

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

PLEASE:

- 1. Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- 2. 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
- Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Affiliation

- G.A.R. (Post Name & No. _____) M.O.L.L.U.S
- SUVCW (Camp Name & No. March To The Sea Camp 135) (Please describe below)
- WRC (Corps Name & No. _____)
- ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. _____)
- DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
- LGAR (Circle 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 Scidmore Park. Intersection of Spring St. and Michigan Ave.
 City/Village Three Rivers Township N/A County St. Joseph
 State Michigan.

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 City of Three Rivers
 Dept./Div. Department of Public Works
 Street Address 333 W. Michigan Ave City Three Rivers
 State MI Zip Code 49093 Contact Person Joe Bippus (City Manager)
 Telephone () 269-273-1075

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.) _____

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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 = Metal with painted letters

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm

Markings on muzzle = 383, on the Breech "887", on the top "U.S."

Markings on Left Trunion 1847 Right Trunion N.P.AMOS FOUNDRY SPRINGFIELD MASS

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? NO If so, describe _____

Cannon is a 6 pounder.

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

Monument or Base: Height _____ Width 8' Depth 12' 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 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 | _____ |

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>N</u>
Any evidence of structural instability? (Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N</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>N</u>
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N</u>

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

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

The carriage is in very rough shape. It is badly eroded and has heavy pitting and rusting of all metal pieces.

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) .

The base is a concrete pad with no condition issues. The cannon has a carriage that shows signs of having been repaired at one time but those repairs have degraded and the carriage now needs to be replaced. The wheels were replaced in 2001 with steel wheels and they are still in good shape.

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 11-16-15

Your Name Eric Shafer

Address 19524 Crescent Beach Rd.

City Three Rivers

State MI Zip Code 49094

Telephone [REDACTED]

What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? March to the Sea Camp 135

Please send this completed form to



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail. SONS OF UNION V

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee











THREE RIVERS TOWN CANNON

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State records after the Civil War show a bronze 6 pounder gun on loan to Three Rivers. It was probably used in Michigan for training during the Civil War. Local history indicates it was frequently fired for ceremonial events.

By 1888 the cannon was too obsolete for serious military use. The State ordered it back to Lansing for disposal. Instead, the village was allowed to purchase the bronze gun tube for 12 1/2 cents a pound according to the local newspaper of February 10th.

The cannon continued to be used for local ceremonies and celebrations until retired for safety reasons. It remains a local landmark.

MARKER GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MATT J. & MARY L. SWITLIK

THREE RIVERS TOWN CANNON

Before the Civil War local militias in Michigan were supplied with arms and equipment donated by the Federal Government under the Militia Act of 1808.

During the Mexican War (1845-47) the army's new artillery system was very successful and well reported in the press. In 1847 the State of Michigan chose to draw an accumulated share of military equipment in cannons. The State in turn loaned each cannon to a town which agreed to train men to use and maintain it.

This cannon was made by Ames Mfg. Co. of Chicopee, Mass and serial numbered 323 by inspector Jas. W. Ripley on August 26, 1847. It was part of a shipment of seventeen 6 pounder guns, with carriages and full equipment sent in late 1847 to Michigan, still a "frontier" state.

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Shafer, Eric

From: DON MARTIN <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 12:32 PM
To: Brian Pierson
Cc: Shafer, Eric
Subject: Memorial Grant Application
Attachments: Scan from Westside RDF.pdf

Brother Pierson,

I am forwarding this application to your committee. Thank you.

Fraternally,

Don Martin, SVCinC
SUVCW

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: "Shafer, Eric" <[REDACTED]>
To: "D76L [REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 12:14 PM
Subject: FW: Memorial Grant Application

Good morning Mr. Martin;

My name is Eric Shafer and I am the Memorials Officer for the Department of Michigan March to the Sea Camp #135 located in St. Joseph County Michigan. We are in the process of restoring a cannon and would like to apply for a grant from SUVCW. You will find the grant application and associated pictures and information in the attached pdf file.

Please let me know that you have received this and if there is any other information that you need.

Thank-you very much! Sincerely;

Eric Shafer, Memorials Officer
March to the Sea Camp #135

-----Original Message-----
From: mit [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 11:40 AM
To: Shafer, Eric
Subject: Scan from Westside RDF

Please open the attached document. It was scanned and sent to you using a Xerox Multifunction Device.

Attachment File Type: pdf, Multi-Page

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST
(FORM CWM #62)

REQUESTOR INFORMATION
(Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME Department of Michigan March to the Sea Camp #135
ADDRESS: 30090 Orla Engle Rd.

CITY: Colon
STATE: Michigan ZIP CODE: 49040
NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: Dick Denney
ADDRESS: 30090 Orla Engle Rd.

