

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 30 May A. D. 1882 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 old) Memorial Library (not the current public library)

The Memorial is *currently* located at: Bounded by Library Place, Route 104, and Alamy Drive

Street/Road address or site location _____

25 MA-Route 104 GPS Coordinates N 41.98843 W 70.97748

City/Village &/or Township Bridgewater

County Plymouth State Massachusetts Zip Code _____

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name unknown - unsure who occupies the building

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places Yes No ID # if known _____

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.) Marble plaques

Material of the Sculpture Stone Concrete Metal Other Is it hollow or solid? _____

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

For Historic Marker or Plaque: marble

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 points

7.25 feet _____ Height 4.5 feet _____ Width 1/2 inch _____ 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.

[left plaque] IN MEMORY / OF / Johan Benson Frederic A. Fuller / Woodbridge Bryant George F. Graves / Philo Carver
Silas N. Grosvenor / J.K.P. Chamberland William S. Harlow / Charles W. Clifford Edwin A. Hayward / Seth W. Conant
Samuel Jones / Alvin Conant A. Bartlett Keith / Lucius Conant Maurice M. Keith / Elias Frawley John C. Lambert /
1861 1865

[right plaque] IN MEMORY / OF / Homer S. Leach Lucius Pierce / Frank E. Lee Joshua S. Ramsdell / Edgar H. Leonard
James H. Schneider / Lysander W. Mitchell Roscoe Tucker / Nathan Mitchell Henry A. Washburn / William Mitchell
Nathan Washburn / William D. Mitchell Benamin F. Winslow / William T. Murphy Rufus W. Wood / Calvin M. Perkins
Wm. B. Wrightington / Patrick Donovan / 1861 1865

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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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM
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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed?; Any evidence of structural instability?; Any broken or missing parts?; Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes?.

Surface Appearance (check as many as may apply)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Sculpture, Base. Rows include: 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) .

It looks like the entire building is a Civil War memorial library. Originally, some of it was used to house Civil War artifacts.

Inspector’s Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell

Date 10 October A. D. 2024

MEMORIAL DAY.

THE OBSERVANCE IN BOSTON.

Seldom has better weather been vouchsafed to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic for their anniversary than was that of yesterday. A cooling breeze prevailed throughout the day, and the usual afternoon shower was conspicuous for its absence; so the soldiers performed their deed of love without suffering the discomfort of the wetting with which they have become so familiar on Decoration Day. The cemeteries in and near Boston were visited by large numbers of people, although the plan of the posts uniting in observing the day resulted in the omission of orations at some places where heretofore large throngs have gathered for the express purpose of hearing this part of the memorial exercises. The several posts passed the forenoon in accordance with the programme outlined in Monday's Transcript, strewing comrades' graves with flowers and decorating shafts erected in graveyards in honor of the fallen heroes on land and sea. Music was heard in the streets at all hours of the forenoon and afternoon, and, with flags flying at full staff, and crowds of people in the down-town thoroughfares and on the Common, Memorial Day had the appearance of a holiday of long standing.

At three o'clock, E. W. Kinsley Post 113, Major T. R. Mathews commanding, to whom was assigned the duty of decorating the soldiers' and sailors' monument on the Common, arrived on the ground, escorted by two companies of the First Regiment, and accompanied by the City Government. The decorations were simple, and this work was followed by the performance of the ritual service instituted by the post and conducted by the commander, Chaplain Sawin and Comrades Sanderson, Richardson and Hollis. President Pratt of the Common Council was introduced by Commander Mathews, and delivered an address. After referring to the hallowed nature of the spot on which he stood, Mr. Pratt said, "Lapse of years has not silenced the martial sounds of fife and drum, and the measured tread that marked the departure of brave Boston troops, nor do the grasses over a thousand graves yet cover the anxieties and griefs at home. War in itself was the greatest embodiment of evil, yet there were times when a brave and sturdy people must face its stern trials. Thrice had Boston men joined in its strife, once to obtain their freedom, once to maintain it, and the last time to preserve it and the Union. To those who served the last time a grateful city has raised a monument—to them belong the praise and tribute which pertain to this day. When the latest survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic can no more adorn the graves or limp to the monuments of all his comrades," said the speaker, "we who have borne only the weapons of peace will keep this custom good." The exercises closed with "America," sung by the audience, accompanied by the band. Four o'clock was the hour appointed for starting the procession, and at that time the bugle sounded and the procession started in the following order:

Mounted police, Sergeant E. M. Stephenson.
Chief Marshal General Nathaniel Wales.
Staff C. W. C. Rhoades Post Commander Post 26 Ad.

