

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. _____) (Please describe below)
 ___ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
 Other: Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Original Dedication Date between 9/27 and 11/30 - 1898 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 Charles River Esplanade near Hatch Shell
 City/Village Boston Township _____ County Suffolk

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 Boston Art Commission Dept./Div. Office of Cultural Affairs
 Street Address Boston City Hall, Room 716
 City Boston State MA Zip Code 02201
 Contact Person Sarah Hutt Telephone (617) 635-3245

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

Formerly located on the East side of the Massachusetts State House Extension. Moved in 1950 to make way for a parking lot for legislators.

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.) granite (gray)

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 cast

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 7' Width 3' Depth 3' or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 7' Width 3' Depth 3' 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 (Bronze base, right side:) OLIN. L. WARNER (Bronze base, left side:) CAST BY A. T. LORME / NEW YORK 1895

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.
(Granite Base front:) CHARLES DEVENS / 1820-1891 / BREVET MAJOR / GENERAL
U.S.V. / ATTORNEY GENERAL / OF THE UNITED STATES / JUSTICE /
OF THE SUPREME COURT / OF / MASSACHUSETTS
(Signed founders mark appears.)

(Granite Base, both left and right sides:) CHARLES / DEVENS

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 | _____ |

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).

In 1891 the Massachusetts legislature appropriated \$15,000.00 for a statue to be placed on the grounds of the State House. It was unveiled without ceremony between Sept. 27 and Nov. 30, 1898, having been located on the east side of the State House Extension. The sculptor was Olin Levi Warner of New York, who died before the unveiling.

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 Nov. 3, 2005

Your Name Kevin Tucker

Address 58 Forest Street

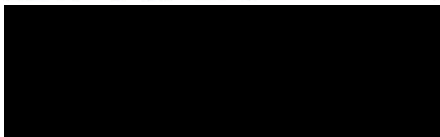
City Wakefield, MA

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

GENERAL CHARLES DEVENS

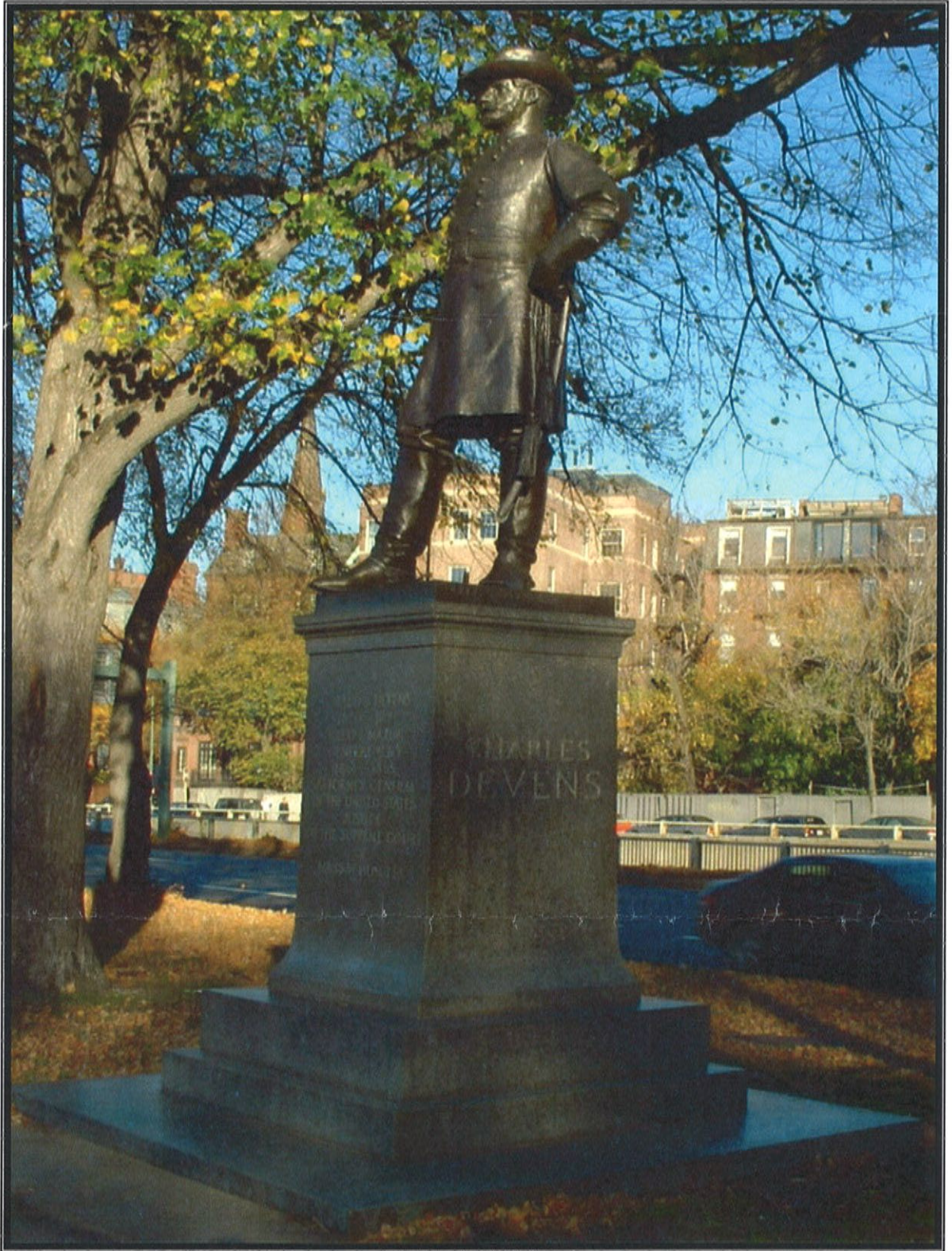


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