CITY: Colon
STATE: Michigan ZIP CODE: 49040
PHONE(S): [REDACTED]

MEMORIAL OR MONUMENT INFORMATION

NAME OF MEMORIAL: City of Three Rivers, Michigan
Scidmore Park, Model 1841 6 Pound Cannon

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Street) Scidmore Park, Three Rivers, Michigan
Corner of Michigan Ave and Spring St.

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: Cannon was cast in 1841
WHO OWNS IT: City of Three Rivers, MI

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: The City of Three Rivers. The SUVCW
has taken on the responsibility for the cannon restoration project.

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE? Yes FROM WHERE: The City of
Three Rivers has dedicated \$4,000 towards this restoration project.

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? Yes FROM WHERE: The SUVCW
has received a \$2500 grant from OMNI Source Bank.

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED \$2000

WAS A GRANT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? No

DATE RECEIVED n/a AMOUNT (\$) n/a

TOTAL COST OF RESTORATION PROJECT: \$9,700

DESCRIBE WORK THE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet, if necessary)
The work is the restoration of the carriage of the cannon. The
wheels were restored in a previous project.
Please see the attached narrative and pictures for a complete
understanding of the project.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? Stafford
Wheel & Carriage Co. They are cannon restorers that have restored many cannons for the National Park Service, including Gettysburg

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: Stafford
Wheel and Carriage Co., See the above question for qualifications information.

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS, IF GRANTED? (if other than requestor, provide complete mailing address) STAFFORD WHEEL AND CARRIAGE
1019 LIES RD CRATESVILLE, PA 19320-4837

FORM PREPARED BY: Eric Shafer
ADDRESS: 19524 Crescent Beach Rd.
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Three Rivers, MI 49093

SIGNATURE: Eric Shafer



SONS OF THE UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

MARCH TO THE SEA CAMP #135

Briefly summarize the purpose of your request:

The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War are seeking support to restore an important Civil War monument in the City of Three Rivers. This model 1841, 6 pound cannon is in dire need of restoration in order to preserve its historic character and pay proper respect to those that served in our nation's deadliest war. This cannon has undergone hodge-podge restorations before, and in an attempt to save costs has been repaired with materials not consistent with the time period. The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War will partner with a restoration specialist with prior experience working with the National Park Service at Gettysburg, to fix the botched repair attempts and preserve the monument for generations to come.

Who will benefit from the project?

This project will benefit the entire community, bolstering pride for those that currently serve and those that have served in the past. The cannon is located in the heavily used Scidmore Park, close to downtown Three Rivers. Located at the corner of West Michigan Ave. / Spring Street and encompassing approximately 18.4 acres, Scidmore Park is considered the City's primary community park and serves the entire City, surrounding townships and tourists.

What is the time frame in which the program will be administered?

In February, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War established an account with the Three Rivers Area Community Foundation in order to prepare for a spring of 2016 fundraising campaign. It is anticipated that the remaining funds will be secured by the summer of 2016. The restoration process will take approximately one month after the project is scheduled by the restorer.

Briefly describe the funding options/plans for this project:

The entire cannon restoration project will cost \$9,700, of which the City of Three Rivers has contributed \$4,000. If awarded the requested amount from the OMNI Gives Back program (\$2,500) the remaining \$3,200 will be raised by the The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our local chapter has set up a fund with the Three Rivers Area Community Foundation for the monument's restoration and will launch a public fundraising campaign in the spring of 2016. Our chapter has a strong history of successfully raising necessary funds to implement similar restoration projects throughout St. Joseph County. With the support of OMNI Community Credit Union, we hope to continue this great work.

Photograph 1 – An old postcard, showing the cannon in its prior location in Scidmore Park, Three Rivers. Estimated date of photo – 1940.



Photograph 2 & 3 – The cannon where it sits today, located across from city hall. The historical marker / sign was refinished in 2015 using volunteer labor.



Photographs 4 & 5: Close-up views of the cannon's current state / damage.



Photographs 6 - 9: Before and after examples from prior restoration projects undertaken by our local chapter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

