

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- 1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- 2. 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
- Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)
- Monument with *Cannon*
- Historical Marker Plaque

Affiliation

- G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) M.O.L.L.U.S
- SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____) (Please describe below)
- WRC (Corps Name & No. Vermont Corps No. 167)
- ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. _____)
- DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
- LGAR (Circle Name & No. _____)
- Other _____

Original Dedication Date 9-15-1904 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 Vermont Cemetery
City/Village Vermont Township Vermont County Schuyler
State 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 Village of Vermont
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 106 N. Main Street City _____
Vermont State IL Zip Code 61484 Contact Person _____
Robert Young Jr. Telephone () 217-784-8281

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.) Brown Concrete

SUVCW -- CIVIL WAR

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = not legible

Markings on Left Trunion Not legible Right Trunion Not legible
Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? No If so, describe _____

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

Monument or Base: Height 15 FT Width 6 FT Depth 6 FT or Diameter _____
Sculpture: Height 7 FT Width 3 FT Depth 2 FT 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.

Erected by the G.A.R. and W.R.C. of Vermont Township in honor of all sodiers and sailors who on land or sea periled life and liberty in defense of the flag 1861-1865

Dedicated Thursday, Sept. 15, 1904

C. Zolve, Wm. Hoopes, R. Matthewson, Trustees

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 | _____ |

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) .

Infantry soldier in greatcoat at parade rest, mounted atop a tall cylinder pillar. Base of pillar features an M1824 iron flank howitzer and at one time had a natural gas torch. The torch has been destroyed and was lying on the ground in pieces. The gun is rusted and needs to be sanded and painted.

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 4-19-2012

Your Name Gregory M. Carter, PCC

Address 1118 1/2 Ohio Street

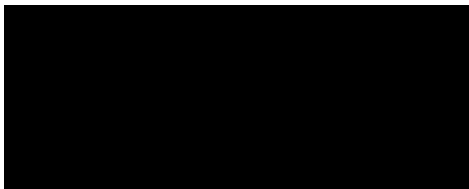
City Quincy

State IL Zip Code 62301

Telephone ([REDACTED])

What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? SUVCW, MOLLUS

Please send this completed form to



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

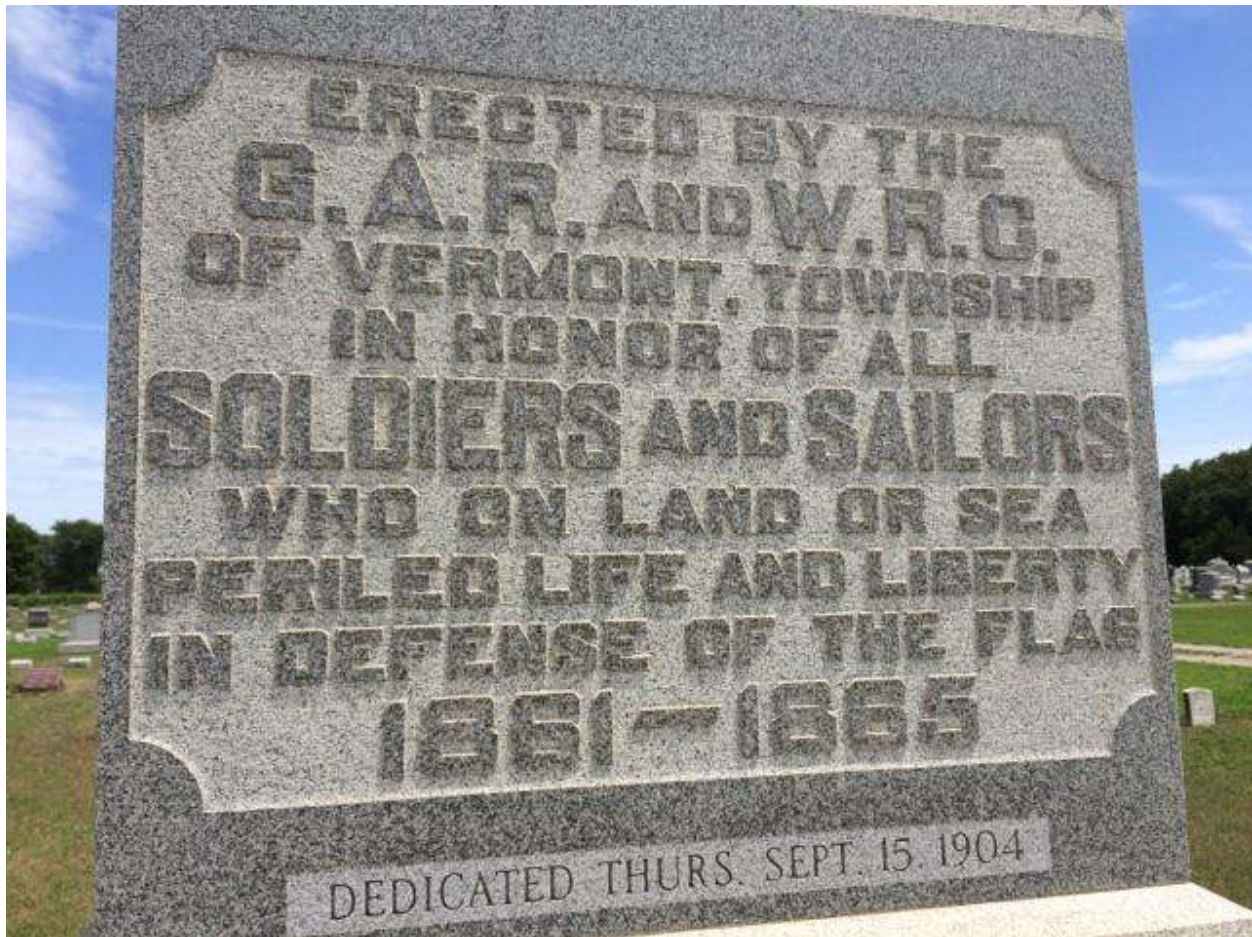
CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee











