## 427-MK-008

- Thank You.

## 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.

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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: souther Street/Road address or site location ELM A	VEST CORNER OF NE. AND NORTH MONROE STE.				
City/Village MONROE Township	County MONROE				
The front of the Memorial faces:North	South East West				
Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner Name <u>RITY OF MONROE</u> Street Address 120 EAST FIRST ST	Dept./Div. LISTORICAL COMMISSION				
City MON ROE	State <u>M/</u> Zip Code <u>48/6/</u>				
City Mon Poe Contact Person Charles A. Londo,	_ Telephone ( 134 ) 243-0700				
CITY MANAGE	EL				
If the Memorial has been moved, please list for	ormer location(s)				

### **Physical Details**

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = X Stone \_\_\_\_\_ Concrete \_\_\_\_\_ Metal \_\_\_\_ Undetermined If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ granite

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Material of the Sculpture =StoneCo If known, name specific material (color of granite, m	arble, etc.) <u>Bronze</u>
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "ho	llow?"CAST
Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet	= BRONZE
Material of Cannon =BronzeIron - Co Markings on muzzle =	nsult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on Left Trunion	Right Trunion
Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial?	If so, describe
Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of mea Monument or Base: Height <u>12'</u> Width <u>9'</u> Sculpture: Height <u>12'</u> Width <u>6'</u>	asure) - taken from tallest / widest points Depth <u>20'</u> or Diameter Depth <u>12'</u> 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 Edward Clark Potter Inscripted on nearby historica ( marker see 427-MR-003

The "Dedication Text" is formed: X cut into material \_\_\_\_ raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

## SEE ATTACHED

### Environmental Setting

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

### Type of Location

- \_\_ Cemetery X "Town Square" Municipal Building
- Courthouse
- Traffic Circle

Park \_\_\_\_ Post Office \_\_\_\_ State Capitol \_\_\_ College Campus Library

Plaza/Courtyard
School
Other:

General Vicinity Rural (low population, open land) X Town	Suburban (residential, near city) Urban / Metropolitan
Immediate Locale (check as many as may Industrial Street/Roadside within 20 feet Protected from the elements (canopy o Protected from the public (fence or othe Any other significant environmental fac	Commercial Tree Covered (overhanging branches) or enclosure, indoors) er barrier)

## **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)		NO
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u> </u>	NO
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc missing		No
due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.) Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	,	No

#### Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>-</u>	.NO
White crusting		NO
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)		NÔ
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)		NIO
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)		NO
Chalky or powdery stone		10
Granular eroding of stone		NO
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)		10
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	·	- ATO
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe	<del></del>	
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Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial?

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#### Surface Coating

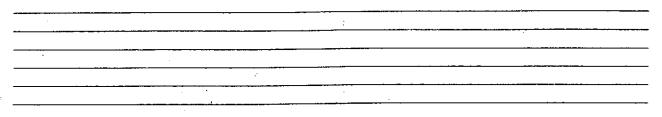
Does there appe	ear to be a coatir	ng?Ye	s <u>X</u> No	Unable to determine
If known, identify	y type of coating			
Gilded	Painted	_ Varnished	Waxed	Unable to determine
Is the coating in	good condition?	Yes	No	Unable to determine

#### Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial? X 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 C	n-site	Survey	Hugust 1	3,2003			
Your Nan	ne	Richard	E. Danes		<u> </u>		
Address		2612 Bur	ns		City _	Dearborn	
State _M	u <b>i</b>	Zip Code	48124-3204	Telephone		···	

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

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#### **MECOSTA COUNTY**

Monument, consisting of a statue of a Civil War soldier, on the Courthouse lawn, Elm Street, three blocks east of US-131, Big Rapids. It was erected in 1893. The inscription reads:

1861-186S m memory of the men who in the War of the Great Rebellion fought to uphold their country's flag. They died to make their country free. Erected by the women of Mecosta County.

