

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 Eldon Cemetery
off Hwy 918 north of town GPS Coordinates 40.930503 -92.224750
City/Village &/or Township Eldon
County Wapello State Iowa Zip Code 52554

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Eldon
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 421 W. Elm St.
City Eldon State Iowa Zip Code 52554
Contact Person _____ Telephone (641) 652-7510 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 = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) XI" Dahlgren Rifled _____ YES NO

Markings: Muzzle rear WPN No 29 Base Ring/Breech _____
Left Trunion _____ " 15719 lbs. 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

11" bore 12 ft. in length
Height _____ Width _____ Depth or _____ Diameter

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 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.

has had a paint job since my previous visit

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 8-14-19
Your Name Tom Gaard
Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
City Clive State IA Zip Code 50325

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?
SUVCW Dodge Camp #75 Des Moines, Iowa

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
Wapello County - Eldon

Cannon in Cemetery

This is a massive cannon at the entrance to the Eldon Cemetery. According to the Civil War Artillery Registry, it is a XI" Dahlgren shell gun cast at the West Point Foundry in 1859. It is 15,718 pounds, one of the largest Civil War cannons in the state. Taking Highway 16 from the north, turn east on Highway 918 to the cemetery. From town, turn north at Caseys on 25th Street to the cemetery. Photo taken 8/14/19.

Eldon is best known as the home of the Gothic House in Grant Wood's famous painting. It is nicely restored and worth a stop.

