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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. David Oakes Post # 135)                      \_\_\_ 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** Approximately 1896, cannot determine exact date 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 North Nottawa Street  
 City/Village Centreville Township Nottawa County Saint Joseph

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 Nottawa Township Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address 221 W. Main  
 City Centreville State MI Zip Code 49032  
 Contact Person Larry Brueck Telephone ( 269 ) 467-7835

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.) Granite

Material of the Sculpture =  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Undetermined  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Granite  
 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 10' Width 6' Depth 6' or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sculpture: Height 6' Width 2' Depth 1' 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.  
 South side: "A TRIBUTE TO OUR LOYAL SONS", 1861-1865 with GAR badge at bottom of the base. This is raised lettering

East side: WRC shield at the bottom of the base

North side: "IN MEMORY OF ST JOSEPH COUNTY MEN WHO SERVED IN MEXICO-COMPANY E-15TH INFANTRY-CAPT. I. D. TOLL"  
 This lettering is cut into the base.

**Environmental Setting**

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

**Type of Location**

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

	Sculpture	Base
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.)	<u>  x  </u>	___
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)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>  x  </u>	<u>  x  </u>
White crusting	___	___
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	___	___
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	___	___
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>  x  </u>
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      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?  
 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) .

Statue is of a Union enlisted infantryman, presumably on picket duty, looking to the south with his rifle under his left arm pointing downward. Approximately 16" to 18" of the muzzle of his rifle is broken off at the soldier's left hand. The rifle appears to be a two band short rifle, but it is difficult to determine from existing photographs of the statue before the rifle was broken in an apparent act of vandalism. The location of the broken piece is unknown, but a search is ongoing.

Overall the monument is in good condition with the exception of the broken rifle.

Base is square and approximately 10' tall. It is approximately 6' square at the base and tapering to approximately 2' square at the top. It is inscribe on the south, east and north sides as indicated on page three of this report.

**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 July 17, 2007

Your Name Bruce S. A. Gosling

Address 20388 U.S. Hwy. 12

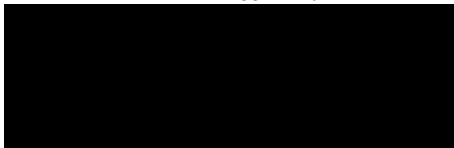
City White Pigeon

State MI Zip Code 49099

Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Todd A. Shillington, PDC



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee



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IN MEMORY ST. JOSEPH CO. MEN  
WHO SERVED IN MEXICO-COMPANY E-  
15TH INFANTRY-CAPT. I.D. TOLL.

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Centreville, MI

Prairieville Cemetery



Repaired and rededicated August 30, 2008.

The monument was erected around 1896 in honor of local men who served in the Water of the Rebellion in 1861-1865 and for those who served in Mexico in Company E of the 15th Infantry under Captain I.D. Toll. Approximately 15 inches of the soldier's rifle barrel was broken off in the early 1900's.

In 2007, March to the Sea Camp No. 135 of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War Department of Michigan, raised funds for restoration of this monument. Through funds raised from both private and public sources, sculptors were retained and the monument has now been restored to its original glory.

