

Tipton - Memorial Plaque
and Freedom Rock
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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.)
Freedom Rock

Affiliation

GAR MOLLUS SUVCW WRC ASUVCW
 LGAR DUVCW Other Cedar County Historical Society

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

Original Dedication Date July 5, 2015 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 Red Oak Grove Presbyterian Church
751 King Ave. GPS Coordinates 41.83740 - 91.1575
 City/Village &/of Township Tipton
 County Cedar State Iowa Zip Code 52772

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Red Oak Grove Presbyterian Church
 Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 751 King Ave
 City Tipton State Iowa Zip Code 52772
 Contact Person _____ Telephone (563) 886-6018 ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places Yes No ID # if known 09001302
This refers to the church but assume the memorial would be included

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.) Boulder
 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 points14" Height 10" Width Depth or Diameter

The Freedom Rock is about 10' wide and 8' high

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. I have included both the plaque and Freedom Rock as both regard MOH recipient Pitt Herington. The plaque is at the church several miles NW of Tipton. The freedom Rock is at the Cedar County Courthouse in Tipton.

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: church

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 Wonderful location on the corner of the church.

[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 8-3-20
Your Name Tom Gaard
Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325
E-Mail _____

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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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Cedar County - Tipton

Memorial Plaque and Freedom Rock - Pitt B. Herington

Pitt B. Herington, 11th Iowa Infantry, was awarded the Medal of Honor for bravery in going between battle lines to rescue a wounded comrade at Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia on June 15, 1864. He was from the region near the Red Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and Cemetery in Cedar County. This memorial plaque was placed by the Cedar County Historical Society and dedicated on July 5, 2015. The memorial is on a boulder at the foot of the steps of the wonderfully restored Church which is on the National Register of Historical Places. The photos were taken 6/24/16. Go 3.5 miles north of Tipton on Highway 38 - then west on 175th Street to the Church. After the War, Herington farmed in Illinois and is buried in Clinton, Illinois - refer to the Clinton site showing his tombstone and Medal of Honor plaque.

In August, 2020, it was noticed there was a Freedom Rock in front of the Cedar County Courthouse in Tipton that highlighted Pitt Herington. The Freedom Rocks are located throughout Iowa and are painted by artist Ray "Bubba" Sorensen. There is a near-by display board that provides excellent information. The GPS refers to the plaque at the Church. The Rock is located off Highway 38 at the Courthouse just north of the Business District.



