

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: VFW paid for engraving

Original Dedication Date Sept. 2, 2003 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 M Drive S
 City/Village Homer Township Homer County Cathoun

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 Homer Township Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 386 Grandview
 City Homer State MI Zip Code 49245
 Contact Person Jennifer Johnson Telephone (517) 523-4786

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...
West edge of cemetery to eastern entrance

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.) gray granite

Material of the Sculpture = N/A 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 = N/A

Material of Cannon = N/A 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 6" Width 6' Depth 3' or Diameter _____
Marker Sculpture: Height 6-7" Width 3' Depth 1' 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 Reclaimed
grovestone, refinished & engraved @ Hower
Monumental

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.

In Memory
of all
Civil War Veterans

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

- Cemetery
- "Town Square"
- Municipal Building
- Courthouse
- Traffic Circle
- Park
- Post Office
- State Capitol
- College Campus
- Library
- Plaza/Courtyard
- School
- Other: _____

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? ___ Yes No ___ Unable to tell

Sept 10, 2003
Homer Index

The Homer Index

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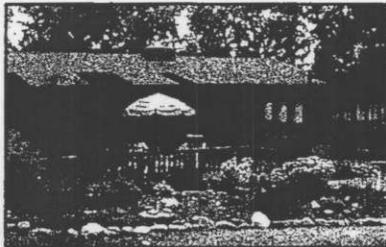
New monument

Through the cooperation of Homer Monumental Works, cemetery sextons Dean and Jeff Daglow and the Homer VFW, a new monument was placed along the west side of Fairview Cemetery, which holds many Civil War era headstones. The headstones were moved there many years ago from South Webster Street. The Barneyville Senior Citizens apartments have since been built in the area from where the stones were moved. The monument reads "In Memory of All Civil War Veterans."

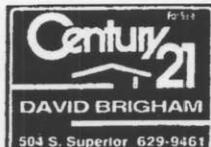


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HOMER, MICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1891.

MARCH OF VETERANS.

THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF
THE G. A. R.

More than Two Thousand Old Soldiers, Soldiers' Wives and Soldiers' Sons Tramp Decatur Streets to the strains of Martial Music—Sketch of the Order and Its Founders.

The silver anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic was celebrated in Decatur, Ill., the birthplace of the order. The annual department encampment of the Illinois G. A. R. was held at the same place, at which nearly 2,000 delegates were present, besides over 300 delegates to the annual meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps. Whoelock G. Veazoy, Commander-in-chief, accompanied by all the members of his staff and officers of the national encampment, and hundreds of other distinguished G. A. R. men, were in attendance.

The line of march formed and the head of the column moved under the



B. F. STEPHENSON, ORGANIZER OF THE G. A. R.

direction of Grand Marshal Steele, First Adjutant of Post No. 1, G. A. R. Steele was followed by Goodman's Band of twenty-one pieces. Then came Dunham Post, the successor of old Post No. 1, with 355 veterans. Then came a carriage with the Governor and Commander Veazoy, and after it other carriages containing important people, members of local committees, in all 440. Another bedecked vehicle held seven of the officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Illinois; following was State Commander Distin and his staff, mounted on the best horses in town. The department headquarters and a band from Decatur were sandwiched between the horsemen and Post No. 1 of Rockford, which was 170 strong. Lowell Post of Newman, Ill., had 106 vets and they sang "Hurrah, hurrah; We'll Shout the Jubilee," from the time they started till the column broke ranks. The Stephenson Post of Springfield had 106 men in line. Grant Post, No. 28, of Chicago, Charles A. Dibble commanding, was 58 strong, but every man had on a brand-new suit and that made the number seem greater. De Molai Band from Bloomington followed with 21 blowers, and W. T. Sherman Post, No. 140, kept step behind this band 150 strong. La Place (Ill.) Post, No. 294, had 25 men, Jordan Post of Macon had

50, and Corro Gordo Post had 80. Lancken's Band came behind with 15 pieces. Moultrie County Battalion had 132 men, the drum corps from Marshall had 15, Mattoon Post, No. 21, had 25. Pope Post, No. 411, showed up 95 strong.

Then came an old man, paralyzed, in an invalid chair. This was Capt. Jackson, of the Twenty-second Illinois Infantry. Protecting this old man was the remnant of the Eighth Illinois—twenty-nine survivors. Surely there was a war!

These men were cheered by the multitude, and in response they lifted their hats and bowed and passed on with a quick step, but not so briskly as they did years ago when they marched through these very streets to go to war. They were in command of George S. Durfee, of Company A of the old Eighth. Following these were the Sons of Veterans, 100 in number, commanded by Col. Stedden, of Springfield. They were followed by the Zouaves of Decatur, twenty-five boys. E. H. Martin's corps of star cyclers, forty strong, came after, their wheels wrapped in the national colors. The above constituted the men in the line of march.

