

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 (2)
☐ Historical Marker ☒ Plaque ☐ Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Gettysburg Address

Affiliation

☐ GAR ☐ MOLLUS ☒ SUVCW ☐ WRC ☐ ASUVCW
☐ LGAR ☐ DUVCW ☐ Other

funds for replacement monument came from
If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

Various sources including the SUVCW

Original Dedication Date 1875 July 2, 2011 - dedication of replacement.
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 Court house Square
Walnut + E. 3rd GPS Coordinates 41.424266 -91.043016
City/Village &/or Township Muscatine
County Muscatine State Iowa Zip Code 52761

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

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Muscatine County
Dept./Div. Auditor
Street Address 414 E. 3rd
City Muscatine State Iowa Zip Code 52761
Contact Person 563 Telephone (563) 263-7248 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.)

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) 2 5.82 inch 24 pdr. flint ^{howitzers}Rifled ☐ YES ☒ NOMarkings: Muzzle * see below 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 points50' Height 8' Width 8' Depth or base Diameter

66" 66" where inscriptions are

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.

* On recent visit, the markings were either painted over or do not exist. I had previous info that both were manufactured by Cyrus Alger & Co. West cannon was made in 1849, No 267. East cannon No 54 1489 lbs no date when it was made.

See attached - the 2nd photo is the South side or front of the monument - the other 3 sides list about 400 soldiers from County. The 3rd photo is an example from the east side showing list.

SWCW emblem on E. side
GAR " " N "

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.

This was a major project in 2011 to rebuild this monument. While the SUVCW financial contribution was modest, we did help facilitate it and our efforts were appreciated by local people.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 8-12-20Your 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**Muscatine County - Muscatine****Soldier Monument on Courthouse Square**

There are several Civil War items of interest in Muscatine's Courthouse Square including a soldier's monument, cannons, and a plaque of the Gettysburg Address. The original marble monument was dedicated in 1875. The marble had deteriorated to the point where it had to be replaced and a beautiful new granite monument, which replicated the original, was re-dedicated before a large crowd and many dignitaries on July 2, 2011. The second photo is of the front of the monument - the other sides show over 400 soldiers from the county - the inscriptions on the east side of the monument are shown in the 3rd photo.. Also shown is an wonderful old postcard with the original monument. One soldier listed is Shelby Norman, identified as the first Iowan to be killed in battle in the Civil War. Norman, 18 years old, enlisted in the 1st Iowa Infantry Regiment and was killed at Wilson's Creek on August 10, 1861. The Muscatine GAR Post was named in honor of Shelby Norman. The Gettysburg Address is on the entrance to the Courthouse.

There are two 5.82 inch 24 pounder flank howitzers, M1844 manufactured at Cyrus Alger & Co. - one in 1849 - the other does not have markings to identify the date. The cannons are pointed South and not by accident according to Muscatine County history. A cannonball stack lies between the cannons. There is a veteran's monument for all veterans on the east side of the Courthouse lawn. The Courthouse monument is located on the corner of Walnut and E 3rd Street. Photos taken 6/30/09, 7/2/11 and 8/12/20.



