

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 (2) ___ Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

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:

Mary Mahon Chapter DAR
The 2nd Plaque was by "Veterans + Descendants July 1, 1995"

Original Dedication Date 1936 + 1995 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 Elm Tree Memorial Park
take 103rd Ave. off G 76 GPS Coordinates 41.206566 - 93.15170
City/Village &/or Township Melcher Dallas
County Marion State Iowa Zip Code 50163

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner was unable to determine. May be

Name Washington Township in Marion County
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ 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.) both plaques attached to boulders.

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 (1936 plaque) ^{bronze + metallic} (1995 plaque)

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

1936 12" Height 18" Width Depth or Diameter

1995 15" 20"
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 Tiny park off a dusty gravel 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 Aug 9, 2018
Your Name Tom Gaard

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~~_____~~ il gaardt@aol.com

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

Please send this completed form to:
Walt Busch, PDC, Chair
1240 Konert Valley Dr.
Fenton, MO 63026

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Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments Marion County - Gosport

Elm Tree Memorial Park

This monument marks the spot under an elm tree where a number of Iowa boys assembled and marched to Davenport – then joined a variety of regiments. The original monument has a plaque on a boulder and was dedicated by the DAR in 1936. The second plaque has the names of the soldiers and was dedicated on July 1, 1995 by Veterans and descendents of these soldiers. The soldiers joined the Iowa 3rd, 8th, 15th, 31st, 33rd, 40th, and 47th Infantry Regiments. To find this tiny park on the site of the old town of Gosport (which no longer exists), take Highway 14 south of Knoxville for about 7 1/2 miles, then turn west on the Melcher-Dallas road (G76), then turn north on 103rd Avenue for about 1/8 of a mile to find the park. Photos taken 10/20/07.



