

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:

Unknown

Original Dedication Date Probably 1895 or later 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 Blairsville Cemetery
609 W Market St GPS Coordinates N40°25'57.168" W79°15'10.962"
 City/Village &/or Township Blairsville
 County Indiana State PA Zip Code 15717

The front of the Memorial faces: ☐ North ☒ South ☐ East ☐ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name The Blairsville Cemetery
 Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 609 E Market St
 City Blairsville State PA Zip Code 15717
 Contact Person info@blairvillecemetery.com Telephone (724) 459-7750 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.) Metal Framing support

Material of the Sculpture ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other Is it hollow or solid? _____
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze ☒ Iron _____ Type of Cannon (if known) 4500 lbs series 32 32 pounder naval cannon
1862 stamped on rear ball Rifled _____ YES ☒ NOMarkings: Muzzle None - Unidentified Base Ring/Breech near breech SMcM & Co No 12 on ball 212 - 4680 lbsLeft Trunion 32. P. 1865 Right Trunion P - - WWOIs inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes ☒ No[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] ☒ Yes _____ No**For Other Memorials:** (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial

Materials of the Memorial

Complete for All Memorials**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

_____ Height _____ Width _____ Depth or _____ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) 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

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

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 _____

[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 28 July 2022

Your Name Walt Busch

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

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

US Grant Camp 68 MO 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.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.

Blairsville Parrott Cannons

Non-Rifled, Stamped with Naval Emblem

They are believed to have been placed about 1895 by the original bandstand on Market Street at Liberty Street. Daughters of the American Revolution organized the cannons' delivery to Blairsville. They sat three decades in the center of town and were moved in the 1930s from the town square to the cemetery

No one from Blairsville Borough, the Blairsville Cemetery Association or the Historical Society of the Blairsville Area claimed or identified anyone in charge of the guns. So the VFW moved forward. Keith Fabrication did the repair work at no cost to VFW.

The cannons were cleaned up, mounts repaired and all replaced by 11-7-2021

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609 E Market St, Blairsville, PA
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DO NOT
CLIMB ON
THE GRAVE
MONUMENTS
AND STONES

















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IN TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE
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West Cannon

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

National Copy

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 *without* Sculpture

Just

☒ ~~Monument with~~ Cannon
☐ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque

Affiliation

☐ G.A.R. (Post Name & No. Finley Patch Number 137) ☐ 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: _____

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Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location 609 East Market Street
 City/Village Blairsville Township Burrell County Indiana

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 Blairsville Cemetery Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 609 East Market Street
 City Blairsville State PA Zip Code 15717
 Contact Person Mike Duffey Telephone (724) 459-7750

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

1st Location: Diamond Square in Downtown Blairsville until 1930's
 2nd Location: By the old Swimming pool on Morewood Ave. until 1940's
 Current Location: Blairsville Cemetery at the VFW and American Legion Memorial

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.) unknown

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?" Unknown for a cannon.

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = N/A

Material of Cannon = ☐ Bronze ☒ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm

Markings on muzzle = None

Markings on Left Trunion None Right Trunion None

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? No If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

Monument or Base: Height 9" Width 34 1/4" Depth 9" or Diameter _____

Sculpture: Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

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Markings/Inscriptions (on stone-work / metal-work of monument, base, sculpture)

Maker or Fabricator mark / name? If so, give name & location found Anchor on top of Cannon

Barrell

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.
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

☐ "Town Square"

☐ Municipal Building

☐ Courthouse

☐ Traffic Circle

☐ Park

☐ Post Office

☐ State Capitol

☐ College Campus

☐ Library

☐ Plaza/Courtyard

☐ School

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 _____**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)n/an/a

Any evidence of structural instability?

n/an/a

(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)

Any broken or missing parts?

n/an/a

(look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)

Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?

n/an/a

(also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)

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

Black crusting

X

White crusting

Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)

X

Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)

X

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)

X

Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...

Yellow Jacket/or Wasp nests inside of the barrels.

Grass stains on Concrete bases (that's what it looks like).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) .

The Wall Memorial is for the VFW and American Legion. The Cannons that are on either side of the memorial are 32 pound Navy Cannons. The supporting carriage has either broken or missing bolts. The clamps have cracks on them. The top left clamp on the left trunion on the west cannon has one inch crack in it. Again, the wall monument is for the VFW and American Legion. It is not G.A.R. or SUVCW. The cannons were loaned to the G.A.R. by the U.S. Navy.

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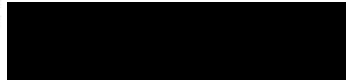
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Date of On-site Survey 3/21/2008

Your Name William Radell

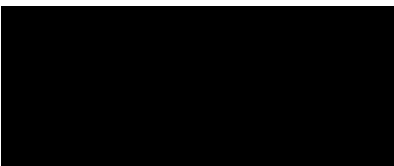
Address 918 Water Street

City Indiana

State PA Zip Code 15701 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



2008/03/21

and driverman Cunningham lost \$10 worth of furs.

