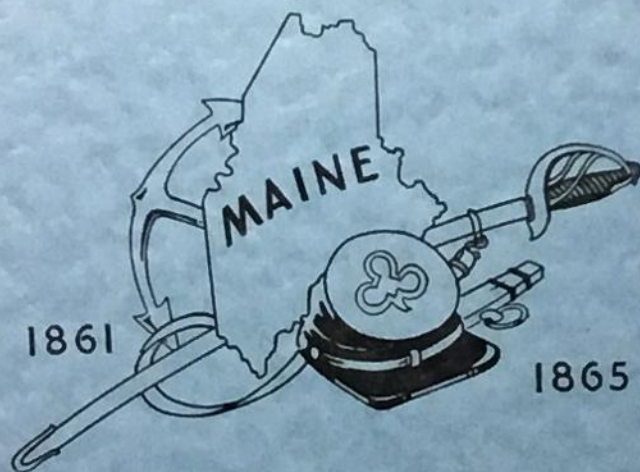


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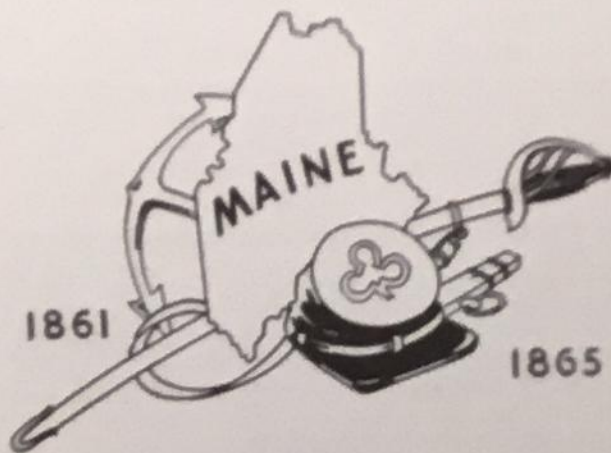


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## Foreword

The first message that the writer wishes to get across is the fact that this book does not contain ALL Civil War monuments in the State of Maine; we know it does not. But it does contain the photos of the Civil War monuments of ALL the Communities in the State of Maine who expressed a desire to have one in our book by replying to our letters and forwarding a photo of the monument in the Community, plus some that were taken by myself or members of other State agencies. Also a few individuals assisted. All letters were sent first class mail and only one came back due to the fact the person to whom it was addressed had moved, but a letter was sent to the new official and a reply received.

Information pertaining to the various monuments was sent in by City or Town officials or persons designated by them to do so. A copy of all information and its source is on file at my home address. An opportunity was offered to all to be represented in this book, and it was a pleasure to see so many interested in the project.

It has been my desire as Chairman of the Maine Civil War Centennial Commission, as well as Department Historian of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to do something that would add to the observance of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Civil War, and what could be better than a book of this type. Originally started during the first part of the Centennial, the lack of funds made it necessary to hold up, but during the last session of the Maine State Legislature funds were made available to finish the work, and on short notice, the best that was possible has been done. A larger book would not have added to the objective, and a smaller book would not have detracted.

Some items of information were quite lengthy and had to be cut, others were very short, and an effort was made by our own research to add a little. We used what we thought was what we were looking for. It was through the efforts of Major General E. W. Heywood, The Adjutant General, and Bob Packard of the Office of Civil Defense that I was able to get many photos that otherwise would have been missing. Also the Department of Economic Development was kind in taking care of the photos in the Hall of Flags.

I feel it would be plain negligence on my part if I failed to dedicate part of this project to my wife and little son, the unsung heroes of this campaign, who by their patience and hard work made it possible for me to take the time to do this work.

Thus, either good or bad, I hope his book will be received in the same good faith it is given.

MAURICE J. WARNER,  
Chairman



## *The Returned Maine Battle Flags*

The flags of the Maine regiments had been returned from the Civil War and the Adjutant General had them grouped around the pillar of the rotunda in the State House. 72,945 Maine men served under these 43 national colors, 41 regimental colors and 28 guidons, memorials to the glory, sacrifice and victory of a free people. It is to be noted that no Maine regiment surrendered its battle flag during the Civil War.

Moses Owen, a clerk in the office of the Secretary of State and a friend with him in passing through the rotunda overheard this comment between two young ladies.

"What are these?" asked one young lady. The other replied "Oh! They are nothing but flags. Come on, let's look around."

The remarks gave Moses Owen the inspiration for his beautiful poem: *The Returned Maine Battle Flags*.

(Moses Owen was from Bath, Maine, and was the author of *Plymouth Church and Other Poems*.)

