

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.)
(2)

Affiliation

GAR MOLLUS SUVCW WRC ASUVCW
 LGAR DUVCW Other Civil War Round tables of Ottumwa and Cedar Rapids
Also Iowa Questers Wapello Chapter #1267
If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

also plaque and fence 1997

Original Dedication Date May 1994 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 On Highway 63 mid-way between Eddyville and Ottumwa GPS Coordinates 41.097566 - 92.519966
City/Village &/or Township Chillicothe State Iowa Zip Code 52548
County Wapello

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Ottumwa Civil War Round table *the Round table has been mostly responsible for this monument but doesn't literally "own" it.*
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 322 Vanness
City Ottumwa State Iowa Zip Code 52501
Contact Person _____ Telephone (515) 682-7771 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 = Metallic

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

10" Height 24" Width 8" Depth or 10" Diameter
(inside plaque)
(plaque on fence)

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.

Curtis King, at age 80, was believed to have been the oldest CW soldier. See attached for photos of headstone, 2 plaques 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
- School
- Traffic Circle
- Park
- Municipal Building
- Library
- Plaza/Courtyard
- State Capitol
- Other: this is a spot where he was buried along a road
- "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: trees block the view from the road but there is a sign "Historical Marker" on the road
 [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 9-25-18

Your Name Tom Gaard



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.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.

Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Wapello County - Chillicothe

Memorial to Oldest Civil War Soldier

Curtis King, age 80, was a member of the Iowa 37th Infantry Regiment, the famed "Graybeard Regiment." It is believed that he was the oldest Civil War soldier. He served several months and was discharged for disability in March, 1863. He farmed near Chillicothe. He was married twice and had a very large family. This memorial has his tombstone and a plaque. It is located about 7 miles south of Eddyville on the south side of Highway 63. Watch for a sign "Historical Marker." The first three photos were taken 9/25/18. The final photo was taken 4/19/13 at an SUVCW dedication ceremony at the gravesite.



