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	Х	Historical Marker	_ Plaque
Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass wind	ows,	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)
X Other Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City	_

Original Dedication Date 2012

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	9.201697 and W94.403864	L .	
Street/Road address or site location 591	8 Southview Drive (Southv	iew Drive and Seven Hills Road)	
City/Village Liberty Township	Liberty	County Clay	
State_Missouri			
The front of the Memorial faces: $\underline{\times}$ No	orth South	_East West	
Government Body, Agency, or Individual (Owner (of private ce	metery that Memorial is loc	ated in)
Name Clay County Millennium Board			
Dept./Div. Clay County Courthouse			
Street Address 1 Courthouse Square	-		City
Liberty	State	Zip Code 64068	Contact Person
Telepho	ne()		
If the Memorial has been moved, pleas	e list former locat	ion(s).	

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon =	_Stone	Concrete	Metal	Undetermined If known,
name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.)				

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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 = <u>Aluminum</u>

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 Me	morial? If so, describe

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points Monument or Base: Height <u>3'</u> Width <u>3'</u> Depth <u>1''</u> or Diameter <u>Constructions</u> Sculpture: Height <u>Width</u> Depth <u>Depth</u> or Diameter <u>Constructions</u>

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 ____ 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

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.) **Type of Location**

- Cemetery
- ____ "Town Square"
- ____ Municipal Building
- ____ Courthouse
- Traffic Circle

Park
Post Office
State Capitol
College Campus
Library

Plaza/Courtyard
School
Other:
Street right-of-way

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General Vicinity Rural (low population, open land) Town	× Suburban (residential, near city) Urban / Metropolitan
Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply) IndustrialCommercial × Street/Roadside within 20 feet Tree Cove Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosu Protected from the public (fence or other barri Any other significant environmental factor	ure, indoors)

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		
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	<u> </u>	
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u> </u>	
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)		
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe		
Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? Yes	× No Unabl	e 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? 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). Marker provides a complete history of the Missouri Depot and its involvement during the Civil War.

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 25 July 2015

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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

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LIBERTY ARSENAL

The Missouri Depot, a Federal post more commonly known as Liberty Arsenal, sat on the bluffs a quarter-mile southwest of this marker and above the nearby Liberty Landing to the southeast. The arsenal, built in J838, received munitions and supplies shipped up the river for use by U.S. troops on the western frontier, including those stationed at Ft. Leavenworth.

Situated on ten acres of land above the old 'Liberty Bend' oxbow of the Missouri River which flowed near the bluffs, the walled arsenal had several buildings including warehouses and officers quarters. The Federal Government maintained it until 1869 when it was sold to private ownership. In the following decades, its buildings were dismantied and legend holds that many of the older homes in the town of Liberty were built from arsenal bricks.

The arsenal was raided by Missouri forces in December, 1855, during the Missouri-Kansas border wars. They stripped it of its contents to supply cannon, small arms and munitions to raiding forces in what would be referred to as the Wakarusa War in the Lawrence, Kansas area. In 1856, most of those munitions and armaments were returned to the arsenal.

At the time of the start of the Civil War. Nathaniel Grant was storekeeper in charge of the arsenal with the help of two assistants. On April 20, 1861, Grant received a message from a Union sympathizer and neighbor only minutes before the raid: "A company of men from across the river camped in the bottom last night. I understand that another company is at or near Liberty, and that the destination of both is the arsenal. Look out. If you want to make a speech, get it ready."

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LIBERTY ARSENAL

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Later on this date. April 20, 1861, a week after the fall of Fort Sumter, at Charleston, SC, nearly 200 armed and mounted men rode up to the arsenal gate, forced admission, and demanded the surrender of the post and its contents. This raid marked the first overt act of citizens of Missouri against the Federal Government. Henry L. Routt of Liberty led the raid with men from Clay County, supported by others from Jackson and Buchanan counties. Routt

was later captured, tried and convicted of treason for his role in the raid. However, President Abraham Lincoln pardoned him in a conciliatory act to Missourl's secessionists.

The raid, possibly sanctioned by Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson, had been under consideration for months. The raid lasted a week as the raiders emptied the arsenal of cannons, caissons, wagons, forges, percussion muskets, percussion rifles, rifle carbines, pistols, saber's, swords, powder and cartridges.

The Liberty Arsenal raid provided arms to secessionists in northwest Missouri and later to General Sterling Price's Confederate Army. However, its immediate effect was to awaken Union leaders to the dangers the Federal Government faced in Missouri. The St. Louis Arsenal had most of its stores transferred to Illinois on April 26. or distributed to loyal Union troops; Fort Leavenworth was reinforced: and on May 10, the Civil War opened in Missouri when Union troops attacked and captured troops loyal to Missouri's secessionist Governor Jackson at Lindell's Grove (Camp Jackson) in St. Louis.

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