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Camp kinsman Markers
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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.)

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Affiliation

☐ GAR ☐ MOLLUS ☐ SUVCW ☐ WRC ☐ ASUVCW
☐ LGAR ☐ DUVCW ☒ Other DAR

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

Hannah Caldwell DAR

Original Dedication Date 1929 re-dedicated 1996 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 Family Resources, Inc
2800 Eastern Av. GPS Coordinates 41.547066 - 90.552166
City/Village &/or Township Davenport
County Scott State Iowa Zip Code 52803

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Hannah Caldwell DAR

Dept./Div. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone () _____ ext _____

suggest going to their website

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.) limestone?

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 = metallic**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon = Bronze Iron Type of Cannon (if known) Rifled YES NOMarkings: 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

old memorial
30" Height 26" Width Depth or Diameter
1996 plaque 12" 22"

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!

Wittenmyer plaque 24" 34"

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 photos and historical information

There are 3 items

- the original stone memorial in 1929 - poor condition*
- a near-by metallic plaque 1996*
- a black plaque regarding Anne Wittenmyer*

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: former orphanage
now private business

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 10-9-20
 Your Name Tom Gaard
 Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
 City Clive State Iowa Zip Code 50325
 Telephone [REDACTED] E-Mail [REDACTED]

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
[REDACTED]

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
Scott County - Davenport

Annie Wittenmyer/Camp Roberts/Camp Kinsman Markers

There are markers on this site locating a Civil War camp and, later, an orphanage founded by Annie Wittenmyer. General Benjamin Roberts established the camp which was later renamed in honor of Colonel William Kinsman of the Iowa 23rd Infantry Regiment who died as a result of wounds at the Battle of Big Black River Bridge on May 16, 1863.

Annie Wittenmyer of Keokuk, Iowa was best known for founding the diet kitchens for hospitals during the Civil War. General Grant said, "No soldier on the front line gave more heroic service than she rendered." After the war, she founded several orphanages in Iowa for children of fallen soldiers including this one in Davenport. She later was a founder and served as the first president of the Women's Temperance Union.

It is believed that the buildings standing today were constructed after the war. Today it is a home of Family Resource, Inc. It is directly across from Oakdale Memorial Gardens. The markers are on the lawn in front of the buildings. The original Camp Roberts Marker, erected in 1929, had deteriorated and a second one was dedicated in 1996.

Thank you to John Sachs for notifying me of this historical location. From Locust Street, take Eastern Avenue north to the Annie Wittenmyer Home. Photos taken 3/6/09 and 9/28/12.



