

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.)
living tree monument

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:

WRC Samuel J. Kirkwood Corps 78
DUVCW Tent No 26

Original Dedication Date May 30, 1896 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 Oakland Cemetery
1000 Brown St. GPS Coordinates 41.66980 - 91.522166
City/Village &/or Township Iowa City
County Johnson State Iowa Zip Code 52245

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Oakland Cemetery
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 1000 Brown St.
City Iowa City State Iowa Zip Code 52245
Contact Person _____ Telephone (319) 356-5105 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 = bronze**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 pointstree 7 ft Height _____ Width _____ Depth or 18" Diameter

plaque 8" 12"

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 - this includes the "living tree"
and the plaque which is also in the GAR
section about 20 feet away from the tree.
It appears that there was a place for a flower
pot by the plaque but it was cemented over.

While I have seen many "tree-stump" tombstones
in cemeteries, believe this is only CW monument
made in this style.

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 this is an old large cemetery but this monument is at the entrance to the right by the flagpole
[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 8-3-20
Your Name Tom Gaard
Address 16541 Valleyview 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?
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
Johnson County - Iowa City

Living Tree Monument

Oakland Cemetery has a living tree monument, dedicated on May 30, 1896, in the GAR Section of the Cemetery. The second photo shows the monument in the background with the "Wreaths across America" program which eventually plans to put a wreath by every veteran's tombstone over the holidays. There are 27 CW Veterans buried nearby. There is also a plaque dedicated by the Daughters of Union Veterans. Oakland Cemetery is on the north side of town – turn right (east) off Governor Street onto Brown Street to the entrance. The monument is directly right of the entrance by the flagpole. The winter photo was taken 1/5/08, the living tree photo on 8/24/10 and the photos of the plaque on 8/3/20.



