

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. Willis A. Gorman Post No. 6) ☐ 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: _____

Original Dedication Date May 30, 1913 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.

See attached

Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location Intersection of Belmont Road & 6th Street South
City/Village Grand Forks Township Not applicable County Grand Forks

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 Grand Forks Park District Dept./Div. Parks Superintendent

Street Address 1210 - 7th Ave. S.

City Grand Forks State ND Zip Code 58201

Contact Person John Staley Telephone (701) 746-2750

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.) Gray Granite

Material of the Sculpture = X Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Gray Granite
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" Not applicable

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 14 feet Width 4 feet Depth 4 feet or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 6 feet Width unknown Depth unknown or Diameter _____
 See attached

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 attached

The "Dedication Text" is formed: cut into material X raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

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MAY 30, 1913

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: Tri angle formed
by three intersecting
streets (See attached)

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 A mixed environment, with a large church and parochial school across the street, apartments and single family homes close by. Located in an older, but well-maintained neighborhood on an arterial street.

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>no</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>yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
White crusting	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u>no</u>	<u>yes</u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Chalky or powdery stone	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Granular eroding of stone	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u>no</u>	<u>no</u>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...		

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to tell

Surface CoatingDoes there appear to be a coating? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

☐ Gilded ☐ Painted ☐ Varnished ☐ Waxed ☐ Unable to determineIs 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 GAR Memorial has an infantryman standing, with a rifle at rest position.
Below the sculpture are shown emblems of the Cavalry, Artillery, Navy and a star
emblazoned with "G.A.R. 1861-1865", together with an eagle on each corner. On the
front of the memorial are two plaques, the Dedication Text and another plaque with
names of 178 members "past and present" at the time of dedication. The memorial is
in excellent condition with the exception of some black crusting or staining on some
surfaces. Shrubbery is slightly overgrown and could be replaced.

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.

(See attached)

Inspector IdentificationDate of On-site Survey Various dates, November & December 2004Your Name David E. BeachAddress 815 - 40th Ave. S. #F121City Grand Forks, NDState ND Zip Code 58201Telephone ()Winter: Winter: 

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PCC

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
ATTACHMENT TO
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM
FOR MEMORIAL LOCATED AT BELMONT ROAD & 6TH STREET SOUTH
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

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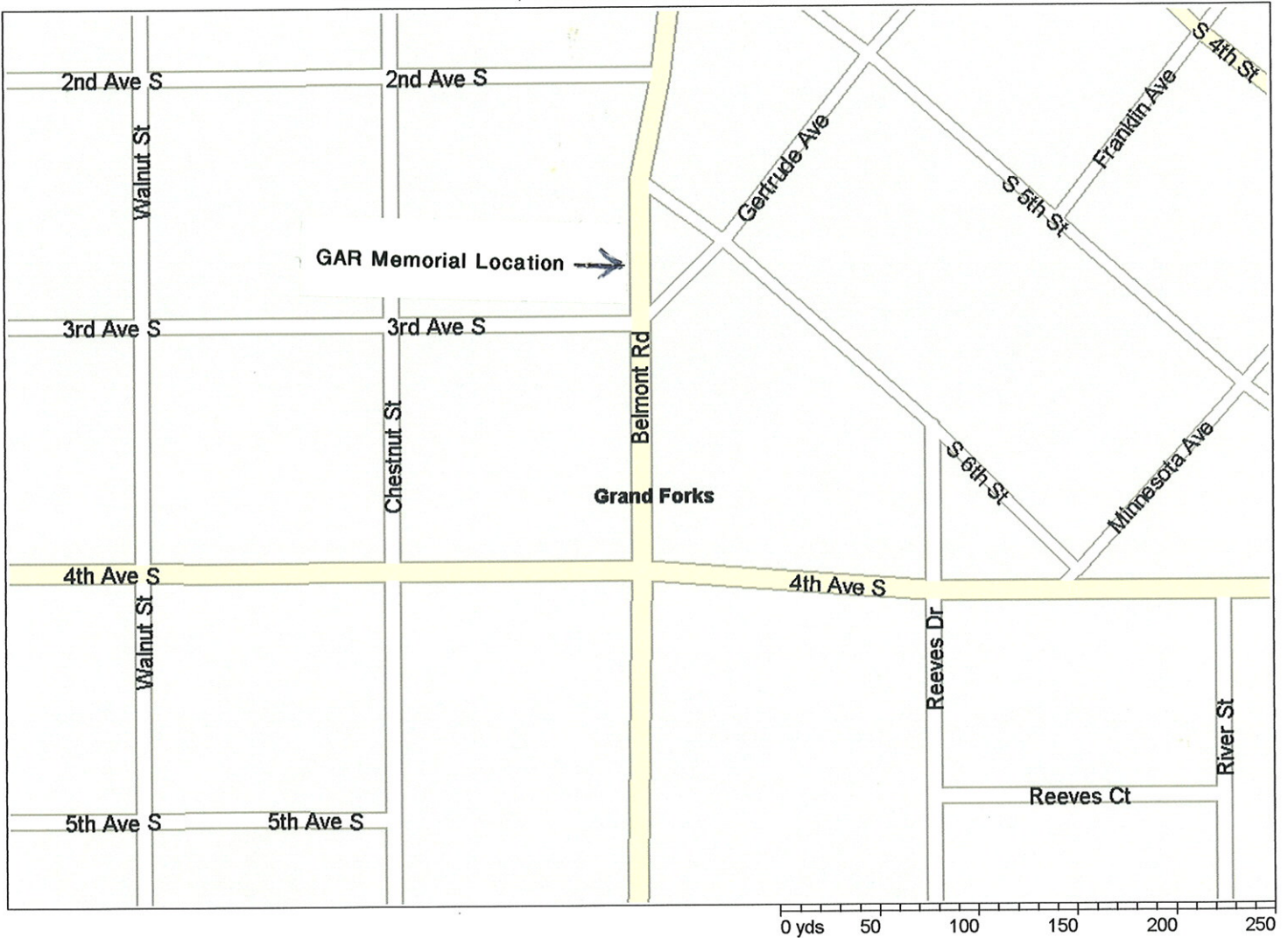
Page One, Original Dedication Date: No newspaper article has been found yet describing the dedication of the memorial. However, an article was found dated May 8, 1912 in the Grand Forks Herald that describes its approval, an extract of which follows: "SITE SELECTED WAS RATIFIED", and "Park Board Passed Resolution on Geo. B. Winship Monument". Extract of article follows: "The selection of the triangle at the intersection of Belmont avenue and Sixth street for the monument which will be donated to Grand Forks by Geo. B. Winship was ratified by the park board at the meeting last evening, the park board being in control of the property. A resolution ratifying the choice of the city council, was adopted, and in that resolution thanks were also tendered Mr. Winship. The resolution follows: 'BE IT RESOLVED: That the triangle at the intersection of Belmont avenue and Sixth street be designated as the site for the soldiers' monument which Hon. Geo. B. Winship has generously offered to donate to the city. 'That this board, as the custodian of the proposed site, agrees to accept the monument from the donor, to take permanent charge of it, and to keep the grounds on which it is located in proper condition. 'That we desire to express our appreciation of the public spirit which has prompted the making of such a handsome gift, and on behalf of our constituents we extend to Mr. Winship our sincere thanks for his graceful act.' "