#### **MENOMINEE COUNTY**

Monument with a bronze plaque, in Memorial Park, Sheridan Road, Menominee. The inscription reads:

Dedicated by the American Legion Auxiliary Oscar Falk Post, No. 146, Menominee, Michigan, in gratitude and lasting appreciation of the service and sacrifice of those whose names appear below who volunteered or who were called into service in the Great War for Democracy, 1914- 1918. Dedicated in honor and memory of the Menominee veterans who answered our country's call to war: Civil War, Spanish War and Great War. Erected in 1924. [The plaque includes the names of veterans of the county from World War I.]

#### **MONROE COUNTY**

Memorial band stand in the center of the town square, Dundee, at the intersection of M-50 and Brewer Road. This stand, dedicated Sept. 30, 1913, was the inspiration of a daughter of a G. A. R. veteran, Mrs. Martha Archer. The stand is an octagon with a stairway on the north side. On each of the eight sides and on the portal post and outside the stairway is inscribed a memorial dedication to the members of the military forces from Dundee Township. The inscriptions read:

15th Michigan Infantry Memorial. To our fallen comrades in arms who participated in 25 important engagements and marched with Sherman to the Sea. In memory of the fallen heroes of the World War. In memory of the mothers and wives of the comrades of the Civil War. In memory of our Comrades of the Civil War. 1861-1865. In memory of our Comrades of the Spanish-American War 1898 - 1899. 18th Michigan Infty. Memorial. This Reg. engaged the enemy at Danville, Ky., Pond-Springs, Courtland, Athens and Decatur, Ala. Enrollment 1308. Lost in action and otherwise 310. This Memorial erected by Post No. 10 G. A. R., Corps No. 11, W. R. C. Members of Co. D. 35 Mich. USV, Citizens, Pupils of Public Schools and Sunshine Societies. Sept. 30th, 1913. Seventh Michigan Infantry Memorial. Heroes of Fredericksburg and the Peninsula, Va. 1861-1865. Commemorating the Deeds and Sacrifices of our Army Nurses of the Civil War. In Memory of the Sailors and Marines and those who lie in unknown graves. Third Michigan Cavalry Memorial by Comrades of Co. K. Corinth - Juka - Grenada - Island No. 10 - Jackson - Clifton - Wyatts - Ford. In Memory of Stonewall Regiment. 9th Corps, 17th Michigan Infantry, who received their name at South Mountain, Maryland, and took part in 30 engagements.

Monument in Soldier's Park, East Front Street, Monroe. Erected in memory of the members of the Joseph R. Smith Post No. 76, G. A. R. and W. R. C. No. 256. Bronze plaque in corridor of Post Office Building, South Monroe Avenue and Second Street, Monroe. The inscription reads:

This building is erected on the old homestead of Major General George Armstrong Custer.

Monument, consisting of an equestrian statue in bronze representing General George Armstrong Custer in a Civil War scene, facing the Confederate lines, hat in hand and charger reined high. It was erected by the state of Michigan in 1910 in Soldier's Park, East Front Street, Monroe. The statue later was moved to the southwest corner of the intersection of Elm Avenue and North Monroe Street where it was rededicated in 1955. The sculptor was Edward Clark Potter, and the cost of the statue was \$24,000. The inscription reads:

Custer. Erected by the state of Michigan.

Aluminum marker, adjacent to the equestrian statue of Custer, at the southwest corner of North Monroe Street and Elm Avenue, Monroe. It was erected by the Monroe County Historical Society in 1955. The inscription reads:

Major-General George Armstrong Custer. Born in New Rumley, Ohio, George A. Custer grew up m Monroe in the home of his half-sister, Mrs. David Reed. February 9, 1864, in the Presbyterian Church here, he married Libbie Bacon, only daughter of Judge Daniel S. Bacon. During the Civil War, he received six brevets and was made Major- General before he was 26 years old, a rare distinction. From 1866 until his death at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, General Custer commanded the famous Seventh Cavalry Regiment, leading them in scouting and Indian fighting throughout Kansas and the Dakota Territory. This statue of General Custer, created by Edward C. Potter, was erected by the State of Michigan, unveiled by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer and dedicated by President William Howard Taft, June 4, 1910. The statue was rededicated September 3 1955, by the First Cavalry Division of which Custer's Seventh Cavalry Regiment was a part.

