# 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

x	Monument with Sculpture	Х	Monument with Cannon	
	Monument without Sculpture		Historical Marker	Plaque
	Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windo	ows,	etc.)	

## Affiliation

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G.A.R. (Post Name & No	)	M.O.L.L.U.S
SUVCW (Camp Name & No. Willie Grout Camp #25	)	(Please describe below)
WRC (Corps Name & No	)	
ASUVCW (Aux Name & No	)	
DUVCW (Tent Name & No	)	
LGAR (Circle Name & No.	)	
Other		

# riginal Dedication Date July 15, 1874

Original Dedication Date July 15, 1874	Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's
article that would have information on the first dedication ceremo	ny and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of
your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication	tion. Thank you.

## Location

The Memorial is currently loc		<b>.</b>		
Street/Road address or site City/Village <u>Worcester</u> State <u>Massachusetts</u>		Street	County Worcester	
The front of the Memorial fac	ces: Nort	h South	East ×West	
Government Body, Agency, or	Individual Ow	ner (of private	e cemetery that Memorial is	located in)
Name City of Worcester				
Dept./Div.				
Street Address 455 Main Street				City
Worcester		State MA	Zip Code 01610	Contact Person
	Telephone	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
If the Memorial has been mo	oved, please l	ist former lo	cation(s).	

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Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = \_\_\_\_Stone X\_\_ Concrete \_\_\_\_ Metal \_\_\_\_ Undetermined If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### SUVCW -- CIVIL WAR

Material of the Sculpture = \_\_\_\_ Stone X\_\_\_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?" Hollow

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Yes

Material of Cannon = X Bronze	Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle =	
Markings on Left Trunion	Right Trunion
Is inert ammunition a part of the M	emorial? <u>No</u> If so, describe

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points Monument or Base: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ Sculpture: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_

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 <u>Plagues</u>

The "Dedication Text" is formed: \_\_\_\_ cut into material X\_\_\_ raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides) Please use additional 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 × "Town Square"
- \_\_\_\_ Municipal Building
- \_\_\_\_ Courthouse
- \_\_\_\_ Traffic Circle

Park
Post Office
State Capitol
College Campus
Library

Plaza/Courtyard
School
Other:

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#### **General Vicinity**

- \_\_\_\_ Rural (low population, open land)
- \_\_\_\_ Town

Suburban (residential, near city) Trban / Metropolitan

#### Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

- X Industrial X Commercial
- X 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?	No	No
(Look for signs of exterior rust)		
Any evidence of structural instability?	No	No
(Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)		
Any broken or missing parts?	No	No
(Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc missing		
due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)		
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?	No	No
(Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)		

#### 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	Sculpture	Base

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? Yes X 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? X Well maintained Would benefit from treatment I In urgent need of treatment Unable to determine

# **Overall Description**

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on). Erected by the G.A.R. Post #10 with the City of Worcester for the 398 residents who died during the war.

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
 February 4, 2016

 Your Name
 Reynaldo Rodriguez

 Address
 20 Howland Terrace

 State
 MA

 Zip Code
 01602

 What Order or Organization is submitter a member of?
 SUVCW

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

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Soldiers' Monument (Worcester, Massachusetts) is an American Civil War monument on Worcester Common in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Designed by sculptor Randolph Rogers, it consists of a tapering granite Corinthian column crowned by a bronze goddess of Victory, a three-tiered granite pedestal adorned with bronze plaques, buttresses surmounted by four bronze statues representing branches of the military – Artillery, Cavalry, Infantry, Navy – with the whole resting upon a rough granite base flanked by four buried cannons barrels.

The pedestal's top tier is adorned with four relief plaques: the City of Worcester seal, the Massachusetts state seal, the United States seal, and a pair of crossed swords encircled by a laurel wreath. The middle tier features relief busts of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln and Massachusetts Governor John A. Andrew, a battle scene of a dying soldier supported by a comrade, and the monument's dedication plaque. The bottom tier features four inscription plaques listing the names of the 398 Worcester soldiers who died in the war.

In 1871, the Soldiers' Monument Committee commissioned Rogers to design the memorial. The City of Worcester appropriated \$35,000, and an addition \$15,000 was raised by subscription. The monument was dedicated on July 15, 1874.

When built, the monument was approximately 66 ft 0 in (20.12 m) tall, and the base was approximately 24 ft 0 in (7.32 m) square. The ground level was raised in 1969, burying the rough-granite base, so the monument is now approximately 4 ft 0 in (1.22 m) shorter.

Dedication Plaque:

ERECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF WORCESTER IN MEMORY OF HER SONS WHO DIED FOR THE UNITY OF THE REPUBLIC AD 1861-1865