

Montezuma
CW Monument + Cannons

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:

GAR Post Wisner No. 127

Original Dedication Date 1927 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 Poweshiek County Courthouse
E. Main + S. 4th GPS Coordinates 41.585278 - 92.523694
City/Village &/or Township Montezuma
County Poweshiek State Iowa Zip Code 50171

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Poweshiek County
Dept./Div. Auditor
Street Address 302 E. Main
City Montezuma State Iowa Zip Code 50171
Contact Person _____ Telephone (641) 623-5443 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?

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) granite

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) West Point Foundry M1844
could not find markings 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
7 ft Height 54" Width 14" 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 attached188 CW Veterans inscribed on monumentOn the bottom of Monument
"Erected by and Dedicated to the Memory of
Wisher Post 127 1927"

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.

*nice display of monuments and cannons
in new location*

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 10-9-19Your Name Tom GaardAddress 16541 Valleyview LaneCity CliveState Iowa Zip Code 50325

E-Mail _____

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
Poweshiek County - Montezuma

Civil War Monument and Cannons

This red granite Civil War monument, dedicated to the memory of GAR Wisner Post #127 in 1927, has names of 188 veterans inscribed. Two 24 pounder flank howitzers, M1844, are on each side of the monument. Both howitzers were manufactured at West Point Foundry in 1858. These are located at a nice new location on the NE corner of the Courthouse Square. My photo on 8/23/19 has an unfortunate reflection so I have left a photo taken 10/26/07 at the old location which shows the inscriptions much clearer.

