

CW Memorial at I-35 Rest Stop  
Dows

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.)  
tiles at entrance and interior murals

Affiliation

GAR  MOLLUS  SUVCW  WRC  ASUVCW  
 LGAR  DUVCW  Other  
Project of Franklin County and State of Iowa

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

Original Dedication Date <sup>completion</sup> Fall, 2003 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 Exit 159 off I-35 at Rest Stop  
GPS Coordinates 42.672233 -93.460433  
City/Village &/or Township Dows  
County Franklin State Iowa Zip Code 50071

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner <sup>Various</sup>  
Name Iowa Department of Transportation  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address 800 Lincoln Way  
City Ames State Iowa Zip Code 50010  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (515) 239-1101 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.) granite

**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 pointsSee below 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 &amp; location found

Please attach legible photographs of all text &amp;/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum - narrative sheet if necessary.

See attached including the plaque which describes the monuments in detail. I have included everything on one form.

There are 6 stones with letters from soldiers to family at home

These are 26" high, 22" wide and 6" deep

There is a larger stone with a poem and hand grasping a branch

It is 36" high, 22" wide and 6" deep.

The plaque is on the interior - 36" high 18" wide

The entrance "Eagle" of ceramic tile is 12' x 12'

The murals showing a canteen and knapsack are 10 ft wide and 8 ft high



**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: I-35 Rest Stop

**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)  
some is inside

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.

*This is a unique one. 100's of people come thru here ~~daily~~ daily so hopefully will create interest in CW*

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 5-6-20  
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.

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

**Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**  
Franklin County - Dows

**Civil War Memorial on I-35 Rest Stop**

This rest stop at exit 159 on I-35 has a Civil War theme with three tile pieces, letters from soldiers and a plaque. The six letters are shown below. It is dedicated to soldiers from Franklin County - many were at the battle of Pleasant Hill in Louisiana. With many people stopping here, it exposes a large number of persons to the Civil War. Photos taken 3/14/08 and 5/6/20.









