

# 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 ☐ S  
☐ 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 Woodland Cemetery  
2019 Woodland Avenue GPS Coordinates 41.588916 - 93.646766  
 City/Village &/or Township Des Moines  
 County Polk State Iowa Zip Code 50312

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

*located in  
south GAR  
section*

**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.) \_\_\_\_\_

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:**Material of Cannon = \_\_\_\_\_ Bronze ☐ Iron ☒ Type of Cannon (if known) 2 Siege Mortars 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

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum - narrative sheet if necessary.

See copies from "Iowa Civil War Cannons" by  
Dennis Bresson

The 2 mortars look identical. The markings  
on the rim are not legible.

**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.

*The base on the ground  
is broken-up and will need  
repair*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey

Oct. 17, 2016Your Name Tom Gaard

gaardt@aol.com

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

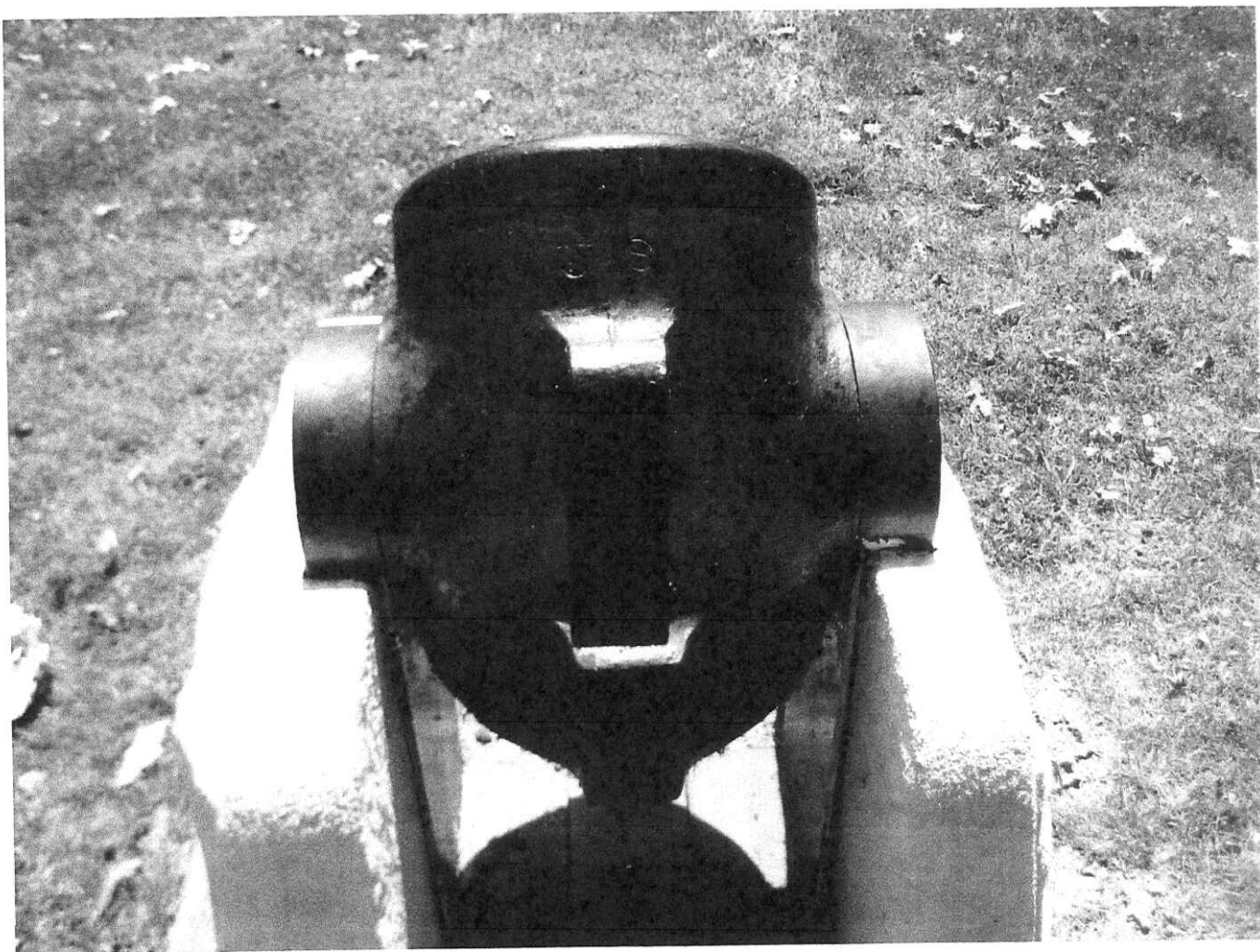
SUVCW Greenville Dodge Camp #75

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  
Woodland Cemetery**

**1 of 2, West cannon.**  
**Made by Cyrus Alger & Co.**  
**Model of 1861.**  
**Made in 1863 or 65.**  
**Weights 1035 lbs.**  
**Muzzle face pitted.**  
**Has 2 vents.**  
**Mortar facing south.**

*from  
"Iowa Civil War  
Cannons"  
by Dennis Bresson*



**Des Moines  
Woodland Cemetery**

**2 of 2, East cannon.  
Made by Cyrus Alger & Co.  
Model of 1861.  
Made in 1863 or 65.  
Weighs 1002 lbs.  
Muzzle face pitted.  
Has 2 vents.  
Mortar facing south.**



*west  
cannon*

*east  
cannon*