

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 without Sculpture
- Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)
- Monument with Cannon
- Historical Marker Plaque

Affiliation

- G.A.R. (Post Name & No. WILLARD G. EATON POST 34)
- SUVCW (Camp Name & No. _____)
- WRC (Corps Name & No. _____)
- ASUVCW (Aux Name & No. _____)
- DUVCW (Tent Name & No. _____)
- LGAR (Circle Name & No. _____)
- Other _____)
- WILLARD M.O.L.L.U.S (Please describe below)

Original Dedication Date May 29, 1886 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 Mountain Home Cemetery, North 16th street, N42.468251 W85.695269
City/Village Otsego Township Otsego Township County Allegan
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 OTSEGO TOWNSHIP
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 400 N. 16th Street, PO Box 257 City _____
OTSEGO State MI Zip Code 49078 Contact Person _____
CHARLES CUSHMAN (SEXTON) Telephone () (269) 694 - 9434

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s).

UNKNOWN

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

SUVCW -- CIVIL WAR

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = N/A

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm
Markings on muzzle = 1718 no. 227 1864 DN 3 67

Markings on Left Trunion 20P Right Trunion RPP
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 60 IN Width 60 IN Depth UNKOWN or Diameter _____
Sculpture: Height 18FT, 9 IN Width 48 IN Depth 48 IN 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 NONE

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.

(SOUTH SIDE)--IN MEMORIAM. GIVEN IN F, C AND L, 1861-1865

(EAST SIDE)-- THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

(NORTH SIDE)- WHO DIED

(WEST SIDE)- THAT THE UNION MIGHT LIVE

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 | <input 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 ___ 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) .

ALTHOUGH THE MONUMENT IS IN GOOD CONDITION, NEEDS WORK TO MAINTAIN ITS BASE, WATER PROOF AS BEST WE CAN.

THE CANNON'S BASE IS EXTREMELY POOR SHAPE, MAYBE NEEDS A NEW BASE, OLD ONE IS CRUMBLING! CANNON NEEDS A COAT OF BLACK PAINT

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 10-4-2013

Your Name JOHN R. KEITH

Address 950 106th AVENUE

City PLAINWELL

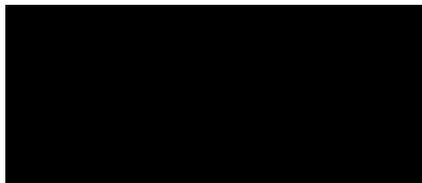
State MI Zip Code 49080

Telephone ([REDACTED])

What Order or Organization is submitter a member of? SUVCW

Please send this completed form to

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



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

CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF THE National Civil War Memorials Committee





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MT. HOME CEM. CANNON POINTING SOUTH





MT. HOME CEM. MONUMENT EAST SIDE

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MT. HOME CEM. MONUMENT FACING SOUTH



MT. HOME CEM. MONUMENT NORTH SIDE

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MT. HOME CEM. MONUMENT WEST SIDE

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article from the June 5 1886 Otsego
dedication of May 29, 1886.

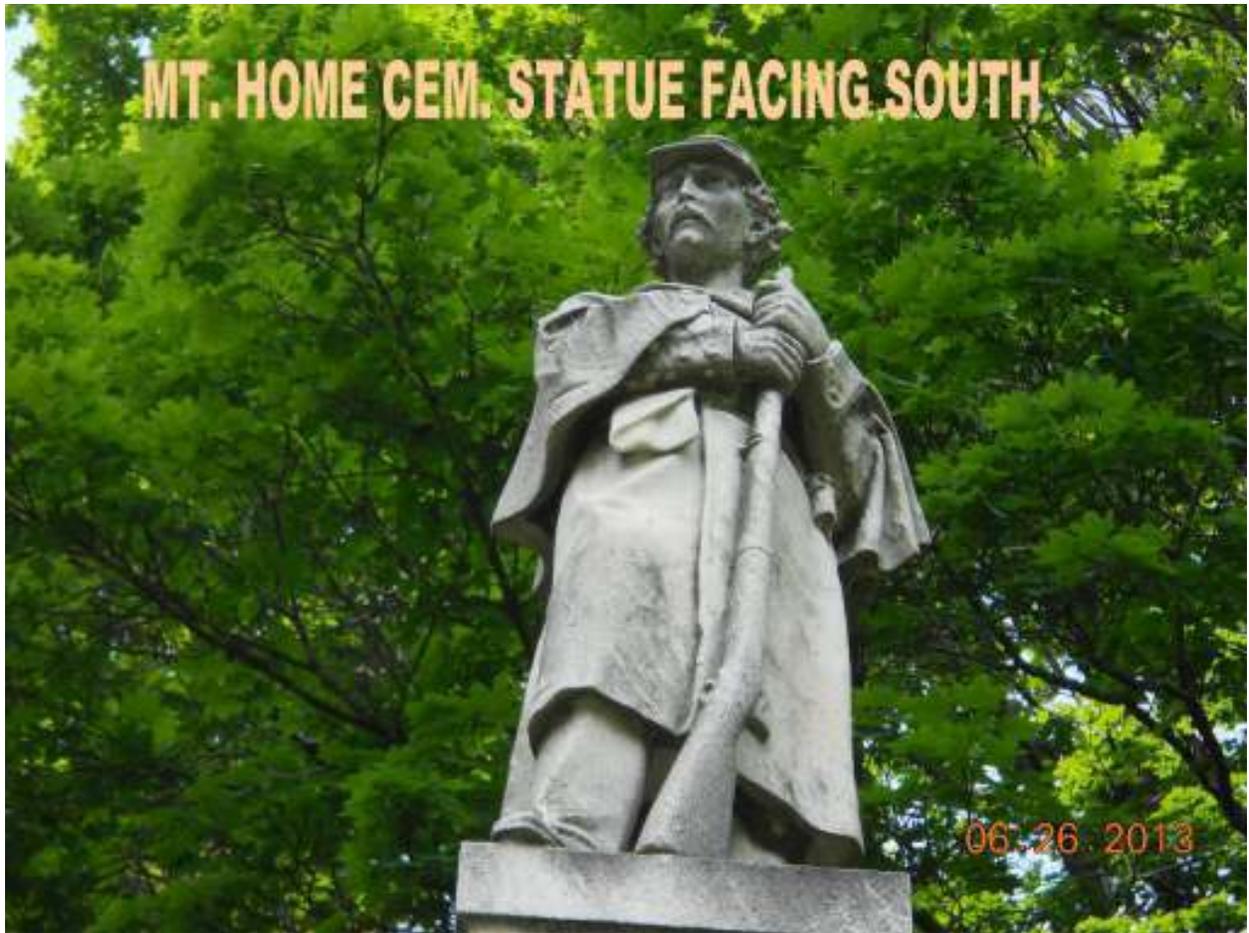
**Memorial Day--Dedication of the
Soldiers' Monument.**