The grand anniversary camp-fire was kindled in the mammoth tent constructed for the purpose, and, although capable of accommodating an audience of 10,000 people, standing room was unobtainable. Other rousing camp-fires and love feasts were held the following evening, and every comrade who refused to sing a song or tell a story was promptly court-martialed and forced to submit to such penalties as the "boys" saw fit to inflict.

The Grand Army has now attained such proportions, is so widely extended, and has on its muster rolls so many eminent men in American military history that a brief sketch of its organization and present condition is of general interest. The first post of the Grand Army was organized in Decatur April 6, 1865. The men to whose ability, loyalty and perseverance the order is indebted for its existence and magnificent organization were Benjamin Franklin Stephenson and Rev. W. G. Rutledge, both of Illinois. Comrade Stephenson was born in Wayne County, Illinois, in 1822, and spent his early youth and manhood in Sangamon County. He entered the army in 1861 and served till 1864, when he met Comrade Rutledge, who was serving as Chaplain in Sherman's expedition of that year. These two comrades conceived and discussed plans for the organization of a permanent society to preserve the friendship of war and provide mutual aid in time of peace.

After the close of the war Comrades Stephenson and Rutledge met by appointment at Springfield, Ill., in March, 1866, and prepared the ritual of the order, and after much discussion finally selected the "Grand Army of the Republic" as the name most appropriate and expressive for the order. It was then decided to print the ritual, and Captain John S. Phelps, at the suggestion of ex-Governor Oglesby, went to Decatur from Springfield to supervise the printing. While there Captain Phelps spoke of the proposed organization to several old soldiers and the result was that an application was made to Comrade Stephenson for a charter to form a post. On April 6, 1866, the charter was granted and the first post of what is now a mighty organization was instituted there with twelve charter members.

For several years the order did not thrive. Its aims and purposes were misunderstood; it was by many regarded as a purely political organization. But during the last ten or fifteen years this erroneous impression has been gradually removed, and the true aims and principles of the order are becoming better understood and appreciated. It is now becoming recognized as a great benevolent order, the principal purposes of which are to preserve the spirit of comradeship cemented on many a battlefield; to minister to the sick and disabled, bury the dead and assist the widow and orphan. In doing this it has expended many millions during the twenty-five years of its existence. The reports of the adjutant-general for the last fiscal year show that \$221,350 were expended during that period for the relief of comrades, ex-soldiers and their families, and nearly 20,000 veterans and their families, were thus relieved. The growth of the order has been marvelous. In less than twenty-five years it has outgrown every other fraternal order in this country except the Masons and Odd-Fellows. The Grand Army has now 7,000 posts scattered over the United States and Canada, with a membership of nearly half million, and about eight hundred thousand veterans of the Union army yet to recruit from.

During the last few years the order has devoted considerable attention to the erection and maintenance of homes for the aged and infirm, and the building of monuments to heroes of the war and memorial halls in various parts of the country. The most important undertaking of this nature is the plan for the erection of a magnificent memorial hall at Decatur, that will stand as a perpetual memento to the Grand Army, and which will be constructed so as to preserve the records of departments and posts, trophies, relics, curiosities, literature, pictures, and whatever may serve to illustrate the history of the Union army and its achievements. The hall is to be erected by voluntary contributions from members and posts, and will probably be maintained by a small assessment annually levied on members of the Grand Army.

One of the most interesting incidents of the G. A. R. encampment at Decatur, Ill., was the presentation of a silver and gold gavel to the Department of Illinois, G. A. R. by the Department of Illinois, Woman's Relief Corps.

The gavel, which has appropriate and artistic chasings and is richly jeweled, bears the inscription:

Department of Illinois, W. R. C.,
to
Department of Illinois, G. A. R.
1866. April 6. 1891.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Julia G. Sine, of Corps No. 1, Rockford, Ill., W. R. C.

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LANSING, Michigan

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Hello Doug -

Not very often you get news of a NEW Civil War monument in Michigan. But Chuck Harthy of my camp (Camp 22) has managed to find one! He filled out all the paperwork and took pictures. Even has a newspaper story!
Now that I have your address, I can send it to you. Will drop it in tomorrows mail.

OTHER BUSINESS -

Please update your address book with my new address:

Chris Czopek
806 N. Francis Ave
Lansing, Mich. 48912

Prosperity has finally caught up with me, so we finally got a new house.

I have the whole upstairs for my research projects.

Speaking of which ...

I am the Monuments & Memorials chariman for Camp 22.

Have a big surprise in store for you ... The Delta Cannon Project!

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The Delta Township cemetery (Eaton County) has a cannon with bronze plaques on the sides, giving the names of all the local men who served in the Civil War.

The Plaques just give Last name and first initial. It's not an easy thing to identify exactly who those soldiers are.

But I'm getting good at research, have spent a year working on this puzzle, and have managed to identify every single name!

Will publish a book this summer with the results. Am waiting for three pension files, when they arrive, I will be ready to go to press. I'll save the FIRST COPY of my book for you.

When you see how much work was done, I hope you will consider putting me in for a Dept "Certificate of Achievement"

Yours in F, Cannon-Monument-Research, and L,

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