

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:  
Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73 and citizens of Ross County.

Original Dedication Date September 8, 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 Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Cemetery  
Blackwater Road, .3 mile west State Route 159 GPS Coordinates 39.4630 -82.9303  
City/Village &/or Township Green Township, Kingston  
County Ross State Ohio Zip Code 45644

The front of the Memorial faces: \_\_\_ North \_\_\_ South \_\_\_ East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Green Township Trustees  
Dept./Div. Dale Naas 740-649-8960, Marcella Wolfe 74-649-9048, Brad McCoridle (FO) 740-642-4104  
Street Address 10153 State Route 159  
City Kingston State Ohio Zip Code 45644  
Contact Person See Above Telephone ( 740 ) 642-5068 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.) N/A

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 = Brass Last Union Veteran of the Civil War Plaque

**For Cannons with/without monument:**

Material of Cannon =      Bronze      Iron    Type of Cannon (if known) N/A

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 Last Union Veteran of the Civil War plaque attached to Veterans Family Headstone

Materials of the Memorial Family Headstone Red Granite. Veterans grave stone is located about 10' behind the Family Headstone

**Complete for All Memorials**

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

Plaque      Height 14" Width 18" Depth or 3/4" 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 None

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

Star with "GAR 1861-1865" inscribed within it.

Here in honored glory rests the Last Union Civil War Veteran of Ross County  
Nelson John Dunlap  
May 30, 1843 - December 9, 1942  
USS Hastings, Mississippi Squadron, U.S. Navy  
May their deeds and sacrifices be kept ever Green in our Memory  
Placed by Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73, S.U.V.C.W. and the citizens of this County  
September 8, 2007

**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 N/A


[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*.

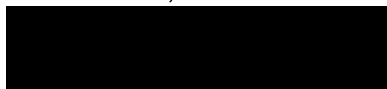
Thank you.

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 31 Aug 2019  
Your Name Don Martin  
Address 6025 State Route 772  
City Chillicothe State Ohio Zip Code 45601  
Telephone (  ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 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 Date

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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

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**Sunday, September 9, 2007 3:44 AM**

**THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH**

**By GEOFF DUTTON**

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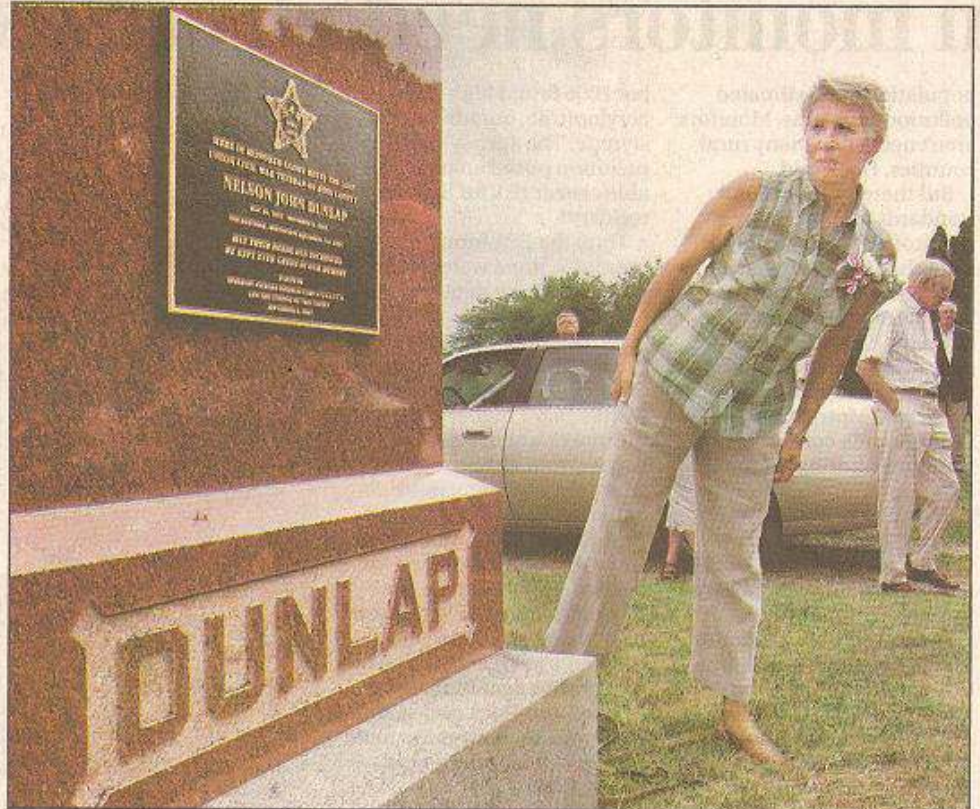
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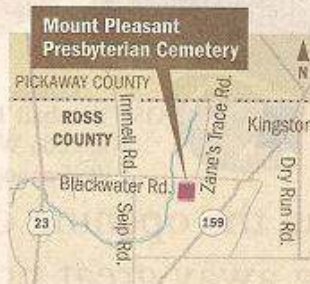
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HERE IN HONORED GLORY RESTS THE LAST  
UNION CIVIL WAR VETERAN OF BOSS COUNTY  
**NELSON JOHN DUNLAP**  
MAY 24, 1843 - DECEMBER 4, 1942  
CO. BARTON, 100TH REG'T, O.A. INF.  
MAY YOUR DEEDS AND SACRIFICES  
BE KEPT EVER GREEN IN OUR HEARTS  
PLACED BY  
HERBERT RICHARD WOODRUM CAPT. P.O. 13, S.A. N.  
AND HIS SONS OF THE CITY  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1947

