

Rockwell Whipple

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:

SUVCW Col. William Kinsman Camp #23

Original Dedication Date 13 June 2019 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 Elmwood Cemetery 1224 S. Washington Ave.  
2nd Addition #3 GPS Coordinates \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Village &/or Township Mason City  
County Cerro Gordo State Iowa Zip Code 50401

The front of the Memorial faces: \_\_\_ North \_\_\_ South \_\_\_ East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Mason City  
Dept./Div. Elmwood Cemetery  
Street Address 1224 South Washington Ave.  
City Mason City State Iowa Zip Code 50401  
Contact Person Randy O'pheim Telephone (641) 421-3687 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 = Aluminum face + back PVC core

**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 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.

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**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.

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey June 13, 2019  
Your Name Roy Linn  
Address 1097 Preston Blvd.  
City Correctionville State Iowa Zip Code 51016

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?  
SUVCW Col. William Kinsman Comp # 23

Please send this completed form to:

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

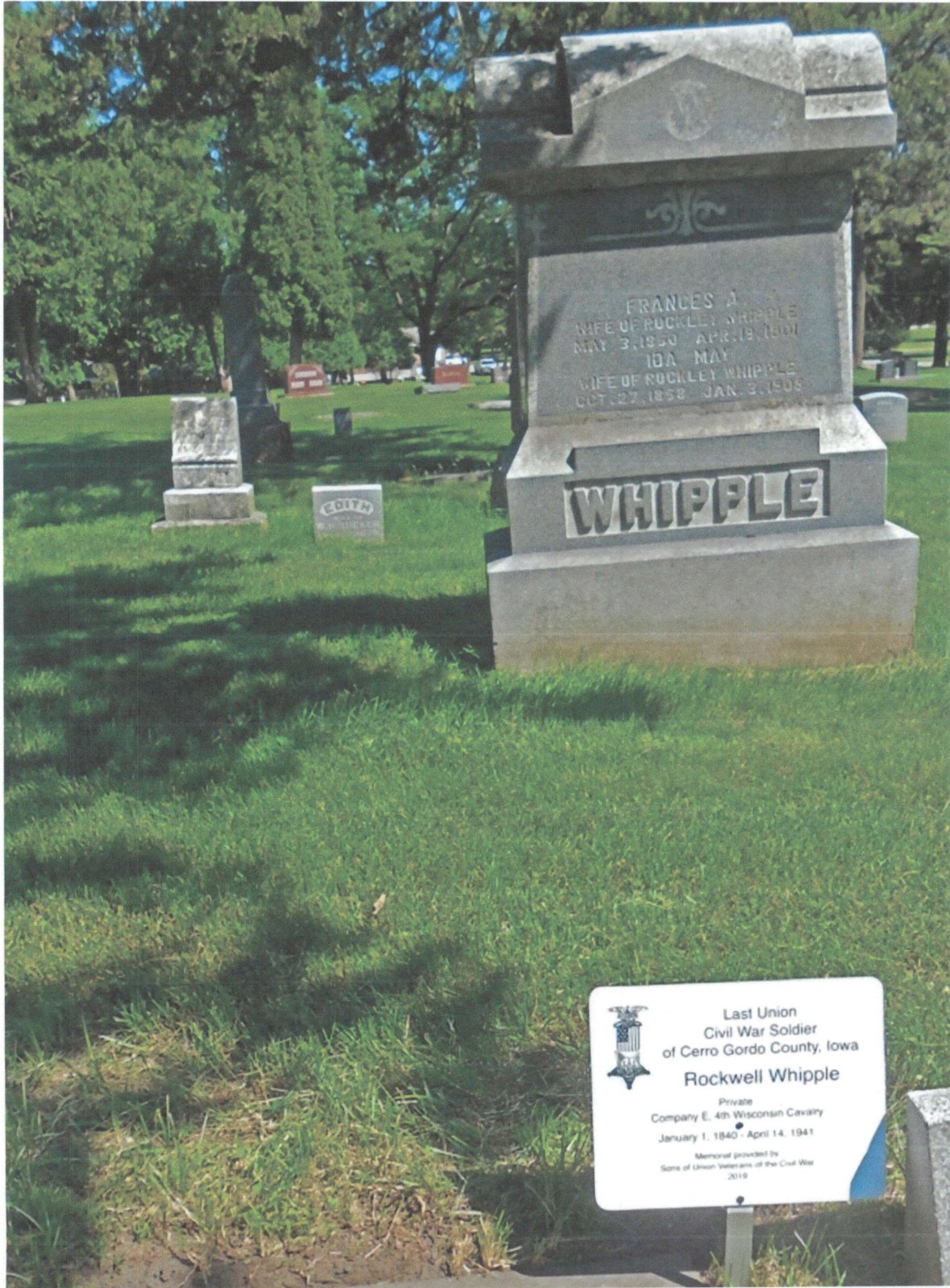
Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.**

Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments  
Cerro Gordo County - Mason City

**Last Soldier Rockwell Whipple**

Private Rockwell Whipple (1840-1941) was the last living soldier of Cerro Gordo County. He served in Company E, 4th Wisconsin Cavalry. According to his obituary, he served chiefly as a scout around Baton Rouge and Fort Hudson. It was said that when he came to Mason City, he arrived with a team of horses, a covered wagon, \$5, and a dog. Thank you to Roy Linn for placing the Last Soldier marker on June 13, 2019 and providing the photo and information. The 101 year old Private Whipple was buried in Elmwood Cemetery with a full military service. The old photo shows a parade recognizing Private Whipple. The Cemetery is located at 1224 South Washington Avenue in Mason City.



Last Union  
Civil War Soldier  
of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa  
**Rockwell Whipple**

Private  
Company E, 4th Wisconsin Cavalry  
January 1, 1840 - April 14, 1941

Monument provided by  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
2019