

**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.)

**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:

**Original Dedication Date** 8 June 2019 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: Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas - Rear Courtyard  
 Street/Road address or site location 44 North Lorimer Street (aka "Ivers Square")

GPS Coordinates N37.30505 W89.52061

City/Village &/or Township Cape Girardeau

County Cape Girardeau State Missouri Zip Code 63071

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner**

Name City of Cape Girardeau

Dept./Div. Parks and Recreation

Street Address 410 Kiwanas Drive

City Cape Girardeau State Missouri Zip Code 63701

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( 573 ) 339.6300 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.) Light colored granite on concrete foundation; granite base has 3 plaques

Material of the Sculpture  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other Is it hollow or solid? unknown

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



**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 Under edge of the roof of adjoining building.

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

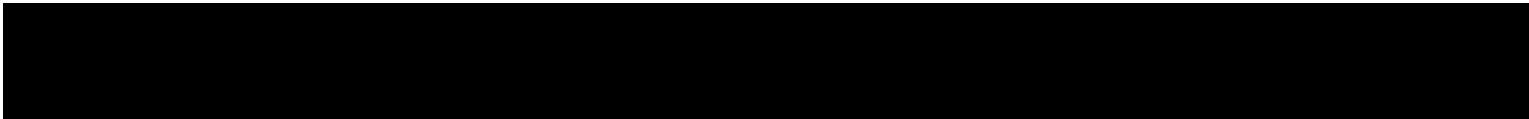
**Supplemental Background Information**

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.

Addendums 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*.

Thank you.

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 28 March A. D. 2020  
Your Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell

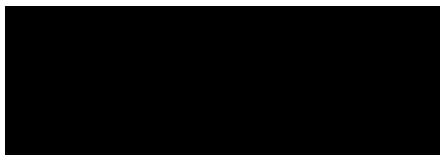


Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

SUVCW, Department of Missouri, Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



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

Completion of this form is required when requesting grant money using form CWM-62 SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?; Any evidence of structural instability?; Any broken or missing parts?; Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?.

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: 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) .

Inspector’s Name Date

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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TEXT

[northward plaque, 20" x 10"]

Inspector's Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell

Date 2 April A. D. 2020

East Plaque

Dedicated June 8, 2019, 156 years after the first enslaved African Americans in Cape Girardeau enlisted in the US Colored Troops on June 18, 1863.

Made possible through the generous support of the following donors:

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North PLaque

IN HONOR  
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WHO SERVED IN UNITED STATES COLORED TROOP  
REGIMENTS UNION ARMY – 1863-1867  
DEDICATED TO THEIR MEMORY – 2019

Sculptor: Roy W. Butler  
Model: William C. Radcliffe  
Edition: 3 of 3

Presented by:

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inheritors of the freedom for  
which these men fought.

West Plaque

**In Remembrance Of**

**U. S. Union Army Soldiers Of African Descent  
Civil War**

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**On this site, at the Common Pleas Courthouse in Cape Girardeau,  
more than 240 men of color from this region defied their  
enslaved status, volunteered themselves, and served in  
United States Colored Troop Regiments, 1863 - 1867.**

**8,344 USCT soldiers were credited to Missouri**

**178,975 USCT soldiers enlisted in the  
Union Army during the Civil War**

**"Recruitment of black men into federal military service,  
which began in Missouri during the summer of 1863,  
delivered the death-blow to slavery."**

**- Ira Berlin**

Roy W. Butler

Edition 3/3

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COURTHOUSE

WHEELING  
MAY 1862

IN HONOR  
OF THE MEN FROM THIS REGION  
WHO SERVED IN UNITED STATES COLORED TROOP  
BATTALIONS FROM 1862 - 1867  
DEDICATED TO THEIR MEMORY - 2010

THE  
COURTHOUSE  
MUSEUM  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA









COMMON PLEAS  
COURTHOUSE

In Remembrance Of  
U. S. Union Army Soldiers Of African Descent  
Civil War

On the site of the Courthouse from Columbus to Cape Girardeau,  
more than 200 miles of miles from the region where they  
received their military commissions, and served in  
United States Colored Troop Regiments, 1862 - 1865.