#### **MONTCALM COUNTY**

Monument, consisting of a large granite column, in the cemetery, one mile south of Edmore. The inscription reads:

In memory of our fallen heroes, Civil War, 1861-1865; Spanish American, 1898-1899-World's [sic] War, 1916-1918. Erected May 30, 1921, by Womans Relief Corps and Citizens of Home Township.

Boulder with a bronze plaque on the grounds of the City Hall, Greenville. It was erected in 1925 by the William A. Kent Woman's Relief Corps No. 14 to the memory of the William A. Kent Post No. 83 of the G. A. R.

Boulder and tree in the Waterworks Park, Lakeview. It is dedicated to the memory of the G. A. R.

#### **MUSKEGON COUNTY**

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#### Text

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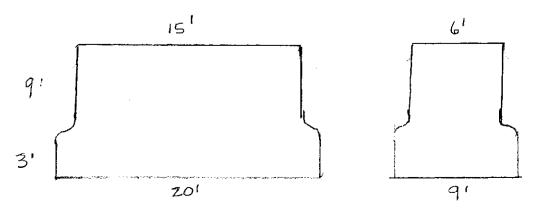
Bronze tablet. "General George A. Custer. Born Dec. 5, 1939, New Rumley, Ohio. Graduated U. S. Military Academy, June 1861. Brigadier General Volunteers June 29, 1863. Brevet Major General Volunteers Oct., 1964. Commanded Michigan Brigade of Cavalry at Battle of Gettysburg, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Division of Sheridan's Cavalry Corps. Major General Volunteers April, 1865. Commanded Division of Cavalry Mexican Border 1865-1866. Brevetted through all grades from Major General Regular Army for distinguished services at Gettysburg, Yellow Tavern, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Five Forks, and Appomattox. Lieutenant Colonel 7<sup>th</sup> U. S. Cavalry, July 1866, which he commanded in Indian Campaigns, 1867 – 1876, including Battle of the Washita, 1868; Expedition in Staked Plains, 1869; Yellowstone Expedition, 1873; Black Hills Exploration, 1874. Killed with his whole detachment, at Battle of the Little Bighorn, June 25, 1876."

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# GENERAL GEORGE A. CUSTER

BORN DEC. 5, 1839, NEW RUMLEY, OHIO. GRADUATED U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY, JUNE, 1861.

BRIGADIER GENERAL VOLUNTEERS JUNE 29, 1863.

BREVET MAJOR GENERAL VOLUNTEERS OCT., 1864.

COMMANDED MICHIGAN BRIGADE OF CAVALRY AT BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> DIVISION OF SHERIDAN'S CAVALRY CORPS.

MAJOR GENERAL VOLUNTEERS APRIL, 1865.

COMMANDED DIVISION OF CAVALRY MEXICAN BORDER, 1865-6.

BREVETTED THROUGH ALL GRADES FROM MAJOR TO MAJOR GENERAL REGULAR ARMY FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICES AT GETTYSBURG, YELLOW TAVERN, WINCHESTER, FISHERS HILL, FIVE FORKS AND APPOMATTOX.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL 7TH U. S. CAVALRY, JULY, 1866, WHICH HE COMMANDED IN INDIAN CAMPAIGNS, 1867-1876, INCLUDING BATTLE OF THE WASHITA, 1868; EXPEDITION IN STAKED PLAINS, 1869; YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITION, 1873; BLACK HILLS EXPLOR-ATION, 1874.

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