



### *Monument Square receives recognition*

Sac City's Monument Square was recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Bruce Perry of Sac City prepared the nomination papers, and defended them this spring. Pictured above are the GAR Hall and the Civil War monument. (Photos submitted by Bruce Perry)

## National Register of Historic Places recognizes Sac City site

The National Park Service has placed Sac City's Monument Square Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places. The listing provides formal recognition of the property's historical and architectural significance as based on national standards used by every state.

Monument Square Historic District includes the 1892 General Sherman Hall (Senior Citizen's Center), built by local members of the Civil War Veterans group known as the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.); an 1894 statue of a Civil War infantryman, paid for by a county-wide tax levy to honor those from Sac County who had served in the Civil War; four WW II Howitzer guns that replaced the original Civil War Cannon which were sent away to aid war efforts in WW II; three granite tablets honoring those who lost lives in WW I, WW II, the Korean War and the Viet Nam Conflict; and the 1922 American

Legion Hall (now known as Towne House), built to honor all from Sac County who lost their lives in WW I. Two other notable features are the bas relief stone carvings on the front of General Sherman Hall. Although the individual resources in the square are certainly significant, it is even more remarkable to have a collection of memorials for those who sacrificed in wars from the 1860's to 1970's.

Listing on the National Register not only provides national recognition, but has potential economic impact. Visiting Monument Square is especially attractive to Civil War enthusiasts who will now have improved access to information about the area. Additionally, the area is now eligible for preservation grants and historic tax credits that could aid in future efforts to maintain the resources.

Bruce Perry, who wrote and defended the nomination for the prop-

erty, commented, "It was wonderful to receive notification of the listing right before Memorial Day. The Grand Army of the Republic, the organization that built General Sherman Hall and arranged for the construction of the monument, was part of the national group that helped institute a holiday to recognize those who had given their lives in service. This holiday has become Memorial Day. I have no doubt that those who worked so diligently to bring recognition to Civil War veterans and those who served in all wars were smiling at the added recognition for the area that honors the service and sacrifice of Sac County soldiers."

Monument Square Historic District lies immediately south of the Sac County Court House which is also listed on the National Register and less than two blocks west of Chautauqua Park Historic District that gained National Register significance last year.