

## NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

**Type of Memorial (check all applicable)**

Monument  with Sculpture  without Sculpture  with Cannon  standalone Cannon  
 Historical Marker  Plaque  Other ( flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

**Affiliation**

GAR  MOLLUS  SUVCW  WRC  ASUVCW  
 LGAR  DUVCW  Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:  
 George Sweat Post 39 Grand Army of the Republic

**Original Dedication Date** 1892 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 316 Central St  
 GPS Coordinates 43.417 N 71.667 W  
 City/Village &/or Township Franklin  
 County Merrimack State NH Zip Code 03235

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner**

Name City of Franklin NH  
 Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address 316 Central St  
 City Franklin State NH Zip Code 03235  
 Contact Person Ken Merrifield Mayor Telephone ( 603 ) 934-6837 ext \_\_\_\_\_

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places  Yes  No ID # if known \_\_\_\_\_

**For Monuments with/without sculpture:**

**Physical Details**

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon =  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) N/A

Material of the Sculpture  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other Is it hollow or solid? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) N/A



**Environmental Setting**

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

**Type of Location**

Cemetery  Park  Plaza/Courtyard  "Town Square"  Post Office  
 School  Municipal Building  State Capitol  Courthouse  College Campus  
 Traffic Circle  Library Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**General Vicinity**

Rural (low population, open land)  Suburban (residential, near city)  Town  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 This is a GAR Hall inside a building (City of Franklin NH)

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

**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.

Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Thank you.

**Inspector Identification**

**Date of On-site Survey** \_\_\_\_\_


Your Name David A. Nelson, PDC Department of NH Camp Commander Camp 7 SUVCW

Address 49 Intervale Rd

City Wilton

State NH

Zip Code 03086

Telephone 

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

Department of NH SUVCW

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair  
1240 Konert Valley Dr.  
Fenton, MO 63026



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM  
ADDENDUM – MONUMENT’S CONDITION**

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**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.

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? <small>(Look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? <small>(Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)</small>	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? <small>(Also look for signs of uneven stress &amp; weakness in the material)</small>	_____	_____

**Surface Appearance** (check as many as may apply)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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...	_____	_____

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

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

Inspector’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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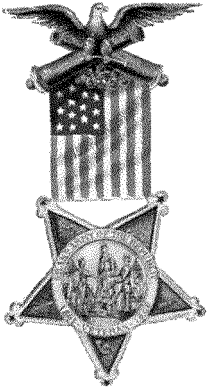
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TEXT

This monument assessment is for a GAR Hall not a monument, and specifically it is for restoration of the original furniture inside the Hall.

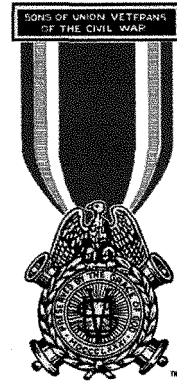
Inspector's Name [Signature]

Date NOV 19, 2016



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DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
49 INTERVALE RD  
WILTON, NH 03086



NOVEMBER 19, 2016

Walt Busch, PDC  
1240 Konert Valley Dr.  
Fenton, Mo.  
63026

Dear Sir

Please find attached 1) Form 61 Civil war Memorials Assessment for George Sweat Post 38 GAR. It is for the Hall and its contents. We are seeking a grant for restoration of some of the original furniture inside the Hall. Form 62 has already been completed and sent to PDC Brian Pierson. 2) A detailed description of the Hall and its contents and what we are seeking the grant for.

In F.C. and L.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Nelson".

