

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 unknown

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

see attached historical information

Original Dedication Date July 4, 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 Taylor County Courthouse
on Jefferson St. & Court Ave. GPS Coordinates 40.668033 -94.720183
City/Village &/or Township Bedford
County Taylor State Iowa Zip Code 50833

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Bedford County
Dept./Div. Auditor
Street Address 405 Jefferson St.
City Bedford State Iowa Zip Code 50833
Contact Person _____ Telephone (712) 523-2280 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? solid
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) granite

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

25 ft. Height _____ 5 ft. Width _____ 5 ft. Depth or _____ Diameter

soldier life sized part where inscriptions located
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
a year of CW on each side of monument
near base

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.

Great setting with Courthouse in background - Monument looks good in photos from 2009, but on recent visit could use cleaning

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 10-14-17

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?

Gen. 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
Taylor County - Bedford

Civil War Soldier at Courthouse

This monument is in a great location at the front entrance to the courthouse. This is a spectacular looking courthouse with a white dome. Streets are brick and many of the downtown buildings are restored.

According to the Taylor County History, the monument was built at a cost of \$4979 in 1916. It is Barre granite, 25 feet high and weighs 116,323 pounds. The sculptor was Septia Grezzetti of Italy who also sculpted many of the other soldier monuments in the region. The dedication was on July 4, 1916 with a crowd of 5000 and 117 CW Veterans in attendance. There were speeches, a concert, minstrel show, and auto polo match to celebrate the occasion.

The town of Bedford is just off Highway 2 to the south and the courthouse is north of the business district. Photos taken 5/16/09. Thanks to Danny Krock for the old postcard.