Re: FW: G.A.R. W.R.C. Memorial preservation..

Bruce D. Frail

Tue 7/19/2016 6:14 PM

[To] execdir@suvcw.org <execdir@suvcw.org>; suvcw_ngro@verizon.net <suvcw_ngro@verizon.net>;

[Cc] midwestgrass@macomb.com <midwestgrass@macomb.com>; CofA5@suvcw.org <CofA5@suvcw.org>; CofA2@suvcw.org <CofA2@suvcw.org>;

3 attachments (230 KB)

IMG_0405 VERMONT CIVIL WAR MONUMENT C.jpg; IMG_0407 VERMONT CIVIL WAR MONUMENT B.jpg; IMG_0412 VERMONT CIVIL WAR MONUMENT A.jpg;

Hello Brother David,

Unfortunately, even though this beautiful monument is located in a cemetery it doesn't fall under my committee's or my office's direction and the only official response that I may give is to refer this matter to the National Civil War Memorials Officer and his committee. That being done, as I Cced Brother Walter E. Busch, PDC, on this reply, I would also like to give my personnel recommendation that the eternal flame should be removed and the gas line shut off and capped, replace the concrete around the base of the memorial with newer, thicker and reinforced concrete at least 3,500 psi with the shape remaining the same, move the cannon tube and base forward to the former place of the flame and place a new granite obelisk with a hollowed center on top for the placement of a solar powered light to take the place of the eternal flame and that the Department of Illinois or a local camp put in a request to provide funding in the amount of at least \$1,000.00 to the max allowed thru the SUCVW Civil War Memorial Grant Fund. I

have also Cced the Chairman of that Fund on this email as well.

God Bless you Scott & Georgia and all that give so much of themselves to assist keeping the memory of the GAR alive.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty
Bruce D. Frail, PDC
National Graves Registration Officer
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

On 07/19/16, David Demmy<execdir@suvcw.org> wrote:

Brother Bruce, please review the query below and offer SUVCW advice and assistance according to your committee and office requirements.

Regards David

From: Scott Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 4:08 PM
To: exec [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: G.A.R. W.R.C. Memorial preservation..
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Demmy,

Our names are Scott & Georgia Jones, we live in west central Illinois near the Village of Vermont, IL..

Georgia and I have been lifelong residents of the area with Vermont being her ancestral burial site.. The Vermont Cemetery has a very majestic Civil War monument erected in 1904 by the G.A.R. and the W.R.C. commemorating the military participants of that great war (Please note the attached photos) that has fallen into disrepair..

The reason for this email is that my wife and I want to appropriately address the removal/replacement of the dilapidated eternal flame with an additional tribute that is in the proper historical context while adding to the overall dignity of the monument.. Funding is not an issue; the dignified preservation of the memorial and the personal sacrifice that it represents is our sole intent..

