

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

PLEASE:

1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
2. 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
 Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

* The sculpture is not a person, but a draped flag

Affiliation

- G.A.R. (Post Name & No. Nathan P. Gregg Post No. 127) M.O.L.L.U.S.
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
 WRC (Corps Name & No. Nathan P. Gregg No. 25)
 ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. _____)
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
 LGAR (Circle Name & No. _____)
 Other _____

Original Dedication Date See note** 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.

** According to newspaper items, it was to be dedicated on May 30, 1913

Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:
 Street/Road address or site location 9900 N. Market St.
 City/Village Spokane Township _____ County Spokane
 State WA

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 Hillyard Evergreen Cemetery Assoc.

Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address c/o Paul Manly, 8422 N. General Grant Way City _____
Spokane State WA Zip Code 99208 Contact Person _____
Paul Manly Telephone () 509-979-1627

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.) grey

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Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) newspaper says "white bronze"
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" obelisk is 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 8" Width 6' Depth 6' or Diameter _____

Sculpture: Height 10' Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

Obelisk is 10'; base is 3'4" sq., sitting on top of the concrete base

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 photos and accompanying transcriptions

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 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).

This marker was by far the worst one we encountered. In addition to the staining, someone has used this for target practice and it shows several bullet holes. Unfortunately this cemetery was neglected for years and the general cemetery appearance is sad, although the association is working hard on restoration and upkeep. It is also located in an area where it can be easily vandalized.

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 29 April 2014

Your Name Cheri Casper & John Baz-Dresch

Address 1220 W. 13th Ave. City Spokane

State WA Zip Code 99204 Telephone ([REDACTED]

What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? Lizbeth Turner Tent #4

DUVCW, 1861-1865 * Spokane, WA

Please send this completed form to

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee

Military Section



Within the cemetery there is a fenced section, set aside by the Hillyard Masonic Lodge for members of the Grand Army of the Republic, many of whom may have been members of the lodge. There are at least 12 GAR members buried in this section. This section is marked in red on the map of the cemetery inside.

In addition, there is 1 GAR Veteran outside this section, and 1 Korean War Veteran. It is also believed that there is at least 1 Spanish-American War Veteran and other possible veterans

Earliest known burials:

Veda Helen Bliss (age 1), July 1909
Uriah C Casey (age 79), Oct 1909, GAR
Rachel Prehm (age 2), Nov 1909*

* Once thought to be the first burial

Resthaven Cemetery

In the south end of the property is an additional section known as Resthaven Cemetery. This section was originally named the IOOF (Oddfellows) Cemetery. There are over 60 graves of senior citizens buried between 1948 and 1952 in this section.

The Future

The Hillyard Evergreen Cemetery Association has set as its primary goal to revitalize and make Evergreen Cemetery a viable cemetery. In order to accomplish this, we must first identify all locations where graves exist and, if possible, identify the names of the burials.

The following projects are also in process or in the planning stages:

- Replace all unreadable cemetery markers.
- Research funeral home records to verify names, dates, and possible family members.
- Research men of proper age for possible military service in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, and WWI.
- Make contact with living descendants and relatives of those buried in the cemetery.

Help and Support

Tax-deductible donations for support of the cemetery can be made to:

Hillyard Evergreen Cemetery Association

c/o Paul Manly, Sexton/Cemetery Dir.

8422 N General Grant Way

Spokane WA 99208

Evergreen Cemetery

(Hillyard)

9900 N Market St
Spokane WA

The cemetery was created by the Hillyard Masonic Lodge in 1909 and was originally titled and known as the Hillyard Masonic Cemetery. The property was purchased on July 2, 1909 from Milton & Kezia Anderson for \$556.50.

The original plat was filed in the Spokane County Court House in January, 1910. The fact that the property was intended to be a cemetery at the time of sale to the Hillyard Masonic Lodge cannot be in doubt as there are several known burials prior to the purchase date.

By 1911 the name changed to Masonic Evergreen and by 1913 was shortened to Evergreen. The cemetery changed hands a number of times and was virtually abandoned for many years. For the past 20 years, Hillyard VFW Post 1474 has maintained the cemetery and on April 1, 2012 title to the property was transferred to the Hillyard Evergreen Cemetery Association.



Evergreen Cemetery
10015 N. Market Street
Spokane, Washington

Cheri Casper, Tent President & John Baz-Dresch
On behalf of Lizbeth Turner Tent #4, DUVCW, 1861-1865
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South side of the marker.

Raised inscription on the bottom of the
marker, south side:

Nathan P. Gregg
Post No. 137 G.A.R.

Damage:

Note the bullet holes just below
the GAR emblem & above the
rust staining
See the discoloration or plant
growth on the slab base which
has been patched at all four
corners.

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Metal plaque on the south side of the marker, above the raised inscription.

