

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:

Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75

Original Dedication Date 9-2-17 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 Northfield Cemetery - off Gates Ave  
GPS Coordinates 44.44495 - 93.15994

City/Village &/or Township Northfield  
County Rice State Minnesota Zip Code 55057

The front of the Memorial faces: \_\_\_ North \_\_\_ South \_\_\_ East \_\_\_ West  
unknown

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person Mike Groth Telephone (507) 645-5063 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:**

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Aluminum face + back PVC core

**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

8" Height 12" 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.

*See attached  
 Note that he is the last soldier of Howard County  
 Iowa but is buried in Minnesota -*



**Environmental Setting**

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

**Type of Location**

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

**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 9-2-17

Your Name Ron Rittel

Address 2318 40th St. Des Moines, Iowa

City Des Moines State Iowa Zip Code 50325

Telephone (5                     ) E-Mail                     

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?  
SUVCW Greenville M. Dodge Camp #75

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair  
1240 Konert Valley Dr.  
Fenton, MO 63026



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR - CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.

**Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**  
County - Northfield

**Last Soldier Ira Calvin Wheeler**

Private Ira Wheeler was the last living soldier in Howard County, Iowa but was buried in Northfield, Minnesota. He served in Company G, 47th Wisconsin Infantry. Ron and Marilyn Rittel placed a marker on his grave to honor and recognize the service of Private Wheeler. Ron has identified the last soldier in each Iowa county and the SUVCW, Iowa Department, is marking each grave with a plaque. Northfield Cemetery is located off Gates Avenue or Highway 246. The grave site is Section 2, Plot 18 in the NW corner. Thanks to Ron and Marilyn for the photos, taken 9/2/17.





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ORIN S. TAYLOR  
1857 — 1908  
NANCY BIRDA TAYLOR  
1824 — 1901  
TAYLOR





Last Union  
Civil War Soldier  
of Howard County, Iowa

Ira C. Wheeler

Private  
47th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment  
May 7, 1849 - January 19, 1937

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