

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°53'05052 W89°55'44.982

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.) _____

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.

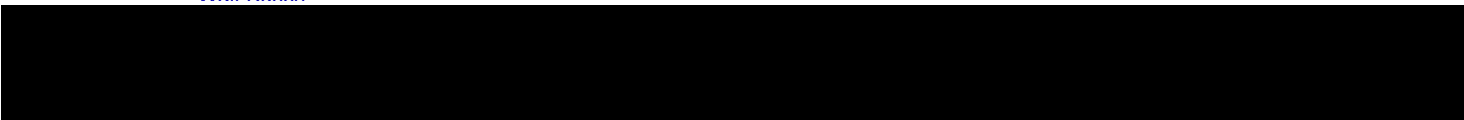
Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Walt Busch

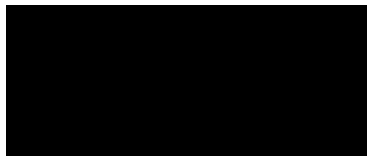
Date of On-site Survey 09/03/2016



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:



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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



THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN TOM WALKER

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These were Civil War times and Tom Walker had been the commander of Company "C," a part of the 11th Missouri State Cavalry Militia (Union). Walker had been the strong and respected leader of his company, but had recently been accused by his commanding officer, Captain Lindsay Harwood of Dallas (Marble Hill, Missouri), of accepting bribes from Confederate sympathizers. Angered by the accusation, Walker resigned his command and returned to his home near Bonfield, and challenged any man to come after him.

On this day in January of 1863 his challenge was answered. Fifty armed Confederate soldiers came after him. Walker may have fired the first shot, killing Captain Harwood. The leader of the group, Walker was immediately hit by a shot to his forehead. Falling dead a short distance from the home of his parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Sanders Walker.

His beautiful young wife, Lovina Kitchin Walker, quickly ran to him and hugged his lifeless body. Thus, it was written, "Thus was the end of Captain Tom Walker."

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STODDARD COUNTIANS ABOARD THE C.S. ARKANSAS

In 1861 President Abraham Lincoln requested General Winfield Scott to submit a plan to suppress the outbreak of the Civil War and reunite the Union. Scott devised "the Anaconda Plan" to blockade Southern ports and control the southward flowing rivers. The Confederacy sought to counter this with the construction of ironclad rams which could keep Southern rivers open. One such vessel was *The Arkansas*, a ram constructed on the Yazoo River just north of Vicksburg.

As *The Arkansas* neared completion in June of 1862, commanding officer, Lieutenant Isaac Brown, sought to build a crew of 100 sailors and 100 artillerymen. As the day of launching approached, 126 field artillerymen from Jeff Thompson's Missouri State Guard arrived to help man the cannons. For two days the Missourians drilled and practiced on the larger and unfamiliar naval guns.

On Saturday, July 12, 1862, sixty-four of the Missourians were selected to board the ironclad and sent into action against the Union fleet. Three youngsters from Stoddard County were among the ranks of these new navy cannoners: Josiah Dowdy, Smith Minton and his 17 year-old brother Stephen Minton. Dowdy and Smith Minton survived the first engagement, but young Stephen Minton did not. He was beheaded by a cannon ball. His body fell onto the deck and an officer immediately directed the nearest cannoner, "Throw that body overboard." A shocked Smith Minton replied, "I can't Sir, that's my brother."

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