

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: buried by people of Franklin County"
GAR Post J.W. McKenzie No. 81

Original Dedication Date 1889 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 corner of Central Ave & Federal St.
GPS Coordinates 42.74205 -93.20713
City/Village &/or Township Hampton
County Franklin State Iowa Zip Code 50441

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Franklin County
Dept./Div. Auditor
Street Address 12 1st Ave. NW
City Hampton State Iowa Zip Code 50441
Contact Person _____ Telephone (841) 456-5622 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 ^(soldier) Sculpture Stone Concrete Metal Other Is it hollow or solid? _____
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) white bronze or zinc

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 *This is a wonderful old G.A.R. Hall with a soldier on top of building, stained glass*

Materials of the Memorial *windows, and marble ~~tablets~~ tablets with inscriptions of soldiers*

Complete for All Memorials

Approximate Dimensions (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

_____ 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 & 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 including photos of plaque with more descriptions and historical information

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 Access Across Street from Court house

[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 the top GAR Hall in Iowa and probably one of best in the country. State encampment held here recently. Well maintained

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 5-19-20

Your Name Tom Gaard

Address 16541 Valleyview Lane

City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325

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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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Franklin County - Hampton

Hampton GAR Hall

This is a wonderful old GAR Hall, now called the Civil War Memorial Hall, which was completed in 1889. There is a soldier on guard on top of the building. On the interior, there are 5 marble plaques with names of soldiers from the area. There are also 5 stained glass windows and emblems on the ceiling. The inscription above the door is "1889 Memorial Hall." It is located east of the Franklin County Courthouse. Photos taken 3/14/08, 7/4/08 and 5/19/20. Thank you to David Shedlock for sending the old post card. It is dated 1907.





G.A.R. Memorial Hall

Dedicated solely to honor Civil War veterans, the people of Franklin County built the first G.A.R. Memorial Hall in the state of Iowa. There were 169 men who chose to leave their homes and families to fight in the Civil War, 44 of the men died in the conflict. During this period the population of Hampton was 300 and Franklin County was 1,200.

The Gothic Revival style is octagonal in shape with four cross gables on alternating sides. The statue of the Union Civil War soldier on top is made of white zinc and painted. It was restored in 1992. The stained glass windows have motifs incorporating Civil War themes relating to weaponry and soldier gear. There are 10 marble tablets with the names of the members of the G.A.R. McKenzie Post No. 81 that hang on the interior walls. The Hall was financed by a tax levy and donations. A local contractor constructed the hall with locally made bricks. It is the only Civil War Memorial Hall in Iowa.

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