

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 *see attached historical information*

*which includes funding for monument*  
If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

*This is one of 7 similar monuments in Taylor County  
sculpted by Septia Grezzetti*

Original Dedication Date 1920 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 Guss (also Maple Grove) Cemetery - on  
County Rd. 126 - south of 130th St GPS Coordinates 40.85005 - 94.85260  
City/Village &/or Township Guss  
County Taylor State Iowa Zip Code 50857

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Unable to find anyone in charge of this country  
Dept./Div. cemetery - assume it is Nodaway Township  
Street Address in Taylor County  
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.) red and gray 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

18 ft Height 6 ft x 6 ft (base) Width 30" x 30" at red granite area 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 remote country cemetery

[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.

*Very attractive monument*

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey 10-22-17  
 Your Name Tom Gaard  
 Address 4302 165th Lane  
 City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325

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

Gen. 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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## Guss Gets Monument

At a meeting of the board of supervisors and the soldiers relief commission on Monday a contract was awarded to Jas. Salters for the erection of a soldiers monument in the Guss cemetery. The cost of the monument will be \$4,400 and of this amount \$700 was raised by popular subscription and the balance of \$3,700 is to be paid out of the soldiers relief fund. The monument is to be a replica of the Gravity [monument] , only considerably smaller. The cost of material and labor has advanced so greatly that in order for Guss to get a monument at this time with the amount of money available the size had to be reduced. It is expected to dedicate the monument this fall. *New Market Herald*, March 18, 1920



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**Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**  
Taylor County - Guss

**Soldier Monument**

This very attractive soldier monument is in the Guss Cemetery just north of the small town of Guss. The polished red granite is similar to the monuments in Gravity and New Market which are also in Taylor County. Guss is in the NW part of the county - take 130th St. which runs east/west between Highways 71 and 148. Thank you to Historian Helen Janson for notification of this monument. Photo taken 10/22/17.

