

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: _____

Original Dedication Date _____ 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 915 Brady
 City/Village Dearborn Township Dearborn County Wayne

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 DEARBORN Dept./Div. HISTORICAL MUSEUM
 Street Address 915 BRADY
 City DEARBORN State MI Zip Code 48124
 Contact Person CURATOR Telephone (313) 565-3000

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.) _____

Material of the Sculpture = ___ Stone ___ Concrete ___ Metal ___ Undetermined
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____
 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 = _____

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 _____ Width _____ Depth _____ or Diameter _____

Sculpture: Height _____ Width _____ Depth _____ 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.

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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|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| ___ Cemetery | ___ Park | ___ Plaza/Courtyard |
| ___ "Town Square" | ___ Post Office | ___ School |
| ___ Municipal Building | ___ State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| ___ Courthouse | ___ College Campus | _____ |
| ___ Traffic Circle | ___ 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) .

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 _____

Your Name Richard E. Danes

Address 2612 Burns City Dearborn

State MI Zip Code 48124-3204 Telephone [REDACTED]

SUVCW Camp 427 Senior Vice Commander

Please send this completed form to:

Douglas R. Armstrong
Civil War Memorials Officer
Department of Michigan - S.U.V.C.W.
236 E Frederick Ave.
Lansing, MI. 48906-3226

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
National Civil War Memorials Committee



Dearbornville, Mich.

IF THIS WAS 1864, YOU WOULD BE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY RESERVE AND THE DETROIT ARSENAL, AT DEARBORNVILLE, WHICH IS NOW CALLED DEARBORN. AT THIS TIME, THE ARSENAL HAD BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR THIRTY-ONE YEARS. CONSTRUCTION HAD BEGUN IN 1833, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF LIEUTENANT JOSHUA HOWARD, U. S. ARMY. THE ARSENAL IS A MILITARY STOREHOUSE AND WEAPONS REPAIR SHOP.

THE ARSENAL WAS NOT A DEFENSIVE FORTIFICATION, NOR WAS IT A SMALL INSTALLATION. IT WAS COMPRISED OF ELEVEN BUILDINGS, AND A LARGE PARADE GROUND, WHICH WAS SURROUNDED BY A BRICK WALL AND GATES. TO THE EAST OF THE ARSENAL, STOOD THE POWDER MAGAZINE. THIS ONE STORY BUILDING, WITH WALLS TWO FEET THICK, WAS USED AS A STORE HOUSE FOR GUNPOWDER AND EXPLOSIVE AMMUNITION. THE MAGAZINE WAS LOCATED AWAY FROM THE ARSENAL COMPLEX ON, WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS, BRADY STREET. THE LOCATION WAS CHOSEN TO PREVENT AN EXPLOSION WITHIN THE MAGAZINE FROM DESTROYING THE ENTIRE ARSENAL. BELOW THE MAGAZINE, ON THE ROUGE RIVER, THERE WAS A DOCK, WHICH WAS USED DURING HIGH WATER TO BRING HEAVY LOADS TO THE MAGAZINE AND ARSENAL.

SURROUNDING THE ARSENAL INSTALLATION WAS THE UNITED STATES MILITARY RESERVE. THIS WAS COMPRISED OF VAST AMOUNTS OF LAND, CONTAINING LUMBER, GRASSLANDS, AND WATER. THE TREES WERE VERY IMPORTANT AS THEY WERE USED FOR THE BUILDING OF THE ARSENAL, AND USED FOR GUN CARRIAGES, SHIPS, AND ANY OTHER NEEDS OF THE MILITARY. TO THE NORTH OF THE ARSENAL, WERE THE STABLES, BARNs, AND PASTURE ON THE FLOOD PLAIN OF THE ROUGE RIVER. THIS NORTHERN AREA COVERED FORD FIELD AND A LITTLE BEYOND.

IN 1864, THE ARSENAL WAS UNDER THE COMMAND OF MR. CHARLES WILKINS, MILITARY STOREKEEPER, ON ACTIVE DUTY FROM THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. MR. CHARLES WILKINS WAS A CIVILIAN AND HAD NO OFFICIAL MILITARY RANK, BUT WAS PAID AT THE SAME RATE OF AN ARMY CAPTAIN, AND WAS ALLOWED ALL OF THE PRIVILEGES DUE THAT RANK, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF

BEING SALUTED.

