

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

2900 W. Fountain Road, east of North Peace Church Roads

The Memorial is currently located at:

Street/Road address or site location _____

GPS Coordinates N37°7'45.380" W94°32'48.909"

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.

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Rader's Farm Civil War Park

The Civil War action on this field was part of a series of events in May 1863 that intensified southwest Missouri's bitter guerrilla conflict and ultimately left most of Jasper County depopulated and in ruins by war's end.

In early May, Union forces established a small outpost at Baxter Springs to secure the vital supply line between Fort Scott, Kansas, and Fort Gibson in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). Confederate guerrillas operating in western Jasper County, Missouri, under Major Thomas Livingston posed the principal threat.

On May 18 following a week of earlier engagements between the opposing armies, Livingston surprised about fifty soldiers of the First Kansas Colored Infantry and Second Kansas Battery, as they foraged at the Rader farm just east of this site. Livingston's sixty-seven men routed the soldiers, killing eighteen, including several African-American troops who tried to surrender. Falling back, the Federals made a stand on this property before retreating to Kansas.

On May 19, Union troops from Baxter Springs, bent on revenge, returned to the scene. Although Livingston's band eluded the force, the Federals captured and executed John Bishop, known to be a Southern sympathizer. They then proceeded three miles northwest to Sherwood, near the intersection of JJ Highway and Fir Road. Because this third-largest town in Jasper County was a guerrilla base, all of the businesses and homes of the 250 inhabitants were burned. The town was never rebuilt. Indeed, for the remainder of the war, a cycle of burned homes and revenge killings perpetrated by both sides devastated the entire region.

A 2015 archaeological study at this site provided important evidence regarding the likely course of the battle at Rader's Farm. We invite you to tour the area and read further information gleaned from this study and from accounts written by both sides.



The regimental flag of the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry features "battle honors" which were the names of combat actions in which the regiment fought. Sherwood refers to the action of May 18-19, 1863. It includes the ambush at Rader's farm, the "rally field" on this park site, and the hunt for guerrillas the next day, including the destruction of the nearby town of Sherwood and outlying farms.

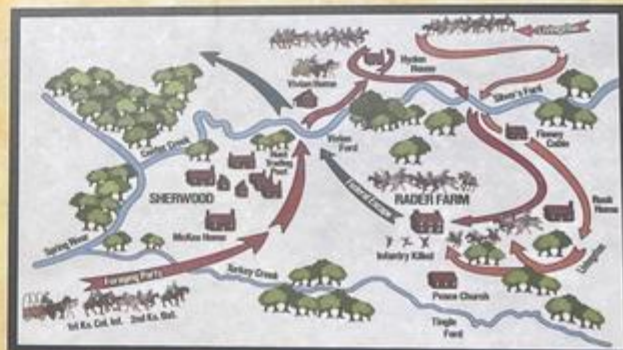
William Mathews recruited a company of 81 men for service in the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry in 1863. The regiment successfully defended its position at Island Mound, Missouri, in 1863. As a result, the 1st Kansas is on record as the first regiment of black troops to engage in combat during the Civil War. In 1863 the regiment was reorganized and officially mustered into service of the United States Army at Fort Scott, Kansas.



Hugh Thompson and his family lived near Sherwood on Center Creek in the mid 1800s. Hugh enlisted with the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry's Company C in 1863 to serve the Union cause in this area. He was invaluable to the Union troops due to his familiarity with the local countryside. Hugh was shot four or five times at the Rader Farm, and he carried several of these bullets in his body until his death in 1908.



Cameron Garrett of the 2nd Kansas Light Artillery. On May 18th, while foraging for corn from Rader's farm house, approximately 15 men from the 1st Kansas Infantry and 23 mounted men from Garrett's unit were attacked by Major Thomas Livingston. Fifteen infantrymen and three artillerymen were killed. Cameron Garrett was killed after being taken prisoner.



Unidentified southwest Missouri guerrilla wearing a "battle shirt." These loose fitting, home spun garments were often worn by the men who rode with the partisan rangers of western Missouri. Many of these shirts had two large front pockets and were embellished by a loved one with colorful decorations. No doubt many of Major Livingston's men wore similar overshirts when they rode into action.

The main supply line for Union operations in the Indian Territory was the Military Road. This important line from Ft. Leavenworth in northeast Kansas south to Ft. Smith, Arkansas, was under threat by Confederate forces in western Jasper County, Missouri, in the spring of 1863. To secure the Military Road between Ft. Scott, Kansas, and Ft. Gibson, Indian Territory, a small Union outpost was established at Baxter Springs.



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 Vince Lindstrom Rader's Farm Civil War Park Committee
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GPS

Latitude 37.7: 45.3800000000046708
 Longitude 94.32: 48.9099999999741897
 Altitude 302.392543859649095

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Civil War Park

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)