Inscription, inscribed:

B.S.A.
The Evergreen Cemetery
Has Been Restored By
Troop 226
For the Eagle Project of
Rodney Bambino
May 1984

Damage:

Note the extensive rust staining
on the south face.

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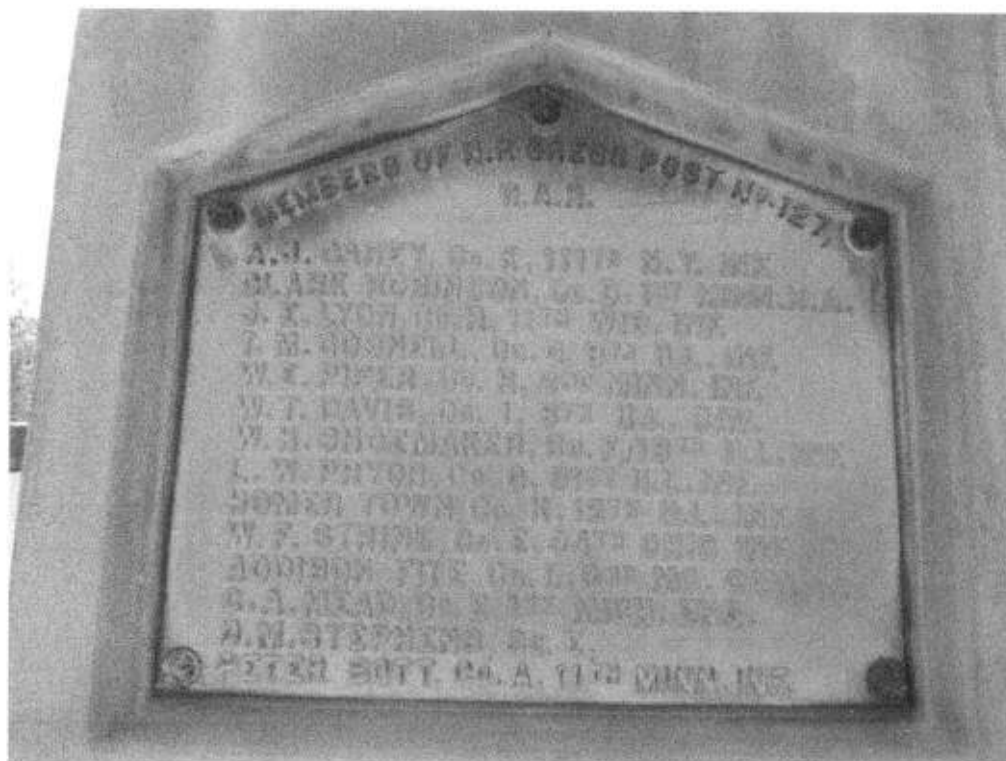
East side of the marker

Damage: See the discoloration or plant growth on the slab base which has been patched at all four corners.

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Metal plaque on the east side of the marker

Inscription, raised text:

Members of N. P. Gregg Post No. 127,
G.A.R.

A. J. Carey, Co. K, 111th N.Y. Inf.
Clark Robinson, Co. D, 1st Minn. H.A.
J. E. Lyon, Co. H, 11th Wis. Inf.
T. M. Gosnell, Co. G, 8th Ill. Inf.
W. E. Piper, Co. H, 2nd Minn. Inf.
W. T. Davis, Co. I, 6th Ill. Cav.
W. H. Shoemaker, Co. F., 16th Ill. Inf.
L. W. Pryor, Co. G, 81st Ill. Inf.
Homer Town, Co. K, 12th Ill. Inf.
W. F. Strine, Co. E, 84th Ohio Inf.
Addison Fite, Co. L, 3rd Mo. Cav.
C. A. Mead, Co. E, 1st Mich. Eng.
D. M. Stephens, Co. E, [Note: No unit
information is listed]
Peter Bott, Co. A, 11th Minn. Inf.

Damage:

Note the discoloration on the
plaque

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North side of the marker

Damage: See the discoloration or plant growth on the slab base which has been patched at all four corners.

