

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.)
inscription on building

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 1906 *inscription on building - Cannon dedication unknown*
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 Ottumwa Cemetery
1302 N. Court St. GPS Coordinates 41.034366 - 92.408816
City/Village &/or Township Ottumwa
County Wapello State Iowa Zip Code 52501

The front of the Memorial faces: ___ North ___ South East ___ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Ottumwa Board of Cemetery Trustees
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 1302 N. Court St.
City Ottumwa State Iowa Zip Code 52501
Contact Person _____ Telephone (641) 683-0687 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.) _____

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Inscription on building was carved into stone

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) 32 pounder Navy Gun
 Rifled YES NO

Markings: Muzzle Base Ring/Breech
 Left Trunion 32 1849 Right Trunion P A A H
 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

base for cannon
 Height 42" Width 42" Depth or Diameter
carving on building 18" 32"

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 inscription on base for cannon
"In memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of the Union"

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.

good condition

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 8-14-19
Your Name Tom Gaard
Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
City Clive State IA Zip Code 50325

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?
SUVCW Dodge Camp #75 Des Moines, Iowa

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
Wapello County - Ottumwa

Cannon Monument and Building at Cemetery

The Ottumwa Cemetery has a GAR section with a cannon monument and 54 CW tombstones. It also has an attractive building at the entrance dedicated to CW Veterans. The cannon is a 32 pounder Navy gun cast at Cyrus Alger & Co. in 1849. It is upright with a "cannonball" at the top. The building is an office/chapel that was completed in 1906 and was dedicated to Union Soldiers and Sailors of the CW. The building is in the SW corner of the cemetery while the cannon is on a road north from the building. The GPS setting is based on the cannon monument. The entrance is located at Court Street and Park Street - take Court Street north from the business district. The first two photos were taken 12/14/07 - the close-up photo was taken 8/14/19.

The newer wooden sculpture of a CW soldier is close to the cannon. Medal of Honor recipient Leonidas Godley is buried in this cemetery but not in the GAR section. Another Medal of Honor recipient, James Daniel Gardner, is buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Ottumwa. These are listed as separate monuments in Wapello County.