WITHIN THE WALLS OF THIS POST, THERE WERE EIGHT MEN OF THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT ON DUTY, SIX PRIVATES, ONE CORPORAL AND ONE SERGEANT OF ORDNANCE. THE SERGEANT'S NAME WAS JOHN S. COSBY, AND HE HAD BEEN STATIONED AT THE ARSENAL FOR MANY YEARS, RISING IN THE RANKS FROM PRIVATE, SECOND CLASS, TO THAT OF SERGEANT. HIS DUTIES INCLUDED KEEPING TRACK OF ALL WEAPONS CURRENTLY STORED AT THE ARSENAL, AS WELL AS RECEIVING AND RE-CONDITIONING USED WEAPON FROM UNITS MUSTERING OUT OF SERVICE. THE SERGEANT HAD TO CATALOGUE AND STORE, EACH AND EVERY WEAPON AT THE ARSENAL, FROM CAVALRY SWORDS TO ARTILLERY PIECES.

ALSO SERVING AT THE ARSENAL WERE MEMBERS OF COMPANY F, SECOND REGIMENT, VETERAN RESERVE CORPS, UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPTAIN GEORGE DAVENPORT. THE VETERAN RESERVES ARE SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED IN COMBAT, OR ARE ILL, WHO ARE NO LONGER FIT FOR FRONT LINE DUTY. THEY ARE NOTICEABLE BECAUSE OF THEIR LIGHT BLUE UNIFORMS, AS OPPOSED TO THE DARK BLUE UNIFORMS OF THE ARMY REGULARS. THE VETERAN RESERVES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE ARSENAL TO PERFORM GUARD DUTY, AND TO ESCORT SUPPLY WAGONS FROM THE ARSENAL TO UNITS IN THE FIELD.

SOMETIMES TROOPS, SUCH AS THE 21ST MICHIGAN, CAME TO THE ARSENAL ON THEIR WAY TO ANOTHER OUTPOST. THE 21ST TROOPS CAME TO ACQUIRE AMMUNITION AND OTHER ORDNANCE SUPPLIES, AND WOULD BIVOUAC THE NIGHT WITHIN THE MILITARY RESERVE, ALONG THE ROUGE RIVER. THE ARMY SURGEON, PRESENT AT THE ARSENAL, WOULD ALSO TREAT SOME OF THE WOUNDED OF THE 21ST, WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT THERE FOR PROPER MEDICAL ATTENTION. DR. EDWARD SNOW, ACTING ARMY SURGEON OF THE DETROIT ARSENAL, WAS ALSO ON DUTY TO ASSIST THE MEDICAL OFFICER. DR. SNOW WAS A LEADING CITIZEN OF DEARBORNVILLE, AND WAS WELL RESPECTED AS AN EXCELLENT SURGEON AND PHYSICIAN.

THIS U.S.ARMY ORDNANCE FACILITY WAS CONSTRUCTED HERE TO SUPPLY THE "OLD NORTHWEST" TERRITORY. BY 1864, THE FRONTIER WAS MOVING WEST AND BY 1875, THE ARSENAL WAS NO LONGER NEEDED. IT WAS SOLD TO PRIVATE CITIZENS, AND SERVED THE COMMUNITY IN MANY WAYS. SOME USES FOR THESE

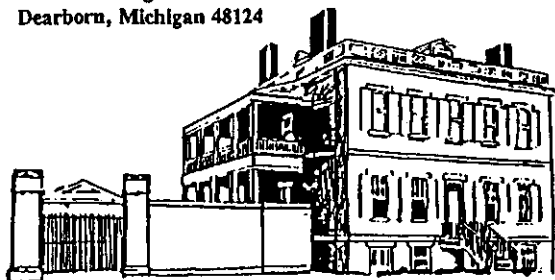
BUILDINGS WERE, A MILL, WHERE RUGS WERE MADE, A PLACE TO HOLD TOWN MEETINGS AND DANCES, AN AUTOMOBILE FACTORY, A TOWN HALL, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND JAIL, AND MANY OTHERS, TO NUMEROUS TO NAME.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY, ARE, FOUR OF THE ORIGINAL BUILDINGS IN EXISTANCE. THE COMMANDANT'S HEADQUARTERS, WHICH IS THE RESTORED MUSEUM BUILDING AT MICHIGAN AVENUE, AND MONROE STREET. THE CARRIAGE SHOP, WHICH IS PART OF DEARBORN MUSIC STORE ON MONROE STREET. THE SUTLER'S SHOP, WHICH IS PART OF A MEDICAL BUILDING ON GARRISON STREET, AND THE MAGAZINE, WHICH WAS USED AS A FOUNDATION FOR A HOME, KNOWN AS THE MCFADDEN-ROSS HOUSE ON BRADY STREET. THIS HOME IS ALSO PART OF OUR MUSEUM BUILDINGS, AND CURRENTLY HOUSES OUR STAFF OFFICES, MEETING, AND DISPLAY ROOMS.

