

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. SHIELDS POST NO. 68) ___ 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 1903 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 THIRD & MAPLE ST. & STATE ST, MONUMENT PARK
 City/Village SHELBY Township SHELBY County OCEANA

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 VILLAGE OF SHELBY Dept./Div. PARKS DEPT.
 Street Address 189 MAPLE ST, P.O. BOX 127
 City SHELBY State MI Zip Code 49455-0127
 Contact Person JACK CHEEVER, PRESIDENT Telephone (616) 861-7400

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 specify material (color of granite, marble, etc.) GRAY GRANITE ON CONCRETE BASE

Material of the Sculpture = Stone Concrete Metal Undetermined
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) WHITE MARBLE SCULPTURE ON
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" GRAY GRANITE BASE

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 8 FT Width 5 FT Depth 5 FT or Diameter _____
Sculpture: Height 7 FT Width 2 FT Depth 2 FT 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.

" ERECTED IN THE YEAR 1903 IN MEMORY OF THE SOLDIERS AND
SAILORS OF THE WAR OF 1861 - 1865 BY THE LADIES AND MEMBERS
OF SHIELDS POST NO. 68 AND CITIZENS OF SHELBY, MICH.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input 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 | _____ |

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? ___ Yes X 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?

X Well maintained X Would benefit from treatment ___ In urgent need of treatment ___ Unable to determine

BASE SCULPTURE NEEDS CLEANING

Overall Description

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

WHITE MARBLE STATUE OF A SOLDIER AT PARADE REST WEARING A GREAT COAT. BELT WITH "U.S." BUCKLE AND CAP POUCH ALONG WITH BAYONET & SCABBARD. SOLDIER APPEARS TO BE RESTING AGAINST A TREE STUMP. MONUMENT SETS IN A PARK ALONG THREE ROADSIDES. TWO BENCHES AND A FLAGPOLE SET DIRECTLY NORTH OF MONUMENT,

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 SEPT 3, 2000

Your Name DOUGLAS R. ARMSTRONG

Address 236 E FREDERICK City LANSING

State MI Zip Code 48906 Telephone [REDACTED]

Please send this completed form to:

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Douglas R. Armstrong
DEPARTMENT CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS OFFICER
236 Frederick Avenue
Lansing, MI 48906-3226



January 3, 2001

Jack Cheever
President, Village of Shelby
335 Orchard View
Shelby, MI 49455

Dear President Cheever:

I am writing to respectfully request any information you or your staff may provide about the Civil War era cannon that once stood in the Village of Shelby. In a recent visit to Shelby, I noticed that the cannon that rested in the park was no longer there. I have included a copy of a postcard that shows the cannon in its original location. Records of surviving Civil War Cannon indicate that your community received this cannon as a donation from the U.S. Ordinance Department to be used as part of the Civil War Soldiers' and Sailors' monument, located in the same park.

The Memorial Cannon in your community was 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 civic and 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 community is multiplied.

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. I would like to thank the Village of Shelby for their continued care and upkeep of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument erected to honor the men from Shelby who served our country during the Civil War. With your help, we are proud to see that the monument in your community is protected and preserved for the education and appreciation of future generations. Please forward this letter to anyone who you feel may provide us with information regarding the memorial cannon. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Douglas R. Armstrong

"To perpetuate the memory of the *Grand Army of the Republic* (G.A.R.) and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865."



THE STATUE
OF THE
SAILOR
BY THE
SAILORS
AND CITIZENS
OF THE CITY
OF BOSTON
1912