

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. L. G. Armstrong Camp #49, Dept of WI) (Please describe below)
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
 Other: _____

Original Dedication Date 1896 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 102 Mary Street
 City/Village Boscobel, WI Township _____ County Grant

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 Boscobel Grand Army of the Republic Hall Dept./Div. _____

Street Address 102 Mary Street

City Boscobel State WI Zip Code 53805

Contact Person Gary Young Telephone (608) 375-5765

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.) Wood Frame Building

Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Wood Frame GAR Hall
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "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 30' Width 40' Depth 100' or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height _____ 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 _____

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.

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 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: <u>residential street</u> |
| <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)
 Town

Suburban (residential, near city)
 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)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	_____

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
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 ...	_____	_____

The foundation of this 130 year old structure is failing, and surrounding development over the years has made it the lowest point in the neighborhood, causing water to accumulate under the structure and deterioration of the structures

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)

This 130 year old GAR Hall, John McDermott Post #100, is suffering from foundation failure. L. G. Armstrong
Camp #49 has taken on the project to place the Hall on the National Register of Historic Sites, and acquire the
grants necessary (approximately \$200K) to put a proper foundation under the hall that ensures its future integrity,
restore the building architecturally to near its original look, and add restroom facilities to enhance its function as a
museum. The first step is to place the Hall on the National Register so as to qualify for the preservation grants.

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. **A brief summary is attached.**

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey January 16, 2003

Your Name Gary W. Young

Address 1004 Chestnut Street City Boscobel

State WI Zip Code 53805 Telephone 

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

John McDermott Post #101

Grand Army of the Republic Hall

Boscobel, Grant County, Wisconsin

This is the last GAR Hall in Wisconsin, one of only three left in the Midwest. It has an uninterrupted history going back to 1896. It still serves as a meeting Hall for the Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.



John McDermott Post #101 Grand Army of the Republic Hall Boscobel, Wisconsin

The Boscobel Grand Army of the Republic Hall Preservationists, Inc. is a small non-profit corporation formed with the primary objective of preserving and maintaining as a museum the John McDermott Post #101 Grand Army of the Republic Hall located at 102 Mary Street in Boscobel, Wisconsin. This organization grew out of the Woman's Relief Corps #32, Boscobel, the original conservators of the Hall. The GAR Hall is the last remaining GAR Hall in Wisconsin, and one of only three remaining in the Upper Midwest.

John McDermott Post #101, Grand Army of the Republic was formed in 1883, with Dr. L. G. Armstrong as its first Commander. The Post was named after Captain John McDermott, Commander of Co. C of the 20th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. Captain McDermott was fatally wounded while trying to save the colors at the battle of Prairie Grove, AR, December 7, 1862. He was subsequently awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. By 1896 this Post of Civil War veterans had purchased a small Baptist Church building to serve as their meeting place, and that survives today as The Grand Army of the Republic Hall Museum.

John Stahel Camp #34, Sons of Union Veterans was organized in Boscobel, 1897 in support of the Hall. It was later reorganized as L. G. Armstrong Camp #49. By the 1920's there were no active GAR members left, and participation by the Sons of Union Veterans dropped off. Camp #49 surrendered its charter in 1927. Fortunately John McDermott Post #101 Woman's Relief Corps #32 was strong and dedicated. As an Allied Order of the GAR, they became the conservators of the GAR property, Hall and artifacts. WRC #32 has met continuously in the Hall since 1896 – 108 years of unbroken dedication and service. Those ladies and the members of the Preservationists have maintained the Hall and preserved the associated GAR artifacts for over 75 years. They have been joined by L. G. Armstrong Camp #49, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, chartered in January of 2003. This Camp is focused on the maintenance and preservation of the Hall, and meets in the Hall monthly.

At this time (August, 2004) the Hall structure is threatened by age and environmental challenges. The oldest structure in the neighborhood, it has become as a result of over a century of development around it, the lowest point in the neighborhood. Therefore, water continuously collects in the crawl space under the structure. Due in part to the water problem, the quarry stone foundation which was simply laid on a bed of sand, is failing and the building has begun to sag noticeably, threatening the integrity of the structure.

