

# 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 ☐ DUV CW ☐ Other

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

Robert Mitchell GAR Post 206  
WRC No. 106

**Original Dedication Date** Oct 15, 1914 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 Central Park  
10th St & 7th Ave. GPS Coordinates 42.033183 -91.598383  
 City/Village &/or Township Marion  
 County Linn State Iowa Zip Code 52302

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

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner**

Name City of Marion  
 Dept./Div. Parks & Recreation  
 Street Address 343 Marion Blvd.  
 City Marion State Iowa Zip Code 52302  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (319) 447-3580 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.) granite

Material of the Sculpture ☐ Stone ☐ Concrete ☒ Metal ☐ Other Is it hollow or solid? hollow

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) "white bronze" on zinc

The soldier and plaques are painted

**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) M 1844 24 pounder flank howitzerMarkings: Muzzle No. 302 T.J.R. 1863 Base Ring/Breech \_\_\_\_\_ Rifled \_\_\_\_\_ YES ☒ NO

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 but old photo shows cannonball stack that is**For Other Memorials:** (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)no longer present.

What best describes the memorial \_\_\_\_\_

Materials of the Memorial \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete for All Memorials****Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points18' Height 28' Width 28' Depth or \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter where plaques are 5'4" sq. at lower base

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

see attached <sup>each</sup> 12 x 20 inches

there are plaques on each of the 4 sides of monument.

2 of these are the WRC & GAR emblems

Close-ups of the Lincoln and "Erected" plaques are shown but the latter one is not clear in photo. It says:

"Erected A.D. 1914

By the citizens of Marion and vicinity in honor of the Heroes of the Civil War 1861-1865 and dedicated Oct 15 1914 under the auspices of Robt. Mitchell

Post No 206 GAR and the Womens Relief Corps

No 106 "



**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.

*Unfortunately, there is graffiti on the plaques and cannon.*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 8-23-19Your Name Tom Gaard

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

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR - CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.**

**Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments**  
Linn County - Marion

**Soldier and Cannon**

Marion's Central Park has a Civil War soldier monument and a cannon. The soldier is on a 12 foot granite base and has 4 bronze plaques on each side. Besides the ones shown, there are plaques with the GAR and WRC emblems. The plaques have some graffiti. The soldier is painted gray. The monument was dedicated in 1914. The cannon is a 24 pounder flank howitzer, M1844, cast at Cyrus Alger & Co. in 1863. It also has graffiti. According to SUVCW member James Johnston, there used to be a second cannon but it was melted down for scrap in WWII. The park is located in the central business district off Business Highway 151. Photos taken 8/23/19. The final image is a copy from an old postcard showing the cannon and park scene - thanks to Danny Krock for providing this.