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Plaque and inscription on north side of the marker

Inscribed laque transcription [w/VFW emblem]:

To
Veterans of All Wars
[Emblem]
This Monument Was
Rededicated on May 30th
1994 by Hillyard VFW
Post 1474

Damage:

Weather and water stains, rusting

Transcription of raised carved text:

Erected A.D. 1913,
By Nathan P. Gregg
W.R.C. No. 25

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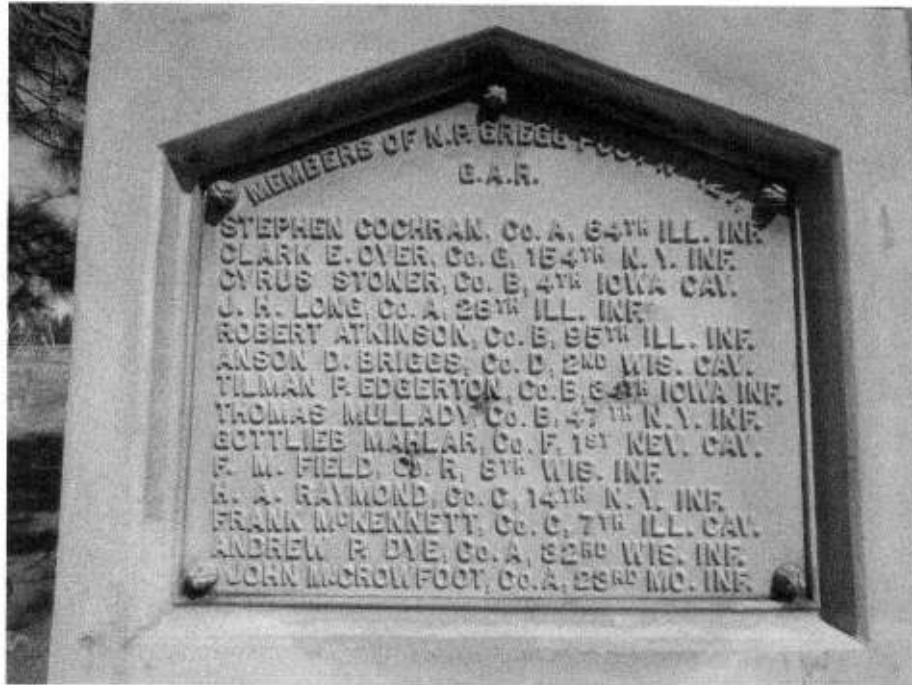
West side of the marker

Note the bullet dings in the obelisk, on the plaque, and below the plaque in an almost star-shaped pattern. The slab base has obviously been patched, is discolored near the corners, and is cracking.

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West side plaque

Inscription, raised text:

Members of N. P. Gregg Post No. 127
G.A.R.

Stephen Cochran, Co. A, 64th Ill. Inf.
Clark E. Oyer, Co. G, 154th N.Y. Inf.
Cyrus Stoner, Co. B, 4th Iowa Cav.
J. H. Long, Co. A, 28th Ill. Inf.
Robert Atkinson, Co. B, 95th Ill. Inf.
Anson D. Briggs, Co. D, 2nd Wis. Cav.
Tilman P. Edgerton, Co. B, 34th Iowa Inf.
Thomas Mullady, Co. B, 47th N.Y. Inf.
Gottlieb Mahlar, Co. F, 1st Nev. Cav.
F. M. Field, Co. R, 8th Wis. Inf.
H. A. Raymond, Co. C, 14th N.Y. Inf.
Frank McKennett, Co. C, 7th Ill. Cav.
Andrew P. Dye, Co. A, 32rd Wis. Inf.
John M. Crowfoot, Co. A, 23rd Mo. Inf.

Damage:

