

# 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:

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

**Original Dedication Date** 1 October 2013 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

NE corner of MS-12 W and Louisville St.

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location 220 MS-12 GPS Coordinates N 33.45437 W 88.82177

City/Village &/or Township Starkville

County Oktibbeha State Mississippi Zip Code 39759

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

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address 200 North Street

City Jackson State MS Zip Code 39201

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( 601 ) 576-6850 ext \_\_\_\_\_

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.) \_\_\_\_\_

Material of the Sculpture ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other Is it hollow or solid? \_\_\_\_\_

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**For Historic Marker or Plaque:** Cast aluminum?

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 points

36" Height 36" Width 1" 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.

[front and back duplicated]

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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

☐ Cemetery      ☐ Park      ☐ Plaza/Courtyard      ☐ "Town Square"      ☐ Post Office  
☐ School      ☐ Municipal Building      ☐ State Capitol      ☐ Courthouse      ☐ College Campus  
☐ Traffic Circle      ☐ Library      Other: Lawn of the local business (Walgreen's)

### 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 22 March A. D. 2025  
 Your Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell  
 Address 2030 San Pedro Dr.  
 City Arnold State 63010 Zip Code 63010  
 Telephone (    ) 636 464 3856 E-Mail HildifonsTook@prodigy.net

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

SUVCW

### 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](mailto:cwmemorials@suvchw.org) (314) 630-8407

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

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ADDENDUM – MONUMENT'S CONDITION

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## 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...	_____	_____

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

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

This was a replacement of an older marker at a different location in Starkville.

Inspector's Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell

Date 27 March A. D. 2025

# Starkville Remembers Civil War History - "The Reflector" 10-1-2013

**Mary Kate McGowan**

One-hundred-fifty years ago, Union general Benjamin Grierson made his way through Starkville. Last Saturday, Starkville residents dedicated a historical marker in Walgreen's parking lot to honor the American Civil War sesquicentennial.

The ceremony included the marker dedication and a panel discussion at the Greensboro Center.

Mayor Parker Wiseman, John Marszalek, executive president of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, and C.J. Johnson, former president of the Golden Triangle Civil War Round Table, spoke at the marker's unveiling.

Marszalek said it is necessary people acknowledge Mississippi was the center of the Civil War.

"I think it's important to realize that a small place like Starkville that was really off the beaten path in those days still was influenced by this war," Marszalek said. "Starkville had a role in, a small role, but it had a role."

In 1991, a historical marker commemorating Grierson's Raid was erected in Starkville in honor of Tom Williams, a member of the GTR Civil War Roundtable. About a year and a half ago, the marker broke.

Duffy Neubauer, operations coordinator at the Humphrey Coliseum and a founding father of the GTR Civil War Round Table, said this marker will hopefully last longer than 18 years, and the Walgreens location is better than the last one.

"I had the advantage of looking at all kinds of signs and historical markers, and I was always interested in history. Someone else put those up for me to read," Neubauer said. "I felt it was part of the cycle, and my responsibility is to put something up that the next generation could read."

Although Walgreens was not around during Grierson's Raid, he did make his way through the Golden Triangle Area.

Anne Marshall, MSU associate professor of history, said Grierson and his troops played a very important role in the Civil War.

"It was Grant (cmdr. of the Union force) who had ordered this guy Grierson to go on this raid," Marshall said. "Grant had been in trying to capture Vicksburg, which was really important for the Union war effort. The only Confederate stronghold preventing them from controlling the entire Mississippi River was Vicksburg. The idea behind Grierson's raid was for Grierson to divert attention from what Grant was doing at Vicksburg."

Marshall said the raid lasted only a few weeks but was successful.

"What Grierson did was basically start in LaGrange, Tenn., and he went south through Mississippi. The goal was to destroy railroad lines and destroy enemy Confederate equipment that could go to Vicksburg," Marshall said. "Grierson was supposed to sidetrack some Confederate troops from Vicksburg."

Marshall said Grierson and his 1,700 cavalry men made their way through Starkville on April 21, 1863. They entered the city near what is today Miss. Highway 389, which becomes Louisville Street. They commandeered a wagon load of hats they thought were being delivered to Confederate soldiers in Vicksburg and passed them out to area slaves.

"It's kind of a cool thing. It's a great story," Marszalek said. "It's probably true that when the hats were captured and given to the area slaves, the next day, the local newspaper allegedly wrote a column castigating all the Starkville men for allowing this to happen. It said, 'All we can say now is that we that we have the best hatted slaves in the Confederacy.'"

Other Civil War sites in Starkville include Odd Fellows Cemetery, where Confederate and Union soldiers are buried, the Jackson House and the Carpenter House. The Montgomery House marks where Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his troops camped before the Battle of West Point.

The Civil War Artillery Museum also focuses on the Civil War, and Neubauer owns the museum. It is open to the public by appointment.

Members of the GTR Civil War Round Table and other local historians believe the marker and what it represents along with the Civil War is still relevant to modern Starkville.

"If you want to understand what America is like today, and since that time, you have to know the Civil War," Marszalek said.



Derek Van Winkle | The Reflector

A marker was dedicated in honor of Tom Williams and his role in the Civil War during a ceremony next to Walgreens on Saturday. This year is the Civil War's 150th anniversary.



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