

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:

The Soldier's Circle. For G.A.R the circle is the final resting place for a number of soldiers. Jacob H. Benjamin was the first soldier to be buried in the cemetery's circle. Interred on June 21, 1889. The 'Soldier's Monument,' made of Vermont granite erected in 1901, stands near the entrance to the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Homer. The cemetery was dedicated in 1887 and operated by Homer GAR Post 263 until 1922.

Original Dedication Date 1901 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 Soldier's Circle, Homer Cemetery
600 E Second St GPS Coordinates N40°2'16.899999 W87°57.5700000
 City/Village &/or Township Homer
 County Champaign State Illinois Zip Code 61849

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Village of Homer
 Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 500 E Second St
 City Homer State IL Zip Code 61849
 Contact Person villageofhomer@gmail.com Telephone (618) 896-2521 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.) Vermont 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.) Vermont Gray Granite

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Granite

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 ammution 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 [Soldier's Monument](#)

Materials of the Memorial _____

Complete for All Memorials

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

18 ft Height 10 ft Width 10 ft 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.

[Back]
 Corps 69 W.R.C
 Post 263 G.A.R.

[Front] 1901 Erected to the Memory of Our Soldiers

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 8/19/2022
 Your Name Walter E Busch
 Address 1240 Konert Valley Dr
 City Fenton State MO Zip Code 63026
 Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

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

US Grant Camp 68, Dept of Missouri 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.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.





1861-1865

OCHELTREE





WOOD

ERNEST A. WOOD

BORN 1871



W

WILLIAM

1864



WILLIAM

1840

1890

WILLIAM
MAYNARD
MAYNARD
MAYNARD
MAYNARD





CORPS
89. W. R. D.
— POST 268
G. A. R.



CORPS

69. W. R. C. —

— POST 263

G. A. R.
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CORPS

68. W.R.G.

POST 263

G. A. R.



CORPS
63. 11. 18. 62
POST 2600
G. A. R.