8,344 USCT soldiers were enrolled in Missouri

USCT soldiers recruited in the  
North Army during the Civil War

"Recruitment of black men into federal military service,  
which began in Missouri during the summer of 1862,  
advanced USCT service in Missouri."  
- Joe Banta

UNITED STATES  
COLORED TROOP  
MEMORIAL

# STATUE UNVEILING

— AND —

# DEDICATION CEREMONY

SATURDAY  
**JUNE 8, 2019**  
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.



USCT Monument created by  
Roy W. Butler © 2019

*This monument is registered in the Inventories of American  
Painting & Sculpture, Smithsonian American Art Museum.*

**UNVEILING CEREMONY | 11:00 A.M.**

- followed by -

**TURNER BRIGADE CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS**

**DRAMATIC PORTRAYALS OF CAPE GIRARDEAU HISTORIC FIGURES  
HARRIET IVERS AND REVEREND SPOTSWOOD RICE**

**MUSIC BY BLACK LIGHT CHORAL ENSEMBLE AND STROLLING STRING BAND**

*You are invited to witness the installation of this world-class sculpture on the  
public square that has been at the heart of 213 years of Cape Girardeau's civic history.*

Bring a lawn chair, refreshments, and plan to stay the day!



**IVERS SQUARE | 44 NORTH LORIMIER STREET | CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI**

## Fletcher Camp Members Attend U. S. Colored Troops Monument Unveiling

Sumner Hunnewell and Leonard Wright attended the U. S. Colored Troops monument unveiling in Ivers Square in Cape Girardeau on Saturday, June 8. The event was marked with music, speeches, and television and newspaper coverage. Leonard was caught on camera.



**SUVCW members: Marvin Greer, Bob Aubuchon  
(Grant Camp), Sumner Hunnewell (Fletcher Camp),  
Rodney Terry (Westport Camp)**



**Leonard Wright**

### United States Colored Troops Memorial Statue Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony June 8, 2019

#### 11:00 AM CEREMONY

- Welcome and Introduction.....*Steven Hoffman*
- Presentation of Colors.....*Marine Corps League, Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment #1081*
- National Anthem.....*Paighton Robinson*
- Invocation.....*Reverend William Byrd, Jr.*
- "Find the Cost of Freedom".....*Black Light Choral Ensemble*
- Statue Presentation and Unveiling.....*Marla Mills, Mayor Bob Fox, Ivers Family Descendants*
- History of James Ivers and US Colored Troops Enlistees.....*Denise Lincoln*
- Libation Ceremony.....*Bankole Agbon*
- "Down by the Riverside".....*Black Light Choral Ensemble*
- Gun Salute.....*Turner Brigade*
- Retrieval of the Colors.....*Marine Corps League, Cpl. Mason O. Yarbrough Detachment #1081*
- Closing.....*Steven Hoffman*
- Communal Sing "America the Beautiful".....*Black Light Choral Ensemble and Audience Members*

#### AFTER CEREMONY EVENTS

- Schaffner Family String Band
- Harriet Ivers.....*Performed by Marlene Rivero*
- Musical Interlude.....*Ron North*
- Reverend Spotswood Rice.....*Performed by Marvin-Alonzo Greer*
- Musical Finale.....*Ron North*

*Lunch sandwiches compliments of: Rev. Byron Bonner, TruQ, and True Vine Ministries*



## Ivers Square, Cape Girardeau



New USCT monument  
"Dedicated June 8, 2019,  
156 years after the first  
enslaved African  
Americans in Cape  
Girardeau enlisted in the  
US Colored Troops on  
June 18, 1863."

Two new placards  
commemorating events  
at Ivers Square

WRC Monument (1911)



## Casting of black Union soldier statue proceeds as group raises funds

Saturday, November 24, 2018

By Marybeth Niederkorn ~ Southeast Missourian



The statue of a black Union soldier is seen at the National Veterans Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee. Plans are moving forward to place a bronze statue cast from the molds of the statue to be placed in Ivers Square at the Common Pleas Courthouse in downtown Cape Girardeau. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration

Creation of a new bronze statue of a black, Civil War-era, Union soldier has begun with a view toward unveiling it in Ivers Square in downtown Cape Girardeau next summer.