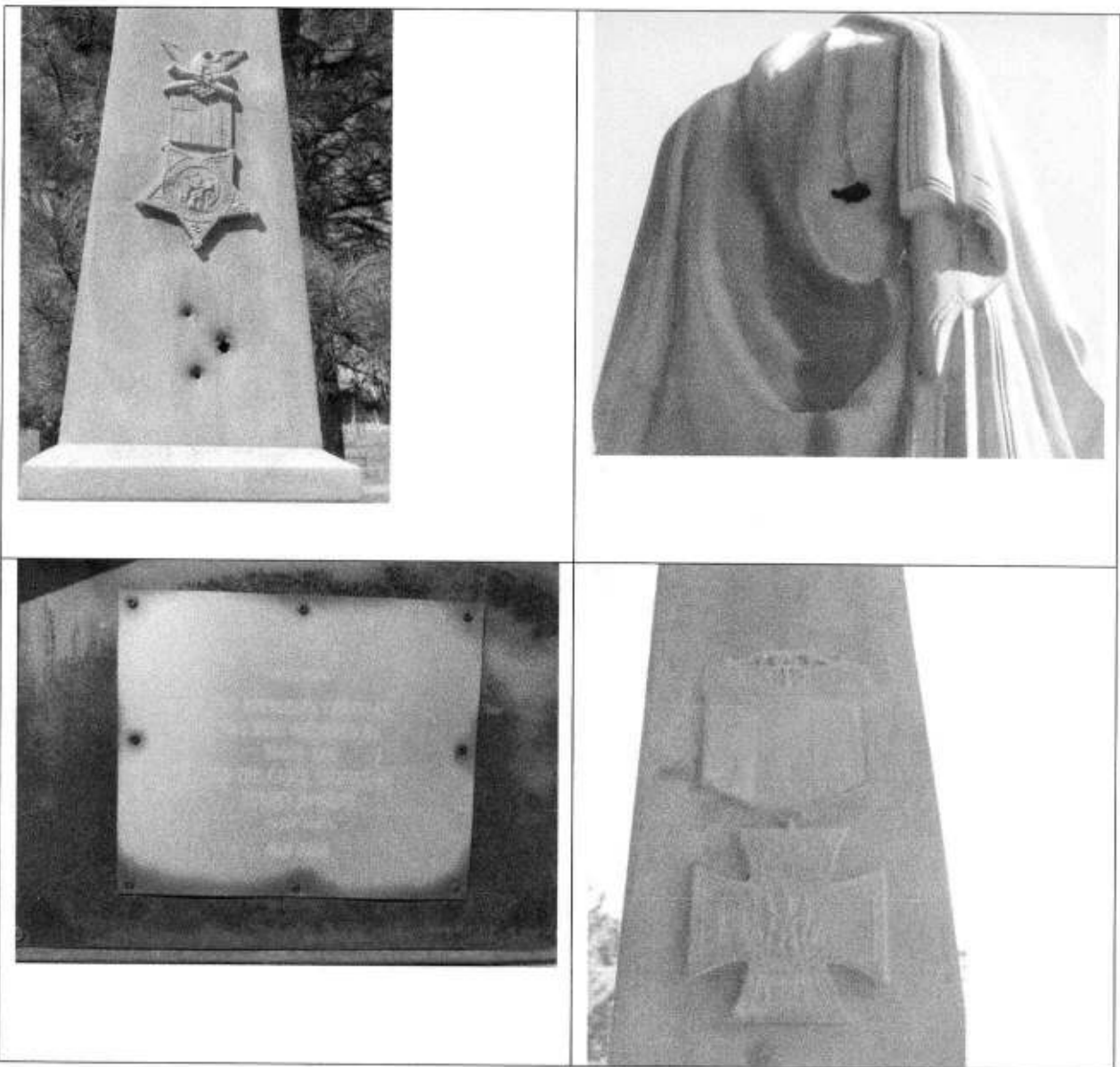
The plaque has some cracks in it as well as bullet dings visible upon close in-person inspection.

There is also some very light graffiti on this side of the monument which appears to have been made in pencil, visible on an in-person inspection.

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Damage:

Upper left: On the front (south) side of the marker

Upper right: On the northwest corner, near the top

Bottom left: On the front (south) side of the marker

Bottom right: Discoloration and staining on the back (north) of the marker

Spokane Daily Chronicle
Spokane, Washington
11 April 1973
p. 4, col. 4

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Spokane 60 Years Ago

From Spokane Daily Chronicle
April 11, 1913

* * *

A **WHITE** bronze monument will be erected in memory of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Evergreen cemetery, north of Hill-yard. The monument will be unveiled on Decoration day and a program is being arranged for at the cemetery.

Commerical use of cemetery rejected

By Bill Morlin

Staff writer

Avandalized and forgotten cemetery north of Spokane currently can be sold only as a cemetery, a county assessor's staff investigation has concluded.

County Assessor George Britton ordered an investigation after learning last month that the owner of Spokane Evergreen Cemetery was attempting to sell the 14-acre tax-exempt site north of Hillyard as commercial property.

The property was listed for sale for \$180,000 by the James S. Black Co. for several months, but last week was removed from the mar-

ket by Astrolite Inc., the current owner.

The cemetery is believed to contain the remains of at least 342 area pioneers, Civil War veterans, infants and poor farm residents, according to cemetery records on file at the Spokane Public Library.

The cemetery's future is tied up in a family probate fight involving the heirs of the late William Hoblin, a Cheney businessman who owned Astrolite Inc., a furniture restoration company. Hoblin bought the cemetery in 1968 for \$1,200, public records show.

The cemetery has changed hands at least four times since 1910 when

it was dedicated, county records show.

"Those transfers of deeds indicate the property was to be used as a cemetery, and that has not been changed," said Deputy Assessor Rick Mendoza, who traced ownership of the land.

"We find no reasons for anybody to be able to use that property for anything other than its dedicated use as a cemetery," Mendoza said.

The deputy assessor said tracking ownership of the cemetery convinced him of the site's historic significance. Spokane County has three Civil War monuments, and one of those memorials is in that cemetery.

"That's our history sitting out there," he said, "and we should have a responsibility as a community to see that it is preserved and maintained as a historic landmark."

Mendoza's research showed that Milton and Kezia Anderson sold the land for \$556 on July 2, 1909, to the Hillyard Masonic Lodge.

