

Last Soldier Francis Ritter
Boone County

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:

SUVCW Curtis King Camp #37

Original Dedication Date 6-21 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 Linwood Cemetery
609 Forest Ave. GPS Coordinates 42.056333 -93.891006
City/Village &/or Township Boone
County Boone State Iowa Zip Code 50036

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Linwood Park Cemetery
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 609 Forest Ave.
City Boone State Iowa Zip Code 50036
Contact Person _____ Telephone (515) 432-6295 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 cover

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.

Last Soldier of Boone County Francis R. Her
see attached

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*]

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 6-21
 Your Name Tom Gaard
 Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
 City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325
 Telephone () _____ E-Mail _____

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

SUVCW Grenville 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.

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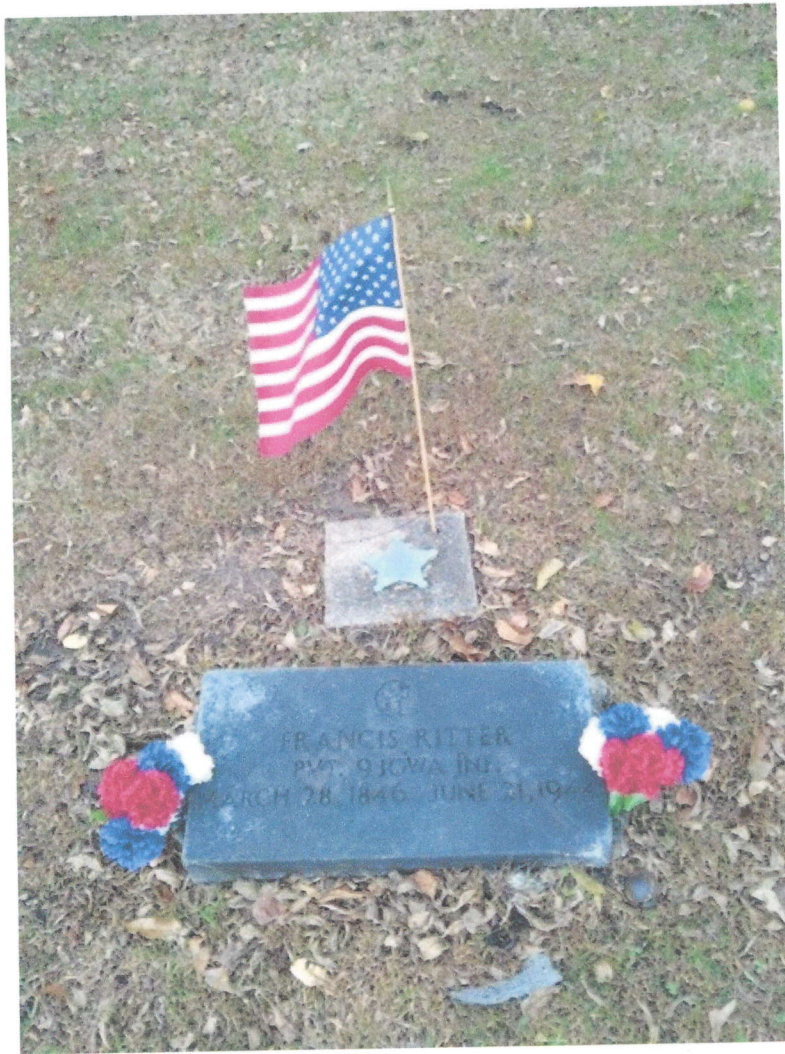
[Boone County](#): Boone

GPS Coordinates: [42.056333 by -93.891016](#)

Last Soldier Francis Ritter

Francis Ritter (1846-1944) was the last living soldier of Boone County. He served in Company K, 9th Iowa Infantry Regiment. Linwood Cemetery in Boone does not permit markers but were willing to have us put the Last Soldier marker at the CW Monument. The first two photos show the marker for Francis Ritter at the Monument and the final photo is at his actual grave site. For more information about the Monument and Cannons, see a separate site under Boone County. Thanks to Danny Krock for working with the cemetery to find a place for the marker and providing photos.





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