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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL

other names/site number SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL AND MONUMENT

2. Location

street & number FIRST AVENUE AND WALNUT STREET ☐ not for publication

city or town HUTCHINSON ☐ vicinity

state KANSAS code KS county RENO code 155 zip code 67501

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Richard D Pankratz 3-11-02
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is: Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
  ☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National Register
  ☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.
- ☐ removed from the National Register.
- ☐ other, (explain:) _____

SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL
Name of Property

RENO COUNTY, KANSAS
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☐ private
- ☒ public-local
- ☐ public-State
- ☐ public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)
- ☐ district
- ☐ site
- ☐ structure
- ☐ object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
		buildings
		sites
		structures
	3	objects
	3	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: MONUMENT/MARKER

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: MONUMENT/MARKER

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS:
CLASSICAL REVIVAL

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: GRANITE
walls STONE: GRANITE
roof N/A
other METAL: BRONZE

Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL
Name of Property

RENO COUNTY, KANSAS
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [x] **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- [ ] **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- [ ] **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- [ ] **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- [ ] **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- [ ] **B** removed from its original location.
- [ ] **C** a birthplace or grave.
- [ ] **D** a cemetery.
- [ ] **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- [x] **F** a commemorative property.
- [ ] **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)

MILITARY

Period of Significance

1918 - 1919

Significant Dates

1919

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

HUGH A. PRICE - DESIGNER
HUTCHINSON MOUNUMENT WORKS - SCULPTOR
(GRIMES & JONES)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- [ ] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- [ ] previously listed in the National Register
- [ ] previously determined eligible by the National Register
- [ ] designated a National Historic Landmark
- [ ] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- [ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- [x] State Historic Preservation Office
- [ ] Other State agency
- [ ] Federal agency
- [x] Local government
- [ ] University
- [ ] Other

Name of repository:

CITY OF HUTCHINSON

SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL
Name of Property

RENO COUNTY, KANSAS
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property LESS THAN ONE ACRE

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	14	593900	4212067	3			
2				4			

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title TIM JOHNSON

organization CITY OF HUTCHINSON date

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city or town HUTCHINSON state KS zip code 67501

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items
(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name CITY OF HUTCHINSON