The plaque with this poem is proudly displayed in the State House along with the returned Civil War flags.

THE RETURNED  
MAINE BATTLE FLAGS

BY MOSES OWEN

NOTHING BUT FLAGS - BUT SIMPLE FLAGS,  
TATTERED AND TORN AND HANGING IN RAGS,  
AND WE WALK BENEATH THEM WITH CARELESS TREAD,  
NOR THINK OF THE HOSTS OF THE MIGHTY DEAD,  
THAT HAVE MARCHED BENEATH THEM IN DAYS GONE BY,  
WITH A BURNING CHEEK AND A KINDLING EYE,  
AND HAVE BATHED THEIR FOLDS WITH THEIR YOUNG LIFE'S TIDE,  
AND, DYING, BLESSED THEM, AND, BLESSING, DIED.

NOTHING BUT FLAGS - YET METHINKS, AT NIGHT  
THEY TELL EACH OTHER THEIR TALES OF FRIGHT,  
AND DIM SPECTRES COME AND THEIR THIN ARMS TWINE  
'ROUND EACH STANDARD TORN AS THEY STAND IN LINE:  
AS THE WORD IS GIVEN - THEY CHARGE! THEY FORM!  
AND THE DIM HALL RINGS WITH THE BATTLE'S STORM!  
AND ONCE AGAIN THROUGH THE SMOKE AND STRIFE,  
THOSE COLORS LEAD TO A NATION'S LIFE.

NOTHING BUT FLAGS - YET THEY'RE BATHED WITH TEARS,  
THEY TELL OF TRIUMPHS, OF HOPES, OF FEARS;  
OF A MOTHER'S PRAYERS, OF A BOY AWAY,  
OF A SERPENT CRUSHED, OF THE COMING DAY:  
SILENT, THEY SPEAK, AND THE TEAR WILL START  
AS WE STAND BENEATH THEM WITH THROBBING HEART,  
AND THINK OF THOSE WHO ARE NE'ER FORGOT,  
THEIR FLAGS COME HOME - WHY COME *they* NOT!

NOTHING BUT FLAGS - YET WE HOLD OUR BREATH,  
AND GAZE WITH AWE AT THOSE TYPES OF DEATH!  
NOTHING BUT FLAGS, YET THE THOUGHT WILL COME,  
THE HEART MUST PRAY THOUGH THE LIPS BE DUMB!  
THEY ARE SACRED, PURE, AND WE SEE NO STAIN  
ON THOSE DEAR LOVED FLAGS AT HOME AGAIN,  
BAPTIZED IN BLOOD, OUR PUREST, BEST,  
TATTERED AND TORN THEY'RE NOW AT REST.



## APPLETON

The history of the Civil War Monument in Pine Grove Cemetery, Appleton, seems to tie in with a tomb erected by a native of Appleton, Mr. William Henry Sumner, in honor of his wife who had passed away. It is said that the marble door of the tomb, which now contains both man and wife, is left ajar during the summer months, that visitors may look in.

And the soldier who stands guard on the Civil War Memorial, erected fifty feet from the tomb through the generosity of Mr. Sumner, will look with unflinching eye upon that tomb wherein lies the devoted couple. Guarding them for centuries to come — for eternity.



## AUBURN

Located on the highway passing through Auburn, this large monument is an imposing sight as it comes into view.

Erected by the Citizens of Auburn in memory of Her Noble Sons who on land and sea gave their lives to preserve the Union and secure Freedom to all its people. Erected in 1882.



## AUGUSTA

This Civil War Memorial on the Common between Grove, Chandler and State Streets was erected in 1881, with the money, amounting to eight thousand dollars being raised by public subscription.

An imposing 45-foot granite shaft, topped by a figure of bronze denoting the symbol of Victory, it bears the names of the officers and enlisted men who served from Augusta in the Civil War.



