

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 1886 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 Hardin County Court house
1215 Edgington Ave. GPS Coordinates 42.360183 -93.098583
City/Village &/or Township Eldora
County Hardin State Iowa Zip Code 50627

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Hardin County
Dept./Div. Auditor
Street Address 1215 Edgington Ave.
City Eldora State Iowa Zip Code 50627
Contact Person _____ Telephone (515) 939-8108 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? white bronze
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) or zinc

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) 3.67 inch Parrott Rifled YES NO

Markings: Muzzle 1700 No 150 1866 WPF Base Ring/Breech _____

Left Trunion 367 A M 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

35 ft Height 8' Width 8' 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
Grant faces North
Washington faces W
Farragut faces S
Lincoln faces E
The Grant panel is a replacement and has
a different appearance

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. *The cannon, carriage and limber looks good. The soldier monument was in danger of collapse and the repair job wasn't completely successful but they did the best they could.*

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 5-19-20
Your Name Tom Gaard
Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325
Telephone (_____) _____

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.

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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Hardin County - Eldora

Soldier Monument and Cannon at Courthouse

The soldier monument is "white bronze" or zinc and 35 feet high. About 510 soldiers of the region are named around the base. There are panels of Grant, Washington, Farragut and Lincoln. The Grant panel is a replacement. It was dedicated in 1886. In the 1980's the monument was sagging and there was danger of losing it. It was taken apart and concrete was used on the inside as a foundation. Today there is some separation and cracking of the white bronze.

The cannon is a 3.67 inch Army Parrott rifle cast at the West Point Foundry in 1863 with a carriage and limber in great condition. The markings on the cannon are highlighted. In the early 1990's, the late Gene Farmer rebuilt the carriage and limber. The cannon sets under a shelter for protection from the elements. Mr. Farmer had led efforts to provide the shelter along with restoration of the cannon and monument. The location is on the east side of the courthouse. Photos taken 1/27/08 and 5/19/20. Also included is an old undated copy of a postcard showing the cannon in a different location and without the shelter. Thanks to Danny Krock for providing this.





