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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 *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 GREENWOOD CEMETERY / GREENWOOD RD, CEMETERY RD.
 City/Village PETOSKEY Township RESORT County EMMET

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 GREENWOOD CEMETERY Dept./Div. SEXTON/SUPT.
 Street Address 111 GREENWOOD STREET P.O. Box 586
 City PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN State _____ Zip Code 49770
 Contact Person KARL CRAWFORD SUPT Telephone (616) 347-6531

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 = No 100 30 PR 4.2 in.
 Markings on Left Trunion 1862 Right Trunion RPP WPP
 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 _____ Width 8'5" Depth 4'1" 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

- | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | ___ Park | ___ Plaza/Courtyard |
| ___ "Town Square" | ___ Post Office | ___ School |
| ___ Municipal Building | ___ State Capitol | Other: _____ |
| ___ Courthouse | ___ College Campus | _____ |
| ___ Traffic Circle | ___ 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)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>YES</u>
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>
White crusting	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>YES</u>
Chalky or powdery stone	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>
Granular eroding of stone	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NC</u>
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>YES</u>
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	<u>N/A</u>	<u>YES</u>

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.

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) .

4.2 IN PARROTT SET ATOP A CONCRETE BASE WITH A FLOWER BED
SURROUNDING IT, AT CENTER OF GREENWOOD CEMETERY

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 JULY 4, 1899
 Your Name DELO ARMSTRONG
 Address 236 E FREDERICK City LANSING
 State MI Zip Code 48906 Telephone 

