

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:  
Michigan History Division, Dept of State

Original Dedication Date 2007 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 Oakridge Cemetery (Cemetery Address is 614 Homer Rd)  
Monument Location: Dibble Rd GPS Coordinates N42°15'31.421" W84°57'01.937"  
City/Village &/or Township Marshall  
County Calhoun State Michigan Zip Code 40968

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Michigan Historical Commission,- Michigan Historical Center  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address 702 W Kalamazoo S  
City Lansing State MI Zip Code 48915  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( 517 ) 335-2573 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.) \_\_\_\_\_

Material of the Sculpture  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other Is it hollow or solid? \_\_\_\_\_  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_



**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: Historical Society / GAR Building

**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 9 Aug 2022  
Your Name Walter E Busch  
Address 1240 Konert Valley Dr  
City Fenton State MO Zip Code 63026  
Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

US Grant Camp 68 - Dept of Missouri - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?; Any evidence of structural instability?; Any broken or missing parts?; Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?.

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: 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...

Good Shape

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

Gold paint may no longer be actually gilded

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) .

Light treatment

Inspector’s Name Walt Busch

Date 9 Aug 2022

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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM  
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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Monument Location: Dibble Rd GPS Coordinates N42°15'31.421" W84°57'01.937"

City/Village and/or Township Marshall

County Calhoun State MI Zip Code 40968

TEXT

[LOGO: Michigan Registered Historic Site]  
 Lieutenant George A. Woodruff  
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 Registered Local Site No. 654, 2007  
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(Reverse):  
 [LOGO: Michigan Registered Historic Site]  
 Lieutenant George A. Woodruff  
 After learning of the death of his son, the Honorable George Woodruff, a well-known Calhoun County judge, traveled to Gettysburg to bring young George's body back to this city. Last rites for the gallant Civil War veteran were held in Marshall and he was buried on Oakridge Cemetery. His brother William was wounded in the Battle of Petersburg. He died on June 28, 1864, in Washington, D.C., and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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GEORGE A. WOODRUFF**  
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Field Artillery (Battery  
1) against General George  
Pickett's Confederate  
charge on July 3, 1863.  
Lingering through the  
night, George Woodruff  
died the following day.

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REGISTERED LOCAL SITE NO. 824, 1997  
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**LIEUTENANT  
GEORGE A. WOODRUFF**

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GEORGE A. WOODRUFF

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**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 without Sculpture

Monument with *Cannon*  
 Historical Marker       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. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Other: State of Michigan Historical Marker (Site ID #P22771)

**Original Dedication Date** 1979 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 323 W. Michigan Ave.  
City/Village Marshall Township \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

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 State of Michigan Dept./Div. Department of History, Arts, and Libraries  
Street Address 702 W. Kalamazoo St.  
City Lansing State MI Zip Code 48909  
Contact Person Laura Ashlee Telephone ( 517 ) 373-1630

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.) \_\_\_\_\_

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 = cast iron

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
Sculpture: Height apr 24" Width apr 18' 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 X raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.  
See attached photos - a double-sided historical marker  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**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        | _____                                    |



**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).

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Supplemental Background Information**

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**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey June 1, 2006

Your Name Bruce B. Butgereit

Address 1691 Summerfield St. SE City Kentwood,

State MI Zip Code 49508 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

One-post marker  
Different Text Each Side  
1 ½" caption  
1" text  
Calhoun County  
Marshall  
Side One

LIEUTENANT GEORGE  
A. WOODRUFF

1 Lt. George A. Woodruff  
2 (1840-1863) graduated  
3 from West Point in only  
4 three years because of  
5 the start of the Civil  
6 War. Woodruff served  
7 valiantly in the Army of  
8 the Potomac. At  
9 Gettysburg he was  
10 mortally wounded while  
11 defending the center of  
12 the Union line with his  
13 1st United States Field  
14 Artillery (Battery I)  
15 against Confederate  
16 general George Pickett's  
17 charge on July 3, 1863.  
18 Lingered through the  
19 night, Woodruff died the  
20 following day.

