

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 ☒ <sup>3</sup> 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 Unknown

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

**Original Dedication Date** Unknown 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 West steps of ~~Set~~ State Capital  
 GPS Coordinates 41.591050 -93.604600

City/Village &/or Township Des Moines  
 County Polk State Iowa Zip Code 50319

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

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner**

Name State of Iowa  
 Dept./Div. Dept. of Administrative Services  
 Street Address Hoover Building 1305 E. Walnut St. 3rd Floor  
 City Des Moines State Iowa Zip Code 50319  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (515) 242-5120 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.) \_\_\_\_\_

**For Historic Marker or Plaque:**

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = \_\_\_\_\_

**For Cannons with/without monument:** *There are 2 Parrott cannons and a large mortar on the West*

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

*entrance to the State Capital. See attached for detail.*

Materials of the Memorial \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete for All Memorials****Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

\_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ 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 &amp; location found

Please attach legible photographs of all text &amp;/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum - narrative sheet if necessary.

*See pages from Dennis Bresson's "Iowa Civil War Cannons" for photos and detail of these cannon.*



**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 none apply[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.

*these are impressive. The wooden carriages for the Parrotts will need attention in future.*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey Oct 17, 2016Your Name Tom Gaard

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email gaardt@aol.com

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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**Des Moines  
Capitol Grounds**