In consultation with local engineers and preservation groups, and based on my own experience as an Officer in Charge of Construction in the U. S. Navy, it was determined that the best solution to these structural challenges would be to place a basement under the structure to ensure its integrity for the NEXT 100 years. As that is a major construction issue, it was determined that as a part of that process it would be desirable to bring water and sewer into the site, add a lean-to to the back of the Hall (in accordance

with Historic Register requirements that would permit basement access without violating the integrity of the Hall itself, and provide space for a restroom, enhancing its status as a museum and better supporting the organizations that use it today as a meeting place (Son of Union Veterans of the Civil War, John McDermott Post #100 Woman's Relief Corps #32, Armistead-Bingham 1862 Masonic Lodge of Research, and the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, Co. D). In addition, this project would enable us to remove the furnace/air conditioner room from the 2nd floor meeting hall to the basement. This would alleviate the floor load challenges it presents and facilitate full restoration of the 2nd floor meeting hall.

Failure to act in the near future to these structural challenges hazards the viability of the Hall. The grant of money by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at the 2004 National Encampment provides the point of departure to get this project started and save John McDermott Post #101 Grand Army of the Republic Hall. L. G. Armstrong Camp #49 is proud to take the lead in this most worthy endeavor in support of our heritage.

Prepared 15 August, 2004 by
Gary W. Young
Secretary, L. G. Armstrong Camp #49, SUVCW, Department of Wisconsin

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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST

(FORM CWM #62)
Requester Information

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: L. G. Armstrong Camp #49 Department of Wisconsin
(Please print or type)

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CITY: Boscobel

STATE: Wisconsin ZIP CODE: 53805

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: Gary W. Young

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PHONE(S): 608-375-5765 E-MAIL: Camp_49@mchsi.com

Memorial or Monument Information

NAME OF MEMORIAL: John McDermott Post #101 Grand Army of the Republic Hall

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Street)

102 Mary Street, Boscobel, Wisconsin

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1871, purchased and converted by John McDermott Post #101 GAR 1896

WHO OWNS IT: Boscobel Grand Army of the Republic Hall Preservationists, Inc. a 501(c) (3) corporation

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: Boscobel Grand Army of the Republic Hall Preservationists, Inc.

*From CWM 61 lead
Database # 4WI4
John Phillips 21 Aug 2004*

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE: NO FROM WHERE: _____

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: YES FROM WHERE: Boscobel Grand Army of the Republic Hall Preservationists, Inc in addition to this grant request

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: \$1,500

DESCRIBE WORK THAT THESE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR: (Be specific, use back if necessary)

Gary W. Young, Secretary of L. G. Armstrong Camp #49, is the Preservationist's designated agent to submit for and administer grants to the purpose of Hall preservation. The Hall foundation is crumbling and major work needs be done to repair this and restore the Hall with improvements to make it a more viable Museum and repository of artifacts related to the GAR and the Civil War. The purpose of this request is to help fund the initial process of placing the Hall on the National List of Historic places. Specifically, it will help fund the architect's drawings/plans required by the Wisconsin Historical Society to place the Hall on their list and nominate the Hall to the National authority. A motion to fund this was approved by the assembled delegates at the 123rd National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Cedar Rapids, IA.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: Gary W. Young, Secretary of L. G. Armstrong Camp #49 and designated grant writer for the Hall owners.

WHO WILL DO THE WORK DESCRIBED AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: The architect will be one recommended by the Jeffris Foundation based on our initial contacts.

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED: L. G. Armstrong Camp #49, 1004 Chestnut Street, Boscobel Wisconsin 53805

Todd Shillington

From: "Todd Shillington" <coh94nyv@rochester.rr.com>
To: "Camp 49 SUVCW" <Camp_49@mchsi.com>
Cc: <SUVNATTRES@aol.com>; "Stephen Michaels" <steve_michaels@metronetworks.com>; "Ron Aronis" <secretary@suvchw-wi.org>; "Daniel Chroninger" <Daniel.Chroninger@wi.usda.gov>; "Tom Truog" <truogins@mwt.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2004 7:12 AM
Subject: Re: Memorial Funds Request

Dear Brother Gary,

Yes, the Form which you have sent me, CWM # 62 Civil War Memorial Fund Request, is required under normal, and these special circumstances, to obtain funds from the memorial restoration fund. These are special circumstances because the Encampment voted to approve the funds, not just the members of the committee.

