

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.)

Wooden ~~sculpture~~ sculpture by chainsaw artist

Affiliation

___ GAR ___ MOLLUS ___ SUVCW ___ WRC ___ ASUVCW
___ LGAR ___ DUVCW Other Ottumwa Arts Council
Legacy Foundation

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

Original Dedication Date 2013 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 Wood
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

Material of the Sculpture ___ Stone ___ Concrete ___ Metal Other Is it hollow or solid? solid
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Wood

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

_____ 11 ft. Height _____ Width _____ Depth or _____ 3 ft. 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

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*]

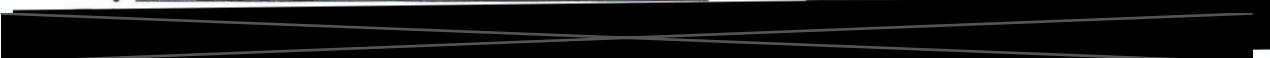
Supplemental Background Information

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.

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

Civil War Soldier Wooden Sculpture

Thank you to John Richards of Ottumwa for sending a photo and information about this attractive monument. Here is what he wrote, "The statue is of a Civil War soldier with an American flag draped over his shoulder. The statue is a chainsaw carving by renowned Des Moines artist, Gary Keenan. It is about 11 feet tall and stands in our Civil War cemetery, a part of the Ottumwa Cemetery. The monument is made from a white oak tree estimated to be 250-300 years old which died from oak wilt fungus. We did not wish to lose a tree that was growing during the Civil War so I had the idea of making it into a sentry guarding his fallen comrades. The Ottumwa Arts Council became involved and the Legacy Foundation funded the project. Now the beautiful tree has been transformed into a monument honoring veterans past and present." The photo was taken 8/14/19.

Take Court Street North from the business district to the Ottumwa Cemetery. The monument is very visible from the street.

