# **CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM** AMERICAN SPHINX 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 Cannon Monument *with* Sculpture Monument <u>without</u> Sculpture Historical Marker Plaque Affiliation \_\_) \_\_\_ M.O.L.L.U.S. G.A.R. (Post Name & No.\_\_\_\_\_ W.R.C. (Corps Name & No.\_\_\_\_\_ \_) \_\_ Other Allied Order SUVCW (Camp Name & No.\_\_\_\_\_ ) (Please describe below) DUVCW (Tent Name & No.\_\_\_\_\_ X Other: Mount Auburn Cemetery Original Dedication Date 1872. 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 Mount Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mt. Auburn Street City/Village \_\_\_\_\_ Township Cambridge County Middlesex The front of the Memorial faces: X North \_\_\_\_ South \_\_\_\_ East \_\_\_\_ West Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)... Name Mount Auburn Cemetery Dept./Div. Street Address 580 Mount Auburn Street City Cambridge State MA Zip Code 02/38 Contact Person Telephone (6/7) If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

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## **Physical Details**

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = A Ston	ne Concrete	_ Metal Undetermined
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If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble,	etc.) LIGHT	Grav Granite

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Material of the Sculpture = $X$	Stone	Concrete	Metal	Undetermined
If known, name specific material (	color of granit	e, marble, etc.) _L	ight Gray Gru	anite
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it				

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 5' Width 5' Depth 15' or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Sculpture: Height 4' Width 3' Depth 10' 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 Right rear of sculpture: JACOB BIGELOWSTATUIT ET DEDICAVIT Left rear of sculpture: MARTIN MILMORE/

SCULPTOR / 1872/ BOSTON 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. Left Side: AMERICAN UNION PRESERVED/AFRICAN SLAVERY DESTROYED/ BY THE UPRISING OF A GREAT PEOPLE/BY THE BLOOD OF FALLEN HEROES

Right Side: AMERICA CONSERVATA/AFRICA LIBERATA/POPULO MAGNO ASSURGENTE/HEROUM SANGUINE FUSO

## Environmental Setting

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

## Type of Location

Cemetery "Town Square" Municipal Building X Cemetery Courthouse **Traffic Circle** 

\_\_\_\_ Park \_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_ State Capitol College Campus Library

\_ Plaza/Courtyard School Other:

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#### **General Vicinity**

Rural (low population, open land) Town	Suburban (residential, near city)
Immediate Locale (check as many as may	/ apply)
Industrial	Commercial
Street/Roadside within 20 feet	Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
Protected from the elements (canopy of	or enclosure, indoors)
Y Protected from the public (fence or oth	
Any other significant environmental fac	ctor

## **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)	No No No	NO NO NO
Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply) 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	Sculpture NO NO NO NO NO NO	Base 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? \_\_\_\_ Yes X\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Unable to tell

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#### Surface Coating

Does there ap	pear to be a coatin	g?Yes	X_No	Unable to determine
If known, ident	ify type of coating.			
Gilded	Painted	Varnished	Waxed	Unable to determine
Is the coating i	n good condition?	Yes	No	Unable to determine

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#### 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 / over	erall condition	& any concern no	t already touc	hed on). rectangular
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## 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	of On-site	Survey Dec.	3,2006				
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Addre	ss 58	Forest Street			Citv	Wakefield	
State	MA	Zip Code 0188	<u>́О</u> т	elephone			

Please send this completed form to:

## Todd A. Shillington, PDC

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

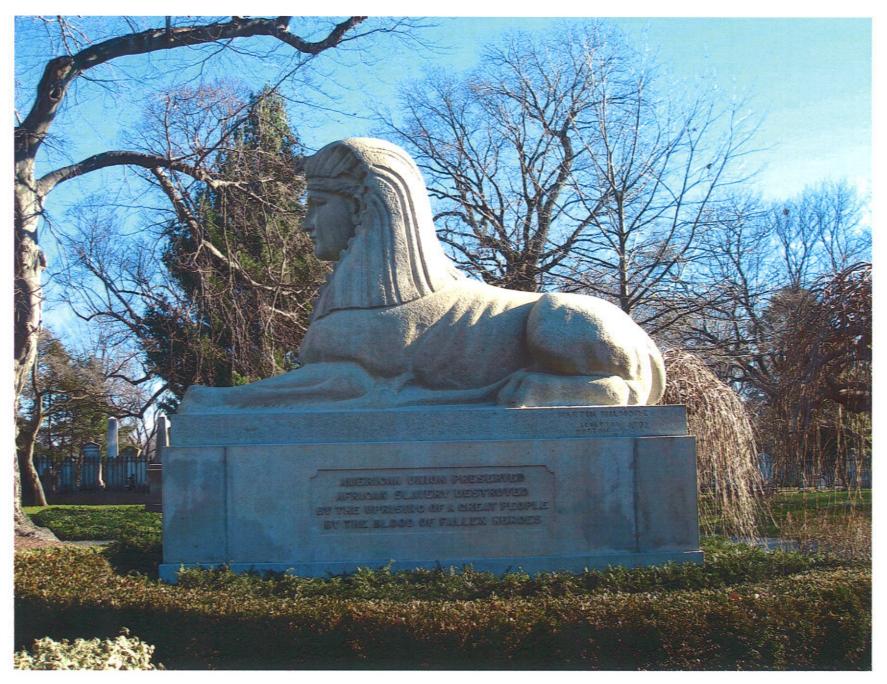
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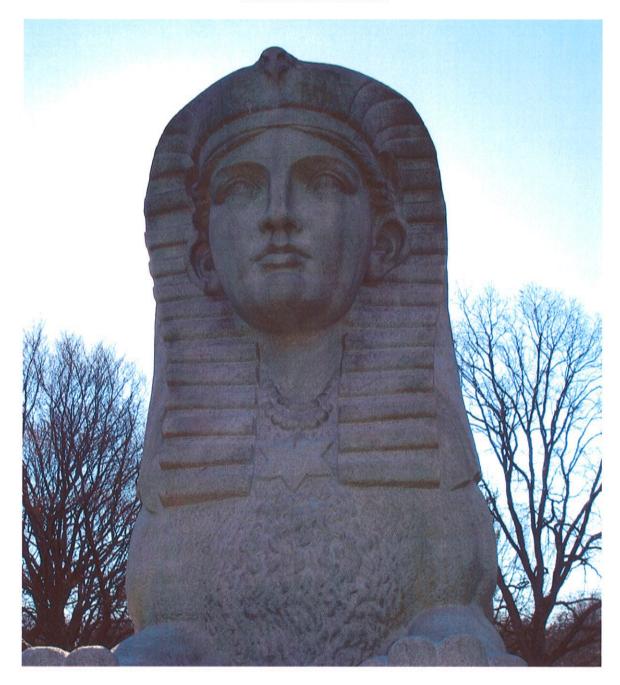
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LEFT SIDE MONUMENT

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FRONT FACE