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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 <i>with</i> Sculpture	Monument with <i>Car</i>	Monument with Cannon					
Monument without Sculpture	Historical Marker	$\underline{\times}$ Plaque					

Affiliation

G.A.R. (Post Name & No) M.O.L.L.U.S.
X W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN	Other Allied Order
SUVCW (Camp Name & No)	(Please describe below)
DUVCW (Tent Name & No	
Other:	

Original Dedication Date JUNE 6, 1923 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 <i>currently</i> located at: Street/Road address or site location MONUME	NT PARK AT DIVISION AND FULTON STS
City/Village GRAND RAPIDS Township	County KENT
The front of the Memorial faces: North	South East $\underline{\times}$ West
Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (Name <u>CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS</u> Street Address	of private cemetery that Memorial is located in) Dept./Div.
City GRAND RAPIDS Contact Person	_ State MI Zip Code _ Telephone ()

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

THE ENTIRE PARK WAS MOVED ABOUT 75 YARDS NORTHEAST IN 1975 FOR WIDENING OF 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.)

If known, name specific mater		Metal Undetermined
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Material of Plaque or Histor	rical Marker / Tablet = BRONZ	2E
	ronzeIron - Consult know	wn Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on Left Trunion	Right 1	Trunion
Is inert ammunition a part o	of the Memorial? If so,	describe
Approximate Dimensions Monument or Base: Height Sculpture: Height	(indicate unit of measure) - ta : <u>12"</u> Width <u>16"</u> Dept t Width Dept	aken from tallest / widest points th or Diameter th or Diameter
sheet of paper for each sta	atue and attach to this form. apons/implements involved (i	this information on a separate Please describe the "pose" of in case your photos become
		monument, base, sculpture) cation found
The "Dedication Text" is forr	med: cut into material _>	$\underline{\prec}$ raised up from material face
This tablet was erected by the Depart	tment of Michigan Woman's Relief Corp	se use additional sheet if necessary. s
in memory of and dedicated to the ve		
"O, VANGUARD OF FREEDOM A SI		
LET LOVE BE OUR LANGUAGE, FO		
WHILE O'ER YOU THE EMBLEM YO		
THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER, FOR		······································
REPLACED AND REDEDICATED IN	OVEMBER 1975	
(Original Plaque was removed in 197	'5 & replaced - words the same except th	he last line was added)
Environmental Setting		
(The general vicinity and immediate lo Type of Location	ocale surrounding a memorial can play a	a major role in its overall condition.)
Cemetery	Park	Plaza/Courtyard
× "Town Square"	Post Office	School

- ____ Municipal Building
- Courthouse ____
- ____ Traffic Circle

- ____ State Capitol ____ College Campus ____ Library
- ___ School Other: _____

General Vicinity

- Rural (low population, open land)
- ___ Town

Suburban (residential, near city) └─── 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

PART OF MONUMENT PARK WITH THE KENT COUNTY CIVIL WAR MONUMENT & FOUNTAIN

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.

If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?	Sculpture	Base
(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		
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		<u> </u>
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 X No Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does	there	appear	to	be	а	coating?		Yes	$\underline{\times}$	No		Unable	to	determine
lf knov	wn, ide	ntify typ	e of	f coa	ating	g.								
G	ilded _	Pain	ted		Va	rnished _	W	/axed		Unat	ole to	determin	ne	

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? <u>X</u> Well maintained <u>Would benefit from treatment</u> In urgent need of treatment <u>Unable to determine</u>

Overall Description

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

ORIGINAL PLAQUE WAS REPLACED IN 1975 SAME WORDS ON THAT PLAQUE BUT ADDED:

REPLACED AND REDEDICATED NOVEMBER 1975

PLAQUE WAS RESTORED 2003 BY THE WRC CHAMPLIN CORPS NO. 41 OF GRAND RAPIDS

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
 MAY 2011

 Your Name
 BRUCE BUTGEREIT PDC GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN CAMP NO. 1 GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

 Address
 1691 SUMMERFIELD SE

 State
 MI

 Zip Code
 49508

 Telephone
 Image: City Method State

Please send this completed form to:

Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

Grand Rapids, Michigan Kent County

Monument Location: Monument Park

Physical Address: Fulton and Division streets Grand Rapids, Michigan

Type: Memorial Boulder with Bronze Plaque

Dimensions: 12" H X 18" W

Erected: June 6, 1923 Dept. of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps

History:

As part of the activities for the Department Convention in 1923, the WRC placed this memorial boulder in Monument Park.

The ceremony was attended by Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts. "Mayor Julius Tisch accepted the memorial on behalf of the city as a link between the memories of the past and today, and expressed hope that it would help future generations to rededicate themselves to the cause of patriotism."

When Monument Park was moved in 1975 for a street widening project, the plaque on the boulder was replaced. When the Kent County Civil War Monument was restored in 2003, the plaque was cleaned with the help of members from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Lettering: (All letters raised)

This tablet was erected by the Department of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps - in memory of, and dedicated to the veterans of the Civil War.

O, VANGUARD OF FREEDOM A SILENT SALUTE, LET LOVE BE OUR LANGUAGE, FOR WORDS THEY ARE MUTE.

- WHILE O'ER YOU THE EMBLEM YOU PERISHED TO SAVE,
- THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER, FOREVER SHALL WAVE.

REPLACED AND REDEDICATED NOVEMBER 1975

(Last line added to replacement plaque in 1975)





