

Last Soldier
Jonas Hoffhines

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:

Gen. Grenville Dodge Camp #75 Des Moines, Iowa

Original Dedication Date 8/23/44 Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on this 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 Leon Cemetery NW 6th St.
Leon, Iowa GPS Coordinates 40.745425 - 93.758674
City/Village/Township Leon
County Decatur State Iowa Zip Code 50144

The front of the Memorial faces: ___ North ___ South ___ East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Leon
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 104 W 1st Street
City Leon State IA Zip Code 50144
Contact Person _____ Telephone (41) 446-6221 ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ___ Yes No ID # if known _____

For Monuments with/without sculpture: does not apply

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 = metallic**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon = Bronze iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____ Rifled YES NOMarkings: 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 points10" 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 photo of plaque

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard	<input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square"	<input type="checkbox"/> Post Office
<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building	<input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol	<input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse	<input type="checkbox"/> College Campus
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle	<input type="checkbox"/> Library	Other: _____		

General Vicinity

Rural (low population, open land) Suburban (residential, near city) Town Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply) Cemetery

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 8/23/14 (time of dedication)

Your Name Tom Gaard

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail gaardt@aol.com

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

SUVCW

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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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Decatur County - Leon

Last Soldier Jonas Hoffhines Memorial

Jonas Hoffhines (1840-1940) was the last Civil War Soldier of Decatur County. He lived to age 100. He was a member of Company C, 88th Ohio Infantry and served from August 24, 1862 until July 3, 1865. The SUVCW, Iowa Department, is recognizing the last soldier in each county and this plaque was installed at the gravesite in the Leon Cemetery on August 23, 2014. Mike Rowley, shown in photo with Barb Steineman, led the ceremony to honor Jonas Hoffhines. The Leon Cemetery is on the west side of town - off NW 8th Street. The gravesite is in the west central section of the Cemetery. Photos taken 8/23/14.