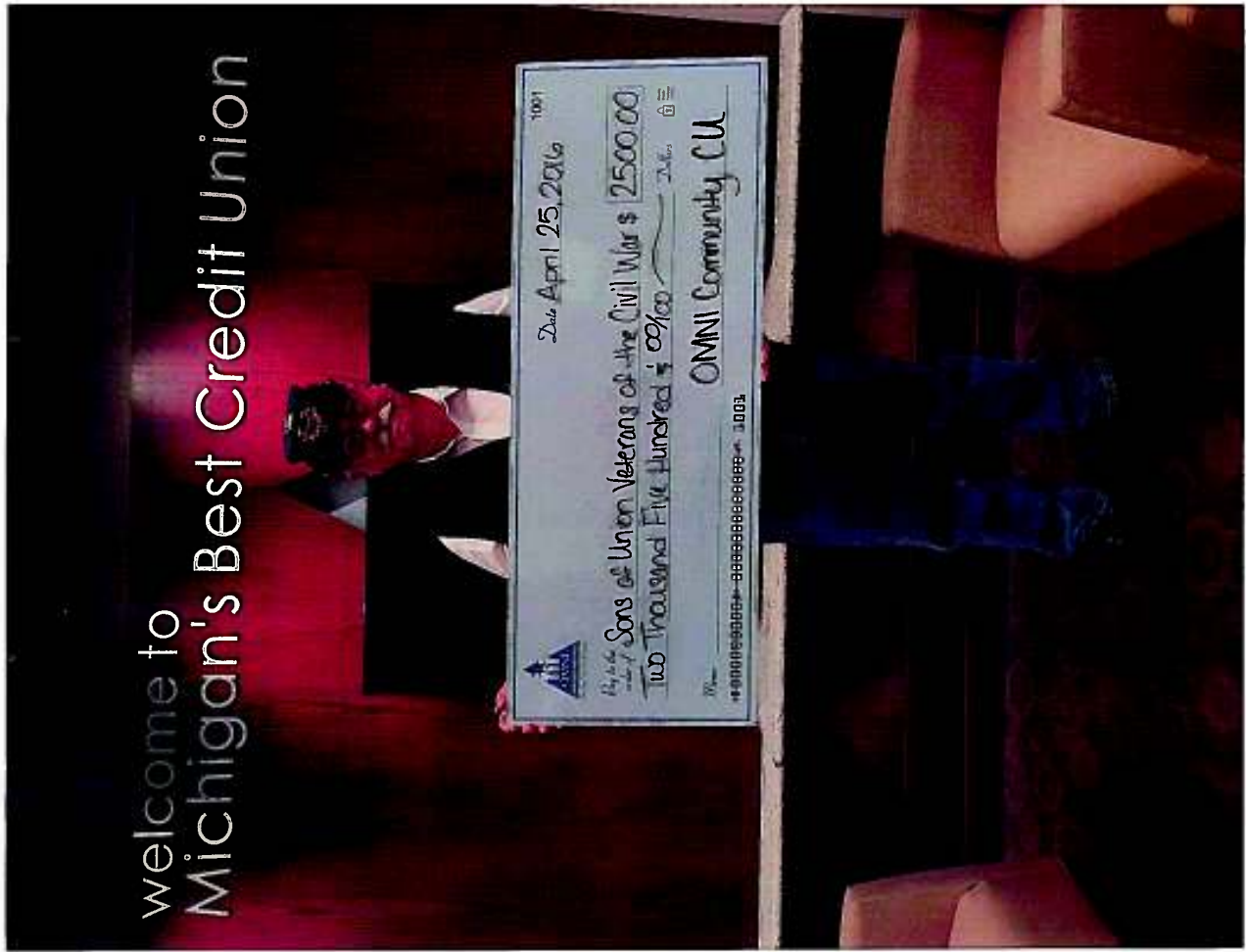


Oaklawn Cemetery – Cannon Restoration
Sturgis, MI



Prairie River Cemetery – Statue Restoration
(Broken Rifle) Centreville, MI

Photograph 10 - A group picture of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Camp #135



Shafer, Eric

From: Bruce Gosling <bgosling@normanpaulsenpc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 3:24 PM
To: Shafer, Eric; Chuck Worley; Russ Gordon; Dick Denney; Christopher Herrmann; Roland & Lori Rowe
Subject: Restoration project

Here is the firm quote from Mr. Stafford. I confirmed that the shipping is \$1,200 total for him driving. Therefore total project cost is \$9,700.

Bruce

From: Jeff Stafford [mailto:ibs1863@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 1:58 PM
To: Bruce Gosling
Subject: Re: Restoration project

Bruce The price of replacing your cannon carriage with a steel one reusing your wheels and trading in your old carriage is eight thousand five hundred dollars. Shipping is six hundred dollars each way from my shop to Three rivers MI. Thank you Jeff Stafford Stafford Wheel @ Carriage 610 486 0567
On Oct 30, 2015, at 6:02 PM, Jeff Stafford <ibs1863@aol.com> wrote:

Tried to call about 5 30 friday will try again monday
On Oct 30, 2015, at 2:18 PM, Bruce Gosling <bgosling@normanpaulsenpc.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Stafford,

I called a few moments ago regarding our discussion last July 24 regarding restoration of the cannon in Three Rivers, MI. I have attached several pictures to refresh your memory. Specifically, we are in need of some firm numbers on the restoration and transportation as I am sure we need to get this to you for the work to be done. We are working with the city and local potential donors as well as a grant from the SUVCW so we will need something in writing.

When we talked, you had a rough estimate of \$8,500 if we reused the existing aluminum wheels (which we would want to do).

Could you please give me a call to discuss this?

Many thanks,

Bruce S.A. Gosling, CPA/ABV, CVA
Norman & Paulsen, P.C.
127 W. Chicago Road
Sturgis, MI 49091
Telephone (269) 651-3228
Fax (269) 651-5146

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