte City when the Union's 18th Missouri Infantry was ordered

to capture Confederate bushwhacker Silas Gordon and his men.

**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 22 September 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 V

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee





THE ORIGINAL  
PLATTE COUNTY COURT HOUSE



BUILT IN 1840 AND BURNED DURING THE CIVIL WAR  
BY COL. MORGAN'S MEN THE NIGHT OF DEC. 16, 1861

DEDICATED BY THE CITY OF PLATTE CITY  
DAVE BROOKS, MAYOR

ALDERMEN

GARY BROWN      GEORGE McCLINTOCK  
SHELLE BROUWING      JIM PALMER  
BILL KNIGHTON      RON PORTER  
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