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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 X 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. Ellsworth Post #12)
Original Dedication Date Memorial Day 1896 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 currently located at: West of Grant City on Hwy 46 Street/Road address or site location City/Village Grant City Township Fletchall County Worth State MISSOURI The front of the Memorial faces: X North X South X East X West
Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in) Name Grant City Cemetery Dept./Div. Street Address City Grant City State MO Zip Code 64456 Contact Person
Roberta Owens Telephone () 660-254-1941 If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s).

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Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpt name specific material (color of grani	ture or Cannon = $\frac{X}{\text{Stone}} = \frac{X}{\text{Concret}}$ te, marble, etc.)	e Metal Undetermined If known
SUVCW CIVIL WAR		
Material of the Sculpture = $\frac{\times}{\times}$ Stor If known, name specific material (color If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid	or of granite, marble, etc.) granite	
Material of Plaque or Historical Mar	ker / Tablet =	
Material of Cannon =Bronze Markings on muzzle =	_Iron - Consult known Ordnand	ce Listing to confirm
Markings on Left Trunion	Right Trunion	
Markings on muzzle = Markings on Left Trunion Is inert ammunition a part of the Me	emorial? If so, describe _	
Approximate Dimensions (indicate Monument or Base: Height Width Width Width Sculpture: Height Width Width Selections are selected as a selection with the selection with	e unit of measure) - taken from Width Depth o highes Depth or Diamete	tallest / widest points or Diameter er ^{9 feet}
For Memorials with multiple Sculptu for each statue and attach to this fo weapons/implements involved (in c	rm. Please describe the "pose"	of each statue and any
Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-w Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If the canteen		
The "Dedication Text" is formed: xx	_ cut into material <u>xx</u> raised u	p from material face
Record the text (indicate any separate In memory of all comrades who sleep in the unknown g		ise additional sheet if necessary.
On East Face: A Musket, cartirdge box, bet, bayonet an	d canteen hanging over limb. South face: potted	callalily,
west side: poison ivy vine North side: Knap sack and b		
Environmental Setting (The general vicinity and immediate locale surppe of Location	rrounding a memorial can play a major r	role in its overall condition.)
<pre> XX_ Cemetery "Town Square" Municipal Building Courthouse</pre>	Park Post Office State Capitol College Campus	Plaza/Courtyard School Other:
Traffic Circle	Library	

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General Vicinity XX Rural (low population, open land) Town	Suburban (residenti Urban / Metropolita	
Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply) Industrial Commercial xx 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	doors)	
Condition Information		
Structural Condition (check as many as may apply)		
The following section applies to Monuments with Sculpture, and including the base for Monuments with Cannon. Instability in the number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually	sculpture and its base can b	e detected by a
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 growt 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)	Sculpture ——	Base
	ssing	_
Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)		
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	Sculpture	Base
Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial?	_ Yes <u>×</u> _ 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
Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)
In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial? X Well maintained x 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) . Although quite old, it is in very good condition overall
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 6-10-13 Your Name Roberta Owens Address PO Box 42 City Grant City State MO Zip Code 64456-0042 Telephone () 660-254-1941 What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? Worth County Clerk
Please send this completed form to
Walt Busch, PDC, Chair P.O. Box 509

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

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee

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G.A.R. monument- The Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Civil War veterans who had been in the Union Army, voted in 1895 to erect a soldier monument in honor of civil war veterans that lost their life during the war. A local Worth Countian, Dell Eighmy Sr. was contracted to sculpt the monument. The slab of rock was brought by rail in to Grant City. Weighing in at approximately 10 tons, it was the heaviest object ever brought into Worth County by rail. It took Eighmy just a little over 30 days to carve the life sized sculpture. It is in the shape of a tree trunk with branches removed. Symbols of the war are represented with a musket cartridge-box, belt, bayonet and canteen hanging over a limb; on the south side a potted calla lily, on the west side is a poison ivy vine, and on the north side is a knapsack and blanket with the US flag draped over a limb. The inscription reads; "In memory of all comrades who sleep in unknown graves. Ellsworth Post No. 12 G.A.R. and friends." Once it was complete, a special wagon had to be invented to take it to its current location at the Grant City Cemetery. The wagon had 15 inch oak wheels, and was pulled with two horses, with the aid of block and tackle. It was unveiled in 1896, with a crowd of more than 6000 in attendance. The monument can still be visited there today.



