

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

New Location: Orleans and Wilkins Street

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 without Sculpture

X Building
Monument with Cannon
Historical Marker X Plaque

Affiliation

G.A.R. (Post Name & No.) 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.)
X Other: Private

Original Dedication Date 3 NOV 1922 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: MICHIGAN STATE FAIRGROUNDS
Street/Road address or site location WOODWARD & W. STATE FAIR STS.
City/Village DETROIT Township DETROIT County WAYNE

The front of the Memorial faces: X North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...
Name STATE OF MICHIGAN Dept./Div. STATE FAIR EXPOSITION CENTER
Street Address
City State Zip Code
Contact Person DIRECTOR Telephone ()

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.) WOOD

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 36" X 36" EACH

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 36" Width 36" Depth 3/4" 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

Note: both mounted on plywood in front of the house.

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

PLAQUE #1 "Upon this house occupied by him as his home in the year 1849 the city of Detroit has placed this tablet commemorating Ulysses S. Grant, then Lieutenant, later General, United States Army and for two terms President of the U. S. of A. Savior of his Country. 3 Nov 1922"

Plaque #2 "This on time residence of Ulysses Simpson Grant presented to the State of Michigan as a modest monument to a great man by the Michigan Mutual Liability Company. 1930."

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)
 Town

Suburban (residential, near city)
 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)	___	<u>NA</u>
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)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	___	<u>NA</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)	___	
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...	___	

House needs work, shingles + paint!

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? Yes No Unable to tell

Surface Coating house
 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).

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 17 Oct 01
 Your Name Richard E. Danes
 Address 2612 Burns City Dearborn
 State MI Zip Code 48124-3204 Telephone [REDACTED]

SUVCW Camp 427 Senior Vice Commander

Please send this completed form to:

Douglas R. Armstrong
 Civil War Memorials Officer
 Department of Michigan—S.U.V.C.W.
 236 E Frederick Ave.
 Lansing, MI. 48906-3226

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee

MICHIGAN'S CIVIL WAR MARKERS, MEMORIALS, AND MONUMENTS

A Preliminary Report of the Committee on Michigan
Places, Areas, and Objects which Contributed to the
Winning of the Civil War

Michigan Civil War Centennial Observance Commission

Dearborn, 1962

Washtenaw County (Cont.)

Statue by Mary Ann Starkweather. They died to make their country free. Committee: Florence S. Babbitt, President; Adella C. Snidecor, Secretary; Cornelia B. Savey, Treasurer. Erected in 1885 by the Woman's Relief Corps of Ypsilanti in memory of the men who fought in the war of the Great Rebellion to uphold their Country's flag. Memorial Day 1895.

Boulder with bronze tablet, City Hall Lawn, 304 North Huron St., four blocks north of West Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti. Inscription:

Ypsilanti, Michigan, 1924, in loving memory of Carpenter Post No. 130, Grand Army of the Republic. Dedicated by the Carpenter's Woman's Relief Corps No. 65; Carpenter's Camp No. 180 Sons of Veterans; Martha A. Beach Tent No. 5, Daughters of Union Veterans.

WAYNE COUNTY

→ Bronze tablet on U. S. Grant House, Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit. The house was originally located at 1369 East Fort Street, Detroit, where the plaque was dedicated Nov. 3, 1922, under the auspices of the Art Commission. Inscription:

Upon this house occupied by him as his home in the year 1849 the City of Detroit has placed this tablet commemorating Ulysses S. Grant, then Lieutenant, later General, United States Army and for two terms President of the U. S. of A. Savior of his country.

Bronze tablet on same building as above. Inscription:

This one-time residence of Ulysses Simpson Grant presented to the State of Michigan as a modest monument to a great man by the Michigan Mutual Liability Company 1930.

Equestrian statue of General Alpheus S. Williams at Central and Inselruhe avenues, Belle Isle, Detroit. The statue is the work of Henry Merwin Shrady. It depicts Williams sitting astride his horse studying a battle map during a storm. The bronze statue is mounted on a block of white granite. The statue was unveiled on October 15, 1921. Inscription:

Major General Alpheus Starkey Williams -- 1810-1878 -- Hero of two wars -- Judge -- Editor -- Postmaster -- Diplomat -- Member of Congress -- an untiring servant of the people -- an honor to the City of Detroit. The Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and Citizens of Detroit have erected this tribute to the valor and abilities of Alpheus S. Williams, Lieut.-Colonel First Michigan Infantry Volunteers in the War with Mexico. Brig.-General and Brevet-Major-General United States Volunteers in the Civil War.