

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**Cannon Nearby**

☒ Monument *with* Sculpture ☐ Monument *with* Cannon
☐ Monument *without* Sculpture ☐ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque

Affiliation

☐ G.A.R. (Post Name & No. G.H. Phelps #43) ☐ 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 6/19/1890 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 Intersection of Church, School and Middle Streets
City/Village Amherst Township _____ County Hillborough

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 Town of Amherst Dept./Div. _____
Street Address PO Box 960
City Amherst State NH Zip Code 03031
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.) Granite

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Medal

Material of Cannon = ☐ Bronze ☐ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
 Markings on muzzle = Heavily Painted
 Markings on Left Trunion Heavily Painted Right Trunion Heavily Painted
 Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? No If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points
 Monument or Base: Height 88 Width 67 Depth 65 or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 72 Width 36 Depth 30 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 _____

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 Attached

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard
<input checked="" 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	_____

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)☐ Y☐ N

Any evidence of structural instability?

☐ N☐ N

(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)

Any broken or missing parts?

☐ N☐ N

(look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)

Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?

☐ Y☐ Y

(also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)

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

Black crusting

☒ X☒ X

White crusting

☒ X☒ X

Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)

☒ X☐

Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)

☐☐

Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)

☐☒ X

Chalky or powdery stone

☐☐

Granular eroding of stone

☐☐

Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)

☒ X☒ X

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) .

Needs Inspection and restoration

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 4/24/2008

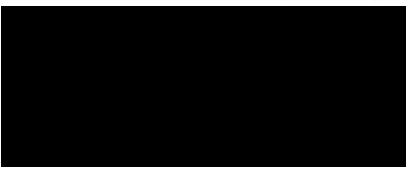
Your Name Dan Meehan

Address 24 Corson St City Rochester

State NH Zip Code 03867 Telephone ([REDACTED])

Please send this completed form to:

Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

Artist: [Milmore, Martin, 1844-1883, sculptor.](#)

Title: Soldier's Monument, (sculpture).

Dates: Installed Dec. 9, 1871. Dedicated June 19, 1890. Rededicated July 4, 1985.

Medium: Sculpture: bronze; Base: granite.

Dimensions: Sculpture: approx. 72 x 36 x 30 in.; Base: approx. 88 x 67 x 65 in.

Inscription: (On plaque on front of base:) IN HONOR OF/OUR CITIZEN SOLDIERS/1861-1865/(followed by two columns of names)/ERECTED 1871/BY THE TOWN OF AMHERST/AIDED BY A LEGACY/FROM AARON LAWRENCE ESQ. (On plaque on back of base:) TO HONOR AMHERST VETERANS/WORLD WAR II 1941-1945/(followed by three columns of names)/*KILLED IN ACTION/HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMHERST N.H./1985 (On plaque on proper right side of base:) TO HONOR AMHERST VETERANS/MEXICAN BORDER CONFLICT 1916-1917(followed by four names)/KOREAN WAR 1950-1953/(followed by two columns of names)/HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMHERST NH./1985 (On plaque on proper left side of base:) TO HONOR AMHERST VETERANS/SPANISH AMERICAN WAR 1898/H.W. MARSHALL/VIETNAM WAR 1961-1973/(followed by two columns of names)/HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AMHERST, N.H./1985

Description: Full-length figure of a Civil War soldier. He is dressed in uniform and wears an overcoat and cap. He holds a rifle with both hands; the butt of the gun rests on the ground in front of him. A field bag rests on his proper right hip. A sword hangs at his proper left hip. The bronze sculpture stands on a rectangular stepped granite base.

Object Type: [Outdoor Sculpture -- New Hampshire -- Amherst](#)

Owner: [Administered by Town of Amherst, Town Offices, Main Street, P. O. Box 960, Amherst, New Hampshire 03031](#)
[Located Triangle of Church Street, School Street & Middle Street, Amherst, New Hampshire](#)

Remarks: Cost of the monument was \$4,000; \$500 of which was left as a bequest by Aaron Lawrence. The remainder of the sum was appropriated by the town of Amherst. The base of the monument was cut from local granite. Although the monument was in place by December 1871, it was not dedicated until 1890, due to a conflict over dedication ceremony expenses. The 1890 dedication ceremony was provided by the town at a cost of \$300 and coincided with the reunion of the Veterans of the 10th New Hampshire Regiment. On July 4, 1985 the monument was rededicated with new plaques honoring veterans of other wars. IAS files contain transcriptions of all names listed on honor roll plaques.
IAS files contain excerpt from David Ruell's unpublished manuscript "The Public Sculpture of New Hampshire", Concord: New Hampshire Historical Society, 1980, pg. 5-6; and transcriptions of related articles from Farmers' Cabinet (Amherst, NH) June 5, 19 and July 24, 1872. IAS files also contain excerpt from Edward D. Boylston's "Amherst in the Great Civil Conflict of 1861-1865", Amherst: 1893, pg. 104-113; and excerpt from Daniel F. Secomb's "History of the Town of Amherst Hillsborough County, New Hampshire", Concord, NH: 1883, pg. 418-421. IAS files contain excerpt from Historical Society of Amherst Newsletter, Aug. 1985., pg. 6.

Condition: Surveyed 1993 August. Treatment needed.



IN HONOR OF
OUR CITIZEN SOLDIERS

1861 — 1865.

WM W. SAWTELLE, 2nd Reg. N.H.V.	CHARLES A. B. HALL, 9th. Reg. N.H.V.
JAMES W. PATTERSON	JAMES BLANCHARD, 10th.
FIFIELD H. MESSER.	SAMUEL CORLISS.
HENRY S. OBER, 4th.	GEORGE B. SLOAN,
THOMAS L. GILPATRICK,	ELI S. GUTTERSON,
CHARLES H. PHELPS, 5th.	ROBERT GRAY,
EDWARD VOSE,	GEORGE A. McCLUER,
JOHN L. KENDALL,	GEORGE A. PEDRICK,
CHARLES A. DAMON,	JOHN N. MACE,
WILLIAM FEW, 7th.	LYMAN B. SAWTELLE,
EDWIN BENDEN, 8th.	MARTIN P. WESTON, 1st Reg.
JOSEPH F. JOHNSON,	N.H. Heavy Artillery
ALBERT NOYES,	FRANK H. HOLT, 47th. PEN.

ERECTED 1871.

BY THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

AIDED BY A LEGACY.

FROM AARON LAWRENCE Esq.





