

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;6.109999 W91;41;48.72999

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.)

American Civil War (1861 - 1865), THE BATTLE OF ATHENS

Aug. 5, 1861

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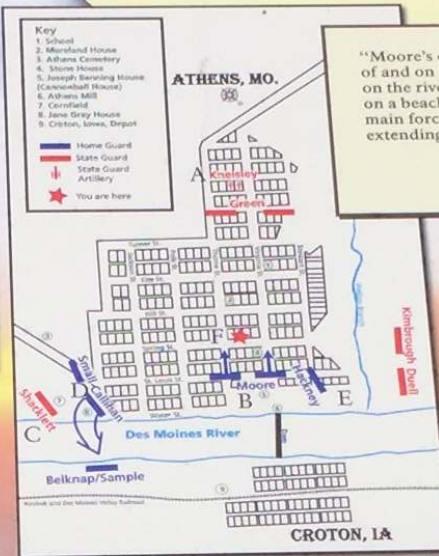
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D. Callihan, believing he was outnumbered, fled across the river into Iowa followed by his cavalry. Only Fishery Small's Home Guard infantry held their ground and, with additional fire from Moore's centerline, drove Shacklett and his State Guardsmen back.



"Moore's camp was in the town which is situated on the foot of and on the side of a high bluff. The main business street is on the river and the second street runs parallel with the river on a beach a short distance up the hill. Moore stationed his main force in this, the second street, his right and left wings extending back to the river."

--Chicago Tribune Correspondent, Aug. 9, 1861

E. Capt. Barton Hackney's Home Guard dislodged Green's left wing as the State Guard attempted to take possession of the point below the mill.

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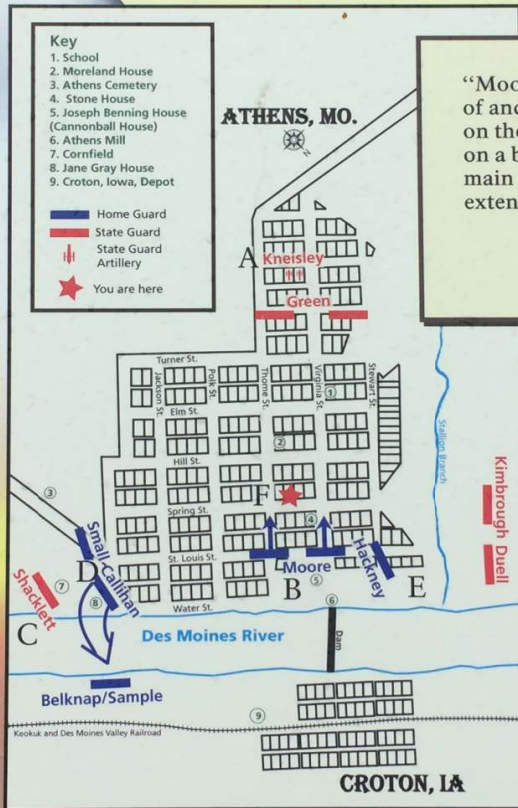
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