

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.)  
mausoleum

Affiliation

\_\_\_ GAR \_\_\_ MOLLUS \_\_\_ SUVCW \_\_\_ WRC \_\_\_ ASUVCW  
\_\_\_ LGAR \_\_\_ DUVCW \_\_\_ Other

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

Original Dedication Date 1916 (death of Gen. Dodge - unknown when mausoleum was built) 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 Walnut Hills Cemetery  
1350 E. Pierce Ave. GPS Coordinates 41.272833 - 95.824233  
City/Village &/or Township Council Bluffs  
County Pottawattamie State Iowa Zip Code 51503

The front of the Memorial faces:  North \_\_\_ South \_\_\_ East \_\_\_ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Walnut Hills Cemetery  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address 1350 E. Pierce Ave  
City Council Bluffs State Iowa Zip Code 51503  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (712) 328-1579 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**For Historic Marker or Plaque:**

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Bronze or 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

*mausoleum* 12' Height *15'* Width *25"* Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter

*plaque* 18" \_\_\_\_\_  
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



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

[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*.

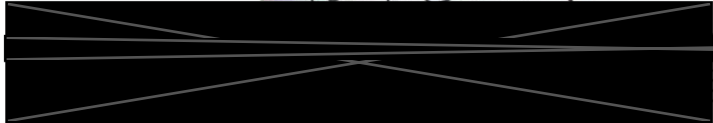
Thank you.

*Good condition*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 5/10/18

Your Name Tom GAARD



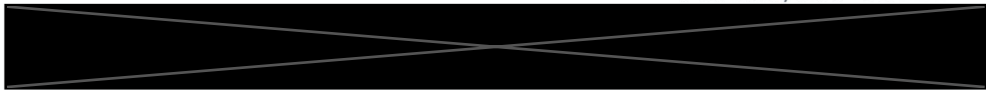
E-Mail gaardt@aol.com

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

SUVCW 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.

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



**Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**  
Pottawattamie County - Council Bluffs

**General Grenville M. Dodge Mausoleum**

General Dodge is well known as a Civil War general and the engineer who built the Union Pacific Railroad. He lived in Council Bluffs and is buried with his wife Ruth Anne at Walnut Hill Cemetery. He died January 3, 1916 at the age of 84. His funeral was attended by many dignitaries. The cemetery is on the east side of the city - take Highway 6 to North Avenue then turn south one block to E. Pierce Street and follow it to Walnut Hill. The large masoleum is in the center of the cemetery at the top of the hill. A number of family members are buried nearby. The first two photos were taken 9/1/08. The third photo was taken 4/1/11 with members of SUVCW Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75. National SUVCW Commander Brad Schall is wearing the yellow cap.