**Seacoast Mortar.  
Model of 1861.**

**Made by the Fort Pitt Foundry.**

**Mortar No. 1, Made in 1861.**

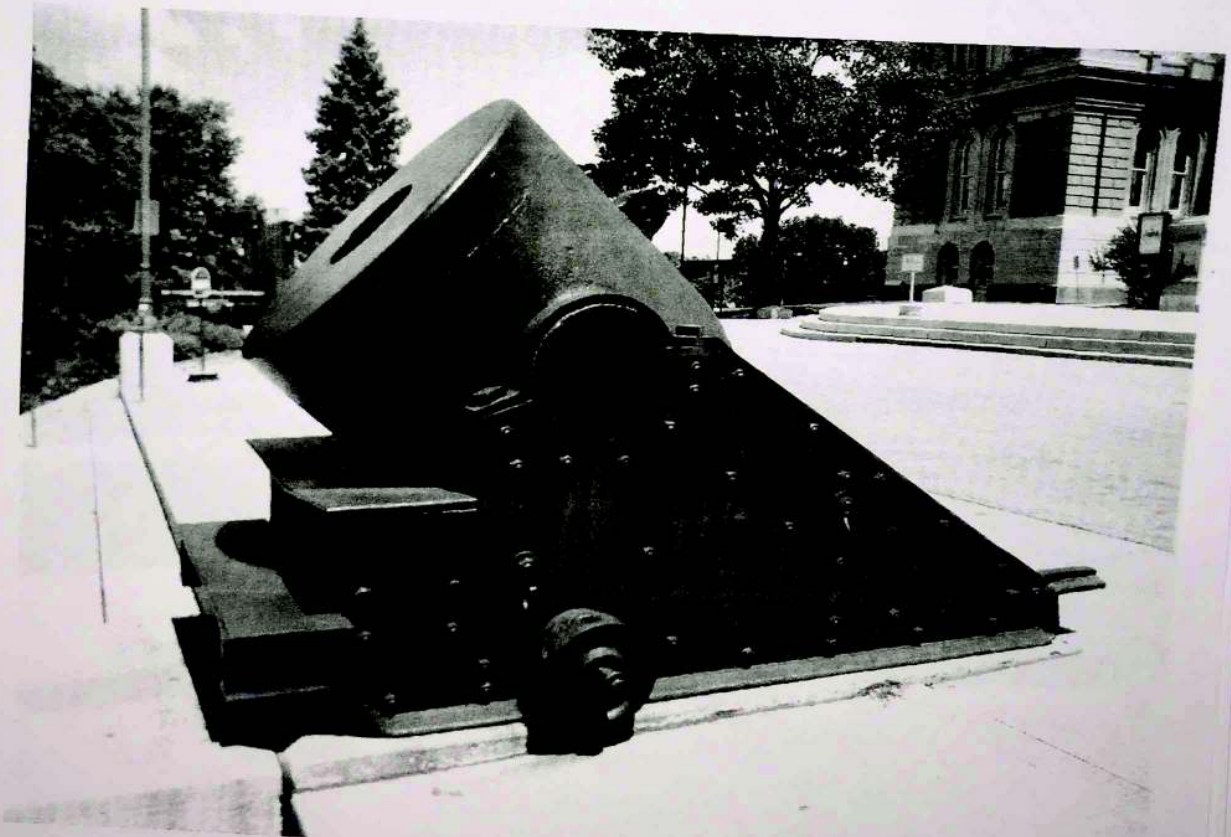
**Weighs 17,314 Lbs., Has 2 vents.**

**Stamped 553 on barrel, Mortar facing west.**

**Inspected by Daniel W. Flagler.**

**Mounted on the Gunboat "Mathew Vassar"**

**Used in the bombardment of Vicksburg.**





**Des Moines  
Capital Grounds**

**Navy Model of 1861.**

**6.4 in. rifled bore.**

**Made in 1863, No. 167.**

**Weights 9652 lbs.**

**Rimbase stamped 116.**

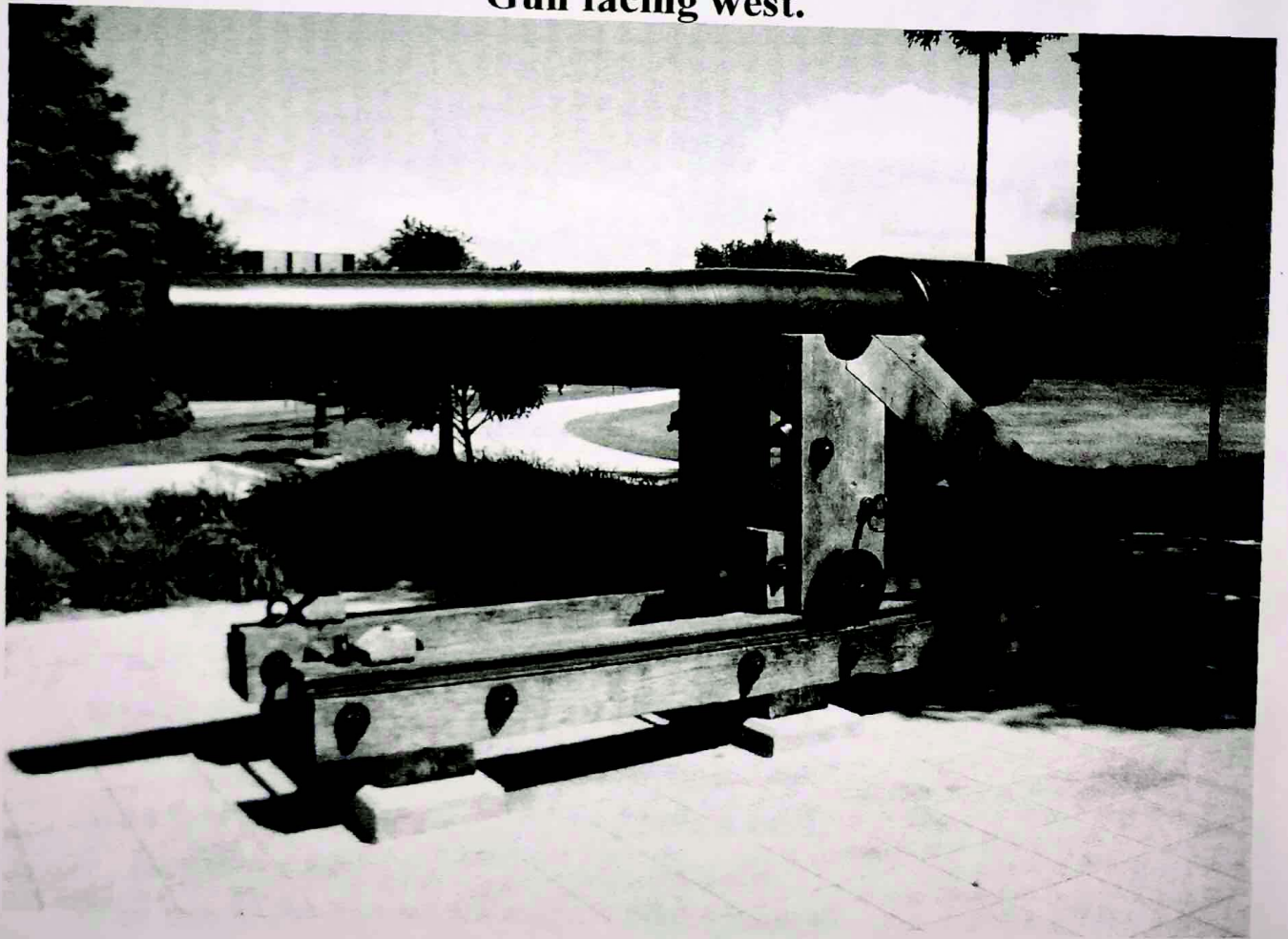
