

Ste. Genevieve Monument

STATEMENT: On page 91 Baruch & Beckman, *Civil War Union Monuments*, DUVCW, 1978, it reads "St. [sic] Genevieve County - St. [sic] Genevieve Union Monument, in cemetery."

INVESTIGATION: On 1 July 2005, I looked in the Memorial Cemetery, Valle Cemetery and Crestlawn Cemetery without locating a monument. On 9 July 2005, I returned and spoke with Rob Beckerman of Steiger Haus (573-883-3600) and Jim Baker, site administrator at Felix Valle House State Historic Site. Rob is the local expert (having published 7 books on the local cemeteries) on the cemeteries in all of Ste. Genevieve County and Jim is the local history expert. Neither had heard or seen such a monument. In spite of this, I checked out the one local remaining cemetery, Holy Cross Lutheran, and the courthouse. There were no markers as indicated above at either.

CONCLUSION: The monument does not exist and probably did not at that time either. There are several mistakes throughout the above book and although most are merely having a town placed in the wrong county, this one has all the information wrong.

Although many Union soldiers were from the area, the area was more Confederate. During my checks, I only noted one Union grave marker (I'm sure there are more, but the lack of them seemed ominous). As such, I can only conclude that the book is in error and this record needs to be eliminated from our records.

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