

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

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

The funds for this monument were raised from soldiers and public in Iowa - there is no record that groups above were directly involved.

Original Dedication Date 1876

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 Woodland Cemetery
2019 Woodland Avenue GPS Coordinates 41.590366 - 93.649316
City/Village &/or Township Des Moines
County Polk State Iowa Zip Code 50312

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Des Moines
Dept./Div. Park and Recreation
Street Address 1551 E. MLK, Jr. Parkway
City Des Moines State Iowa Zip Code 50317
Contact Person _____ Telephone (515) 248-6320 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.) gray granite

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 =

*see notes on attached photo***For Cannons with/without monument:***2 12 pounder confederate howitzers
1 6 pounder US field gun*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*25 feet* Height *64 inches* Width _____ Depth or _____ Diameter
x 64 at base

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 photo for inscriptions on 4 sides
Also see photo for notes about 3 cannons.*

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 monument - In good condition

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

State _____

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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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments

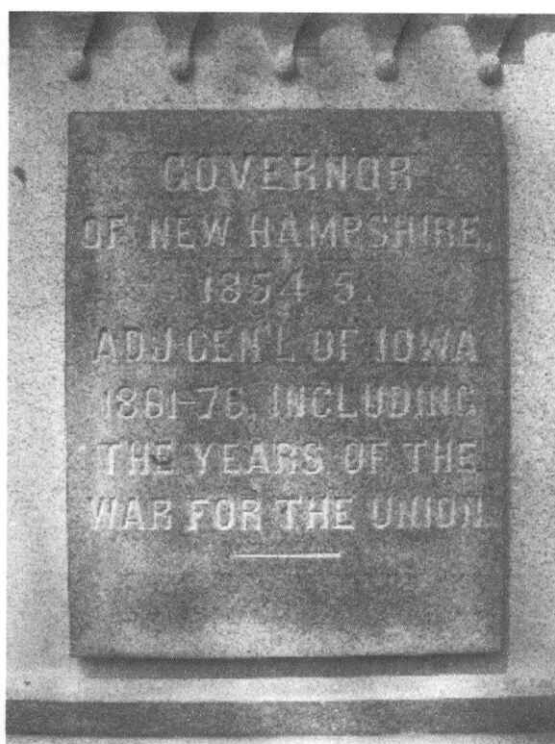
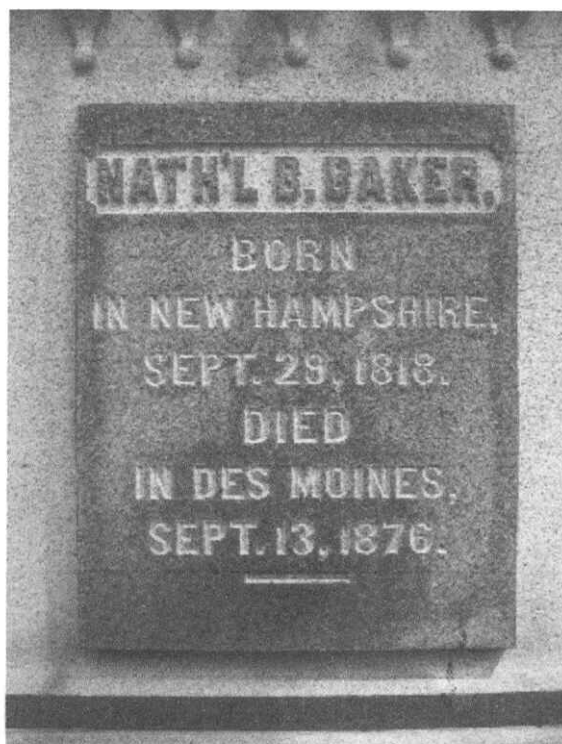
Polk County - Des Moines

General Nathaniel Baker Monument and Cannons in Woodland

General Baker served as Iowa's Adjutant General during and after the Civil War. He had a major role in raising 57 regiments during the war. He was considered a friend and supporter of veterans after the war. When he died in 1876, veterans raised funds for an impressive monument in Woodland cemetery. The location is in the western portion of the cemetery. This granite obelisk is about 25 feet high. The monument photos were taken 9/21/07.

Originally there were four cannons surrounding the Baker Monument. One of these has been loaned to the Gold Star Museum, a military museum, at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa. The one at the Museum and the two in first photo are 12 pounder Confederate bronze howitzers cast at Quinby & Robinson of Memphis. The last one shown is a 6 pounder bronze field gun, M1841 from Cyrus Alger & Co. in 1854. The cannon photos were taken 5/25/08.





these
two
cannons
are identical
Confederate
cannons
by Quincy
& Robinson,
Memphis,
Tenn. -
no markings
faces
east



← this one
stamped 51
on breech
end - no
other
markings.
faces
south

6 pounder
bronze
field
gun
M 184
Cyrus
Alger & Co.
"583" on
rim
left transom
"1854"
right transom
"CA & Co."
"US" on
top
faces NW

