

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:

GAR J.C. Ferguson Post 049
WRC J.C. Ferguson Post 170

Sept. 7, 1939 Plaque

Original Dedication Date 11-11-1920 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 Marion County Courthouse - NW
corner of square GPS Coordinates 41-31880 - 93-097383
City/Village &/or Township Knoxville
County Marion State Iowa Zip Code 50138

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Marion County
Dept./Div. Auditor
Street Address 214 E. Main St.
City Knoxville State Iowa Zip Code 50138
Contact Person _____ Telephone (641) 828-2217 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.) granite

Material of the Sculpture Stone Concrete Metal Other Is it hollow or solid? _____
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) granite

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 points

25' Height 4' Width 4' Depth or Diameter

life size soldier 9" x 7" plaque
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
Inscription on West
"Erected to the memory of the soldiers, sailors, and marines of all wars"
Inscription on South has emblems of GAR + WRE
Inscription on East has emblem (faded) for Sp./Amer War
Inscription on North has emblems that I did not recognize
see photo for information on Peace Tree Plaque

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 nicely kept landscaped location with fence around monument. Inside the Courthouse is an interesting case with CW artifacts.

[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 8-9-18

Your Name Tom Gaard



 gaardt@aol.com

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

SUVCW Greenville 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.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.

Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments Marion County - Knoxville

Soldier, Peace Tree Plaque and Case of Civil War Artifacts

This monument has a statue of a Civil War soldier but is "Erected to the memory of the soldiers, sailors and marines of all wars." It was dedicated November 11, 1920. It is an attractive granite monument about 25 feet high on the NW corner of the courthouse square in Knoxville. Just southeast of the Monument is the Peace Tree plaque. This is dedicated to the spot under a tree where 40 soldiers enlisted on February 4, 1863. The original tree, of course, is gone but a replacement tree is located here and shows up behind the Monument in the photo. In the courthouse is a case of CW artifacts including swords, a sash, canteen, bugle, powder horn and GAR ballot box. It includes a large collection of GAR ribbons from Captain Charles Wells of the 8th Iowa. Photos taken 8/6/10 of the monument and plaque and 11/18/08 of the case in the courthouse. The 4 photos of the sides of the monument were taken 8/9/18.



