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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.)

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:
Village of Hamburg Historic Preservation Commission

Original Dedication Date by 1980 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

NW corner of Memorial Park

The Memorial is *currently* located at:
Street/Road address or site location _____
Intersection of Union and Lake Streets GPS Coordinates 42.718093 N, 78.838601 W
City/Village &/or Township Hamburg
County Erie State NY Zip Code 14075

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Village of Hamburg
Dept./Div. Historic Preservation Commission
Street Address 100 Main Street
City Hamburg State NY Zip Code 14075
Contact Person Damon Ayer 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.) wood, stone, and brick

Material of the Sculpture _____Stone_____ Concrete _____ Metal _____Other Is it hollow or solid? _____
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

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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 1848 _____ 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

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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

_____Height _____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.

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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: _____

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 15 October A.D. 2026
Your Name Sumner G. Hunnewell
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone (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, Gen. Thomas C. Fletcher Camp #47 / U.S. Grant Camp #68

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@suvcw.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

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 G. Hunnewell Date 22 October A.D. 2026

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Things To Do

Walking Tour of Downtown Hamburg, Union St. Reveals a Galaxy of Services, Leisure Attractions

BY KATHY MUSCATO

Hamburg offers more than meets the eye, particularly if the eye happens to be peering from a car driving 30 miles per hour.

In order to see Hamburg, you must climb out of your motorized carriage and let your feet hit the pavement. It's the only way to travel.

Start your walking tour at the traditional Four Corners intersection of Main and Buffalo Sts. The Centennial Park backs up against a looping stretch of 18-Mile Creek. If you remembered to wear your sneakers, you can easily descend one of the patchs to the creek, where you will find an abundance of wildflowers such as thistle, sumac and Queen Anne's lace, as well as mountain ash tress with their miniature orange-like berries.

The creek bed is the perfect place for a romantic walk at dusk, or an ambitious picnic, especially if you are prepared to wade across the creek.

If you look up from the creek bed you can see the spires of SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church. On your climb back up, take a look at the rest of the church. It is a very impressive building.

Centennial Park itself is a good place to sit and relax for a minute on one of the parkbenches while you admire the flower gardens. The park gazebo is the site of Thursday night concerts featuring folk, country, and blue grass music. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the concerts are held at 7 p.m. through July and August and are free of charge.

The Chamber of Commerce building, right next to Centennial Park, houses the Centennial Art Center upstairs. The Art Center has a continuous showing of paintings and photographs by its members. Check for paintings as you go up the stairs, and then wander leisurely through the two large rooms. Phone numbers of members are posted in case you're interested in buying.

Heading down Main Street, you will find an abundance of stores where you can satisfy your shopping spree impulses with anything from jewelry to clothing to sporting goods.

Beckes Family Restaurant is one of Hamburg's institutions, founded in 1888 as a trolley car restaurant. The food is good, and if you sit at the counter, be sure to check out the old photographs mounted above the kitchen area.

If you're in a more romantic mood, you might want to try the Steak House restaurant next door to the Post Office.

Of course, you cannot skip the Hamburg Sun on your tour. Yes, we are the little white building across from the Post Office and reporting local news in depth for over a century.

Behind the Sun is the old Hamburg Village School, in operation from 1849 to 1868.

Fanciers of churches and architecture have a treat in store along Hamburg streets. There are as many different building styles as there are denominations in the village. St. James United Church of Christ, a stately brick building with solid oak doors and tiffany-style stained glass, cuts a sharp contrast with the simpler, white clapboard First Baptist Church on the corner of Center St.

Sandwiched between the two churches are the Village Hall and Police Dept.

The stretch of Main between Center and Lake Sts. is a house-watcher's dream. Set back from the road just enough for privacy, these homes with their rolling lawns and huge old trees are something you'd expect to find in an issue of Better Homes and Gardens.

And another church: The Hamburg Presbyterian Church, built in 1952.