The morning of Decoration Day was somewhat dark and gloomy, and the clouds of heaven looked ominous and threatening, but before noon the clouds gave way to pleasant sunshine. Our village was literally filled with people, it being estimated that not less than 5,000 visitors were present. The procession was formed about noon at the intersection of Allegan and Farmer-sts, under command of Monroe Durkee, marshal of the day, and G. L. Baird, assistant marshal, and moved to the school house grove where the published program was fully carried out. The Otsego and Gobleville cornet bands, a martial band, and members of the following G. A. R. posts, Allegan, Otsego, Plainwell, Cheshire and Gobleville, formed a portion of the column. At the grove the glee club opened the literary exercises by singing, "O'er Every Sleeping Heroes Head." Rev. E. B. Clarke, chaplain, offered prayer, instrumental music by the Gobleville cornet band. Capt. E. P. Allen of Ypsilanti, was then introduced to the vast audience and delivered a very eloquent, patriotic and pleasing address, which was listened to with marked attention to its close, often eliciting hearty applause. After singing by the glee club, "Rest, Soldier Rest," the chaplain pronounced the benediction, the procession reformed and marched to the cemetery where the veiled soldiers' monument was delivered to the G. A. R. Posts for dedication by B. A. Nevins, president of the day. Gen. E. Mix of Allegan, acting commander of W. G. Eaton Post, assisted by Officer of the Day, Stephen L. Green, and J. D. Kelly adjutant of the Post, conducted the ceremonies of unveiling and dedicating the monument. The exercises concluded with music from the glee club and cornet bands. Owing to the extra amount of work devolving upon the G. A. R. Post, the graves of fallen sailors and soldiers now resting in our cemetery were decorated in the forenoon. The visiting soldiers together with their families, were dined by the citizens in the west building of the Harman block. All things considered it was the finest and best program ever offered in our village, in observing this day of mourning and tears, of sad and tender recollections.

