

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

☒ Monument ☒ with Sculpture ☐ without Sculpture ☐ with Cannon ☐ standalone Cannon
☐ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque ☐ Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Note: try to record items separately. Cannons near monuments should be recorded & photographed separately, etc. Thank you.

Affiliation

☐ GAR ☐ MOLLUS ☐ SUVCW ☐ WRC ☐ ASUVCW
☐ LGAR ☐ DUVCW ☒ Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

John T Vawter

Original Dedication Date 1905

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

Johnson County Courthouse

The Memorial is *currently* located at: Jefferson Street and North Main Street

Street/Road address or site location _____ GPS Coordinates **N39°28'49.7699" W86°3'18.770"**

City/Village &/or Township Franklin

County Johnson State IN Zip Code 46131

The front of the Memorial faces: ☐ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Johnson County

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address 86 W. Court St

City Franklin State IN Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone (317) 346-4300 ext 46131

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ☐ Yes ☐ No ID # if known _____

For Monuments with/without sculpture:

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Gray Granite

Material of the Sculpture ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☒ Metal ☐ Other Is it hollow or solid? _____

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Stone & Bronze

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze _____ Iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____

Rifled _____ Yes _____ No

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____

Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes _____ No

[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] _____ Yes _____ No

For Other Memorials: (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial _____

Materials of the Memorial _____

Complete for All Memorials**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points24 ft Height 16 ft Width 16 ft Depth or _____ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) 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 _____

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

To Commemorate the Valor
of the
Soldiers of Johnson Co.
In defense of the Union
1861 ——— 1865

— Ⓢ — (Relief) — Ⓢ —

This fountain is erected by
John T. Vawter
1905

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

☐ Cemetery ☐ Park ☐ Plaza/Courtyard ☐ "Town Square" ☐ Post Office
☐ School ☐ Municipal Building ☐ State Capitol ☒ Courthouse ☐ College Campus
☐ Traffic Circle ☐ Library Other: _____

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 _____

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Submission of this form requires at least one type of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This information will most likely be in the public domain. Your name is required; please include one (or more) pieces of contact information.

1. If a member of an Allied Order, the name of your camp, auxiliary, tent, circle or corps; along with your department;
2. Physical Address;
3. Phone Number
4. E-Mail address.

By submitting this, you are allowing the posting of this information on the internet.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 8/11/2024
 Your Name Walt Busch, PDC
 Address 1240 Konert Valley Dr
 City Fenton State MO Zip Code 63026
 Telephone () _____ E-Mail cwmemorials@suvchw.org or wbusch@suvchwmo.org

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

General Ulysses S Grant Camp 68, MO-SUVCW. Past Commander - Central Region Allied Orders of the GAR

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. Photographs & GPS Co-ordinates are very much desired.

Pages 4 & 5 attached to this electronic file are the Monument's Condition and the Narrative forms. Only the Monument's Condition form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Please mail (or e-mail pdf, and picture files) to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair, 1240 Konert Valley Dr., Fenton, MO 63026, cwmemorials@suvchw.org

