

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:

Original Dedication Date unknown 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 Aspen Grove Cemetery  
near Corse St. entrance GPS Coordinates 40.826583 -91.1174  
City/Village &/or Township Burlington  
County Des Moines State Iowa Zip Code 52601

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Aspen Grove Cemetery Association  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address 2043 Sunny side Ave  
City Burlington State Iowa Zip Code 52601  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (319) 752-2619 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 brick  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Corse  
Material of the Sculpture  Stone Mathies  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 = \_\_\_\_\_

**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

Matthews 10' Height 2 1/2' Width 2 1/2' Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter

*Did not measure Corse Mausoleum but is large - about 16' in front and 30' deep*

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.  
While we do not include tombstones as CW Monuments, believe the Corse Mausoleum should be exception due to large size and location at entrance to cemetery. Matthews memorial located near-by.*

**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 located at entrance close to G.A.R. section in old historic cemetery

[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*.

*Come Memorial said not to be in good condition on inside - it is closed to visitors.*

Thank you.

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey

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**  
Des Moines County - Burlington

**Corse Mausoleum and Matthies Memorial in Aspen Grove Cemetery**

There are a number of historical items of interest in Burlington's Aspen Grove Cemetery. There is an impressive mausoleum/chapel for General John Corse, the commander at Allatoona Pass. It is said to be in poor condition on the interior and seldom open to the public. A memorial to General Karl Matthies is close-by. Matthies, born in Germany, commanded the 5th Iowa Infantry Regiment and was later promoted to brigade command. The cemetery is in the northern part of town. Take Osborn Street - then west on Corse Street to the Cemetery. The Corse Mausoleum is straight ahead and the GAR section with the soldier monument is to the right. Photos taken 9/1/20.



