

**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 stand alone 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:

Hancock Corp 184, Womens Relief Corps

Original Dedication Date 30 May 1894 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 Cherry Grove Cemetery

500 Schoolcrest GPS Coordinates 43.82500, -84.75889 (cemetery coordinates)

City/Village &/or Township Clare

County Clare State Michigan Zip Code 48617

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Clare

Dept./Div. Cherry Grove Cemetery

Street Address 202 West Fifth Street

City Clare State Michigan Zip Code 48617

Contact Person _____ Telephone (989) 386-7541 ext 201 or 202

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 with black relief features (GAR & WRC badges, lettering, etc.)

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 Flag pole, along with a monolithic memorial, and benches.

Materials of the Memorial Concrete/cement for the memorial, and a metal flag pole.

Complete for All Memorials

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

15 feet _____ Height 4.2 feet _____ Width 4.2 feet _____ 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)

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.

On monument:

ERECTED BY HANCOCK CORP. 184 W.R.C. IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROIC DEAD

1894

On monolithic memorial at flag pole:

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*.

Please include at least one method of contact below. Thank you.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 21 January 2023
Your Name David Smith, LM, PDC
Address P.O. Box 346
City Acme State MI Zip Code 49610-0346
Telephone () E-Mail

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

Yes, 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.

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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...

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ___ Yes ___ No ___ [checked] Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? ___ Yes ___ [checked] 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?

___ [checked] 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) .

The original 1894 portion of the monument is in excellent shape. The Union soldier statue placed on the top in 2012 is of a different color than the 1894 portion (as expected). The Union soldier's appearance is not in the tradition or appearance of historical monuments (forage cap looks more like a shako style hat, rifle proportions, etc.) from yesteryear. The soldier appears to be more of a contemporary take in design.

Inspector's Name David S. Smith, LM, PDC Date January 2023

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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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TEXT

The construction by the W.R.C. was incomplete upon its dedication. It remained incomplete for 118 years until the citizens of Clare commissioned a Union Veteran statue to be installed at the top of the monument as was desired in 1894. This was completed and dedicated on Memorial Day 2012.

An article on the monument being completed can be found at:
<https://bluelemon.me/2012/06/06/a-civil-war-monument-118-years-in-the-completing/>

Flag pole appears to be approximately 25 feet tall.

Images of the monument, along with the flag pole, memorial monolith, and benches are provided in a PDF along with this form.

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