

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: Wayne County Historical Society

Original Dedication Date 1 Nov 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:
 Street/Road address or site location W90°33'13" N37°11'08" South of Patterson, Mo. Cemetery and Hwy 34, west of Hwy FF on Fort Hill.
 City/Village Patterson Township _____ County Wayne Co. MO

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 Wayne County Historical Society Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address Rt 1 Box 1117
 City Piedmont State MO Zip Code 63957
 Contact Person unknown Telephone (573) 223-7130

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

n/a

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.) _____

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 = Bronze

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
 Markings on muzzle = the nearby cannon is a mock-up

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 3 ft Width 4ft Depth 4ft 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 not 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.
 2 foot by 2 foot plaque reads:

FORT BENTON Patterson, Missouri
A natural hill used as an outpost during the Civil War by the Union Army to defend against Confederate invasion from the south.
Named for General William Plummer Benton, who was commissioned to fortify the fort in November, 1862.
Purchased by the Wayne County Historical Society and supporters in January, 1999.
Places on the National Register of Historic Places, October 2002.
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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

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input checked="" 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: <u>Open field</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |

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

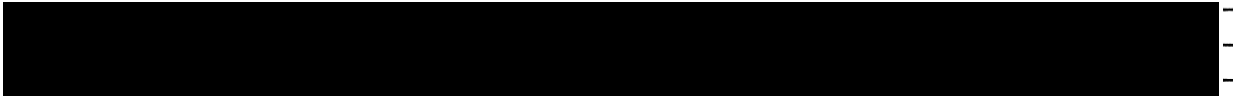
Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on).
About 200 yards north of the Fort on Fort Hill. This area was used as an camp for sometimes up to 5,000 soldiers moving between St. Louis and Arkansas.

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 8 September 2006
Your Name Walter E. Busch, US Grant Camp 68



Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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



Fort Benton
Established in 1808
The fort was established in 1808 by the American Fur Company as a trading post for the Missouri River. It was one of the largest and most important trading posts in the West. The fort was destroyed by fire in 1837 and was rebuilt in 1842. It was again destroyed by fire in 1858 and was finally abandoned in 1862. The site of the fort is now a state park.

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The Following Pages are from
the Dedication of the Marker
taken by the Late Leonard Wright

Taken September 2011

Pictures also include other local
markers/monuments as in other files.



Fort

army split into two columns commanded by Carter and Shelby. Carter's column seized Fort Benton on April 20 and continued to Bloomfield, Mo.

Marmaduke withdrew to Jackson, Mo., on April 26. He left Shelby's brigade to create a diversion, which escalated into the four hour Battle of Cape Girardeau. Union troops pursued Marmaduke, who escaped into Arkansas. His raid accomplished little.



At the fort, Smart had 400 soldiers ready to move if Marmaduke's army showed up in force. Tipped off by the booming of cannons in the distance, Smart reinforced the pickets and temporarily halted the attackers. The rest of the encampment quickly departed after setting fire to their supplies and buildings.

A Running Battle

The Union force headed north toward Pilot Knob. The Confederates discovered this movement and impulsively surged after them. A running battle took place for seven miles ending at a rugged, narrow gorge known as Stony Battery. Smart formed a line of battle and allowed the battered rear guard to pass to the



Price's

In late summer 1864, C. Price led a raid into Missouri. Price's army numbered 12,000, including Marmaduke's and Shelby's brigades.

On Sept. 22, Shelby's army was manned by companies of Missouri Infantry and 3rd Missouri

Knowing that the Confederates were mounted and ready to be saddled all the time, they all buckled on."

As the 3rd Missouri pursued them. Reacting quickly, the 47th abandoned their positions, killed. Shelby ordered them to reoccupy Fort Benton, Mo., Westport, Mo.

Patterson, Missouri Civil War Crossroads

Named for Virginian William Patterson who, in 1835, purchased the Joseph Parish Spanish grant section of land on which the town now resides.

Believed to be the oldest community in Wayne County.

First Post Office established as Springville in 1848.

Site of Union Fort Benton built in 1861.

Site of the Battle of Patterson in 1863.

Birth place of

Samuel Aaron Baker

b 1874 d 1933

Prominent Educator

Governor of Missouri 1925-1929

Wayne County Historical Society 2006









Fort Benton



A Federal Fort at Patterson

Fort Benton was established in 1810 as a trading post for the American Fur Company. It was the largest and most important trading post on the Missouri River. The fort was built on a high bluff overlooking the river, and it was one of the most important trading posts in the West.



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IN MEMORY OF THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN ACTION

IN THE AREA EAST OF THIS MONUMENT ARE THE UN-MARKED GRAVES OF BOTH UNION AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS. THEY DIED DURING THE TWO FIERCE BATTLES FOR THE POSSESSION OF PATTERSON AND FORT BENTON. THE BATTLES WERE FOUGHT IN 1863 AND 1864. THE LATTER WAS THE TURNING POINT OF THE WAR WHICH ENDED IN 1865. IT IS FITTING THAT THIS MEMORIAL BE LOCATED IN THE SHADOW OF OLD FORT BENTON AND IN THIS CEMETERY. IT IS LOGICAL THAT MANY OF THESE MEN DIED IN THE VICINITY WHERE THIS MEMORIAL STANDS. THIS WAS A WAR THAT DID NOT HAVE TO BE FOUGHT. OVER 600,000 MEN DIED BEFORE IT WAS OVER. THIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED IN HONOR OF THESE SOLDIERS. ALSO, AS A REMINDER TO FUTURE GENERATIONS TO REALIZE THE HORRORS OF WAR AND TO DO THEIR UTMOST TO PREVENT HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

JAMES B. MCGHEE CIVIL WAR

JOHN TAYLOR CIVIL WAR

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