

CW Monument +
Freedom Rock
Kossuth

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 unknown

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

Original Dedication Date July 4, 1866 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 Memorial Park
Mediapolis Rd + Main St. GPS Coordinates 41.0084966 -91.136833
City/Village &/or Township Kossuth
County Des Moines State Iowa Zip Code 52637

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name could find no information -
Dept./Div. Kossuth is unincorporated and
Street Address Memorial Park is not a County Park
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.) _____

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:

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

_____ 15' Height _____ 27" Width _____ 27" Depth or _____ Diameter *where inscriptions are*

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 - inscriptions of 64 soldiers from the township

also included is a photo of a Freedom Rock which has a painted image of this monument. It is about a mile away in town of Mediopolis in front of the Post office. It was added within a post year or two.

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.

Very old monument in very good condition. Has been cleaned recently -

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 9-1-20

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
Des Moines County - Kossuth

Civil War Monument and Freedom Rock

This very old memorial is dedicated to CW soldiers from Yellow Spring Township. It is a 15 foot monument with 64 soldier inscriptions. It was dedicated on July 4, 1866 and is in outstanding condition considering its age. The design is similar to those in Keosauqua, Winfield, and Hickory Grove Cemetery in Henry County. Kossuth is a small town less than a mile east of Mediapolis. Take Main Street and the monument is in Memorial Park just before you reach the cemetery. Photos taken 9/1/20.

The Freedom Rock for Des Moines County is in near-by Mediapolis. It has an image of General John Corse from Burlington and of the Kossuth Monument. It was painted by Ray "Bubba" Sorensen. It is located at 510 Main Street in Mediapolis in front of the Post Office. See the final photo, also taken 9/1/20.



