

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 June 10, 1930 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

59 W. Hill St.

The Memorial is *currently* located at: (site of the Wabash County Superior Court)

Street/Road address or site location _____ GPS Coordinates N40.79856 W85.82219

City/Village &/or Township Wabash

County Wabash State Indiana Zip Code 46992

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Wabash County Superior Court

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address 59 W Hill St

City Wabash State IN Zip Code 46992

Contact Person _____ Telephone (260) 563-0661 ext _____

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

It is within the area covered by NRHP #88000447 (Old [or West] Wabash Residential District) but not listed.

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.) Indiana limestone

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: bronze

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 Rounded bench on two legs. Bronze plaque is rear-centered on top.

Materials of the Memorial Indiana limestone; plaque approx. 5" height, 15" width, 1/2" depth

Complete for All Memorials

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

20" Height 72" Width 24" 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.

"TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORIES OF OUR FATHERS" / PLACED BY / DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE / CIVIL WAR 1861-1865

GAIL ROBERTS, 1930
DEPT. PAT. INSTR.

FRANCES M. BILYEU,
DEPT. PRESIDENT

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 _____

Staining of the bench by the bronze plaque[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 18 January A. D. 2025Your Name Sumner Gary HunnewellAddress 2030 San Pedro Dr.City Arnold State MO Zip Code 63010Telephone () 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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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 28 January A. D. 2025

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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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M. SNIDEMAN
W. W. FORD
B. E. WILLIAMS AUDITOR
J. C. RAULT ARCHITECT
W. B. Mc KILLER BUILDER
1897



G. A. R. ALLIES GIVE GIFTS TO WABASH

Tree, Tablets and Sundial,
Stone Bench and Flags to
Encampment Host.

ELECTION CONTESTS LOOM

Wires to Washington Express
Appreciation for Passage
of Pension Bills.

[By Mabel Wheeler, Staff Correspondent of
The Indianapolis News]

WABASH, Ind., June 10.—Although the "boys of '61" are occupying the center of the stage at Wabash, "the girls of 1930" today gave the town a number of substantial and interesting gifts so that in years to come the city will not forget that the fifty-first encampment of the G. A. R. was held within its borders.

A red maple tree was planted on the northwest lawn of the Memorial building ground bearing a bronze marker dedicated to the Indiana department of the G. A. R. by the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Ida K. Snyder, department president, South Bend, made the dedicatory address. The corps also presented a bronze tablet, engraved with Lincoln's Gettysburg address, to the Presbyterian church, where its sessions are being held, and a large flag to the Girl and Boy Scouts of the town.

A bronze sundial on an Indiana limestone pedestal bearing the words "To perpetuate the memories of our fathers," a stone bench and a flag were presented by Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with Mrs. Frances Bilyeu, Indianapolis, department president, assisted by Mrs. Gail Roberts, Terre Haute, patriotic instructor, officiating. Other gifts will be presented later by Ladies of the G. A. R., the Sons of Veterans and its auxiliary.

Following a meeting of the council of administration this afternoon telegrams were sent to President Hoover and to the senate and house expressing appreciation for the passage of the

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widows' and veterans' pension bill. The bill raises the veterans' pensions to \$75 and \$100 and the widows' to \$50. Appreciation of the action was enthusiastically expressed by veterans and on convention floors of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. ©

"It is a great thing for the Grand Army," said David N. Foster, Indiana member of the national council of administration and chairman of rules and regulations of the national encampment, whose duty it was to compose and send the messages that were also signed by Charles E. Hale, department commander, and A. B. Crampton, adjutant.

Business sessions of the allied organizations opened today but only preliminary meetings of the G. A. R. were held. Its first business session will open Wednesday forenoon. The official reception in honor of national and department officers of the G. A. R. and allied organizations will be held tonight.

Interest in the election of the commander is growing by leaps and bounds. F. M. McNair, Martinsville, senior vice-commander, a candidate, distributed ribbons bearing his picture and name. Dr. Isaac B. Austin has hand bills out telling of his war record and of his medical training. He marched with Sherman to the sea. Both men are active in the G. A. R., and have enthusiastic followings. Thomas Ream, Indianapolis, is a new candidate in the field, announcing his candidacy today. Election will be held Thursday.

Competition for department president of the Woman's Relief Corps promises to be lively as three women have been announced as candidates: Miss Ann Schmitz, Lafayette, retiring senior vice-president; Mrs. Kate Taylor, Bedford, and Mrs. Henry Etta Neal, Indianapolis. Election will be Thursday.

National Head Expected.

A note of sadness marked the opening session of the Ladies of the D. A. R. as the department president, Mrs. Laura Critchfield, Princeton, was not present, owing to the death of her husband Saturday. Resolutions of

sympathy were adopted by the body and letters sent to Mrs. Critchfield. Mrs. Amanda E. Jordan, Muncie, senior vice-president, presided. Mrs. Cora Rawlings, Dayton, national president of the organization, is expected to arrive tonight. Mrs. Lida E. Manson, Crawfordsville, past national president, was introduced.

Mrs. Bilyeu gave greetings at the opening meeting of the Daughters of Union Veterans and introduced department officers and past department presidents. Memorial services for members who died in the last year were conducted.

An exchange of greetings was a feature of the Sons of Union Veterans auxiliary meeting. Mrs. Jessie Wise, Valparaiso, president, gave a welcome. Exemplification of the ritual by the Frankfort team was presented. The first general business meeting will be held Wednesday forenoon.

J. H. Hoffman, Ligonier, who hasn't missed a G. A. R. session in forty years, registered Monday. Richard Tyne, age ninety, Newcastle, claims the honor of being the oldest past-commander present, nosing out Foster by only six months. "Colonel" Foster, who is a member of the national council of administration, was in headquarters settling disputes among comrades, and seemed to have his hands full.

Marion Bids for 1931.

Judging from present indications, it appears the encampment might come back next year into this part of the state. Marion is out to get the 1931 meeting. Invitations will be voted on at the last session Thursday. Wabash has given the veterans and other convention visitors a hearty welcome.

"They won't let me walk," said one white-haired, blue-coated comrade. "I like to walk, too, but that Boy Scout just keeps his eye on me and hustles me into an automobile before I know it. I'm afraid my legs will be out of practice when I get back home."

Women at the registration desk were chuckling among themselves because many of the veterans resented being questioned. "What do you want to know where I live for?" one asked. "Ain't you gettin' pretty personal? Not a widow, are you?" Which held his feminine questioner for a while.

"Just like all our encampments," one old chap with a cane remarked to a comrade sitting beside him. "They're all alike."

"I see just one difference," chuckled his companion, as he gazed at a group of women passing him, "the skirts are longer."

Sessions will continue through Wednesday and Thursday with the parade Wednesday afternoon, and the annual camp fire Wednesday night. Great preparations are being made to make the parade the biggest and most elaborate possible. Ft. Benjamin Harrison is sending four gun companies and a band.

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