

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 *without* Sculpture

Monument with Cannon
 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: MISSOURI HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Original Dedication Date 1963 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 Hwy V @ E. MAPLE W 90° 38' 25" N 37° 37' 15"
 City/Village PILOT KNOB Township _____ County IRON

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 MO DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address FORT DAVIDSON STATE HISTORIC SITE
 City PO BOX 509 PILOT KNOB State MO Zip Code 63663
 Contact Person WALT BUSCH Telephone (573) 546 3454

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.) GREY CONCRETE

N/A

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 = METAL

Material of Cannon = N/A Bronze ___ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm

Markings on muzzle = _____

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 8' Width 6' Depth 18" 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 _____

The "Dedication Text" is formed: ___ cut into material X raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

SEE ATTACHED

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

___ Cemetery

___ "Town Square"

___ Municipal Building

___ Courthouse

X Traffic Circle

X Park

___ Post Office

___ State Capitol

___ College Campus

___ Library

___ Plaza/Courtyard

___ School

Other: _____

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).

5 YEAR CYCLE OF INSPECTION. THE HISTORIC SITE IS AWARE OF THE DAMAGE TO THE SUPPORTS, BUT IT IS SUPERFICIAL. THEY ARE LOOKING INTO CORRECTING IT, SO AS TO BE AESTHETICALLY PLEASING!

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

US Grant 68 MO SUVCW

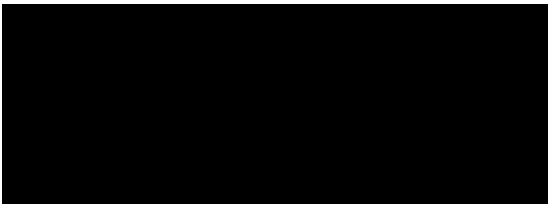
Date of On-site Survey 3-5 - 2005

Your Name WALT RUSCH



Please send this completed form to:

PAUL LEISTRITZ



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

[SOUTH SIDE OF MONUMENT]

< STATE SEAL >

FORT DAVIDSON

SURROUNDED BY THE RUGGED SPLENDOR OF THE HIGHEST PEAKS OF THE MISSOURI OZARKS, ARCADIA VALLEY LIES IN THE GEOLOGIC CENTER OF THE OZARKS, ONE OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST MOUNTAIN REGIONS. THE VALLEY TOWNS ARE IN AN AREA SETTLED IN THE IRON MINING BOOM OF THE 1840'S-50'S, WHEN PILOT KNOB HERE AND IRON MOUNTAIN IN NEARBY ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY WERE THOUGH TO BE OF SOLID IRON.

DURING THE CIVIL WAR, THE AREA WAS EARLY OCCUPIED BY UNION FORCES TO PROTECT THE IRON MOUNTAIN RAILROAD, COMPLETED BETWEEN HERE AND ST. LOUIS, 1858. GENERAL U.S. GRANT'S FIRST COMMAND POST AFTER HIS COMMISSION AS A GENERAL WAS HERE, AUG. 8-18, 1861.

FORT DAVIDSON, THE EARTHEN REDOUBT HERE, WAS DEFENDED BY OVER 1,000 FEDERALS UNDER GENERAL THOMAS EWING AGAINST SOME 12,000 CONFEDERATES UNDER GENERAL STERLING PRICE, SEPT. 27, 1864. AS A RESULT OF THE ENGAGEMENT HERE AT PILOT KNOB, PRICE LOST OVER 1,200 MEN TO EWING'S SOME 200, AND WAS HALTED IN HIS DRIVE TO ST. LOUIS. THE FORT, BUILT 1863, NAMED FOR GENERAL J.W. DAVIDSON, IS OWNED BY CLARK NATIONAL FOREST AND IS MAINTAINED BY THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE.

