

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

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 with *Cannon*

Monument *without* Sculpture

Historical Marker Plaque

Affiliation

G.A.R. (Post Name & No. D. Willard Robinson Post #112) 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 July 3, 1878 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 Veterans' Common, Main & River Streets

City/Village Norwell Village Township Norwell County Plymouth

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 Town of Norwell Massachusetts Dept./Div. Veterans Services

Street Address 345 Main Street

City Norwell State MA Zip Code 02061

Contact Person David DeGhetto Telephone (781) 659-1284

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

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.) Red Granite from St. George, New Brunswick

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 = _____

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? If so, describe _____

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points
 Monument or Base: Height 20' Width 6' Depth 6' 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 _____

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.

FRONT: ERECTED IN HONOR/ OF THE/ SOLDIERS AND SAILORS/ OF/ SOUTH SCITUATE/ WHO FELL IN THE/ WAR OF 1861/ FOR THE/
 PRESERVATION OF THE UNION/ A.D. 1878
 REAR: LIBERTY AND UNION/ ESTABLISHED/ BY OUR FATHERS/ PRESERVED/ UNIMPAIRED/ BY THE PATRIOTISM/ OF THEIR SONS
 RIGHT: WILLIAM T. SYLVESTER/ JOSIAH STODDARD, JR./ CHARLES L. STODDARD/ WALTER FOSTER, 2D/ NATHANIEL W. WINSLOW/ E. OLIVER NICHOLS/
 LEMUEL FREEMAN/ GEORGE H. MERRITT/ HENRY CURRILL/ EDWARD DOVER/ WILLIAM J. WHITCOMB
 LEFT: D.WILLARD ROBINSON/ CLIFTON C. VOSE/ GUSTAVUS JACOBS/ HENRY H. GARDNER/ SIDNEY GARDNER/ ABIAL FARRAR/ JOSHUA S. DAMON/
 HENRY HARLOW/ HERBERT GRAVES/ JOSEPH SIMMONS/ BEZA W. DRAKE/ SAMUEL SPENCER

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library | _____ |

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) .

Dedicated on the 15th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, the 20 foot red granite monument was conceived in 1871 by G.A.R. Post 112, and funds were raised by the Post and the Ladies Aid Society. In 1877, the ladies rekindled interest by holding a three-day fair to raise funds. The total cost of the monument was \$1,719.50. The town appropriated \$1000 to complete the work. The monument was originally ordered for a town in New Hampshire, but they declined to purchase it. It was placed on a base of gray Quincy granite. Overall condition is fair. Monument must be disassembled and leveled. All seams need to be resealed. Repairs should be done to split column and urn.

Supplemental Background Information

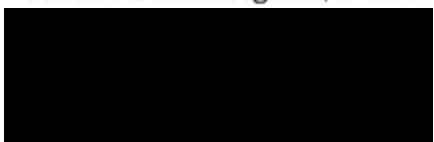
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey May 12, 2007
 Your Name Kevin Tucker
 Address 58 Forest Street City Wakefield
 State MA Zip Code 01880 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
 National Civil War Memorials Committee

**CIVIL WAR MONUMENT INSCRIPTIONS (PANELS)
A.D. 1878**

North Face

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East Face

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West Face

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South Face

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GRANITE CORPORATION OF BARRE
Granite Center-Barre, Vermont 05641

June 30, 2005

Mr. James Boudreau, Town Administrator
Town Office Building, Main Street
Norwell, Massachusetts 02061

Ref: Restoration of the Civil War Memorial.

CONTRACT Page 1 of 3

The Granite Corporation of Barre will restore the Norwell Civil War Memorial per the following specifications:

- 1- Preparing the site for access to the monument. Building a ramp over the perimeter granite coping/curbing to the lawn of the park. Laying a plywood roadway up to the Memorial site and removing same as soon as all the stone has been transported to the off premise work site (Town garage. The immediate removal is necessary to save the sod):...\$775.00
- 2- Dismantle the upright monument (red granite) transport to the provided site for further off-site work (not including the Quincy granite bottom base, which we do not want to disturb, unless we find that it is not setting relatively level:..... \$1,950.00
- 3- Dismantle the upper level coping/curbing immediately surrounding the memorial, transport it to the provided site for further work and installation of cramp slots to secure the vertical joints when re-set:.....\$1,450.00
- 4- The stone at the off- site location will be cleared of all the old jointing materials and the adjacent surfaces will be ground to a new, clean surface, in preparation for its re-setting:.....\$1,800.00
- 5- Preparing the site for access to the monument, (repeating the work of item -1-) for the return of the prepared stone and it's removal once work with the crane truck is completed:.....\$775.00
- 6- Re-setting all the granite to its original condition and location, to the best of our ability; caulking all the joints with state-of-the-art silicone sealants and a specially designed formula of epoxy for the granite industry use. Low density polyethylene gauged tabs/cushions will be used to establish the joints prior to applying the sealant. The following price includes all bronze or stainless steel cramps, dowels and jointing materials, that we feel necessary to secure and repair all the granite pieces: that were removed from the Memorial in item -2-:.....\$5,550.00

(802) 476-6177

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At this point, the structural work has been completed, the crew will leave, to return again to completely pressure wash the entire Memorial and coping once the epoxies and sealants have sufficiently cured and before any finished landscaping by the town is done. This final portion's charge will be:.....\$2,700.00

The Town of Norwell will pay the Granite Corporation of Barre upon completion of the work and the acceptance of its committee, the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars;.....\$15,000.00.

