

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

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

[x] Monument [ ] with Sculpture [ ] without Sculpture [ ] with Cannon [ ] stand alone Cannon
[ ] Historical Marker [ ] Plaque [ ] Other ( flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Affiliation

[ ] GAR [ ] MOLLUS [x] SUVCW [x] WRC [ ] ASUVCW
[ ] LGAR [ ] DUVCW [x] Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

Dedicated originally by the Woman's Relief Corps before 1905, re-dedicated by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and through the Efforts of the Eagle Scout Project of Nicholas Christopher Chipping on Memorial Day of 2003.

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 "Mount Olivet Cemetery" 1342 E 500 S
GPS Coordinates

City/Village &/or Township Salt Lake City

County Salt Lake State UT Zip Code 84102

The front of the Memorial faces: [ ] North [x] South [ ] East [ ] West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Dept./Div. Utah

Street Address 1342 E. 500 S

City Salt Lake City State UT Zip Code 84101

Contact Person Telephone ( ) ext

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places [ ] Yes [x] No ID # if known

For Monuments with/without sculpture:

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = [ ] Stone [x] Concrete [ ] Metal [ ] Other

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.)

Material of the Sculpture [ ] Stone [x] Concrete [ ] Metal [ ] Other Is it hollow or solid?

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.)



**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*.

**Please include at least one method of contact below.** Thank you.

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey Jan 21, 2023

Your Name Avery Frantz, Civil War Memorials Officer, Department of the Southwest

Address 28655 N 68th Ave

City Peoria State AZ Zip Code 85373

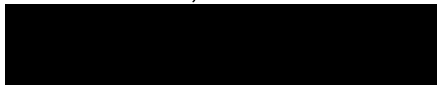
Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Ma 

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

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.**

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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ADDENDUM – MONUMENT’S CONDITION

Completion of this form is required when requesting grant money using form CWM-62 SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?; Any evidence of structural instability?; Any broken or missing parts?; Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?.

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: 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? [checked] 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 [checked] In urgent need of treatment [ ] Unable to determine

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

In Extreme disrepair, almost in ruin

Inspector’s Name Avery Frantz

Date Jan 21, 2023

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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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TEXT

The monument seems to have been placed by the Woman's Relief Corps before 1905. In a June 1, 1999 Article from Salt Lake stated that the SUVCW wanted to replace the pedestal cannon on "Mount Olivet's Civil War Memorial". It now seems like everything is missing including plaques, cannon, besides the re-dedicated one which is in horrible shape.

Inspector's Name Avery Frantz

Date 1/21/2023

# Remembrance Tradition Began With the Civil War

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when the war broke out. James Sloss enlisted as soon as he stepped off the steamboat in the North.

Monday's dedication included a musket volley from the re-enactors, members of Company B, 81st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment. LDS Church Patriarch Eldred Smith dedicated the monument.

Last year, local SUV members gathered with Lot Smith's descendants at a Farmington cemetery. In coming years, the group plans to dedicate the unmarked grave of a Union general who committed suicide in Salt Lake City and replace a pedestal cannon on Mount Olivet's Civil War monument.



Clipped By:

**vgrif**

Sat, Jan 21, 2023











The monument was rededicated  
Memorial Day 1913  
The Sons of Union War Veterans  
of the Civil War  
has been through the efforts of  
Nicholas C. Chipping

1/25/2023

ERIC RICHART <>

to cwmemorials@suvchw.org, et al

Brother Frantz,

I am surprised to see you evaluating memorials in our Camp and Department as a member of another Department. We indeed do have a camp in Salt Lake City. It is Captain Lot Smith Camp 1 of the Colorado, Wyoming Department SUVCW. You can find out more on our Department website listed on the National website.

Now for your concerns, we are well aware of the Mt Olivet cemetery situation. We have a ongoing project for the complete renovation of that site. What you see is the old base on which a 12 lb mountain howitzer, was put there in 1914 by the GAR and woman Relief Corp. It is unknown when the cannon was stolen.

For several year due to a boy scout project we had a laminated wood cannon that fell apart. Currently we have had cast a aluminum cannon that will be color coated and researching rebuilding the base. It is planned to be completed in 2023. The other monument is in the Salt Lake City Cemetery . That was a bunch of round stones until 1999 upon which I directed with coordination of Salt Lake Monument and a granite quarry we build a modern monument that one one side states the GAR and back side the Camp SUVCW. We do take care of our heritage in Utah.