Any thoughts or ideas that you and your organization have would be deeply appreciated since it is actually the G.A.R. and the W.R.C.'s generosity and civic consciousness that provided the Village of Vermont, IL. with this enduring testament to the American Spirit..

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your thoughts..

Regards,

Scott & Georgia Jones

MidWest Grass & Forage

2600 East Jackson St.

Macomb, IL. 61455

Donna @ (309)837-1820

Laura @ (309)255-3461

Dean @ (309)333-0815

Scott @ (309)255-9503

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Re: Vermont Cemetery repair work

darby@horizonview.net

Tue 7/19/2016 6:51 AM

Inbox

[To:] Brian Pierson [REDACTED]
[Cc:] jdaviss [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; exe [REDACTED]
<execdi [REDACTED]>; CofAOffi [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>;
>All,

The Grant process begins with either the Camp or the Department submitting an application for said funds. Thus Jonathan's recommendation that the Department be notified is the correct procedure so that the nearest camp can be notified for needs. The Memorials and Monuments Fund should not accept requests from the public as this was and is not the intent of the fund.

I would also point out that the email stated "Funding is NOT an issue" (emphasis added), so is there a need for our funds? Also was are now in the time of the year where the CofA needs to look at the money in the current fund and start to follow the Encampment vote distribute funds to the National Parks etc.

SOOOOO with that in mind I make the motion that the CofA move forward with the distribution of the Monuments and Memorials Fund as directed by the 1995 National Encampment. Are there any parks come to mind?

Darby

David,

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> Please also send me the contact info so I can advise them on the grant
> application process.

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> In FC&L,

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> BP

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> From: jdavissuvc [REDACTED]

> Sent: Monday, July 18, 2016 4:49 PM

> To: exe [REDACTED] CofAOf [REDACTED]

> Subject: Re: Vermont Cemetery repair work

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> David,

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> In reading this, the cemetery in question is actually in the Village of
> Vermont, Illinois so I believe this can be sent to that department.

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> Regards,

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> Jonathan

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: David Demmy [REDACTED]

> To: Cofaofficers <[REDACTED]>

> Sent: Mon, Jul 18, 2016 4:22 pm

> Subject: Vermont Cemetery repair work

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> Brothers

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> To whom should the following query be assigned to; especially since our
> department of Vermont is suspended and this office has heard nothing from
> them regarding their 2016 reporting to headquarters?

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> 1904 by the G.A.R. and the W.R.C. commemorating the military participants
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> Regards David

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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:

WRC #167; GAR #325

Original Dedication Date 9/15/1904 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 1005 N. Union Street, Vermont
GPS Coordinates _____
City/Village &/or Township Village of Vermont
County Fulton State Illinois Zip Code 61484

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Vermont Cemetery
Dept./Div. Sexton
Street Address 302 W 5th
City Vermont State IL Zip Code 61484
Contact Person Tana Crossman Telephone (309) 252-0832 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.) gray Banded Granite - State of Vermont

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

For Cannons with/without monument: CURTIS I. WANN (1823-1900)
WANN FOUNDRY, VERMONT, ILL - CIVIL WAR. M.L. 1st CANNON - NOT FEDERAL SERVICE

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) NAPELON 4" Rifled YES NO

Markings: Muzzle NONE VISIBLE Base Ring/Breech NONE VISIBLE

Left Trunion NONE VISIBLE Right Trunion NONE VISIBLE

Is inert ammunition 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

Materials of the Memorial

Complete for All Memorials

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

32' Height 6'3" Width 6' Depth or 6' 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 John Meerkle and Sons Peoria, IL

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum - narrative sheet if necessary.

"ERECTED by the G.A.R and W.V.C of VERMONT TOWNSHIP IN HONOR OF ALL SOLDIERS and SAILORS who on land or sea per. led life and liberty IN DEFENSE OF THE FLAG 1861-1865."

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 MAY 15, 2017
Your Name John D Bybee
Address 601 South Main
City VERMONT State IL Zip Code 61484
Telephone _____

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?
No

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
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM
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.]