The lodge then sold the site for \$1 to the Hillyard Masonic Cemetery Association, which dedicated the land as a cemetery.

The New England Undertaking Co., owned by funeral home operator J.M. Knight, offered to buy the cemetery in 1926, but if the sale went through, no records of the

transaction were filed with the county, Mendoza said.

In February 1955, the Spokane Evergreen Cemetery Association was formed by H.E. Hill, Bessie W. Hill, Dale P. Lamphere, and two Seattle men, public records show. Hill listed the association's address as the Carlyle Hotel, S206 Post.

Three months later, on May 28, 1955, the Evergreen Cemetery Association initiated a lawsuit against the Hillyard Masonic Association, claiming an ownership right in the property.

The Evergreen Cemetery Association had been in possession of the

Please see **CEMETERY: A4**

CEMETERY /FROM A3

cemetary for more than 10 years, the association's suit claimed.

The Masonic Lodge did not respond to the lawsuit.

On June 17, 1955, Judge Ralph Edgerton entered an order granting ownership to the Spokane Evergreen Cemetery Association.

But ownership changed again after Edward C. Hoover, doing business as E.C. Hoover Construction Co., filed suit in 1957 against Spokane Evergreen Cemetery Association.

The construction company claimed it was owed \$916 for work done at the site. The suit did not specify what work was done at the cemetery, but Spokane-area residents recall that the site was logged extensively at about that

time, resulting in substantial damage to graves and tombstones.

Hoover bought the cemetery at a sheriff's sale in 1958 to satisfy the \$916 construction lien.

Hoover sold the cemetery to Astrolite in July 1968, records show.

Dixie Stewart, a Spokane woman whose grandmother is buried in the cemetery, is forming a citizens' committee to pursue preservation efforts. She said Wednesday she hopes to hold a meeting within a week for anyone interested. Britton said he hopes the group "can do something with it, clean it up and make a historic site of it." Such restoration would be particularly significant during the state's centennial year, he said.

Desecrated Spokane graves lead to new law

By Bill Morlin
Staff writer

Gov. Booth Gardner has signed into law a bill that grew out of vandalism at Spokane Evergreen Cemetery.

"It went flying through" the Legislature on unanimous votes in both houses, Rep. Jean Silver, R-Spokane, the legislation's prime sponsor,

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said this week.

The law, which takes effect June 2, will allow citizens to become involved in restoration and maintenance of abandoned cemeteries.

It also legally designates 800 abandoned burial sites and cemeteries throughout the state as cemeteries, which will prohibit development or other use.

"That's a real significant issue," said Paul Elvig, administrator of the state Cemetery Board.

Theft of tombstones or desecration of graves will be a felony instead of a misdemeanor under the new law, which amended and expanded existing statutes.

"Everybody was really amazed that this wasn't already law," Silver said of tougher penalties imposed in the legislation.

Silver introduced the legislation after a citizens group was formed to protest conditions at Evergreen Cemetery, located near Market and Hawthorne between Hillyard and Mead. At least two graves in the aban-

doned Masonic cemetery had been dug up by grave robbers and scores of tombstones had been vandalized and stolen. Motorcycles also had desecrated the site.

"I'm very, very pleased with the new law, and thanks should go to the citizens of Spokane who really helped bring this issue to the fore," said Elvig.

The cemetery board administrator said law enforcement officers throughout the state haven't been especially interested in

Please see **CEMETERIES: B2**

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Cemeteries

cemetery vandalism cases because the crime was only a misdemeanor.

"But now with making the crime a felony will come an all-new level of enforcement," he said.

Junk and antique shops, for example, will think twice before accepting an old tombstone to sell as a relic, Elvig said. "Now we could charge them with possessing stolen property, a felony."

Shortly after the legislation was introduced, two young men in Wenatchee were apprehended after they illegally exhumed a recently buried body and took it to a friend's house "as a joke," Elvig said.

Sheriff's deputies and the prosecutor in Chelan realized they could only charge the pair with a misdemeanor, he said.

"This new law definitely would have answered that question" and allowed authorities in Wenatchee to file felony charges, Elvig said.

"The law moves the penalty upward to meet the level of public expectation and outrage over such crimes."

Additionally, the law allows citizens groups to mobilize to protect and restore abandoned cemeteries. An abandoned cemetery on Beacon Hill in Seattle caught citizen interest there last fall, Elvig said.

"We now have the tools in citizens' hands to allow them to physically express an interest in old, abandoned cemeteries without the fear of liability," the state cemetery official said.

The legislation also establishes a registering mechanism for citizen groups interested in protecting abandoned cemeteries.

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?" hollow

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Metal - originals missing

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 Markings on muzzle = _____

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Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

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Sculpture: Height 59" Width 13" Depth 13" or Diameter _____

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Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found no mark

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.

