

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 ☐ DUV CW ☒ Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

SPONSORED PRIMARILY BY THE CITY OF BAXTER SPRINGS IN COOPERATION WITH THE BAXTER SPRINGS
HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM - US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

Original Dedication Date _____ 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: **INTERSECTION OF OAK CREST & FAIRVIEW AVE, ON
THE RIGHT WHEN TRAVELING EAST ON OAK CREST.**
 Street/Road address or site location _____

311 NORTH WILLOW AVE GPS Coordinates 37 DEG NOR 0.741TH 94 DEG 43.594' WEST

City/Village &/or Township BAXTER SPRINGS

County CHEROKEE State KANSAS Zip Code 66713

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name _____

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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

_____ Height _____ Width _____ 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.

CIVIL WAR TOUR SIGN 12 PAINTED ROYAL BLUE WITH YELLOW INSCRIPTION --- (A YELLOW DIAMOND WITH 12 IN CENTER) -- YELLOW INSCRIPTION: CAMP LOGAN WAS A 100 ACRE SITE OF ANNUAL G.A.R. REUNIONS ATTENDED BY VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN 1883-1914. AN AMPHITHEATER HOLDING 2000 PEOPLE WAS LOCATED DIRECTLY AHEAD. THE SURROUNDING HILLS WERE CAMPSITES FOR THOUSANDS OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED THE WEEK LONG EVENT.

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: ROADSIDE SIGN IN TOWN

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 7/28/2026

Your Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Address _____

City OKLAHOMA CITY

State OKLA

Zip Code 73150

Telephone () _____ E-Mail FLORESBRDLDY@AOL.COM

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

DUVCW OK SALLIE PEACHEATER TENT #18 ----- WRC MAL --- LGAR NIM

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 (314) 630-8407

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

>This form may be photocopied.<

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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) .

Inspector's Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Date 7/28/2026

REUNION DAILY NEWS.

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The associate editors are responsible for all articles in this paper, and parties having a grievance must apply to them, as the editor in chief will only be responsible for money, watches, diamonds and other articles of value left in his charge.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.

ATTENTION, COMRADES.

Every old soldier and every old friend of the old soldier is requested to secure at least one membership in the Inter State Reunion Association. It costs you but one dollar for a share in the association, and it is certainly worth a dollar to have the satisfaction of knowing that you are one of us. The grove in which this reunion is being held has been purchased by the association and additional grounds will be purchased as fast as money can be obtained to buy them. It is the design of the members to secure ample grounds for reunion purposes and then put up buildings adapted to our wants as fast as our means will permit. The committee appointed to select grounds spent two days in looking the situation over and were unanimously of the opinion that this grove answered our purpose better than any other and advised its immediate purchase. It belongs to the Inter-State Reunion Association in fee simple and will certainly revert to the sons of veterans, so that our boys have more interest in this park than the old veterans. It is to be hoped that every boy whose father was in the war will take enough pride in keeping up memories of the old men and the old associations to become a member, and it is to be hoped that every friend of the old soldiers, whether he fit in the war or not will have enough pride in himself and the old flag to honor his country's defenders by taking a membership. It only costs a dollar a share and the neat lithograph certificate you will receive in return with a picture of an army mule and Bob McGregor's autograph is alone worth the price of the membership. Have your name enrolled today.

MASSACRE AT BAXTER SPRINGS.

October 6, 1863, near this lovely grove, one of the most brutal massacres recorded in history was perpetrated by the confederate commander, Quantrill. The victims were chiefly members of Co. D, 3d Wis. Cav., and Co. A, 14th Kan. Cav., under the command of Gen. Blunt, who was on his way from Ft. Scott to Ft. Gibson. A small fort near the medical springs, occupied by two companies of U. S. troops, had been attacked by Quantrill the day before, but having been several times repulsed he placed his men in ambush and awaited the arrival of Gen. Blunt, of whose approach he had accurate information. Gen. Blunt arrived within a short distance of the front and having no knowledge of impending danger ordered his brass band to the front, intending to make his entry in military style. All at once Quantrill's men broke in upon him with terrific force, a revolver in each hand and yelling like demons. No defense could be made and nearly all the union soldiers surrendered at once. Quantrill ordered his band of assassins to kill every prisoner and allow none to escape, which was done with a ferocity that would excite admiration in an Apache Indian. Among the last to die were two little drummer boys who clasped Quantrill by the knees and begged pitifully that he might spare their lives. Several of the hardened brutes in his command tried to intercede for the boys, saying they were

too young to do any harm, but their leader said he was on his way to Texas and did not want to leave any of the breed behind him; so they were cruelly shot down while begging for mercy. This man Quantrill has until lately been called a bushwhacker or guerrilla, but the fact has been fully established that he bore an officer's commission from the Confederate government.

Comrades, we do not wish to fling in your faces the bloody shirt; the war is over and animosities should subside. We have the highest respect for the honorable confederate soldier; we are even beginning to have a sort of admiration for the confederate flag and we don't mind mingling at the proper time and place with the blue and the grey—but not on these grounds or with those men. We don't believe the blue and the grey would mix very well just in sight of the monument that records the assassination of over one hundred loyal comrades. From where we are gathered today the shots could be plainly heard that pierced their innocent hearts. We could almost hear those poor little boys pleading for their lives. In christian charity no doubt we ought to forgive them and forget all about it, but then, you know, comrades, christian charity can take a back seat when it comes to murdering boys, and when the blue and the grey want to mingle fraternally there are lots of places more suitable than the battle field of Baxter Springs.

A GRAND COMBINATION.

There is one paper among our exchanges which deserves more than a passing notice. Its name is the Baxter Springs News. It is published every Saturday and contains, besides numerous advertisements and a patent inside, some ten to twelve columns of intensely original reading matter, some of it of a moral nature, but chiefly pertaining to Cherokee county, Kansas. It is a home paper and full of local news. It is a paper that every Cherokee county farmer should patronize. When we take this paper and compare it with many of our county papers and note the preponderance of original matter, the erudition displayed in its editorials as well as advertisements, its clean cut, artistic typographical appearance, and its highly moral political tone, we wonder that it is not only not in every household but that the subscription of \$1 per annum is not paid in advance. We have made an arrangement whereby the Baxter Springs weekly News and this paper can be sent to any address postpaid for \$1.15 per annum. This is the cheapest combination out. Just think of it! A daily illustrated newspaper and the Baxter Springs News for one dollar and fifteen cents. Subscriptions will be received at the press tent on the grounds, apply to M. H. Gardner or C. W. Daniels.

W. R. C.

Corps No 32, Galena, has established headquarters on the corner of Logan Ave. and McPherson streets. They invite all sisters to call and register.

The corps from Tiff City accompanied their post and are helping to look after the boys.

Mrs. Carrie Johnson, president of Arcadia corps, and a good number of the corps are in camp. These old girls know how to make black coffee and keep the old boys from grumbling.

Mrs. St. John, president of the Carthage, Mo., W. R. C., and 20 members took in the great reunion yesterday. They were greatly pleased with our beautiful camp and will arrange to be with us every day next year.

Corps 58, of Altamont, are in camp in charge of the old boys of post 268. They say the boys are hard to manage when away from home.

Stanton corps, No. 2, of Missouri, displays a beautiful banner on the rostrum in the auditorium.

--As we go to press we learn that General Garibaldi Washington Crackenboon and 700 of his rangers will reach Camp Logan at noon today.

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