ELIZABETH BELL  
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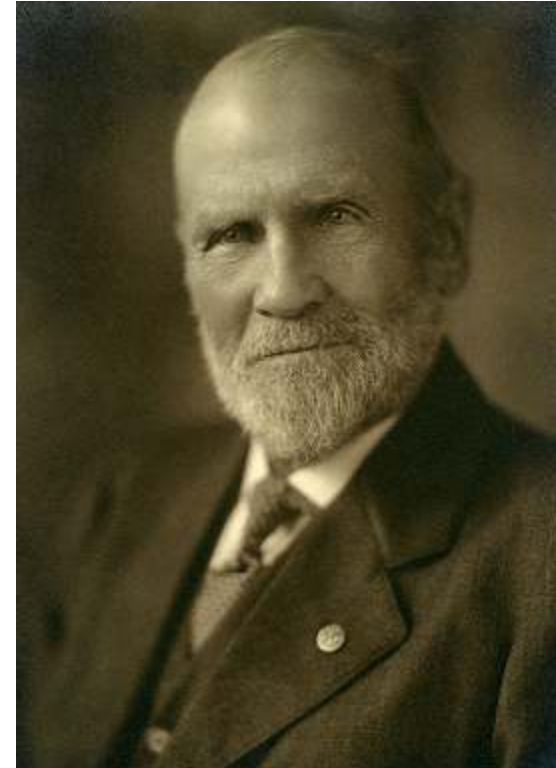
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## Nelson John Dunlap

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*In 1866, Union veterans of the Civil War organized into the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and became a social and political force that would control the destiny of the nation for more than six decades. In 1881 the GAR formed the Sons of Union Veterans of the United States to carry on its traditions and memory long after the GAR had ceased to exist.*

*In 1925 the name was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Prior to disbanding the GAR officially designated the SUVCW as legal heir to and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic. The SUVCW is a patriotic and educational organization with membership open to any man who can prove ancestry to a Union veteran or as an associate member who has interest in the history of the Civil War.*

### Special thanks for their contributions of funds and effort

Relatives Nelson Dunlap:

Mrs. Anne Almoney, Mrs. E. Jane Hurtt, Mr. Don Coppel;  
VFW Post 108;

Mrs. Doris Kottsy;

American Legion Post 757;

Chillicothe Loyal Order of the Moose;

Chillicothe Mason's Scioto Lodge #6;

Sharon Deacon & Katie DeVelin, Waverly High School Band;

