

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:

Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 (VA), DUVCW; SUVCW [Individual Donation]; SUVCW Charitable Foundation; Department of the Chesapeake, SUVCW; Department of the Chesapeake, ASUVCW; & the Fleming Family.

Original Dedication Date October 31st, 2021 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 Kernstown Battlefield Park, 610 Battle Park Drive
 GPS Coordinates 39.143294, -78.199603

City/Village &/or Township Winchester
 County Frederick State Virginia Zip Code 22601

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Kernstown Battlefield Association
 Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 610 Battle Park Dr
 City Winchester State Virginia Zip Code 22061
 Contact Person Larry Turner Telephone (703) 994-9165 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.) _____

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 = Powder Coated Metal Frame and Coated Metal plaque.

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze _____ Iron _____ Type of Cannon (if known) _____

Rifled ____ YES ____ NO

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____

Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammuntion 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

32 inches _____ Height 36 inches _____ Width 24 inches _____ Depth or _____ Diameter

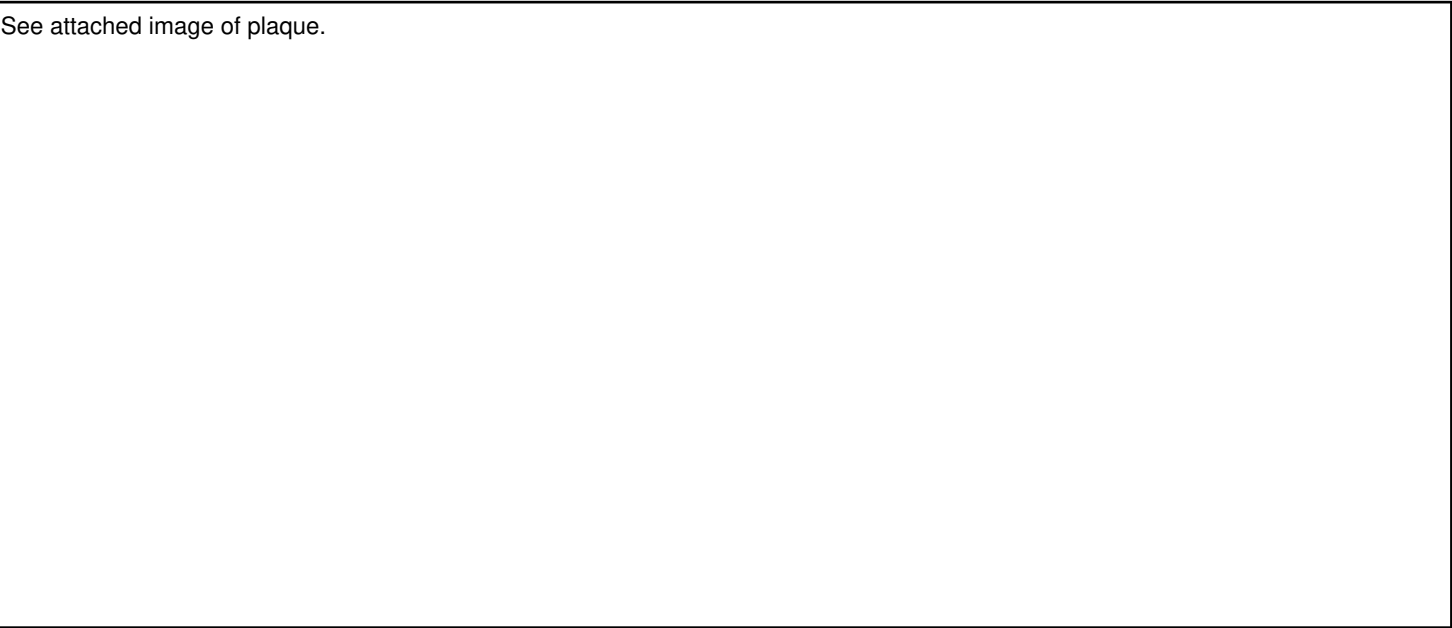
For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) and attach to this form. Please describe the "pose" of each statue and any weapons/implements involved (in case your photos become separated from this form). Thank 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.

See attached image of plaque.



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: Privately owned and operated "Kernstown Battlefield" park and museum.

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 Set near the scene of the action described on a park road within the confines of the Kernstown Battlefield Park.

[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 31 Oct 2021
Your Name Jay A. Rarick, PDC
Address 105 Eagle Mountain Drive
City Shipman State Virginia Zip Code 22971-2543
Telephone () E-Mail

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

SUVCW, Department of the Chesapeake, Irish Brigade Camp No. 4

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
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM
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.

	Sculpture	Base
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 & weakness in the material)</small>	_____	_____

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
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) .