ANOTHER STORY by Bill Gladstone

The pictures which accompany this article are of the memorial which stands alongside the east drive in Grant City Cemetery. It was placed there in the spring of 1896 under the sponsorship of the Ellsworth Post of the G.A.R. It is a stone sculpture done by the late Dell Eighmy Sr. Let me share with you some of the information from issues of the Worth County Times of that era.

The rough stone from which Mr. Eighmy would sculpt the memorial came on the train from Bedford, Indiana, the last week of April in 1896. The load of stone was the heaviest that had ever been hauled on the Grant City branch up to that time, and getting the huge stone from the railroad yard to the marble works was no small task.

Moving the stone was described in the April 30, 1896, edition of the Worth County Times.

"The work of moving the stone for the soldiers monument from the cars to Dell Eighmy's shop was

undertaken and accomplished by J.D. Brinkerhoff and son. The stone weighs 8 tons in the rough and the work in getting it off the car was a task that required considerable ingenuity, but "Brink" was equal to it. John Graham invented a wagon for hauling this immense piece of granite and will, in all likelihood, have it patented and placed on exhibition at the next world's centennial. The wheels are made of logs about 15 inches in diameter. Oak bearings 6x8 inches were placed on them and these again were crossed with similar timbers--the whole making a wagon of formidable proportions. After the stone was placed on the wagon, two horses pulled it by the aid of block and tackle. It was the heaviest load ever taken off the cars at this place and hauled out of the railroad yard. "Brink" can move anything that is loose at both ends."

The May 14, 1896, edition of the Times carried an article about laying the cornerstone for the monument.

"The corner stone of the soldiers' monument was laid last Saturday, under the management of the Ellsworth Post. The exercises lasted about an hour and a half. Capt. Will P. Sparks made a few introductory remarks. Charles E. Phipps delivered the oration in which he did himself great credit. All present pronounced it an excellent address. After the address Mr. Ben Prugh sealed the tin box containing a copy of each of Worth County's newspapers, G.A.R. badge and a list containing the names of all members who donated to the monument fund. The monument will be in place according to contract and will be unveiled on Memorial Day, 1896. The June 4, 1896, Times carried a detailed story about the Memorial Day ceremonies. The festivities began with a parade in the morning beginning at the courthouse and going to the cemetery. It was estimated that there were 6,000 people at the event. "The monument is of rustic pattern and represents a huge stump with branches lopped off from six to ten inches from the main body. The material is armodite and was shipped here from Bedford, Indiana. In the rough the monument squared 3 feet 3 inches and was 11 feet 5 inches high. The weight was 8 tones. After shaping it into the desired form it measured 10 feet and 5 inches in height and weighed 6 1/2 tons. The following symbols of war are cut in what is called relief work on the monument: On the east face, a musket, cartridge-box, belt, bayonet, and canteen hanging over the limb; on the south side, a potted callally; on the west side, a poison-ivy vine; on the north side, a knapsack and blanket, with the United States flag draped over a limb. The following inscription adorns the east side where a piece of bark is peeled down to receive it: 'In memory of all comrades who sleep in unknown Graves. Ellsworth Post No. 12, G.A.R., and friends.'

The monument rests on a rock foundation put down into the ground deep enough not to be affected by freezing weather and will endure as long as the memory of the unknown dead shall be revered. "To Dell Eighmy of this city belongs the credit of shaping the rough piece of armodite taken from the bosom of Mother Earth into a thing of lasting beauty. It is a masterpiece of workmanship, and we do not believe that a finer monument of its kind graces any cemetery in the state. When the short time in which the work was done is taken into account, completeness of the job is very short of marvelous. Dell Eighmy is more than a good workman--he is a genius in his line and has adaptability that would command admiration from the masters of the art. The monument is a credit to Dell Eighmy's genius, a noble tribute from the G.A.R. boys to the memory of their unknown dead comrades, and an exalted honor to our town."

