

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 DAR

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

Jean Espy chapter DAR

Original Dedication Date 1908

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 Riverfront Park
off Ave. H GPS Coordinates 40.62975 -91.304083
 City/Village &/or Township Fort Madison
 County Lee State Iowa Zip Code 52627

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name City of Fort Madison
 Dept./Div. Parks and Recreation
 Street Address 811 Ave E.
 City Fort Madison State Iowa Zip Code 52627
 Contact Person _____ Telephone (319) 372-7700 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: *no markings*Material of Cannon = ☒ Bronze _____ Iron _____ Type of Cannon (if known) *6 pdr. field guns M1841* 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 & 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 including Dennis Breason's
"Iowa CW Monuments" for more detail about
these 2 similar cannons.*

*this is located at the actual Old Fort Madison
site - not the reconstructed Fort.*

*The plaque says: Erected 1908 by Jean Espy Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution - on site of
Old Fort Madison built 1808 - Evacuated and Burned
by Garrison 1813*

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.

a road construction project was underway on my visit - hard to reach site.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 10-5-20Your Name Tom GaardAddress 16541 Valleyview LaneCity CliveState Iowa Zip Code 50325

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

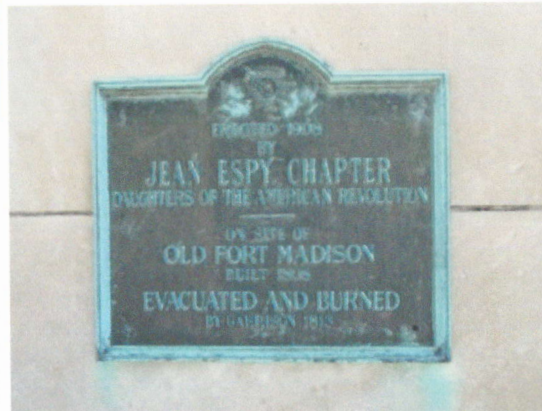
Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Lee County - Fort Madison

Cannons at Old Fort Madison Site

There are two cannons at the site of Old Fort Madison. The cannons flank the chimney that remains from the old fort. These are 6 pounder bronze field guns, M1841. The location is easily confused with the reconstructed Old Fort Madison which is in a different location in Riverview Park. This site is close to the street (Highway 61) and RR tracks. Photos taken 12/29/07 and 10/5/20.



**Fort Madison
Old Fort Madison site**

**2 of 2 South cannon.
Muzzle face mostly smooth.**

No. 11.

Weight of 889 lbs.

Vent is spiked.

**Inferred to be Cyrus Alger & Co.
Original hardware (S.C. Bidwell Pittsburgh).
Facing east overlooking the Mississippi river.**





**Fort Madison
Old Fort Madison site**

**1 of 2 North cannon.
Muzzle face is mostly smooth.
Thought to be a Cyrus Alger & Co.
from Boston, Massachusetts
Weight of 891 lbs.
Condition good.
Facing east overlooking the Mississippi river.**