

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 *without* Sculpture

☐ Monument with Cannon
☐ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque

Affiliation

☐ G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) ☐ M.O.L.L.U.S.
☐ W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. _____) ☐ Other Allied Order
☒ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. Sons of Veterans & Auxilliary _____) (Please describe below)
☐ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
☐ Other: _____

Original Dedication Date 1923

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.

LocationThe Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location NW Corner of W. Ste. Maries & No. Main W89°51'45" N37°43'32"
 City/Village Perryville Township _____ County Perry

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 County of Perry Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 15 West Ste Marie St.
 City Perryville State MO Zip Code 63775
 Contact Person County Clerk Telephone (573) 547-4242

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...
 not applicable

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.) grey granite & marble

Material of the Sculpture = ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) grey granite
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" n/a

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = not applicable

Material of Cannon = ☐ Bronze ☐ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
 Markings on muzzle = not applicable

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 7'10" Width 7'9" Depth 4'2" or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 6'5" Width 18" Depth 18" 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 _____
none

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.

IN MEMORY OF

PERRY COUNTY'S

UNION SOLDIERS

OF THE CIVIL WAR

1861-1865

ERECTED BY

SONS OF VETERANS

AND AUXILIARY

1923

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)☒ Town☐ Suburban (residential, near city)☐ 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)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	<u>no</u>	<u>slight</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
White crusting	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Chalky or powdery stone	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Granular eroding of stone	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...		

two small chips out of base one on north and one on south side. small amount of bird droppings. Small amount of water appears to collect around edges of monument base during rain causing darker area in granite, but apparently evaporates fairly quickly.

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

Overall Description

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

Good condition. Cyclic inspection probably every five years.

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 Identification

Date of On-site Survey 09 July 2005

Your Name Walt Busch

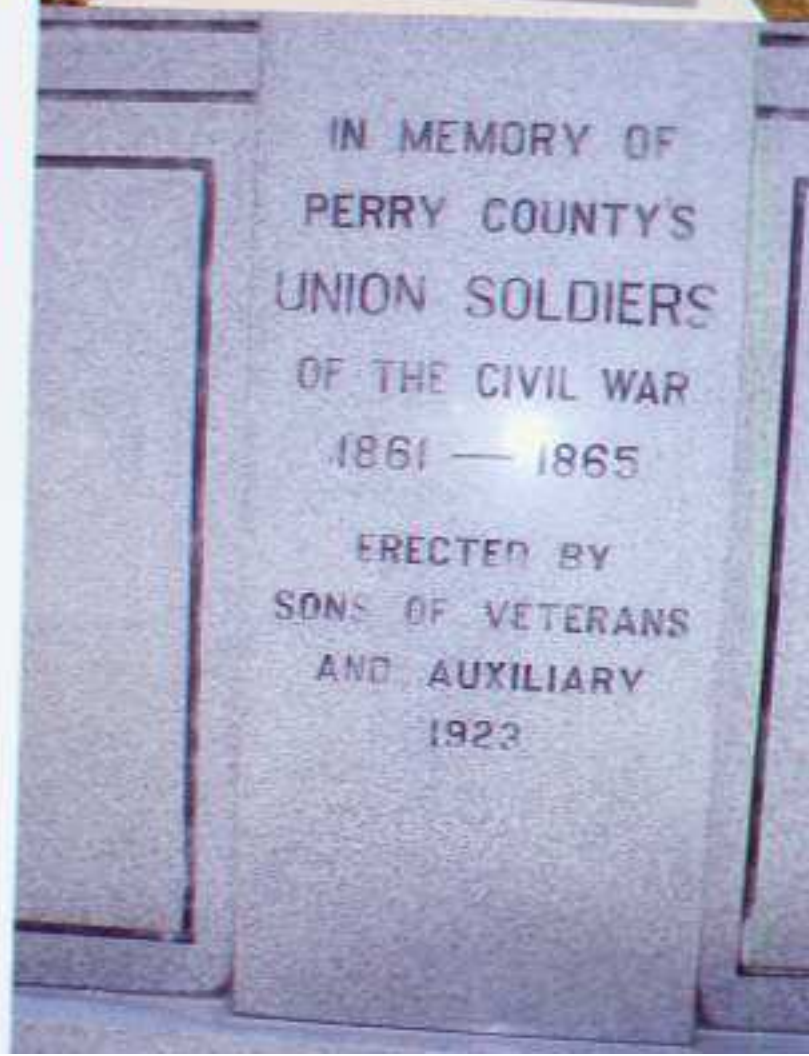
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Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington. PDC

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
 National Civil War Memorials Committee



Concerning The Cover Photo



Union Soldier Monument Arrives Here June 26

The Union Soldier monument, which will be erected in the courthouse yard by members of the Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary of Perryville, arrived here Tuesday, June 26.

The monument is of Barre granite, 16 feet high and weighs 20,000 pounds. The inscription will be cut by W. D. Brewer & Sons and the unveiling will take place some time in July.

Preparations are being made for a big demonstration that day and if possible Mayor Henry Kiel of St. Louis will be here to make an address.

(Perry County Republican 28 June 1923)

Monument Will Be Dedicated October 7

Governor Hyde To Be Here For Exercises - Structure Cost Over \$2,000.

