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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- 1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- 2. 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 Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.) |
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| Affiliation |
| G.A.R. (Post Name & No) M.O.L.L.U.S |
| SUVCW (Camp Name & No) (Please describe below) |
| WRC (Corps Name & No) |
| ASUVCW (Aux Name & No) |
| DUVCW (Tent Name & No) |
| LGAR (Circle Name & No) |
| Other Wilson's Creek National Battlefield |
| Original Dedication Date Unknown Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the <i>first</i> 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 <i>currently</i> located at: Street/Road address or site location Wilson's Creek National Battlefield |
| City/Village Springfield Township County Greene |
| State Missouri . |
| The front of the Memorial faces: North South East _xx_ West Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in) |
| Name Wilson's Creek N.B. |
| Dept./Div. National Park Service |
| Street Address 6424 W Farm Rd 182 City |
| Republic State MO Zip Code 65738 Contact Person |
| Superintendent Telephone () 417-732-2662 |
| If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s). |
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Physical Details

| Material of Monument or base under a Scu name specific material (color of gra | | ete Metal Undetermined If known |
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| SUVCW CIVIL WAR | | |
| Material of the Sculpture = S If known, name specific material (c If the Sculpture is of metal, is it so | color of granite, marble, etc.) | |
| Material of Plaque or Historical M | larker / Tablet = Metal and polymers | |
| Material of Cannon =Bronze Markings on muzzle = | Iron - Consult known Ordnar | nce Listing to confirm |
| Markings on muzzle = Markings on Left Trunion Is inert ammunition a part of the I | Right Trunion _ | |
| Is inert ammunition a part of the I | Memorial? If so, describe | |
| Approximate Dimensions (indice Monument or Base: Height 4 ft Sculpture: Height Width | cate unit of measure) - taken from Width _3 ft Depth _3 ft Depth or Diame | n tallest / widest points or Diameter ter |
| for each statue and attach to this | form. Please describe the "pose | ation on a separate sheet of paper " of each statue and any rated from this form). Thank you! |
| Markings/Inscriptions (on stone Maker or Fabricator mark / name? | | |
| The "Dedication Text" is formed: | cut into material raised | up from material face |
| Record the text (indicate any sepa see attached | ration if on different sides) Please | use additional sheet if necessary. |
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| Environmental Setting | | |
| (The general vicinity and immediate locale Type of Location | surrounding a memorial can play a major | role in its overall condition.) |
| Cemetery | xx Park | Plaza/Courtyard |
| "Town Square" | Post Office | School |
| Municipal Building | State Capitol | Other: |
| Courthouse Traffic Circle | College Campus Library | |

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| General Vicinity XX Rural (low population, open land) Town | Suburban (residen Urban / Metropolita | |
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| Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply) Industrial Commercial Street/Roadside within 20 feet Tree Covered (of the protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, incomposite from the public (fence or other barrier) Any other significant environmental factor Along dirt trail | doors) | |
| Condition Information | | |
| Structural Condition (check as many as may apply) | | |
| The following section applies to Monuments with Sculpture, and including the base for Monuments with Cannon. Instability in the number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually | sculpture and its base can | be detected by a |
| | 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 gre | owth) | |
| Any broken or missing parts? (Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc mi | esina —— | |
| due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.) | 3311g | |
| Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the materi | al) | |
| 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 reasonable shape | | |
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| Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? | _ Yes <u>xx</u> No Unable | e to tell |

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| Surface Coating | | | |
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| Does there appear to be a coating? Yes <u>xx</u> No Unable to determine If known, identify type of coating Gilded Painted Varnished Waxed Unable to determine Is the coating in good condition? <u>xx</u> Yes No Unable to determine | | | |
| Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one) | | | |
| In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial? XX 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) . | | | |
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| 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 03/25/2014 Your Name Walt Busch, PDC US Grant Camp #68 | | | |
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| What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? suvcw | | | |
| Please send this completed form to | | | |
| Walt Busch, PDC, Chair | | | |
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Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. Sons of Union \boldsymbol{V}

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee

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WILSON'S CREEK Gibson's House Site

An archaeological study is a lot like a detective story. In 1966 an archaeological investigation uncovered many bits of evidence from the area in front of you - the remnants of John and Martha Gibson's home. Bone handled dinner service, pewter utensils, and good china indicate the Gibson's relative affluence. Horse and mule shoes, wrought iron handles, an iron mold for casting lead shot, and numerous farming items point out that this "good life" was well earned. In an age when self sufficiency was a way of life John Gibson was undoubtedly a farmer, blacksmith, hunter, and carpenter, as well as a miller.

In the years after the War, the Gibson's left their home along Wilson Creek. Later the house would burn to the ground. The items uncovered allow us to gain a better understanding of this family and their lives. But some answers remain hidden, buried in written records and ruins. Like a detective, we must hope that further searching will someday provide clues to these unanswered questions.

Please do not disturb this area. All archaeological sites in the Park are protected by federal law. Help us preserve the rich history of Wilson's Creek.

[Inserts: Graphic of woody, rocky terrain labeled "1988 sketch of the Gibson House site". And basic map of an house archaeological dig with notations.