street & number P.O. BOX 1567 telephone

city or town HUTCHINSON state KS zip code 67504

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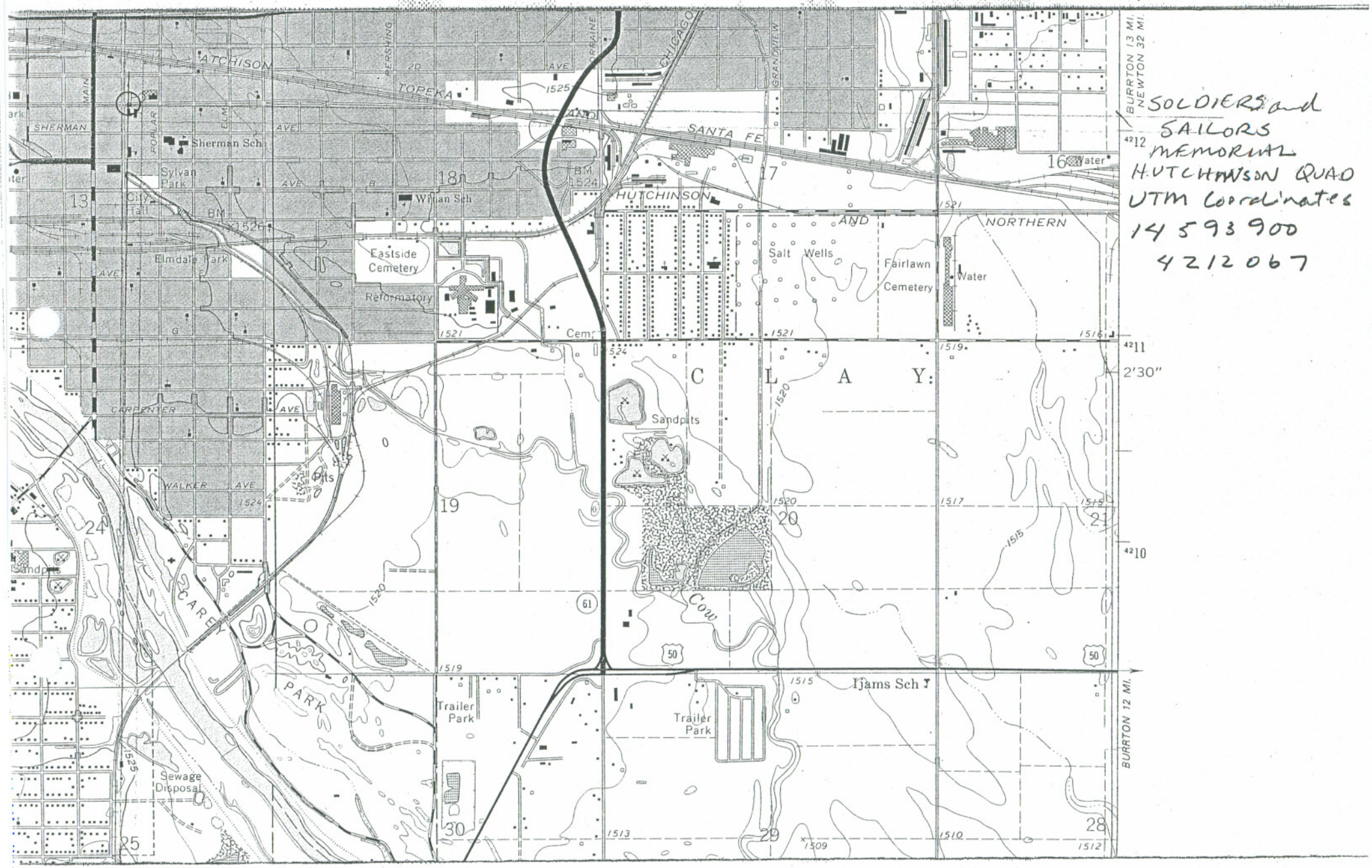

SOLDIERS and SAILORS MEMORIAL
HUTCHINSON QUAD
UTM Coordinates
14 593900
4212067

DESCRIPTION

The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial (c. 1918- 1919) is located on a median east of the intersection of Walnut Street and First Avenue in Hutchinson, Kansas. The memorial includes a forty-one foot, Neo-Classically styled, white granite monument and two bronze, Confederate Civil War cannons. The four-sided, tapered granite shaft stands on an irregularly shaped, triple stepped granite base with overall dimensions of six feet high and sixteen feet wide. A nine-foot granite figure of Abraham Lincoln stands on a pedestal atop the shaft. Figures of three soldiers and one sailor stand on pedestals that project at a forty-five degree angle from the base of the structure. The monument maintains a western orientation. The memorial stands at its original location on the the final remnants of what once was Lincoln Park, a linear park along First Avenue.

The two cannons are placed on the eastern side of the monument, their barrels pointing to the northwest and southwest. The cannons are a bronze Quinby & Robinson/Western Foundry 6-pounder gun # 16 and an A.B. Reading cannon, 6-pounder smoothbore #39. The cannon barrels rest on broken wagon chassis instead of historically accurate wooden carriages.

The tapered granite shaft is capped with a plain classical entablature. The edges of each elevation's frieze are accentuated with two large triglyphs. The western face of the shaft is recessed and contains a garland that drapes across the upper half of the shaft. A granite pedestal that stands on a stepped base and is capped by a plain classical entablature rises atop the shaft. The faces of each side of the pedestal are recessed, the western face contains a carved decorative cartouche. Inscribed into a panel at the western base of the monument are the words: "Lest We Forget. In Memory of all Soldiers and Sailors Loyal to Our Flag. Erected by Reno County 1918."

