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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 with Cannon
 ___ Monument without Sculpture ___ 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. _____) (Please describe below)
 ___ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)

Other: 42nd Indiana Co. F Reunion Group (See Attachment)

Original Dedication Date September, 1893 (See Attachment) 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: In Front of the American Legion Post #256
 Street/Road address or site location 211 E. Washington Street
 City/Village Oakland City, IN Township _____ County Gibson

The front of the Memorial faces: Northeast North ___ South ___ East ___ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name UNKNOWN Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

Unknown for sure, but have been told that the monument used to be located along the railroad tracks at the intersection of Clay & Oak Streets in Oakland City, Indiana

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.) Politic Limestone

Material of the Sculpture = Stone ___ Concrete ___ Metal ___ Undetermined
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Oolitic Limestone
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" _____

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

Material of Cannon = ___ Bronze ___ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = _____

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 24 feet Width 7 feet Depth 7 feet or Diameter _____
Sculpture: Height 4 feet Width 1.5 feet Depth 1.5 feet 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 _____

See Attachment

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.

See Attachment

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square" | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |

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 _____

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
White crusting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	---	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Granular eroding of stone	---	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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

Overall Description


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

This monument appears to be in reasonably good shape, but could use some surface cleaning, especially on the right side. In addition, some of the wording on the upper base has been rubbed off and is no longer readable (Please See Attachment).

Supplemental Background Information (Please See Attachment)

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 4/9/2002
 Your Name Timothy J. Beckman
 Address 1135 N. Leland St. City Indianapolis
 State IN Zip Code 46219 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Donald E. Darby



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

The following description of the 42nd Indiana Company F Monument located in Oakland City, Indiana was compiled for inclusion on the 42nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry Web Site. This page may be accessed at the following address:

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~indiana42nd/cofmonument.htm>

Any additional questions or comments about this Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Civil War Memorial Assessment Form may be directed to me at the following address:

Tim Beckman
1135 N. Leland St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Phone: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]

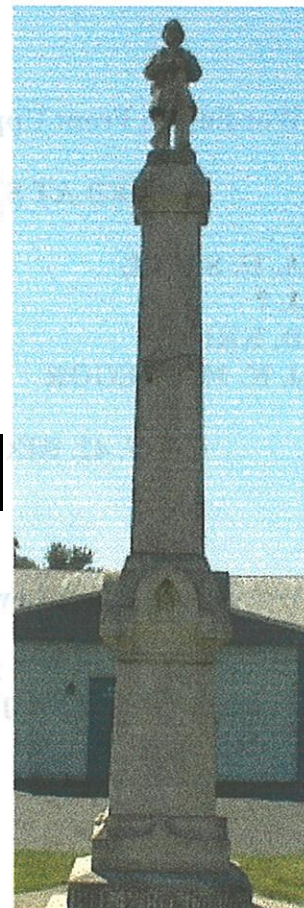
MONUMENT OF COMPANY F 42ND INDIANA

Note: This monument is located in Oakland City, Indiana (Gibson County) in front of the American Legion Post # 256, 211 E. Washington Street. This monument is directly across the street from the Oakland City city hall/police station on Washington Street and is near the intersection of Washington and Broadway Streets. It is believed to have been moved to its present location around 1991. The previous location of this monument, in Oakland City, was believed to have been situated along the railroad tracks at the corner of Clay and Oak Streets.

Wording on Front Top Panel [REDACTED]

DIED AT ANDERSONVILLE

**A. E. CANNON
A. C. COLEMAN
C. P. DILL
A. FARMER
H. H. HUNTER
J. M. HUNTER**



J. W. MARTIN
A. H. MARRINER
W. W. OLIVER
W. A REAVIS
JAC. STRICKLAND

Wording on Front Middle Panel

Company
Commissioned Officers

LIEUT.
COL. W. M. COCKRUM
Capt. S. C. BARRETT
Capt. J. D. SKELTON

1st LIEUTENANTS
J. W. SKELTON
J. Q. A. STEELE
A. A. KEYS

2nd LIEUT. J. C. WHITE

Wording on Front Upper Base

KILLED AT STONES RIVER, TENN.