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Registered Local Site No. 654  
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One-post marker  
Different Text Each Side  
1 ½" caption  
1" text  
Calhoun County  
Marshall  
Side Two

LIEUTENANT GEORGE  
A. WOODRUFF

1 After learning of the  
2 death of his son George,  
3 the Honorable George  
4 Woodruff, a well-known  
5 county judge, traveled to  
6 Gettysburg to bring young  
7 George's body back to  
8 this city. Last rites for  
9 the gallant Civil War  
10 soldier were held in  
11 Marshall and he was  
12 buried here in Oakridge  
13 Cemetery. His brother  
14 William was wounded at  
15 the Battle of Petersburg.  
16 He died on June 28, 1864,  
17 in Washington, D.C., and  
18 was buried in Arlington  
19 National Cemetery.

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Rec'd  
28 July 2006  
TBS

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**

(FORM CWM #62)  
Requester Information

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 1, Dept. of MI  
(Please print or type)

ADDRESS: Grand Rapids Home for Veteran's  
3000 Monroe NW

CITY: Grand Rapids,

STATE: MI ZIP CODE: 49505

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: Bruce B. Butgereit

ADDRESS: 1691 Summerfield St. SE

CITY: Kentwood,

STATE: MI ZIP CODE: 49508

PHONE(S): 

Memorial or Monument Information

NAME OF MEMORIAL: State of Michigan Historical Marker (Site ID #P22771)

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Lincoln Street) \_\_\_\_\_  
Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall, MI (323 W. Michigan Ave.)

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1979

WHO OWNS IT: State of Michigan

*CWM 61 Assessment on file w NCWMO TBS*

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: State of Michigan / Citizens of Michigan

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE: Yes FROM WHERE: State of Michigan

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: Yes FROM WHERE: Michigan Commandery of MOLLUS

Private donations

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: \$500

DESCRIBE WORK THAT THESE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR: (Be specific, use back if necessary)

Documentation has recently been uncovered that proves that the text on this double-sided historical marker, erected in 1979, was inaccurate.

Since the State of Michigan originally approved this text (and can now no longer find any documentation on this marker), I have been able to convince them that they should pay half of the cost of a new marker to set the record straight and to correctly identify where one of Michigan's young heroes is actually buried - in Arlington National Cemetery and not in Gettysburg. Further documentation on this, including photos and the new text have been attached to this request. Once the funds are received, the State will cast a new double-sided sign to replace the old.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

The State Historic Preservation Office for the State of Michigan

WHO WILL DO THE WORK DESCRIBED AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

The State Historic Preservation Office for the State of Michigan

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED: Bruce B. Butgereit, Project Coordinator



**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**  
**Gen. John A. Logan, Camp No. 1**  
*Grand Rapids, Michigan*  
Department of Michigan

July 24, 2006

Todd A. Shillington, PDC  
15 Park Place  
Holley, NY 14470-1022

Dear Brother Todd:

I trust this finds you well. I assume I'll be able to see you in Harrisburg in just a few weeks.

Please find enclosed a Memorial Assessment Form (CWM 61) for a State of Michigan Historical Marker (Site ID #P22771) in Oakridge Cemetery in Marshal, MI.

This Historical Marker was installed in 1979. Recently uncovered information has proven the text on this marker is inaccurate and as you might figure (since the State had to approve the accuracy of the text), the State of Michigan has no records available on this marker.

I have attached a letter with more information on this marker including photos of both sides of the double-sided marker. I am also submitting a request to the Memorials Grant Committee to receive financial assistance in correcting the mistakes with a new sign.

Just as a sidebar, our Camp is actively working to raise funds and restore six other memorials in our area. We hope to soon restore and rededicate a marker dedicated to the Gen. John A. Logan GAR Post No. 1, at the Grand Rapids Home for Veteran's. We are also going to take on a project that will involve a Span-AM "Hiker" statue given the close tie to the Civil War and Span-Am soldiers (fathers-sons).

Respectfully and in F, C, and L,

Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC  
1691 Summerfield St. SE  
Kentwood, MI 49508-6499

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MICHIGAN HISTORY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REGISTERED LOCAL SITE NO. 454  
PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, 1979

MICHIGAN  
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HISTORIC SITE

## LIEUTENANT GEORGE A. WOODRUFF

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MICHIGAN HISTORY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REGISTERED LOCAL SITE NO. 684  
PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, 1978

