

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:

Original Dedication Date July 5, 1900 Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the 1st 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 Winnebago Court house  
126 S. Clark St. GPS Coordinates 43.263016 -93.638650  
City/Village &/or Township Forest City  
County Winnebago State Iowa Zip Code 50436

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Winnebago County  
Dept./Div. Auditor  
Street Address ~~404 E. Main St~~ 126 S. Clark St.  
City Forest City State Iowa Zip Code 50436  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (641) 585-3412 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.) fountain

Material of the Sculpture  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Other Is it hollow or solid? \_\_\_\_\_  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) zinc - painted

**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

Materials of the Memorial

**Complete for All Memorials**

**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points *The black granite Vets Monument is 8 ft high and 6 ft wide*

*6 ft soldier* Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth or *15'* Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ *the fountain*

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  
The photo of the plaque gives good historical information and detail about the material of the soldier and fountain  
Near by is a Veterans monument with Veterans listed from region. Shown is a the monument for the CW. Material of black granite.

**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.

*Unusual painted soldier on ornate fountain. on several visits, the paint always seemed to be fresh. There has not been water in the fountain*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 5-6-20

Your Name Tom Gaard

Address 16541 Valleyview Lane

City [Redacted] State Tenn Zip Code 37215

E-Mail [Redacted]

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.



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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**Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**  
Winnebago County - Forest City

**Civil War Soldier on Fountain**

This is a very striking and unusual monument with a painted soldier on an intricate fountain. The soldier is made of zinc. It is located on the Courthouse Square. There is also an impressive veterans area on the Square with black granite monuments with names of those who served in all wars including Civil War veterans. There is also a Sherman Tank on the Square. Photos taken 8/2/09.

















