

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.)

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:

Shelby Norman Post No 231

Original Dedication Date 1910

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 Weed Park 1 Park Drive
 GPS Coordinates 41.43590 -91.02540
 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 City of Muscatine
 Dept./Div. Parks and Recreation
 Street Address 215 Sycamore St.
 City Muscatine State Iowa Zip Code 52761
 Contact Person _____ Telephone (563) 263-0241 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.) _____

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 10 inch Rodman Model 1861Rifled ☐ 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 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. There is also a Gettysburg Address and inscription on the cannon mount. The G'burg Address is located near by.

* South Cannon

No 655
FPP PA
1500 lbs
1866

North Cannon

No. 69
SCL
S Mc M + Co
1864
15,092 lbs

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 Impressive location with 2 huge cannons overlooking the Mississippi

[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.

Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey 8-12-20
 Your Name Tom Gaard
 Address 16541 Valleyview Lane
 City Clive State 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.

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

Department of Iowa - Civil War Monuments
Muscatine County - Muscatine

Rodman Cannons in Weed Park

There are two 10 inch Rodman guns, M1861 in Weed Park. The south one, shown in the first photo, was cast at Fort Pitt Foundry in 1866. It is numbered 655 and weighs 15,000 pounds. The north one, shown in the second photo, was built at Seyfert, McManus & Co. of Reading, PA. in 1864. It is numbered 69 and weighs 15,092 pounds. Both are aimed toward the Mississippi River. The inscriptions on the cannon mounts of each shows they were placed in this position in 1910. There is also a bronze Gettysburg Address plaque nearby. Weed Park, 1 Park Drive, is a very nice park in a residential area. Take Park Drive off Highway 22. The cannons are to the right just past the entrance. Photos taken 1/9/07.



