

# 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:

Jerry Rusk WRC #282

Original Dedication Date May 30, 1900 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.

*see attached for historical information*

### Location

The Memorial is currently located at:

Street/Road address or site location Valley View Cemetery  
Main Street south of town GPS Coordinates 43.187450 -96.295383  
City/Village &/or Township Rock Valley  
County Sioux State Iowa Zip Code 51247

The front of the Memorial faces:  North  South  East  West

### Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Rock Township  
Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person Terry Kooima Telephone (712) 470-0886 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.) grey granite

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

**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

\_\_\_\_\_ 6' Height \_\_\_\_\_ 21" Width \_\_\_\_\_ 41" 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 photos

**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**

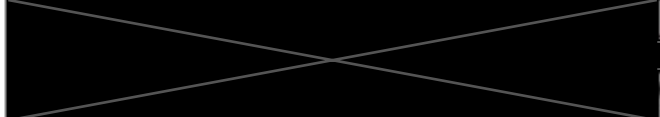
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation 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. *Very nice unusual monument in great condition.*

Inspector Identification \_\_\_\_\_ Date of On-site Survey Aug. 30, 2016

Your Name Tom Gaard

 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail GaardT@aol.com

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?  
SUVCW Grenville 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 Sioux County - Rock Valley

### **Waiting Woman Monument**

This statue of a woman waiting is located in Valley View Cemetery just south of Rock Valley on the west side of Main Street. The front of the monument is inscribed: "In Memory of Unknown Heroes 1861-1898." As you face the monument, the base on the right side is inscribed: "Erected by Jerry Rusk W. R. C. No. 282. May 30, 1900." According to an article in the Rock Valley Bee in 1975, "the monument consists of a lady sitting on a rock, presumably waiting for her husband to return from war. She is sitting there forlornly, her chin resting on her hand, her head down. In her other arm is a bouquet of flowers. Her wide-brimmed hat sets in front of her feet covered by her long dress. Only her bare feet show." The article goes on to note that a descendant of an early Rock Valley family told the writer that the original party that ordered the monument (from France it is believed) decided they did not want the monument so the Rock Valley group was able to purchase it at a very reasonable price. At the time the article was written, the writer noted that the monument was somewhat forlorn and neglected. Since that time, a series of Veteran's memorials have been erected around the monument including a large granite memorial with a Veteran's prayer engraved with the names of the dead; memorials to the various branches of the service, a series of flags and a field of white crosses.

Thank you to Janet Brown for providing the historical information about this interesting monument. The photos were taken 8/30/16.