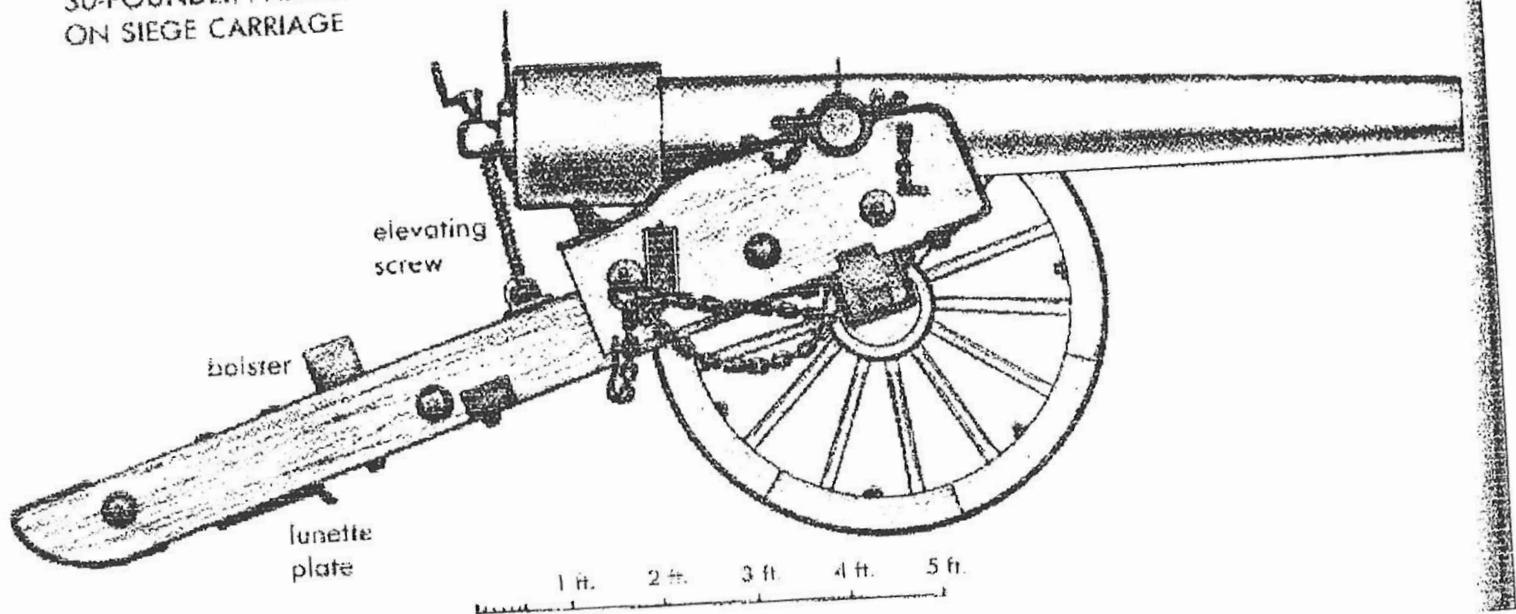
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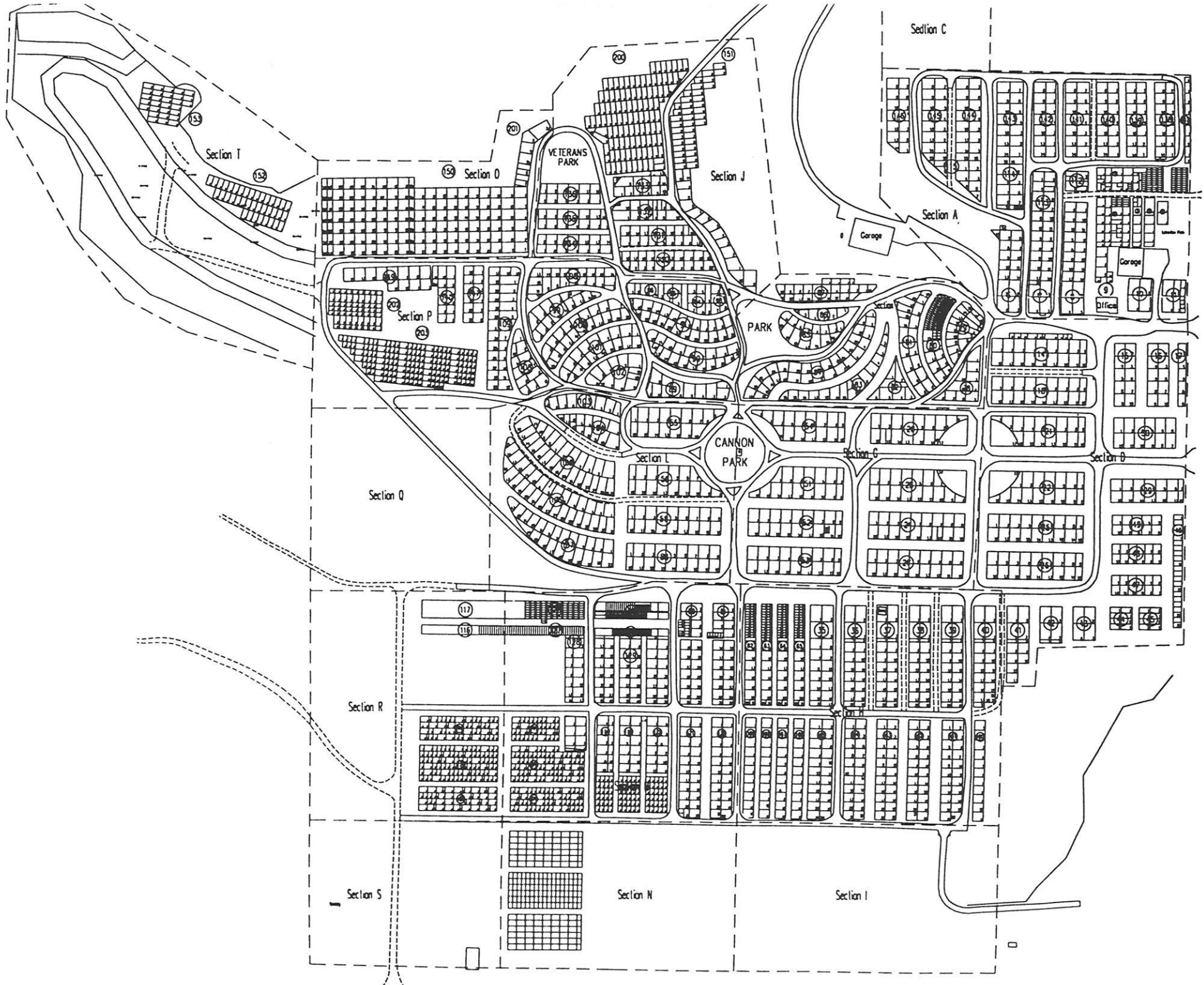
Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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 National Civil War Memorials Committee