Steve Hoffman, a history professor and coordinator of the Historic Preservation Program at Southeast Missouri State University, said Tuesday the process is going “really well.”

Hoffman said the project is really a team effort, with himself, Denise Lincoln and Bonnie Kipper leading the charge.

“We each bring our own skill sets,” Hoffman said.

Old Town Cape Inc. has been a key partner, as well, he said, “providing support and guidance for our efforts.”

Wayne Bowen, a former colleague of Hoffman’s at Southeast and a former Cape Girardeau City Council member, asked a question several years ago: was there a road in Cape Girardeau named after a black figure in Cape Girardeau’s history?

And Hoffman said no, not to his knowledge.

“We need to work on changing that,” Hoffman said at the time.

But, he said, from the beginning, the project’s goal was clear. This naming needed to be authentic, needed to be connected to Cape Girardeau’s history, and needed to be historically significant.

“And,” Hoffman said, “it needed to be additive, rather than a replacement.”

Hoffman said it was obvious from the beginning this naming needed to be about bringing much-needed historical context to Cape Girardeau’s black heritage.

The Common Pleas Courthouse park had no official name, so that was identified as a starting point, he said.

Lincoln’s research led to James Ivers and his wife, Harriet, Hoffman said.

During the Civil War, James Ivers and another approximately 200 black men from Cape Girardeau enlisted at the Common Pleas Courthouse and fought for the Union Army, Hoffman said.

The Cape Girardeau City Council in June 2017 renamed Common Pleas Courthouse park in honor of the Ivers.

After enlisting, according to Lincoln’s research, Ivers went to Helena, Arkansas — where another casting of this statue already stands, Hoffman said.

One other casting stands in Nashville, Tennessee, he said.

The Cape Girardeau statue would likely be the final one cast from this mold.

The mold, he added, is more than 60 pieces, highly realistic and detailed.

“It would cost more than \$45,000 for the statue alone,” as much as \$60,000 after all is said and done, Hoffman said. A \$127,000 grant to preserve and upgrade Ivers Square doesn’t include an allotment for the statue.

But fundraising efforts have been successful enough that the statue’s casting has already begun, Hoffman said. Old Town Cape, the downtown revitalization organization, is accepting the donations. The statue, once completed, would be donated to the city.

Monuments honoring Union and Confederate soldiers already stand in Ivers Square.

“People from this region sent sons, husbands, brothers, into the Confederacy,” Hoffman said. “Let’s acknowledge that, but let’s also tell a bigger story.”

Hoffman said enslaved people were sold on the courthouse steps at one time.

Lincoln, who has researched the history of local slave families, has called that “the painful part of our history.” Hoffman said the Ivers’ story can help add the voices of modern-day people with different values than our predecessors.

“Let’s honor a man who was enslaved ... who so believed in freedom that he climbed those steps and enlisted the first day African-Americans could,” Hoffman said.

Hoffman had told the Southeast Missourian a June date to unveil the statue would be appropriate because it would mark the 156th anniversary of James Ivers’ enlistment in the Union Army. It also ties in with the Juneteenth celebration, which annually recognizes the June 19, 1865, announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas, and more generally the emancipation of enslaved blacks throughout the former Confederacy.

The statue’s dedication is planned for June 8, 2019, Hoffman said.

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*Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas  
Rear Courtyard*

*US Colored Troops Statue and Info Panel  
Photos after this page taken 08/31/2025  
by Walt Busch, PDC SUVCW*

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WHO SERVED IN UNITED STATES COLORED TROOP  
REGIMENTS UNION ARMY - 1863-1867  
DEDICATED TO THEIR MEMORY - 2019

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which these men fought.

Sculptor: Ray W. Butler  
Model: William C. Radcliffe  
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and the many generous and supportive citizens of Cape Girardeau who helped make this project a reality.

It is the hope of the artist that this statue will inspire the young people of Cape Girardeau to learn about the history of the US Colored Troops and the role of African American soldiers in the Civil War.

**ABOUT IT:**  
It is important to memorialize USCT soldiers.

In 2019, the United States Colored Troops statue was installed near the location of the old market house where thousands of young boys were recruited and sent to the Civil War. This statue honors the courage and sacrifice of the more than 200,000 African American men who enlisted in the Union Army to fight for their own freedom and the freedom of their fellow Americans.



