

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:

WRC CLUB

Original Dedication Date 1932 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

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location 606 SOUTH CHURCH STREET

GPS Coordinates 39.831725, -88.960283

City/Village &/or Township DECATUR

County MACON State ILLINOIS Zip Code 62522

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name WRC

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City RIVERTON State ILLINOIS Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ 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 points10 INCHES Height 21 INCHES Width _____ 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.

GRAY GRANITE TABLET INSCRIBED: IN HONOR OF MARY WINEGARDNER CIVIL WAR
NURSE PLACED 1932 BY PAST PRES. OF W.R.C.

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: VETERAN STONES AND CANNON WITH WALKWAY

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*]

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 8/21/2026Your Name SANDRA COLE FLORES

Address _____

City OKLAHOMA CITYState OKLAZip Code 73150Telephone () _____ E-Mail FLORESBRDLDY@AOL.COM

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

DUVCW TENT #18 SALLIE PEACHEATER - OKC --- WRC - MAL LGAR MAL

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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 SANDRA COLE FLORES

Date 8/21/2026

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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

Inspector's Name _____ Date _____

Unveil Tablet to Civil War Nurse Today

Unveiling of a tablet honoring Mrs. Mary Winegardner, who was a nurse during the Civil war, will take place Sunday at 4 p. m. at the soldiers' monument in Greenwood cemetery. Exercises will be under the auspices of the Past Presidents' club of the Woman's Relief corps, and will be open to the public in general.

The tablet is at the foot of the soldiers' monument and it recognizes not only Mrs. Winegardner's services as a nurse during the Civil war, but also the fact that it was through her efforts that the soldiers' monument was erected in 1908. Mrs. Winegardner at that time was president of the Relief corps. So determined was she that a monument be erected to commemorate the unknown soldier dead that she left no stone unturned until all the money necessary was raised, and the monument was secured.

Is 88 Years Old

Mrs. Winegardner was 88 years old on July 4. The intention of the Past Presidents' club was to have this tablet ready to be unveiled on her birthday, but there was delay, and the exercises had to be put off until now. Mrs. Winegardner is a charter member of the Woman's Relief corps and is now its oldest living member. She has been active in its work all the years since its organization, and her fellow workers have wanted to show her this honor, as well as commemorate her Civil war work, while she is still with them.

Representatives of many patriotic and civic organizations will take part in the exercises Sunday afternoon. Brief remarks will be made by some of them, and there will be group singing, with orchestra accompaniment. Boy Scout troop 25 will assist in the exercises.

The program as arranged for the

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Mrs. Mary Winegardner

event will include the following:

Battle call—Harry Harper, Boy Scout.
 Group singing led by Robert Gibson with orchestra accompaniment.
 Invocation—Rev. J. T. Myers.
 Introductory talk—Mrs. W. H. Snyder.
 Unveiling of tablet—Mrs. Robert Zink.
 Introduction of the following representatives of organizations:
 Grand Army of the Republic — J. H. Crowder, department chaplain.
 Woman's Relief corps — Mrs. Mary Bradley, past department president.
 Grand Army of the Republic — W. N. Hodge, commander Dunham post.
 Grand Army of the Republic—D. B. Black, past department senior vice commander.
 Woman's Relief corps—Mrs. Cora B. Ryman.
 Daughters of Union Veterans — Mrs. Grace Lobdell.
 Group singing.
 Sons of Veterans' auxiliary—Mrs. Mary Person.
 Thomas G. Johnson circle, Ladies of the G. A. R.—Mrs. Letitia Blackford.
 Leila E. Penwell circle, Ladies of the G. A. R.—Mrs. Alice Glone.
 Spanish War Veterans' auxiliary—Mrs. Mattie Cobb.
 American Legion auxiliary—Mrs. C. B. Erwin.
 Gold Star Mothers—Mrs. Flora Mamm.
 Cornet solo—R. C. Garrett.
 Catholic Daughters of America — Mrs. Alice Trimmer.
 Pathian Sisters—Mrs. Bettie Lindamood.
 Woman's Council—Mrs. George Haan.
 Remarks—Mayor O. W. Smith.
 Remarks—Congressman Charles Adkins.
 Remarks—Senator Charles Lee.
 Closing song—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

TABLET TO HONOR NURSE



Amid the quiet forest shade of Greenwood cemetery a tablet honoring Mrs. Mary Winegardner, a civil war nurse will be unveiled at 4 p. m. Sunday. The tablet is at the foot of the soldiers monument in the cemetery.

Unveil Tablet Honoring Civil War Nurse Sunday

Approximately 200 persons gathered around the soldiers' monument in Greenwood cemetery Sunday afternoon to pay tribute to Mrs. Mary Winegardner, Civil war nurse, and to dedicate a bronze tablet in her honor.

Modest and unassuming, a little abashed by the esteem in which she is held by members of patriotic societies who are familiar with her, Mrs. Winegardner was not present.

At Base of Monument.

The tablet, fixed to a stone at the base of the soldiers' monument, recites her service in the war of the States and calls attention to the nearby larger stone, in the placing of which she had the most prominent part.

Praise for Mrs. Winegardner's fearlessness and devotion to duty was spoken by J. H. Crowder of Bethany, department chaplain, and D. B. Black of Decatur, past department senior vice-commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Crowder and Mr. Black served side by side in the Civil war and have remained lifelong comrades. Mr. Crowder's brother was fatally wounded in the battle of Vicksburg,

and while he remained alive was nursed by Mrs. Winegardner.

Tribute to Living.

Few women were allowed to serve as nurses during the Civil war, stated W. N. Hodge, commander of Dunham post, G. A. R. That Mrs. Winegardner was permitted to serve at the front, he pointed out, was in itself a testimonial to her fine character.

Memorial stones, it was pointed out by Mayor O. W. Smith, usually are not erected until the persons whose memory they honor are dead. That one such as this should be erected in tribute to a living person, he argued, signifies the unusual esteem in which Mrs. Winegardner is held.

Representatives of a score of patriotic societies rose to add their word of tribute before rainfall brought the service to an abrupt end.

Old soldiers present at the exercises were:

W. N. Hodge	Jesse Lappin
D. B. Black	August Glatz
Cephus Collins	Cyrus Gossert
Henry Dunham	Oliver Manning
Robert Zink	
J. H. Crowder, Bethany.	
E. T. Baldwin, Kenney.	

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