Original plaques are missing from front and back. Side plaques are original with inscriptions as noted on accompanying sheet.

Current front and back plaques are as noted on accompanying sheet.

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
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| <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 | _____ |

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 Underneath high power transmission lines
Cemetery almost derelict

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? <small>(look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	<u>No</u>	<u>No</u>
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>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? <small>(also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)</small>	<u>Yes</u> <u>bullet holes</u>	---

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	---	---
White crusting	---	---
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	---	<u>Yes</u>
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... <u>Bullet pits in base</u>	---	---

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).

Stacked square base topped by a draped obelisk. GAR
medal on front, WRC emblem on back. Original face and
back plaques missing. Monument probably aluminum- no
rust or corrosive evidence.

Supplemental Background Information

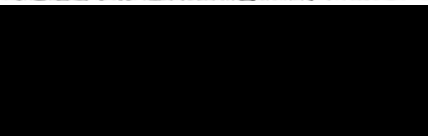
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Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 9/08/05
 Your Name Harold Young
 Address 12615 N. Hope Ln. City Spokane
 State WA Zip Code 99208 Telephone [REDACTED]

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PCC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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Evergreen Cemetery

Mead, WA

Nathan P. Gregg

G.A.R. Post #127

W.R.C. #25

East Side Base

NATHAN P. GREGG

POST No. 127 G.A.R.

East Side Plaque

THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY
HAS BEEN RESTORED BY
TROOP 226
FOR THE EAGLE PROJECT OF
RODNEY BAMBINO
MAY 1984

North Side Plaque

MEMBERS OF N. P. GREGG POST NO. 127,
G.A.R.

CLARK ROBINSON, Co. D, 1ST MINN H.A.
J. E. LYON, Co. H, 11TH WIS. INF.
T. M. GOSNELL, Co. G, 8TH ILL. INF.
W. E. PIPER, Co. H, 2ND MINN. INF.
W. T. DAVIS, Co. I, 6TH ILL. CAV.
W. H. SHOEMAKER, Co. F, 16TH ILL. INF.
L. W. PRYOR, Co. G, 81ST ILL. INF.
HOMER TOWN, Co. K, 12TH ILL. INF.
W. F. STRINE, Co. E, 34TH OHIO INF.
ADDISON FITE, Co. L, 3RD MO. CAV.
C. A. MEAD, Co. E, 1ST MICH. ENG.
A. J. CAREY, Co. K, 111TH N.Y. INF.
D. M. STEPHENS, Co. E
PETER BOTT, Co. A, 11TH MINN. INF.

West Side Base

ERECTED A. D. 1913,
BY NATHAN P. GREGG
W.R.C. NO. 25

West Side Plaque

TO
VETERANS OF ALL WARS

(VFW medallion)

THIS MONUMENT WAS
REDEDICATED ON MAY 30TH
1994 BY HILLYARD VFW
POST 1474

South Side Plaque

MEMBERS OF N.P. GREGG POST NO. 127,
G.A.R.

STEPHEN COCHRAN, Co. A, 64TH ILL. INF.
CLARK E. OYER, Co. G, 154TH N.Y. INF.
CYRUS STONER, Co. B, 4TH IOWA CAV.
J. H. LONG, Co. A, 28TH ILL. INF.
ROBERT ATKINSON, Co. B, 95TH ILL. INF.
ANSON D. BRIGGS, Co. D, 2ND WIS. CAV.
TILMAN P. EDGERTON, Co. B, 34TH IOWA INF.
THOMAS MULLADY, Co. B, 47TH N.Y. INF.
GOTTLIEB MAHLAR, Co. F, 1ST NEV. CAV.
F. M. FIELD, Co. R, 8TH WIS. INF.
H. A. RAYMOND, Co. C, 14TH N.Y. INF.
FRANK McKENNETT, Co. C, 7TH ILL. CAV.
ANDREW P. DYE, Co. A, 32RD WIS. INF.
JOHN M. CROWFOOT, Co. A, 23RD MO. INF.

http://www.interment.net/data/us/wa/spokane/ever/evergreen_cemetery.htm

Evergreen Cemetery
Mead, Spokane County, Washington
Market & Hawthorne Sts, Mead WA

Lat: 47° 45' 02"N, Lon: 117° 21' 38"W
Sec 15, T26N R43E

Transcribed and compiled by Maggie Rail © 1998, last edited Jun 02, 2005.
[REDACTED] Total records = 321.

Evergreen Cemetery is on 14 acres of land, located on the west side of Market street about a block south of the corner of Market and Hawthorne in Mead, WA.

The first meeting recorded in the minutes for the Hillyard Masonic Cemetery Association was on Aug 26, 1909 to have the land surveyed, to lay out and develop the Evergreen Cemetery. This cemetery was owned by the Masonic Lodge at that time and was managed and maintained by the Hillyard Masonic Cemetery Association to Apr 26, 1930.

