

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

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

Note: try to record items separately. Cannons near monuments should be recorded & photographed separately, etc. Thank you.

Affiliation

☐ GAR ☐ MOLLUS ☐ SUVCW ☐ WRC ☐ ASUVCW
☐ LGAR ☐ DUVCW ☐ Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

Original Dedication Date 10 June A. D. 1912 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: Island Grove Park. Entering the park across from 123 Park Ave., follow the path westward past the swimming pond. The arch is in the woods to the (right) north. It is an entrance to the bridge across Island Grove Pond.

Street/Road address or site location _____ GPS Coordinates N 42.11141 W 70.93987

City/Village &/or Township Abington

County Plymouth State Massachusetts Zip Code 02351

The front of the Memorial faces: ☐ North ☐ South ☐ East ☒ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Town of Abington

Dept./Div. Parks and Recreation

Street Address 500 Gliniewicz Way

City Abington State MA Zip Code 02351

Contact Person K. Johnson Telephone (781) 982-2125 ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ☒ Yes ☐ No ID # if known 02000127

Island Grove Park, where the arch is placed, is on the NRHP.

For Monuments with/without sculpture:

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) gray granite

Material of the Sculpture ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☒ Other Is it hollow or solid? unknown

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze _____ Iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____

Rifled _____ Yes _____ No

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____

Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes _____ No

[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] _____ Yes _____ No

For Other Memorials: (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial _____

Materials of the Memorial _____

Complete for All Memorials**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points35 feet Height 21 feet Width 6 feet Depth or _____ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) 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 _____

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

{front} ABINGTON·TO·HER·SONS/WHO·OFFERED·THEIR·LIVES/FOR·THE·VNION·1861-1865

{back} LIBERTY·AND·VNION·NOW·AND·FOREVER/ONE·AND·INSEPARABLE

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

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

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 _____

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Submission of this form requires at least one type of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This information will most likely be in the public domain. Your name is required; please include one (or more) pieces of contact information.

1. If a member of an Allied Order, the name of your camp, auxiliary, tent, circle or corps; along with your department;
2. Physical Address;
3. Phone Number
4. E-Mail address.

By submitting this, you are allowing the posting of this information on the internet.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 7 October A. D. 2024
 Your Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell
 Address 2030 San Pedro Dr.
 City Arnold State MO Zip Code 63010
 Telephone (636) 464-3856 E-Mail HildifonsTook@prodigy.net

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

SUVCW

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. Photographs & GPS Co-ordinates are very much desired.

Pages 4 & 5 attached to this electronic file are the Monument's Condition and the Narrative forms. Only the Monument's Condition form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Please mail (or e-mail pdf, and picture files) to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair, 1240 Konert Valley Dr., Fenton, MO 63026, cwmemorials@suvchw.org (314) 630-8407

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Civil War Memorials Committee.

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ADDENDUM – MONUMENT'S CONDITION

Completion of this form is required when requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

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)	_____	_____
Any evidence of structural instability? (Look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	_____	_____
Any broken or missing parts? (Look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	_____	_____
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (Also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	_____	_____

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

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

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

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

Inspector's Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell Date 15 October A. D. 2024

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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM
ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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TEXT

