

Ambush & Retreat from Rader Farm

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:

Rader's Farm Civil War Committee & the Sherwood/Rader Farm Civil War Park Board

Original Dedication Date Post 2015

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

Northeast of Junction of North Peace Church & Fountain Roads

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location _____
GPS Coordinates N37°7'48.0599" W94°32'48.890"

City/Village &/or Township Joplin

County Jasper State MO Zip Code 64801

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Sherwood-Rader Farm Civil War Park Inc

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address 127 S Woodmont Dr

City Joplin State MO Zip Code 64801

Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ 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:

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

3 1/2' _____ Height 4' _____ Width 2 1/2' _____ 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.

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 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 06/20/2025
 Your Name James Morrison
 Address 3848 French Court
 City St Louis State MO Zip Code 63116
 Telephone () _____ E-Mail cwmemorials@suvcw.org or wbusch@suvcwmo.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@suvcw.org

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

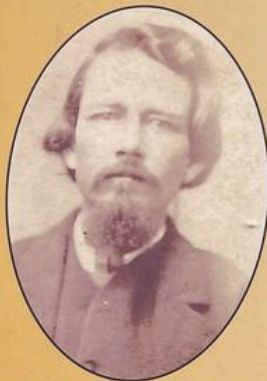
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Civil War Memorials Committee.

GPS	
Latitude	37.748059999999976645
Longitude	94.32488900000000140267
Altitude	299.808871851040522

Ambush and Retreat from Rader Farm Jasper County, May 18, 1863

"...shooting began in the rear, and almost instantly all around us. In surrounding us the enemy had cut off the 6 men on picket, 20 unarmed men loading corn and 5 teamsters, also unarmed, leaving but 29 men hemmed in a short, narrow lane with a gate at one end, with arms to fight our way out. Without knowing it we had rode into a trap."

Hugh Thompson, 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry
Baxter Springs as a Military Post

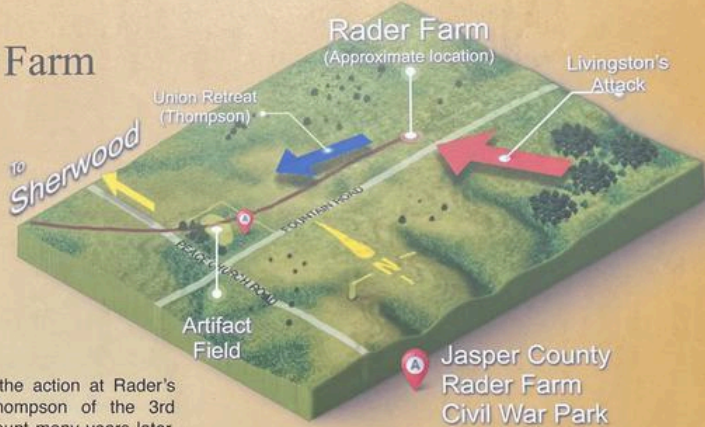


Hugh Thompson post war photo from the book, *Baxter Springs as a Military Post*

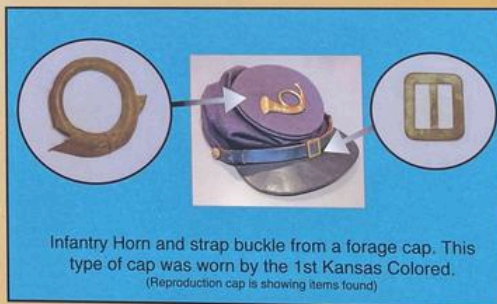
Official records do not give details of the action at Rader's Farm. One eyewitness, Lt. Hugh Thompson of the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry, wrote down his account many years later. His account conveys there was resistance after the initial surprise. This occurred further west of the farm. But his is the only statement to that fact. Now, after a 2015 archaeological study at this location, evidence found proves that a fight did take place here, roughly a quarter of mile west of the Rader Farm.

You are standing where several artifacts were found, roughly a line south to north across where the path they were caught in headed out towards Sherwood. Fired and smashed musket rounds, dropped rounds and other items show that a stand was made right here by members of the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry.

A 2015 archaeological study at this site provided important evidence regarding the likely course of the skirmish.



Jasper County
Rader Farm
Civil War Park



Funds for sign provided by Sherwood/Rader Farm Civil War Park Board and donations by Bob Wolfe (Always Buying Books) Steve & Rhonda Cottrell, Steve Weldon (in memory of George & Peggy Weldon) and Larry Wood (in memory of Ben L. Wood).

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Civil War Park

MAY 18, 1863









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Dedicated to interpreting the historic engagement that took place on this site and the Civil War in Jasper County. On May 18, 1863, Union troops of the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry were attacked by the Confederate guerrilla band under the command of Thomas Livingston.

The Park is a Jasper County Park made possible, thanks to the Jasper County Commissioners and generous donations by Ed & Allison Hershewe and David & Debra Humphreys.

The Park is managed by the Sherwood / Rader Farm Civil War Park Board, a 501C3 organization.
For further information or to donate for the further development of the park, go to:

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SHERWOOD-RADER-FARM-CIVIL-WAR-MEMORIAL-PARK-1695239760720104.](https://www.facebook.com/Sherwood-Rader-Farm-Civil-War-Memorial-Park-1695239760720104)