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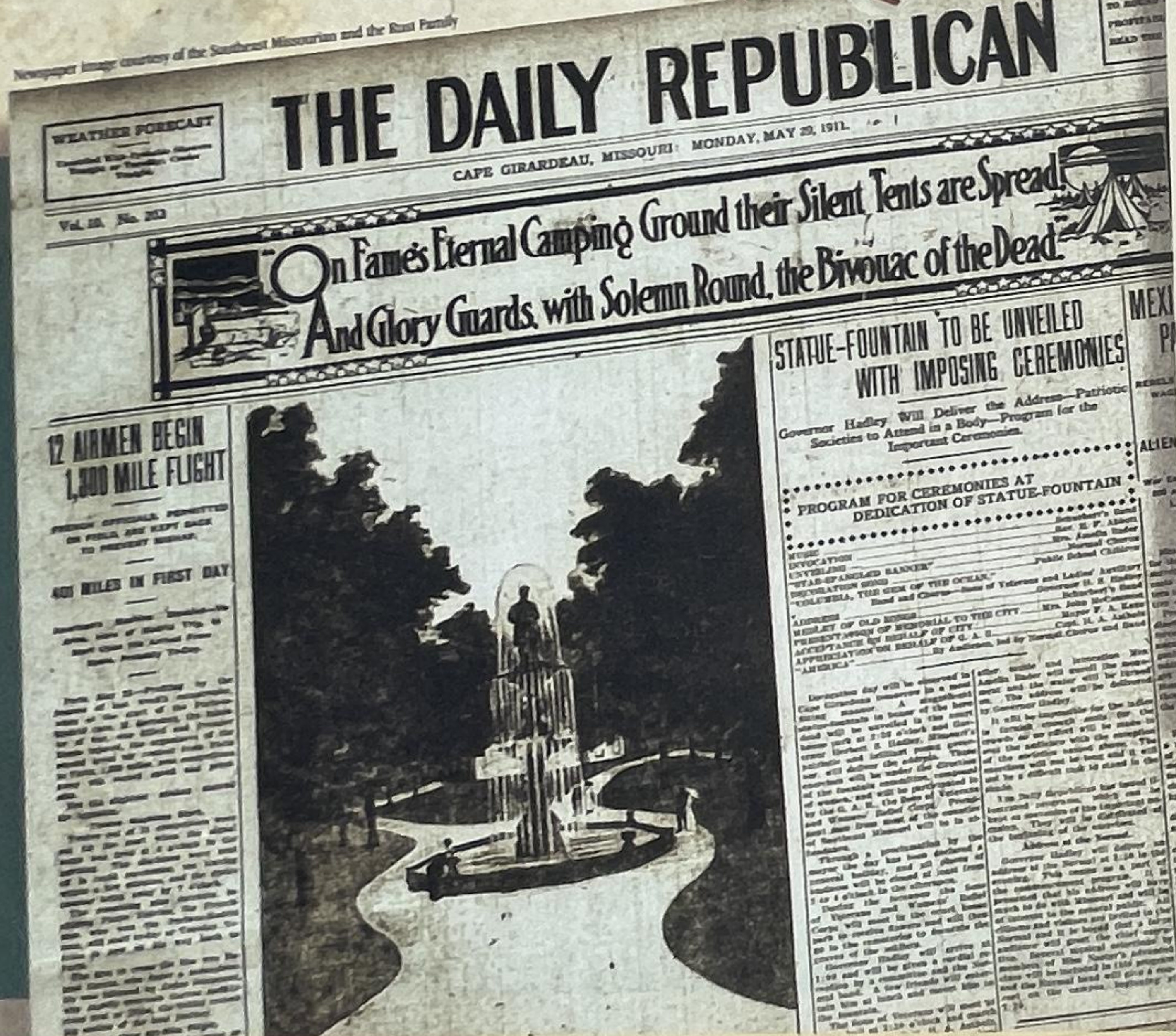
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