

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. G.L. Nevins #1 Auxillary)                      \_\_\_ 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** Memorial Day - 1878 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 Auburn + Main Streets  
 City/Village Rockford Township Rockford County Winnebago

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 Rockford Dept./Div. Park District  
 Street Address 401 S. Main Street  
 City Rockford State IL Zip Code 61108  
 Contact Person Ken Butler Telephone (815) 987-8000

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

Formerly at corner of Church + Elm Streets

**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.) Tan concrete

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

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 12' Width 3' Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter 3'  
 Sculpture: Height 6' Width 2-3' Depth 2' 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.

A TIMELESS TRIBUTE TO EVERY SOLDIER  
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**Environmental Setting**

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

**Type of Location**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle | <input type="checkbox"/> Library        | _____                                    |

**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)	___	___
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)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	___	___
White crusting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	___
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

**Overall Description**

Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

*Figure of infantry Soldier on top of a "Composite Greek" Column. Column is last remaining piece of 1878 County Courthouse. Pillar is mounted on 3 circles of concrete and has two flower pots sitting on it. Monument is surrounded by cobblestone sidewalk.*

**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 11-1-2009

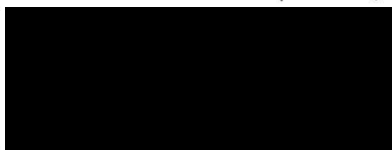
Your Name Gregory Carter

Address 1408 26th St City Rockford

State IL Zip Code 61108 Telephone ( [REDACTED] )

Please send this completed form to:

Kevin P. Tucker, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee

...brized ...  
...McDonson in the Patrol Wagon, Free Glenby at the helm of the c. 1883 Paddy ...  
...bank, and James Chandler on horseback.



THE FOUNTAIN, COURTHOUSE SQUARE. The Grand Army of the Republic Association of members ...



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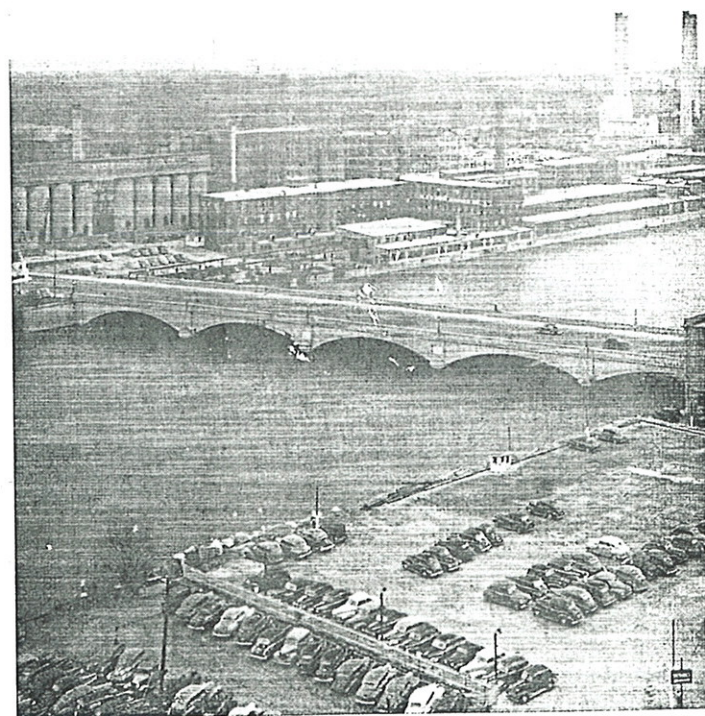
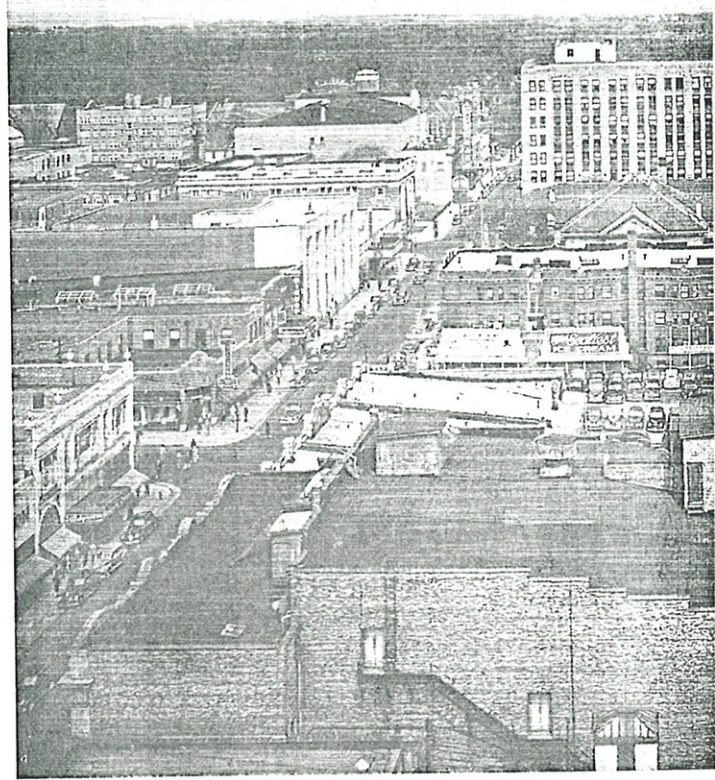
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**Above:** View of the north side of West State Street from the steps of the courthouse, circa 1930. *Courtesy Betty Reece*

**Above right:** View of Rockford, circa 1935. Wyman Street is at right and North Main Street on the left. Gas and electric building is at center. *Courtesy Carl Burchett*

**Right:** View of the Chestnut Street Bridge, 1930s. *Courtesy Carl Burchett*



1878  
Original G.A.R. Monument  
AT Courthouse  
Rockford, IL