

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: Congressman S.H. (Pony) Boyd (late Colonel of the 24th Missouri Infantry)

**Original Dedication Date** ~~After 1870~~ \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Walnut Grove School, Walnut & College N37°24.751 W93°32.835  
City/Village Walnut Grove 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 Walnut Grove School Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Walnut & College  
City Walnut Grove State MO Zip Code 65770  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

See text attached "Cannons of Greene County"

**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.) Concrete & Mortar

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 = None \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Cannon =  Bronze \_\_\_ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
 Markings on muzzle = None, Cannon has been painted \_\_\_\_\_

Markings on Left Trunion None \_\_\_\_\_ Right Trunion See Below \_\_\_\_\_

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 4 ft Width 3 ft Depth 6 1/2 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 None \_\_\_\_\_

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.  
 Text Right Trunion: Governt, Sundry & Machine Works, Augusta

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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 type="checkbox"/> Park           | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square"      | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office    | <input checked="" 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.

<b>Sculpture</b>	_____	<b>Base</b>	_____
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)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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...	- -	_____
None		

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) .

See attached.

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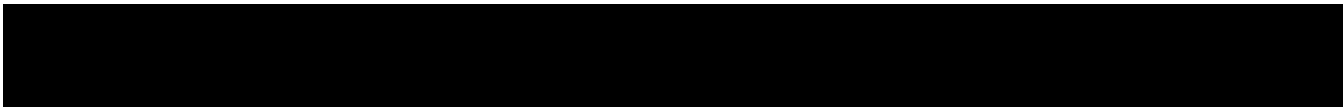
**Supplemental Background Information**

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**

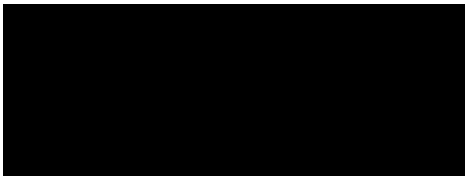
Date of On-site Survey 11/25/2009

Your Name Walter E Busch US Grant 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

## Cannons in Greene County

In 1870, Congressman S.H. (Pony) Boyd (late Colonel of the 24<sup>th</sup> Missouri Infantry) introduced and passed a joint resolution in Congress "directing the (US) Secretary of War to place at the disposal of the judges of the county court of the county of Greene, State of Missouri, eight captured twelve-pounder guns, of obsolete pattern, now condemned, and in store at the Rock Island arsenal (Ill), to be placed in Franklin Square, North Springfield, Missouri, around the monument to be erected to the memory of the late Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon, and the Federal forces who fell with him at the Battle of Wilson's Creek."

The plans for a monument fell through and the cannons were distributed to Walnut Grove, Ash Grove, Springfield and one to Drury College. A second one of these ended up at Drury College at a later date. Today only 3 cannons are known to exist of these eight. The three surviving cannons are sister cannons, all being manufactured at the same Atlanta, GA, in 1863. They were all twelve pound Napoleon style and made of brass or bronze. They were sent to the Confederate Army of Tennessee during the summer of 1863.













Right Trunnion



Left Trunnion

**Missouri/Walnut Grove  
WALNUT GROVE SCHOOL CANNON RE-DEDICATION**



**THE ALUMNI AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED.**

**WHEN: SUNDAY OCTOBER 28, 2012 TIME: 2:00 PM**

**WHERE: IN THE FRONT YARD OF WALNUT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL.**

**IF YOU WISH TO SIT, PLEASE BRING YOUR YARD CHAIR. IN CASE OF IN-CLEMENT WEATHER IT WILL BE HELD INSIDE.**

**WHO: THERE WILL BE SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

**THERE, INCLUDING CIVIL WAR EXPERTS, HISTORIANS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE NEWS MEDIA WILL ALSO BE PRESENT. THE CANNON HAS BEEN CLEANED AND RESTORED TO IT'S ORIGINAL CONDITION. THE WILSON'S CREEK BATTLEFIELD PARK HAS DONATED AN ORIGINAL CARRIAGE. THE CANNON HAS BEEN RE-SET IN A PARK LIKE SETTING. IT HAS BEEN RE-LOCATED ON A 24 INCH THICK REINFORCED CONCRETE PAD COVERED WITH BRICK. IT WILL BE INCLOSED IN A WROUGHT ALUMINUM FENCE. THE PARK WILL BE LANDSCAPED WITH YEAR AROUND COLOR INCLUDED WITH ORIGINAL MISSOURI PLANTS.**

## Walnut Grove Cannon

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Springfield Leader & Press, March 13, 1926, page 10

### Walnut Grove will be given cannon

"The old brass cannon which has been neglected on the county court house lawn since July 1912 belongs to Walnut Grove and is to be restored to that town, members of the county court announced today.

"J.C. Swink of that city, member of the Walnut Grove Community Club and chairman of a committee appointed by the club to lay the claim of the town to the gun before the court appeared at the court house late yesterday and explained the claim of his town to the old gun, which is a relic of Civil War times.

"Swink brought with him a letter written by J.N. Smith who stated the gun was on Smith's property in Walnut Grove for several years and that it was taken to Springfield by order of the county court in 1912 without the permission of the citizens of the town. Smith stated that the gun was removed on instructions by County Judges W.R. Gorsuch and William McQuire. Judge Gorsuch stated yesterday he has no recollection of the matter.

"The statement of Smith was concurred by G. F. Hamstead, E. W. Osborne, John O. McLemore, L. E. McClure, W. H. Jones, J. A. Brim, V. L. Looney, D. O. Bloomer and I. J. Kelly, all prominent men of Walnut Grove.

"Swink yesterday gave a bit of history in connection with the old gun while it was in his town. He said that several years ago a little child strayed away from home and was lost for several hours. The entire neighborhood turned out to search for the child and there was much excitement, some fearing the youngster had been stolen and other fearing it had met its death in some way.

"The search spread out over some miles of territory and the old cannon was loaded with the understanding that if the child was found it was to be fired as notification to the searching parties. A heavy charge was put into the gun and the breech firmly anchored and the muzzle elevated and turned in a direction where there were no houses near.

"After several hours the child was found and I.J. Kelley fired the cannon. 'And it sure was heard by everybody in that part of the world,' Swink says.

"The community club plans to mount the old gun and to take care of it in the future.

"We saw in the papers that the county court was intending to mount the gun on the court house lawn and as none of the three judges now in the court knew of Walnut Grove's claim we thought it best to get busy and ask for our property before it was too late,' Swink said.

"A truck will remove the cannon to Walnut Grove in a few days."

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According to Walnut Grove teacher Robert Vestal, the cannon was displayed on a concrete form in front of the high school until recently. The photograph above was taken by Zava Six just before the cannon was taken down for refurbishment.

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**Battle of Moore's Mill Diorama**

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI CALLS FOR FIRST  
meeting since school closed**

<http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2012/oct/31/um-curator-calls-first-meeting-since-school-closed/>

### **Walnut Grove Cannon Re-dedication**

<http://thelibrary.org/blogs/article.cfm?aid=1722&lid=62>



**Before**



**After**

REDEDICATION IN 2012