

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:

WRC #26 Brownell Post

Original Dedication Date May 30, 1937

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 North side of Highway 57 West
of Cedar Falls GPS Coordinates 42.54230 - 92.547384

City/Village &/or Township Cedar Falls

County Black Hawk State Iowa Zip Code 50614

The front of the Memorial faces: ☒ North ☐ South ☐ East ☐ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Cedar Falls Amvets Post 49 *

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address 1934 Irving ST

City Cedar Falls State Iowa Zip Code 50613

Contact Person _____ Telephone (319) 277-6655 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.) _____

Material of the Sculpture ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other Is it hollow or solid? _____

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) granite

>This form may be photocopied.<

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* The Amvets probably are not officially in charge but
 3 members have taken it on themselves to mow, do landscaping,
 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

_____ 3' Height _____ 3' Width _____ 8" 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

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: along a road

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 close to road - difficult to pull over safely with traffic going by
 [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 8-13-19
 Your Name Tom Gaard
 Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
 City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325

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.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR - CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.

Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**Black Hawk County - Cedar Falls****James Brownell Memorial**

Pvt. James Brownell was the first soldier from Black Hawk County killed in the Civil War. He was in Company K of the 3rd Iowa Infantry Regiment and was killed in the Battle of Blue Mills, Missouri on September 17, 1861. This granite monument, dedicated in 1937, is at his home site. Both the Cedar Falls GAR and WRC Posts were named in his honor. 150 years after his death, on September 17, 2011, a re-dedication ceremony was held in his honor led by SUVCW members. Participating in the ceremony were, from left, Jim Wolf, Kevin Pearson, and Tom Gaard. Take Highway 57 west out of Cedar Falls. The monument is about 1/4 mile west of the small community of Benson on the south side of the road. Photos taken 9/19/10 and 9/17/11.

