

**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:

Ross Newport Post 489  
 General Benjamin D Fearing Camp 2 Marietta, Ohio 45750

**Original Dedication Date** 08 July 1913 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 Greene Street

GPS Coordinates \_\_\_\_\_

City/Village &/or Township Newport

County Washington

State Ohio

Zip Code 45768

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner**

Name Newport Township Trustees

Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address 30875 State Route 7

City Marietta

State Ohio

Zip Code 45750

Contact Person Bonnie Hockenberry

Telephone ( 740 ) 374-2787

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.) Gray Granite

Material of the Sculpture  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other Is it hollow or solid? \_\_\_\_\_

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Gray Granite

>This form may be photocopied.<

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**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

Materials of the Memorial

**Complete for All Memorials**

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

19 feet \_\_\_\_\_ Height 6 feet 9 inches \_\_\_\_\_ Width 6 feet 9 inches \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Rev Gordon Battelle DD ME Church Chaplin 1st VA Vol Inf Born in Newport Ohio 1814 Died in Washington D C 1862 A teacher, patriot and leader in the formation of West VA. Erected by Col J G Battelle and Ross Newport Post 489 A D 1913 1776 Col E Battelle Capt N Little 1812 R Edgell R Shinn T Reynolds 1846 T D Cook 1861 to 1865 Captains T E Greenwood J M McElhinney H Middleswart Lieutenants W Wood A Leonard W H Edgerton Ross Newport Post Number 489 GAR 1861 to 1865 (Front face of monument south side) Charter members and members and Ohio Volunteer Cavalry soldiers ( Left face west side) Ohio Volunteer Infantry soldiers and Spanish American War soldiers and U S Navy sailors ( Right face east side) Ohio Volunteer Infantry soldiers and Ohio Volunteer Artillery soldiers (Back face north side) Total listed who fought 265. All text are raised up from material face in excellent condition.

**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 Top of knoll in cemetery

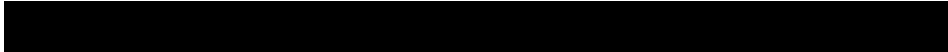
[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

**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 16 April 2016  
Your Name Norman D Pape Senior Vice Commander & Paul Warren Commander  
Address 110 Holiday Drive  
City Marietta      State Ohio      Zip Code 45750  
Telephone 

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

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.**

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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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City/Village and/or Township Newport  
County Washington State Ohio Zip Code 45768

TEXT

Soldiers Monument Unveiled article Marietta Daily Times 08 July 1913 page 1 column 2 describing monument dedication ceremony.  
Soldiers Monument report about Gordon Battelle biography, monument and poem entitled "In Memory" by Ella McRae.  
Newport Papers binder Washington County Public Library Genealogy/Local History Department 418 Washington Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750. 740-376-2172.

# SOLDIERS MONUMENT UNVEILED

With favorable weather and a large crowd of people in attendance, a splendid monument dedicated to Chaplain Gordon Battelle was unveiled this afternoon at Newport. It was erected by Newport Post G. A. R. No. 489.

At 2:00 o'clock a parade formed down town and, led by the St. Marys' band, marched to the cemetery, where the exercises of the day were held. The principal address of the afternoon was made by C. W. Hamilton, D.D., of Boston, Mass., and was followed by a number of short talks by members of the G. A. R.

The monument, which is of granite, overlooks the river and is 7 feet square at the base, while the second base is 5 feet square. Its weight is 20 tons. The inscription, which covers three sides, bears the names of 285 soldiers who fought in the three great wars of this country, enlisting at Newport.

Among the prominent visitors present at the unveiling were J. G. Battelle, wife and son of Columbus, O. Mr. Battelle was the prime mover in getting subscriptions and worked incessantly until the monument was assured. His father, Rev. Gordon Battelle, a soldier, died in Washington, D. C., in 1862. Others present were Dr. McRae, Columbus; Dr. Arbutnot, Parkersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, Fredericktown, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Wolf, Rockland, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralston, Oberlin, O.; and a number from Marietta.

## SOLDIERS MONUMENT

A memorial to the veterans of Newport Township was erected by Ross Newport, Post 489 and J. G. Battelle of Columbus in Newport Cemetery.

The statue is of Rev. Gordon Battelle, teacher, patriot and leader in the formation of West Virginia.

Gordon Battelle was born at Newport, Ohio on November 14, 1814, son of Ebenezer and Mary Greene Battelle.

The decision to become a minister was made by Gordon at the early age of fourteen. Soon after this he spent time at Brookfield, Mass., attending an academy kept by his uncle Rev. J. J. Foot, being a Calvinism of the ancient regime, he would not permit his nephew to attend Methodist preaching.

Spring of 1830 he returned home. He worked as a clerk with another Uncle James Whitney at Point Harmer. Becoming tired of this, after an interval of study at Marietta College and flat boat trading, he began his studies at Allegheny College, than under the Presidency of Rev. Martin Ruter, D. D. In 1840 he graduated with the highest honor of his class. The degree of A. M. was conferred in that course and Doctor of Divinity by the Ohio University in the summer of 1860.

He was licensed to preach in 1842 by the quarterly conference of the Parkersburg station.

While at Parkersburg he married Maria L. Tucker, on October 12, 1842. She was born in 1816 died 1889. They had two sons and six daughters. Their son, John Gordon was the father of Gordon Battelle, founder of the Battelle Memorial Institute. Their other son Charles Waldo, died at Wheeling, on December 30, 1854 at the age of 1 year 26 days. He is buried at Newport Cemetery.

