#### 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 <i>Cannon</i>	
Monument without	ut Sculpture	X Historical Marker	Plaque

#### Affiliation

Original Dedication Date 1060	Please consult any/all r	newspaper archives for a
X Other: Greene County Historical Society		
DUVCW (Tent Name & No	)	
SUVCW (Camp Name & No	)	(Please describe below)
W.R.C. (Corps Name & No	) _	Other Allied Order
G.A.R. (Post Name & No	)	M.O.L.L.U.S.

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	Memo	orial	is	currentl	y lo	ocat	ed at		
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Street/Road address or site I	ocation Phelps Grove	Park, E Brookside at S	Virginia, N37°11.334 W93°16.924.				
City/Village Springfield	Township	County Greene					
The front of the Memorial fac	ces: North	South _	× East × West				
Government Body, Agency, or	Individual Owner (o	f private cemetery	that Memorial is located in)				
Name City of Springfield		Dept./Div. Parks	Dept				
Street Address							
City Springfield		State MO	Zip Code				
Contact Person		Telephone (	)				
If the Memorial has been mo	oved, please list fo	rmer location(s)					

#### **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

Material of the Sculpture = StoneConcrete 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 = <sup>Metal</sup>
Material of Cannon =BronzeIron - 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 ft       Width       6 ft       Depth       12 in       or Diameter         Sculpture:       Height       Width       Depth       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 $\ \ \times$ 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      XPark      Plaza/Courtyard        Town Square"      Post Office      School        Municipal Building      State Capitol       Other:        Courthouse      College Campus         Traffic Circle      Library

Suburban (residential, near city)

#### **General Vicinity**

- Rural (low population, open land)
- × Town Urban / Metropolitan

**Immediate Locale** (check as many as may apply)

- Industrial Commercial
- X 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 Partially covered by bushes

#### **Condition Information**

#### **Structural Condition** (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments *with* Sculpture, and Monuments without \_\_\_\_\_\_ Sculpture - 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		
Relatively good shape		

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

#### Surface Coating

Does	there	appear	to	be	а	coating?	Yes	$\underline{\times}$	No		Unable	to	determine
If know	wn, ide	ntify typ	e of	coa	ting	g.							
G	ilded _	Pain	ted		Va	rnished _	 Waxed	_×	Unab	ole to	determi	ne	
Is the	coating	in good	con	ditio	n?	Yes	No		×	Una	ble to def	term	nine

#### Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial? <u>X</u> Well maintained <u>Would benefit from treatment</u> In urgent need of treatment <u>Justice</u> Justice to determine **Overall Description** 

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

#### **Supplemental Background Information**

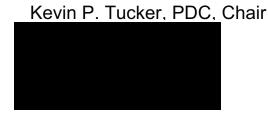
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation 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:



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR National Civil War Memorials Committee

John Smith Phelps 1814-1886 [Picture of Bearded Phelps] This statesman, as a representative in Congress (1844-1862), helped establish the first Overland Mail. During the Civil War he organized and commanded the "Phelps Regiment," a Home Guard unit, and served as military governor of Arkansas. As a Springfield lawyer, he defended Wild Bill Hickok. He was governor of Missouri (1877-1881). Erected by the Greene County Historical Society -1968.

## [REVERSE]

## Phelps Homesite

[Picture of Log Cabin] Phelps Grove Park is part of the 1050 acre farm of John Smith Phelps. The log and frame house stood southwest, the barn west, and the spring south of this marker. During the Civil War troops camped on the farm. Mrs. Phelps had the body of General Nathaniel Lyon temporarily buried here, and she sheltered children orphaned by the war. Erected by Greene County Historical Society - 1968.

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