

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.)

**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 *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: N37.116070 , W93.419256  
 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  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).

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.) Oak

#### SUVCW -- CIVIL WAR

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 = \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Cannon =  Bronze  Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
Markings on muzzle = None

Markings on Left Trunion N.P.Ames Founder Springfield Mass Right Trunion 1840

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial?  NO If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_  
US Model 1839 12-Pound Field Howitzer (Experimental)

#### Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

Monument or Base: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ 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  raised up from material face

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

see attached  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Environmental Setting

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

#### Type of Location

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park    | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square"      | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office        | <input type="checkbox"/> School          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol      | Other: _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse         | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus     | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Library | _____                                    |



**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) .

n/a

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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

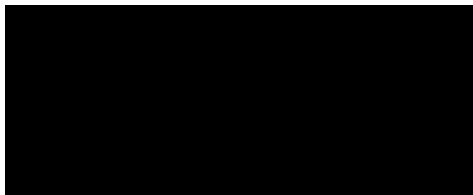
Your Name Walt Busch, PDC US Grant Camp #68



What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? SUVCW

Please send this completed form to

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

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## Wilson's Creek Monuments

cannon visitor center

US Model 1839 12-Pound Field Howitzer (Experimental)

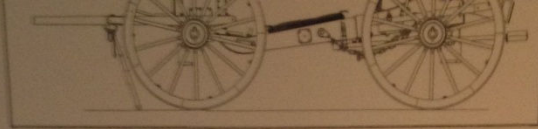
Howitzers were short cannons designed to throw exploding shells in a lobbing arc towards the enemy. The advantage of a howitzer is its large caliber and arcing trajectory- the disadvantage is its shorter range: about 1,000 yards compared to 1,500 yards for a gun. Generally, two howitzers were combined with four guns in a battery, thereby giving artillerymen flexibility in engaging the enemy under different conditions. Howitzers were used by both armies in the Battle of Wilson's Creek.

This howitzer is a prototype of the model adopted in 1841. It is a few inches shorter and a few pounds lighter than the adopted model. It was cast by N.P. Ames Foundry in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1840 and weighs 690 pounds. The howitzer is serial number 13.

Right Trunion: 1840

Left Trunion: N.P. Ames Founder Springfield MASS.

Muzzle: None



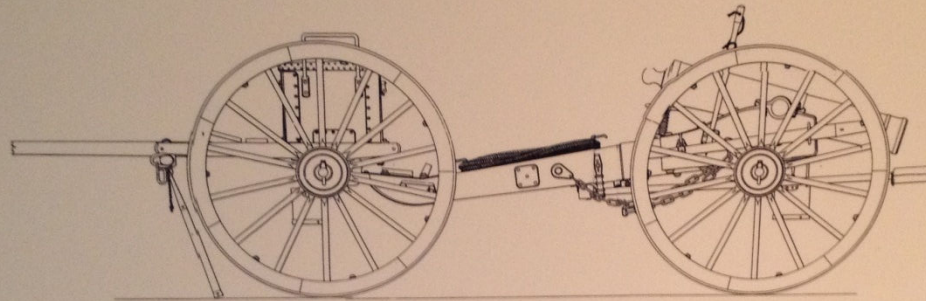
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