

2015

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
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. BEN BUTTERFELD Post 77) 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: _____

Original Dedication Date SEPT 1918 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: Forest Cemetery
Street/Road address or site location _____
City/Village LANCASTER Township GREENFZELD County FAZRFIELD

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 CITY OF LANCASTER Dept./Div. CEMETERY DEPT
Street Address 1238 N COLUMBUS ST
City LANCASTER State OH Zip Code 43130
Contact Person FRED ROBBENSON Telephone (740) 687-6604

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.) GRANITE

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

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 _____
Your Name DONALD L. GRANT SR
Address 614 FRANKLIN AVE City LANCASTER
State OH Zip Code 43130 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Donald E. Darby


Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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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 _____

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>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
White crusting	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Chalky or powdery stone	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Granular eroding of stone	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	<u>NO</u>	<u>NO</u>

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

Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) GRANITE
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" SOLID GRANITE

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

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 7' Width 6' Depth 4' or Diameter _____
 Sculpture: Height 4' Width 5' 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

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

FRONT: IN MEMORY OF THE UNION SOLDIERS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMY FROM 1861-1865

BACK: ERECTED BY BEN BUTTERFIELD POST NO. 77 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC LANCASTER, OHIO

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

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| <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 | _____ |

ers reveal details about Civil War battle

a rebel engineer to run the train, and he indeed, for we compelled him to run the train at the point of a bayonet."

M.J. Dilger

Company A 1st Ohio Volunteer Infantry

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such items as peaches, potatoes and even frog before arriving near Lookout Mountain, Tenn. At a nearby farmhouse, Pvt. Charles Harney wrapped a beehive in his coat for the troops. The angered bees nearly stung him to death until fellow soldiers helped him escape and regiment doctors healed his wounds.

The company's troops marched up Lookout Mountain, dragging artillery by hand, and met a man who was in his 40s had never been off the mountain. They reached their destination and set up camp near Chickamauga, Ga., on Sept. 18, 1863. The next day, Company A was "thrown forward as skirmishers" at the Battle of Chickamauga.

After the Union forces retreat at Chickamauga, the 1st Ohio Volunteer Infantry was bivouacked near Chattanooga, Tenn. Company A was sent to the Confederate siege of the city at Chickamauga Creek near Lookout Mountain. After initially defeating Confederate sentries, the company was beaten back by large formations of Confederate infantry. Later, troops were sent down the Tennessee River to help Union forces at Brown's Ferry.

Dilger wrote: "I remember very well while passing the rebel's picket (sentry position) that they said there goes the Yankee pontoon bridge (thinking it merely broke up and floated away), not knowing that those boats contained 1,500 brave men determined to accomplish their mission or die in the attempt."

Company A was at the front of the regiment when it took control of a ferry boat at Brown's Ferry.

Later, Lookout Mountain was captured by Union forces and the 1st Ohio Volunteer Infantry was part of the units attacking Missionary Ridge.

"I will say right here the flag of the First Ohio was the first on Mission Ridge in the center and was placed there by Capt. J.A. Stafford, a brave man who was loved by all of the compa-



THE LOCAL Civil War monument stands today near the top of Lancaster's Forest Cemetery. The monument is surrounded by some of those local veterans' grave sites. It was dedicated in September 1918. (E-G photo by William P. Cannon)

... It was here I saw a caisson burst which sent several rebels to their long home," Dilger

ing some incoming enemy cannon shells.

"One shell exploded near Missionary Ridge, cutting him nearly

basement, before returning to Lancaster at the war's end.

Dilger died in 1915 at a



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