The Memorial is *currently* located at:
Street/Road address or site location 1005 N. UNION street
GPS Coordinates _____
City/Village and/or Township VERMONT
County FULTON State IL Zip Code 61484

TEXT

[Empty rectangular box for narrative text]

Inspector's Name Gene Walker
ADDENDUM FORM CWM #61

>This form may be photocopied.<

Date MAY 12, 2017

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This AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 15th day of March, 1904, by and between John Merkle & Sons, of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, parties of the first part, and William Hoopes and C. Zoll, trustees of G.A.R. Post #325, of Vermont, ^{Robert Matkinson,} Fulton County, Illinois, parties of the second part, witnesseth:

That the parties of the first part agree to furnish and erect in the Vermont Cemetery, during the month of August, 1904, or within a reasonable time thereafter, a Soldiers' Monument per design submitted, to be cut from the best grade of light Parre granite, free from sap, iron and other defects, in the following sizes and finish,-

B. Base,	6'-3" X 6'-3" X 1'-6",	rock face & margined,
Base,	4'-7" X 4'-7" X 1'-0",	rock face & margined,
Base,	3'-10" X 3'-10" X 1'-2",	rock face & margined,
Die,	3'-0" X 3'-0" X 3'-0",	4 faces polished & traced as shown on design, with inscription raised in sunk panel on front, as follows:-

*Erected by the G.A.R. and W.R.C. of Vermont, Township
in honor of all Soldiers & Sailors who on land or sea
periled life & liberty in defense of the flag
1861 - 1865*

Plinth,	2'-4" X 2'-4" X 1'-8",	all fine hammered, with bas-relief emblems on same as follows:- 2 crossed guns, cannon & cannon balls, anchor & rope, 2 crossed swords,
Shaft,	2'-0" X 2'-0" X 9'-0",	all fine hammered, with ^{W.R.C.} G.A.R. emblem traced on front, face of emblem polished,
Cap,	2'-9" X 2'-9" X 1'-8",	4 faces rock face & margined,
Soldier at "parade rest",-	1'-10" X 1'-10" X 6'-0";	

The monument to be set on a concrete foundation not less than 6'-0" deep, and as much deeper as is deemed necessary to insure the monument from settling;

All stock and work used in the completion of this monument to be strictly first class, and all carving to be neatly and artistically executed;

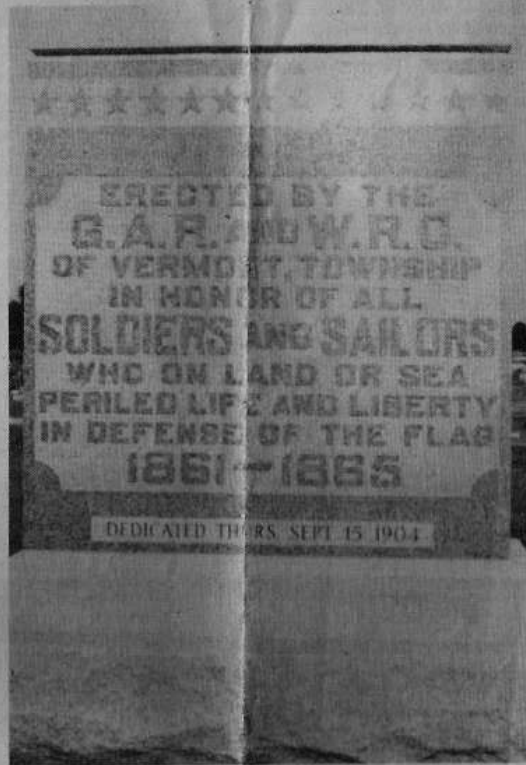
All joints to be caulked and made perfectly water tight.

The parties of the second part agree to pay unto the parties of the first part the sum of One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars, (\$1200.00), when this work is completed in strict accordance with this agreement.

John Merrill & Sons
D. G. P. C.
William Hoopes
Robert Mathewson, Jr.



Our thanks to Gordon Snowden of Odessa, Tex. for photos.



History Of Monument At Vermont Cemetery

Leona and I have been Grave Registration Officers of Carroll Rankin Post No. 26 of the American Legion Auxiliary in Vermont for over 30 years and in carrying out our duties in the Vermont Cemetery, we passed the Civil War Memorial many times.

Vermont Union which read, "The people of Vermont and community realized their ambitions last week when the Civil War Memorial in our beautiful cemetery was dedicated on Thursday, Sept. 15, 1904."

We knew people of Vermont and surrounding area donated money to the cost of building it. We knew of the dedication now, but who built it?

Last Memorial Day, 1980, we

quiet for awhile and then he said, "come down, I think I can help you."

