

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

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☐ 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

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

Original Dedication Date Unknown

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Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

The Memorial is currently located at:
 Street/Road address or site location Old Fort Madison
716 Riverview Park GPS Coordinates 40.629083 - 91.31165
 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 Old Fort Madison
Dept./Div. _____
Street Address 716 Riverview Park
City Fort Madison State Iowa Zip Code 52627
Contact Person _____ Telephone (319) 372-6318* ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places Yes ✓ No ID # if known

- * June - August
- ** Rest of Year

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) Woodruff Rifled _____ YES _____ NOMarkings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech F
Left Trunion I 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 unknown**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 final page from
Dennis Bresson's book "Iowa Civil War Cannons"
with more detail about this cannon.

Tiny cannon of doubtful effectiveness

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: This cannon is kept in the reconstructed old Fort Madison

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.

I was there on 10-5-20 but it was closed. So last I actually saw the cannon was 2013.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 9-8-13Your 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

*They have a website -
ser best to check it
for when open.*

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

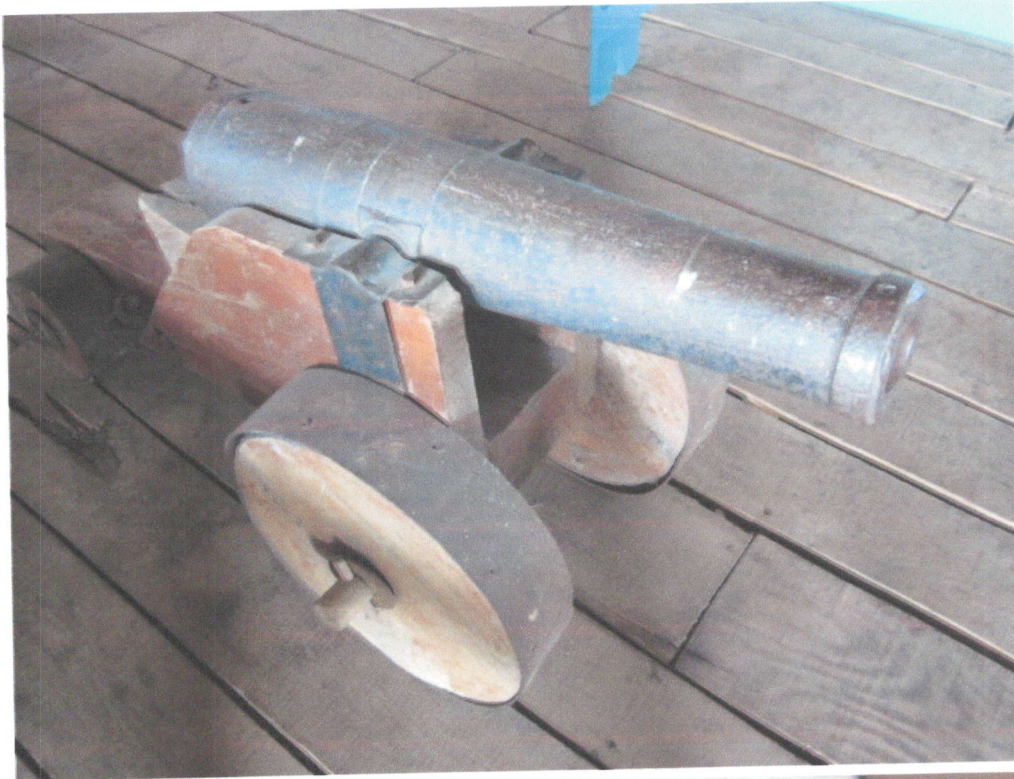
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Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Lee County - Fort Madison

