

Balltown Cemetery, Vernon County, Missouri - G.A.R. Lot Renovation Work

Before and after pictures of individual gravestones in G.A.R. Lot.



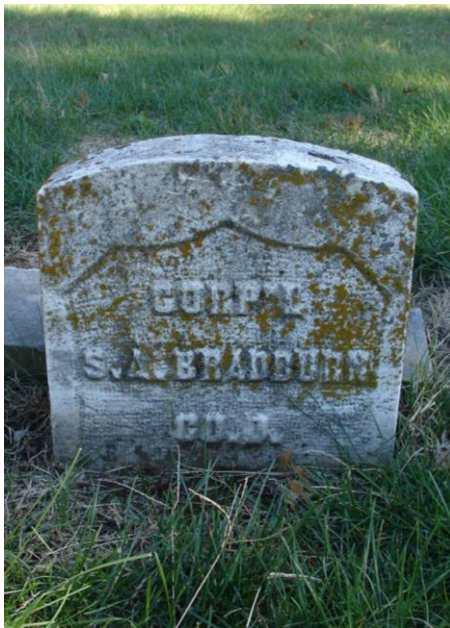
All work was first completely researched to determine the appropriate and correct methods to use in cleaning and repairing broken stones.



Some stones had sunken down over the years, and when the cleaned stones were reset, they were placed on a prepared base and set at the correct height, as per military standard.



After the cleaned stones were reset, turf grass was installed around each stone to prevent mud from splattering and discoloring the stones when it rained.



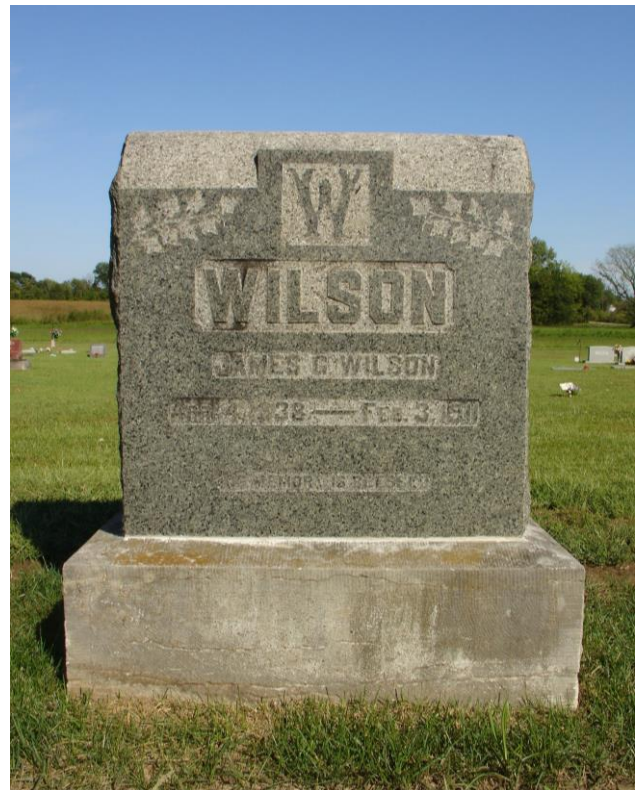
(If a reset stone does not look straight, it is my photography—each one is as straight as an arrow.)



Hiram C. Davis served during the Civil War under the name of John H. Johnson. (He was under age and ran away from home to join the army.)



When this was discovered more than 100 years later, a stone was obtained with his true name and it was installed next to the Johnson stone. The notation "Also known as Pvt. J. H. Johnson" was added to the Hiram C. Davis stone. The two stones sit side by side.



Two G. A. R. members have nonmilitary stones.