

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. Mt Gregor Post 252) ☐ 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: Cemetery Section given to GAR by Little Osage Cemetery Assoc.

Original Dedication Date 1898 Rededicated 2008 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 N37°58.760" W94°22.793". 2/3 mi west of Horton Hwy 71 exit
 City/Village Horton Township _____ County Vernon

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 Balltown Cemetery Assoc Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address _____
 City Horton State MO Zip Code _____
 Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____

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

Unknown

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.) Granite

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 = N/A

Material of Cannon = ☐ Bronze ☐ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
 Markings on muzzle = _____

Markings on Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

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 ^{8 inches} _____ Width ^{2 feet} _____ Depth ^{3 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 _____

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.
 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

☐ "Town Square"

☐ Municipal Building

☐ Courthouse

☐ Traffic Circle

☐ Park

☐ Post Office

☐ State Capitol

☐ College Campus

☐ Library

☐ Plaza/Courtyard

☐ School

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 _____

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...

Pretty Good Shape.

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to tell

Surface CoatingDoes there appear to be a coating? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

☐ Gilded ☐ Painted ☐ Varnished ☐ Waxed ☐ Unable to determineIs 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) .

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 IdentificationDate of On-site Survey 03/05/2009Your Name Walt Busch US Grant Camp 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

Mt. McGregor Post No. 252

Grand Army of the Republic

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(information from the 1911 History of Vernon County, Mo.)

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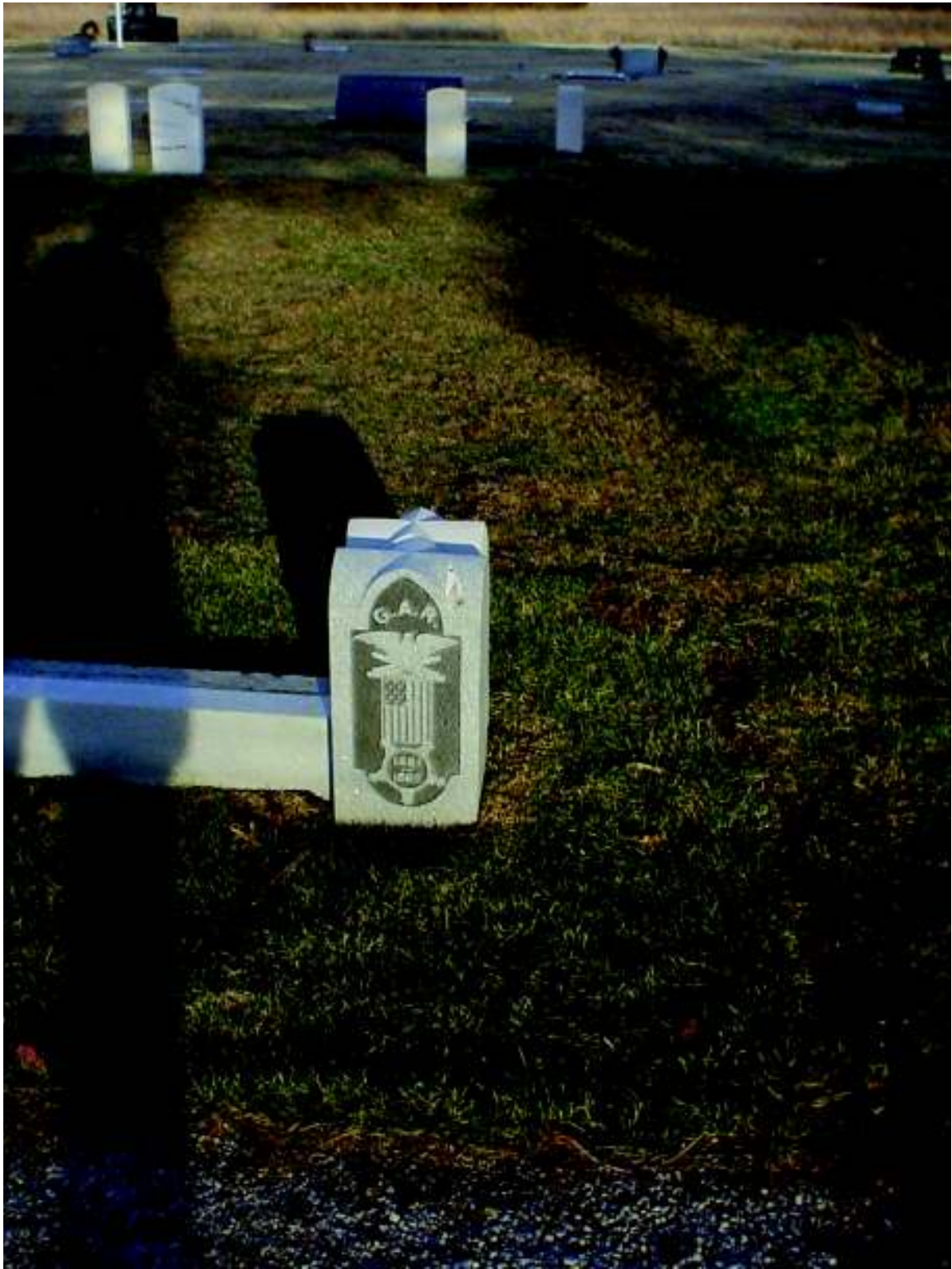
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Balltown Cemetery, Vernon County, Missouri

See related newspaper story at http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/balltown_rehab.pdf



Renovation work being done at the Balltown Cemetery by community volunteer Robert Seater and his assistant Steve 'Tex' McKinley.

All of the stone work in the G.A.R. lot has been completed, and it is absolutely beautiful!

All original posts and coping were retained,

and new granite posts and coping to match were installed.

A new pressed-concrete sidewalk leads from the step to the new flagpole where the history of the Mt. McGregor Post 252 Grand Army of the Republic is engraved in granite.

Note that the step is the original engraved step which reads "Donated by Little Osage Cem. Dep."



The front corner posts copy the design of the original posts except with "1861 – 1865" added in the medallion beneath the flag.

This photo shows both the original coping and the new granite coping across the front of the G.A.R. lot.

The original limestone pieces are set back with the new granite, which will not deteriorate.

Turf grass has been installed against the stone to protect it from mud stain during rain.





Additional information on
Mt. McGregor Post No. 252
Grand Army of the Republic is at
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/metz_gar.htm and additional
membership information is at
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~motcogs/metz_gar_members.htm



Pictures of an original back corner post and
of the new.

*The public is invited to the rededication
of the G.A.R. lot, which will be held
Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 2 p.m.*



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