Governor Arthur M. Hyde, on Tuesday, wired his acceptance of an invitation to be here on October 7 for the unveiling of the Union Soldier monument which was erected this week in the courthouse yard by the local camp of Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary in honor of the 1,500 men from this county who fought in the Union Army during the Civil War. A special dedication program is being arranged.

The monument, which is of a Union soldier in uniform, stands 14 feet high. It is of the finest Rock of Ages Barre granite from Vermont and was designed by the Excelsior Granite

Company of Montpelier, Virginia. Tosi, an Italian sculptor, who learned his profession in Carrara, Italy, cut the figure. The cost of the monument will be in excess of \$2,000. The work of raising funds for the structure was begun in 1917, but the work was practically discontinued during the war.

The base of the monument is 1 1/3 feet thick, 7 feet 8 inches long, 4 feet 2 inches wide and is of gray unpolished granite. Upon this rests a slab of polished granite 1 foot thick, 6 feet long and 2 feet 6 inches wide and resting on this is a 5 1/2 foot center die of polished granite 2 feet 2 inches square between two side dies of polished granite 2 feet 2 inches by 1 foot 7 inches.

Upon the north face of the center die is the inscription "In Memory of Perry County's Union Soldiers of the Civil War 1861-65 Erected by Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary 1923" The figure of a Union Soldier in uniform at parade rest stands upon the center die and faces to the north. The monument is placed near the center of the northeast quarter of the courthouse lawn.

W. D. Brewer & Sons of Perryville had charge of erecting the monument.
(Perry County Republican 20 September 1923)

Gov. Hyde Speaks At Dedication Exercises

State Executive Addresses Large Audience at Unveiling of Union Soldier Monument

Governor Arthur M. Hyde was the principal speaker at the exercises held here Sunday afternoon at the unveiling of a monument to Perry County's Union soldiers of the Civil War.

The State Executive, who himself is a son of a Union soldier, made an address which found favor not only with the few G.A.R. veterans in the audience but with the entire crowd of between three and four thousand persons, the largest that ever assembled in this county to hear a public speaking. The Governor's address was built around the theme that the people of a nation will be governed either from within or without and that the fundamental principle that governs all institutions is law. "The foundation of law" he said, "rests in the church, the school and the home." Referring to Perry County's 1800 men in the Civil War, he said "I doubt if a single county in the state furnished more men in proportion to population than Perry County."

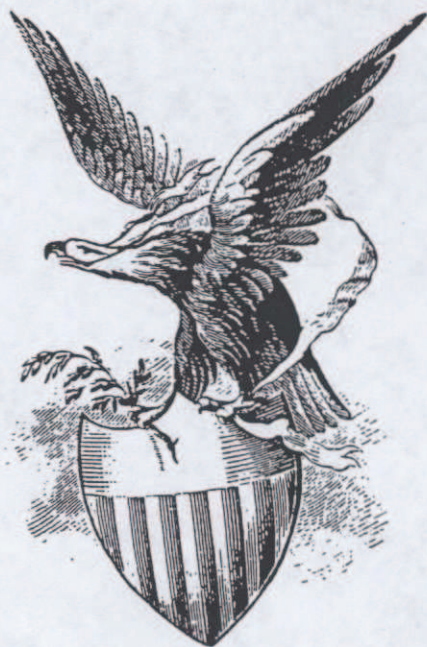
The following program was carried out: Raising of the flag by the American Legion Post and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner by the Altenburg Band; singing of America by the chorus; invocation by the Rev. William Barr, C.M.; opening remarks by P. L. Zoeller, chairman of the Monument Committee; address by J. B. Cashion, a member of the local camp of the G.A.R.; address by Governor Hyde; presentation of monument to county by the chairman; unveiling of monument; the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and the salute by a firing squad of Legion men; acceptance address by Charles E. Kiefner, in behalf of the County Court; song by chorus; placing of wreaths on monument by veterans of the

Civil, Spanish-American and World Wars; song by chorus; benediction by the Rev. J. M. Fontaine.

The monument which is placed in the northeast corner of the courtyard was erected by the local camp of Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary at a cost of \$2,364. It is of the finest Barre granite from Vermont and is sixteen feet high. The Union Soldier in uniform, which stands on the base, is six feet tall. W. D. Brewer & Sons were the contractors.

The unveiling of the monument was an event of great importance to the Sons of Veterans throughout this section and representatives from numerous camps and Auxiliaries were here, including the Auxiliary Division President and Secretary.

Of Perry County's 1800 men who served with the Union forces during the Civil War, but 34 remain. Twenty-seven of the number were here Sunday for the exercises and saw the unveiling of a monument with the inscription "Dedicated to the Memory of Perry County's Union Soldiers of the Civil War 1861-65". They are: Thomas Hooss, Dennis Hugon, Joseph Hugon, Feriol Cretin, A. T. Crow, Peter Milfelt, Emil Richardet, Jeff Yount, Jesse Meyer, John Winkler, Michael Beinlein, Fritz Mehner, T. C. King, J. A. Elder, Lucien Blanc, Frank Steiber, Josiah Tucker, William Unterreiner, Patrick Monaghan, R. I. Brewer, James Phillips, T. W. Robinson, John Tucker, J. B. Cashion, Nerius Tucker, Andrew Gorman and William Heitman. (Perry County Republican 11 October 1923)



OLD POSTCARD

Union Soldier Monument, Perryville, Mo.

