

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

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

suvcw Col. William Kinsman Camp #23

Original Dedication Date 10/14/17 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 Washington Cemetery - NW of Gravity on Main St Exd. GPS Coordinates 40.767010 -94.7471
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 This is a country cemetery by a very small town - not sure of organization in charge but this is contact person.
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Person Cindy Coleman Telephone (712) 537-2756 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 = Aluminum face + back PVC core

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____ Rifled YES NO

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

8" Height 12" 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.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 10/14/17

Your Name Tom Gaard

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (515) 778-0281 E-Mail _____

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

Taylor County - Gravity

Last Soldier Benjamin F. Akers

Corporal Benjamin Akers (1842-1941) was the last living soldier of Taylor County. He served in Company A, 22nd Iowa Infantry. On October 14, 2017, members of the SUVCW Kinsman Camp placed a Last Soldier marker and conducted a dedication before a large crowd and many relatives. The photo shows descendants of Corporal Akers. Washington Cemetery is located just NW of Gravity. The gravesite is on the right side of the south road. Photos taken 10/14/17.