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[NORTH SIDE OF MONUMENT]

< STATE SEAL >

FORT DAVIDSON

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IRONTON WAS LAID OUT AS THE SEAT OF IRON COUNTY, 1857, AND THE COURTHOUSE WAS BUILT, 1858-60. THE FIRST SETTLER IN THE VALLEY WAS EPHRAIN STOUT ABOUT 1807, AND MISSOURI'S FIRST WORKING IRON FURNACE, ASHEBRAN'S WAS BUILT ON STOUT'S CREEK ABOUT 1815. THE TOWN OF ARCADIA WAS LAID OUT AND THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL OPENED, 1849. LATER SOLD, IT REOPENED AS TODAY'S URSULINE ACADEMY, 1877. THE HOME FOR AGED BAPTISTS WAS BUILT, 1923. ON FORT HILL WAS CIVIL WAR FORT HOVEY, ALSO CALLED CURTIS.

BEFORE THE IRON MOUNTAIN R.R. REACHED HERE, 1858, AND THE TOWN OF PILOT KNOB WAS FOUNDED, IRON ORE WAS HAULED OVER THE 1843 STE. GENEVIEVE, IRON MOUNTAIN, PILOT KNOB PLANK ROAD. GRANITEVILLE WAS FOUNDED WHEN THE FIRST LARGE QUARRY OPENED 1869.

HERE ARE TAUM SAUK, 1,772 FEET, HIGHEST PEAK IN MISSOURI; EVANGELINE FALLS; SHUT-INS ON STOUT'S CREEK; LAKE KILLARNEY; TIP TOP MOUNTAIN, 1,500 FEET; ROYAL GORGE; "ELEPHANT ROCKS"; AND OTHER SITES. THE NAME OZARKS IS FROM THE FRENCH ABBREVIATION, AUX ARCS, FOR AUX ARKANSAS, MEANING ON THE RIVER, AT THE POST, OR IN THE COUNTRY OF ARKANSAS.

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FORT DAVIDSON

Surrounded by the rugged splendor of the highest peaks of the Missouri Ozarks, Arcadia Valley lies in the geologic center of the Ozarks, one of the world's oldest mountain regions. The valley towns are in an area settled in the iron mining boom of the 1840's-50's, when Pilot Knob here and Iron Mountain in nearby St. Francois County were thought to be of solid iron.

During the Civil War, the area was early occupied by Union forces to protect the Iron Mountain Railroad, completed between here and St. Louis, 1858. General U. S. Grant's first command post after his commission as a general was here, Aug. 8-18, 1861.

Fort Davidson, the earthen redoubt here, was defended by over 1,000 Federals under General Thomas Ewing against some 12,000 Confederates under General Sterling Price, Sept. 27, 1864. As a result of the engagement here at Pilot Knob, Price lost over 1,200 men to Ewing's some 200, and was halted in his drive to St. Louis. The fort, built 1863, named for Gen. J. W. Davidson, is owned by Clark National Forest and is maintained by the U. S. Forest Service.

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and State Highway Commission, 1957

FARMINGTON



FORT DAVIDSON

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Ironton was laid out as the seat of Iron County, 1857, and the courthouse was built, 1858-60. The first settler in the valley was Ephraim Stout about 1807, and Missouri's first working iron furnace, Ashebran's, was built on Stout's Creek about 1815. The town of Arcadia was laid out and the Methodist Episcopal Arcadia High School opened, 1849. Later sold, it reopened as today's Ursuline Academy, 1877. The Home for Aged Baptists was built, 1923. On Fort Hill was Civil War Fort Hovey, also called Curtis.

Before the Iron Mountain R. R. reached here, 1858, and the town of Pilot Knob was founded, iron ore was hauled over the 1843 Ste. Genevieve, Iron Mountain, Pilot Knob Plank Road. Graniteville was founded when the first large quarry opened, 1869.

Here are Taum Sauk, 1,772 feet, highest peak in Missouri; Evangeline Falls, shut-ins on Stout's Creek; Lake Killarney, Tip Top Mountain, 1,500 feet; Royal Gorge; "Elephant Rocks"; and other sites. The name Ozarks is from the French abbreviation, Aux Arcs, for Aux Arkansas, meaning on the river, at the post, or in the country of the Arkansas.

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