

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:

West Bridgewater Soldiers Monument Association

Original Dedication Date 4 July 1879

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

1 Central Square (bounded by Central Square and Route 106)

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location _____ GPS Coordinates N 42.01863 W 71.00793

City/Village &/or Township West Bridgewater

County Plymouth State MA Zip Code 02379

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of West Bridgewater

Dept./Div. Conservation, Preservation, Recreation Department (Historical Commission)

Street Address 65 North Main Street

City West Bridgewater State MA Zip Code 02379

Contact Person Jonathan Ames II Telephone (508) 894-1200 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.) Gray granite

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:

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 17 feet Width 17 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 W. W. Thomas (of Quincy), architect (The Boston Globe, 5 July 1879)

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

[North facing] ERECTED / BY THE / CITIZENS OF THIS TOWN / IN MEMORY OF / HER SONS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES / DEFENDING THE GOVERNMENT / DURING THE / WAR OF 1861-65 / LET US HAVE PEACE / 1879

[East facing] CAPT. JOHN RIPLEY / MYRON E. ALGER / TIMOTHY CALLAHAN / EDGAR E. COLWELL / GEORGE COLWELL / MELVIN COLWELL / MARTIN CUNNINGHAM / WILLIAM DEWYRE / JOHN B. DUNBAR / HENRY M. FOLSOM / JOHN B. GOULD / CHARLES H. HAYDEN / LYMAN E. HAYWARD / EUSTACE HOWARD / NICHOLAS P. HOWARD

[South facing] ALVAN R. COFFIN

[West facing] LEONARD JONES / HECTOR D. KINGMAN / WESLEY D. LINDSEY / FRANC S LOTHROP / MICHAEL McMURPHY / JOHN MULLEN / CHARLES H. PARKER / JAMES M. PASCO / HENRY QUINLEY / ASA F. SHAW / JAMES V. STETSON / ROSCO TUCKER / CHARLES H. TURNER / ELIJAH WITHINGTON / JAMES E. JACOBS

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.

>This form may be photocopied.<

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At the Dorchester Museum this afternoon and evening, a special program of the exhibition here is scheduled to occur. At 10:30 a talk with the children, "Finders", will be given followed by a tour of the exhibit.

The Kings of Paris is soon to leave Boston for Chicago. Madison Olney and G. Nath. Witherington appear here for the last time.

Horton is in a position to give Paris. Therefore, the collection is being sold and improved, with new and significant additions by the late Margaret Paris from her residence in New York.

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MONUMENT DEDICATED.

EXERCISES AT THE DEDICATION OF A SOLDIERS' MONUMENT AT WEST BRIDGEWATER; THE PROCESSION AND SPEECHES, ETC., ETC.

TAUNTON, MASS., JULY 4.—There was an enthusiastic gathering at the dedication of the Soldiers' Monument at West Bridgewater to-day. Nothing occurred to mar the proceedings, which were completely successful. The principal exercises were held under a mammoth Yale tent. The Grand Army posts of Brockton, East Bridgewater and Easton, the Standish Guards of Plymouth and the Cunningham Rifles of Brockton were present, also the South Easton Band. Among the invited guests were Judge Russell, Horace Binney Sargent of Boston, Capt. Leonard, Bridgewater. Capt. Charles E. Churchill was Chief Marshal. The procession formed at the church at 10 A. M., and marched to the monument. After an invocation by the Rev. Mr. Beaman, an address was made by Architect Thomas Moens of Quincy, delivering the monument to the Committee. A response was made by the Committee, and the monument was then delivered to the Selectmen of the town, who accepted it with appropriate remarks, after which followed the reading of the names inscribed on the monument by the President, Rev. D. H. Montgomery. The procession then reformed and marched to the church. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock by Copeland of Boston, William H. Jennings, Esq., officiating as toast-master. The oration was delivered by Horace Binney Sargent, followed by sentiments and responses, with salutations by Judge Russell. Capt. Leonard made a brief address, after which the closing prayer was made by Rev. Mr. Rogers. Most of the people were homeward bound before the tempest overtook them. Many residences were handsomely decorated.

The monument consists of seven pieces. The platform is seventeen feet square and has two steps. The bottom base is seven feet square, two and one-half feet thick and weighs ten tons. Resting upon the bottom base is a very handsome polished die, four feet square, five feet high and weighing 5 tons. Over the die is a cap and then a plinth on which rests a fluted column thirteen and a half feet high, surmounted by a cap on which rests the American eagle, holding the stars and stripes. The height of the whole monument is 35 feet, weighs 36 tons without the platform and cost nearly \$3500. Flags, cannons and anchors and a laurel wreath are among the ornamental emblems. The names of the fallen soldiers and other suitable inscriptions are placed on the monument. On the north side are two panels, the upper one containing the following inscription in raised letters: "Erected by the citizens of this town in memory of her sons who lost their lives in defending the Government during the war of 1861-'65." Beneath this is a smaller panel, in either lower corner of which is a projecting olive leaf which surrounds on two sides the inscription: "Let us have peace, 1879." On the east side are cut in sunken letters the following names of West Bridgewater's fallen soldiers: Capt. John Ripley, Myron E. Alger, Timothy Callahan, Edgar E. Calwell, Melvin Calwell, Martin Cunningham, William Dewyre, John B. Dunbar, Henry H. Folsom, John B. Gould, Charles H. Hayden, Lyman E. Hayward, Eustace Howard and Nicholas P. Howard. On the south side the die is plain. On the west side are the following names: Leonard Jones, Hector O. Kingman, Wesley D. Lindsey, Francis Lothrop, Michael McMurphy, John Mullen, Charles H. Parker, James M. Pasco, Henry Quimby, Asa F. Shaw, James M. Stetson, Roscoe Turner, Elijah Withington and James E. Jacobs.

