

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:  
 SUVCW Jacob Parrott Camp#33 Department of Ohio, Kenton, Ohio. Daughters of Union Veterans Lizabeth Turner Tent#23  
 Department of Ohio, Lima, Ohio. Also Memorial Day Services are held here every year.

**Original Dedication Date** 1903

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 Corner of High Street and Main Street, Lafayette, Ohio

GPS Coordinates N40 45.621 W83 56.912

City/Village &/or Township Lafayette

County Allen State Ohio Zip Code 45854

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

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

Name Jackson Township/Village of Lafayette

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

Street Address P.O.Box 7158, 225 Sugar Street

City Lafayette State Ohio Zip Code 45854

Contact Person Lee Yoakam Telephone (419 ) 649-6482 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? Solid

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Sand stone



**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*.

Thank you.

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey April 11 2018

Your Name Harry Haggard

Address 1721 Poinsettia Drive

City Lima

State Ohio

Zip Code 45806

Telephone 

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

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  
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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.

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? (Look for signs of exterior rust)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	_____✓
Any broken or missing parts? (Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	_____✓
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	_____✓

**Surface Appearance** (check as many as may apply)

	<b>Sculpture</b>	<b>Base</b>
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) .

There has bee

Inspector's Name Harry Haggard

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

A memorial garden has been added to the north of the monument to honor all veterans. The Statue and plinth have been removed to Columbus Art Memorial Inc., Columbus Ohio for repair and coating. A concrete base is to be poured and 2 unpolished granite stones added as a base.

Please note: Jacob Parrott, the first Medal of Honor recipient, was honored at the initial ceremony in 1903. Jacob Parrott is the name sake for SUVCW Camp#33, Department of Ohio, Kenton Ohio. Jacob Parrott's home was in Kenton, Ohio near here and is buried in Kenton's' grove cemetery.

Please see the attached newspaper articles.

Inspector's Name Harry Haggard

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## POLL

Do you hang on to the holiday cards you're sent?

- Yes, I keep them forever
- No, just for a little bit
- No, I usually recycle/toss them right away
- Does not apply

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The Jackson Township Civil War soldier monument in Lafayette was built in 1903.

Craig J. Orosz | The Lima News



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Fundraising has begun to address the monument's crumbling base.

Craig J. Orosz | The Lima News

To donate:

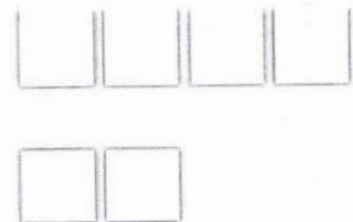
LAFAYETTE — Standing on the corner of High and Main streets is the Jackson Township Civil War soldier monument. The stone soldier wears the uniform of the Grand Army of the Republic, but he represents all soldiers who have fought for democracy at home or abroad, soldiers alive and dead.

The monument has served as a landmark for residents of Lafayette as well as a point of pride.

In 1903, the citizens of Jackson Township raised \$400 to build the Civil War soldier monument in tribute to the area's soldiers. This monument was unveiled Nov. 24, 1903.

"The community held a fundraiser and actually raised the \$400 to put the statue up in one day. They were really proud of it. A few facts that are interesting; one of the dignitaries that was there for the unveiling was Jacob Parrott who was the first Congressional Medal of Honor winner from Kenton. They started giving the Congressional Medal of Honor in the Civil War and the reason he was the first was because he was the youngest of that group that got awarded for it," said Lee Yoakam, past president of the Lafayette Jackson Historical Society.

There are currently 269 memorials in 85 counties in Ohio. Most are in cemeteries,



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Donations are tax deductible.

For more information, call Lee Yoakam at 419-230-5177.

but others are in parks and at prominent intersections, such as Lafayette's. Fully half feature the popular image of a soldier standing at parade rest. An inventory of Ohio's Civil War memorials can be found online at

<http://library.cincymuseum.org/cwdetails7help.htm>.

"One thing that I found out in the research that I did was that this was a very unusual monument, for a town this size. You see these throughout the state and throughout other states similar monuments, but not in the town the size of Lafayette. They were very proud of it back then. You know the fact that towns twice or three times our size don't have monuments that nice, I think it is rare that we have one so good, expensive and nice here in Lafayette," said Yoakam.

