

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 with Cannon
☐ Monument *without* Sculpture ☒ 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 Dept of Natural Resources, Div of State Parks, Fort Davidson State Historic Site

Original Dedication Date Spring 1993 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 Fort Davidson SHS Grounds W90°38'25" N37°37'14"
 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 Fort Davidson State Historic Site Dept./Div. Dept of Natural Resources Div of State Parks
 Street Address PO Box 509 (118 East Maple St.)
 City Pilot Knob State MO Zip Code 63663
 Contact Person Site Administrator Telephone (573) 546-3454

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

Yes, but only to orient them correctly to the compass points.

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.) Black aluminum

Material of the Sculpture = ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) N/A
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" N/A

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Photo Embedment Plastic

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

Markings on Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial?	If so, describe
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Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

Monument or Base: Height 4 feet Width 3 feet Depth 3 feet 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 No, but made by Division of State Parks Exhibits Section

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

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

Afternoon, Sept. 27: The Doomed Assault 1. While the Confederates deploy they put two cannons and open fire. Accurate return fire puts both out of action.

2. Marmaduke's Missouri division streams down Shepherd's Mountain. Rifle and artillery fire breaks its ranks. The men seek shelter in a creek bed.

3. McCray's and Slemmon's brigades of Fagan's Arkansas division charge across Pilot Knob Mountain.

They overwhelm the Federal cavalry then rush for the fort. They too are driven to shelter.

4. Dobbins' mounted Confederate brigade threatens the fort from the rear. Federal from the north rifle pit charge out and drive them off.

5. Cabell's brigade of Fagan's division advance up the gap. They reach the fort in spite of intense fire and enter the moat. Exploding hand grenades

drive them out. Every attack fails. By night, some 1,000 Confederates lie dead or wounded. More than 200 Federals are casualties.

6. After midnight, Ewing evacuates the fort. His men march north between sleeping Confederate camps

. At 3:30 a.m. volunteers blow up the fort's powder magazine. Price does not investigate until daylight.

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

Traffic Circle

× Park

Post Office

State Capitol

College Campus

Library

Plaza/Courtyard

School

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 _____**Condition Information****Structural Condition** (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments *with* Sculpture, and Monuments *without* Sculpture - including the base for Monuments with *Cannon*. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (look for signs of exterior rust)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	_____

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	_____	_____
White crusting	_____	_____
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	_____	_____
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	_____	_____
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	_____	_____
Chalky or powdery stone	_____	_____
Granular eroding of stone	_____	_____
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	_____	_____
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	_____	_____
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	_____	_____

In fair shape, however photo embedment fading and the marker will probably have to be replaced in 5 to 10 years due to sun bleaching. The text is almost completely faded and is to be replaced this summer

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to tell

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) .

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

Date of On-site Survey 10 March 2007

Your Name Walt Busch, US Grant Camp #68

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee

Afternoon, Sept. 27: The Doomed Assault

1. Union soldiers charged down the hillside toward the fort, but were repulsed by the Confederate fire.
2. Confederate soldiers fired from the fort and the hillside, killing many Union soldiers.
3. Union soldiers and the fort were hit by Confederate fire, and the Union soldiers were driven back.
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5. Union soldiers and the fort were hit by Confederate fire, and the Union soldiers were driven back.
6. After midnight, the Union soldiers and the fort were hit by Confederate fire, and the Union soldiers were driven back.

Federals



American Civil War (1861-1865)
Battle of Pilot Knob, Sept. 26-27, 1864

Sept. 27, Afternoon The Doomed Assault

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3. **Col. Thomas McCray's** and **Col. William F. Slemmons'** brigades of **Brig. Gen. James F. Fagan's** Arkansas division charge across Pilot Knob Mountain. They overwhelm the **Federal** cavalry, then rush for Fort Davidson. They, too, are driven to shelter.
4. **Col. Archibald Dobbin's** Arkansas brigade threatens the fort from the rear. **Federals** from the north rifle pit charge out and drive them off.
5. **Brig. Gen. William L. Cabell's** brigade of **Fagan's** division advances up the gap. They reach the fort in spite of intense fire and enter the moat. Exploding hand grenades drive them out. Every attack fails. By night, some 1,000 **Confederates** lie dead or wounded. More than 200 **Federals** are casualties.
6. After midnight, **Brig. Gen. Thomas Ewing** evacuates the fort. His men march north between sleeping **Confederate** camps. At 3:30 a.m., volunteers blow up the fort's powder magazine. **Maj. Gen. Sterling Price** does not investigate until daylight.

Federals	■■■■■■■■	Retreat
	■■■■■■■■	Advance
Confederates	■■■■■■■■	Retreat
	■■■■■■■■	Advance
Engagements	★ ★ ★ ★	