

GAR Hall
Brandon
Buchanan Co

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:

GAR Shuler Post No. 166

Original Dedication Date 1887

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 Brandon Main St. west of business district

City/Village &/or Township Brandon GPS Coordinates 42.31436 - 92.00543

County Buchanan State Iowa Zip Code 52210

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name _____

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ 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 = _____

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 GAR Hall also used for other community functions

Materials of the Memorial Wooden frame

Complete for All Memorials

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

25' Height 35' Width 80' 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 for historical information
Unfortunately sign had been removed on last visit on 9-17-20

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: Building on Main St. in a small town

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.

Building appears not used and in disrepair

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 9-17-20
 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.

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

Brandon GAR Hall - Buchanan County - Brandon - 42.314360 by -92.005430

This old building started in 1887 as the GAR Memorial Hall. The first photo was taken 9/17/20. The second and third photos were taken 9/17/11. Unfortunately, the sign has been removed in the more recent photo. See the sign photo showing the building history. It is on Main Street 2 blocks west of the business district. Thank you to William Reedy of Brandon for notifying me of this building.



Redfield GAR Hall - Dallas County - Redfield - 41.590676 by -94.195500

The building was rededicated on May 25, 2008, after restoration of the second floor and the the front porch/balcony. It serves as a museum with historical displays, military items and artifacts from the region on the first floor. The building has been donated to Dallas County and is operated by the Dallas County Conservation Board. It is believed it was built in the 1880's and served the Collin Marshall GAR Post No. 43 which met on the upper floor. The SUVCW Grenville Dodge Camp #75 meets here on a periodic basis. It is located on the east side of the Redfield business district. The photo was taken May 25, 2008, at the rededication. The GAR Post was named for Lt. Collin Marshall of Redfield and the 39th Iowa Infantry Regiment. He was killed by Confederate guerrillas near Corinth, Mississippi on Independence Day 1863. Thank you to Historian Joy Neal Kidney's Blog for this information about Lt. Marshall.

On June 27, 2021, a plaque honoring Margaret Morrison was dedicated and placed on the building. Margaret, who passed away earlier in 2021, was responsible for saving the building and doing much to restore and maintain it. The second photo is a close up of the plaque. The third photo shows the unveiling of the plaque by family members.