

Last Soldier of ~~Calhoun~~
Calhoun County
Washington Grimes

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

(buried in
Webster County)

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 Col. William Kinsman Camp #23

Original Dedication Date 6 June 2019 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 Gowrie Township Cemetery
West Main St. GPS Coordinates 42.280839 - 94.304634
City/Village &/or Township Gowrie
County Webster State Iowa Zip Code 5054

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Township Board of Trustees
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Person Dixie Harrison Telephone (515) 351-0755 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) _____

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____ Rifled YES NO

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

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 Cemetery just outside of town on West side

[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 June 6, 2019

Your Name Roy Linn

Address 1097 Preston Blvd.

City Correctionville State Iowa Zip Code 51016

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?
SUVCW Col. William Kinsman Comp # 23

Please send this completed form to:

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

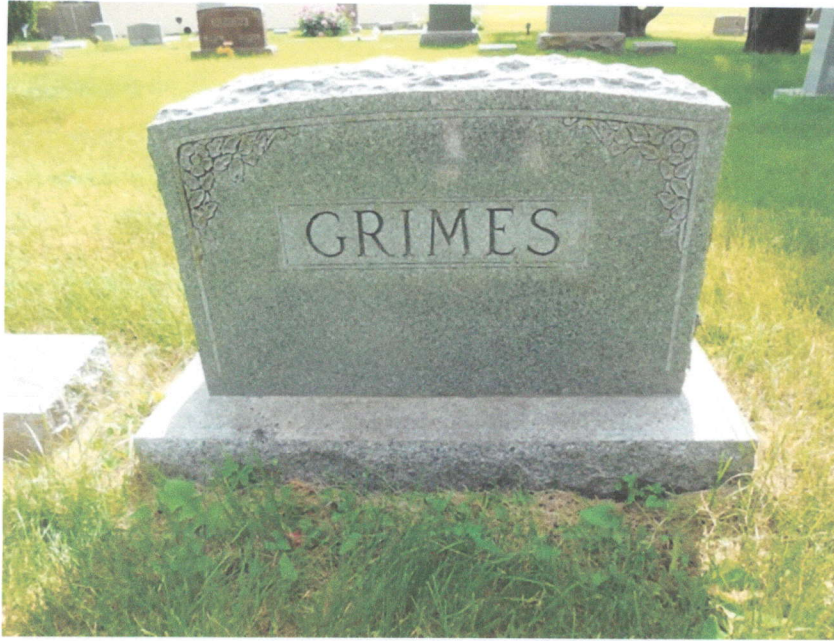
Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Webster County - Gowrie

Last Soldier Washington Grimes

Private Washington Grimes (1845-1939) was the last living soldier of Calhoun County. His full name was Lewis Washington Grimes but was known as Washington Grimes. He was buried in Gowrie in Webster County. He served in Company D, 45th Iowa Infantry Regiment. Roy Linn placed a Last Soldier marker on June 6, 2019. Thanks to Roy for providing the photos and information. The location is in Gowrie Township Cemetery on West Main Street. An obituary is also included.



Lewis Washington Grimes

Birth: Feb. 27, 1845
Death: Aug. 18, 1939

Rockwell City Advocate
Sep 21, 1939

Farnhamville - Wash Grimes, 94, Farnhamville's last Civil War veteran, died Tuesday at the home of his son, Elra, with whom he had lived for several years. Mr. Grimes had been ill only since Saturday.

Funeral services, with military honors, were held this afternoon (Thursday) at the Congregational church. Mr. Grimes will be buried in Reading cemetery beside his wife.

He was born in Kentucky and came with his parents to Davis County, Iowa at the age of 15. At the age of 19, he enlisted in the 45th Iowa infantry, Company D, and served until the Civil War ended.

Mr. Grimes was married Oct. 4, 1868, to Elizabeth Summers at Russell, Iowa. They were together over 65 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes came to this community in 1872 and operated a hotel here for 25 years. They were the parents of six children, two of whom survive.

They are Elra of Farnhamville and Ollie of Kansas.