In March of 1930 the cemetery was sold for \$240.00 to a Mr Knight of the New England Undertaking Co, after which the Hillyard Masonic Cemetery Association disbanded. I am told it was owned by a Mr Dodd at one time, but I have no more information on all of the owners.

This cemetery has been in the midst of much controversy during the past many years. I was finally able to see and copy from the Sexton records, which are held by a member of the Masonic Lodge, to be placed in their library when it is completed, in Spokane.

The first burial recorded was Rachel Prehm in Nov 1909, however there are earlier burials recorded. Either this land was used as a burial site previous to it becoming Evergreen Cemetery, or there were previous burials removed and reburied in this cemetery from farms etc.

I went through these records and added names which I did not find a headstone for, or added location to existing readings I had. I have walked the cemetery and read all the readable stones previous to finding these records.

Evergreen is no longer maintained and it has been abandoned for decades. It is owned by the same people who own and neglect Resthaven Cemetery. The owner lives in Arizona. Vada R. Hoblin Trust 510 Wilshire Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89110-4149

Some of the burials were in the Poor Farm Section, others were burials of those who died at the Poor Farm, but not necessarily buried in the Poor Farm section. Some entries in the ledger did not have the location listed.

There is a fenced in area on a small hill on the northwest end. You will find a memorial dedicated to Veterans of all wars. The listing for these is at the end of this transcription. Some of the names will be listed again as buried inside the fence and some outside in the main area of Evergreen Cemetery. Some not buried in this cemetery.

First transcribed on Oct 10, 1998 from readings of all existing and legible headstones and markers, when I walked the cemetery. There may be many other burials in this cemetery, for those buried here after it was sold. I was able to compare from the first sexton files, Feb 26, 2005 and added any information to my work which I did not have. I also reread the cemetery on Apr 27, 2005, using my digital camera, so I have a photo of all existing and legible stones or markers.

- Maggie Rail

Grave Situation; Civil War cemetery has; been vandalized, looted and

Spokesman Review, The (Spokane), May 30, 2005 by Tom Lutey Staff writer

Herbert "Curley" Bambino, a fighter pilot in World War II, never forgot a fallen war veteran and never wanted his son, Rodney, to forget either.

The father was constantly pointing out the war dead in Spokane cemeteries as the two drove through the city - and not just the 20th century vets. He always remembered the weedy, trash-ridden Civil War graveyard at Market Street and Hawthorne Road between Hillyard and Mead.

"Whenever we'd go camping, we'd be driving up Market. He'd say, 'That place is filled with more of our fallen comrades,' " Rodney Bambino recalled recently.

It didn't matter that the Union soldiers fought nearly 80 years before Herbert Bambino did. They were comrades. When his son needed an Eagle Scout project, Evergreen Cemetery - the subject of all those car rides - was the obvious choice.

Herbert Bambino is dead now. The son still thinks about the cemetery and his father whenever Market Street fills his windshield. The view is disturbing. Piles of trash still plague Evergreen Cemetery, despite myriad efforts to rescue the graveyard. There are busted televisions, rotten clothes and even used toilet paper littering the graves, many of which lack headstones and are deeply caved in.

A massive utility tower rises over the graves of the 28 Civil War veterans, and the air cackles with electricity. The silk flowers that Rodney Bambino and the Scouts of Troop 226 decorated the area with 20 years ago are still there, as are the bullet holes and busted tombstones. The most recent burial is dated 1961, but most predate it by 20 years or more.

A victim of absentee landlords and even grave robbers, this cemetery has teetered on the edge of ruin for more than a half-century. Evergreen Cemetery was opened by the Hillyard Masonic Lodge in 1909 and quickly filled with Civil War veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, 28 of whom are honored with a bullet-riddled monument. The GAR was the American Legion of its day, an Illinois-based fraternity of Union soldiers that secured pension benefits for most veterans, previously paid only to the war wounded.

GAR veterans, numbering 400,000 in their prime, according to M.R. Dearing's "Veterans and Politics," are credited for nationalizing Memorial Day so the country's Civil War dead wouldn't be forgotten.

The veterans of Hillyard's Nathan P. Gregg Post No. 127 were forgotten fairly quickly. The post forfeited its 16-year-old charter in 1925 because only 11 members were still alive, though its women's auxiliary, comprising mostly wives and daughters, numbered 80.

Caring for the cemetery became the widows' task. The 14-acre parcel was still owned by the Hillyard Masonic Cemetery Association, but no one kept a close eye on the property.

Vandalism increased, and there was even an occasional exhumation of a corpse.

