

# Colonel R Borden Woman's Relief Corps 106

FORM CWM #61

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### 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.)

#### 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** 1889 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:

Street/Road address or site location Oak Grove Cemetery

798 Prospect GPS Coordinates N41°42'27.04999 W71°8'24.2999"

City/Village &/or Township Fall River

County Bristol State MA Zip Code 02720

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

#### Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Oak Grove Cemetery - (Caretakers)

Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address 765 Prospect St

City Fall River State MA Zip Code 02720

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( 508 ) 324-2750 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.) Unknown

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

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

**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 points

3 1/2" Height 2 ft Width 2 ft 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)

Unknown

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: Unknown  
Back : Erected by R.B. W.R. Corps 106

**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*]

**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.

Addendums 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*.

Thank you.

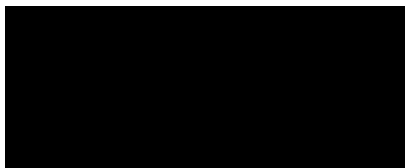
Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 7/22/2023  
Your Name Walter Busch  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail cwmemorials@suvcw.org

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

US Grant Camp 68 - Missouri Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.**

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...

Build up of ground clutter (old clippings) around the monument or sinking into the ground covers up some of the text. So can be used with better base or building it up to restore full text.

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial? Yes No [checked] Unable to tell

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? Yes [checked] 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 [checked] 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).

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Inspector’s Name Walt Busch

Date 7/22/2023

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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.]

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

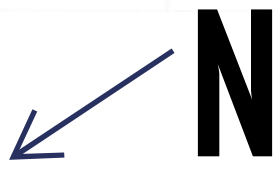
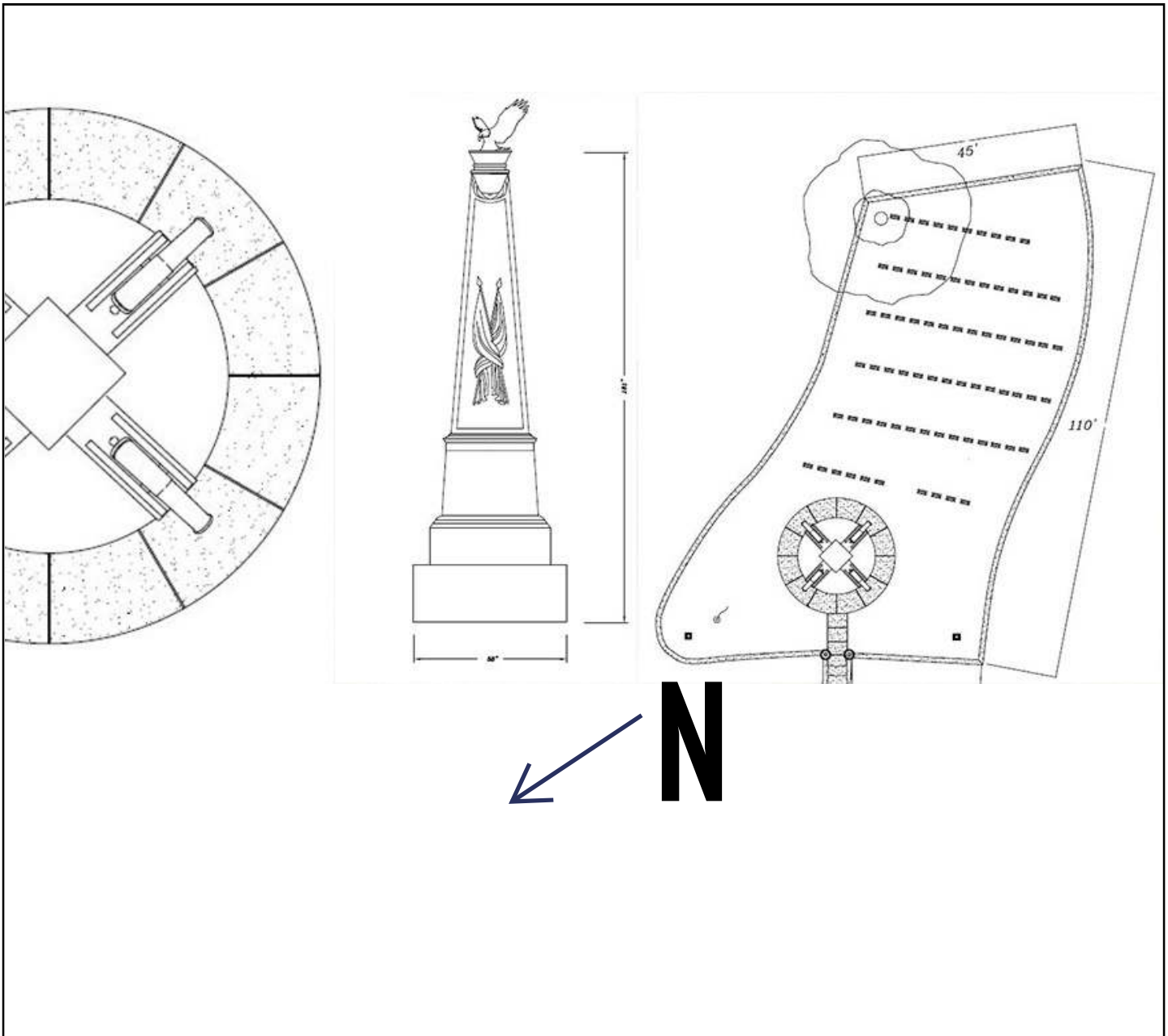
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TEXT



**RICHARD BORDEN RELIEF CORPS No. 106, FALL RIVER.**

In the early spring of 1888, Richard Borden Post No. 46, G.A.R., of Fall River, John M. Deane, Commander, thinking that greater relief could be extended to the needy veterans if the patriotic and loyal women of the city wei'e banded together, voted to have an auxiliary, and an urgent request was forwarded to the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps, that some one might be detailed to institute the Corps. Accordingly the charter was granted and Mrs. Emma B. Lowd, then Department President, personally answered the call, and on May 21, 1888, officially instituted Richard Borden Relief Corps No. 106, with a membership of sixty-three, and publicly installed its officers.

The first invitation from Post 46, G. A.R., to the Corps was to attend with them divine services Memorial Sunday, and this courtesy has been continued every year. The first call made upon the Corps for assistance was to furnish a collation May 30, 1888, for six hundred people; the Corps nobly responded and won the hearty approval of the Post.

Since the early days of its organization Corps 106 has been actively at work. In 1888, it sent its first contribution to the South to assist in decorating the graves of the fallen heroes, and this gift is annually repeated.

Each succeeding year brings its routine work for Memorial Day, and Corps 106 is ever ready to furnish fiowers and collation, to attend the services, take charge of decorating the Soldiers' Lot in Oak Grove Cemetery, and yearly remembe\*- those fallen heroes. Grant, Sherman, Farragut and others ; the unknown dead are not forgotten, for in 1889 the Corps erected an urn in this lot to their memory, and yearly fills the same with flowering plants.

**FROM: History of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps"**