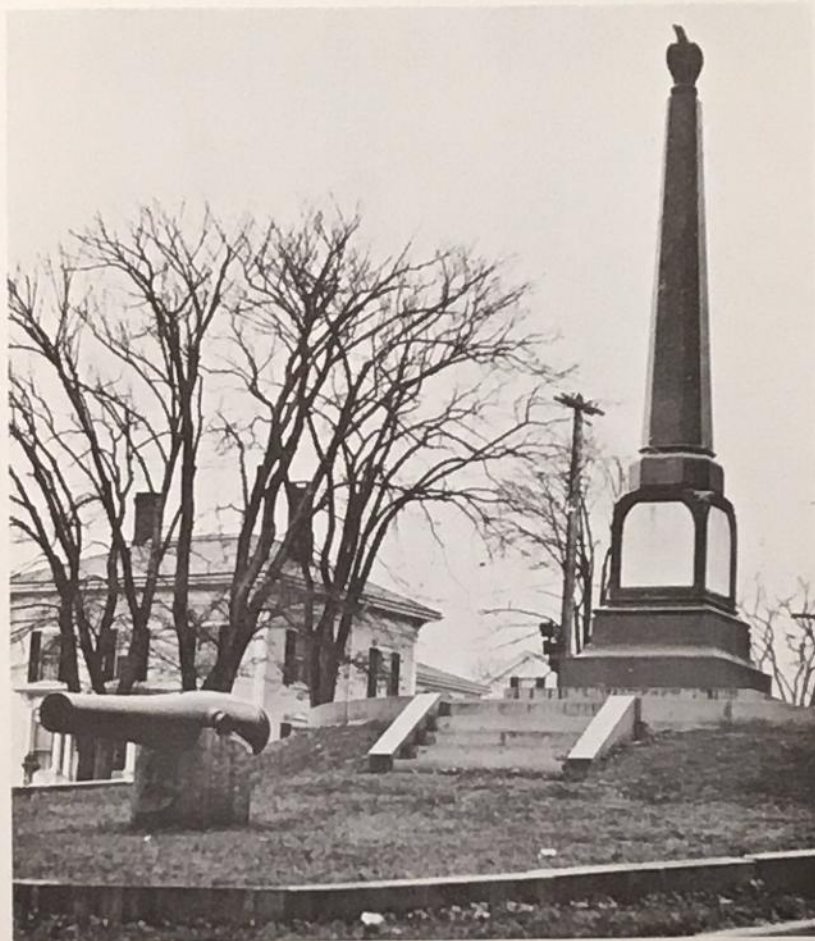


## BANGOR

Upon the arrival in Bangor in February 1863 of the body of Col. Stephen Decatur Carpenter who was killed in action December 31, 1862, the people of Bangor determined they should have a Memorial in honor of those who might fall in battle. A section of Mount Hope Cemetery was set aside as the Grand Army Lot and the Monument erected. Dedicated June 17, 1864 and widely recognized as the First Monument erected to the Union dead in the United States.

An imitation fort, several cannon and other appropriate ornaments were used to decorate the premises, including a boulder and placque with names of Donors, Trustees, etc. on it.

(Note "First Monument" erected)