THROUGH the efforts of Congressman Huff the G. A. R. Post at Blairsville has been donated four condemned cannon. A couple of the big guns will likely be placed in the public square and two in the cemeteries. The Post at this place received four condemned guns last summer and two of them were placed in the court house yard and two in Greenwood cemetery. The freight and the cost of setting them up amounted to nearly \$200.

turned out to be a very light mulatto. Constable Ames brought the prisoner to jail on Friday evening. He declines to give his name or where he makes his home. He was noticed about the town during the forenoon in company with two other suspicious looking men. His companions left the town about the time the populace was after the thief.

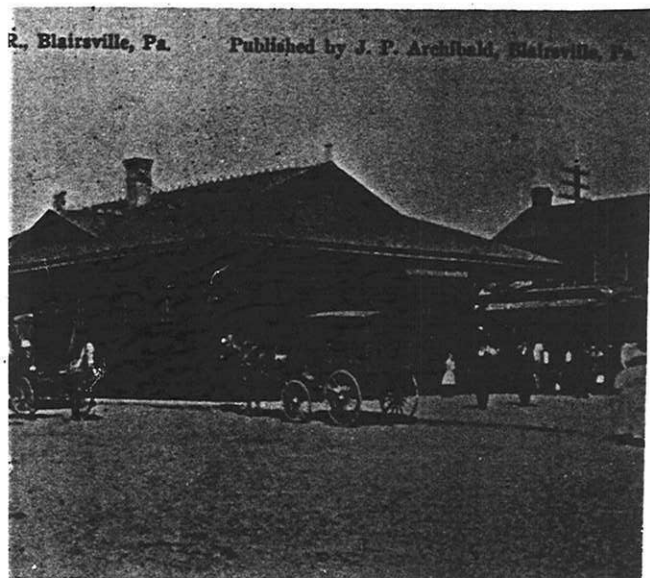
It was a brave attempt at robbery, but the judgment manifested by the thief was not good.

The prisoner says he is from Evansville, Ky., and that his father was an Indian and

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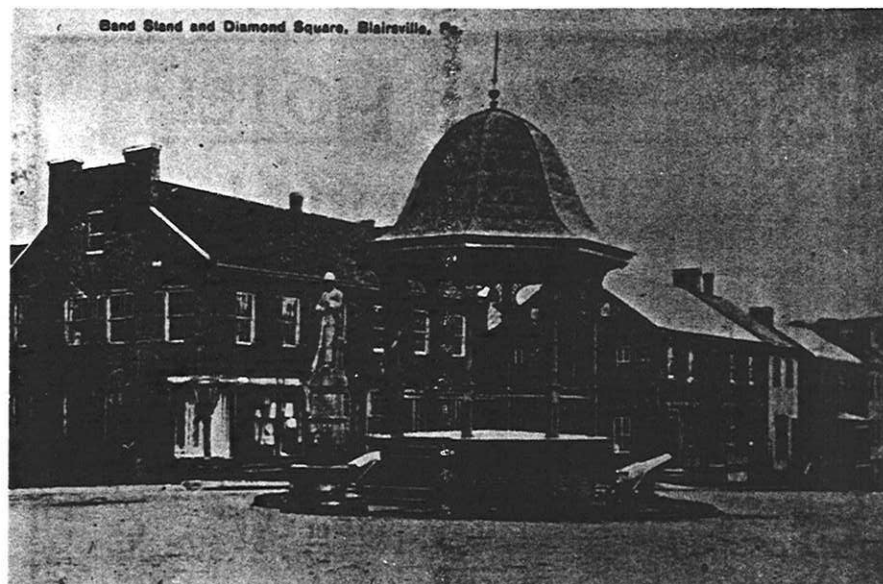


ive, 2-8-8-0. At Ernest, Pa. January 30, 1953.

(Courtesy of David Williams)

Cannons are on either side of
the bandstand in picture.

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Row of old stone houses, band stand and McKinley Monument in area formerly
"The Diamond," Blairsville.

(Blairsville Public Library)



Sawmill location unknown.

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The old bandstand at "The the inter- section of W. Market and Liberty streets, is shown in a winter photo between the Civil War and World War I. The two Civil War cannons were removed in the 1930's and placed at the old community swim- ming pool along the Conemaugh River near what was then Morewood and avenues. During the 1940's, the cannons were moved to the Blairs- ville Cemetery Veterans Circle where they stand in 1975 as reminders of a bygone era. The bandstand was torn down in the 1930's and the Diamond area included a street light, flag pole and some flowers until 1969 when the West Blairsville Urban Renew- al project was started. Then the Diamond was re- constructed to a normal intersection without the "is- land" in the middle. Graff's store shows in the background. This store was located in the old Ex- change Tavern. The stable building where the horses were kept is to the right. The last regular tenant of the old Exchange Tavern was Elmer Sal- sgiver's Market St. Garage. When the old structure was demolished, Mr. Salsgiver started a new ga- rage along Route 22 near fffie Route 22 easf and west exit and entry ramps to the busy highway. This business continues under the name of Market Street Garage. Indiana Evening Goretle, Bloirsville Se-jququentenniol Edition, Friday, July 18, Congratulations Blairsville from your distributor of IRON CITY BEER and all other popular brands HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLAIRSVILLE

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