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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 with Cannon
 ___ Monument *without* Sculpture ___ Historical Marker ___ Plaque

Affiliation

___ G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) ___ 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: Sisters of the Good Samaritan

Original Dedication Date 1867 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 1020 South 5th Street Woodland Cemetery
 City/Village Quincy Township _____ County Adams - Illinois

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 Woodland Cemetery Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 1020 South 5th Street
 City Quincy State Ill. Zip Code 62301
 Contact Person Woodland Cemetery Telephone (217) 222-2412

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.) Limestone

General Vicinity

- Rural (low population, open land)
- Town
- Suburban (residential, near city)
- Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

- Industrial
- Street/Roadside within 20 feet
- Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)
- Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)
- Commercial
- Tree Covered (overhanging branches)

Any other significant environmental factor Over hanging branches are on the West side and very little protection provided.

Condition Information

Structural Condition (check as many as may apply)

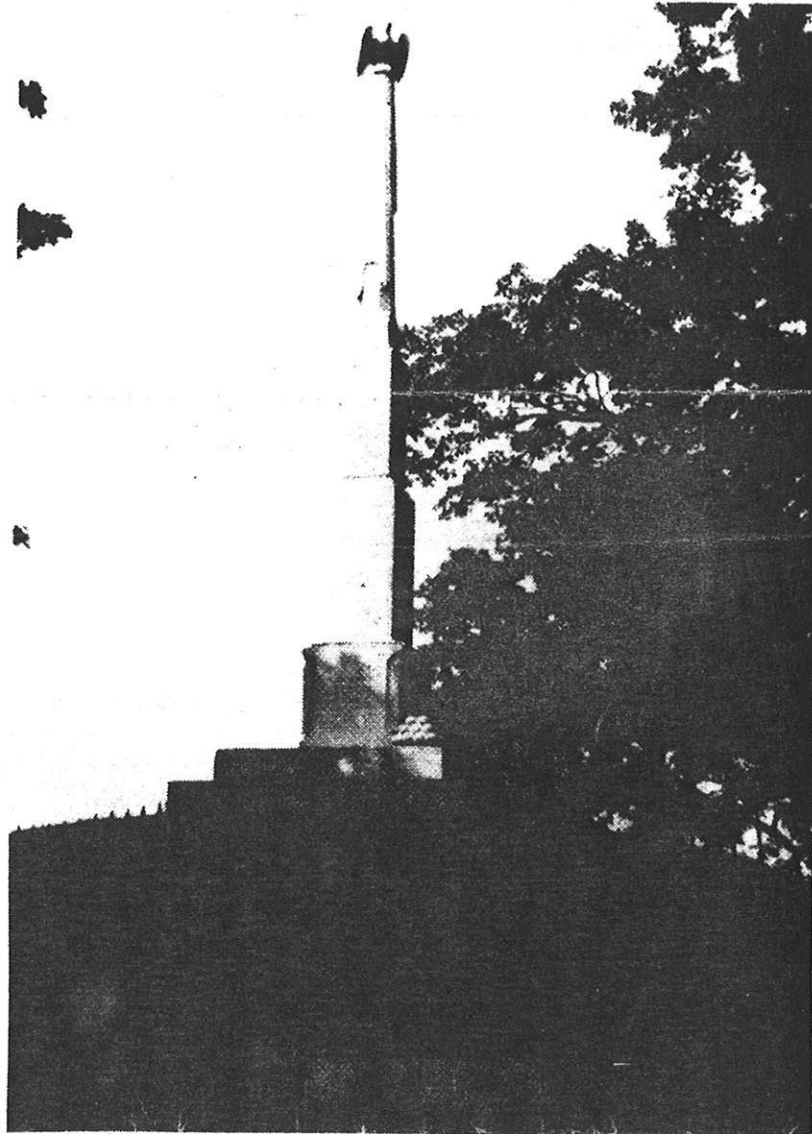
The following section applies to Monuments *with* Sculpture, and Monuments without Sculpture - including the base for Monuments with *Cannon*. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

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

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
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	__X	__X
Granular eroding of stone	__X	__X
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	__X	__X
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



SOLDIERS' MONUMENT

The "Memorial Monument" dedicated to the Civil War Union Soldiers can be found in Block 8 on the 'Mound'. (See: Map page 73)

"Consecrated, A.D. 1867, by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, in duty, affection and reverence, to the memory of the faithful soldiers of Adams County, who gave their lives that the nation might live."

The patriot women of Adams County, known as the "Needle Pickets" and "Sisters of the Good Samaritan", performed many services for the Union Soldiers who came back wounded, sick and needing care. There were five large hospital in Quincy at this time; where thousands of the poor boys in blue were

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provided for. These women labored in many ways to give generous profits to the cause.

At the close of the war a fund of several thousand dollars was left in the Sisters of the Good Samaritan treasury. The Society used a portion for the relief of the soldiers' needy families. It was resolved by the unanimous voice of the society "that having done what it could for the living patriots, it would now make an effort to commemorate the honors of the dead heros". It was then they decided upon erecting a Soldiers' Monument high on the bluff in Woodland Cemetery.

Mr. C.G. Volk of Quincy, an artist and architect was contracted to erect the monument, having it completed in 1867. It stands on the highest point on the crest of the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. A beautiful flattened cone, some six feet in height forms the base. The towering marble top is twenty four feet tall with a wrought iron American Eagle, with wings partially spread, on top facing the south-east. A pyramid of cannon balls are on one corner of the base. The cost of constructiong the monument was \$3,000. It is completely inclosed within a wrought iron fence.

The United States Military Cemetery of Quincy was established in Woodland along the north side of the cemetery (Jefferson Street side). The City of Quincy donated $\frac{1}{2}$ acre for this purpose in 1870 and it became a National Cemetery in 1882.

Four large cannons were placed in position in 1874. By 1879, there had been 242 internments; 236 known, 6 unknown.

A superintendent was appointed until 1883, when Woodland Cemetery Association resumed the care for the National Cemetery under a government contract.

In 1899, the Government purchased a site in the Graceland Cemetery (33rd Maine St) and transferred 309 remains from the Woodland Cemetery to the present site still retaining the name "Quincy National Cemetery". When the graves were opened, not a vestage of clothing, or the old coffins were found; only the hair, bones and soldiers buttons remained. These were placed into individual three foot boxes and re-interned. The cannons were moved and still have their place in the Quincy National Cemetery on Maine Street. It has been supervised by the Cemetery Director, Keokuk National Cemetery, Keokuk, Iowa, since July 1874.

Taken from a history of Woodland Cemetery. No other account can be found at this time.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS
A. D. 1867.

HE WAS BORN IN
GROTON - MASSACHUSETTS
ON JANUARY 10 - 1810
AND DIED IN
PROVIDENCE - RHODE ISLAND
ON AUGUST 10 - 1867.

HE WAS BURIED IN
THE CEMETERY AT
PROVIDENCE - RHODE ISLAND.