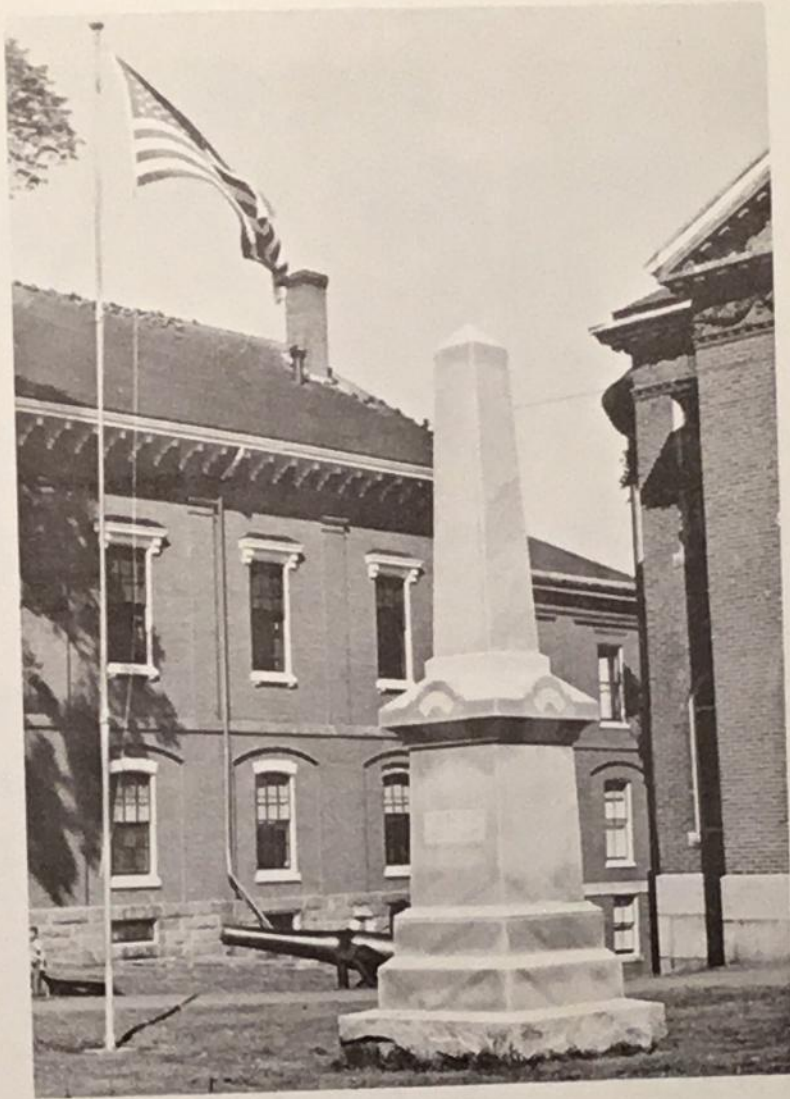
## BATH

The erection of a monument to those who fell in the Civil War was undertaken by the City in 1867 and it was completed in 1869 at a total cost of \$4975, exclusive of the lot opposite the Court House, which had been owned for some years. Consists of a granite shaft, surmounted by an eagle, with a marble tablet let into each face of the die. One face bears an inscription noting that it was erected by the City of Bath in 1867, etc., and the other three faces bear the names of those who paid the supreme sacrifice.



**OAK GROVE CEMETERY  
BATH**

Following the Civil War, the first Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Maine was formed, Sedgwick Post No. 1, of Bath. A small lot was purchased in Oak Grove Cemetery by the Post for burial of its members. Later as the need arose for a larger plot of ground for burial purposes, also with the thought of a monument in mind, the City of Bath agreed to exchange a larger plot for the small one which the Post had originally purchased. In the agreement, Sedgwick Post was to pay for the removal of the bodies from the original plot to the larger one. A monument was placed on the plot now known as the Grand Army lot, with the contract being let to the Hallowell Granite Co., at a cost of approximately twelve hundred dollars.



## BELFAST

Located in front of Memorial Hall, this monument had been a long cherished dream of the Thomas H. Marshall Post, Grand Army of the Republic and all Allied Bodies.

The shaft is of Lincolnville granite, has a solid base and bears the imprint of endurance. The letters G.A.R. mark the four faces of the cap.

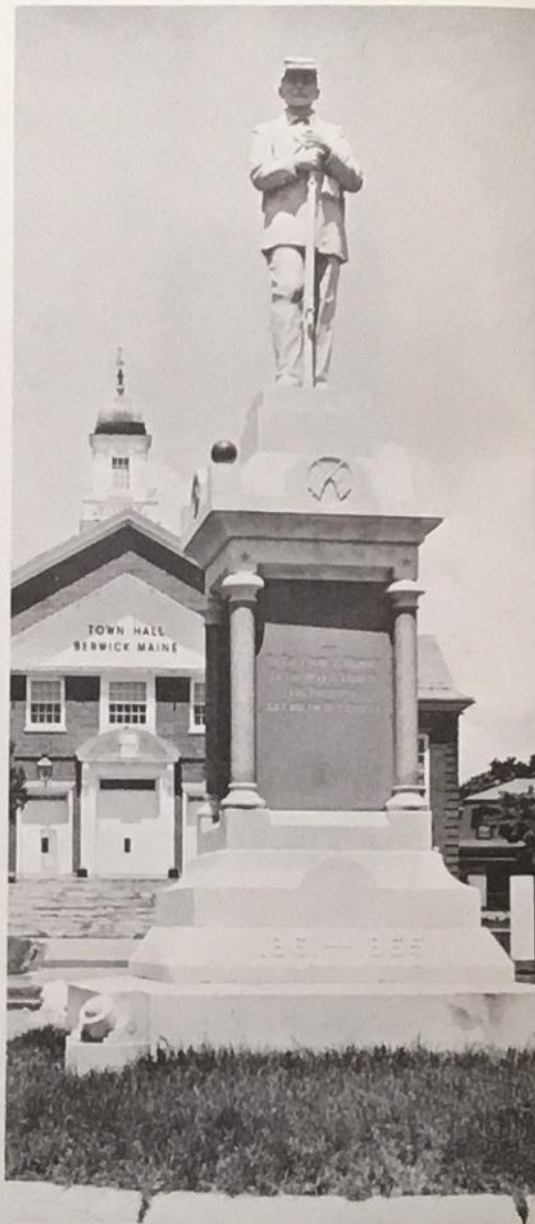
The flag raised during the dedication ceremonies on May 30, 1924, was a gift to the Post by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, who also worked hard to raise the \$1750.00 which was the cost of the monument.

## BERWICK

Monument located in the square in Berwick, and was dedicated October 5, 1911.

A gift to the town by donors, especially Berwick teachers and school children.

The John A. Logan, Jr., Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, was the organization which conducted the appeals.





