

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: University Club _____

Original Dedication Date 1928 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 Wilson's Creek NB Death of Lyon N37°06.296' W93°24.702'

City/Village Springfield Township _____ County Greene

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 _____ 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.) _____

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 = Gray Granite _____

Material of Cannon = 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 3 1/2 ft Width 3 ft Depth 9 in 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

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

- | | | |
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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |

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...	_____	_____
Good Shape		

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.

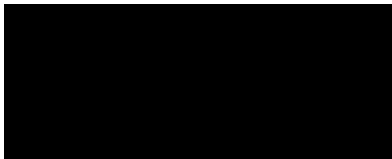
Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 09/09/2009

Your Name Walter E Busch US Grant Camp 68

Please send this completed form to:

Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee

LYON Marker

At or near this spot fell Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon
Born Ashford, Conn. 181 Graduated U.S. Military
Academy, 1841. Commander of the Federal forces in the
Battle of Wilson Creek August 10, 1861

This marker is erected by the University Club of
Springfield, Mo in honor of General Lyon and the hundreds
of brave men, north and south, who, on this field, died for
the right as God gave them to see the right. 1928

TOP: University Club. Historical Marker No. XIV.



AT OR NEAR THIS SPOT FELL
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HISTORICAL MARKERS OF SPRINGFIELD & GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI MARKER NUMBER FOURTEEN

WILSON'S CREEK BATTLEFIELD

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A monument to General Nathaniel Lyon and the Battle of Wilson's Creek is situated on top of "Bloody Ridge" at or near the spot where General Lyon was struck down. This is now in Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Park. The text on the monument reads as follows:

"AT OR NEAR THIS SPOT FELL BRIGADIER GENERAL NATHANIEL LYON. BORN ASHFORD, CONN. 1818. GRADUATED U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, 1841. COMMANDER OF THE FEDERAL FORCES IN THE BATTLE OF WILSON CREEK AUGUST 10, 1861. THIS MARKER IS ERECTED BY THE UNIVERSITY CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD, MO. IN HONOR OF GENERAL LYON AND THE HUNDREDS OF BRAVE MEN, NORTH AND SOUTH, WHO, ON THIS FIELD DIED FOR THE RIGHT AS GOD GAVE THEM TO SEE THE RIGHT. 1928."



Before Nathaniel Lyon ever came to southwest Missouri, conflict between Northern and Southern forces in the state had become ever more imminent. Governor Jackson and his armed militia were pro-slavery. The Federal troops, mainly pro-Union German immigrants, were led by a fiery young regular, Captain Nathaniel Lyon. Fearing an attack on the Union arsenal at St. Louis, Lyon raided the governor's militia camp. He disarmed the men and marched them through the streets of the city. A hostile crowd jeered, shoved and threw bricks. At last someone opened fire and the troops returned it. Before the shooting was over, twenty eight men lay dead or dying. The governor and his legislature at once took measures but the Federal commander, General W. A. Harney, arranged a temporary truce. Then Lyon replaced Harney and was promoted to the one-star rank of brigadier general. He refused to abide by the truce and drove the governor out of the capitol. He then marched his little army into Springfield in July of 1861, organized Union troops and sympathizers into a larger army and tried to rid the region of all armed Confederates. However, at a place called Wilson's Creek, he got into a sharp fight against a larger force a Rebel bullet knocked Nathaniel Lyon dead from his horse.

The Confederates kept their hold on southwest Missouri, and there was fighting in the area throughout the war. Missouri did not leave the Union, and that was all that the federal government cared about at the time.

--Prepared by Harry Erb

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