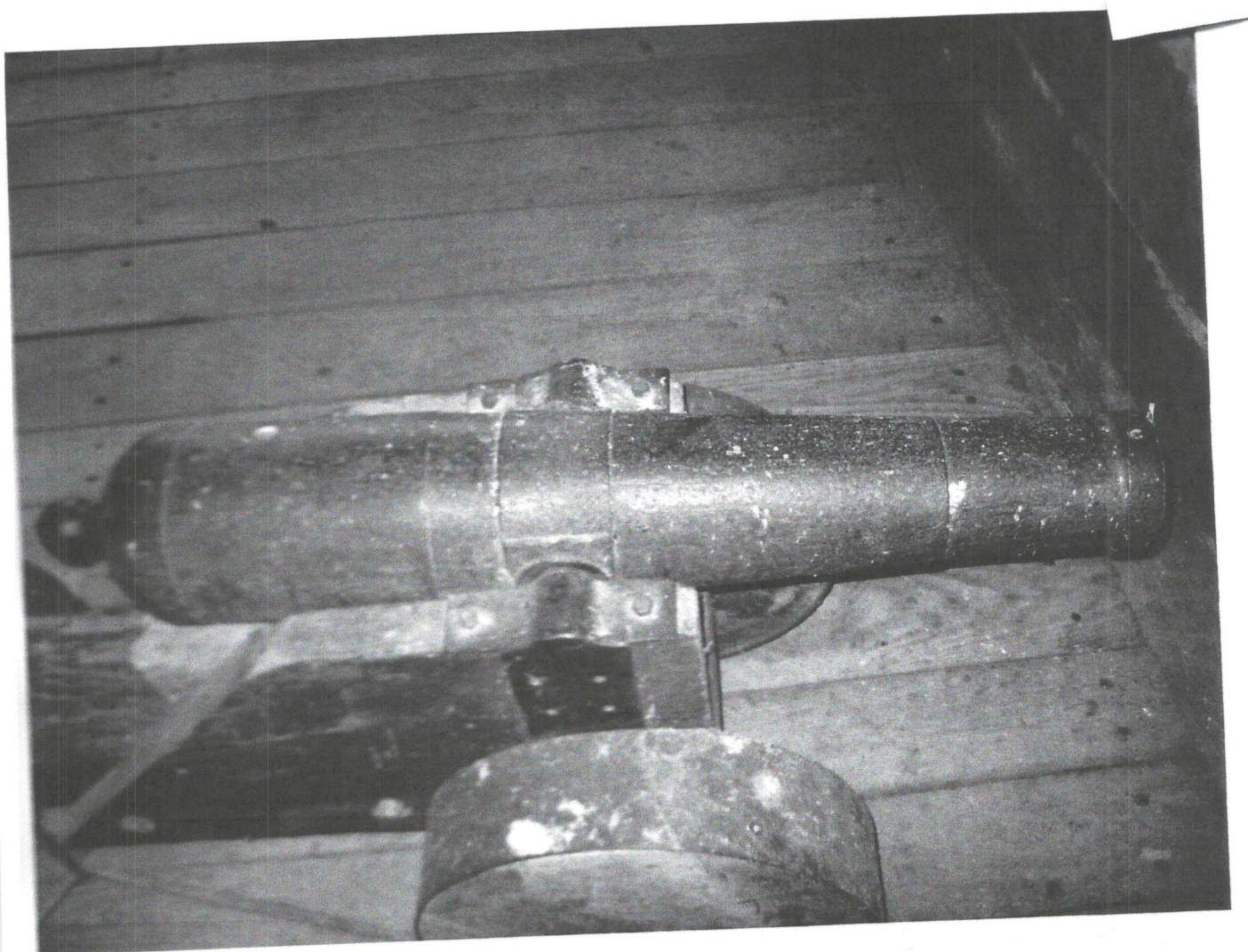
Woodruff Cannon at Old Fort Madison

30 of these small cannon were cast at Quincy, Illinois. Only 6 are known to exist today. This one was said to have been buried and found in a nearby field. It is a 2 pounder, made of cast iron, and 36 inches in length. The only marking is the letter F. It was used by Iowa and Illinois Cavalry units but was not considered too effective. It is currently located in Old Fort Madison, a reconstruction of the original fort that was attacked during the War of 1812. The Fort is located in Riverview Park. Hours when the Fort is open vary throughout the year.

Thank you to Dennis Bresson's book, Iowa Civil War Cannons, for information. Also thank you to Dr. Eugene Watkins, Site Manager, for information and posing in the photo. Photos taken 9/8/13.







**Fort Madison
Inside Reconstructed Old Fort Madison**

**This is a Woodruff cannon.
Made of cast iron.
Is 36 ¼ inches long.
Smooth bore, 2.250 in. dia., 2Pdr.
Left trunnion shoulder stamped with letter "I"
Top of breech Stamped "F"
Vent size .562 in.
Story has it that a local farmer found this
when he was plowing his field.**

*From Dennis Bresson's book
113" Iowa Civil War Cannons"*