David Nelson, PDC Dept. of NH/ Commander  
J.S. Durgin Camp 7  
Department of NH  
SUVCW



GAR Post 38  
Franklin, NH

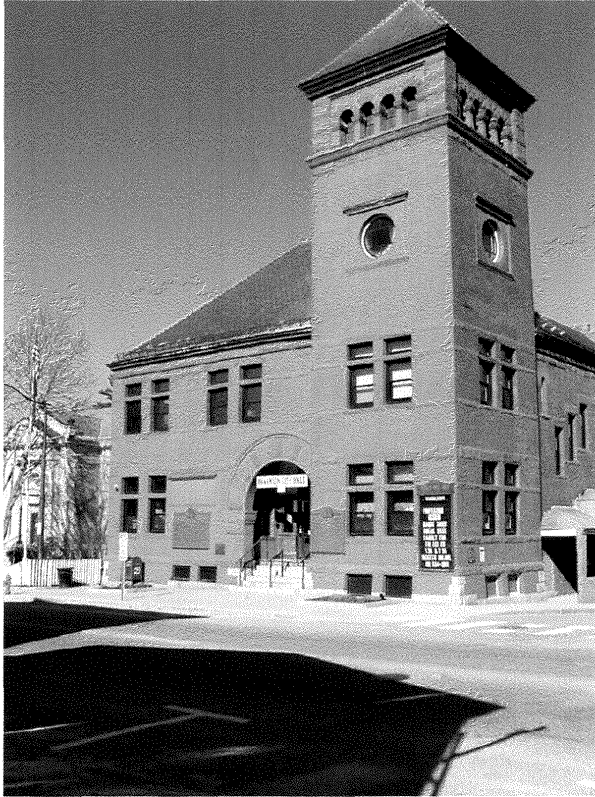
George F. Sweat  
Co. F  
5<sup>th</sup> Regiment  
NHV

KIA Antietam  
September 17, 1862





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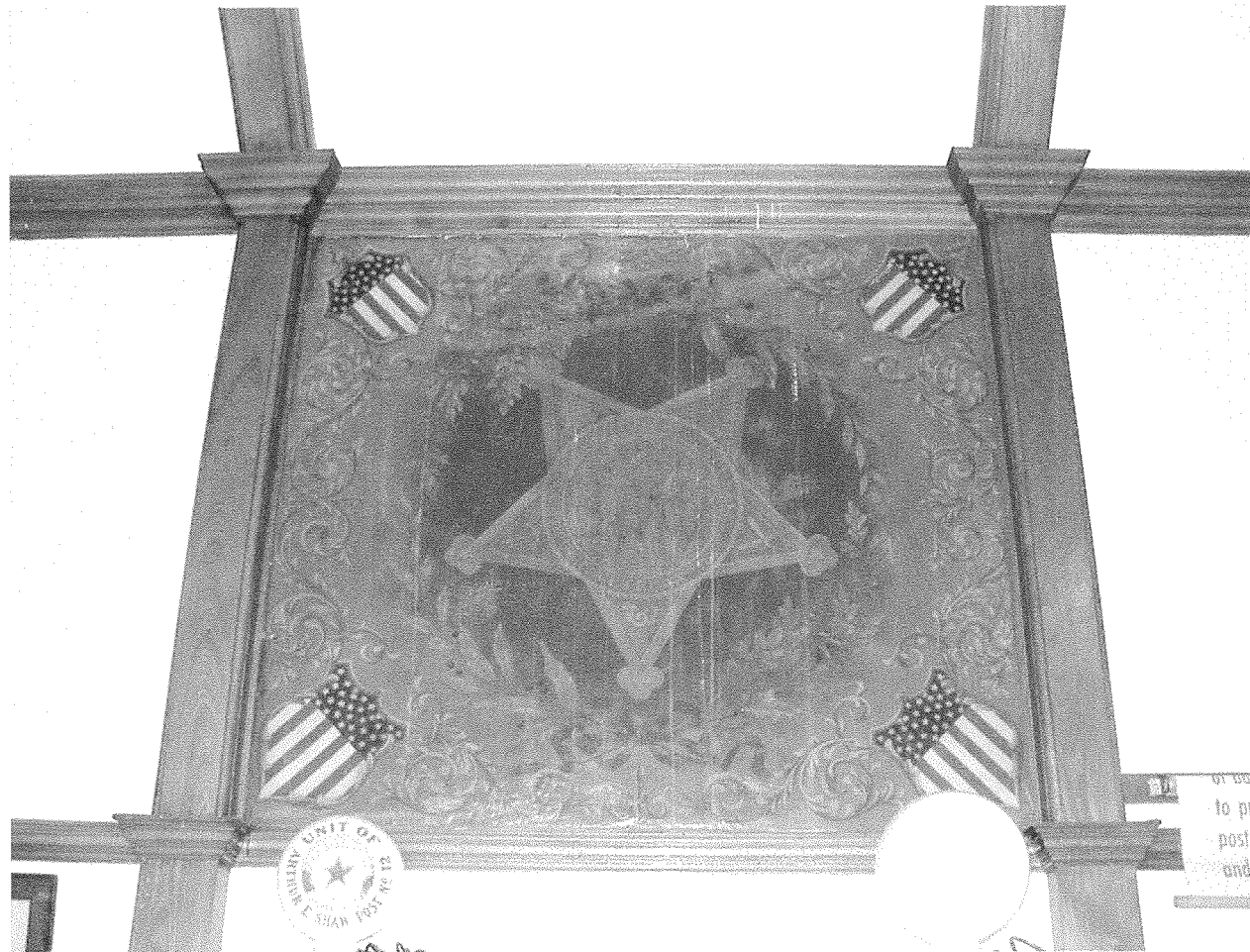




