

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:

She was affiliated with many CW groups but probably not specifically for this monument

Original Dedication Date 1891

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 Old Fairfield Cemetery
E. Stone Ave + N. B St. GPS Coordinates 41.014983 -91.960333
 City/Village &/or Township Fairfield
 County Jefferson State Iowa Zip Code 52556

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Old Fairfield Cemetery
 Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address E. Stone Ave. + N. B St.
 City Fairfield State Iowa Zip Code 52556
 Contact Person _____ Telephone (641) 472-2509 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.) _____

>This form may be photocopied.<

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** there are 2 cemeteries adjacent - old Fairfield and Evergreen - this is number for Evergreen but is best for finding information in Old Fairfield.*

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) _____

Rifled _____ YES _____ NO

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____

Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes _____ No

[For camp/departments 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

_____ 11' Height _____ 50" Width _____ 50' 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

While we don't usually include a tombstone as a CW monument, believe this should be exception do to her remarkable history (see attached) and inscription on the stone.

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 There are 2 cemeteries together - Old Fairfield (on the west) and Evergreen (on the east) -

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for Monument's Condition]

to find this - it is a large monument on the NW part of Old Fairfield

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.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 8-21-20

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
Jefferson County - Fairfield

Memorial to Mrs. Mehitable Woods

Mrs. Woods, best known as Auntie Woods, was a heroine of the Civil War who personally delivered needed items to soldiers from Jefferson County. This included food, bandages and clothing. She made 13 trips with cargos ranging from 10 to 37 tons. She possessed a pass signed by Secretary of War Stanton allowing her unlimited access to the troops. She was commissioned a Major by Gov. Kirkwood. After the War, she attended meetings of CW veterans and was beloved by all. At her death in 1891, over 300 veterans attended her funeral. The memorial is Barre granite and stands 11 feet high. It is located in lot 42 and is the largest stone in this part of the cemetery. Also shown is the inscription on the east side of the monument. This is in the Old Fairfield Cemetery in the NE part of town at B Street and Stone Street. The first photo was taken 11/26/08 - the photo of the inscription was taken 8/21/20.