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

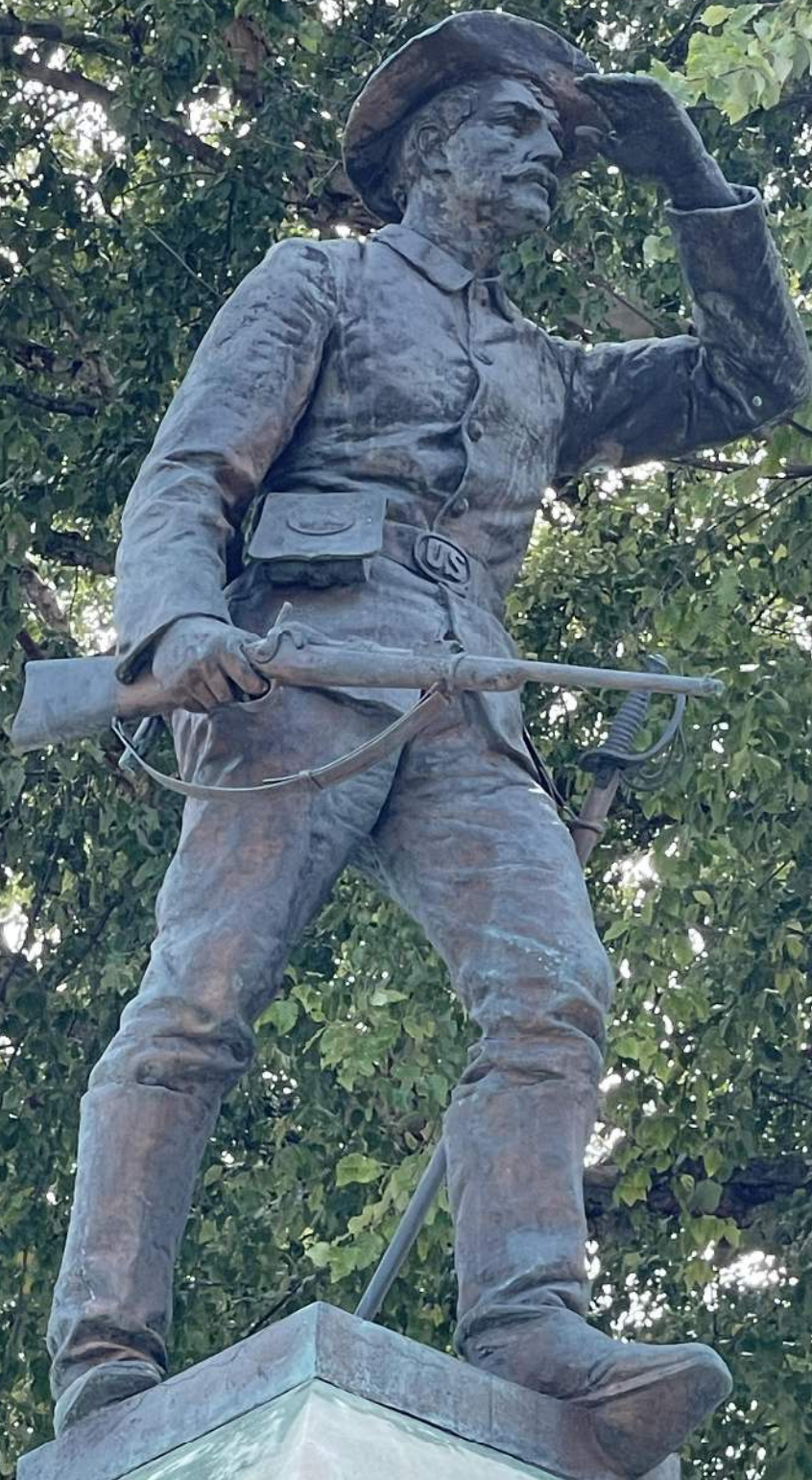
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Civil War Memorials Committee.

>This form may be photocopied.<

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Johnson Co Courthouse, 5 E Jefferson St Franklin, IN 46131
1905 Water Fountain Monument to Soldiers of the County
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1905 Dedication



Vawter Memorial, (sculpture).

Artist: [Schwarz, Rudolf, 1866-1912, sculptor.](#)

Title: Vawter Memorial, (sculpture).

Dates: Dedicated 1905.

Digital Reference:



Medium: Sculpture: bronze; Basin: limestone.

Dimensions: Sculpture: approx. 6 x 3 x 3 1/2 ft.; Basin: approx. 14 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 8 1/2 ft.

Inscription: (On plaque on base:) TO COMMEMORATE THE VALOR/OF THE SOLDIERS OF JOHNSON CO./IN DEFENSE OF THE UNION/1861-1865/THIS FOUNTAIN IS ERECTED BY/JOHN T. VAWTER/1905 unsigned

Description: Standing Union soldier high atop a pedestal. He holds a rifle in his proper right hand and proper left hand is shading eyes as he looks into the distance. Weaponry includes revolver on proper right hip, sword on proper left hip and cartridge box on belt. On front of pedestal in relief is a bronze eagle and portrait of John T. Vawter, and on the rear is a flag. All four sides have a bronze lion's head spewing water into a semi-circular fountain basin.

Subject: [History --- United States --- Civil War](#)

[Figure male --- Full length](#)

[Occupation --- Military --- Soldier](#)

[Dress --- Uniform --- Military Uniform](#)

[Object --- Weapon --- Gun](#)

[Animal --- Lion](#)

[Fountain](#)

[Relief](#)

[Outdoor Sculpture --- Indiana --- Franklin](#)

[Sculpture](#)

Owner: [Administered by Johnson County, Board of Commissioners, 86 West Court Street, Franklin, Indiana 46131](#)

[Located Johnson County Courthouse, North Wayne & West Jefferson, Franklin, Indiana](#)

Remarks: Gift of John T. Vawter. Fountain cost \$5,000. IAS files contain a related article from Nostalgia News, a publication of the Johnson County Historical Museum, issue 12, Nov. 1981.

References: Save Outdoor Sculpture, Indiana survey, 1993.

Illustration: Image on file.