

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 DAR

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

Okamanpadu Chapter DAR

Original Dedication Date 1911 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 Law Enforcement Center  
114 N. 6th St. GPS Coordinates 43.403516 - 94.836483  
City/Village &/or Township Esterville  
County Emmet State Iowa Zip Code 51334

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Emmet County  
Dept./Div. Auditor  
Street Address 609 1st Avenue N.  
City Esterville State Iowa Zip Code 51334  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (712) 362-4261 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.) granite

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 = bronze

**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

25' Height 2 ft. in diameter Width      Depth or      Diameter  
13" 30" for 2 plaques

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 history and reason why this should be considered a CW monument. The photos of plaques were not too clear so I have written below.

The West plaque reads: 1863 1911  
 Fort Defiance  
 Erected on Block 59, Original Plot of Estherville, Iowa  
 By Company A, Northern Border Brigade  
 For the Protection of Settlers  
 Against Marauding Indians

The East plaque reads:  
 In the memory of the Pioneers of Emmet County, Iowa  
 and in honor of the patriotic soldiers who endured hardships that future generations might enjoy the

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This monument was erected through the efforts of Okama padu Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

**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 County       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.

*Attractive, well maintained monument*

Inspector Identification      Date of On-site Survey 9-18-18

Your Name Tom Gaard

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?  
SUVCW      Greenville Dodge Camp #75

Please send this completed form to:

