

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:

This is one of seven similar monuments in Taylor County sculpted by Septia Grezzetti.

Original Dedication Date 1917 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 City Park - take Main Street north to the park GPS Coordinates 40.76215 -94.74460
City/Village &/or Township Gravity
County Taylor State Iowa Zip Code 50848

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Gravity City Office
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 304 Main St.
City Gravity State Iowa Zip Code 50848
Contact Person _____ Telephone (12) 537-2553 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.) red + grey 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

20 ft. Height 3 ft Width 3 ft Depth or _____ Diameter

Soldier life size

(around red granite area)

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 note that there are 45 concrete pavers of soldiers from this area. The example shown is of BF Aker who is also recognized as last soldier of Taylor County. These pavers are in good condition

Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments Taylor County - Gravity

Civil War Soldier

This monument has beautiful red polished granite. It is about 20 feet high and was dedicated in 1917. In front of the monument is a time capsule to be opened in 2033. There are also pavers with names of 45 soldiers from the region. The example shown is of B. F. Akers who also has been recognized as the last living soldier of Taylor County. Gravity is 6 miles north of Bedford and lies west of Highway 148. Take Main Street north to a city park on the edge of town. Photos taken in July, 2010 and October, 2017.





IN MEMORY OF
THE DEFENDERS
OF OUR UNION
1861—1865