Lincoln's carved figure stands atop the pedestal facing west. The figure does not appear to be proportionally correct, the body is shorter and the head is larger than the historical images of Lincoln. Lincoln is holding his right hand out, palm upward, and is missing the fourth finger of that hand. He is wearing a frock coat, vest and trousers, and is looking down as if at the four figures at his feet. His left hand is held down at his side, in it he holds a partially rolled-up document.

The figure on the northwest corner of the monument is the figure of the Artilleryman. He is wearing a five-button summer sack coat and has a pistol and cap pouch attached to his belt. The Artilleryman's belt buckle has the insignia "U.S.A." embossed in the center. The five-button sack coat is historically inaccurate and is an error on the sculptor's part and should be a four-button sack coat. The belt buckle is also inaccurate as belt buckles were embossed with the letters "U.S " during the Civil War. The rest of the Artilleryman's uniform is correct from the kepi on his head to the brogans on his feet. Damage to the Artilleryman includes a missing right hand from the wrist up and the top of a cannon rammer that was originally held in the right hand. The stone base is slightly concave resulting in water damage and residue.

The second figure is on the southwest corner of the monument, and is the figure of the Infantryman. The Infantryman is wearing a *cavalryman's* winter greatcoat and has a cap pouch, sword bayonet and canteen attached to his belt. His uniform also shows mistakes by the sculptor in that he should be wearing an infantryman's winter greatcoat, have a cartridge box in addition to a cap pouch, and his canteen is British, not American, in design. He has a four-inch cap on his head, and brogans on his feet. The Infantryman has sustained damage to the two-band musket held in his hands. It is missing the top end of the musket barrel as well as the mechanics (lock and hammer). The stone base is slightly concave resulting in water damage and residue.

The third figure is on the southeast corner of the monument, and is the figure of the Cavalryman. The Cavalryman is wearing an infantryman's summer shell jacket. He has a pistol attached to a holster and a cap pouch and an infantryman's sword attached to his belt. He should be wearing a cavalryman's summer shell jacket and have a slightly curved, cavalry sword attached to his belt. He is wearing the correct cap and has an enlisted man's insignia of two crossed swords on the brim. However the swords are pointing the wrong direction, down instead of up. Damage to the Cavalryman figure includes a missing scabbard tip and the back knobs from his boot spurs. The stone base shows no sign of water damage.

The fourth figure is on the northeast corner of the monument, and is the figure of the Sailor. The Sailor is wearing a winter pea coat that is historically inaccurate as they did not exist until World War I. His hat is correct and was standard issue; however, the ribbon decorating the hat was not. Sailors would make and decorate the ribbons and caps themselves for identification purposes. The Sailor figure is wearing the bow of his black ribbon on the right side, and sailors wore the bow in the back. He holds a bugle in his right hand, which is unusual, as sailors generally used drums, rattles or whistles aboard ships. The stone appears to have sustained no damage over the years.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial (c. 1918- 1919) is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion A for its historical association as a Grand Army of the Republic (G. A. R.) commemorative Civil War monument . The G. A. R. was a nationwide organization of Union Civil War veterans established in 1866 to perpetuate the memory and history of those comrades killed in the Civil War. Many Kansas communities received G. A. R. memorials between 1885 and 1936, when the last memorial was erected.

The Hutchinson memorial is an example of a multi-figure monument, of which only three were erected in Kansas. The two others stand in Wichita and Kinsley. This type of monument consists of a center shaft, column or dome crowned with a symbolic figure that overlooks four military figures at the base. The figures at the base represent the four branches of the Union military and include a sailor, an artilleryman, an infantryman and a cavalryman. The Kansas multi-figure monuments were erected at the end of the "Great Monument Era," which spanned the dates of 1885 to 1918.

Located in city parks, courthouse lawns, or public cemeteries, the memorials erected by the G. A. R. served the purpose of venerating the Civil War service of Union soldiers and sailors. The public monuments also exposed Americans to memorial artwork on a widespread basis for the first time.

The process of creating the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial for Hutchinson began in 1915 when the city hosted the state encampment of the G.A.R. As an outcome of this event, a gun committee was established in January of 1916 to secure the donation of two bronze field pieces. The committee worked with representatives in Congress and members of the City Commission to bring two Civil War field artillery pieces to Hutchinson, Kansas.

