

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

Monument with Sculpture without Sculpture with Cannon standalone Cannon
 Historical Marker Plaque Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Affiliation

GAR MOLLUS SUVCW WRC ASUVCW
 LGAR DUVCW Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

[Assorted Local Community Groups in cooperation with City](#)

Original Dedication Date 2013-2016 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 316 S Prairie St GPS Coordinates N36°52'05.172 W89°55'45.090

City/Village &/or Township Bloomfield
County Stoddard State Missouri Zip Code 63825

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Probably city
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places Yes No ID # if known _____

For Monuments with/without sculpture:

Physical Details

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

Material of the Sculpture Stone Concrete Metal Other Is it hollow or solid? _____
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

For Historic Marker or Plaque:Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Aluminum**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____Rifled YES NO

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____

Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? Yes No[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] Yes No**For Other Memorials:** (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial

Materials of the Memorial

Complete for All Memorials**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points8 ft Height 3 ft Width 6 inches Depth or _____ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) 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 None

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

See Photographs For Text - Brief Description Follows

- Execution of Asa V. Ladd Cast aluminum marker on the north lawn of the Stoddard County Courthouse (316 S Prairie) One of six Confederate POWs executed in St.. Louis by order of Union Maj. Gen.Rosecrans at urging of Brig. Gen.Thomas Ewing, Jr., famous for Order No 11 in Western Missouri.

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

- Cemetery Park Plaza/Courtyard "Town Square" Post Office
- School Municipal Building State Capitol Courthouse College Campus
- Traffic Circle Library Other: _____

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 _____

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

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.

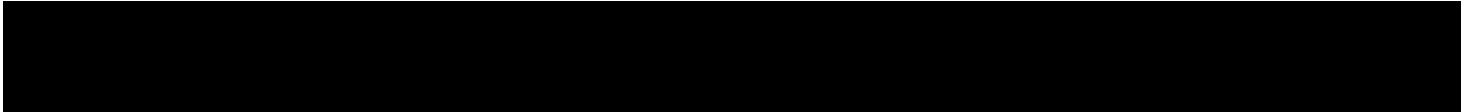
Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 09/03/2016

Your Name Walt Busch

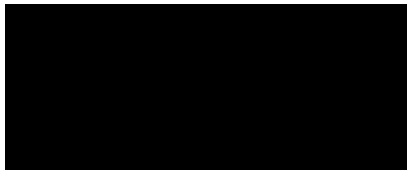


Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

Sons of Union Veterans

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.



THE EXECUTION OF ASA V. LADD

Shortly after three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, October 29, 1864, six Confederate prisoners of war were taken from their cell in the Gratiot Street Prison in St. Louis and executed by a military firing squad. This was by order of Federal Major General William S. Rosecrans at the urging of the controversial Brigadier General Thomas Ewing, Jr., who had issued Order No. 11 in western Missouri. The execution was in retaliation for the deaths of Major James Wilson and six of his enlisted men from the 3rd Missouri State Militia Cavalry (U.S.) who were executed by Confederate soldiers of the 15th Missouri Cavalry (C.S.A.) under command of Col. Timothy Reeves (Beeves). The Confederates had likewise acted in retaliation for atrocities committed by the 3rd Missouri State Militia soldiers in Ripley County, Missouri. The six Rebel soldiers learned of their intended execution a few short hours before they faced a firing squad. Visited by Union chaplains, five of the men were baptized; however, one, Asa Ladd, was already a member of the Methodist Church. Private Asa V. Ladd joined the Confederate Service on May 5, 1862 in Bloomfield. He joined Captain Joseph J. Miller's Company "A" of Burbridge's 4th Missouri Cavalry Regiment (CSA) with many of his friends from the Bloomfield community.

In the short time remaining to him, Pvt. Ladd wrote the following letter to his wife and family:

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THE EXECUTION OF ASA V. LADD

(Continued from other side)

St. Louis, MO
Oct. 29, 1864

"Dear Wife and Children:

I take my pen with trembling hand to inform you that I have to be shot between 2 and 4 o'clock this evening. I have but few hours to remain in this unfriendly world. There is six of us sentenced to die in room of six Union soldiers that was shot by Reeve's men. My dear wife, don't grieve for me. I want you to meet me in heaven. I want you to teach the children piety, so that they may meet me at the right hand of God. I cant tell you my feelings, but you can form some idea of my feelings when you hear of my fate.

I don't want you to let this bear on your mind any more than you can help, for you are now left to take care of my dear children. Tell them to remember their dear father. I want you to go back to the old place and try to make a support for you and the children.

I want you to tell all my friends that I have gone home to rest. I want you to go to Mr. Conner and tell him to assist you in winding up your businesses. If he is not there get Mr. Cleveland. If you don't get this letter before St. Francis River gets up you had better stay there until you can make a crop, and you can go in the dry season.

It is now half past 4 p.m. I must bring my letter to a close, leaving you in the hands of God. I send you my best love and respects in the hour of death. Kiss all the children for me. You need have no uneasiness about my future state, for my faith is well founded and I fear no evil. God is my refuge and hiding place.
Good-by Amy, Acey Ladd"

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