

Last Soldier
Robert Killen

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:

Gen. Grenville Dodge #75 Des Moines, Iowa

Original Dedication Date 8/23/14 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 Grace Cemetery
 GPS Coordinates _____

City/Village & or Township Otter Creek
 County Lucas State Iowa Zip Code 50151

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner Unknown

Name _____

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

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: Does Not Apply

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 = Metallc**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 points10" Height 12" Width _____ 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 photo 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) cemetery

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.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 8/23/14
Your Name Tom Gaard
Address _____
City _____ State Zip Code _____
Telephone _____ E-Mail gaardt@aol.com

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

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 Lucas County - Norwood

Last Soldier Robert Killen Memorial

Robert Killen and William Humphreys were the last two Civil War Soldiers in Lucas County. Both died on January 25, 1941 and both are being recognized as the last soldier. Robert Killen was a member of Company F, 37th Kentucky Infantry Regiment. SUVCW member Mike Rowley led a ceremony on August 23, 2014 to place a plaque at Robert Killen's gravesite at Graceland Cemetery in Otter Creek Township in Lucas County. The photo shows Mike Rowley, Killen grandson's Jerry Marker and Larry Marker and relative Mary Sandy. Graceland Cemetery is a small well kept country cemetery - take 570th Street east off Highway 65 - then turn south at 150th Avenue. Photos taken 8/23/14.





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HUMPHREYS. KILLEN.

Last in Lucas County.



Two Veterans Die Same Day

(The Tribune's Iowa News Service.)

CHARITON, IA.—Lucas county's last two civil war veterans were dead Monday, the victims of sudden illnesses.

They were William Humphreys, 97, of Oakley, Ia., and Robert Killen, also 97, who lived on a farm near Norwood, Ia.

The veterans were former farmers. Mr. Humphreys served in the 119th Ohio Infantry, and Mr. Killen served in the 37th Kentucky Infantry.

Funeral services for Mr. Killen were Monday at the Latter Day Saints church south of Lacona, Ia. Rites for Mr. Humphreys are set tentatively for Tuesday afternoon.