

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 Citizens of Jackson Township

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

Original Dedication Date 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 Evans Cemetery - off 275th Lane
GPS Coordinates 40.900933 - 93.094116

City/Village &/or Township Melrose
County Monroe State Iowa Zip Code 52569

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Jackson Township, Monroe County

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ ext _____

Unable to find name or phone #
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.) marble

with copper cone on top

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

_____ 8' Height _____ 14" Width _____ 14" 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 - the copper cone was added in 1996 and has soldiers from area killed or mortally wounded. One of the lower sides was impossible to read. 28 GAR markers around the monument.

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

- Cemetery
- School
- Traffic Circle
- Park
- Municipal Building
- Library
- Plaza/Courtyard
- State Capitol
- Other: _____
- "Town Square"
- Courthouse
- Post Office
- College Campus

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 Very old and remote cemetery. No modern burials. Spooky

[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 9-25-18
Your Name Tom Gaard



_____ail 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.

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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Monroe County - Melrose

Civil War Monument in Evans Cemetery

This monument was dedicated on July 19, 1866, one of the first Civil War monuments erected in the state. The copper cone on the top was made by Bernard Casebolt and the monument was rededicated in 1996. The original lower portion mentions Sgt. James P. Evans who enlisted in the 6th Iowa Infantry Regiment but was discharged for disability. Later he enlisted in the Iowa 8th Cavalry Regiment, was captured and died of disease in Annapolis, Maryland. He is buried in the National Cemetery there. The copper cone has the names of a number of CW Veterans from the region inscribed on it.

Evans Cemetery is very old, historic and hard to locate. It is SW of Melrose - take 500 Avenue south - if you go too far you will drive into Lake Rathbun. Just before you get to the lake, go left or east on a road with a sign saying "Timber View Tower" - then go 0.2 miles and the cemetery is off the road on the right. Thank you to Ron Rittel for notification of this monument. Photos taken June 5, 2009 and September 25, 2018.



Cemetery Restoration By
Bernard Casebolt
Assisted By
Mike Feehan & Dennis J. Ryan
Started 1968 Finished 1984