Bore Diameter: 4.2"
Tube Length: 136"
Tube Weight: 4200 lbs.
Projectile weight: 29 lbs.
Charge weight: 3.75 lbs.
Range: 2200 yds.
Elevation: 5°

30-POUNDER PARROTT RIFLE
ON SIEGE CARRIAGE





July 5, 1999

Mr. Karl Crawford, Supt.
Greenwood Cemetery
P.O. Box 586
Petoskey, MI 49770

Dear Mr. Crawford:

I recently visited the Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey and was impressed with the care and upkeep of the grounds. I was especially grateful for the care of the Civil War cannon and memorial in the center of the cemetery.

The Memorial Cannon in your cemetery is part of nearly 12,000 that were donated by the U.S. Government, between 1872 and 1916, to local Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) and other patriotic groups for the purpose of display as a veterans' war memorial. They were formally dedicated, by surviving veterans, to serve as "silent-sentinels," in tribute to the memory of all who served and sacrificed during the American Civil War. In case you are not already aware, we have the G.A.R. to thank for our national observance of Memorial Day, which they initiated on May 30, 1868. Since then, countless communities have traditionally held their tribute to veterans (of ALL eras), near their Civil War Monument. Therefore, these memorials are tied to a community's cultural heritage, as well as its historical heritage.

Unfortunately, less than half remain of all the cannon that were originally dedicated as veterans' memorials. It's estimated that only 5,467 of these cannon survived the "scrap-metal drives of World Wars I and II. Therefore, the historical value of these cannon and the special significance of the memorial in your cemetery is multiplied.

Records indicate that on November 10, 1897 the U.S. Government granted (from the New York Arsenal) one 30-pounder (4.2") Parrott Rifle to the Lombard Post #170 of the G.A.R. in Petoskey, Michigan for memorial display. They in turn donated the cannon to the Greenwood Cemetery.

As the successor organization of the G.A.R., the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is proud to maintain their traditions. With your help, we will also be proud to see that the Memorial Cannon in your cemetery is protected and preserved for the education and appreciation of future generations.

Respectfully,

Douglas R. Armstrong, Chairman
Department of Michigan Civil War Memorials Committee
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

July 18, 1999

Dear Mayor Wills:

In a recent visit to Petoskey, I took the time to locate the Civil War Cannon in the area. I was pleased to see that the two I saw were appropriately cared for and appreciated. The Greenwood Cemetery, where one rests, is very well kept. The other is mounted in Pennsylvania Park, downtown. I'd like to commend you and the City of Petoskey for their considerable appreciation to the veterans who served and died for our country.

Records of surviving Civil War Cannon indicate that your community has a "**4.2-in. Army Parrott rifle**" as part of a veterans' war memorial located in Greenwood Cemetery. This cannon was donated by the U.S. Government to the Lombard Post of the Grand Army of the Republic and was in turn donated to the cemetery on November 10, 1897. The cannon downtown is a **9-in. Dahlgren**, that was one of 24 that served on Admiral Farragut's flagship "Hartford". Records also indicate that there are two bronze fieldpieces in the County Bldg. & city garage and a Parrott rifle, unearthed, in 1996 in the DPW garage on Rose Street. Any information that you can provide about the condition of these cannon would be appreciated.

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Douglas R. Armstrong