Turn right on Lake St. and you will come upon the Village Fire

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Dept., and across the street, the Church of the Nazarene, a white clapboard structure with interesting blue trim.

Village Memorial Park, on the corner of Lake and Union Sts., is a good place to sit for a minute during your walking tour. It's an even better place to sit on Wednesday nights at 8 through the months of July and August, when the Bandstand Concerts serenade the village with a combination of classical and show tune music. This year's new bandshell makes all the difference in acoustical quality, according to veteran concert-goers. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and a thermos full of lemonade and you're in for an old-fashioned good time.

All the trees in the park are labeled: Pink Dogwood, Black Cherry, Douglas Fir, Norway Spruce.

The Civil War Monument, dedicated to "the defenders of our country and flag, 1861-1865, has been rededicated several times to include the servicemen of more recent wars. A Civil War cannon from the Grand Army of the Republic sits behind the statue.

Heading back towards Buffalo St. along Union, you will find more beautiful homes, as well as the Hamburg Grade School, the striking blue Unitarian Universalist Church of Hamburg and the stately ivy-covered Hamburg United Methodist Church.

If you turn left at Buffalo St., you will find yourself in front of the Fraternal Lodge No. 625, and next to that the B.P.O. Elks Lodge, where lunch is served weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinners are served on Friday from 4:30 to 8:30.

Then there is the Hamburg Public Library, where something is always going on. Stop in and read their bulletin board for coming events.

Howard Evert's Guitar Studio, across Pleasant Avenue, is just the place to stop if you've been meaning to break into show business but just haven't found the time.

The sweetest stop on the trip is undoubtedly Highland House Fine Candies. One step inside the old-fashioned chocolate parlor and you succumb to the wonderful aroma of chocolate, peppermint and taffy. The perfenct place to buy a gift for your favorite athlete —they have chocolate running shoes, tennis rackets, and baseball mitts. they even carry carob cote, the non-chocolate health-food version of chocolate.

Across the street is the Village Shopping Center, where you can spend hours wandering, browsing, or buying. On Saturday mornings, the sidewalks in the plaza turn into an arts and crafts fair.

The other side of Buffalo St., as you aim your wandering feet back towards Main, gives you a chance to stop at Hamburg Furniture Stripping and Refinishing. There are usually antiques out drying, and they are well worth stopping for.

Stop at the Sandwich and Donut Shop for an afternoon donut, and then hop across the street to the Pennysaver offices. The Pennysaver is absolutely mandatory reading for anyone who wants to know what is for sale in and around Hamburg.

Braymiller's Bowling Lanes is a good place to stop for a quick game and a cold one, especially if you have just come from a movie at the Palace Theatre next door.

The village parking lot, across from the Palace is the site of the weekly Farmer's Market, sponsored by the Hamburg and Eden Chambers of Commerce. Held on Saturday mornings from 8 to 1 they feature everything from home-made canned goods to fresh fruits and veggies. The fee for a booth is $4 and you must bring you own table.

You can round out your tour with a look inside Ted Kay's Auction Gallery and a stop at Jimmy's Texas Red Hots.

If your appetite for Hamburg's curiosities has been adequately whetted, there are a few other places you may want to remember. The Buckboard Shop, on Union St. near the railroad tracks, carries a full line of western clothes and accessories, from jeans to shirts to leather cowboy hats and boots. They also carry horse gear, and you'll find it fun to browse through the tiny boutique and check out the turquoise jewelry and western belt buckles.

Right next door is the Stove Shop, once the Freight Station along the tracks. As well as wood and coal-burning stoves, the Stove Shop carries Lionel Trains, and one look will transport you back to your childhood when every Christmas tree sported a Lionel train track.

Toward Eden on Gowanda State Road is the Glass Factory, a well-known outlet store for glass and crystal products as well as some wicker and dry goods. Their showroom is exquisite, and their prices are usually very good.

NEXT WEEK: Something Old.

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