63<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry Re-enactors;

Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp 73 SUVCW

**Last Union Civil War Veteran of Ross County**

**USS Hastings, Mississippi Squadron,  
U. S. Navy 1863-1865**

**State of Ohio Squirrel Hunters 1863**

**Grand Army of the Republic Maxwell Post 176  
Co-Founder and Officer**

# Nelson John Dunlap

Memorial Program  
Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Cemetery  
Green Township, Ross County, Ohio  
Saturday September 8, 2007 1 PM

*“Nelson J. Dunlap was born in Ross County and was educated in the early schools of the neighborhood, having better advantages than many of his comrades, through his parents' care in sending him to an excellent private school at Chillicothe. Had the Civil War not come upon the country, it is probable that his life would have been entirely confined to agricultural pursuits in his native county, but in November 1863, he enlisted in the United States Navy, in defense of his country. He was attached to the Mississippi squadron and for more than a year took part in the general warfare along the river. Prior to entering the navy, he had been a volunteer in the defense of Cincinnati and thus became somewhat acquainted with the hardships of a soldier's life, proving his bravery by acting as a scout under Colonel Reed (with the Squirrel Hunters). The life on the water was scarcely less exciting and hazardous, but Mr. Dunlap returned home without serious injury.*

*After his return from the army, Mr. Dunlap resumed farming and in 1868 settled in Pickaway County, near Kingston, where he remained until 1905, when he removed to Kingston. He still retains his cultivated farming lands, which aggregate some 1,100 acres, and also gives attention to the business enterprise known as the Kingston tile factory, of which he is the proprietor. He has also long been prominent in county politics and served two terms as township treasurer and had the honor of being the first Republican ever-elected in Pickaway Township.*

*On December 10, 1867, Mr. Dunlap was married to Elizabeth Bell, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, December 25, 1846, and is a daughter of Hugh and Lovina (Renick) Bell, the former of whom was born in Pickaway and the latter in Ross County. Hugh Bell was a son of Thomas Bell, who was an early settler in this part of the State. To Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap were born the following children: Mary E., wife of Amos Leist, of Kingston, Ohio; Renick W., our subject; Nellie T., wife of Dennis Dreisbach, of Pickaway County; and Alice J., who resides with her parents at Kingston.*

*For a number of years Nelson J. Dunlap was president of the township School Board, having always been an earnest advocate of public education. He is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Kingston and for years has been one of the leading members of the Patrons of Husbandry and has served as master of the Scioto Grange. He was a member and one of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Kingston.”*

HISTORY OF PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS, BY HON. AARON R. VAN CLEAF. PUBLISHED BY BIOGRAPHICAL PUBLISHING COMPANY, GEORGE RICHMOND, PRES.; C. R. ARNOLD, SEC'Y AND TREAS., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 1906  
<http://www.heritagepursuit.com/Pickaway/PickawayIndex.htm>

*History of Kingston, Ohio and Rural Vicinity, The Kingston Area Historical Society, 5 July 1984.  
(Copy available at the Kingston Library)*

- Presentation of Colors.....63<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry
- Pledge of Allegiance..... Donald L. Martin  
Enderlin Camp 73 Commander
- Invocation.....Gary Sallade,  
Enderlin Camp 73 Chaplin  
Past Camp Commander
- Welcome.....Camp Commander Martin
- Memorial.....Donald E. Darby, Major  
Commander 3<sup>rd</sup> Mil. Dist. SVR  
Past Commander in Chief SUVCW
- Guest Speaker..... David V. Medert, Brigadier General  
Commander Sons of Veterans Reserve  
Sr. Vice Commander in Chief SUVCW
- Plaque Unveiling. .... Mrs. Anne Almoney  
Great Granddaughter Nelson Dunlap
- Laying of Wreath..... Henry Shaw, Colonel  
Adjutant General, SVR
- SUVCW Salute.....63<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry
- Taps.....Sharon Deacon & Katie DeVelin  
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- \*Benediction.....Chaplin Sallade

*\*Family members please join us for photographs*