Until I began working on this article in earnest, I did not realize the sheer magnitude of the memorial. I did not realize that a man using a hammer and a chisel had literally created such a work of art from a

huge raw stone in less than a month's time. I have spent literally hours studying details of that fantastic work of art.

As you stand and look at the memorial, you can imagine some Civil War soldier coming to what shells had left of a tree and taking off his equipment to rest. If you study the memorial, you will find the details to be almost unbelieveable.

Had I realized the artistic and historic importance of the memorial when I was teaching some 20 years ago, every one of my students would have been taught about it.

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"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke

A SALUTE TO JR-HI GIRLS TRACK

G. A. R. MEMORIAL * * * 1896



One can imagine a tired, sleepy, dirty Union soldier coming to the remains of a wartime tree and hanging his equipment on what is left of the tree and lying down to sleep. This picture, showing the east and north sides of the monument, shows a musket, cartridge-box, belt, bayonet and canteen hanging over a limb. The north side shows the knapsack and blanket carried by the soldier. Above the musket hangs a United States flag.

The G.A.R. [Ed. Note: The Grand Army of the Republic was an organization of Civil War veterans who had been in the Union Army] Memorial Stone which sets alongside the east drive in the Grant City cemetery is not only a tribute to the veterans to whom it was dedicated but it stands as a tribute to the artistic ability of Dell Eighmy Sr.

It is difficult to even imagine that a man could take a raw piece of stone, a mallet and a chisel and create such a masterpiece in less than 30 days. It is difficult for me to imagine that it could be done at all.

Research through the old newspaper files chronicle the event from its very inception to the final dedication of the stone. The first mention of the idea of a memorial stone in a news article in the Worth County Times in the March 5, 1896 edition. It tells about a play that was given to raise money for the memorial and not until a little later were the plans finalized.

The highly sensational war drama entitled, "The Blue and Gray," was presented to our people in Houser's Hall last Friday night under the direction of Dell Eighmy, assisted entirely by local talent. The play was put up for the benefit of the G. A. R. Post of this city and our people responded liberally. The sum of \$71.85 was realized. The proceeds will be applied to the purchase of a monument which will be erected in the city cemetery dedicated as a burying place for our soldiers. The names of the persons engaged in the play are: Dell Eighmy, Lew Brinkerhoff, Will Hauber, Henry H. Garver, Will Sparks, Charley Eighmy, Lawerence Pyle, Mrs. John Simmons and Misses Della Sinclair and Alice Sparks.

Two weeks later, on March 19, 1896, the Times reports that a contract had been signed for the memorial stone.

The proposed soldiers' monument to be erected in the city cemetery is now an assured fact. Ellsworth Post No. 12 G. A. R., closed a contract with our popular marble dealer, Dell Eighmy, for a fine monument which is to be unveiled with imposing ceremonies on Decoration Day. It will be placed on the lot donated by the cemetery association for the burial of veterans. It will be an imposing piece of work. The shaft will resemble the trunk of a tree three feet in diameter, ten feet high, with a weight of

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14,400 pounds. On the trunk will be cut an appropriate inscription. Also a musket and accouterments of a soldier. On top will be a United States flag. The design as shown by a cut is neat and very attractive and the committee to who was assigned the task of selecting a suitable monument to the memory of their departed and rapidly departing comrades is to be congratulated on the happy choice they made out of so many designs.

There were two articles in the 4/30/96 issue of the Worth County Times about the stone.