About a month later I went to Sidney's home and he presented me with the original contract, the text of which follows:

This AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 15th day of March, 1904, by and between John Merkle & Sons, of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, parties of the first part, and William Hoopes, Robert Matthewson, and C. Zoll,

there was a song by the choir, followed by prayer by Rev. A. R. Morgan, of Canton. The monument was then unveiled by four girls, Misses Mary Matthews, Mabel Royal, Lucy Hamm and Mildred Ralston.

The monument is a beautiful piece of work, standing twenty-five feet high, mounted by the figure of a soldier standing at rest arms. The base measures six and one-half feet square. On the side facing the west is the following

And who cometh riding in the day new born.
Waving his saber like a flag, unfurled?
Sheridan! Sheridan! with his "Turn boys, turn!"
Ready like Lexis to subdue a world.

Out of Life's silence sound the deathless cheers.
Or is it an anthem of the brave and free.

While down the ringing corridors of years.

Sherman still marches to the Southern sea.

Vicksburg lies placid in the morning sun.

Bloodshed and carnage are forgotten now

And Grant lieth sleeping with his life work done

A conqueror's crown upon his noble brow.

But who cometh crowned, across the slope of years

Bearing a palm leaf in his sinewy hand?

Who cometh smiling at our falling tears?

Can it be Lincoln, from the silent land?

Father and lover of the grateful North!

Look down upon the land you died to save.

Look down and tell thy children, was it worth

One hour of the matchless life you gave?

Thine was the wisdom and power to look

Into the future and the end to see.

"Reading a life backward like a Hebrew book"

And setting a Nation with a sword sweep, free.

Ours is such glory as will one day fade.

For a mere Soldier it doth us suffice

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Willard 'Pill' Thomas
Astoria — 759-4296

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Full Time or Part Time

3:00-11:00 and/or 11:00-7:00 L.P.N.

— APPLY —

Snyder's Vaughn-Haven, Inc.
Rushville, Illinois

Make
Grandparents'
Day gorgeous
--with flowers
and plants.



Sunday, September 7th.
is Grandparents' Day.

Tell your grandparents just how much you love them — with flowers and plants. Right now we have pick-of-the-crop flowers and plants that will make your grandparents' day bigger, brighter, better.

Stop by or give us a call. We'll take care of all the details.

Make an arrangement with

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Astoria, Ill.

position & traced as shown in design, with inscription raised in sunk panel on front, as follows:

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Shaft, 2'-0" x 2'-0" x 9'-0", all fine hammered, with W.R.C. & G.A.R. emblem traced on front face of emblem polished.

Cap, 2'-9" x 2'-9" x 1'-8", 4 face rock face & margined.

Soldier at "parade rest", 1'-10" x 1'-10" x 6'-0".

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John Merkle and Son
C. Zoll, P.C.

William Hooper
Robert Matthewson, Adj.

We have had the program of dedication for around 30 years. It had been cut out of a Vermont Union, but they had failed to cut the date out with it.

The following is the text of the original program.

**SOLDIERS
MONUMENT DEDICATED
Fine New Monument
Unveiled In The
Presence Of
Large Crowd**

The unveiling of the Soldiers Monument was duly celebrated on last Thursday. The day was an ideal one for the occasion and many people from the surrounding country and neighboring towns turned out to witness the ceremonies and hear the excellent program provided.

The Astoria band furnished excellent music. On arriving here at about ten a.m., they gave a concert in the park before the noon hour.

Promptly at one o'clock the line of march was formed, consisting of the band, the speakers of the day, members of the Geo. Yocum Post, Womens Relief Corp. and citizens.

On arriving at the cemetery

present. Mr. Woods enjoys the distinction of being the first Adjutant General of the G.A.R.

The Camp fire held in the evening was well attended and a good program was provided. Rev. A. R. Morgan, of Canton was the principal speaker.

By request, Miss Whedon again recited the poem delivered at cemetery, of which the following is a copy:

Men of the North: Here in this sacred spot

Where our belov'd — unmindful of the years,

Slumber, by lover and by friend forgot.

While Heaven alone with sunlight and with tears

Scatters its treasures with a lavish hand.

Comrades and foes, old wounds remembered not

Here in true fellowship, together stand.

But not alone, for underneath these trees,

Garbed in the robes they wore into the fray

Poising their muskets on their blue clad knees,

Angels are with us in our camp to day.

Reaching across the grave a comrade hand.

Here in the silence where we stand, the while

Seeing and yet unseen around us stand

Boys, on whose faces shine a deathless smile.

