

Rodman Cannon
Cemetery - Northwood

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 Unknown

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

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 Sunset Rest Cemetery
3rd Ave. N to west side of town GPS Coordinates 43.448660 -93.229866
City/Village &/or Township Northwood
County Worth State Iowa Zip Code 50459

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Northwood
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 627 Central Ave.
City Northwood State Iowa Zip Code 50459
Contact Person _____ Telephone (841) 324-1075 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 = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) 8 inch Rodman M1864

Markings: Muzzle 506 No 4 1865 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

_____ Height _____ 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 -
on web-site, I included this cannon and similar one
at Grant home together.
also see copy from Dennis Bresson's book
"Iowa Civil War Cannons" for more detail

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*.

could use a paint job

Thank you.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 6-17-20
Your Name Tom Gaard
Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325



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.
Fenton, MO 63026



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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**Northwood
Sunset Rest Cemetery**

Made by Seyfert McManus & Co.

Model of 1861, 8 inch bore.

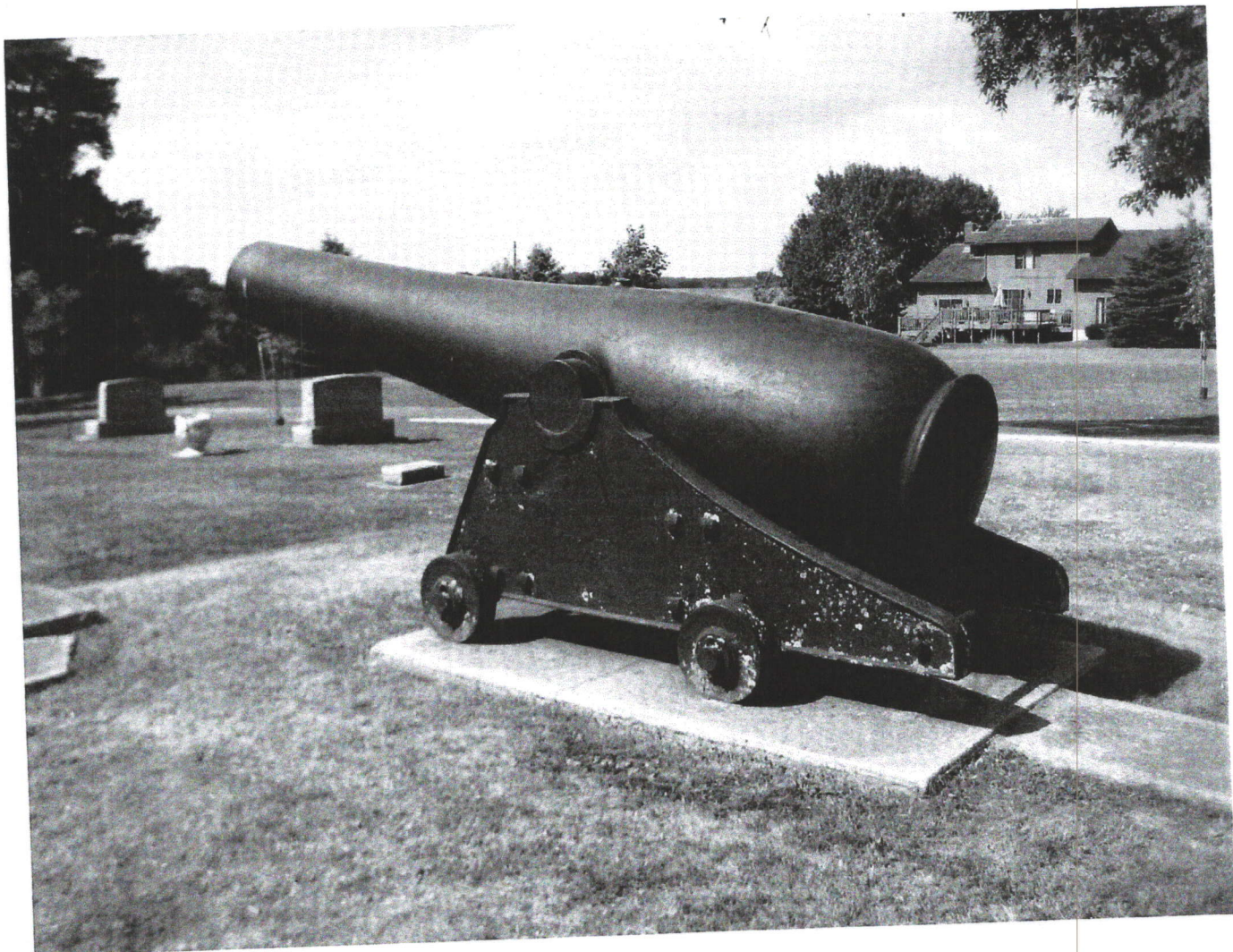
No. 41, Made in 1865.

Weighs 8485 lbs.

Right rimbase Stamped 215.

Inspected by Stephen C. Lyford.

Cannon facing west.



Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Worth County - Northwood

Rodman Cannons

There are two similar 8 inch Rodman guns, M1861 - one in the cemetery and one on the courthouse square. The one at Sunset Rest Cemetery is in a nice setting on a little rise. It was cast in 1865 at Seyfert, McManus & Co. of Reading, PA. It is a very large cannon - 8485 pounds. The location is in the NW part of town with the entrance at 3rd Avenue and 3rd Street. The cannon is in the NW part of the cemetery. The GPS reading is based on this cannon.

The one on the courthouse square has a sign that implies that it was manufactured at the Northwood Foundry; however, it was cast at the Fort Pitt Foundry in Pittsburg in 1864 while only the carriage was actually manufactured here. This cannon weighs 8520 pounds and has a cannonball in the bore. The courthouse is located east of the business district. Photos taken 6/17/20 - the smaller photos taken 3/14/08.

The final image is an old undated postcard showing one of the cannon then located in City Park. Thanks to Danny Krock for providing this copy.