A. H. STEEL	J. W. McCLEARY
J. ?	R. M. MARTIN
D. KRUSE	?(Unreadable)
J. K. McGREGOR	J. ? KILPATRICK

CO. F. 42. REG. IND. VOL.

Wording on Front Lower Base:

ENTERED THE U.S. SERVICE OCT 7, 1861
DISCHARGED JULY 21, 1865

Wording on Right Top Panel

(very worn)

- J. W. ALLMAN
- W. ADAMS
- A. H. BALDWIN
- W. J. BALDWIN SR.
- W. J. BALDWIN JR.
- D. W. BARNES
- J. W. BRYANT
- W. H. BASS
- J. BASS
- J. T. BELL
- F. BRASELTON
- A. CANNON
- J. W. CRISWELL
- A. C. CLIFFORD
- H. C. COCKRUM
- J. W. CORDER
- WM. CRISWELL
- J. A. COLEMAN
- J. C. CAIN
- J. DILL
- A. J. DILL
- J. H. FRENCH
- W. GILLUM
- G. GARRISON
- H. G. GILLUM
- M. GEORGE

Wording on Right Middle Panel

**ORIGINAL FIELD & STAFF
OFFICERS**

- COL. J. G. JONES
- LT. COL. C. DENBY
- MAJ. J. M. SHANKLIN
- ADJT. DeWITT C. EVANS
- Q. M. J. L. ORR
- CHAP. W. ATCHESON

SURG. W. D. TAYLOR
ASST. SURG. J. MAGENISS

Wording on Right Upper Base

KILLED AT ATLANTA GA.

D. W. WALN D. W. JOHNSON JNO. WARRICK

JAS. WILSON(?)

Wording on Back Top Panel

B. COMPTON
R. COMPTON
J. FINN
J. L. HOLCOMB
J. HANNAH
J. M. HARPER
C. HOPKINS
J. W. HARGROVE
J. INGRAM
H. J. KESTNER
H. V. KEYS
J. K. McGREGGOR
J. C. McGREGGOR
G. W. McGREGGOR
J. L. McCLEARY
J. C. MINNIS
JNO. W. McCLEARY
J. McDOWELL
W. M. MARRINER
J. D. McCULLOUGH
GEO. MANNING
W. H. MEAD
G. C. McGREW
ZAD. McCLEARY

Wording on Back Middle Panel [REDACTED]

**J. H. SIMPSON
J. P. SIMPSON
WM. SELBY
H. H. SHUBARD
J. D. SPENCER
JOS. SKELTON
J. M. STEPHENS
J. SOVERCOOL
N. H. WATSON
L. WOODS
C. H. WILLIAMS
H. H. WALLACE
J. A. WILLIAMS
GEO. WAITE
WASH. STRICKLAND**

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L. WOODS
C. H. WILLIAMS
H. H. WALLACE
J. A. WILLIAMS
GEO. WAITE
WASH. STRICKLAND

Wording on Back Upper Base [REDACTED]

BATTLES ENGAGED IN

**FLINT RIVER ALA. STEPHENSON ALA. PERRYVILLE KY.
MURFREESBORO TENN.**

Wording on Left Middle Panel (click here for close up):

Wording on Back Lower Base (continuation of list of battles):

????? GA. LOOKOUT MT. GA. MISSION RIDGE GA.

????????? BUZZARD ROOST GA. ???????? GA. KENNESAW MT. GA

**BIG SHANTY GA. SNAKE CREEK GAP(?) GA. CHATTAHOOCHEE
RIVER**

??????????? GA. JONESBORO(?) GA. ATLANTA GA. ????????????

BENTONVILLE NC.