## BETHEL

The first action taken to erect a Civil War Memorial at Bethel was at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 4, 1907, at which meeting \$1000 was appropriated. A year later, March 2, 1908, the town appropriated \$500 to pay the balance of the cost. It is understood that interested citizens contributed, but there is nothing on record to that effect.

The Memorial was erected during 1907, and the official dedication ceremonies and unveiling were held on Memorial Day, May 30, 1908.



## BIDDEFORD

Monument located in the City Square, near the City Building, on a roadway that in colonial times was known as The King's Highway, and before that was an old Indian trail.

First planned in 1866 when more than \$1000.00 was raised by efforts of organizations, then activities ceased until 1885 when death of the fund treasurer revealed some \$1200.00 in trust awaiting a site and plan. Biddeford Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association incorporated in 1887, the monument was completed in November, 1887. Cast of "white bronze" it weighed 10,000 pounds.





## **BOWDOIN CENTER**

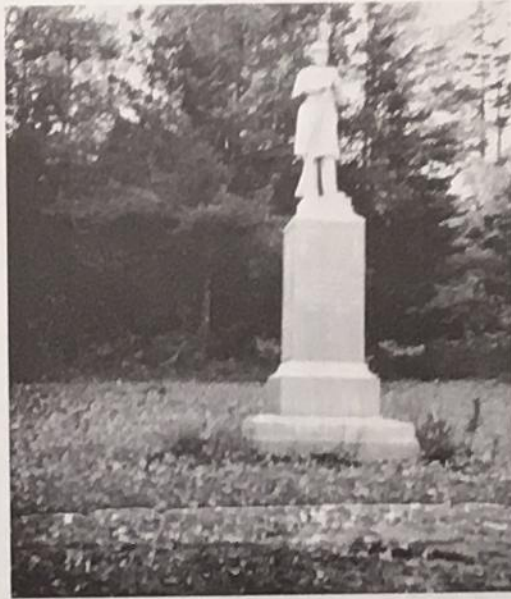
Located at the four corners, this memorial was erected in 1907 in memory of the men who served in the Civil War, and their names are inscribed on the monument.



## **BOWDOINHAM**

Located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets, this Memorial was erected in grateful remembrance of the men who fought in the Civil War, 1861-1865.

Erected by the Citizens of Bowdoinham, A.D. 1909.



## BREMEN

Located beside the old Bremen Church which was built in 1820, and overlooks the Camden Hills and the Medomak River. On January 1, 1912 the ladies of Bremen formed the Patriotic Club of Bremen, with ten members, to raise money for a Memorial. (Incidentally, the Club is still active and has sixty members.) Money was raised through suppers, fairs and public subscription. "Erected by the Patriotic Club of Bremen in memory of her Sons who, on Land and Sea, fought to preserve the Union." Dedicated June 29, 1916.

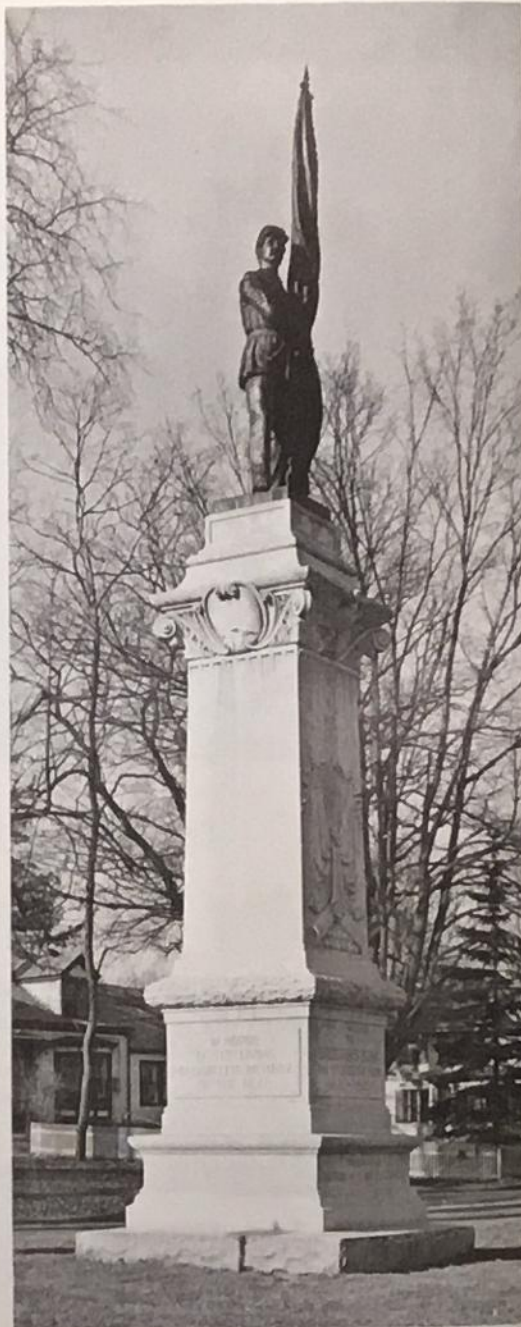
## BRIDGTON

Monument stands at the top of Main Hill, at the junction of Main and High Streets, where once stood the town pump and the bandstand where the volunteers drilled in 1861. Was fashioned by the Hallowell Granite Works.