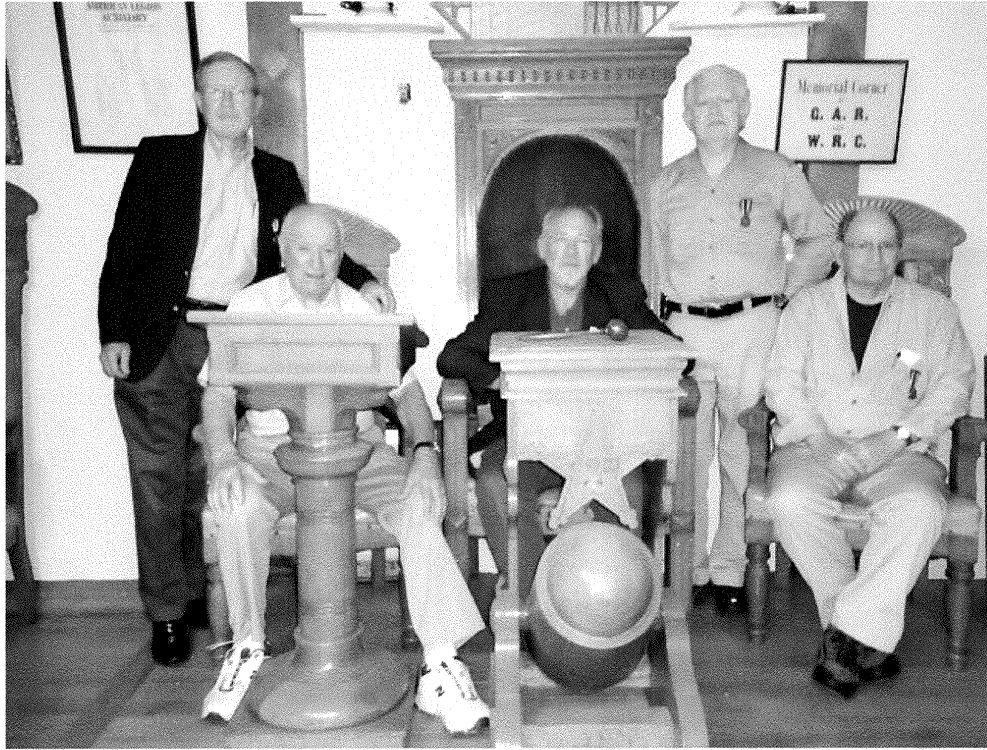
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Furniture Restoration Project