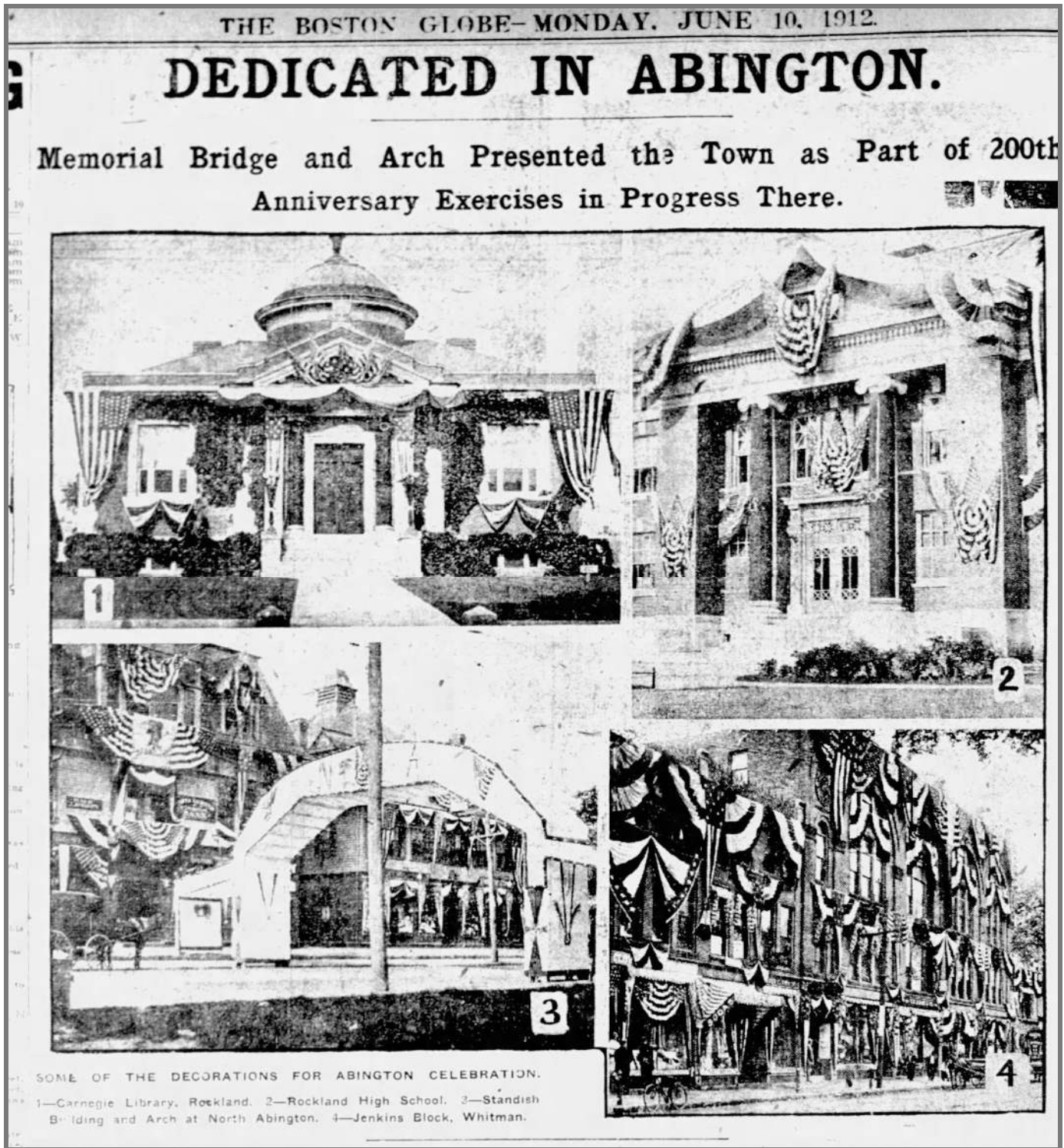
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ADDENDUM FORM CWM #61 >This form may be photocopied.< ©2007-2023 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a Corporation

DEDICATE ABINGTON ARCH

Memorial Bridge Also Presented in 200th Anniversary Celebration

Abington, June 10—The dedication of a new memorial bridge and arch, built by the citizens of this town in honor of the Abington men who fought in the Civil War, was the principal event on today's programme in connection with the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the settlement of the town. The dedication ceremony was preceded by a parade of the Grand Army posts of this and surrounding towns to Island Grove Park, where the new bridge and arch are located.

The presentation of the memorial to the town was made by Dr. Frank G. Wheatley, chairman of the committee that built the bridge, and the speech of acceptance was made by Winslow L. Jones, chairman of the board of selectmen. The memorial was dedicated with the service prescribed by the G. A. R. Ritual. Brief addresses were made by Daniel R. Coughlin and Colonel William B. Arnold, and the oration was delivered by Congressman Robert O. Harris.



Abington Civil War monument dedication
(part 1, Boston Globe, 10 Jun 1912)

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"The amendments to the Constitution made necessary by the war here met with approval, and we had a people wholly free, living in a united country."



Abington Civil War monument dedication (part 3, Boston Globe, 10 Jun 1912)

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under the greatest Constitution ever penned by the hand of man. In memory of all these things, you citizens of old Abington have taken this place and dedicated it to the public use forever. Generous and public-spirited citizens have made contributions for its adornment. As it stands, it will forever be a reminder of the achievements of the past, and an inspiration for the future. Perhaps what I have said seems like a collection of mere platitudes, or poorly stated historical generalities, but to me it seems atune with the sentiment of this day.

