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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: CITY OF LEBANON

Original Dedication Date March 1999 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 Walnut St, / Spalding Ave.
 City/Village Lebanon Township _____ County Marion

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 CITY OF LEBANON Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address _____
 City LEBANON State KY Zip Code _____
 Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____

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

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.) _____

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = bronze

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 6' Width 5' Depth 5' or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 7' Width _____ Depth _____ 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 None

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 photo

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square" | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office | <input type="checkbox"/> School |
| <input 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 | _____ |

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).

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.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 9 August '00
Your Name Timothy Downey
Address 632 Apache Trail City Danville
State KY Zip Code 40412 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee



MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE H. THOMAS AT LEBANON, KENTUCKY

General Order No. 6, Department of the Army of Ohio, ordered General George H. Thomas, one of the Union Army's most capable generals, to establish his headquarters at Lebanon, Kentucky by November, 1861.

His headquarters were on the second floor of the M.S. Shuck Building on Main Street. This building was built by Dr. Shuck in 1859, and still stands on Main Street today.

At the time General Order No 6 was being sent, Thomas was at Crab Orchard, Kentucky. Thomas had moved his headquarters there from Camp Dick Robinson following the battle of Wild Cat in October of 1861.

At Lebanon's "Camp Crittenden", General Thomas saw the forming of the 10th Kentucky Infantry. This unit, along with General Thomas, clashed with the Confederate Army under General Felix Zollicoffer on Jan. 19th, 1862 in what is known as the Battle of Mill Springs or Logan's Crossroads. Although Thomas' troops routed Zollicoffer, it was Zollicoffer who became the central figure of the battle. Zollicoffer, a Tennessee legislator and journalist, mistakenly rode into Union lines during the heat of the battle and was killed.

Despite his abilities, Thomas never received the credit that he deserved. Several factors contributed to this. First, because Thomas served in the Western Theater of the war, he did not receive the press coverage that other commanders received. Second, Thomas' loyalty was doubted by some until late in the war. A native of South Hampton, Virginia, like Robert E. Lee, he had to choose between conflicting loyalties. Thomas' choice would cost him 100 years of animosity from his native state. When the Union Army enlisted Thomas, little did it know that it gained as much as it had lost by not enlisting Robert E. Lee.

Thomas' family disowned him because of his decision to stay in the Union Army. One of his sisters said in later years after the war, "I have no brother," and went to her death bed never speaking to her brother again.

In September of 1863, General George H. Thomas would make his mark in the Civil War where he got the nickname the "Rock of Chickamauga". Along the banks of what was called Chickamauga Creek, about 12 miles south of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Union Forces were soundly defeated suffering many casualties. Had it not been for a bold stand by General Thomas and his men, the entire Army of the Cumberland might have been destroyed.

Today, the city of Lebanon is proud to have been, if only for a short time so long ago, "Home to George H. Thomas".

Thomas was only 54 years old when he died of a massive stroke brought on by an anonymous letter printed in the New York Times on March 12th, 1870. In this letter, Thomas was criticized over the battle of Nashville by General Schofield or by someone else close to him.

When the time came to lay the general to rest, thousands came, including President Grant, Generals Sherman, Sheridan, Meade, the cabinet members, a joint committee from Congress, plus thousands of soldiers and former veterans. General Schofield was not present, nor any members of the general's family. "Our brother George died to us in 1861", his sisters told neighbors.

In Washington, a bronze monument in honor of Thomas graces the intersection known as Thomas Circle. Here, the Rock, astride a great horse, gazes silently over the Potomac River.

In addition, there is a potential Battlefield Memorial in Lebanon, Kentucky.