

CW Soldier  
Strawberry Point  
Clayton Co.

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 Clayton County

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 Strawberry Point Cemetery  
E. side of town on Mission St. GPS Coordinates 42.681033 -91.522966  
City/Village &/or Township Strawberry Point  
County Clayton State Iowa Zip Code 52076

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Cass Township Trustees  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address P.O. Box 10  
City Strawberry Point State Iowa Zip Code 52076  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (563) 933-6175 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ 22' Height \_\_\_\_\_ 9' Width \_\_\_\_\_ 9' 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

South inscription  
 "Erected by Citizens of Clayton County"

West  
 "In Memory of our Nations Defenders"

North  
 "Fraternity Charity Loyalty"

(nothing on East side)

**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.

*Use monument at entrance to Cemetery -*

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 6-3-22  
 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 (1822-1890) 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 1858 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.