"Why do you celebrate if you do not respect and venerate the past? If tradition is of no value and has no inspiring quality, why fly flags, why have the bands play, why have all this blazonry of color waving in the breezes, and why abandon ordinary pursuits to take part in this festival? Abington, as a mere tract of land, is more than 200 years old. You do not celebrate its mere existence as land. Abington as a community of people, established 200 years ago, and since then a place in which free men have had a chance to live the lives of free men, and in their day and time, have had opportunity to add their mite to the advancement of the country in which you celebrate.

"In these days we are talking slightly of conditions and constitutions. Very recently I read in the public press a list of names to which the writer slightly referred as 'distinguished' but having about them the flavor of yesterday.

Heaven help the tomorrow that has no flavor of yesterday. Today would be a weary and tasteless period if it had no flavor of the sorrows and achievements of yesterday with their warning or promise for the morrow. We are taught that a wise and virtuous today will be followed by a happy and serene future. We know that the man who can look back on only an evil past finds little comfort in the prospect of tomorrow.

Over-Strenuous Living.

"Your town has contributed, through the generations, to the building up of a stable and orderly system of a government, town, State and Nation. The work has taken time, patience, courage and wisdom, but you and all the rest of us have believed the work done to be permanent and valuable. Today, under the influence of a long period of material prosperity and growth unparalleled in history, we are suffering somewhat from the depression that quite naturally follows a time of over-strenuous living, inclined to be a little out of temper and ready to blame everybody except ourselves. Nothing quite suits us in the house and we talk of changing things radically. Things have gone so fast that we have become impatient of constraint and delay, and follow our whims somewhat more freely than we do our reason.

"Yet our stability so far has been maintained only by making our changes and additions deliberately and after full consideration.

"This town has a fine record for things accomplished in a sane and sober way. It has been a good town to live in. Men disposed to industry have

nation can grow strong, secure in the affections of a free people, sure of honor among the Nations of earth, free from care of the past, for none will dread its aggressions. These are some of the thoughts that come to my mind at such an event as this.

"Here, in old Abington, are epitomized the history of the Republic. Here in local rejoicing, in recalling of local history of men and events, we come into mental and spiritual contact with the individuals who did their part in building up a great Republic, not only for their children and their children's children, but for all those who honestly might seek shelter here, and who by their sharing in both our blessings and our labors, might make both themselves and us stronger and richer in all those things that make for National happiness.

"Differences of opinion as to commercial and financial policies, party differences arising out of questions as to how the business of the country may best be done, will arise, will be settled; they will stir us for a day and be forgotten. It is natural; it is inevitable. It is healthy. Let us, however, hesitate to attack the foundations of our Constitutional house, or to put ax or saw to even the branches of the tree of liberty that stands by the door and casts its grateful shadow over it."

Commander G. A. Hosley of the State G. A. R. brought greetings from that organization and spoke a few words of congratulation.

Deneud Arrested in Mansfield.

MANSEFIELD, June 10.—Arthur Deneud was arrested Sunday by officer Kittrell upon orders of Agent Henry A. Perry of the Massachusetts S. P. C. A., charged with cruelty to an animal. A horse which Deneud had in his possession was shot by agent Perry. Deneud will be taken into the District Court at Attleboro tomorrow morning and agent Perry, who must be present in the Superior Court tomorrow, will ask for continuance until Wednesday. Agent Perry had Deneud in court on May 2 on a similar charge. He was fined \$15. It was another horse that time that caused the complaint.

Cantata "Ruth" Presented.

WORCESTER, June 10.—The cantata, "Ruth" was sung at a sacred concert given in the Quinsigamond Swedish Congregational Church last night under the direction of Walter Magnusson. Miss Ruth Borg of Springfield sang the principal solo. Other soloists were Miss Ada Nyquist, Miss Lillie Stohlberg and Carl Nyman of Worcester.

Children's Day at Woodsville.

