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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: 42nd Indiana Co. F Reunion Group (See Attachment)

**Original Dedication Date** September, 1893 (See Attachment) 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: In Front of the American Legion Post #256  
Street/Road address or site location 211 E. Washington Street  
City/Village Oakland City, IN Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Gibson

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

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner** (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...

Name UNKNOWN                      Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Unknown for sure, but have been told that the monument used to be located along the railroad tracks at the intersection of Clay & Oak Streets in Oakland City, Indiana

**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.) Politic Limestone

Material of the Sculpture = ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Undetermined  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Oolitic Limestone  
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Cannon = ☐ 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 24 feet Width 7 feet Depth 7 feet or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sculpture: Height 4 feet Width 1.5 feet Depth 1.5 feet 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
See Attachment

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.

See Attachment

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### Environmental Setting

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

#### **Type of Location**

<input 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 checked="" 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	_____

**General Vicinity**

☐ Rural (low population, open land)  
☒ Town

☐ Suburban (residential, near city)  
☐ 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
White crusting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Granular eroding of stone	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 X 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 X 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).

This monument appears to be in reasonably good shape, but could use some surface cleaning, especially on the right side. In addition, some of the wording on the upper base has been rubbed off and is no longer readable (Please See Attachment).

**Supplemental Background Information** (Please See Attachment)

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 4/9/2002

Your Name Timothy J. Beckman

Address 1135 N. Leland St.

City Indianapolis

State IN

Zip Code 46219

Telephone [REDACTED]

Please send this completed form to:

Donald E. Darby

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
 National Civil War Memorials Committee

The following description of the 42nd Indiana Company F Monument located in Oakland City, Indiana was compiled for inclusion on the 42nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry Web Site. This page may be accessed at the following address:  
<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~indiana42nd/cofmonument.htm>

Any additional questions or comments about this Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Civil War Memorial Assessment Form may be directed to me at the following address:

Tim Beckman  
1135 N. Leland St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
E-mail: [REDACTED]

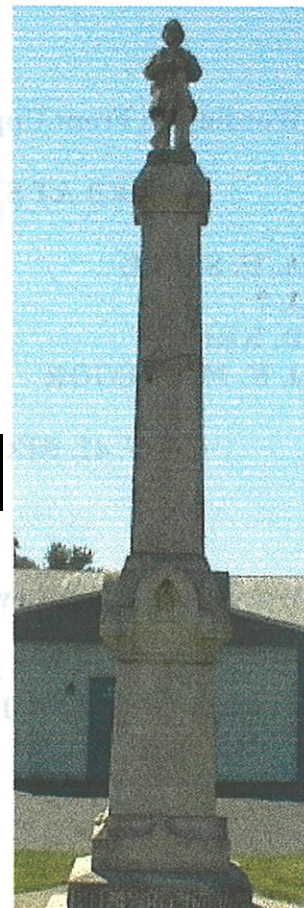
## MONUMENT OF COMPANY F 42ND INDIANA

**Note:** This monument is located in Oakland City, Indiana (Gibson County) in front of the American Legion Post # 256, 211 E. Washington Street. This monument is directly across the street from the Oakland City city hall/police station on Washington Street and is near the intersection of Washington and Broadway Streets. It is believed to have been moved to its present location around 1991. The previous location of this monument, in Oakland City, was believed to have been situated along the railroad tracks at the corner of Clay and Oak Streets.