The work of moving the stone for the soldiers' monument from the cars to Dell Eighmy's shop was undertaken and accomplished by J. D. Brinkerhoff and son. The stone weighs 8 tons in the rough and the work of getting it off the car was a task that required considerable ingenuity, but "Brink" was equal to it. John Graham invented a wagon for hauling this immense piece of granite and will, in all likelihood, have it patented and placed on exhibition at the next world's centennial. The wheels were made out of logs about 15 inches in diameter. Oak bearings 6x8 inches were placed on them and these were again crossed with similar timbers_the whole thing making a wagon of formidable proportions. After the stone was placed on the wagon two horses pulled it by the aid of a block and tackle. It was the heaviest thing ever taken off the cars at this place and hauled out of the railroad yard. "Brink" can move anything that is loose at both ends. He says he is obliged to those who promised to help him but never showed up until he had the stone unloaded at the marble shop.

Dell Eighmy received the material for the soldiers' monument last Thursday night. [Ed. Note: The 4/30/96 edition of the paper was printed on a Thursday so the stone arrived in Grant City on April 23, 1896.] It was a full car load and was shipped from Bedford, Indiana. The load was billed at 51,800 pounds and the freight cost was \$113.94. It was the heaviest car ever hauled over the Grant City branch, and to Jesse Evans belongs the credit of pulling it in.

The 5/14/96 issue of the Times carried a story about the laying of the cornerstone.

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The same issue of the Times carried the program for Decoration Day. At that period of time Memorial or Decoration Day was one

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of the two big yearly holidays. Independence Day was the other. The program gives one some idea of the significance of the day.

Programme for Decoration Day at Grant City, May 30, 1896.

National salute by Snider's Battery and hoisting the flag at sunrise. Capt. T. C. Snider, Ott Snider, Thos. Anderson and Wm. P. Sparks.

The assemble will be sounded by Chief Bugler, Poe Kelso, at the Post Hall at 9:30 a.m., where the procession will form in the following order and march to the cemetery at 10 o'clock.

Grant City Cornet Band Chief Marshall T. H. Logan and staff President of the day and speakers Organ and Glee Club Snider's Battery

Wagon with Goddess of Liberty Decorated wagon with Decorating committee of twenty-four girls

Ellsworth Post No. 12 All soldiers not members Disabled soldiers in carriages Sons of Veterans I.O.O.F. Lodge Knights of Pythias Lodge Modern Woodmen of America

Hearse with flowers

Masonic Fraternity Grant City Public School commanded by

Prof. Dillon and each room led by its own teacher Citizens procession on foot

Citizens procession in carriages Arriving at the cemetery the procession will form a hollow square around the soldier's lot in the following order: Ellsworth Post and soldiers and Sons of Veterans camp will form on the west; I.O.O.F. on the north; Knights of Pythias on the south; Masonic fraternity and Woodmen on the east; citizens will form a square around the Societies.

Music by the band and prayer by Post Chaplain. Recitation: "They Sleep for the Red, White and Blue" by Miss Susie Hicks. Song by the Glee Club. Unveiling the Monument. Address, On behalf of the soldiers, W. P. Sparks. Address, On behalf of the Citizens, J. E. Schooler. Music by the band. Strewing the graves, after which the procession will march back to the park where they will disband for dinner. [Ed. Note: The park was Verbick's Park which was east of the cemetery and on the south side of the road.]

The assembly will sound again in the park at

2 p.m.Music by the band Invocation by Rev. Northen Song by the Glee Club Recitation by Mill Nellie Garver

"Why the Old Guard Marches Today" by Miss Callie Stark

Song by Glee Club

How will the Sons of Veterans observe Decoration Day after the G.A.R. passes away? Response: Prof Dillon

The Flag Our Fathers Carried. Response: A.

Is the Prize We Hold Worth the Price We Paid? Response: W. P. Sparks

Are the young men of this nation preparing to take up the great battle of national life when the veterans lay it down? Response: L. M. Phipps

Song "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again" Benediction



The south side of the memorial shows a potted callilily plant. No need to try to find the word "callilily" in a Webster's New World Dictionary. It isn't there.

The Worth County Times of 6/4/96 describes the day and also describes the monument in detail.