Wording on Left Top Panel [REDACTED]

????? GA.
BUZZARD ROOST GA.
SNAKE CREEK GAP GA.
ATLANTA GA.
BENTONVILLE NC.
J. H. SIMPSON
J. P. SIMPSON
WM. SELBY
H. H. SHUBARD
J. D. SPENCER
JOS. SKELTON
J. M. STEPHENS
J. SOVERCOOL
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L. WOODS
C. H. WILLIAMS
H. H. WALLACE
J. A. WILLIAMS
GEO. WAITE
WASH. STRICKLAND

J. C. MARTIN
J. CAMERON MARTIN
M. S. McKANE
D. MASON
A. MASON
W. H. MASON
A. McGREGGOR
J. J. MANNING
W. NUNN
W. W. OWENS
D. O'NEAL
C. OHNING
J. PROCTOR
GEO. PARKE
W. L. ROWE
J. ROE
J. R. REAVIS
E. SKELTON
R. SKELTON
J. SKELTON
JNO. STRICKLAND
JAS. STRICKLAND
WM. STEEL
S. J. SAUNDERS

Wording on Left Middle Panel

SERGEANTS

1ST W. H. McCLEARY
2 " A. D. REAVIS
3 " A. HOLCOMB
4 " J. KILLPATRICK
5 " W. SANDERS

CORPORALS

1ST J. S. WALLACE
2 " J. MARTIN
3 " J. KENNEDY
4 " G. J. E. CLIFFORD
5 " J. R. McMILLAN

6 " R. A. JENKINS
7 " N. S. MARTIN
8 " J. N. WHEELER

MUSICIANS

ABNER B. CRISWELL
A. D. COMBS

WAGONER

J. R. KILLPATRICK

Wording on Left Upper Base



KILLED AT PERRYVILLE, KY.

WM. M. HUNTER JAS. SKELTON

KILLED AT CHICKAMAUGA, GA. S.E. WARD

KILLED AT BENTONVILLE, N.C.

LIEUT. J.Q.A. STEEL J. KRONMILLER

COMPANY F, FORTY-SECOND INDIANA, MONUMENT

**Source: *History of Gibson County, Her People, Industries and Institutions*, by Gil R. Stormont.
B. F. Bowen & Co., Inc., 1915. pp 268-270.**

On a little triangular piece of ground near the track of the Southern railroad, in Oakland City, there stands a modest appearing shaft which attracts the attention of people passing by on the train. If these passing people are interested enough and inquisitive enough to ask someone what this modest shaft represents, the information will probably be that this is a monument erected by the surviving members of Company F, Forty-second Indiana Regiment, as a loving tribute to the memory of their comrades who gave up their lives in defense of the flag during the Civil war.

The monument was erected during the summer of 1893 and was dedicated in September of that year. The initial steps were taken at a reunion of the company a year prior to that

time, when a committee was appointed to raise the necessary funds. This committee was composed of Col. W. M. Cockrum, John W. Corder, James T. Bell, John P. Simpson and Washington Strickland. Dr. George C. Mason acted as an advisory member and gave much financial and advisory aid which was greatly appreciated by the company. Col. W. M. Cockrum executed a deed to Gibson county for the lot on which the monument stands.

The contract for the monument was awarded to William Kelley of Oakland City at a cost of near one thousand dollars. The material used was oolitic limestone. The monument stands on a base seven feet square and is twenty-eight feet in height. On the top is the figure of a soldier carved in stone. On the several sides of the dies are the names of all the original members of the company and the recruits, one hundred and forty-three in number.

On a panel for that purpose are the names of the original field and staff officers of the regiment. On another side of the shaft there is a scroll in which is inscribed, "Starved to Death at Andersonville," and underneath are the names of eleven members of the company who gave this supreme test of their devotion to their country. Following are the names: Chesterfield P. Dill, Alford Farmer, J. M. Hunter, H. H. Hunter, John H. Martin, Adam Canon, William A. Reavis, W. W. Oliver, A. H. Mariner, Jacob Strickland and A. C. Coleman. These all were taken prisoners at the battle of Chickamauga and died at Andersonville.