### Wording on Front Top Panel [REDACTED]

**DIED AT ANDERSONVILLE**

A. E. CANNON  
A. C. COLEMAN  
C. P. DILL  
A. FARMER  
H. H. HUNTER  
J. M. HUNTER



**J. W. MARTIN**  
**A. H. MARRINER**  
**W. W. OLIVER**  
**W. A REAVIS**  
**JAC. STRICKLAND**

**Wording on Front Middle Panel**

**Company**  
**Commissioned Officers**

**LIEUT.**  
**COL. W. M. COCKRUM**  
**Capt. S. C. BARRETT**  
**Capt. J. D. SKELTON**

**1st LIEUTENANTS**  
**J. W. SKELTON**  
**J. Q. A. STEELE**  
**A. A. KEYS**

**2nd LIEUT. J. C. WHITE**

**Wording on Front Upper Base**

**KILLED AT STONES RIVER, TENN.**

<b>A. H. STEEL</b>	<b>J. W. McCLEARY</b>
<b>J. ?</b>	<b>R. M. MARTIN</b>
<b>D. KRUSE</b>	<b>?(Unreadable)</b>
<b>J. K. McGREGOR</b>	<b>J. ? KILPATRICK</b>

**CO. F. 42. REG. IND. VOL.**

**Wording on Front Lower Base:**

**ENTERED THE U.S. SERVICE OCT 7, 1861**  
**DISCHARGED JULY 21, 1865**

**Wording on Right Top Panel**

(very worn)

J. W. ALLMAN  
W. ADAMS  
A. H. BALDWIN  
W. J. BALDWIN SR.  
W. J. BALDWIN JR.  
D. W. BARNES  
J. W. BRYANT  
W. H. BASS  
J. BASS  
J. T. BELL  
F. BRASELTON  
A. CANNON  
J. W. CRISWELL  
A. C. CLIFFORD  
H. C. COCKRUM  
J. W. CORDER  
WM. CRISWELL  
J. A. COLEMAN  
J. C. CAIN  
J. DILL  
A. J. DILL  
J. H. FRENCH  
W. GILLUM  
G. GARRISON  
H. G. GILLUM  
M. GEORGE

**Wording on Right Middle Panel**

**ORIGINAL FIELD & STAFF  
OFFICERS**

COL. J. G. JONES  
LT. COL. C. DENBY  
MAJ. J. M. SHANKLIN  
ADJT. DeWITT C. EVANS  
Q. M. J. L. ORR  
CHAP. W. ATCHESON

**SURG. W. D. TAYLOR**  
**ASST. SURG. J. MAGENISS**

**Wording on Right Upper Base** [REDACTED]

**KILLED AT ATLANTA GA.**

**D. W. WALN   D. W. JOHNSON   JNO. WARRICK**

**JAS. WILSON(?)**

**Wording on Back Top Panel** [REDACTED]

**B. COMPTON**  
**R. COMPTON**  
**J. FINN**  
**J. L. HOLCOMB**  
**J. HANNAH**  
**J. M. HARPER**  
**C. HOPKINS**  
**J. W. HARGROVE**  
**J. INGRAM**  
**H. J. KESTNER**  
**H. V. KEYS**  
**J. K. McGREGGOR**  
**J. C. McGREGGOR**  
**G. W. McGREGGOR**  
**J. L. McCLEARY**  
**J. C. MINNIS**  
**JNO. W. McCLEARY**  
**J. McDOWELL**  
**W. M. MARRINER**  
**J. D. McCULLOUGH**  
**GEO. MANNING**  
**W. H. MEAD**  
**G. C. McGREW**  
**ZAD. McCLEARY**

**Wording on Back Middle Panel** [REDACTED]

J. H. SIMPSON  
J. P. SIMPSON  
WM. SELBY  
H. H. SHUBARD  
J. D. SPENCER  
JOS. SKELTON  
J. M. STEPHENS  
J. SOVERCOOL  
N. H. WATSON  
L. WOODS  
C. H. WILLIAMS  
H. H. WALLACE  
J. A. WILLIAMS  
GEO. WAITE  
WASH. STRICKLAND

**Wording on Back Upper Base** [REDACTED]

**BATTLES ENGAGED IN**

FLINT RIVER ALA.    STEPHENSON ALA.    PERRYVILLE KY.  
MURFREESBORO TENN.

