

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 Ladies of the Lakes DAR

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

Original Dedication Date Aug. 23, 1916 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 County Courthouse - corner 18th + Hill Ave.
 GPS Coordinates 43.422450 - 95.102500

City/Village &/or Township Spirit Lake
 County Dickinson State Iowa Zip Code 51360

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Dickinson County
 Dept./Div. Auditor
 Street Address 1802 Hill Avenue
 City Spirit Lake State Iowa Zip Code 51360
 Contact Person Lari Pedersen Telephone (712) 336-3356 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 = 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

14" Height 16" 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 photo

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

- Cemetery
- School
- Traffic Circle
- Park
- Municipal Building
- Library
- Plaza/Courtyard
- State Capitol
- Other: _____
- "Town Square"
- Courthouse
- Post Office
- College Campus

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 great location at corner of Courthouse grounds.

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Supplemental Background Information

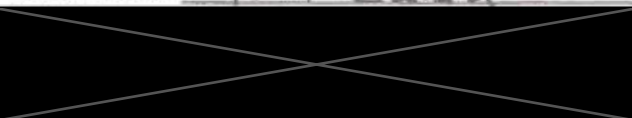
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation 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.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey Aug 30, 2016

Your Name Tom Gaard



E-Mail GaardT@aol.com

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

Dickinson County - Spirit Lake

Plaque at location of Spirit Lake Stockade

A number of forts were built in NW Iowa in 1862 after "The Great Sioux Uprising of 1862" in Minnesota. This includes the stockade around the Dickinson County Courthouse in Spirit Lake. Regular Army Troops had been sent south to fight Confederates. The Northern Border Brigade was formed to protect the residents in this thinly settled region. There was a good deal of panic about potential Indian attacks but none ever materialized. The plaque, dedicated in 1916, marks the spot of the stockade - the date of 1861 is incorrect as the Indian uprising did not begin until 1862. There is also an old photo showing the stockade around the Courthouse. This is located off Highway 9/Highway 71 at Hill Avenue and 18th Street. Photos taken 7/2/15 and 8/30/16.