Under normal funds requests, to obtain my endorsement, *another* form is also required. This additional form is CWM#61, memorial assessment form, which can be obtained on request from me, or by going to this webpage: <http://suvchw.org/ftp/memorial.pdf> .

Since this is not the normal way we approve funds for memorial restoration, I believe it is possible that C-in-C Steve Michaels could rule that a submission of form CWM#61 (assessment) is not required. As C-in-C Steve is copied in on this, the matter will be brought to his attention.

Regardless of how this is decided, please submit to me a completed copy of Form CWM#61 as soon as possible. I realize, of course that this is not what is normally considered a memorial, but to me, and many others, a G.A.R. Hall is very much a memorial, and needs preservation as much as any monument or cannon.

Good luck in your preservation efforts! We have two G.A.R. Halls in New York that we are working to preserve, and I know something of what you are doing.

Sincerely in F, C, & L,

Todd Shillington, PDC
 Nat'l C.W. Memorials Officer

----- Original Message -----

From: Camp 49 SUVCW
To: coh94nyv@rochester.rr.com
Cc: SUVNATTRES@aol.com ; Stephen Michaels ; Ron Aronis ; Daniel Chroninger ; Tom Truog
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2004 3:10 PM
Subject: Memorial Funds Request

Dear Brother Shillington,
 Attached is a memorial fund request as approved at the National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, yesterday, 12 August. I was advised by C-in-C Michaels National Treasurer Newman that submission via your committee was required before Brother Newman could cut us a check.

A hard copy will go in the USPS tomorrow.
 In FCL,
 Gary W. Young, Secretary
 L. G. Armstrong Camp #49, Department of Wisconsin

Todd Shillington

From: "Todd Shillington" <coh94nyv@rochester.rr.com>
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Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2004 1:41 PM
Subject: Boscobel G.A.R. Hall funds

To: Brother Gary Young, Sec'y, L. G. Armstrong Camp No. 49, Boscobel, Wisconsin

Dear Brother Gary,

I received in yesterday's mail the paperwork you submitted in support of the grant of funds approved by the National Encampment for the Boscobel G.A.R. Hall. All appears to be in order, and the funds request meets the requirement of having submitted a memorial assessment with the National Civil War Memorials Officer.

I will forward the request to Bob Petrovic, the senior member of the Grant Fund Committee for further action.

You have taken on a large task, but are doing the work of the Order, and I wish you success. If I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

In F, C, & L,

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*Form CWM61 rec'd
Database # 4WI4
John Helfrich 21 Aug 2004*

L. G. ARMSTRONG CAMP #49
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
SUPPORTING
JOHN MCDERMOTT POST #101 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HALL

15 August, 2004

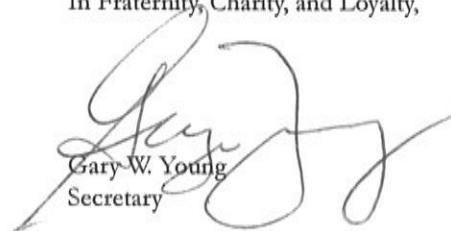
Todd A. Shillington, PCC, Chair
National Committee on Civil War Memorials, SUVCW
15 Park Place
Holley, NY 14470-1022

Dear Brother Shillington:

Enclosed are two copies of a Memorial Funds request prepared pursuant to a motion approved yesterday at the National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This submission is a follow-up to my e-mail of earlier today.

It is recognized that this is not the standard "bricks and mortar" and "designated vendor" request related to your committee's work. However, it is submitted via your committee at the direction of PCC Kent Armstrong, with the advice and consent of Commander-in-Chief Michaels and National Treasurer Newman. Should there be any other necessary pieces missing from this request, please advise via e-mail so I might get that to you expeditiously.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,


Gary W. Young
Secretary