

## IN – Bartholomew County – Columbus – GAR Memorial – City Cemetery

Email from 2-16-2023

Brother Busch,

According to the SUVCW website you are the National Civil War Memorials Committee Chairman. Our memorial is not National, but very representative of what the sons of Bartholomew County, Indiana sacrificed during the war.

I hope you can help or direct us to someone who can.

The inscription on the GAR memorial in the Columbus City Cemetery is in dire need of restoration. We want to be sure of what the original script was. From the attached photos, we could not confidently recreate the words. We will be doing an etching and we also have a copy of a newspaper (no longer in existence) article about the dedication and the reporter's sharing of that inscription. Sometimes the paper does not correctly report events. We want to be sure we have exactly what was written- we thought perhaps that there may be a record of this work with the National Organization.

The specifics-

Columbus City Cemetery, Columbus, Indiana Bartholomew County

Dedicated May 1895

Dedication Ceremony by Commander Glick the officer of the day was V.P. Cavanaugh, and a Major W. T. Strickland and Chaplain W. P. Polen were part of the ceremony. On behalf of the WRC - we have Mrs. Dr. Hawley (these names are added to help with identification of the event).

GAR plaque and WRC plaques on the south and north side of the memorial respectively

The article has a long speech to the GAR members.

Per the 1895 newspaper article - (verbatim)

"In memory of the unknown dead, who fell in our country's service in the war for the union, A.D. 1861-1865"

On one side 'G.A.R.'

On the opposite side 'W.R.C.'

Facing south is the following poetic expression-

" No name to let us know

Who rests below.

No word of death, or birth-

Only the grasses wave

Over a mound of earth,

Over an unknown grave."

Again- we want to verify the inscription on the memorial and we are hoping a record exists.

Brother Fred Leickly

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In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

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