

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:

WRC #309

**Original Dedication Date** unknown 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 West Lawn Cemetery on Highway 30 *(also called Merle Hoy Memorial Cemetery)*  
NW of town GPS Coordinates 42.06485 -94.74140  
City/Village &/or Township Glidden  
County Carroll State Iowa Zip Code 51443

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner**

Name City of Glidden  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address P.O. Box 349  
City Glidden State Iowa Zip Code 51443  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (712) 659-3010 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.) marble

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

Materials of the Memorial

**Complete for All Memorials**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 8' Height \_\_\_\_\_ 16" Width \_\_\_\_\_ 16" Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter  
\_\_\_\_\_ 29" \_\_\_\_\_ 29" concrete base

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  
also see photos of separate Veterans Monument  
showing vets of all wars including 56 CW soldier  
there is also a monument to Merle Hay - one  
of 1st 3 Americans killed in WWI



**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.

*The monument has been painted - which is now breaking up.*

Inspector Identification    Date of On-site Survey 5-9-18

Your Name Tom Gaard

[Redacted contact information]

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?  
SUVCW    Greenville Dodge Camp #75

Please send this completed form to:

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

[Redacted return address]

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

### Carroll County - Glidden

#### **Civil War Memorial**

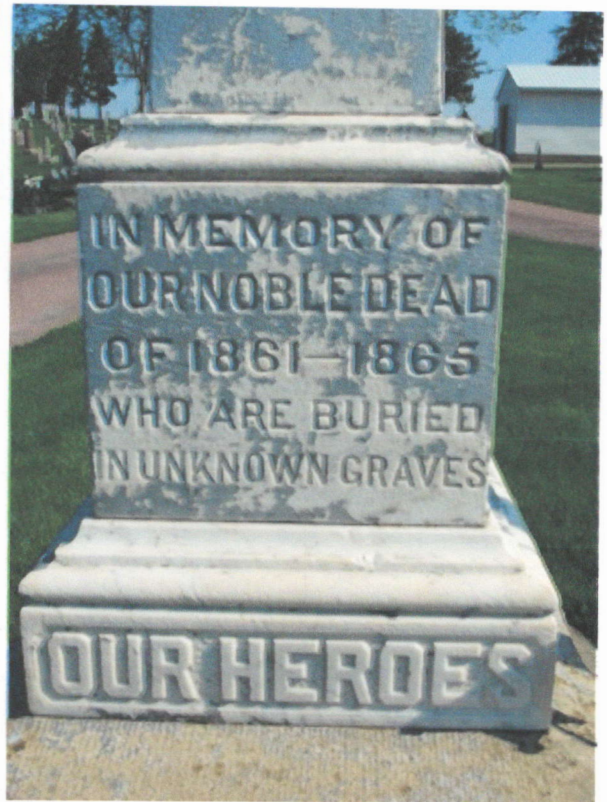
This monument was erected by the WRC. The inscription reads, "In memory of our noble dead of 1861-1865 who are buried in unknown graves." This is located at West Lawn Cemetery (also called Merle Hay Cemetery) in Glidden. Merle Hay, a native of Glidden, was the first lowan and one of the first three USA soldiers who died in World War I on November 3, 1917 in France. The final two photos are from a monument dedicated to Merle Hay. In 2009 an attractive veterans monument was erected with a section showing Civil War soldiers from the region. The cemetery is located NW of Glidden on Highway 30. The monument is on the west road in the cemetery. Thank you to Steve Hanken for the notification of these monuments. The photo of the veterans monument was taken 5/3/14. The other photos were taken 5/9/18.

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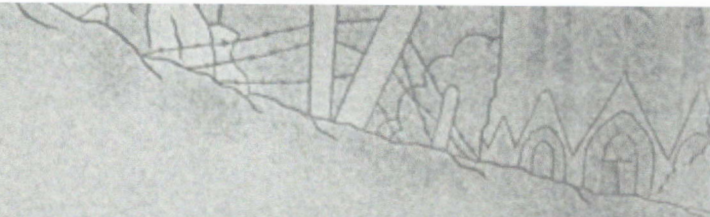












MERLE D. HAY  
CO. F. 16<sup>TH</sup>. INFANTRY A. E. F.  
KILLED NEAR ARTOIS FRANCE NOV. 3, 1917.  
THE FIRST IOWA SOLDIER  
AND ONE OF THE FIRST THREE SOLDIERS  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
KILLED IN ACTION IN THE WORLD WAR.