Rev. Battelle organized the first class in North-Western Virginia Academy in Clarksburg in December 1843. He continued at this post until June 4, 1851, when he gave up the educational field and began in the pastoral department more fully.

In 1847 he was ordained a deacon by Bishop James at Wellspring and an elder by Bishop Waugh in 1849 at Clarksburg.

October 1861 he was appointed by Governor Pierpoint to visit Philippie, Elkwater, Cheat Mountain and other Military camps to report the conditions of the volunteers in reference to health, food, clothing, etc. While engaged in this mission he was elected as a delegate to the State of West Virginia. November 1861, he was appointed to the chaplaincy of the first regiment of Virginia Volunteers.

He visited his family at Wheeling for the last time in June 1862. He preached his last sermon on July 6, 1862. He became ill on the 7th day of July and lingered until the 7th of August.

His wife, Maria, was born 1816 and died 1889 is buried at Newport Cemetery.

The base of the granite monument, weighing 20 tons. The granite cost \$2,000. and was obtained in Vermont. And has the veterans names engraved upon it.

The unveiling took place July 6, 1913. The main address was given by Bishop Hamilton of Boston Mass., former pastor of the Newport Methodist Church.

Ella McRae wrote a poem "In Memory" which she read at the dedication.

A lawn party was held at the Gale sisters home (formerly the Battelle home, Dr. David Wirtz's office is located on this lot now) honoring the guests after the ceremonies.

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Proper credit for documents from Washington County Public Library Genealogy/Local History Department Marietta, Ohio. Soldiers Monument report about Gordon Battelle biography, monument and poem entitled "In Memory" by Ella McRae.

Credit "Footprints of Newport Township" by Eileen Thomas 1993 (manuscript).



Norm Pape

Camp 2 Ohio Department

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Marietta, Ohio 45750



## IN MEMORY

Read at the Dedication of the Soldier's Monument,  
Newport, Ohio, July 8, 1913

"In Memory" we say, and here we pause.  
For each heart has its treasured memory  
Wherewith a stranger intermeddled not.  
A Bible holds a lock of shining hair,  
A mother placed therein with tender touch,  
When she had kissed her boy a long good night;  
Letters are laid away from careless eyes---  
It may be on the slowly yellowing husk  
That hides from sight the words fog written gold---  
There stands as guard some famous war-in-chief,  
Or blooms a flag-decked tree of liberty;  
A cap that shaded merry laughing eyes  
Is hung away---he will not wear it more;  
Blue coats that one-time covered throbbing hearts  
True to the cause they loved, are empty now---  
By careful hands wrapped, fold in fold they lie,  
With wrinkled rose-leaves sweet with summer's dead,  
Unseen, unworn--or only as in case  
Known to you all--brought out by tender hands  
To shield in his last rest a father's form  
Whose heart could not forget; for he through the  
Long years had cherished it, and dying asked  
That when the end should come he might sleep  
Wearing the coat of blue His only Son  
Had worn when he had heard his country's cry,  
And answered with his life to her dire need;  
A rusted old canteen, from which you drank,  
You followed fearless in the face of death:  
These things, aye, more than these, you guard with care,  
The priceless tokens of your priceless past;  
And as you look on them the heart grows warm,  
And memory evermore with you remains.  
Today the churchyard pines sing low, sweet psalms,  
And breathe their healing balms above men grown gray;  
Whose lithe young feet answered their country's call,  
And wore their country's blue in her defense.  
The ranks are full once more---not one is dead!  
Each soldier answers to fame's roll-call, "Here!"  
And through the mist of years young faces shine  
Wearing the freshness of immortal youth.

Now unto those who brought to our loved land---  
Dear motherland!--who knows no North or South---  
The blessed peace, which holds her house in sway:  
And unto these, this younger hero breed,  
True sons of our free land and soldier sires---  
Fair bright-eyed boys whose hair still wore the shine  
Of babyhood--who offered up themselves  
That other lands might breathe our freedom's air,  
The measure of your sacrifice is full!  
For greater love hath no man than this,  
The laying down of life for stranger-friend,  
And to this soldier-priest! Fit emblem he  
Of future bloodless wars that shall be fought,  
When every man for love of brother man  
Shall wage a mighty battle 'gainst sin,  
And from our borders shall be driven out  
All that corrupts, that weakens or destroys,  
And there shall be one universal peace,  
And man be keeper of his brother man:  
And mothers, like them other of this man,  
When came the brief, sad words, "Your son is dead."  
With meekly folded hands bowed to the stroke,  
Saying: "Be still, O soul of mine, be still,  
And know that I am God." For she with God  
Had wrought through his young years that she might bring  
To manhood's stainless stature him she loved,  
And she believed that the Great Sculptor's hands  
Would perfect his own plan in heavenly heights;  
And unto all who with soul-stirring words  
Or prayers or tears or sacrifice they made  
Have helped to usher in our nation's peace,  
And heal the blood-red wounds made by the war;  
In heartfelt gratitude we pause to-day,  
As with uncovered heads we stand before  
This token of the work you wrought, O heroes  
Living, and dear deathless dead! In years to come  
When children now unborn shall ask of you  
The meaning of this stone you dedicate,  
May all the holy memories of the past  
With present noble purposes of life  
So enter in the tale your lips shall tell,  
That sons and daughters never can forget.  
Scio, Ohio.