WE ARE PROUD OF THIS ARSENAL, FOR SINCE 1833, IT HAS WELL SERVED THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, IN SOME MILITARY, PUBLIC, AND PRIVATE WAY, AND WE TRUST IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. IT IS OUR EXPRESS HOPE THAT THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS WORTHY HISTORICAL SITE WITH VOLUNTEERS AND FUNDS. IN KEEPING THESE BUILDINGS AND SITES ALIVE, WE SHOW THE RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO GAVE SO MUCH FOR OUR COUNTRY.

THE 1833 COMMANDANT'S QUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARSENAL OF DEARBORNVILLE
1833 - 1875

21950 Michigan Avenue
Dearborn, Michigan 48124



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WINFIELD H. ARNESON, CHIEF CURATOR

FROM AN ORIGINAL ARTICLE WRITTEN BY
MR. RICHARD CARDEN

FOUNDING COMMANDER OF POST 427

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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



SGT. JOHN S. COSBEY ~ CAMP 427
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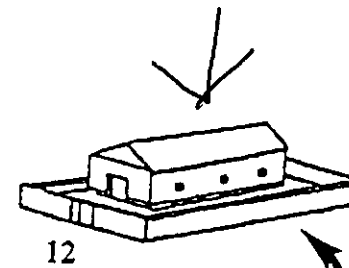
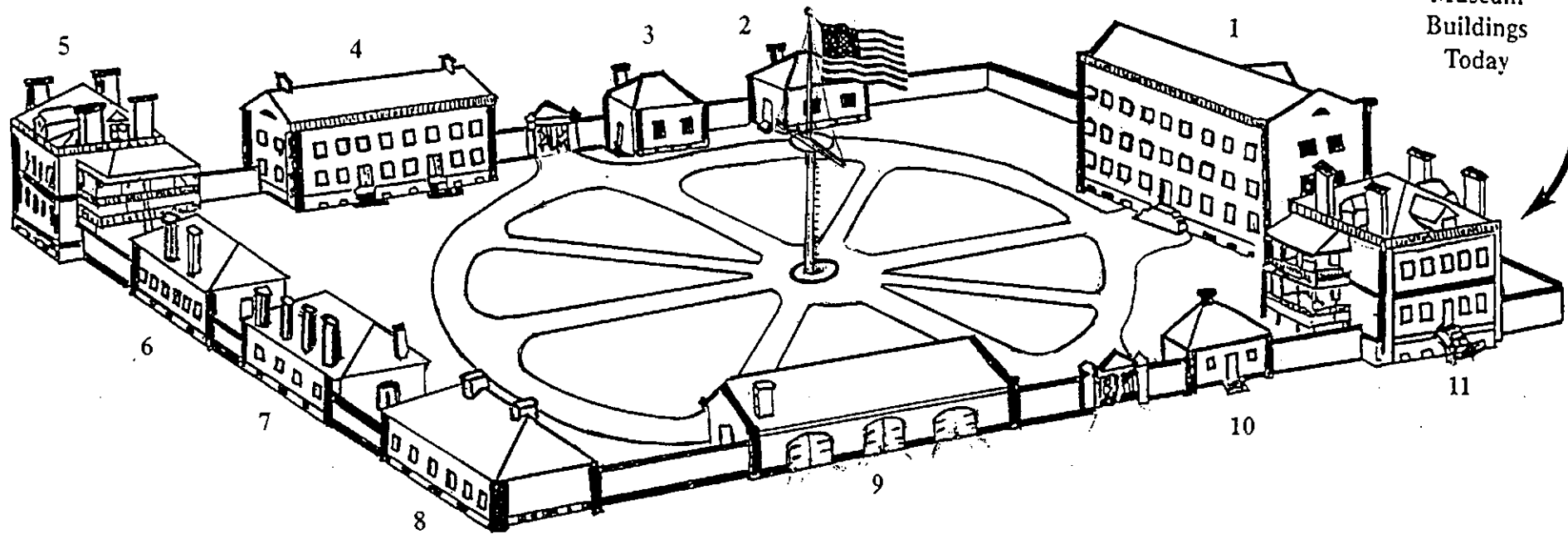
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- 2 SUTLER'S SHOP
- 3 GUARD HOUSE
- 4 BARRACKS
- 5 SURGEON'S QUARTERS
- 6 CARPENTER'S SHOP
- 7 BLACKSMITH'S SHOP
- 8 SADDLER'S SHOP
- 9 GUN CARRIAGE SHED
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