

Clayton County
Freedom Rock
Guttenberg

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 citizens of Guttenberg and Clayton Co

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

Original Dedication Date June 12, 2022 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 City Park at Horseshoe Pond
on Hwy 52 near Municipal Swimming Pool GPS Coordinates 42.79119 - 91.10493
City/Village &/or Township Guttenberg
County Clayton State Iowa Zip Code 52052

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Guttenberg
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 502 S. 1st St.
City Guttenberg State Iowa Zip Code 52052
Contact Person _____ Telephone (563) 252-1161 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.) 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 = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze _____ Iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____

Markings: Muzzle _____ 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

_____ 5' Height _____ 8' Width _____ 3' 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 for historical info on Samuel Merrill.
Painted by artist Ray "Bubba" Sorenson

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 Very nice landscaped area with small pond

[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.

I visited here on 6-4-21 - Learned later that dedication was 6-12-22.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 6-4-21

Your Name Tom Gaard

Address 16541 Valleyview Lane

City Clive

State Iowa

Zip Code 50325

Telephone () _____

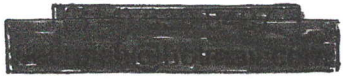
E-Mail _____

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

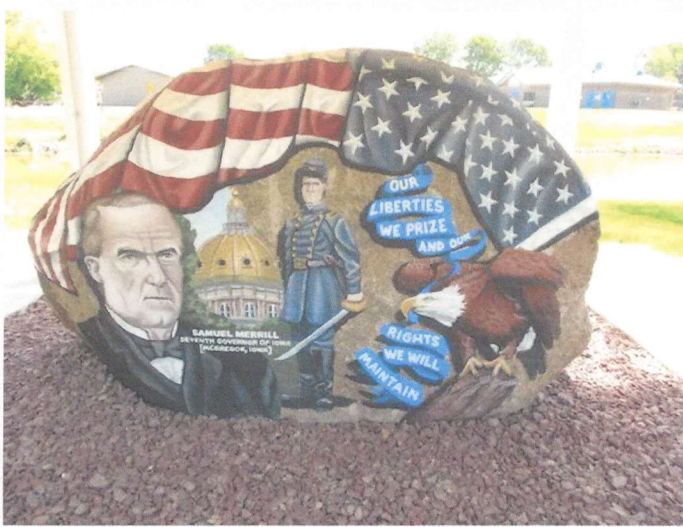


Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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Guttenberg - Samuel Merrill Freedom Rock - GPS Coordinates: 42.791190 by -91.104930

The Clayton County Freedom Rock honors Samuel Merrill (1822-1899) who was a Civil War soldier and Governor of Iowa. The first photo on the west side of the rock refers to Merrill - the second photo on the east side shows the Iowa flag and a modern era soldier. Merrill was born in Maine but moved to McGregor in Clayton County in 1856 where he became a successful merchant and banker. He was the Colonel of the 21st Iowa Infantry Regiment but was severely wounded in the Battle of Big Black River Bridge on May 17, 1863. While he attempted to return to the Army, effects of the wounds resulted in being mustered out in 1864. He was elected as Iowa's Governor, serving from 1868-1872. He is buried in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines. The Freedom Rock is painted by Ray "Bubba" Sorensen. It is in a very nice location off Hwy 52 on the NW side of Guttenberg near the swimming pool. Photos taken 6/4/21.



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