

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106
(203) 566-3005

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

18

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
TOWN NO.:		SITE NO.:	
UTM: 18	/	/	/
QUAD:			
DISTRICT:	S	NR:	ACTUAL
			POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. BUILDING NAME: Common: World War I Memorial Historic: World War I Memorial
- 2. TOWN/CITY: Norfolk VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Litchfield
- 3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Intersection of Greenwoods Road West and North Street
- 4. OWNER(S): Town of Norfolk, Norfolk, CT 06058 PUBLIC PRIVATE
- 5. USE: Present: Monument Historic: Monument
- 6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ no

DESCRIPTION

- 7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Rustic DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1921
- 8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding concrete: type: _____ cut stone: type: _____
 other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
 load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other: _____
- 10. ROOF: type: N/A
 gable flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other _____
material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other: _____
- 11. NUMBER OF STORIES: N/A APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 21 x 21 x 21'
- 12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent good fair deteriorated
Exterior: excellent good fair deteriorated
- 13. INTEGRITY: Location: on original site moved, when: _____
Alterations: no yes, explain: _____
- 14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage other landscape features or buildings: Ground cover,
 carriage house shop garden low shrubbery, climbing ivy.
- 15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland residential scattered buildings visible from site
 commercial industrial rural high building density
- 16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

The monument is in a small triangular park at the junction of the streets.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

The monument is constructed of granite ashlar. It is triangular in plan, each face measuring 21 feet across. Each face is concave. Each face is triangular, rising to a common apex approximately 15 feet high. The apex is open and in it is hung a replica of the Liberty Bell. Suitable bronze tablets are fastened to the stone on each face of the monument. A wide seat is built into each face.

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: A.S.G. Taylor Builder: Unknown

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Taylor brought ingenuity and inventiveness to the problem of monument design. He used his familiar stone construction to create an out-of-the-ordinary war memorial. It fits its site well, both the park and the monument being triangular, and it is appropriately scaled to the small size of the park.

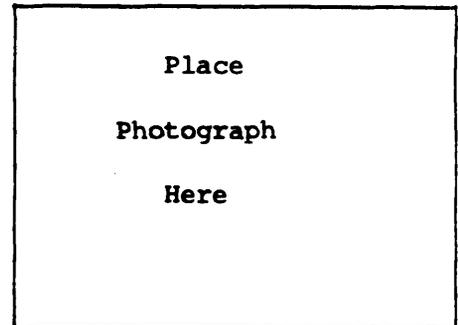
In his design, Taylor met the four requirements of the Town fathers:

1. The monument should be large enough to express the forces of war.
2. The design should avoid the necessity for sculpture.
3. It should be made of local materials.
4. The design should be so simple that the fathers and brothers of those who died could build it.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: D. Ransom
date: October 1978 view: North
negative on file: Connecticut Historical Commission

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COMPILED BY:

name: D. Ransom date: Oct. 31, 1978
organization: Connecticut Historical Commission
address: 59 South Prospect Street, Hartford, CT 06106

19. SOURCES:

A tablet on the monument states that Taylor was the architect. Winsted Evening Citizen, November 11, 1921, p. 1, quoted by Candler, p. 23.

~~20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:~~

Verbal boundary description: The boundary is shown by the dotted line on the sketch map drawn to a scale of 1"=40'.
UTM Reference: 18/648850/4650500

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: _____

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Item number: _____ Date: _____

World War I Memorial
Memorial Green
Norfolk, CT

18. (continued)

The world War I Memorial's design and tradition have invested it with its own historical significance within the context of Taylor's practice of architecture in Norfolk. It is yet another structure type in the wide range of structure types that Taylor provided for the community. In the manner of a small town doctor, Taylor catered to all the needs of the community, providing designs for structures of all types from kindergarten to columbarium. The War Memorial was needed and Taylor supplied it, as he provided homes, church, public buildings, store and so on. The design of the monument reflects Taylor's skillful use of rough stone in a rustic fashion, akin to the masonry of his early houses, and is carefully scaled and composed for the site.

Substantive Review
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

World War I Memorial (Taylor, Alfredo, S. G., TR),
Litchfield County, CONNECTICUT,

Working No. 4/18/82-1835

Fed. Reg. Date: _____

Date Due: 7/15/82 - 8/2/82

Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 8/2/82
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

- no explanation of how this meets the exception
in the criteria for listing properties that are
commemorative in nature
- inadequate VBD

Return
Recom. / Criteria Patrick Andrus
Reviewer Historian
Discipline 8/2/82
Date _____
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other
- Please provide a statement explaining how this property meets the exception to the criteria for listing properties primarily commemorative in ~~intent~~ ^{intent} - has the property's design, age, tradition, or symbolic value invested it with its own historical significance? If so, how?

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

- X Please provide VBD) The VBD is inadequate. Please provide either a site map drawn to scale, or the measured dimensions of the park boundary

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Patrick Andrews

Signed Debra Sue Boyal

Date 8-2-82

Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



World War I Memorial
 Memorial Green
 Norfolk, CT
 Scale: 1"=40'