Shaft is of granite, with statue of bronze, and is unique in the fact that the Soldier holds a flag.

Monument presented by two brothers, Nathan and Henry Cleaves, with the latter being a former Governor of Maine.

Dedicated July 21, 1910 in honor of the 311 men who served from Bridgton in the Civil War.





## **BROWNFIELD**

With bronze plaques bearing the names of the men from Brownfield, this monument is unique in many ways, including the inscription,

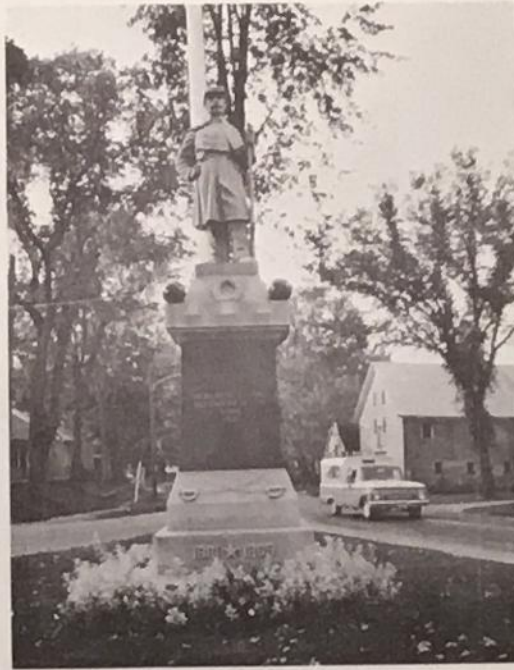
**BROWNFIELD,  
TO HER SONS  
WHO UPHELD THE FLAG  
1861-1865**

## CAMDEN

The Soldiers' Monument Association of Camden was organized about 1889 by Camden's devoted women to raise the \$1400 needed to erect a monument in honor of the men of Camden who served in the Civil War. Dedicated on Memorial Day, 1899. Due to the fact that some citizens feel it is a traffic hazard, and for its own protection, efforts have been made to cause it to be moved to another location, but to date this feeling is not shared by the majority.

Located at Monument Square, on the highway through Camden.





## CANTON

According to the records of the last Secretary of the Ladies Relief Corps, the erection of the Monument was sponsored by the John A. Hodge Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Ladies Relief Corps. Erected in 1910.

## CASTINE

The Town of Castine bought the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in 1886, and had it erected on the Town Common or Village Green.

It was dedicated the same year before a large audience.







