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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 Col. William Kinsman Camp #23

Original Dedication Date 3/29/18 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: Lot 1, Block 71, Space 3
 Street/Road address or site location Marcus - Amherst Cemetery
D Ave. + E. Highland Dr. GPS Coordinates 42.81573 - 95.80064
 City/Village &/or Township Marcus
 County Cherokee State Iowa Zip Code 51035

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Board of Trustees
 Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code 51035
 Contact Person Tom Leavitt Telephone (712) 261-4147 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 photos

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 _____

[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 3/29/18

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 Camp #23

Please send this completed form to:

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

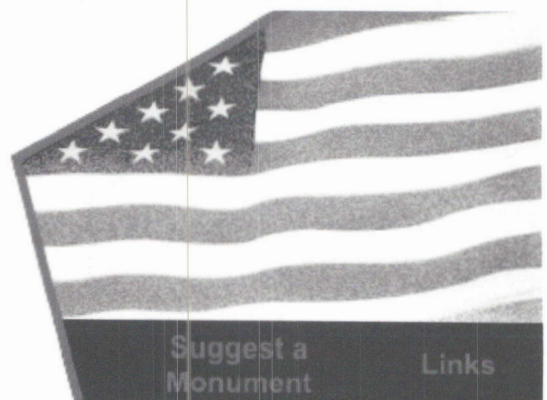
Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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Iowa Civil War Monuments
[Cherokee County](#): Marcus
GPS Coordinates: [42.815730 by -95.800640](#)


Last Soldier Nicholas T. Wells


Nicholas Wells was the last living soldier of Cherokee County. He served in Company K, 40th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment. He is buried in the Marcus-Amherst Cemetery in Marcus. The location is Lot 1, Block 71, Space 3. Thanks to Linda and Roy Linn for placing the plaque on 3/29/18 and providing the photo and information.



WELLS

NICHOLAS T. 1845 - 1943 FATHER	JANE P. 1850 - 1942 MOTHER	EDITH M. 1870 - 1927 DAUGHTER
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Last Union
Civil War Soldier
of Cherokee County, Iowa
Nicholas T. Wells
Private
Company K, 40th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment
October 25, 1845 - April 14, 1943
Memorial provided by
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
2018


NICHOLAS T. WELLS
CPL. 40 WISCONSIN INF.
APRIL 14, 1943

Last Civil War Vet In County Dead at 97

LAST RITES FOR N. T. WELLS, 97, SET FOR FRIDAY

Death Wednesday claimed Cherokee county's last Civil War veteran, 97-year-old Nicholas T. Wells, who died in a Sioux City nursing home after an extended illness.

The body of the pioneer resident was taken to Marcus, his home town, by Bethel Funeral home. Services are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Marcus Methodist church. American Legion and Masonic services will be conducted at the graveside.

The aged veteran of the war between the states leaves three



N. T. WELLS

sons—Ben, Sioux City; Vias, Piarson, and Chester, Siler. His wife preceded him in death over a year ago, shortly after they had celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at Marcus.

If Wells had lived another six months he would have been 98 years old. He had often expressed the desire to live to be 100 years old.

The year before their 65th anniversary the couple won a prize at Piarson for being the oldest married couple at a golden wedding jubilee.

Wells was very proud of his service in the Civil war and spoke in a philosophic manner of the long years leading back to his early experiences.

Born in Missouri

Wells was born in Missouri in 1846. He was a frail youth, "the frail of the 11 children," he said

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county, Wis., in 1846, from Lincoln, county, Missouri, when Wells was seven months of age. His mother was a Virginian; his father a Kentuckian. Both were former slave-holders.

An experience Wells had while serving with Union forces in the Civil war earned for him the nickname, "Peachtree" Wells, which he carried with him the rest of his life. Here's how he related the incident to a Daily Times reporter several years ago:

"Aug. 21, 1864, while we were on guard duty supporting a battery we were attacked by Gen. Forrest," Mr. Wells relates.

"As we drew up in line of battle in an old peach orchard the confederates were back in the woods. They could see us but we couldn't see them. They fired a little too high at first but a few bullets did cut branches from the trees and they were snapping all around us. I was near a peach tree and I dodged right behind it. I'd have been there yet but the captain said, 'Oh, don't be dumb, get back in line' I streaked back to my place. The boys had a good one on me and it was a long time before they forgot to holler 'Peachtree' at me.

"Three hundred men were lost in the skirmish. Our lieutenant colonel gave us a noble talk when we got back to camp. 'I'm proud of you,' he said. 'Coolest lot of men under fire I ever saw.'

"I remember we got an old rebel spy that day. He was dressed in a Union captain's uniform. I saw him lying there with a ball through his neck.

"We used to ride freight cars a lot, and we never knew when the rails would split or we would be fired upon."

Wells returned to Wisconsin after the war where on October 25, 1871, he married Miss Jane Parker.

They farmed for a few years after their marriage and then Wells went into the well business. In 1876 they came to Pottawattamie county, Ia., in the southwest part of the state, where they farmed for a time.

On March 28, 1883, they came to Tilden township here, making the trip in three days in a covered wagon.

Wells prospered in the livestock business in Cherokee county, feeding, buying and shipping cattle. In 1911 the family moved to Marcus and in 1916 they built their new home, the one in which they lived until the death of Mrs. Wells and the subsequent illness of Mr. Wells.

Wells was a Mason for 66 years. He helped organize the Masonic lodge at Marcus 52 years ago. He also served for 16 years on the Marcus board of education.

N. T. Wells—

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to say, but he outlived them all to become a vigorous near centenarian.

His family ran a hotel in Wisconsin and his tales of some of the pioneer winters there were filled with hardship and sacrifice.

The settlers, many of them like the Wells family, were unprepared for the bitter Wisconsin winters. No heavy overshoes, feet frozen to leather boots, bed clothing frozen stiff with breath, stove heated houses always bitterly cold, chopping green wood through deep snow to burn in stoves when the mercury stood at 50 below, two-mile walks over bleak prairies without overcoats, or warm underclothings—all were a part of his early experiences.

The Wells family came to Iowa

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