

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:

Original Dedication Date 1914 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 Veterans Memorial Park in Oakland Cemetery  
Hwy 2 on E. side of town GPS Coordinates 40.734833 - 92.86450  
City/Village &/or Township Centerville  
County Appanoose State Iowa Zip Code 52544

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Centerville  
Dept./Div. Oakland Cemetery  
Street Address 312 ~~W~~ E. Maple  
City Centerville State Iowa Zip Code 52544  
Contact Person Tammy Johnson Telephone (641) 437-4339 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.) granite

Material of the Sculpture  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other Is it hollow or solid? \_\_\_\_\_  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) granite marble

**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 ammuniton 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

\_\_\_\_\_ 14' Height \_\_\_\_\_ 4' Width \_\_\_\_\_ 2' Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter  
*life size soldier*

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 - I refer to cannons but these are non-cw  
~~cw~~ cannons so I have not provided detail or photos.*

*There is an identical inscription on front and back that reads:*

*In God we Trust  
 WRC  
 In Memory of all who followed  
 our Flag in Defense of our Country  
 1914*

**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 This is a nice little park within a cemetery that includes flags, other Veteran monuments and non-CW cannons  
[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.

*Attractive monument in good condition*

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 9-25-18

Your Name Tom Gaard  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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## Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments

Appanoose County - Centerville

### Soldier and Cannons at Veterans Memorial Park

This is a nice little park in Oakland Cemetery with monuments to veterans of all wars. The Civil War monument was dedicated in 1914. The soldier is of marble and 6 feet in height. There are identical inscriptions on the front and back that read "In God We Trust - W.R.C. - In Memory of all who followed our Flag in Defense of our Country - 1914." The matching cannons are 1.5 inch Maxim Nordenfeldts - used on ship as anti-torpedo boat guns from about 1890-1915. Thanks to Tom Batha for information and identification of these cannons. The cemetery is on the east side of Centerville - just north of Highway 2. The park is on the west side of the cemetery. Photos taken 8/1/08 and 3/4/09.