**Wording on Back Lower Base (continuation of list of battles):**

????? GA.    LOOKOUT MT. GA.    MISSION RIDGE GA.

??????? BUZZARD ROOST GA.    ?????? GA.    KENNESAW MT. GA.

BIG SHANTY GA.    SNAKE CREEK GAP(?) GA.    CHATTAHOOCHEE  
RIVER

????????? GA.    JONESBORO(?) GA.    ATLANTA GA. ??????????

BENTONVILLE NC.

**Wording on Left Top Panel** [REDACTED]

**J. C. MARTIN**  
**J. CAMERON MARTIN**  
**M. S. McKANE**  
**D. MASON**  
**A. MASON**  
**W. H. MASON**  
**A. McGREGGOR**  
**J. J. MANNING**  
**W. NUNN**  
**W. W. OWENS**  
**D. O'NEAL**  
**C. OHNING**  
**J. PROCTOR**  
**GEO. PARKE**  
**W. L. ROWE**  
**J. ROE**  
**J. R. REAVIS**  
**E. SKELTON**  
**R. SKELTON**  
**J. SKELTON**  
**JNO. STRICKLAND**  
**JAS. STRICKLAND**  
**WM. STEEL**  
**S. J. SAUNDERS**

**Wording on Left Middle Panel**

**SERGEANTS**

**1ST W. H. McCLEARY**  
**2 " A. D. REAVIS**  
**3 " A. HOLCOMB**  
**4 " J. KILLPATRICK**  
**5 " W. SANDERS**

**CORPORALS**

**1ST J. S. WALLACE**  
**2 " J. MARTIN**  
**3 " J. KENNEDY**  
**4 " G. J. E. CLIFFORD**  
**5 " J. R. McMILLAN**

6 " R. A. JENKINS

7 " N. S. MARTIN

8 " J. N. WHEELER

#### **MUSICIANS**

**ABNER B. CRISWELL**

**A. D. COMBS**

#### **WAGONER**

**J. R. KILLPATRICK**

#### **Wording on Left Upper Base**

**KILLED AT PERRYVILLE, KY.**

**WM. M. HUNTER JAS. SKELTON**

**KILLED AT CHICKAMAUGA, GA. S.E. WARD**

**KILLED AT BENTONVILLE, N.C.**

**LIEUT. J.Q.A. STEEL J. KRONMILLER**

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### **COMPANY F, FORTY-SECOND INDIANA, MONUMENT**

**Source: History of Gibson County, Her People, Industries and Institutions, by Gil R. Stormont.**

**B. F. Bowen & Co., Inc., 1915. pp 268-270.**

On a little triangular piece of ground near the track of the Southern railroad, in Oakland City, there stands a modest appearing shaft which attracts the attention of people passing by on the train. If these passing people are interested enough and inquisitive enough to ask someone what this modest shaft represents, the information will probably be that this is a monument erected by the surviving members of Company F, Forty-second Indiana Regiment, as a loving tribute to the memory of their comrades who gave up their lives in defense of the flag during the Civil war.

The monument was erected during the summer of 1893 and was dedicated in September of that year. The initial steps were taken at a reunion of the company a year prior to that

time, when a committee was appointed to raise the necessary funds. This committee was composed of Col. W. M. Cockrum, John W. Corder, James T. Bell, John P. Simpson and Washington Strickland. Dr. George C. Mason acted as an advisory member and gave much financial and advisory aid which was greatly appreciated by the company. Col. W. M. Cockrum executed a deed to Gibson county for the lot on which the monument stands.

The contract for the monument was awarded to William Kelley of Oakland City at a cost of near one thousand dollars. The material used was oolitic limestone. The monument stands on a base seven feet square and is twenty-eight feet in height. On the top is the figure of a soldier carved in stone. On the several sides of the dies are the names of all the original members of the company and the recruits, one hundred and forty-three in number.

