

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:

Original Dedication Date June 17, 1866 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 31 Main Street GPS Coordinates Lat, 42.43771, Long. -71.76011

City/Village &/or Township Sterling

County Worcester State MA Zip Code 01564

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Town of Sterling

Dept./Div. Department of Public Works

Street Address 171 Worcester Road

City Sterling State MA Zip Code 01564

Contact Person William Tuttle Telephone (978) 422-6767 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.) Gray granite with 4 bronze plaques

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 = _____

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 ammunition 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

Approx. 186" _____ Height 59" _____ Width 59" _____ 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)

None

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.

A stone obelisk resting on a square base that is adorned with four bronze inscription plaques. Each plaque is two pieces. From Roe's book on Mass. Civil War monuments: "Owing to stormy weather, the dedication exercises were held in the near-by church."

Inscription on plaques:

East Plaque

Erected in memory of / the patriotic volunteers / of Sterling whose lives / were sacrificed in defense / of liberty and union / during the great rebellion / Capt. Charles Goss / Co. C 21 Reg. killed near Petersburg Va. / June 17, 1864. Age 27 Yrs. / Lieut. Charles Coolidge / Co. C 21 Reg. killed near Petersburg Va. / June 17, 1864. Age 27 Yrs. / Capt. James Houghton / Co. I 9 Indiana Reg. killed at Pittsburg Landing / April 7, 1862. Age 46 Yrs. / Sterling

North Plaque

Rufus Arnold / Co. K 56 Reg. died at Brasher City La. / May 31, 1863. Age 38 Yrs. / James A. Bonney /

(Continued in Addendum.)

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*.

Thank you.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey April 23, 2017
Your Name Ed Norris, PDC
Address 91 Kelly Dr
City Lancaster State MA Zip Code 01523
Telephone _____

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

[SUVCW, Department of Massachusetts, Willie Grout Camp 25](#)

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...	_____	_____

A couple of small chips in granite. Weather stripping is loose in a couple of areas. The bottom plaques have pulled out from stone on all four sides but none appear to be loose. The north side of the obelisk is pitted. West and south plaques should be cleaned.

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) .

Inspector’s Name Ed Norris, PDC

Date April 23, 2017

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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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County Worcester

State MA

Zip Code 01564

TEXT

(Continued.)

Co. C 15 Reg. killed at Spottsylvania Va. / May 20, 1864. Age 28 Yrs. / George W. Boynton / Co. C 25 Reg. died at Fortress Monroe Va. / Feb. 7, 1862. Age 17 Yrs. / Lyman Broad / Co. A 57 Reg. killed at Poplar Grove Church Va. / Sept. 30, 1864. Age 28 Yrs. / Henry K. Buss / Co. E 21 Reg. killed at Antietam Md. / Sept. 19, 1862. Age 19 Yrs. / Ezra W. Chapman / 2 Co. Sharpshooters killed at Little River Va. / May 25, 1861. Age 25 Yrs. / Lucius D. Davidson / Co. C 2 Reg. killed at Covington Ky. / Feb. 28, 1864/ Age 18 Yrs. / John Doyle / Co. C 34 Reg. killed at Fisher's Hill Va. / Oct. 13, 1864. Age 40 Yrs. / War of 1861-65

West Plaque

Eugene Fairbanks / Co. C 24 N.Y. Reg. died at Washington D.C. / Sept. 12, 1862. Age 23 Yrs. / Pearl S. Gott / Co. C 15 Reg. killed at Island No. 10 on the / Mississippi. April 7, 1862, Age 20 Yrs. / Serg't Henry Howe / Co. K 53 Reg. died in Sterling Mass. / Nov. 30 1863. Age 43 Yrs. / Charles B. Keyes / Co. K 53 Reg. died in Brasher City La. / May 25, 1863. Age 29 Yrs. / Charles A. Kidder / Co. K 53 Reg. died at New York N.Y. / Jan. 16, 1863. Age 29 Yrs. / Francis A. Lewis / Co. A 15 Reg. killed at Gettysburg Penn. / July 3, 1863. Age 24 Yrs. / Charles H. Maynard / Co. C 34 Reg. died at Harpers Ferry Va. / April 16, 1864. Age 16 Yrs. / George W. Maynard / Co. A 57 Reg. killed at Wilderness Va. / May 6, 1864. Age 17 Yrs. / Sterling

South Plaque

William A. Maynard / Co. A 57 Reg. killed at Wilderness Va. / May 5, 1864. Age 19 Yrs. / Jonothan O. Nelson / Co. K 53 Reg. died in Sterling Mass. / Sept. 12, 1862. Age 25 Yrs. / Oliver P. Payne / Co. C 34 Reg. died at Point Rocks Va. / Oct 1, 1865. Age 47 Yrs. / Joseph B. Reed / Co. E 53 Reg. died in Sterling Mass. / Sept. 10. 1863. Age 44 Yrs. / C. Norman Rice / Co. K 53 Reg. died at Matton Ill. / Aug. 20, 1863. Age 22 Yrs. / George H. Richardson / Co. E 10 Ind. Reg. killed at South Mountain Md. / Sept. 11, 1862. Age 28 Yrs. / Adalbern M. Stuart / Co. K 43 Reg. died at New Orleans La. / April 22, 1863. Age 18 Yrs. / War of 1861-65

Inspector's Name Ed Norris, PDC

Date April 23, 2017



HOUGHTON
AT PITTSBURG LANDING
AGE 46 1883.

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ESTHER PARRINGTON
DIED IN THE HOME AT DANFORTH N. S.
MAY 12 1868. AGE 71 YRS.

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WAR OF
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WALTER BENTLEY
CO. B. 1ST REG. INF. VT. FIGHTERS HILL, VT.
MAY 22, 1864 AGE 40 YRS.

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GEORGE W. BENTLEY
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MAY 22, 1864 AGE 40 YRS.

EMERSON
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MAY 22, 1864 AGE 40 YRS.

BENJAMIN F. BENTLEY
CO. B. 1ST REG. INF. VT. FIGHTERS HILL, VT.
MAY 22, 1864 AGE 40 YRS.

EDWARD W. BRADMAN
CO. B. 1ST REG. INF. VT. FIGHTERS HILL, VT.
MAY 22, 1864 AGE 40 YRS.

LUCAS E. DAVIDSON
CO. C. 24 REG. INF. VT. COVINGTON, VT.
FEB. 20, 1864 AGE 40 YRS.

JOHN TOWLE
CO. C. 24 REG. INF. VT. FIGHTERS HILL, VT.
OCT. 23, 1864 AGE 40 YRS.

WAR OF
1861-65

ERECTED IN MEMORY OF
THE PATRIOTIC VOLUNTEERS
OF STERLING WHOSE LIVES
WERE SACRIFICED IN DEFENSE
OF LIBERTY AND UNION
DURING THE GREAT REBELLION

CAPT. CHARLES COSS
30 yrs old. Killed near Petersburg Va.
June 18, 1864. Age 27 yrs.

LIEUT. CHARLES COOLIDGE
Co. 5 21 yrs. Died at Newbern N. C.
May 31, 1865. Age 24 yrs.

CAPT. JAMES Houghton
Ill. 9 years. Res. killed at Pittsburg Landing
April 7, 1862. Age 40 yrs.

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