

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:

Albert Hobbs Circle #57 LGAR  
" " Post #404 GAR

Original Dedication Date May 30, 1911 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 Central Park SE Corner  
Franklin + Main St. GPS Coordinates 41.40720 -92.916883  
City/Village &/or Township Pella  
County Marion State Iowa Zip Code 50219

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Pella  
Dept./Div. Community Services  
Street Address 712 Union St.  
City Pella State Iowa Zip Code 50219  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (641) 628-4299 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.) granite

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

*I believe there was a CW cannon here that was scrapped during WWII and a replacement captured Japanese Cannon was provided*

Markings: Muzzle \_\_\_\_\_

Base Ring/Breech \_\_\_\_\_

Left Trunion \_\_\_\_\_

Right Trunion \_\_\_\_\_

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Rifled 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

\_\_\_\_\_ 18' Height \_\_\_\_\_ 28" Width \_\_\_\_\_ 28" Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter

*(where inscriptions are)*

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. There are inscriptions on the front and back of 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     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 Attractive Central Park where the annual tulip festival is held in May.

[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.

*In great condition*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 9-25-18

Your Name Tom Gaard

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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**  
Marion County - Pella

**Civil War Monument and Cannon**

This is a very attractive 18 foot monument in the SE corner of Pella's town square, erected in 1911. The statue is said to represent Captain Albert Hobbs of Pella who was killed at Shiloh on April 6, 1862. The GAR post was named Albert Hobbs Post #404. A 155mm Japanese howitzer Type 4 is near-by. I formerly lived in Pella and remember well playing on this cannon as I was growing up. Monument photo taken 9/29/07 and cannon photos taken 5/10/09. The close-up photos were taken 9/25/18.





