

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°25'57.161" W79°15'10.457"
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:

also near rear "4605 lbs"

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) 4500 lbs series 32 32 pounder naval cannon

Rifled _____ YES NO

Markings: Muzzle None - Unidentified Base Ring/Breech near breech SMcM & Co No 14 on ball 214

Left Trunion 32. P. 1865 Right Trunion P and also WW?

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes No near rear also "4605"

[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

N40*25'57.161" W7915'10.457"
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15717

7-27-2022











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BLAIRSVILLE
V.F.W. POST 5821
AND
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 407



East Cannon

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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: _____

Original Dedication Date _____ 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 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 "W" 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 18" Width 34 1/4" Depth 9" or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

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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

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input 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 | _____ |

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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.

Sculpture

Base

If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (look for signs of exterior rust)	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</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>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>_X_</u>	<u>___</u>
White crusting	<u>___</u>	<u>___</u>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u>_X_</u>	<u>___</u>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u>_X_</u>	<u>___</u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>___</u>	<u>___</u>
Chalky or powdery stone	<u>___</u>	<u>___</u>
Granular eroding of stone	<u>___</u>	<u>___</u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u>___</u>	<u>___</u>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u>_X_</u>	<u>___</u>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...		

Yellow Jacket/or Wasp nests inside of the barrels. what looks like to be grass stains on concrete bases.

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 clamp on top of the left trunion has a 1" crack. It is also has a crack through the bottom of the left trunion. We don't need to concern ourselves with the wall memorial since it isn't G.A.R. or SUVCW. The cannons themselves were loaned from the U.S. Navy to Post 137 of the G.A.R., and are our only concern. The condition of the iron and the fact that it has been painted over for so many years only the letter 'W' appears on the left Trunion and the #4 is the only part of the serial # on the breach that appears.

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Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 3/21/2008

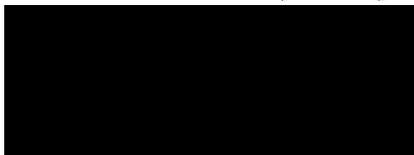
Your Name William Radell

Address 918 Water Street City Indiana

State PA Zip Code 15701 Telephone [REDACTED]

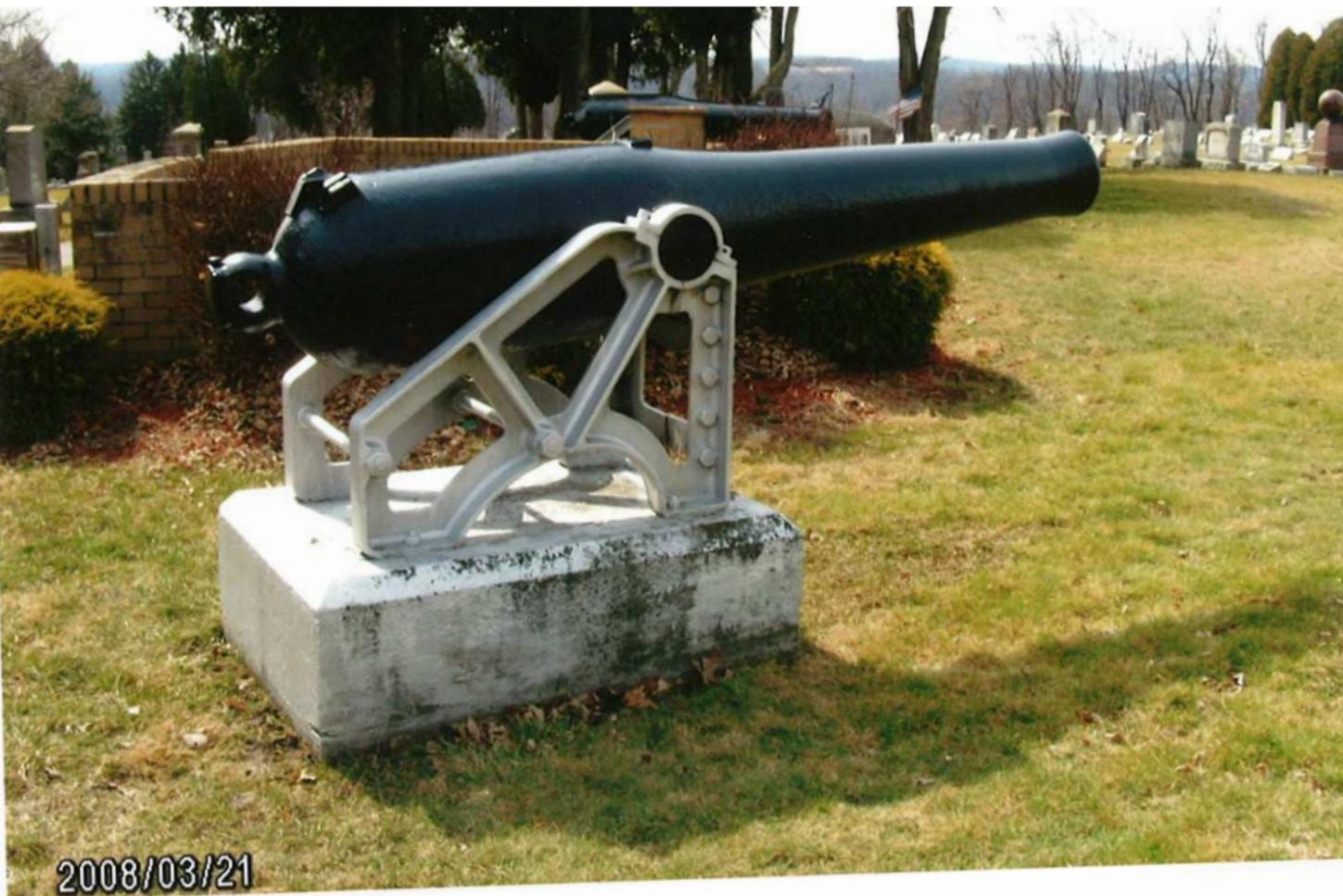
Please send this completed form to:

Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Chair



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 National Civil War Memorials Committee



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