

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 not known

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

Original Dedication Date not known 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 Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School
10th St. + G Avenue GPS Coordinates 42.16983 -92.03444
City/Village &/or Township Vinton
County Benton State Iowa Zip Code 52349

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Dept. of Human Services - State of Iowa
Dept./Div. Benton County DHS
Street Address 811 D Avenue
City Vinton State Iowa Zip Code 52349
Contact Person _____ Telephone (319) 472-4746 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 = bronze**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____ Rifled YES NOMarkings: 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 points10" Height 18" 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 - photo didn't photo well - here is inscription**Captain Thomas Drummond
Fifth Cavalry US Army
Born in Brooks County Virginia May 9, 1832
Edited the Vinton Eagle 1857-1860
Member Iowa House of Representatives 1858
State Senator 1860**He secured the establishment of this College
Wounded at the Battle of Five Forks
April 1, 1865
and died the following Day*

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: In the old Main Building at the school

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 school is no longer operating since 2011 and this building appears to be vacant or lightly used.

[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.

My previous visit was 7/2/13 when photo was taken. I was not able to get in building on this date.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 10-4-19

Your Name Tom Gaard
Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325

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

There is a report that these buildings will be sold by the state to the city of Vinton. However, this hasn't taken place as of 2-24-20

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Benton County - Vinton

Plaque honoring Captain Thomas Drummond

Captain Drummond (1832-1865) moved from Ohio to Iowa in 1855 and became editor of the "Vinton Eagle". He was also a member of the Iowa Legislature and was responsible for legislation establishing the Iowa School for the Blind in Vinton. He served in the 2nd U.S. Cavalry, the 4th Iowa Cavalry, and the 5th U. S. Cavalry. He died April 2, 1865 of wounds received in the Battle of Five Forks, Virginia. He also fought in other major battles in the East.

This plaque is placed in the lobby of Old Main at the School for the Blind (now named Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School). The School is at 10th Street and G Avenue in Vinton. Photos taken 7/2/13.

Also shown are historical markers in the St. Clairsville, Ohio cemetery where Captain Drummond is buried next to his mother. The final two photos are from Find-a-Grave and were included 11/21/16. There is also excellent historical information on the Find-a-Grave site. Thank you to Larry Eastman and Jo Porter for notification about these memorials.

