

Clarinda CW Soldier at  
Court house  
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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 Memorial Day 1913 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. see attached for more historical information

Location

The Memorial is currently located at:  
Street/Road address or site location Page County Courthouse - SW corner of town square GPS Coordinates 40.73845 - 95.037616  
City/Village &/or Township Clarinda  
County Page State Iowa Zip Code 51632

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West  SW

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Page County  
Dept./Div. Auditor  
Street Address 112 E. Main St.  
City Clarinda State Iowa Zip Code 51632  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (12) 542-3219 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

30 ft. Height 15 x 15 Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
soldier is life size 50" x 50" where inscription is

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  
"In Memory of the Defenders of the Union  
1861-1865"

**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.

*This is classic small town scene with courthouse, town square and CW Monument*

Inspector Identification Date of On-site Survey 10-22-17

Your Name Tom Gaard

[Redacted]

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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

[Redacted]

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**  
Page County - Clarinda

**Civil War Soldier at Courthouse**

This 30 foot granite monument is on the SW corner of the Courthouse Square. It is in good condition. The monument was dedicated on Memorial Day in May, 1913. Clarinda has a very impressive Courthouse with a white clock-tower and an atrium with balconies on the interior. Near the monument is a plaque honoring WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Vernon Baker of Clarinda. He is one of seven African-American MOH Recipients during the War. Photo taken 2/8/09.

On October 6, 2013, members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - many from the William Kinsman Camp #4 - conducted a ceremony to re-dedicate the monument in its 100th anniversary year. See second photo below. Page County Supervisor Elaine Armstrong reported that there were 85 CW soldiers present at the 1913 dedicaton and the total cost of the monument was \$5500. Also, Page County had a reputation of for sending a greater percentage of men than any other county in the state. This included 512 soldiers from the county with 71 deaths, including those killed in battle and those who died of wounds and disease.

The final image is of an old undated postcard - thanks to Danny Krock for providing it.



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