

# 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:  
Battle of Athens State Historic Site, Department of Natural Resources

**Original Dedication Date** July 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 Battle of Athens State Historic Site  
GPS Coordinates N40;35;8.72000 W91;41;45.9000

City/Village &/or Township Revere  
County Clark State MO Zip Code 63465

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Battle of Athens State Historic Site  
Dept./Div. Dept of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks  
Street Address PO Box 159  
City Jefferson City State MO Zip Code 65101  
Contact Person Site Manager Telephone ( 660 ) 877-3871 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.)

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 Within the boundaries of a state historic site

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

**Supplemental Background Information**

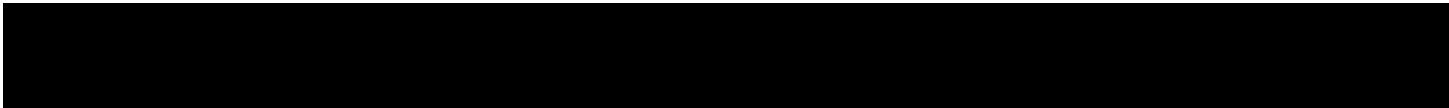
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation 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 03 May 2018

Your Name Walt Busch & Sumner Hunnewell

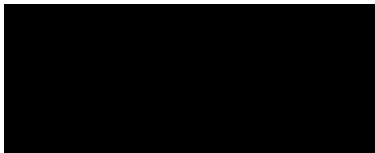


Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

Walt - US Grant Camp 68 SUVCW Sumner - Fletcher Camp 47

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.**

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