

Keota Cannon Mount

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.)
Cannon Mount

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:

WRE # 221 GAR (I could not find Keota GAR home or #)

Original Dedication Date 1879 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 Wilson Park - Centennial Avenue +
Fulton Street GPS Coordinates 41.360983 -91.952216
City/Village &/or Township Keota
County Keokuk State Iowa Zip Code 52248

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Keota
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 225 E. Broadway Avenue
City Keota State Iowa Zip Code 52248
Contact Person _____ Telephone (841) 636-2266 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 = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

There was formerly a Parrott Cannon on this Mount - Do not know further details of this cannon

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

was in past
[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

30" Height 27" Width 5 1/2" 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
While we don't usually have a cannon mount for a CW Memorial, this one has an ~~unusual~~ unusual and interesting history

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.

The cannon mount was repaired between my visits in 2009 and 2020. Unfortunately this covered up the WRC + GAR inscriptions

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 7-8-20
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
Keokuk County - Keota

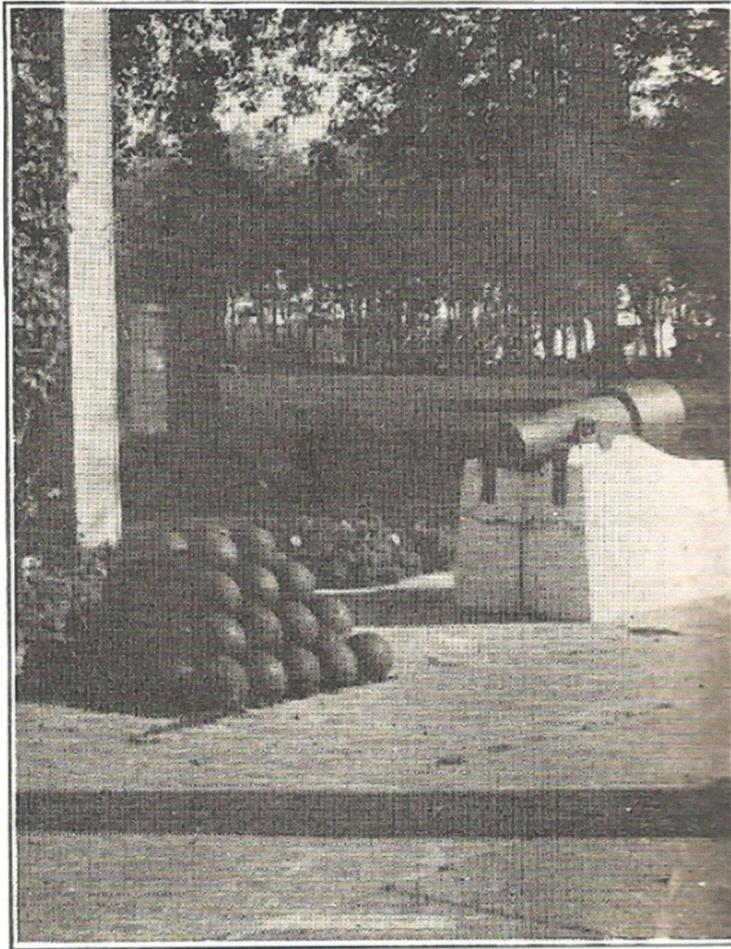
Cannon Mount

The first photo, taken 7/8/20, shows the repaired cannon mount. In the second photo, if you look closely, you will see "GAR" and "WRC" inscribed on the middle of the cannon mount. The third photo is taken from the other side, from the same angle as the old photo that follows. The old undated photo is from a history of the WRC covering 1884-1934. This is located in Wilson Park on the SW corner of Centennial Avenue and Fulton Street. It is in the south part of town. The first photo was taken 7/8/20 - the second and third photos were taken 5/1/09.

Town Historian Larry Sanders says that the cannon balls were melted down for World War II. However, there is no record of what happened to the cannon. He believes it was gone before WWII as persons who were there at the time do not remember it. The cannon was purchased for \$120 from the Rock Island Arsenal. It was nicknamed "General Parrott" and there is a report that it broke down on a trip to Sigourney in 1879. According to historical information, "On one occasion the early townsmen became over enthusiastic about making a loud noise and they packed General Parrott's muzzle with clay before touching off his breech and busted the bar'l and General Parrott had to be sent to a foundry where three feet of his muzzle had to be amputated." The placement of the cannon on the mount was in 1910.







To Our G. A. R.
Entrance to Wilson Park
Erected by Woman's Relief Corps
No. 221, Keota, Iowa