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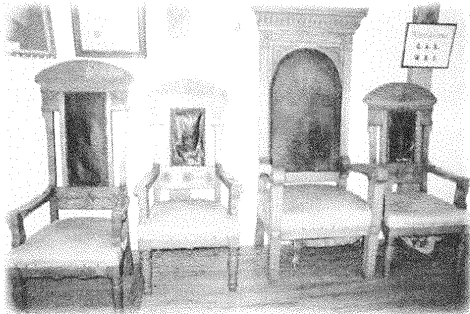
Before

The seat backs of these chairs and benches are in good condition but the seats were repaired many years ago using mismatching and poor quality materials. In some cases the springs have Pushed through the fabric

# SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL FRANKLIN, NH

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## Franklin Historical Society *by Leigh Webb*



At the conclusion of every calendar year, there are two important family-and-friends holidays: Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Society has traditionally combined the spirit of both in a Christmas dinner featuring turkey and all the trimmings in a pot-luck get-together in early December. This year it will be held on Sunday, December 13th, from 4 pm to 7 pm, at the Congregational Church's Thompson Hall, for which we warmly thank those in charge of the Church's schedule and Society member Glenn Morrill for arranging "the use of the hall". There is no charge, unless one considers bringing a dish to contribute a "fee" for admission (actually, no one has to bring anything – it is strictly voluntary). As the Society has done in the past, donations to the area's food banks in the form of non-perishable items are also welcomed, in order to share the season's largesse with those less fortunate.

In recent Society news, the project to bring back to a pristine condition a painting of the Franklin Public Library done in 1967 by Laconia artist Betty Jeanne Bassett, and found in the High School basement, is moving ahead. Principal Richard Towne has asked the high school's art teacher if she can, with the help of her students, repair the minor condition issues with which the picture has been afflicted. In the area of restoration, another project with which the Society has been involved, the reupholstering of the original 1893 GAR (Grand Army of the Republic, or Union Veterans of the Civil War) furniture from city/memorial hall (see photo with this article) has taken a significant step forward as well. The four "station chairs" were sent to a local artisan, B.K. and Sons, to be restored, thanks to the anonymous donations of three Society members. The four remaining nine foot long benches, and two five foot long benches, will unfortunately have to wait until more funding can be secured.

In other news, the Society is participating as a donor in this year's Franklin Opera House "Festival of Trees", offering a lit table top artificial tree adorned with traditional ornaments and historic photos of Franklin. The winner of the tree will also receive a family membership to the Society, a copy of Alice Shepard's "The History of Franklin", and a full tour of the Society's Webster/Tay building/museum, including area's not open to the public.

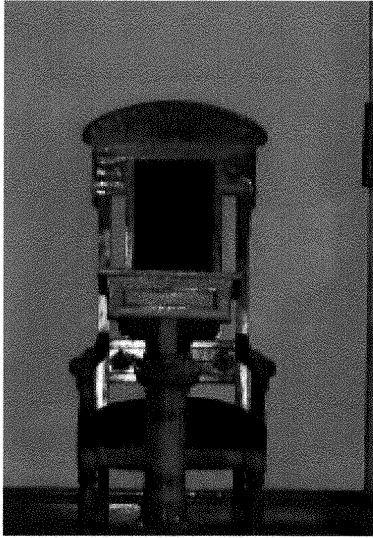
For those seeking an attractive sign to commemorate the original owners of their historic home and the date of its construction, it has come to the attention of the Society's president that Dan Nowell, right here in Franklin, is willing to design and execute such custom order signs at a nominal charge. For additional information, please contact Leigh Webb at 934-8222. (Continued on page 26)

**BEFORE**

**GAR Chairs before restoration 2014**

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL  
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AFTER 2015



The seats of these chairs have been reupholstered with quality materials by a Professional restorer.