

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- 1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- 2. 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
- Other ( flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)
- Monument with *Cannon*
- Historical Marker  Plaque

Affiliation

- G.A.R. (Post Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  M.O.L.L.U.S
- SUVCW (Camp Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_) (Please describe below)
- WRC (Corps Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)
- ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)
- DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)
- LGAR (Circle Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)
- Other Citizens of the City of Decatur and Macon County, Illinois

Original Dedication Date Unknown 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 Fairview Park  
City/Village Decatur Township Decatur County Macon  
State Illinois.

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 City of Decatur  
Dept./Div. Urban Forestry  
Street Address 2600 N. Jasper Street City  
Decatur State IL Zip Code 62526 Contact Person  
Mike McElroy Telephone ( ) 217-875-4820

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 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.) \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUVCW -- CIVIL WAR

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?" \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Bronze \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Cannon =  Bronze  Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
Markings on muzzle = \_\_\_\_\_

Markings on Left Trunion \_\_\_\_\_ Right Trunion \_\_\_\_\_  
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 7 FT Width 8 Ft Depth 1 FT or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
Sculpture: Height 8 Ft Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter 3 FT

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue 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 Designed and sculptured  
by G. Lorenze Miller, Decatur, Illinois. Made by Faries Manufacturing Company, Decatur, Illinois

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.

Macon County Union Veterans. War of the Rebellion. 1861-1865. They Fought For Our Country. Honor and Country.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Environmental Setting

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

#### Type of Location

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

**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.

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

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

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
Black crusting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
White crusting	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	_____	_____

Graffiti on main dedication plaque

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) .

Two part monument- first is large plaque featuring names of all Macon county war veterans flanked by two M1841 8" siege mortars and

two 4" ordnance rifles on metal mounts. Second part of memorial is a large granite spike that was added at the centennial of the G.A.R.

The second part of the monument is surrounded by greenery that has been neglected. The cannons have not been refurbished or cared

for in some time and the main plaque has graffiti on the front and rear of it.

**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. Thank you.

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey 10-29-2011

Your Name Gregory M. Carter, PCC

Address 1601 S. 24th Street Apt. 407

City Quincy

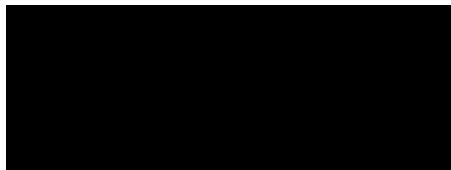
State IL Zip Code 62301

Telephone ( [REDACTED] )

What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? SUVCW & MOLLUS

Please send this completed form to

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee



1861

1865

**Macon County**

Union Veterans

War Of The Rebellion

*Northampton County*



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