Theirs was the glory, when the battle done

Weary with fighting and with watching spent,

Honor and freedom and a victory won.

Unto the campfire of the Lord they went.

Ours was the story of the longer fight

After the rifle and the sword laid down,

Wounded, we struggled on through life's dark night.

Crownless forever — who had earned a crown.

Keeping eternal, in our memories, green

Graves of the heroes who at Shiloh lay

After the battle, in the ranks between

Comrade and foeman in the blue and gray.

Spirit of Logan! Like a prayer unsaid,

Or like a mighty anthem without sound

Back from the campfires of the deathless dead

Cometh our hero like a King uncrowned.

Love Thou Thy Country! and while life shall last,

Cherish its future for the good it brings.

Keep its traditions of the sacred past.

Holding them dearer than the crown of kings

So when the bugle of the Captain sounds,

And the great army of the dead go forth,

Loving and loved, on Heaven's camping ground

Shall stand united, Both the South and North.

Two of the ladies, Miss Mildred Ralston and Lucy Hamm Cox, who unveiled the monument at dedication are still living.

We considered ourselves quite fortunate to have gathered so much information not from hearsay but from original documents.

One day I was in Vermont and was talking with two of my friends Lucille and Teresa Smith. They were telling me how nice it was to have the information about the Memorial. I thanked them and told them I wasn't done yet. I would like to know who the soldier was standing on top of the monument. Almost in unison they said, "we do!"

The sculptor asked for a picture to make the statue from and so the G.A.R. and W.R.C. ran a photo contest and let him pick the picture. He chose Pvt. Martin K. Dobson, Co. H, 85th Ill. Volunteers, a Vermont man. He was a relative of Lucille and Teresa Smith.

Lucille and Teresa Smith said their mother, Clara Amerine, told them many times when they were young who the soldier was. Mrs. Amerine was one of the most active members of the Womens Relief Corps, and lived many years after the monument was erected.

We think that this issue is pretty well closed. No doubt we don't have it all, but what we have is from the original documents.

We want to thank Sidney Thomas, Lucille and Teresa Smith for their help. Without it we could have gone nowhere.

Several times throughout the years we nearly gave up on it. Each time we started again with renewed strength and finally made it.


There is one question I have which we have the answer to, we think. Why is the statue facing the West instead of the South, East or North? It is a sentry standing watch over the West Gate.

Sept. 15, 1980 this memorial will be 76 years old.

Leona and Edmund Snowden
Vermont, Ill. 61484

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST
(FORM CWM #62)

genewalker61@gmail.com

REQUESTOR INFORMATION (Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Camp 4, Springfield, IL Gene Walker

NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: Tana Crossman, Asst Sexton 217-726-5592

ADDRESS: 302 W 5th Street

CITY: Vermont STATE: IL ZIP CODE: 61484

PHONE(S): [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE: Tana Crossman

NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT Vermont GAR #325, WRC #167 Monument

NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION

Vermont Township Cemetery, 1005 N. Union Street, Vermont, IL

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3rd and Lincoln St) directly east of

Vermont Foundry Company

GPS N _____ W _____ City Vermont State IL ZIP 61484

WAS FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED? Y N _____

EXISTING MONUMENT _____ NEW MONUMENT _____ LAST SOLDIER PROJECT _____

RESTORATION COST \$ 2850 AMOUNT RAISED \$ 0 REQUESTED \$ 1500-2000

CHECK PAYABLE TO: Vermont Township

ADDRESS: 302 W 5th

CITY: Vermont State: IL ZIP CODE: 61484

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only					
Grant Request # _____			Amount Approved \$ _____		
Approve	Deny	Table	Name Committee Member	Signature	Date

Check box, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment.

MONUMENT/ MEMORIAL INFORMATION

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1904 WHO OWNS IT: Vermont Township

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? Vermont Township

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? NO FROM WHERE: _____

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? ~~NO~~ ^{YES} FROM WHERE: LOCAL BUSINESSMEN;

TOWN (BP PER EMAIL)

WAS A GRANT FROM THE SUVCW PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? No

DATE: _____ AMOUNT: _____

DESCRIBE THE WORK THE GRANT IS NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet if needed)

Repair cracks in concrete walkway
surrounding GAR Memorial. Approx 16 1/2 feet
on 4 sides with about 3' rounded approach.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? _____

Gene Walker, Camp 4, Springfield, IL

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? _____

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? Vermont Township

LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT

Camp 4, Springfield, IL