The Masons tried to sell the cemetery to the Ball & Dodd Funeral Homes, which took possession of the graveyard and opened a 500-lot section south of where the veterans lay. The funeral home filled the area with the dead wards of the Old-Age Pension League, an early public assistance program for the poor elderly.

The cemetery for the poor, called Rest Haven, is the most damaged section of Evergreen today. Sinkholes mark gravesites, which decades ago had their headstones uprooted or broken off when the area was logged.

A snarled thicket of 8-foot ponderosa pines blankets the graveyard. To see the graves, one has to wade into the trees and peer down through the brush at the spongy layer of pine needles below. It is like searching for pebbles in a cloudy river bottom.

"When I saw it, I just wanted to stand and cry," said Maggie Rail, a local cemetery historian. "They've used it as a dump yard. There's junk all over. The owner is supposed to take care of that."

Rest Haven didn't last long, Rail said. Ball & Dodd's stake in the cemetery was never clear, and it eventually backed out. A 16-year-old property rights investigation by the Spokane County assessor indicated that the Masons kept an interest in the neglected cemetery until 1955, when the Spokane Evergreen Cemetery Association sued the Hillyard Masonic group for ownership rights.

The association won ownership about the same time that news articles began appearing about the GAR women's auxiliary; the widows and daughters of the veterans had grown too old to care for the cemetery. Vandals had ripped out the cemetery gates and torn down the fence surrounding the Civil War veterans.

The Boy Scouts came to the rescue, launching a whirlwind cleanup project, and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center got involved, promising perpetual care thereafter.

Maybe the promised upkeep stopped because the Spokane Evergreen Cemetery Association lost control of the graveyard. A contractor, Edward C. Hoover, sued the

association over \$916 worth of unpaid work he had done at Evergreen and received the cemetery as payment. About the time Hoover took over, locals said the cemetery was extensively looted.

Hoover sold the business in 1968 to a Cheney furniture restoration company, Astrolite, owned by William Hoblin, now deceased. His wife - Vada R. Hoblin, 71, of Las Vegas - owns the property today. Vada Hoblin has repeatedly declined to talk about Evergreen Cemetery. Her legal representative, David Richdale, did not respond to phone calls last week.

Red flags went up in the Hillyard community in 1989 after Hoblin listed the 14 acres on which the cemetery sits as prime industrial real estate. The asking price was \$180,000.

Hoblin took the land off the market, but the firestorm surrounding the sale couldn't be quelled. The state Legislature got involved, creating laws threatening the tax-exempt status of abandoned cemeteries. A state land swap was briefly discussed but fell through.

North Siders in the late 1980s, interested in the cemetery, discovered more damage than just motorcycle trails and garbage piles. The Bonneville Power Administration had dug through some graves while installing power towers through the area. A witness to the damage told The Spokesman-Review 15 years ago that a shinbone could be seen poking out of a casket broken open by Bonneville's heavy machinery.

Public outrage crested after a father and son caught a Seattle hairdresser stealing a Civil War veteran's skull on a rain-soaked night in May 1990. Investigators also found that other vandals had stolen war medals from a grave.

Fueled by anger, community support for saving the cemetery was high, but it fizzled by 1994.

"We were really making progress, and then we went through a slump when a lot of the active people became inactive," said Dixie Stewart, who started a save-the-cemetery group 16 years ago after locating her grandmother's grave in Evergreen. "I have thought about it a lot and feel bad about leaving Grandma there."

Enough time has elapsed that a new generation of citizens concerned about the cemetery is cropping up, and they know little or nothing about Stewart and her group.

On Saturday, Stewart said she found members of VFW Post 1734 at the cemetery trying to get it presentable for Memorial Day today.

Rail is trying to identify all the people buried at Evergreen and Rest Haven. She's up to 379 and is convinced there are more graves to be found.

John Wyman, a local Mason, would like to see the cemetery bought back by the Shriners and the region's Masonic lodges. He wrote Hoblin roughly a year ago to check her asking price, which was in the \$180,000 range - more than Wyman had in mind.

"If it had been a reasonable price, I would have approached all the Masonic lodges in the area and then conned them into bringing it up to snuff," Wyman said. "What we dream of is getting an association formed and bringing it back to life."

But the asking price isn't going down. It's going up, as indicated on eBay two years ago, when a 14-acre cemetery zoned for manufacturing in Spokane was posted for auction by a Nevada seller identified only as "wavevadave."

The contact for all interested bidders was David Richdale, Vada Hoblin's legal representative.

The minimum asking price was \$195,000. There were no takers.

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Old Masonic Cemetery



Dedication of Monument April 1913

Engraved on the Monument:

Nathan P. Gregg Post No. 127
Erected A. D. 1913
W.R.C. No. 25



EAST SIDE



NORTH SIDE



WEST SIDE



SOUTH SIDE

EVERGREEN CEMETERY