Dedicated on 31 Oct 2021 by the Commander, Department of the Chesapeake, SUVCW with the participation of the 2nd Military District, SVR (SUVCW), the Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 (VA), DUVCW of 1861-1865 and the President, Department of the Chesapeake, ASUVCW.

Inspector’s Name Jay A. Rarick, PDC Date 31 Oct 2021

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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

Inspector's Name _____ Date _____



ELY'S BRIGADE ACTIONS IN THE VALLEY



A 12th West Virginia Infantry Soldier's Story



Pvt. William Allison Fleming, who was born near Fairmont, VA in Marion County, enlisted in August 1861 and was assigned to Company F, 12th Virginia Infantry (Union). He saw action on this battlefield in these two engagements:

Battle of 2nd Winchester: In January, 1863, Pvt. Fleming, while camped in Winchester (his unit became the 12th West Virginia), wrote home, remarking that

*January 14th 1863
Winchester Va. Va.
Dear Father I am well at this time
hoping that when you hear from
me to hear that they they they
you enjoying the same health I
received your letter yesterday and got
the stamps you sent me at Fairfax
when I got your letter I thought I
would write you from here you are
enjoying something about it is very
well that he was over top of the
mountain of Shenandoah valley with him if he
deserved him the Rebels got a long
haul that he would not be worth it
I will give you the names of some of the
things here coffee with Tea I and a
little of second and sugar 2550*

*On 10th and 11th of June I had
with me to go to the top of the
mountain of Shenandoah valley with him if he
deserved him the Rebels got a long
haul that he would not be worth it
I will give you the names of some of the
things here coffee with Tea I and a
little of second and sugar 2550*

On June 10th and 11th, Pvt. Fleming's Co. F, with Co.'s I, C, and H, were posted on Sandy Ridge, about half a mile northwest of here. They were ordered forward to guard overnight a battery of artillery. On the 13th, Gen. Gordon's Brigade, part of Gen. Ewell's Corps, attacked along Sandy Ridge. As Gen. Gordon's skirmishers advanced, they began firing at the 12th, whose inexperienced men asked "Are those minie balls we here whizzing over our heads?" An officer replied,

"Boys, those are bullets as sure as you live!"

Battle of 2nd Kernstown:

Back in the Valley, Pvt. Fleming took part in the short but bloody Battle of Cool Spring on July 18, 1864. In this light, Union Gen. Horatio Wright had attempted, but failed, to cross the Shenandoah River at Snicker's Gap and maintain his pursuit of Gen. Early's retreat. At the close of the battle, the 12th WV found

itself being the last regiment to cover the Union retreat eastward back across the river. Less than one week later, Pvt. Fleming found himself again on the Kernstown battlefield. On Sunday, July 24, he and the 12th WV, now part of Col. Thoburn's Division of Gen. Crook's Army of the Kanawha, fell in for inspection, but without notice were quickly ordered forward to attack. Despite the urgency, as it was berry season, the men stopped to pick some as they moved through the woods on the western slope of Pritchard's Hill. Col. Ely, the Brigade Commander, shouted at the men to

"Keep in ranks men! This is no-o-o time for gathering blackberries."

Crook had ordered Col. Thoburn to attack the left flank of Gen. Gordon's Confederate

Division in the center of the Confederate line, ignoring reports that Confederate Gen. Steven Ramseur's division was on Gordon's left flank. Nearly too late, Gen. Crook realized that Col. Thoburn's Division, with the 12th WV of Col. Ely's Brigade as its left-most unit (located a hundred yards or so from

this point), was at risk of being encircled.

He ordered Thoburn to withdraw, with Col. Ely's Brigade leaving in place a skirmish line of 12th WV soldiers (none from Co. F), most of whom were killed or captured. This withdrawal exposed Col. Mulligan's division's right flank and enabled the Confederate forces to rout Gen. Crook's army.

Private William A. Fleming survived the war and was honorably discharged June 6th, 1865 at Richmond Va.



Members of the 12th West Virginia Infantry at an undated reunion. William Fleming (with cane) is seated 2nd from the left in the middle row.

General Milroy hoped Gen. Jackson would attack him, stating, "General Milroy says for them tell Jacon (Union slang for Jackson) to Come as soon as he wants to that if he Comes And he we hast to Leave that he will burn the City..."

This marker was funded in partnership by the Elizabeth Van Lew Detached Tent 1 (VA), Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), the SUVCW Charitable Foundation, the Department of the Chesapeake SUVCW, and Department of the Chesapeake Auxiliary to the SUVCW (ASUVCW). The family of Private William A. Fleming, 12th WV, provided photos and documents.