

Last Soldier  
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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. Gaenville 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 Mount Zion Cemetery  
County Road 523 at 557th st. GPS Coordinates 41.119517 -93.370268  
City/Village &/or Township Chariton  
County Lucas State IA Zip Code 50049

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.) \_\_\_\_\_



**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 (dedication)

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.**

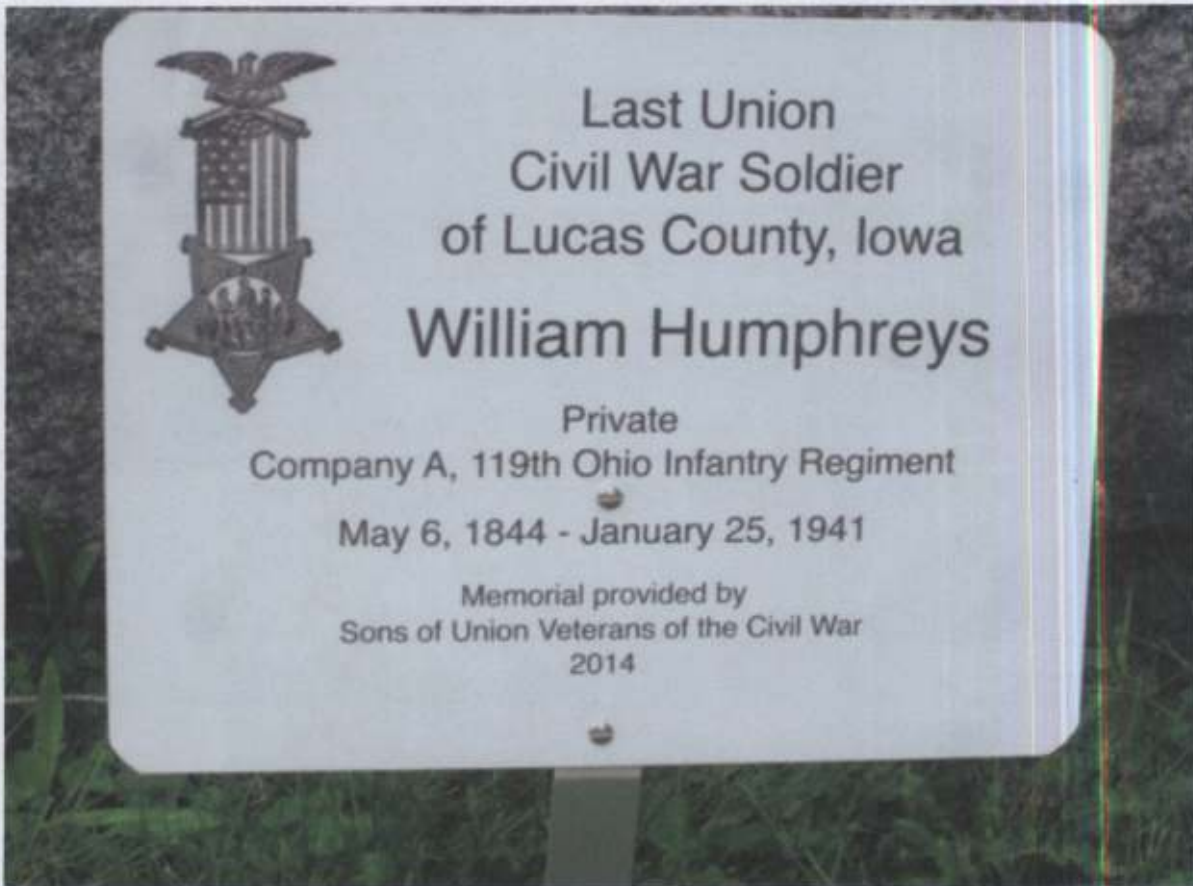
## Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments Lucas County - Chariton

### Last Soldier William Humphreys Memorial

William Humphreys and Robert Killen 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. William Humphreys was a member of Company A, 119th Ohio Infantry Regiment. He was honored on August 23, 2014 with a plaque at his gravesite in Mount Zion Cemetery north of Chariton. Persons in the photo include SUVCW member Mike Rowley who led the ceremony, Frank Myers, President of the Lucas County Historical Society, Terin Dittmer, and Don Garrett of the American Legion.

The cemetery is in a beautiful setting on County Road S23 at 553rd Street. The gravesite is at the entrance to the cemetery. Photos taken 8/23/14.





## TAPS



HUMPHREYS.

KILLEN.

*Lost 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.