Page Two, Approximate Dimensions: This entire structure rests upon a base that is ten feet by ten feet square. However the main part of the monument, the obelisk, upon which the sculpture stands, is approximately four feet square at its bottom, then gradually becomes narrower toward the top.

Page Two, Markings, Inscriptions: Below the sculpture of the Infantryman, the monument is embellished with the following: facing front, a star bearing the legend "G.A.R. 1861-1865", facing east, a Cavalry emblem, facing west, an Artillery emblem, and facing to the back, a Navy emblem. Between the star and the three emblems, an eagle is mounted on each corner. No maker's or fabricator's marks were found. On the front are two metallic plaques. Besides the Dedication Plaque, a larger plaque faces the front, with the names of all past and present members of Willis A. Gorman Post No. 6 at the time of the dedication. 178 names are listed, with surnames first, followed by initials. Included among the names is G. B. Winship, the donor of the memorial. It should be noted that Mr. Winship was a prominent citizen of the community, founder of the newspaper Grand Forks Herald that continues to this day.

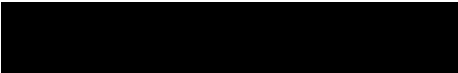
Page Two, Type of Location: The site of this memorial came about when three streets, Belmont Road, Sixth Street South and Gertrude Avenue intersected closely, creating a small triangle that was too small for a building site or a conventional park. This memorial uses the space in good proportion and in good taste. It is located in good public view on an arterial street. See enclosed map.

Grand Forks, North Dakota, United States



DAVID E. BEACH
815 - 40th Avenue South #F121
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201

December 5, 2004

Todd A. Shillington, PCC


Dear Mr. Shillington:

By way of introduction, I am a National Member-At-Large of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. There are no Camps in North Dakota that I am aware of and it is possible that I am the only At-Large Member in North Dakota.

I am enclosing an assessment form for a memorial in our city. Perhaps the most significant thing about this memorial is that it may be the only Civil War memorial in the State of North Dakota.

This memorial is in excellent condition, the only problem being some black staining on the surface. It is well situated, occupying a small triangle resulting from the intersection of three streets, one of which is an arterial street. It has some shrubs around it and is electrically illuminated at night. It is maintained by the Park District of this city.

There is in the city a Rotary Club that is looking for a project for next year, 2005 being the Centennial of the Rotary organization. They are investigating the possibility of having this memorial structure cleaned, by use of a non-corrosive cleaning agent, of the type that would be used on a National Register building. The Park District seems agreeable and has indicated that they might replace the slightly overgrown shrubs around the structure to coincide with the cleaning project.

My question is: Does the Sons of Union Veterans organization have any funds available to participate in a project of this kind? The Rotary Club has already committed to work on this, but I am not sure if they have obtained any estimates of cost. It would make a great joint project.

I would appreciate some indication of what help the Sons organization could furnish. I am a member and Past President of the Rotary Club involved, also I know the Parks Superintendent, John Staley, personally, so I would be willing to facilitate the process in any way possible.

My biggest hindrance is that I will be leaving Grand Forks soon for the winter for the warmer confines of Arizona. My address after December 9 will be 1229 Arivat, Casa Grande, Arizona 85222 and my phone number there is 520-836-8432.

Regarding the assessment forms and attachments enclosed, I will apologize for the quality of the pictures; they were taken on an overcast fall day. I have not been able to find a newspaper article regarding the dedication, although I am sure that we eventually will.

Sincerely,



GAR Memorial - Grand Forks, North Dakota

Looking south toward front of memorial



GAR Memorial - Grand Forks, North Dakota

Closeup of sculpture on memorial



GAR Memorial - Grand Forks, North Dakota
Looking west - side of memorial displaying Cavalry emblem



GAR Memorial - Grand Forks, North Dakota

Looking east - side of memorial displaying Artillery
emblem



GAR Memorial - Grand Forks, North Dakota

Looking north toward back of memorial - Navy emblem displayed



GAR Memorial - Grand Forks, North Dakota
Membership plaque - 178 names displayed
GAR star and 1861-1865 visible at top





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