

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 ☐ 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:

Original Dedication Date 1918 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 40.62890 - 91.307783
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 = _____ *markings***For Cannons with/without monument:**Material of Cannon = ☒ Bronze ☐ Iron Type of Cannon (if known) 3.80 inch James Rifles 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 more detailed info from
Dennis Bresson's "Iowa Civil War Cannons"

The second plaque is hard to read in attachment. It says:

"The brass 'James' Cannon, named for their designer, were
manufactured only in 1858 and 1859.

They were the first U.S. Army cannon provided with rifling
along the bore, a feature added to improve the accuracy
of their projectile trajectory.

The Federal Government gave both cannon to the City of

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Fort Madison in 1918 as Memorials to local residents who
had served in the American War."

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 cannon mounts and
Veterans Memorial behind the cannons.*

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 10-5-20
 Your Name Tom Gaard
 Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
 City Clive State 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

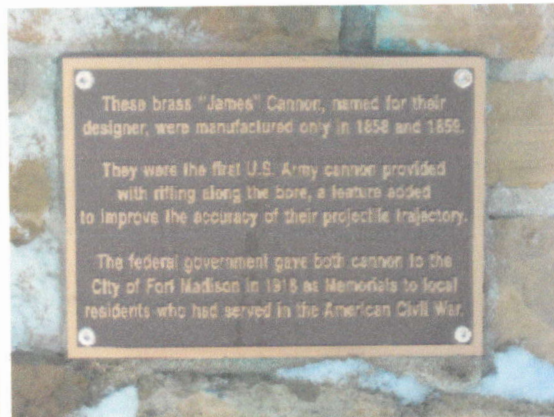
Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

James Cannons

These are 3.80 inch bronze James rifles cast at the Ames Manufacturing Co. They are attractively displayed in Riverfront Park in Ft. Madison. There are plaques on the back of each cannon mount. The cannons can be found near the flags and the attractive Veterans Memorial in the park. The first photo was taken 10/5/20 - the plaque photos on 12/29/07.





**Fort Madison
Riverview Park**

2 of 2, North cannon.

Bronze James Rifle.

14 Pdr., 3.80 in. dia. bore.

Rifled 10 groove, 73 inches long.

Trunnion dia. 3.67 by 2.75 in. long.

Weights 919 lbs.

Muzzle face is mostly smooth.

Has blade front sight.

Facing east overlooking the Mississippi river.

**Fort Madison
Riverview Park**

1 of 2, South cannon.

Bronze James Rifle.

Rifled with 10 grooves, 3.80 in. bore 14 Pdr.

73 inches long and weighs 920 lbs.

Made in 1862.

No. *24.

Has blade front sight.

Thought to be Ames Foundry.

Facing east overlooking the Mississippi river.