MEMORIAL DAY

It Was Fittingly Observed in **Grant City**

A BEAUTIFUL MONUMENT UNVEILED TO THE UN-KNOWN DEAD.

Fully 6,000 People Witnessed the Ceremonies.

Decidedly the largest crowd that was ever in Grant City on Memorial Day was here last Saturday. People began arriving early from far and near and by the time the procession was formed the town was crowded to overflowing. It was estimated by those competent to judge that fully 6,000 people were here. And had it not been for the threatening attitude of the weather and the additional fact that the ground was dry enough in places to admit of plowing, which two circumstances kept man farmers at home, the attendance would have reached the 8,000 mark. That at least is the opinion of many conservative individuals. The day remained cloudy with no sunshine and no rain which added measurably to the comfort of the people.

At 10 o'clock chief marshal, T. H. Logan, with the aid of his assistants, organized the procession for the march to the cemetery. The formation was made in the order given in the program previously published. After reaching the cemetery the people were stationed in order around the monument.

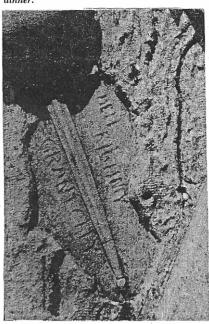
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After some ritualistic ceremonies by the G.A.R., the exercises were opened by an invocation from Rev. J. K. Hicks. Miss Susie Hicks then recited "They sleep for the red, white and blue." Capt. W. P. Sparks was then introduced and made the unveiling speech. It is needless to add that his speech was a model of oratory and was splendidly adapted to the occasion. In the concluding part of his address he removed the flag that veiled the monument and for the first time thousands looked upon the shaft that stands as a token of love for the dead who are sleeping in unknown graves beneath the green sods and sunny skies of the beautiful southland. So long as the ocean has a wave and the sky a star the memory of the dead shall not be forgotten by a grateful people.

John E. Schooler then delivered an address in behalf of citizens which abounded in beautiful sentiments appropriate to the occasion. Thus was unveiled to the public a monument whose sentry-like appearance will always remind us of the anguish that filled many a mother's heart because her loved one was lost in the shock and roar of battle, never to be heard of again in the affairs of the world.

The graves of 34 veterans were then strewn with beautiful flowers by a committee of small girls, after which the people returned to town for dinner.



Below the canteen Dell Eighmy left his calling card. The dark area in the upper left of the picture is a shadow from the canteen. Between the name and the address is a bayonet.

THE MONUMENT

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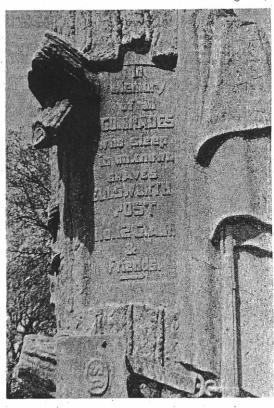
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At two o'clock the people assembled in the courthouse square where the decoration exercises were continued as set forth in the program. Judge H. G. Orton, of Princeton, delivered the oration in a masterly manner. Mr. Orton is a pleasing speaker and has the discrimination to observe the proprieties of the occasion, recognizing that Decoration Day belongs to no political party, no church, no sect, no section-but to the



The inscription on the east side of the memorial stone states the purpose. To honor their dead comrades lying in unmarked graves.

people. His selection was a happy thought on the part of the committee.

After the address came music, recitations, toasts and responses, and then the end of the exercise. It was one of the most successful occasions ever witnessed in Grant City.

Thanks are due the G.A.R., the committees and the citizens for working together so harmoniously. Also the people for honoring us with their presence.

When the stone was unloaded at the monument works holes were bored in each end and steel rods were inserted. Heavy timbers were used to build a framework at each end and the stone was hoisted clear of the floor in order that it could be turned as Mr. Eighmy chipped away.

William G. Gladstone

MILLER/MOSBARGER MEMORIAL DEDICATION JUNE 11, 1989

