

# 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:

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

**Original Dedication Date** October 29, 2005 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

Intersection of Main St. and Taylor Alley

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location 2 N. Main Street

GPS Coordinates N 40.13474 W 75.51649

City/Village &/or Township Phoenixville

County Chester State Pennsylvania Zip Code 19460

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

## Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation

Dept./Div. Pennsylvania Historical Marker Program

Street Address 400 North St

City Harrisburg State PA Zip Code 17120

Contact Person Alli Davis Telephone ( 717 ) 705-4266 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.)

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:** Steel?

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 points36" Height 24" Width 2" 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 &amp; 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.

{Pennsylvania coat of arms}

PHOENIX IRON COMPANY

Established in 1783 and / incorporated in 1855, / the Phoenix "works" / produced nails, rail, / Civil War cannons, weap- / onry for 20th century / wars, and structural steel. / Among its well / known products were the / Griffen Gun, 1861, and / the Phoenix Column, / 1862. Closed in 1987.

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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**

☐ Cemetery      ☐ Park      ☐ Plaza/Courtyard      ☐ "Town Square"      ☐ Post Office  
☐ School      ☐ Municipal Building      ☐ State Capitol      ☐ Courthouse      ☐ College Campus  
☐ Traffic Circle      ☐ Library      Other: Roadside

**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 20 June A. D. 2025  
 Your Name Sumner Gary Hunnewell  
 Address 2030 San Pedro Dr  
 City Arnold State MO Zip Code 63010  
 Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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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ADDENDUM – MONUMENT'S CONDITION

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## 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 20 June 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

2005HM00009

**Phoenix Iron Company****Date Dedicated:** Oct 29, 2005**Marker Missing:** No**Type:** City**County:** Chester**Municipality:** Phoenixville Borough**Street Address:** Main St. at Price St. near municipal parking lot, Phoenixville**Marker Categories:**

Business &amp; Industry

Civil War

Iron &amp; Steel

Military

40.13462, -75.51649

**Marker Text:**

Established in 1783 and incorporated in 1855, the Phoenix "works" produced nails, rail, Civil War cannons, weaponry for 20th century wars, and structural steel. Among its well known products were the Griffen Gun, 1861, and the Phoenix Column, 1862. Closed in 1987.

**Location Description:**

Main St. at Price St. near municipal parking lot, Phoenixville

Inspector's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





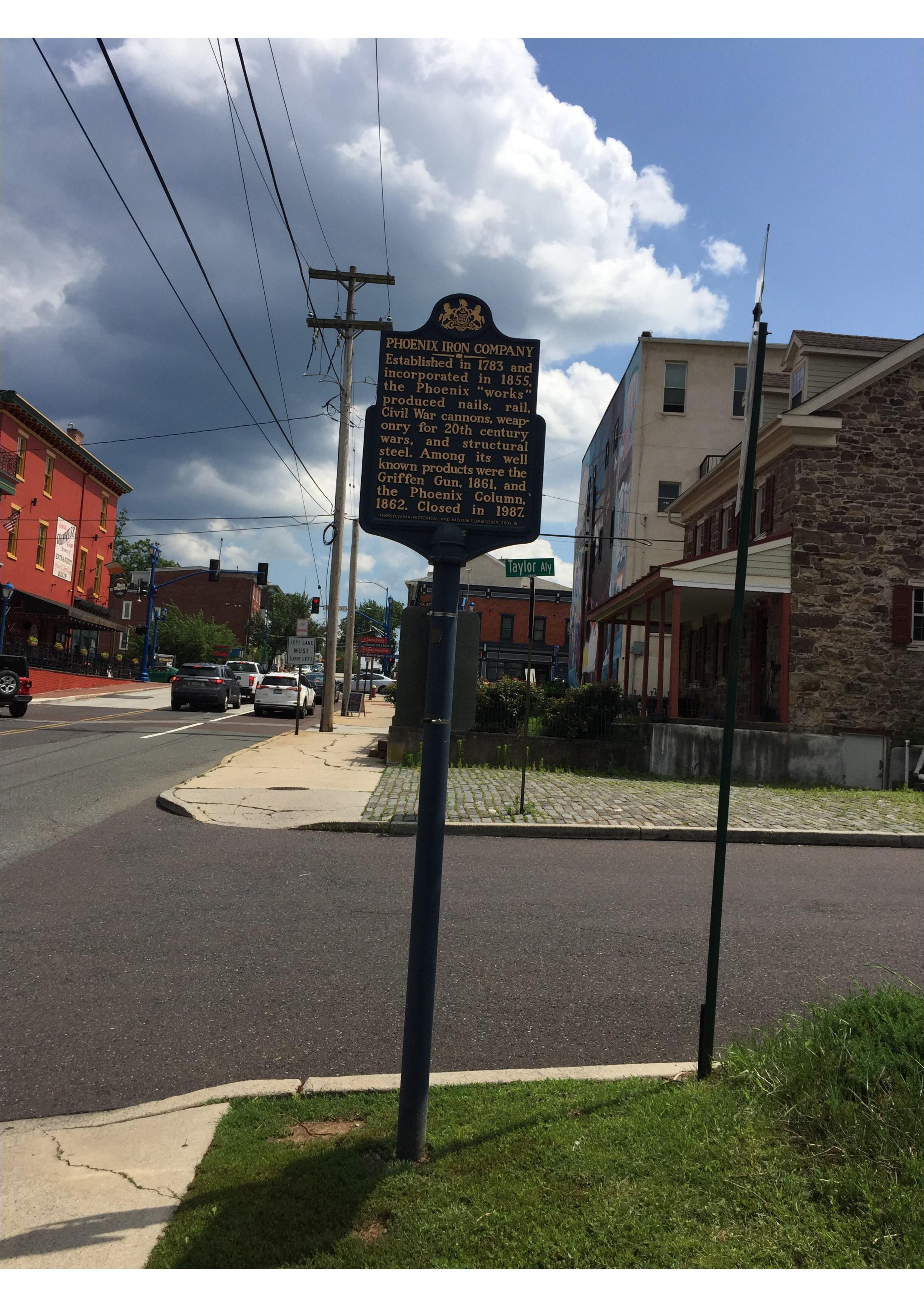
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**Main St**

**P**

**PARKING LOT # 3**

\$2.00 Per Hour

Everyday  
6am to 2am

Front of Car to Curb or Line


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