

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Dept. of California & Pacific



Civil War Memorial Assessment Form
(Form CWM #61)

Used for periodic assessments of the condition of Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and Civil War memorials in the Department of California & Pacific, SUVCW (includes California, Nevada and Hawaii)

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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 Fountain Historical Marker Plaque

Affiliation

G.A.R. (Post Name & No. Col. Rod. Matheson Post #16) 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: Community, see dedication article.

Original Dedication Date 6 August 1876 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: Oak Mound Cemetery
 Street/Road address or site location 601 Piper Street
 City/Village Healdsburg Township _____ County Sonoma

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 Oak Mound Cemetery Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 601 Piper Street
 City Healdsburg State CA Zip Code 95448
 Contact Person Ray Gardner Telephone (707) 433-4582

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

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.) Cast Cement about base pool, Marble base, Cast iron stand & basins, and piping. Short rock wall surrounds bottom fountain pool creating a circular planting area.

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?" _____

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 10' Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter 5' *
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 Marble base
inscribed "Dedicated 1876". No marks on cast iron work 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.
Old timers report there was a plaque present at one time,
believed to have been of brass, stolen years ago. No record
of text yet found.
Text on marble base heavily ingraved, see attached picture,

Granite slab below iron work 4" thick sitting on cement pier.

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 | _____ |

*Outer Ring retaining wall 2' high, diameter 12'. Planting area 1.5' wide. Bottom basin cement wall 5"wide, diameter 8', depth 4'

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) .
The Veterans War Fountain is in need of repair. No one has
put any effort in to this monument per scrap of metal marker
found. The bottom bowl has large chip out of it that causes
leaning, making it unstable. See attached pictures.

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 8 April 2004
Your Name James Spencer, Col.Roderick Matheson Camp #16, CA
Address 101 Sunrise Mountain Road City Cazadero
State CA Zip Code 95421 Telephone 

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
Submission held for additional information which took nearly two
years to aquire. Formatting of form completed 15 March 2009 by
Kirby Morgan, Memorial Officer, Dept. CA & Pacific.

**WATER FOUNTAIN
TO THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE PAST CIVIL WAR
OAKMOUND CEMETERY
HEALDSBURG, SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

BI MONTHLY ENTERPRISE

August.....6, 1876

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

The day was very sunny day
In the City of the Dead. About four
O'clock PM The Ladies of Industry
from the City of Healdsburg, Ca.
Erected The New and Beautiful
"Water Fountain." To the Soldiers and
Sailors of the past Civil War. This
was a special tribute to these men
It was said that this Fountain would
Last 100 Years. It was made and
shipped from Cincinnati Ohio.
The Fountain was placed atop
the oak knoll. Just down the road
from our town hero Col. Roderick Matheson.
who was laid to rest some 13 years
ago. The speakers said that the cost
Was about \$ 1,250.00 Most was
collected by the ladies of industry
for performing housework and other
detail work for Veterans, in
the town and surrounding area.
The Sunday school children from
the area churches, sang several
songs for the dedication, as well as
several speeches. The water
for the fountain will be supplied
by the Healdsburg water company.
free of charge until such time as
the company is purchased by the
City of Healdsburg. at seven
O'clock PM the lanterns and
torches were light and the
water was turned on it took several

minutes for the first bowl of the
Fountain to fill then as the glow,
of the lights danced upon the fountain
the water began to spill over the top
and down in to the bottom bowl of the
Fountain acted as it was coming to life
and in a since it had. The bowl filled
and spilled over in to the pond
at the bottom of the Fountain.
The towns people cheered for the
Fountain, the veterans of the area
gave a toast to their fallen Comrades
in arms from both sides of the war.
The Union and Confederate Veterans
gave a blessing. and is stated as such.
To the boys that fell and to the Veterans
that made it back to their homes and
Families this is for you boys this is for
all of you because we are all brothers,
in arms. A volley of muskets was fired
and then every one was asked to hoist
there glasses to the Veterans one and all.
The event ended with a prayer to never
let the water in the fountain dry up.
At Eight thirty PM a barbeque was served
To the town folk.

This article is from a private
scrapbook that has since been
"Junked in February 2005" at
the demise of "Greta" of
Larkfield, Sonoma County, CA,
The article was hand copied
in January 2005 and
transcribed in April 2005 by
Jim Spencer, Commander Col.
Roderick Matheson Camp #16,
Det. CA & Pac., SUVCW



1876 VETERANS MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN
OAKMOUND CEMETERY
HEALDSBURG, SONOMA COUNTY, CA
PHOTO TAKEN 8 APR 2004 BY
JAMES SPENCER, SUVCW
101 SUNRISE MOUNTAIN ROAD
CAZADERO, CA 95421
NORTH SIDE - LOOKING SOUTHERLY



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SOUTH SIDE - LOOKING NORTHERLY



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EAST SIDE - LOOKING WESTERLY



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EAST SIDE BASE WITH INSCRIPTION



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**EAST SIDE FIRST BASIN SHOWING
SITE OF MISSING CAST IRON**



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**WEST SIDE-LOWER BASIN, STEM
SEAHORSES, ARROW SHOWS BROKEN AREA**



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WESTERLY SIDE SHOWING STEM BASE
REPAIR IN LOWER BOWL



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WEST SIDE SEAHORSES AND
BOTTOM OF UPPER BASE



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TOP BOWL BASIN BEFORE CLEANING



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**JAMES SPENCER PLUGGING
HOLES IN WATER PIPES**



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JAMES SPENCER CLEANING DEBRIS
OUT OF WORKING MONUMENT