The two guns that were sent to Hutchinson and the G.A.R. were not Federal pieces, but captured Confederate weapons. One of the cannons represents the federal Model of 1841 manufactured by the Quinby & Robinson Western Foundry and is the only one of its kind known to have survived. A.B. Reading & Brothers Foundry of Vicksburg, Mississippi produced the second cannon. Only eight documented A.B. Reading cannons remain.

The G.A.R. placed the cannons on carriages and dedicated them to the City of Hutchinson on June 28, 1917. In his remarks dedicating the guns, former Congressman George A. Neeley, who as a member of Congress introduced the bill donating the cannon to Hutchinson, challenged the community to do even more to commemorate its Civil War veterans. Neeley emphasized that:

"[t]he people of Reno County should demand that a respectable statue should be erected in this county, by county taxation, as a memorial to the soldiers of the Civil War. It should be a hundred feet high and bear on it the names of all the Reno County Soldiers of the grand war, to keep alive the memory of the men and women who made it possible for this nation to be preserved."

The G.A.R., responding to ex-Congressman Neeley's challenge, quickly established a Monument Committee composed of representatives of the Hutchinson, Nickerson, and Haven G.A.R. and Women's Relief Corps (W.R.C.) posts. On July 30th, representatives of the committee met with the Commercial Club, precursor of today's Chamber of Commerce, seeking their support in lobbying the Reno County Commission to levy a one-time quarter mill property tax to fund construction of a soldiers and sailors monument. The following day, the Hutchinson News reported:

"President Charles W. Oswald…appointed Lieutenant Governor W.Y. Morgan, State Senator Will S. Thompson and Representative F.L. Martin as a committee to call on the county board urging that the levy be made… On motion of Emerson Carey, the club unanimously voted in favor of the quarter of a mill levy, and adopted a resolution asking the county board to make that levy."

Having secured the County Commission's financial support, the Monument Committee next turned to the design and location of the monument. The legislation enabling the County to raise funds for the monument also required that it be placed on county-owned property or on property owned by the county seat. At its September 25, 1917 meeting, the Hutchinson City Commission and the Monument Committee discussed placing the monument on city-owned property. Three days later City Commissioners Flinn and Shears submitted a report recommending that it be located "…on First Avenue East at the Main Street line." (City Clerk's Record, September 28, 1917) The Monument Committee accepted this location at the City Commission's October 2nd meeting, although many members apparently preferred placing the memorial two blocks east on First Avenue at the west end of a linear park between Walnut and Poplar. This preference was acknowledged three weeks later when the Commission reversed itself and authorized placement of the memorial "…in the middle driveway of First Avenue east of the Walnut St. line." (City Clerk's Record, October 23, 1917) The Commission also approved setting aside space to the east of the monument for the placement of the cannon, benches or flowerbeds.

Four firms submitted a total of five bids for construction of the statue. The County Commission opened these bids on January 26, 1918. Hutchinson Monument Works (also known as Grimes and Jones), in association with Hugh A. Price of Chicago, a well-known designer of military monuments, submitted the winning design for the statue with a low bid of $20,500. The Hutchinson Monument Works/Price Proposal was approved by the Monument Committee October 25th , and accepted by the County Commission November 6th. The statue was finished by September 1918.

The Neo-Classically styled, white granite monument was comprised of a four-sided, tapered shaft standing on an irregularly shaped, triple stepped granite base. A figure of Abraham Lincoln stood on a pedestal atop the granite monument. The figures of three soldiers and one sailor stood at the four corners of the structure's base. The monument was situated with a western orientation. The two cannons were placed on the eastern side of the monument, their barrels pointing to the northwest and southwest.

The finished memorial, including the two bronze cannons, was dedicated on Flag Day, June 14, 1919. The ceremonies were preceded by a parade including veterans of the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and World War I, the Military Sisterhood, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Daughters of the American Revolution and other organizations. The column marched from Convention Hall north on Walnut Street to the memorial site, where a large crowd including representatives from every town and township in Reno County awaited. Following a number of speeches, the presentation of a tableau by the Military Sisterhood, and recitation of a poem written for the occasion, William Burnett, Reno County Attorney, officially received the monument on behalf of the County.

