

Last Soldier of Harrison  
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Sylvester Pokett

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 4-29-18 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:

Street/Road address or site location Union Township Cemetery  
5th St. & 7th Avenue GPS Coordinates 41.827724 - 95.344427  
City/Village &/or Township Defiance  
County Shelby State Iowa Zip Code 51527

The front of the Memorial faces: \_\_\_ North \_\_\_ South \_\_\_ East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Union Township  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person James Scheuring Telephone (712) 748-7601 ext \_\_\_\_\_  
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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*

*note that he is the last soldier of Harrison County but is buried in near-by Shelby County.*



### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



[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 4-29-18  
 Your Name Mike Carr  
 Address P.O. Box 42  
 City Carson State Iowa Zip Code 51525  
 Telephone  E-Mail 

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.

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



Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments  
Shelby County - Defiance

**Last Soldier Sylvester Pokett**

Private Sylvester Pokett (1849-1943) was the last living soldier of Harrison County. He is buried in nearby Shelby County. He served in Company C, 1st Nebraska Cavalry. On April 29, 2018, members of Kinsman Camp #23 held a ceremony and placed a plaque to honor Private Pokett. This is at the Union Township Cemetery on the west side of Defiance at 5th Street and 7th Avenue. Thanks to Linda Linn for photos and information and to Dan Rittel for information.