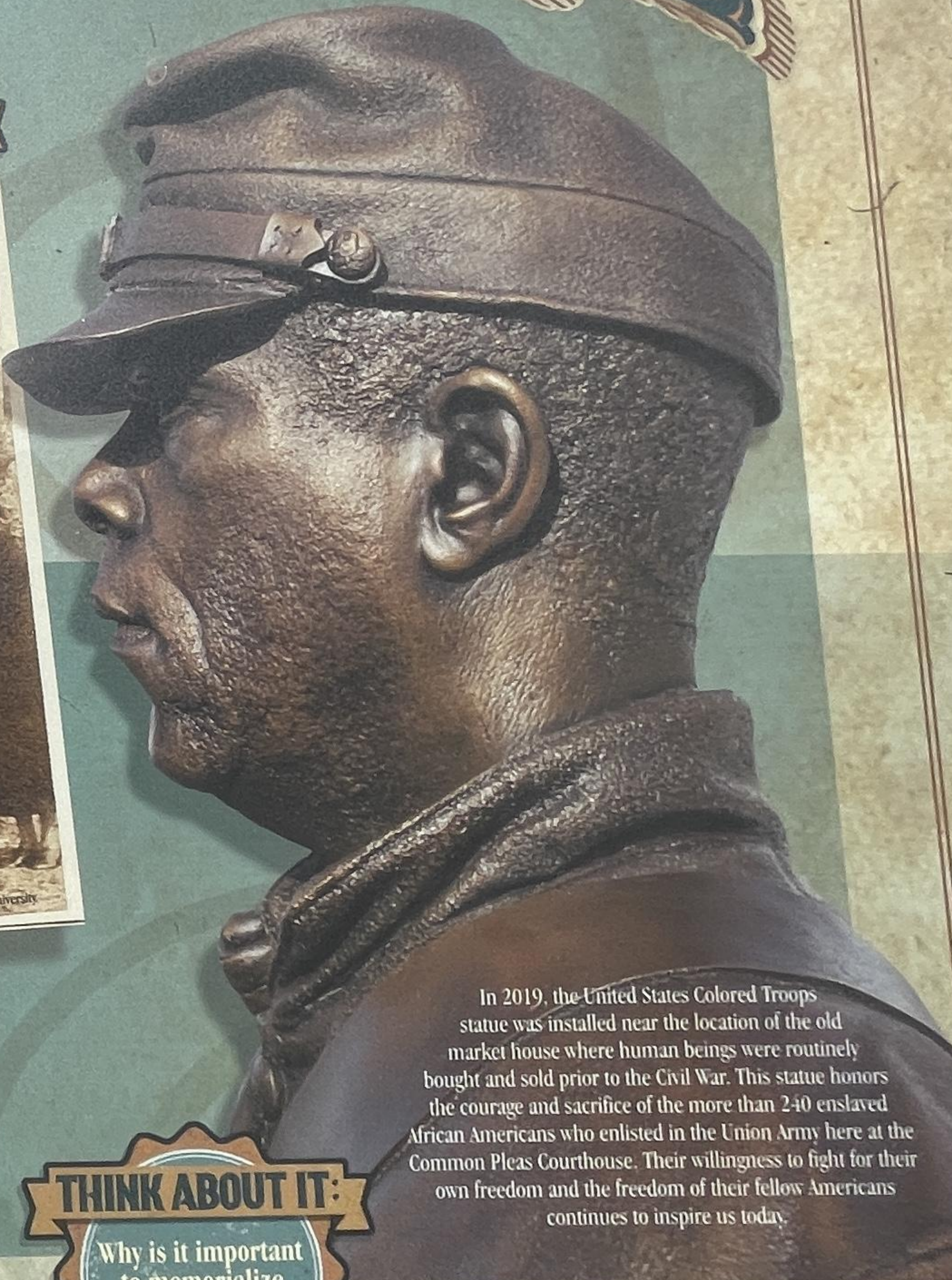
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# CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS SQUARE EVERS & SQUARE



