

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: MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Original Dedication Date 1955 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: S.W. CORNER OF ELM AVE. AND NORTH MONROE STREET
 Street/Road address or site location
 City/Village MONROE Township _____ County MONROE

The front of the Memorial faces: North South ^{NORTH} East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name CITY OF MONROE Dept./Div. HISTORICAL COMMISSION
 Street Address 120 EAST First Street
 City MONROE State MI Zip Code 48161
 Contact Person Charles A. Londo, City Manager Telephone (734) 243-0700

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.) ALUMINUM

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 = ALUMINUM

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 X raised up from material face

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

TOP - MONROE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - FRENCHTOWN 1785 RENAMED 1817 MONROE
"Major - General George Armstrong Custer. Born in New Rumley, Ohio, George A. Custer grew up in 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 brevet's and was made Major - General before he was 26 years old, a rare distinction. From 1866 to 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

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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 checked="" 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 | _____ |

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	___	___
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...	___	___

_____ *In good condition* _____

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. *Appears anodized.*
 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 10 August 2003
 Your Name Richard E. Danes
 Address 2612 Burns City Dearborn
 State MI 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.

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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:

1861-1865 in 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 Inftry. 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 - Iuka - 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:

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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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