Ten days later, the City Commission, at the request of the G.A.R. and W.R.C., renamed the linear park along First Avenue "Lincoln Park," thus bringing to a conclusion the Monument Committee's project.

The Memorial Today

For decades following its dedication, the memorial, popularly referred to as the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial, served as the focus of patriotic and memorial observances. But with the passage of time, memories faded and changes occurred along First Avenue. Old homes and other structures were replaced by a large Federal Post Office to the north. A new Methodist Church was constructed on the southeast corner of First and Walnut. A large portion of Lincoln Park was removed to provide parking for the new post office. Today, the G.A.R. monument and cannon still preside over what is left of Lincoln Park, inaccessible to potential visitors and crowded on a site too small for interpretation and pedestrians. The monument is a still-imposing landmark in the City of Hutchinson, reminding people of the sacrifices made by so many early settlers of Reno County.

Since 1989, the City of Hutchinson has received a number of offers to purchase the cannons. The City Commission in April of 1989 rejected the first offer for $18,000. In 1994, an offer for $35,000 for the barrels was made and again rejected. In October of 1997, the City was contacted by Riley W. Gunter, Civil War artillery expert and co-author of "*Confederate Cannon Foundries*," requesting confirmation of the guns identify. In corresponding with Mr. Gunter, the City discovered that the value of almost all Civil War artifacts, including artillery, has increased considerably since 1989. Today, according to Mr. Gunter, the barrels are worth as much as $100,000 each. Another offer from Steen Cannons, Ashland, Kentucky, was made to the City of Hutchinson for the cannon for $90,000 which was rejected in July of 2001.

Throughout the winter and spring of 1998, the Landmarks Commission held a number of meetings, both in regular and special session, to garner citizen input about the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial. During this time, it became clear that the memorial was still an important landmark in the community of Hutchinson. The Landmarks Commission drew the following conclusions from these sessions:

- the memorial does represent who the community was and still is;
- the memorial does speak for and about Reno County and the City of Hutchinson;
- the monument and cannons have aesthetic value; and
- the memorial's original purpose is not only relevant today, it is perhaps even more important.

A number of alternatives and their costs were then researched and a restoration plan developed for the guns and the monument. The restoration plans are part of larger plans to renovate the entire park and repair and secure the cannons. Proposed plans from 1998 show additional landscaping, signage and interpretation, lighting, ADA accessibility and paved walkways, and seating. The City Council is also committed to this monument restoration in that it has pledged $1.00 for every $2.00 the Landmarks Commission raises up to $27,500. Estimated costs for the entire site are approximately $80,000.00.

Today the ownership of the monument lies with the City of Hutchison and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), the legal descendant of the now defunct G. A. R. The SUVCW supports the nomination and the plans for renovation of the monument.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies a parcel of land east of Walnut Street and in the center of First Avenue in Hutchinson, Kansas. The boundary is the current site of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial.

Boundary Justification

The boundary is the current parcel of land on which the Memorial now rests. This is the original piece of land on which the monument and cannon were placed. Originally this area, Lincoln Park, was longer and wider than it is today. When the park was reduced to its current size to install parking and mailboxes, the monument and the cannon remained in the same location. The current site is the boundary for the National Register Nomination.

PHOTOGRAPHS

All photographs are of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial in Hutchison, Reno County, KS

Photographer: Joel Haag
Date: August 1999
Location of negatives: City Hall, City of Hutchinson, KS

Photograph 1: Monument and cannon, looking northwest
Photograph 2: Monument and cannon, looking northeast
Photograph 3: Monument, looking east
Photograph 4: Cannon, looking northeast
Photograph 5: Figure on northwest corner of Monument (hand is missing), looking southeast
Photograph 6: Lincoln on top of the Monument (finger is missing), looking up and toward the northeast