**THINK ABOUT IT:**  
Why did the women of Cape Girardeau want to memorialize Civil War soldiers?



**THINK ABOUT IT:**  
Why is it important to memorialize USCT soldiers?


In 2019, the United States Colored Troops statue was installed near the location of the old market house where human beings were routinely bought and sold prior to the Civil War. This statue honors the courage and sacrifice of the more than 240 enslaved African Americans who enlisted in the Union Army here at the Common Pleas Courthouse. Their willingness to fight for their own freedom and the freedom of their fellow Americans continues to inspire us today.

In 1931, the Cape Girardeau chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy erected a memorial to the region's Confederate dead. Plans were initiated in 1910 by Mary Hunter Giboney Houck, wife of Louis Houck and finally realized by the chapter twenty-one years later under the leadership of Maude M. Hope. Originally located at the foot of the old Mississippi River traffic bridge, the monument was moved to its current location in 1995 when the old bridge was slated for demolition. This monument recognizes the dedication and sacrifice of Southeast Missourians who fought to help establish a Confederate slaveholding republic. This monument must now also remind us that their loss actually meant liberty, justice and freedom for thousands of their fellow Missourians.

In 1911, Cape Girardeau members of the Missouri Chapter of the Woman's Relief Corps, an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, commissioned a memorial to the fallen soldiers of the City and County. Dedicated on May 30, 1911, the memorial fountain and statue was presented to the city by Sallie McCammon. The sentinel atop the fountain stood for ninety-two years until a fallen branch shattered the statue in 2003. Sculptor Alan Gibson created an exact replica, which was installed on June 13, 2003.

OLD TOWN  
**CAPE**



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USCT Monument created by Ray W. Butler © 2019







CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS SQUARE WERE HERE

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# CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS SQUARE

## IVER'S SQUARE

**THE DAILY REPUBLICAN**

On James Lernal Camping Ground their Silent Tests are Spread  
And Query Guards with solemn Round the Province of the Dead

TO HONOR MEN  
WHOM WE WILL ALIGHT

THE BIRTH OF A NATION

In 1911, Cape Girardeau members of the Missouri Chapter of the Woman's Relief Corps, an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, commissioned a monument to the fallen soldiers of the City and County. Dedicated on May 26, 1911, the ornamental fountain and statue was presented to the city by Sallie McCasman. The ornamental arch the fountain stood for seventy-two years until a fallen branch shattered the statue in 2003. Sculptor Alan Gibson created an exact replica, which was installed on June 13, 2005.

In 1939, the Cape Girardeau Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy erected a memorial to the region's Confederate dead. Plans were initiated in 1931 by Mary Porter Gibson Houch, wife of Louis Houch, and others. The monument was dedicated in 1939. The monument was moved to its current location in 1995 when the old bridge was dismantled for demolition. The monument commemorates the dedication and service of Southern Missourians who fought to help establish a Confederate statehood. This monument serves as a reminder to the people of Cape Girardeau of the sacrifices, pain and freedom for thousands of their fellow Missourians.

**THINK ABOUT IT!**  
Why is it important to remember fallen USCT soldiers?

In 2019, the United States Colored Troops statue was installed near the location of the old market house where Union troops were housed and sold prior to the Civil War. This statue honors the courage and sacrifice of the more than 140,000 African American men who served in the Union Army here at the Gateway Park Confederate. Their sacrifices to fight for their own freedom and the freedom of their fellow Americans continues to inspire us today.

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**CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS SQUARE**  
**EVERETT SQUARE**  
THE DAILY REPUBLICAN  
The Battle of Gettysburg  
The Battle of Gettysburg was fought on July 1-3, 1863, and was a major battle of the American Civil War. It resulted in a decisive Union victory over the Confederate Army of General Robert E. Lee, ending his invasion of the North and marking a turning point in the war.

Statue of a man in a military uniform, likely a soldier or officer, standing on a pedestal. The pedestal has a plaque with text, including the name "EVERETT" and the date "1863".

# CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS SQUARE IIVERS SQUARE



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**THINK ABOUT IT?**  
Why is it important to memorialize USCT soldiers?

In 1911, Cape Girardeau members of the Missouri Chapter of the Woman's Relief Corps, an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, commissioned a memorial to the fallen soldiers of the City and County. Dedicated on May 30, 1911, the memorial fountain and statue was presented to the city by Sallie McCammon. The sentinel atop the fountain stood for ninety-two years until a fallen branch shattered the statue in 2003. Sculptor Alan Gibson created an exact replica, which was installed on June 13, 2003.

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