The work will be completed in an orderly fashion, with the site's appearance being kept neat and clean to the best of our ability throughout the work day and equipment stored neatly on site during the non-working hours.

The Town of Norwell will provide over-sight of the area during the working day and non-working hours. This, for the purpose of assuring that onlookers and curious visitors will not be harmed by the disruption at the site and the possibility of injuries by the equipment on the job.

It will also furnish the GCB an area off-site within the town, where the scraping and cleaning of the old jointing compounds can be achieved without damaging the road bed or parking area with tools and cleaning compounds required for the job. They will also furnish the water, (spigot within 500 feet of the work), and electricity needed for the cleaning and restoration of the memorial.

The GCB will furnish certifications of insurance and all necessary tools, consumables and labor to achieve a first class job.

Upon acceptance by the Town of this contract and the deposit of ten percent, we will schedule the beginning of work within fourteen days, and not before the 25th day of July, for we are booked until then.

It is estimated that the work will be completed by the GCB in not more than three weeks, providing the weather conditions are favorable and there are no unexpected disturbances that could prevent us from meeting this commitment. The contract dates, from acceptance to 09-30-05...

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We the undersigned parties agree to be bound by this contract.

By the Granite Corporation of Barre

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: Joseph B. Calcagni

Title: President

By the Town of Norwell, Massachusetts

Date _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Upon receipt of three signed copies and the deposit of ten percent, we will fax and mail three signed accepted copies of the contract and certifications of insurance to your office.

Thank you.

ORDER OF PROCESSION

— AT THE —

DEDICATION

— OF THE —

Soldiers & Sailors Monument

SOUTH SCITUATE, MASS.

Wednesday, July 3d, 1878.

SOUTH SCITUATE BAND.

Post 112, G. A. R., O. B. Prouty, Commander.

Willard Torrey, Chief Marshal, with Aids, escorting

Gen. Horace Binney Sargent, Orator of the Day.

Rev. E. G. Babcock, Chaplain of the Day.

S. Tolman, Esq., President of the Day.

GOV. RICE AND STAFF.

Hon. B. W. Harris, M. C.

Hon. J. B. D. Cogswell.

Hon. John D. Long, and other, Invited Guests.



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GOOD AFTERNOON(MORNING)

Welcome to the rededication of this monument that has been restored due to the generosity of the people of Norwell.

The monument was first dedicated on July 4, 1878, the 15th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

On the North Face, are inscribed these words: Erected in Honor of the Soldiers and Sailors of South Scituate who fell in the War of 1861 for the Preservation of the Union.

On the South Face: Liberty and Union Established by our Fathers, Preserved Unimpaired, by the Patriotism of their Sons.

**The names of the 24 men who lost their lives:
12 on the East Face and 12 on the West Face.**

We, who have been working on this ceremony, thought it would be appropriate to provide a brief history of the original dedication ceremony, using the notes compiled by Norwell resident, Sam Olson, who researched the archives of two of the local newspapers, which were in circulation in 1878: The Rockland Standard and The Plymouth County Advertiser.

The original project for this monument began in May 1871. GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) Post # 112, South Scituate, appointed a committee made up of one individual from each school district to solicit funds.

\$ 161.50 was raised.

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The Ladies Aid Society had some left over money in their treasury and gave \$ 83.21.

Lectures were given in October 1871, which added \$ 75.

For the next several years, interest faded as the country was experiencing some hard times.

Interest was revived, when in Sept. 1877, the ladies in the town conducted a three-day fair and raised \$ 300.

Finally, at the town meeting of April 1, 1878, \$ 1,000 was approved to be spent to complete the work.

The total cost of the foundation, base and monument was \$ 1,719.50.

The monument is made of polished, red granite from the St. George area of New Brunswick, Canada.

The monument was originally ordered for a town in New Hampshire. They declined to buy it and it was purchased and brought to this site. The gray base may be from Quincy.

July 4, 1878 was a scorching day. Most of the citizens in the village area, had decorated their homes and grounds with flags and streamers.

The ceremonies started at 11:30AM.

Along with GAR Post # 112 of South Scituate, several other posts from surrounding towns were lined up.

These included:

Post 74, Rockland, with the Rockland band

Post 83, Hanover, with drums

Post 104, Hingham

Post 11, Pembroke

Post 127, Hanson

Post 31, Scituate, with William Henry Osborne, Commander. Osborne was a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient who had lived in South Scituate for a brief period.

Refreshments were served, first to the men from the GAR posts, then to the estimated 500 people who were present.

At 1:15 in the afternoon, Post 112 marched to The James Library and received the orator, chaplain and President of the Day.


General Horace Binney Sargent, Commander of the Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, was the main speaker of the day.

Miss Carrie Simmons, daughter of one of the deceased, whose name is on the West face, unveiled the monument.


There is one part of the events that took place in 1878 that we don't want to repeat. It was reported that pickpockets were active and one individual lost a valuable gold watch.

Thank you Sam Olson for your research and thank YOU all for coming.





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A photograph of a granite monument. The monument is made of reddish-brown granite and features a central panel with an inscription. The inscription is flanked by two columns and topped with a decorative arch. The background shows a street with trees and houses under a blue sky.

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