**Inspected by Robert B. Hitchcock.**

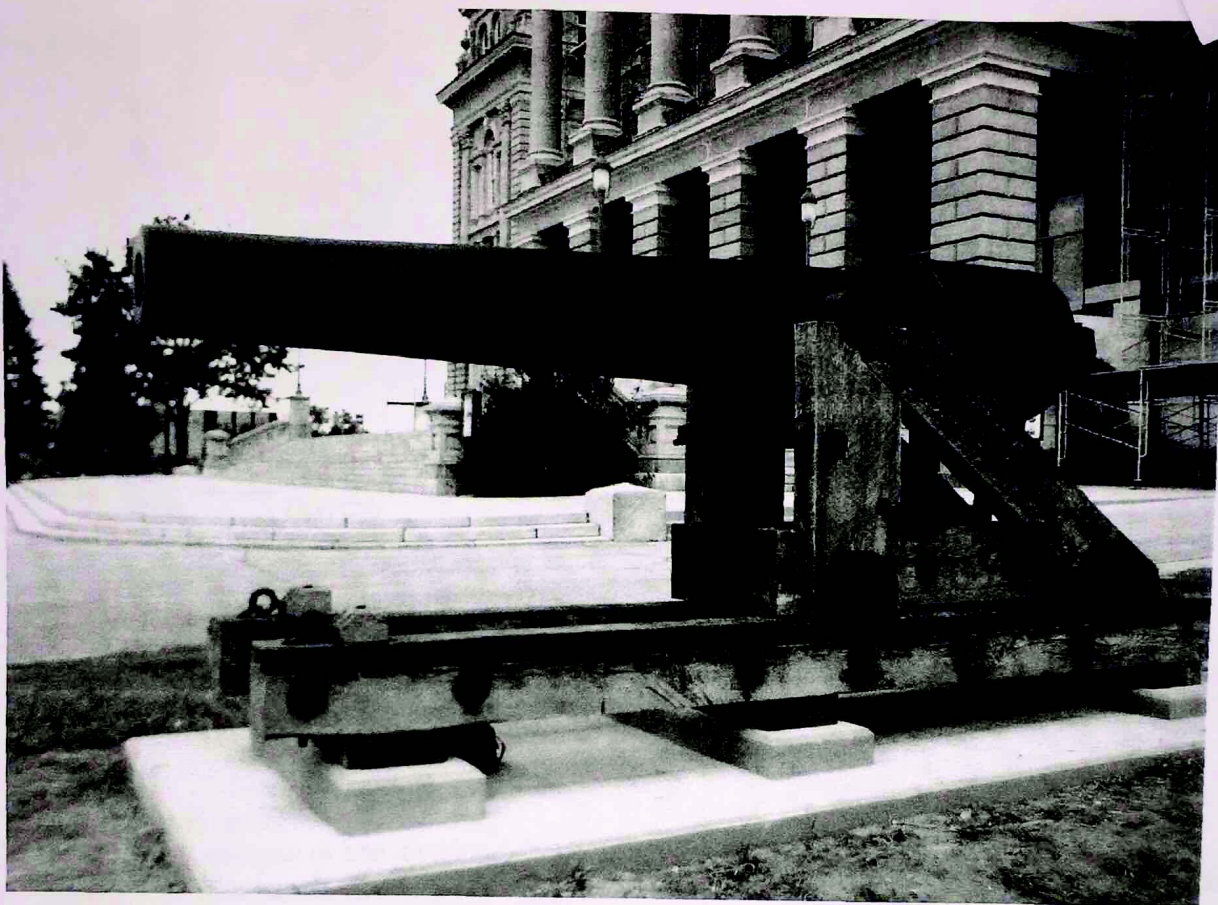
**Anchor stamped on top.**

**Trunnion dia. of 8 in. and 5 in. long.**

**Was used on the Steamer "Nipsic"**

**Gun facing west.**





**Des Moines  
Capitol Grounds**

**Navy Model of 1861.**

**Gun No. 271, Made in 1864.**

**6.4 in. rifled bore.**

**Right rimbase no. 434, Weight of 9722.**

**Has anchor stamp on barrel.**

**Has 2 test scars' on right trunnion end.**

**Inspected by Robert B. Hitchcock.**

**Was used on the steamship "Tallapoosa"**

**Gun facing west.**