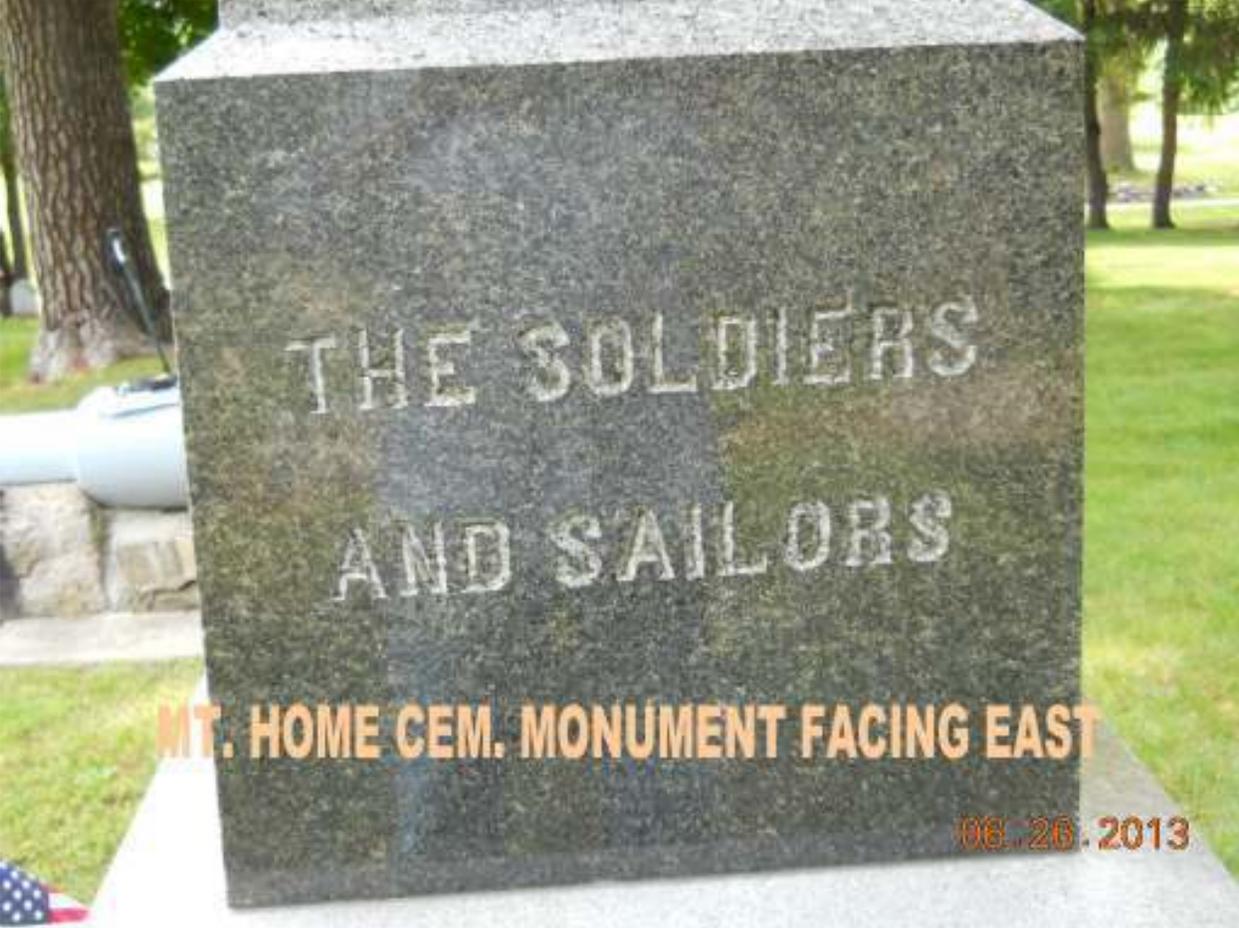
*O, honored, brave, dead—
Rest ye now in quietude,
Beneath the sacred sod,
In peace the living see,
No more the armistice end,
For yet O, land of heroes, watch by dead!*

Union, covering the monument

MT. HOME CEM. STATUE FACING SOUTH



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THE SOLDIERS
AND SAILORS

MT. HOME CEM. MONUMENT FACING EAST

08.26.2013

IN MEMORIAM
GIVEN F. C. AND L.

MT. HOME CEM. MONUMENT FACING SOUTH

08.26.2013



WHO DIED

MT. HOME CEM. MONUMENT FACING NORTH

06.26.2013



CITY: PLAINWELL
STATE: MICHIGAN ZIP CODE: 49080
NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: JOHN R. KEITH CC
ADDRESS: 950 106TH AVENUE

CITY: PLAINWELL
STATE: MICHIGAN ZIP CODE: 49080
PHONE(S): 

MEMORIAL OR MONUMENT INFORMATION

NAME OF MEMORIAL: W. G. EATON, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, POST 34
MONUMENT AND CANNON

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Street) _____
ON 15TH STREET, JUST NORTH OF RIVER ROAD, OTSEGO, MI 49078

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: DEDICATED MAY 29TH, 1886
WHO OWNS IT: OTSEGO TOWNSHIP & CITY OF OTSEGO

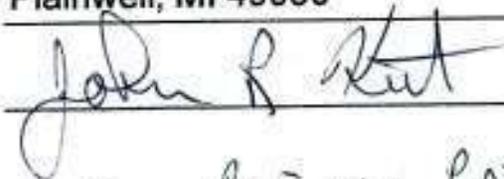
AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: _____
WAS A GRANT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? NO
DATE RECEIVED _____ AMOUNT (\$) _____
TOTAL COST OF RESTORATION PROJECT: \$2000

DESCRIBE WORK THE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet, if necessary)
SEE ATTACHED SHEET

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? _____
MIKE BOSCH, OWNER OF "FINISH LINE EXCAVATING"

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: _____
MIKE BOSCH, OWNER OF "FINISH LINE EXCAVATING"

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS, *IF GRANTED?* (if other than requestor, provide complete mailing address) _____

FORM PREPARED BY: John R. Keith CC
ADDRESS: 950 106th Avenue
CITY, STATE, ZIP: Plainwell, MI 49080
SIGNATURE: 

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After 2014 restoration



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