Civil War monument - West Bridgewater,
Massachusetts (1897)

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT
WILLIAM H. TAFT
WOODROW WILSON
JAMES M. SMITH
JOHN F. BURNETT
HENRY M. TILDEN
JAMES C. HARRIS
JAMES A. HARRIS
LYMAN D. BAILEY
CLAYTON K. HARRIS
MICHAEL P. HARRIS

















LET US HAVE PEACE
1879

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WAR OF SECESSION

LET US HAVE PEACE

Thom & Owens
1888

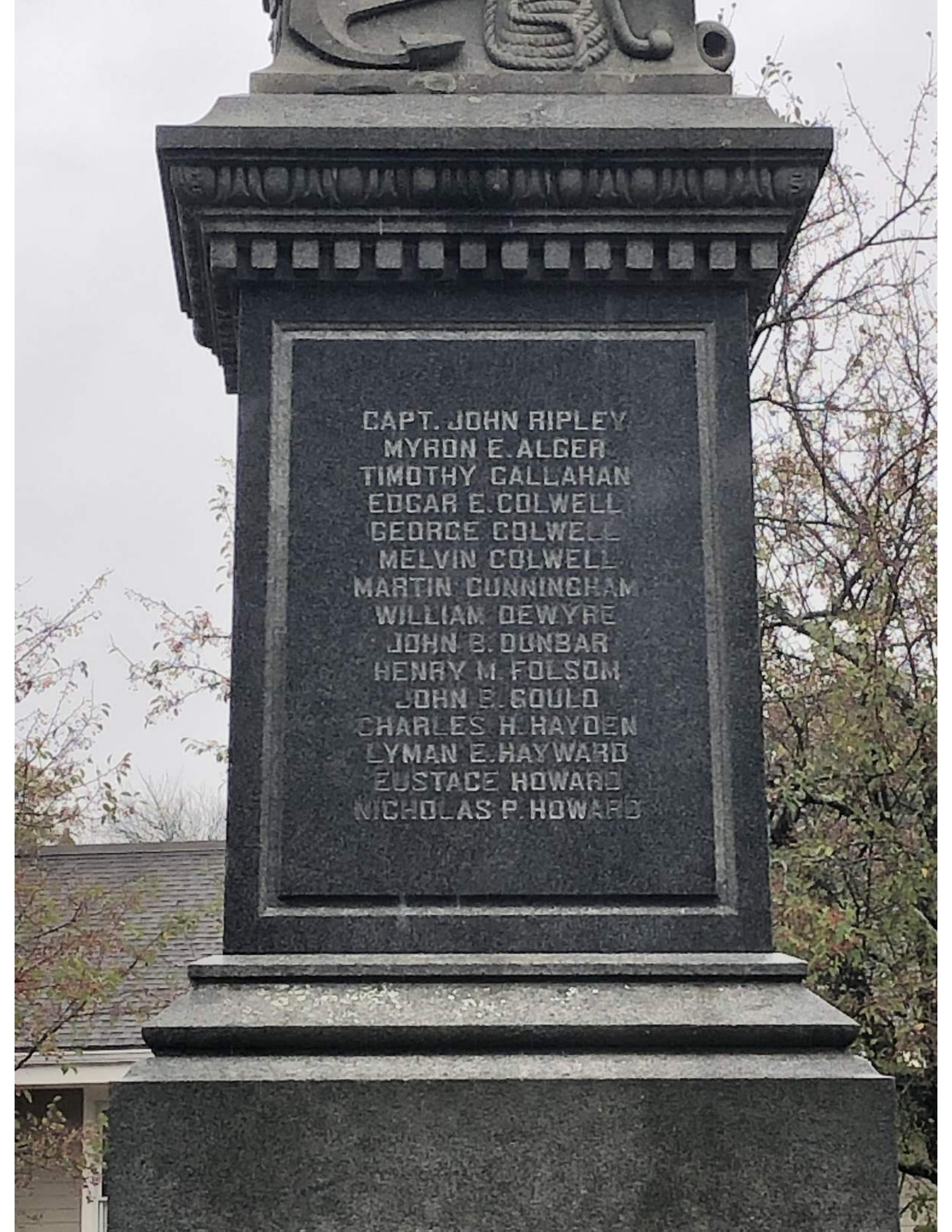
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