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

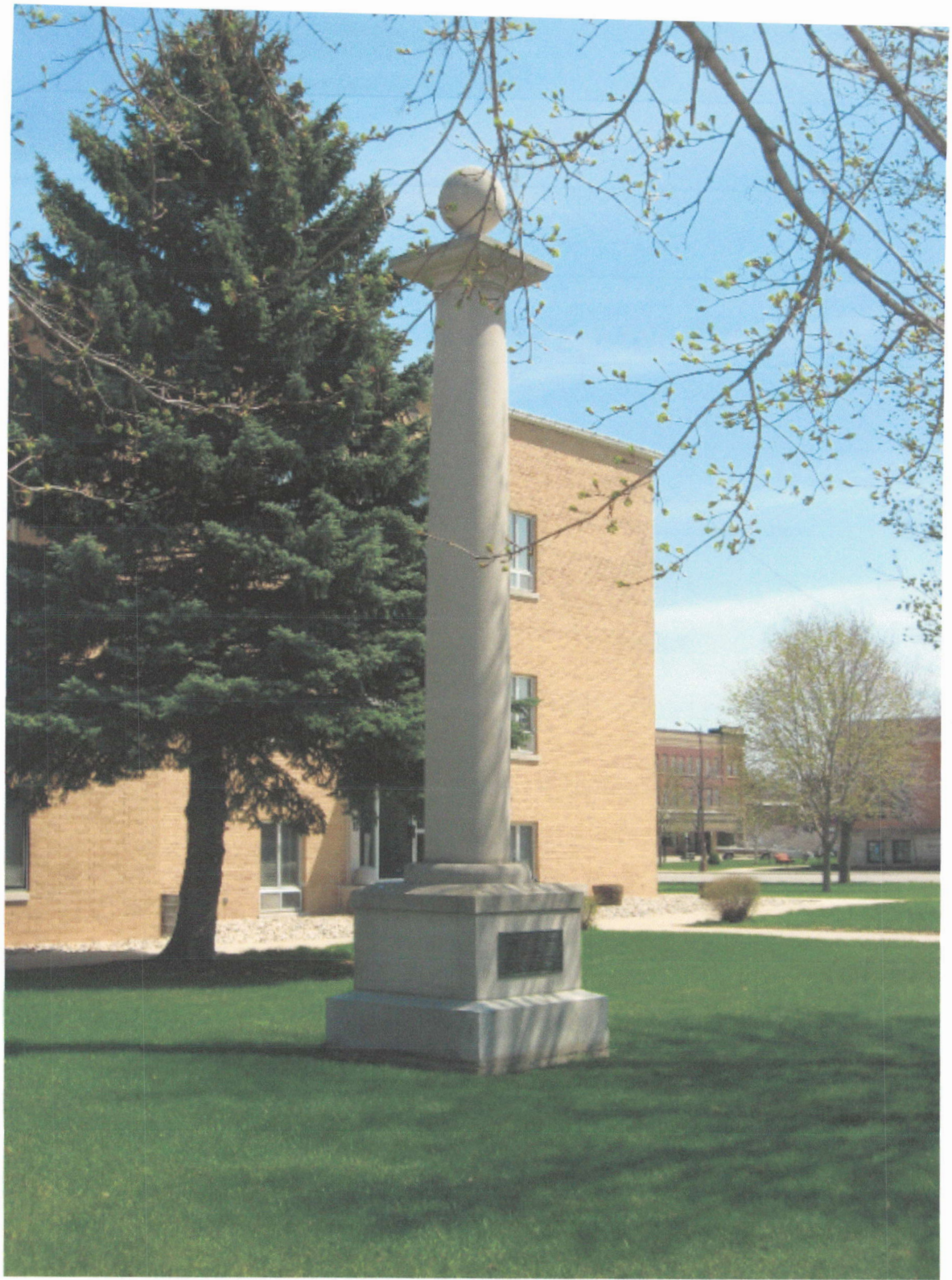
Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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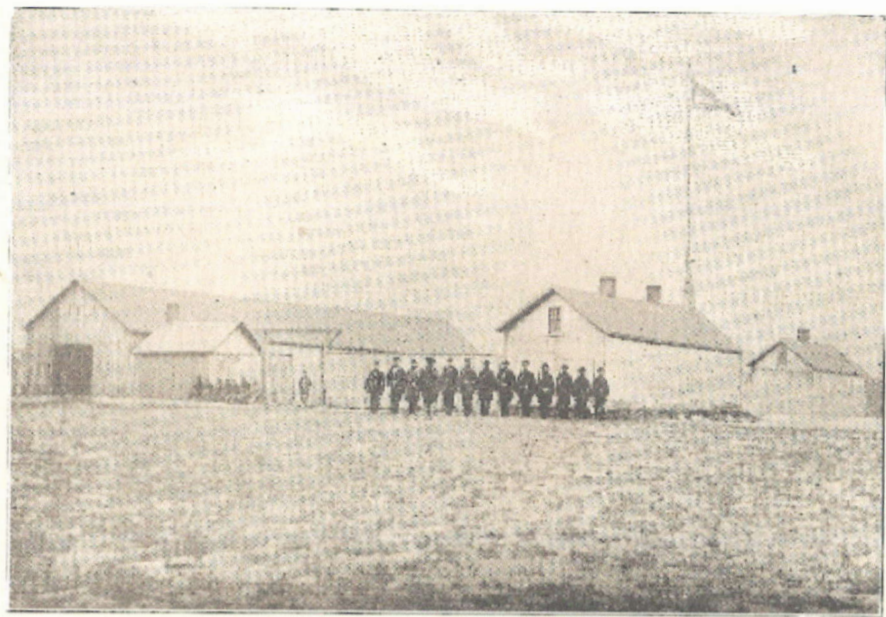
**Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**  
Emmet County - Estherville

**Fort Defiance**

In 1862 there was an Indian uprising across the border in southwestern Minnesota. This created a great deal of panic in Iowa and the Northern Border Brigade, a militia unit, was established to protect Iowa from the north. Prior to the Civil War, regular army units were stationed in the region but they were sent to the war in the south. Company A of the Brigade built and was stationed at Fort Defiance in Estherville. This fort was originally named Fort Ingham but was renamed Fort Defiance. There was little or no activity with the Indians but residents of the region were very appreciative of the protection. The attractive monument is a 25 foot column with two plaques. It was erected by the Okamanpadu Chapter DAR in 1911. It is located at the Law Enforcement Center at 114 North Sixth Street north of the business district. The first photo was taken 5/4/08. Photos of the plaques were taken 9/18/18.







THE STOCKADE AT BISMARCKVILLE 1862-63.