

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: The "Wilson's Monument Association"

**Original Dedication Date** 2 Aug 1870                      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 Troy Cemetery, south side of Boone Near Ceasar W90°59'29" N38°58'28"  
 City/Village Troy                      Township \_\_\_\_\_                      County Lincoln

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 Troy Cemetery (Possibly operated by City)                      Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address Unknown  
 City Troy                      State MO                      Zip Code 63379  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_                      Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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.) gray granite

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 = \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Cannon =  Bronze  Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
 Markings on muzzle =  Not Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

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 11 feet Width 2 1/2 feet Depth 2 1/2 feet 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 Applicable

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 Attached (Text is very badly deteriorated and has become more so since my last vist in 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input 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: _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse          | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle      | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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? <small>(look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	___	___
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	___	___
Any broken or missing parts? <small>(look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)</small>	___	<u>YES</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? <small>(also look for signs of uneven stress &amp; weakness in the material)</small>	___	___

**Surface Appearance** (check as many as may apply)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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)	___	<u>X</u>
Chalky or powdery stone	___	<u>X</u>
Granular eroding of stone	___	<u>X</u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	___	___
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	___	___
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe... <small>Desperately needs cleaning and stabilizing</small>	___	___

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial?    \_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_ No    X 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).  
Recheck every year. Ought to consider immediate stabilization program.

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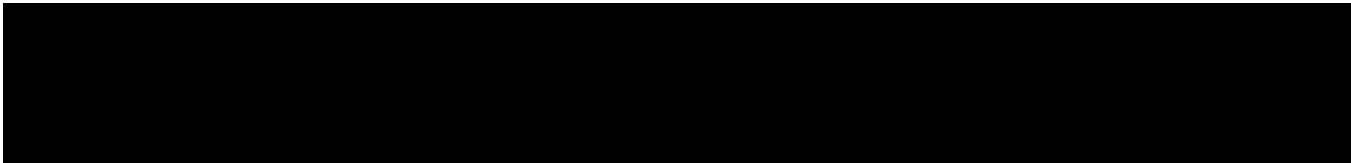
**Supplemental Background Information**

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**

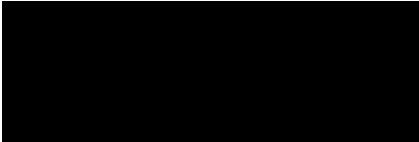
Date of On-site Survey 07 August 2005  
Your Name Walter E. Busch

**US Grant 68 MD SUVCW**



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

22 Nov 1864

A group of former comrades meet at the St. Louis Courthouse to raise money to buy a monument to Major James Wilson (murdered near Union Mo during Price's Raid). They commission William Hinchey to produce a lithograph of the Battle of Pilot Knob (where Wilson was captured). The proceeds from selling it are to be used to buy the monument. The "Wilson's Monument Association" has as officers and members Gen. Gray, Brig-Gen (Governor elect) Thomas Fletcher, Col. David Murphy, Co. Stone, Col. Matthews, Capt. Cheever, Hon. H.T. Blow, Mr. C. Irwin, Mayor Thomas and Mr. S.D. Barlow. A message from General Thomas Ewing is read: "I hope you will be successful in your efforts to give public honor to the name of my dear friend and companion in arms, whose splendid virtues should live in the hearts of his countrymen as long as the principles he honored and died for are cherished in the land." \$100 is raised by subscriptions of \$25 each at this meeting. The minutes of the meeting are published in the St. Louis Republican on this date.

2 Aug 1870

Former comrades and relatives gather at the Troy Cemetery to dedicate a monument at Major Wilson's grave. It is placed on a cemetery walkway. The grave may be elsewhere. The group is addressed by Mr. H.G. Ferguson of Louisiana, MO., and Capt. Robertson of Carroll Co. An attempt is made to hire a brass band, but they refuse to participate. Lincoln Co. Herald 4 Aug 1870

The monument carries the inscription, "Preserve What He Gave His Life to Defend , Our Nationality."

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