In F., C., & L.,

Eric Dan Richhart PCC PDC

Captain Lot Smith Camp 1

Camp Secretary

## DEDICATE CIVIL WAR CANNON AT MT. OLIVET

Most impressive of the ceremonies at the city's burying grounds this morning were the services at Mt. Olivet where the Oliver Howard and Maxwell McKean post of the Grand Army of the Republic assisted by the Women's Relief Corps held dedicatory services over the brass cannon which saw ser-

vices in the civil war and which now marks the soldiers' resting places in that cemetery.

Patriotic speeches were delivered by H. G. Rollins and J. M. Bowman, for the G. A. R.; Harold M. Stephens for the Sons of the American Revolution, and Horace H. Smith for the Spanish War veterans.

A platoon of dismounted cavalymen from troop A, First cavalry, National Guard of Utah, under command of First Sergeant A. Y. Hardy, assisted the veterans in their services at the grave and at the close fired a salute over the graves while the bugle sounded taps.

Flowers were placed on the graves and the G. A. R. ritualistic service was conducted by Commander N. D. Corser. Prayer was offered by A. B. Lawrence. Judge J. M. Bowman read General John A. Logan's order which created Memorial day and also Lincoln's Gettysburg address. The ritualistic service for the unknown dead was held by Oliver O. Howard and Maxwell-McKean post of the G. A. R. The ceremonies closed by the playing of "Marching Through Georgia" by All Hallows' college band.



**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING  
CAPTAIN LOT SMITH CAMP No. 1  
Office of the Camp Secretary  
Eric Dan Richhart PCC PDC  
3844 South Danbury Circle Magna, Utah 84044**



23 May 2023

Chairman, Board for the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association,  
Sextant.  
1342 East 5th South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102-3225

Dear Sirs,

On 20 May 2023, I and an associate were at the cemetery to meet with a contractor to replace a old concrete support for a cannon that was in the Civil War/Grand Army of the Republic Section. When I first arrived and to show due respect to your cemetery I checked in at the office and let them know what was being done. Also, to request the sextant be notified.

As my associate and I waited for the arrival of the concrete contractor the sextant arrived and we informed him of our intention to replace the base for the cannon that had been dedicated back on Memorial Day 1916. We were immediately informed that this would not and could not happen as that monument was property of the cemetery. I found this quite odd in that the Grand Army of the Republic Section was not and is not property of the Cemetery. In fact, this part of the cemetery is the property of the Grand Army of the Republic. When this property was first obtained back before the 1900's the property was either bought or donated to the "GAR".

Let me give an example of what I refer to. In your cemetery, like most when a person prepares to be buried, they buy a plot. That plot then become property of that buried person and his heirs. As a further example, my wife's family is buried in Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park. These graves are owned by the family and heirs. While not a legal expert, after 71 years of common business sense I realize these graves are owned by the family and that they have also paid a perpetual care fee for maintenance or custodial care thereafter. I personally know this as my wife has requested that we be buried close to her family, and I indeed have a warranty deed for our plots.

Now that being stated the same is set for the "GAR" Section of Mount Olivet Cemetery. That property was and is the property of the "GAR" and its heirs.

The heirs to the “GAR” is the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War or otherwise known as the “SUVCW”

You might ask how “SUVCW” is connected. In 1882 the “GAR” knew that at some point when the last member of the “GAR” died the Organization would no longer function and there would not be anybody to carry on their work. So, in 1882 they established the “SUVCW” as they were the sons of these Civil War Veterans and would become their legal heirs (see accompanying document). In 1954 the last Surviving Soldier died and the “SUVCW” took control of the “GAR” legacy. Both the “GAR” and the “SUVCW” have had Federal Charters from the US Congress.

From that time on Memorial Day 1916 Dedication till now there has never been any request or determination from the “GAR” to transfer ownership of this property. In **fact**, when questioned on 20 May 2023 the Sextant admitted there was no paperwork that even shown when the monument was **dedicated**, and I had to inform him of the date and who was involved. As such this plot of land has been and still is property of the “GAR/SUVCW”. It is our intention to refurbish or replace to make again a beautiful monument and attach the new cannon that we have had built for this purpose. It is also noted that many headstones over the years have been replaced from time to time. As part of the mission of the “SUVCW” we work with the VA administration to order and then with the various cemeteries we work in to install new headstones.

I do offer this question as it relates to this project. Let’s say you buy a beautiful new turbo boost engine; Would you want to place in a Studebaker? Thank you for your time and please read the accompanying documents.

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Eric Dan Richhart PDC

Captain Lot Smith Camp # 1  
Colorado Wyoming Department of  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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