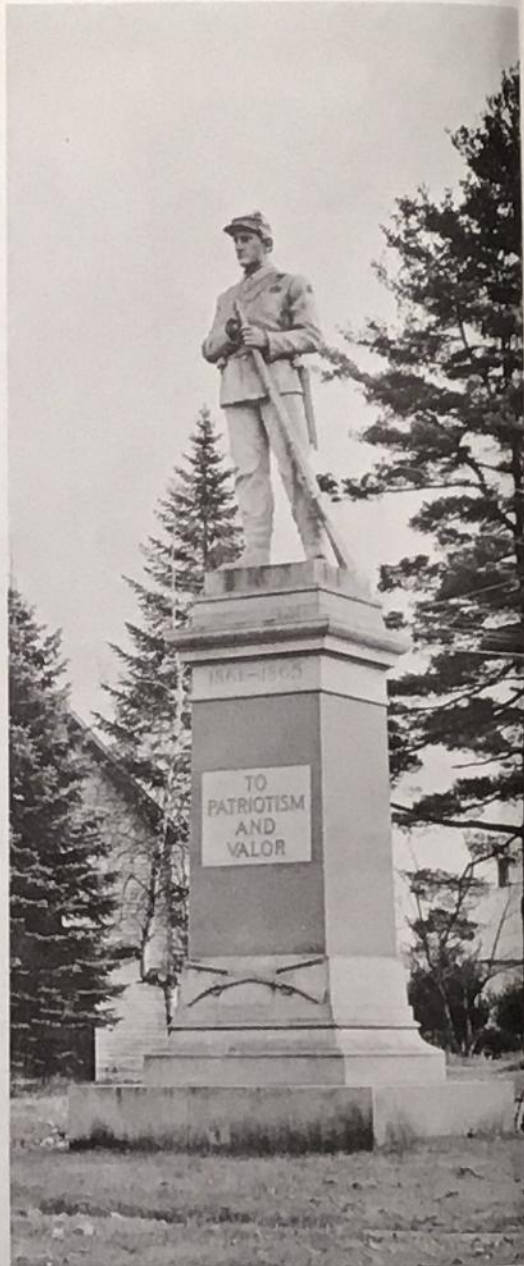
## CLINTON

Shortly after their organization in Clinton, Billings Woman's Relief Corps started plans for a Civil War Monument and on October 13, 1904 held a Fair in the town hall, netting \$275.50, and the articles left over were given to the poor children. In 1907 Frank L. Besse gave the lot and \$100, along with other public subscriptions. A mile of pennies and almost a carload of old papers were collected. Mrs. Mary Stinchfield asked in town meeting for a donation and the town gave \$500, with Mrs. Stinchfield having the honor of being the first woman to speak in a Clinton town meeting. Monument located on lower Main Street, and dedicated May 18, 1912. Presented to the town of Clinton when the Relief Corp recently disbanded.

## DENMARK

A growing desire to have a memorial for the Civil War Veterans of Denmark prompted Comrade John A. Brackett of that town to bring the idea before the people in Town Meeting. It was voted to raise \$500.00. Former residents donated \$182.00 and \$418.00 was raised by public subscription. Comrade Brackett gave over one half the entire cost. Carved and sculptured by John Harrigan of Quincy, Mass.

Dedicated June 26, 1913.





## DRESDEN

This Memorial is located in the Town Hall, and was erected by the town in 1867 in memory of the Volunteers of Dresden who fell in defense of the Union.

Contains their names, regiment, when, where and how they died, and age.

Very unique and outstanding for the amount of complete information thereon.



## EASTPORT

Located on Washington Street, the main street coming into the community, with Shead Memorial High School in the background. The placque is of Bronze, bolted to a Granite slab. Erected in Memory of the Men who served the Union on Land and Sea by the Citizens of Eastport, under the auspices of The Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War.



## ELLSWORTH

The first Company that left Ellsworth for the Civil War trained on the Court House green, where later their comrades-in-arms erected the Soldiers' Monument.

In Honor of the Men of Ellsworth who served and to the Memory of those who fell on land and sea in the War for the Union, their grateful Townsmen have raised this Monument. Erected in 1887.

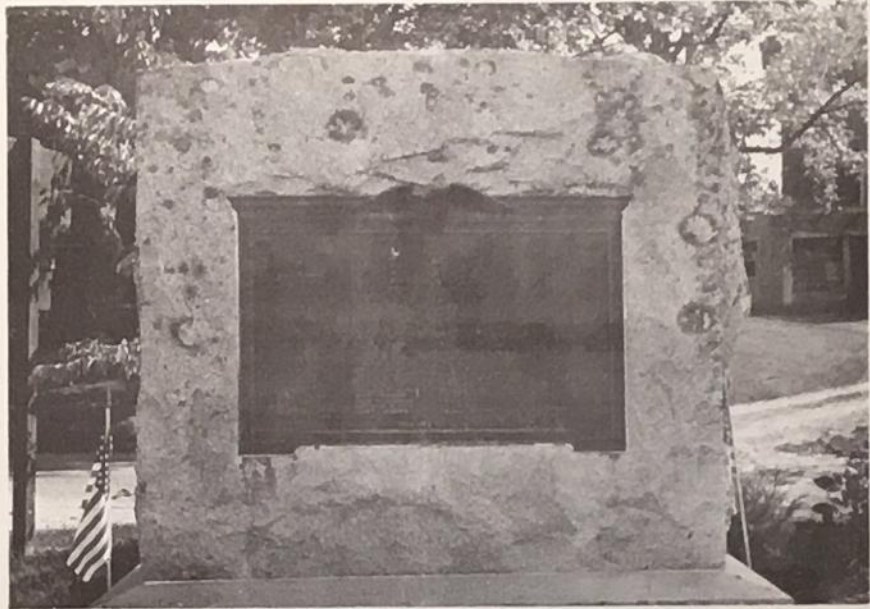


## FARMINGTON

This monument erected and presented to the Town of Farmington by George W. Ranger who served as a private soldier in the Civil War in the 53rd Mass. Infantry and the Sixth Maine Battery, Light Artillery, to perpetuate the memory of his Comrades.

A granite obelisk, erected in 1903, it is unique by the following inscription:

Number of men furnished, 305; casualties, killed and died of wounds, 13; died of illness, 35; missing, 25.



