

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

CAMBRIDGE CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL

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. Posts 30, 56, and 57) ___ 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 Cambridge

Original Dedication Date 1870. Rededicated 1947 (May 30) 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 Cambridge Common, Mass. Ave and Garden St.
 City/Village _____ Township Cambridge County Middlesex

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 Cambridge Dept./Div. Cambridge Historical Commission
 Street Address 831 Massachusetts Avenue
 City Cambridge State MA Zip Code 02139
 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.) white 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 = _____

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 50' Width 30' Depth 30' or Diameter _____
Sculpture: Height 8' Width 3' Depth 2.5' 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.

The Soldiers and Sailors of Cambridge, whose names are here inscribed, died in the service of their country, in the war for the maintenance of the Union.
To perpetuate the memory of their valor and patriotism, this Monument is erected by the City, A.D., 1869-70

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 | _____ |

General Vicinity

- Rural (low population, open land)
- Town
- Suburban (residential, near city)
- Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

- Industrial
- Street/Roadside within 20 feet
- Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)
- Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)
- Any other significant environmental factor _____
- Commercial
- Tree Covered (overhanging branches)

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)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
White crusting	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Chalky or powdery stone	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Granular eroding of stone	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
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).

A large architectural structure topped by a stone figure of a Civil War soldier holding his rifle. A bronze portrait of Abraham Lincoln standing inside the memorial is visible through the arches on each side of the memorial. The Lincoln figure is by Augustus Saint-Gaudens. It was added to the memorial after being cast in 1887. Metal tablets inscribed with the names of Massachusetts military men are attached to the base of the monument. The memorial is surrounded by an iron fence.

Supplemental Background Information

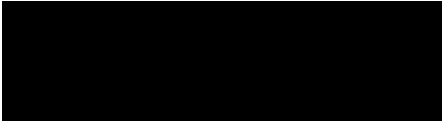
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey Dec. 3, 2006
 Your Name Kevin Tucker
 Address 58 Forest Street City Wakefield
 State MA Zip Code 01880 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee

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FRONT MONUMENT



FRONT TOP MONUMENT



FRONT LINCOLN STATUE