WOODSVILLE, N. H., June 10.—Children's Day was observed at the Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday with a special service both morning and evening. At the morning service Rev. L. J. Danforth gave a special address to the children. There was also promotion for Sabbath school children to higher grades. The program was in charge of E. Mildred Pray, assisted by Mrs. Fred Greene.

things accomplished in a sane and sober way. It has been a good town to live in. Men disposed to industry have never lacked opportunity for it. The company of men raised in 1861 was said to be the first to land on Southern soil. One of the citizens of Abington when asked, on the day he left for the front, what he was going to do, replied, that he was going out to capture Jeff Davis. It happened that he was at the capture, and that Davis was given into his charge to be surrendered to the United States authorities. I have known Maj Allen for 30 years or more, and yet it was not until two years ago that a comrade made him tell me the story.

"Brave as a lion, yet modest as a young girl, he was a type of the young men who went from your soil to offer up their lives that the Union might be saved. Do you value them? Do you treasure the stories of their deeds? Do you value that quality of citizenship that produces young men who can meet all emergencies with courage and ability? This celebration proves that you do.

Opportunity for Newcomer.

"It is well that you do reflect for this generation and those that are to follow us immediately may be moved to more diligent study of the past and greater consideration of what its labors and achievements mean. Young people like to look ahead. They are apt to care little about what happened long ago. As, however, they steady down, as they find the cares and responsibilities of life pressing upon them, as parents pass on along the road over which no returning travelers are ever seen, they begin to realize the value of the older things and to hope that they may leave a worthy record for themselves.

"The later comer, who thinks he has no share in the things some of us venerate, if he is a thoughtful man, may learn that although he cannot point to an early ancestor here, he has been permitted to benefit by the things the early comers did, and have equal share in the blessings of the free institution they have established. He is permitted to do as they did, make a place for himself, and leave behind him contributions to the common good, and a name that will be added to the enlarging list upon the golden scroll of those who have done well.

"We have invited honest men and women from all the world to take shelter under the flag that represents a free and fearless people, living under a constitution that guarantees liberty and freedom from Governmental oppression, and help us by industry and thrift to advance the growth of the country. We have not asked them to change our institutions or constitutions, or to try to supplant them with others. We have invited them to share the shelter, that we have, and become members of the household.

"Order We Must and Will Have."

"Peace and order have been our guiding desires. Peace we would have, that men may turn their energies to the arts and industries that make for human comfort and happiness. Order we must and will have, even if the strong and mailed hand has to be stretched forth to enforce it.

"When peace and order reign, a

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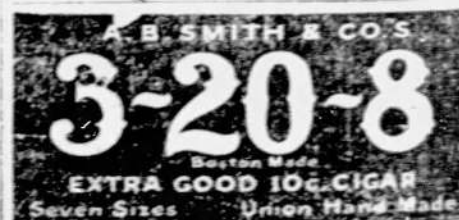
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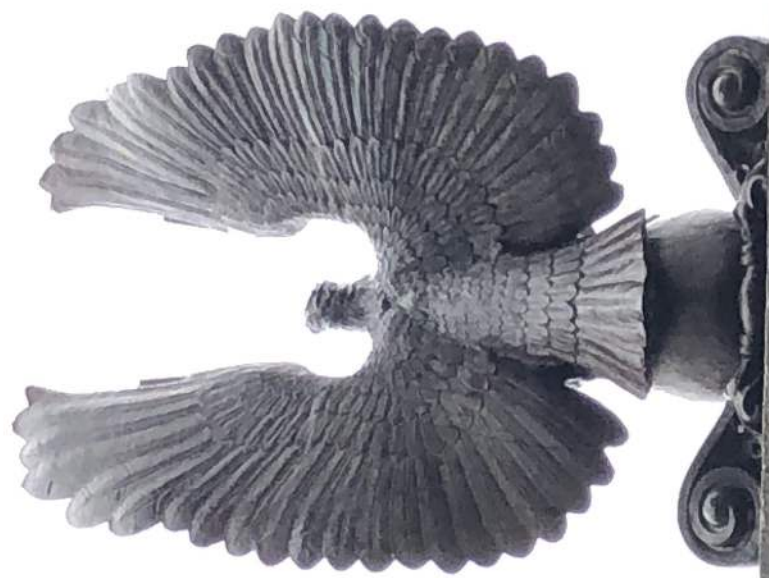




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