In 2001, the citizens of Jackson Township raised \$30,000 to restore the soldier on the monument.

Currently, the base of the monument is crumbling, and the citizens are again being called upon.

"Right now they've got donations of \$46,000 and they need \$120,000 total. We have \$30,000 in cash donations and Scott Spallinger has offered a crane and an operator for the dis-assembly and re-assembly and then also to buy the materials and help lay the foundation too, so that amounts to about \$16,000 according to the people we have contracted out of Columbus," said Yoakam.

Columbus Art Memorial Inc. has been contracted. This restoration encompasses the entire monument being disassembled and the wrought iron fence removed. The soldier and plinth, the part the soldier stands on, would be removed to Columbus Art. The two base stones will be replaced with unpolished granite, after the below-ground base has been removed and replaced.

Donations are being solicited now. A fundraiser may be held in spring.

While the historical society plays a role in handling the money, the restoration itself is a township/village responsibility.

"I can't imagine Memorial Day without our soldier observing the parade and solemn ceremony held at his feet. Our veterans have discharged their duty. Now it is time for us to do our duty and show respect for the sacrifices those men and women who serve our country have made," said Yoakam.

Reach Merri Hanjora at 567-242-0511



By Rev. Ronald Irick, May 10, 2016

**7. LaFayette - Jackson Township Civil War Memorial Marker**  
close up of statue only

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# SAVE THE SOLDIER

**\$118,000**



**LaFayette  
Jackson  
Historical  
Society**

\$90,000

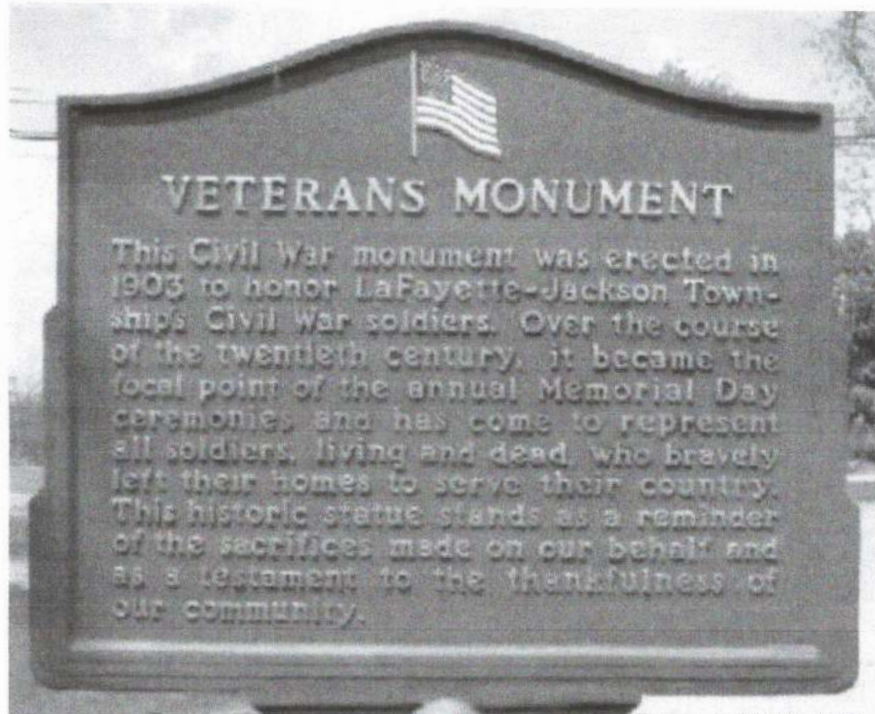
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\$50,000