In appropriate places on the shaft appear the names of battles in which the company participated. There are as follows: Perryville, Stone's River, Stevenson, Flint River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Ringgold, Buzzard Roost, Big Shanty, Snake Creek Gap, Chattahoochie River, Bentonville.

As stated, this monument was dedicated in September, 1893. At the dedication there was a large assemblage of the surviving members of the company and regiment, soldiers from other regiments, citizens and friends. These all gathered around the monument where an appropriate address was delivered by Capt. A. J. McCutchan, of Company A, Forty-second Regiment. It was a proud day for the veterans of this company when they could look upon the completion of this Monument as the crowning triumph of the cause for which they fought, even though this rejoicing was mingled with tears in memory of those whose names were inscribed on the monument who had given up their lives for that cause.

"For their cause was the cause of the races,
That languished in slavery's night,
And the death that was pale on their faces,
Has filled the whole world with its light."

The following article is believed to be from a newspaper in Gibson County, Indiana. Date unknown.

Special thanks to [Barbara Hunter](#) who submitted this article.

Monument in O.C. Recalls Civil War

By Alvin Hammons

One afternoon, in September of 1893, members of the Grand Army of the Republic gathered on the corner of Clay & Oak Sts. in Oakland City for the dedication of a monument to Co. "F", 42nd Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.

The now weather-worn monument stands today, almost forgotten even by those whose grandfathers names appear thereon.

The \$1,000 limestone monument has recorded on its shaft, the history of the regiment.

The Oakland City area company entered the service on October 7, 1861, and was discharged on July 21, 1865, compiling a string of battles which reads like a list of the bloodiest campaigns of the Civil War; Bentonville, Chattahoochie River, Lookout Mountain, Perryville, Stone's River, Big Shanty, Chickamauga and many others.

When the company entered the battle of Chickamauga, 11 men were destined to have their names carved on the monument under the heading of "Died at Andersonville." The men, Wm. Cannon, A.G. Coleman, C.P. Dill, A. Farmer, H.H. Hunter, J.M. Hunter, J.H. Martin, A.H. Marrimer, W.W. Oliver, W.A. Reavis and J.A.G. Strickland were captured by the confederate forces during the battle and later starved to death at the infamous Andersonville prison camp. According to existing records, these men were the only prisoners ever taken from the 143 men of the 42nd (the writer must mean from Co. F only).

Worn, but still visible, are the names of all the men of the regiment. Many from one family joined the company, with three McGregors, Skeltons, and Stricklands being carved on the monument.

The monument grew out of a company reunion in 1892, when the surviving members of the 42nd were beginning to dwindle. The committee headed by Col. W.M. Cockrum, who deeded the triangular strip of land, contracted William Kelley of Oakland City to construct the monument.

Miller, an Oakland City stone mason, carved the gray limestone soldier atop the monument. Miller's mastery of carving is witnessed today by the clarity and perfection of the rifle the stone on which the soldier stands, his inspection perfect uniform and even facial features.



The book "A History of Gibson County" states, "It was a proud day for the veterans of this company when they could look upon the completion of the monument as the crowning triumph of the cause for which they fought, even though this rejoicing was mingled with tears in memory of those whose names were inscribed on the monument who had given up their lives for that cause."

The monument in Gibson County, Tennessee
By Edwin H. Johnson

The monument in Gibson County, Tennessee, is a fitting memorial to the brave men who fought for the Union during the Civil War. It stands as a testament to their sacrifice and the triumph of the cause for which they fought. The monument is a simple yet powerful structure, built of stone and brick, and is surrounded by a low wall. It is located in a quiet, wooded area, and is a place of reflection and remembrance. The monument is a symbol of the courage and sacrifice of the men who fought for the Union, and it is a reminder of the cost of freedom. It is a place where we can honor the memory of those who gave their lives for the cause of liberty and justice for all.

