

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 3 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 none

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

Original Dedication Date unlikely there was ever a dedication 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 Iowa State Historical Museum
600 E. Locust St. GPS Coordinates 41.590433 - 93.608883
City/Village &/or Township Des Moines
County Polk State Iowa Zip Code 50319

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

not applicable

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs
Dept./Div. State Historical Museum
Street Address 600 E. Locust St.
City Des Moines State Iowa Zip Code 50319
Contact Person _____ Telephone (515) 281-5111 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 = 12 pdr. Bronze Napoleon**For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon = 3 cannons 8 inch siege mortar
"John Brown" EllsworthType 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 see attached for detail[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

_____ 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 & 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. The "John Brown" cannon is very rare.
I probably attached more than is necessary - please
retain only what is needed.

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: Museum

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.

** I don't remember exact dates when I last saw these cannons. Are indoors and in good conditions.*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 2016*Your Name Tom GaardEmail 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
Polk County - Des Moines

Cannons in State Historical Museum of Iowa

The State Historical Museum has 3 cannons. They may be on display or in storage, depending upon the Museum exhibit. These include a 12 pounder bronze Napoleon, M1857, cast at Revere Copper Co. in 1863 and an 8 inch siege mortar, M1861. The other cannon was used by John Brown to train his supporters in Springdale in Cedar County. This is a possible Ellsworth cannon. The Museum is at 600 East Locust west of the State Capital. Photos taken 11/20/07.



John Brown used this small cannon to prepare his troops for the raid on Harpers Ferry, Virginia. It is part of a number of items left by Brown in Springdale to be sold to raise money for his effort to forcibly end slavery.



Model 1857 12 Pounder - Bronze Napoleon

This bronze Napoleon is typical of those issued to the Iowa batteries during the Civil War.

When properly loaded, with two pounds of black powder, it would throw a 12-pound iron ball nearly a mile



Cast by the Revere Copper Company
Serial No. 252,
Weight: 1,200 lbs.

Model 1861 8-inch Sea Coast Mortar

Many obsolete artillery pieces were distributed in the decades following the Civil War as memorials. This 8-inch sea coast mortar is an example. It had served at Ft. Preble to defend the port city of Portland, Maine against Confederate warships.

When properly loaded, with two pounds of black powder, it would throw a 45 pound iron ball over a mile distance.



Serial No. 45 Cast by C. A. & Company
Weight: 1,035 pounds
Shell weight: 45 pounds
Range: 2225 yard

Battle-Scarred Tree

This tree section was taken from a white oak that stood near Confederate General Braxton Bragg as he commanded troops on Snodgrass Hill, during the Battle of Chickamauga. It shows the effect of the "iron hail" into which the troops descended to battle.



Confederate General Braxton Bragg

**Des Moines
State Historical Museum**

Revere Copper Co. Boston Mass.

Cannon No. 252, 1233 lbs.

Made in 1863.

Right rimbase number 248.

U.S. scrolled on barrel.

Vent is spiked.

Inspector: Thomas J. Rodman.

Rebuilt carriage with original hardware.

(U.S. Watertown Arsenal 1865).

*12 pdr. Bronze
Napoleon
from "Iowa
CW Cannons"
by Dennis
Bresson*





**Des Moines
State Historical Museum**

Made by Cyrus Alger & Co.

Model of 1861.

Mortar No. 46.

Made in 1865.

Weights 1035 Lbs.

Inspected by John G. Butler.

Vents plugged.

*8 inch siege mortar
from "Iowa Civil War Cannons"
by Dennis C. Bresson*



**Des Moines
State Historical Museum**

**Ellsworth cannon.
Iron smooth bore, 43 inches long.**

1.687 inch bore.

On a swivel base.

**Trunnion dia. of 1.375 inches by 1.250 inches long
Breech loading.**

*John Brown
Cannon
from "Iowa CW Cannons"
Dennis C. Bresson*