**Lee Yoakam - 419.230.5177  
Bill Kimmel - 419.649.2874**

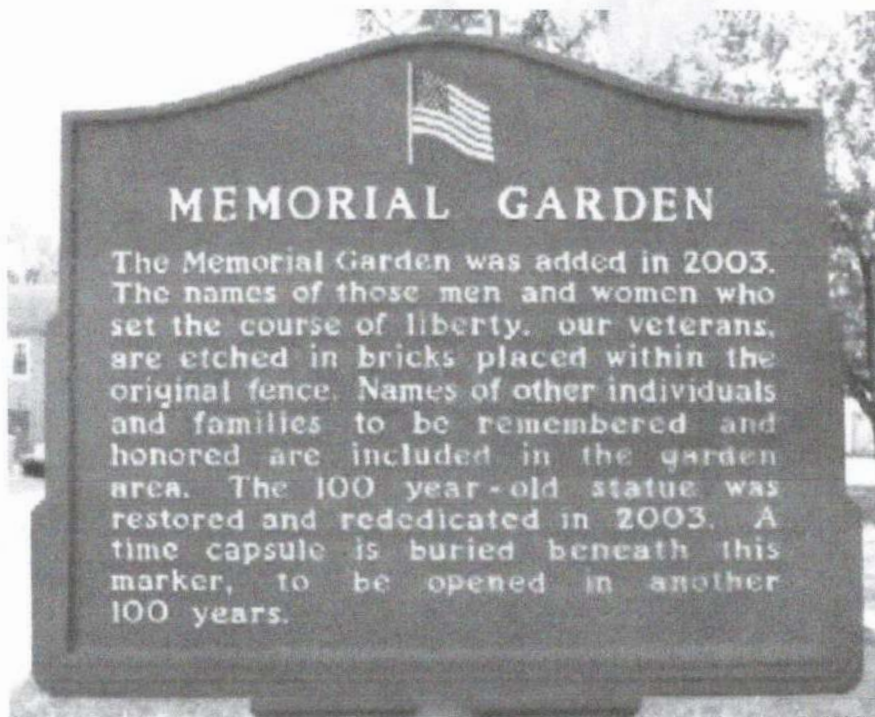
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4255 N. Phillips Rd. Harrod, OH 45850**

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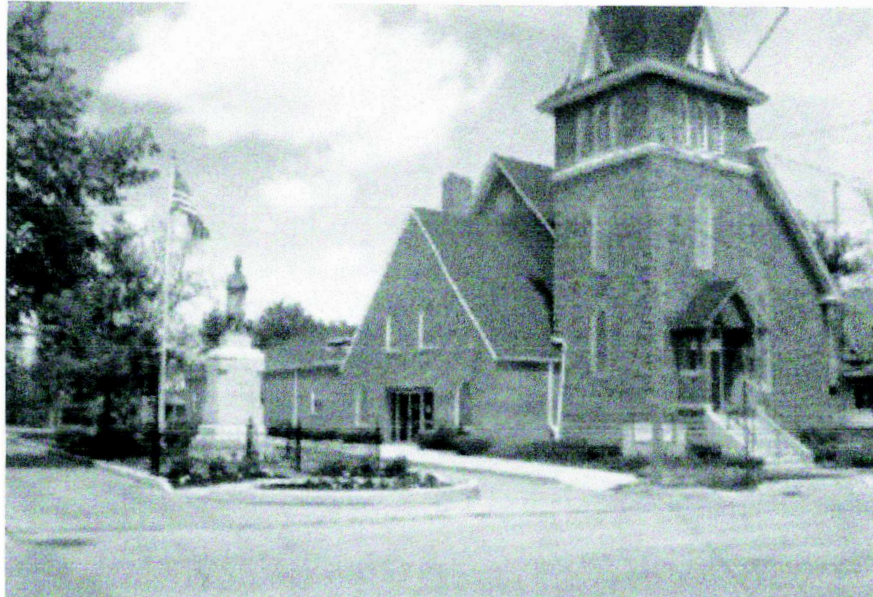
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3. LaFayette-Jackson Twp Veterans Monument Marker (Side A)



By William Fischer, Jr., May 10, 2009

4. LaFayette-Jackson Twp Memorial Garden Marker (Side B)



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**5. LaFayette - Jackson Township Civil War Memorial**  
Looking NE, with Zion Lutheran Church in background.



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**6. LaFayette - Jackson Township Civil War Memorial Marker**  
full view of monument; statue and base