At Forest Hills, in the forenoon, Rev. E. A. Horton was the orator before Post No. 26 and the City Government, and in the course of his address he said—This day marks the fifteenth anniversary of services in honor of the nation's dead. It is said that republics are ungrateful, but the services of today show the gratitude of the country to her brave defenders. As a disease creeps over the human system until it reaches the vitals, so we might expect decay to creep over our country if she forgot her memorial days. To these the orator's task belongs, not to the jurist or to the historian, but rather to the prophet who, estimating the legacies of the great war, can foretell the glories of the future. In the history of Old World heroism there is no worthier hero than the patriot American soldier, who took up the musket for the first time in the world's history for the defence of peace—as a last argument in defence of suffering justice. "Grandsires to their children shall say," concluded the speaker, "remember the Union soldier, doubly brave and doubly noble, that he was obliged to face his brother, and face him to the death."

At Waltham, General N. P. Banks was the speaker, and the concluding portion of his oration was as follows: To maintain our standing we must educate our people in those great arts which build up a nation into wealth and power, peace and happiness. The young, even of wealthy parentage, must be taught to earn their own living; they must also cultivate the use of arms and engage in military exercise, so as to be able to defend the country against a future foe; for we are not, nor ever can be, secure against invasion. I hope the day will come when the pupils of our schools shall be enrolled for military instruction. Fellow citizens and comrades, we are living, not for ourselves, but for the world, and already the influence of America has changed almost everything connected with national government. I have no fear concerning our perpetuity, as we are better founded and established than any other nation. The credit of the land was never better, nor was capital or industry ever more secure. The lesson of our great war sacrifice is that its influence shall spread until, perhaps in another fifty years, a flag as free as our own shall float in every part of the world—due to the example of patriotism set by the American people.

George H. Patch, the department commander, spoke at both Wakefield and Leominster. The day was fittingly observed in every section of the State. Governor Long and staff were present at the ceremonies in Winchendon. There was a large military and civic procession, and the exercises at the cemetery included, beside the oration by the governor, singing by the Temple Quartet of Boston. In Pittsfield, Lieutenant Governor Weston was marshal of the day and made a brief speech. At Bridgewater, the new memorial building erected by the town, together with private subscription, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. The building is of pressed brick, with freestone trimmings, one story in height, with gable roof, and is English in style. At the entrance, tablets of marble, with the names of the fallen heroes from Bridgewater inscribed thereon, are placed. The building contains a room which is to be used as a museum of relics of the war, a reading-room and public library, and is finished with elegance and taste. The total cost was about \$14,000. The dedicatory ceremonies were participated in by several Grand Army posts from neighboring towns. George A. Marden of Lowell delivered an oration.

See here

Bridgewater Massachusetts monument dedication

IN MEMORY
OF

JONAH BENSON	FREDERIC A. FULLER
WOODBRIDGE BRYANT	GEORGE F. CRAVES
PHILO CARVER	SILAS N. GROSVENOR
J. K. P. CHAMBERLAIN	WILLIAM S. HARLOW
CHARLES W. CLIFFORD	EDWIN A. HAYWARD
SETH W. CONANT	SAMUEL JONES
ALVIN CONANT	A. BARTLETT KEITH
LUCIUS CONANT	MAURICE M. KEITH
ELIAS FRAWLEY	JOHN C. LAMBERT

1861

1865

IN MEMORY
OF

HOMER S. LEACH	LUCIUS PIERCE
FRANK E. LEE	JOSHUA S. RAMSDELL
EDGAR H. LEONARD	JAMES H. SCHNEIDER
LYSANDER W. MITCHELL	ROSCOE TUCKER
NATHAN MITCHELL	HENRY A. WASHBURN
WILLIAM MITCHELL	NATHAN WASHBURN
WILLIAM D. MITCHELL	BENJAMIN F. WINSLOW
WILLIAM T. MURPHY	RUFUS W. WOOD
CALVIN M. PERKINS	WM. B. WRIGHTINGTON

PATRICK DONOVAN

1861

1865



MEMORIAL

1881

1865

1865



A MEMORIAL

1878



IN MEMORY

James Walker	August 8, 1861
William Deane	June 1, 1861
John Smith	May 10, 1861
W. F. Johnson	March 15, 1861
Thomas W. Leonard	June 10, 1861
John D. Green	April 20, 1861
Henry Cooper	April 15, 1861
George Carter	March 25, 1861
John Francis	June 5, 1861

1861 1865