On a panel for that purpose are the names of the original field and staff officers of the regiment. On another side of the shaft there is a scroll in which is inscribed, "Starved to Death at Andersonville," and underneath are the names of eleven members of the company who gave this supreme test of their devotion to their country. Following are the names: Chesterfield P. Dill, Alford Farmer, J. M. Hunter, H. H. Hunter, John H. Martin, Adam Canon, William A. Reavis, W. W. Oliver, A. H. Mariner, Jacob Strickland and A. C. Coleman. These all were taken prisoners at the battle of Chickamauga and died at Andersonville.

In appropriate places on the shaft appear the names of battles in which the company participated. There are as follows: Perryville, Stone's River, Stevenson, Flint River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Ringgold, Buzzard Roost, Big Shanty, Snake Creek Gap, Chattahoochie River, Bentonville.

As stated, this monument was dedicated in September, 1893. At the dedication there was a large assemblage of the surviving members of the company and regiment, soldiers from other regiments, citizens and friends. These all gathered around the monument where an appropriate address was delivered by Capt. A. J. McCutchan, of Company A, Forty-second Regiment. It was a proud day for the veterans of this company when they could look upon the completion of this Monument as the crowning triumph of the cause for which they fought, even though this rejoicing was mingled with tears in memory of those whose names were inscribed on the monument who had given up their lives for that cause.

"For their cause was the cause of the races,  
That languished in slavery's night,  
And the death that was pale on their faces,  
Has filled the whole world with its light."

The following article is believed to be from a newspaper in Gibson County, Indiana. Date unknown.

Special thanks to [Barbara Hunter](#) who submitted this article.

## Monument in O.C. Recalls Civil War

By Alvin Hammons

*One afternoon, in September of 1893, members of the Grand Army of the Republic gathered on the corner of Clay & Oak Sts. in Oakland City for the dedication of a monument to Co. "F", 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.*

*The now weather-worn monument stands today, almost forgotten even by those whose grandfathers names appear thereon.*

*The \$1,000 limestone monument has recorded on its shaft, the history of the regiment.*

*The Oakland City area company entered the service on October 7, 1861, and was discharged on July 21, 1865, compiling a string of battles which reads like a list of the bloodiest campaigns of the Civil War; Bentonville, Chattahoochie River, Lookout Mountain, Perryville, Stone's River, Big Shanty, Chickamauga and many others.*

*When the company entered the battle of Chickamauga, 11 men were destined to have their names carved on the monument under the heading of "Died at Andersonville." The men, Wm. Cannon, A.G. Coleman, C.P. Dill, A. Farmer, H.H. Hunter, J.M. Hunter, J.H. Martin, A.H. Marrimer, W.W. Oliver, W.A. Reavis and J.A.G. Strickland were captured by the confederate forces during the battle and later starved to death at the infamous Andersonville prison camp. According to existing records, these men were the only prisoners ever taken from the 143 men of the 42<sup>nd</sup> (the writer must mean from Co. F only).*

*Worn, but still visible, are the names of all the men of the regiment. Many from one family joined the company, with three McGregors, Skeltons, and Stricklands being carved on the monument.*

*The monument grew out of a company reunion in 1892, when the surviving members of the 42nd were beginning to dwindle. The committee headed by Col. W.M. Cockrum, who deeded the triangular strip of land, contracted William Kelley of Oakland City to construct the monument.*

*Miller, an Oakland City stone mason, carved the gray limestone soldier atop the monument. Miller's mastery of carving is witnessed today by the clarity and perfection of the rifle the stone on which the soldier stands, his inspection perfect uniform and even facial features.*



The book "A History of Gibson County" states, "It was a proud day for the veterans of this company when they could look upon the completion of the monument as the crowning triumph of the cause for which they fought, even though this rejoicing was mingled with tears in memory of those whose names were inscribed on the monument who had given up their lives for that cause."

By Alvin Hannon



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