

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

### Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

Monument  with Sculpture  without Sculpture  with Cannon  standalone Cannon  
 Historical Marker  Plaque  Other ( flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

### Affiliation

GAR  MOLLUS  SUVCW  WRC  ASUVCW  
 LGAR  DUVCW  Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

J. T. Boyle Post No. 109, GAR, Louisville, Ky.

**Original Dedication Date** November 12, 2016 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:

Street/Road address or site location 6919 Upper River Road  
(at the Harrods Creek Post Office) GPS Coordinates 38° 19' 38" N 85° 38' 04" W

City/Village &/or Township Harrods Creek  
 County Jefferson State KY Zip Code 40027

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

### Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Kentucky Historical Society  
 Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address 100 W. Broadway  
 City Frankfort State KY Zip Code 40601  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( 502 ) 564-1792 ext \_\_\_\_\_

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places  Yes  No ID # if known \_\_\_\_\_

### For Monuments with/without sculpture:

#### Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon =  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Material of the Sculpture  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other Is it hollow or solid? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_



**Environmental Setting**

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

**Type of Location**

Cemetery       Park       Plaza/Courtyard       "Town Square"       Post Office  
 School       Municipal Building       State Capitol       Courthouse       College Campus  
 Traffic Circle       Library      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 \_\_\_\_\_


[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

**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.

Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

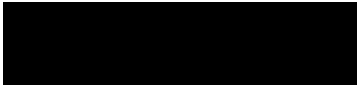
Thank you.

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey July 31, 2019  
 Your Name Robert A. Jones  
 Address 86 Wampum Rd  
 City Louisville State KY Zip Code 40207  
 Telephone 

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

[SUVCW](#)

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair  
 1240 Konert Valley Dr.  
 Fenton, MO 63026  


Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.**

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM  
ADDENDUM – MONUMENT’S CONDITION**

Completion of this form is required when requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions.*

**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.

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? <small>(Look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? <small>(Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)</small>	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? <small>(Also look for signs of uneven stress &amp; weakness in the material)</small>	_____	_____

**Surface Appearance** (check as many as may apply)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
Black crusting	_____	_____
White crusting	_____	_____
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	_____	_____
Granular eroding of stone	_____	_____
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

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

The Highway Marker was dedicated on Nov. 12, 2016 so is very new. It was the culmination of cooperation between the Dept. of Kentucky, SUVCW and the Kentucky Historical Society. It is a memorial to a short-lived Soldiers' Home, the only one ever established in Ky for Union veterans.

Inspector's Name Robert A. Jones

Date July 24, 2019

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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TEXT

Text of marker's inscription:

Kentucky Historical Highway Marker #2500

THE KENTUCKY SOLDIERS' HOME [side 1]

Located at Harrod's Creek, this was the only institution in Kentucky founded for Union Civil War veterans. It was proposed by the J. T. Boyle Post No. 109 of the Grand Army of the Republic. Chartered in 1890, it opened for ages and infirm Union veterans not abler to support themselves.

THE KENTUCKY SOLDIERS' HOME [side 2]

Former Union Gen. Speed S. Fry became the first superintendent and directed the home until his death in 1892. Then, Catherine E. Hirst of the Ladies' Aid Society oversaw operations until it closed several years later. In the few years of its existence, it was home to thirty-five veterans, five of whom died at the Home.

Addendum:

The Kentucky Historical Marker described was dedicated on Nov. 12, 2016, on public property across the road from the original structure which housed the Kentucky Soldiers' Home (now a private residence). The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held a dedication ceremony attended by officers and members of the SUVCW, representatives from the Kentucky Historical Society, the owners of the now private original structure and Congressman John Yarmuth, 3rd Congressional District of Kentucky, who made brief remarks. The ceremony was reported in the local media and in the SUVCW quarterly The Banner, Vol. 121, No. 4, Summer 2017, pp. 17-18.

Newspaper stories about the Kentucky Soldiers' Home (most pertinent articles):

- "A Soldiers' Home," Louisville Courier-Journal, Feb. 15, 1890, p. 12.
- "The Kentucky Soldiers' Home," The National Tribune, June 12, 1890, p. 6.
- "Kentucky Soldiers' Home," The National Tribune, March 26, 1891, p. 10.
- "A Home at last," Louisville Courier-Journal, April, 29, 1891, p. 2.
- "The Soldiers' Home," Louisville Courier-Journal, July 10, 1891, p. 5.
- "Old Soldiers Sheltered," Louisville Courier-Journal, Sept. 13, 1891, p. 9.
- "The Soldiers' Home is formally opened," The Louisville Times, Oct. 7, 1891, p. 4.
- "The Soldiers' Home," Louisville Courier-Journal, Oct. 7, 1891, p. 6.
- "The formal opening of the Soldiers' Home," The Louisville Commercial, Oct. 7, 1891, p. 4.
- "Veterans Rejoice," The Louisville Commercial, Oct. 8, 1891, p. 2.
- "For War-torn Veterans," Louisville Courier-Journal, Oct. 8, 1891, p. 8.
- "At the Soldiers' Home," Louisville Courier-Journal, Dec. 18, 1891, p. 6.
- "The Soldiers' Home," Louisville Courier-Journal, July 10, 1892, p. 16.
- "Gen. Fry Dead," Louisville Commercial, Aug. 2, 1892, p. 1.
- "May close the Soldiers' Home," The New York Times, Oct. 30, 1892.

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