## FRANKLIN

A movement was started by the Daughters of Union Veterans, Tent No. 11, to secure a monument for the men of Franklin who served in the Civil War. Money was raised by this organization by Memorial Day dinners, collections at their meetings, and from donations from the citizens of the town. The Memorial was dedicated on May 30, 1923.



## **FREEDOM**

Located in a Freedom Cemetery, this monument was erected in honor of those who died in the service of their Country during the late Rebellion, sacrificing their lives for the Honor of the Flag and the integrity of the Union.

Erected by the Dana B. Carter Post, Grand Army of the Republic of Freedom, in 1890.





## **FREEPORT**

Erected in 1906 in honor of the Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 who served from Freeport.

In that year the town appropriated \$500 to the expense of erecting the monument.

## GARDINER

Monument located on the City Common, in full view of all who pass through Gardiner by way of Brunswick or Augusta, and carries on three panels the names of 71 residents who were killed in the Civil War. The fourth panel carries the following inscription:

"In Memory of the Men of Gardiner who died in the war of 1861 that their country might live. Erected by the City, A.D. 1875."

By way of contrast 60 names appear on other monuments for men who were killed in other wars of our country.





## GORHAM

A meeting of the voters of Gorham was held on November 8, 1865 to consider a petition of Hon. Toppan Robie of that town that a suitable monument be erected at his expense in front of the Town House to honor the men of Gorham who gave their lives in the Civil War. The offer was accepted, a committee appointed and the monument erected. Made of Italian marble, with die and shaft, resting upon a base of granite. It is also one of the few monuments upon which appears the name, date and place of being wounded or killed, date of death, age and regiment.

Dedicated Thursday, October 18, 1866, and at noon a fifty-seven gun salute was fired, one for each name on the monument.



## GRAY

Located near the main highway through Gray, the Monument was erected through the joint efforts of George F. Shepley Post No. 78, Grand Army of the Republic and Shepley Corps No. 39, Woman's State Relief Corps. Made of Jay Granite with a die of Quincy Granite. Constructed by A. E. Como of Auburn, Maine, at a cost of \$1972.25. Dedicated June 20, 1911. 215 men from Gray served their Country in the Civil War, some serving two and three enlistments.



## HALLOWELL

Located in a Hallowell Cemetery, near the side of the highway leading to Augusta, it has been impossible to secure an exact history pertaining to the monument down through the years, but it is presumed that at some time it was moved to its present location. In one book pertaining to the History of Hallowell we find that the Soldiers' Memorial on the greensward in front of City Hall is a large granite shaft with bronze plaque erected in 1868 to honor the men who died in the Civil War.

At the present time there is no monument of that type, or one pertaining to the Civil War, on the green in front of City Hall, but there is one in the cemetery mentioned above.



## HANCOCK

Erected by the Town of Hancock in 1912 in memory of her Sons who were Defenders of the Union. Has the names of eighty-two Sons of Hancock who served in the Civil War inscribed upon it. Dedicated on Memorial Day, 1912.



## HERMON

Monument erected at Hermon Corner in 1901 largely through the efforts of the Daniel Chaplin Woman's Relief Corps No. 39, auxiliary to G.A.R. Post No. 72.

Members worked five years to raise the money and in 1901 the town appropriated \$500.00 for its erection, the total cost being \$905.88.

The polished granite section near the base was obtained from a quarry in Hermon on the Billings road near Union Street which has been inactive for many years.

## HOULTON

The plans for raising money to erect a Civil War Monument in Houlton started well with an appropriation from the town of \$1000. The remaining money was raised by public subscription, presumably with the support of the Addison P. Russell Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

The construction was done by the Houlton Granite and Marble Works, at a cost of \$3500. Dedicated on Memorial Day, 1909.







## HOWLAND

Located at Veterans Memorial Park, and dedicated to the Veterans of all Wars, it has the following inscription:

*Let None Forget  
They Gave Their All  
And Faltered Not  
When Came The Call*



## · KENDUSKEAG

This Civil War Memorial was erected and dedicated by the Comrades of Daniel White Post No. 19, Grand Army of the Republic, June 28, 1905. It is situated in Kenduskeag Cemetery on the Levant Road. The funds were raised by having suppers and the town gave the plot of land to White Post.



## LEEDS

Civil War Memorial Monument erected on Otis Hill said to be the highest point in Leeds, by the Howard brothers, natives of Leeds; General Oliver Otis Howard, Rev. R. B. Howard and General Charles H. Howard, in memory of the 161 Soldiers and Sailors who served from the town of Leeds in the Civil War.

## LEWISTON

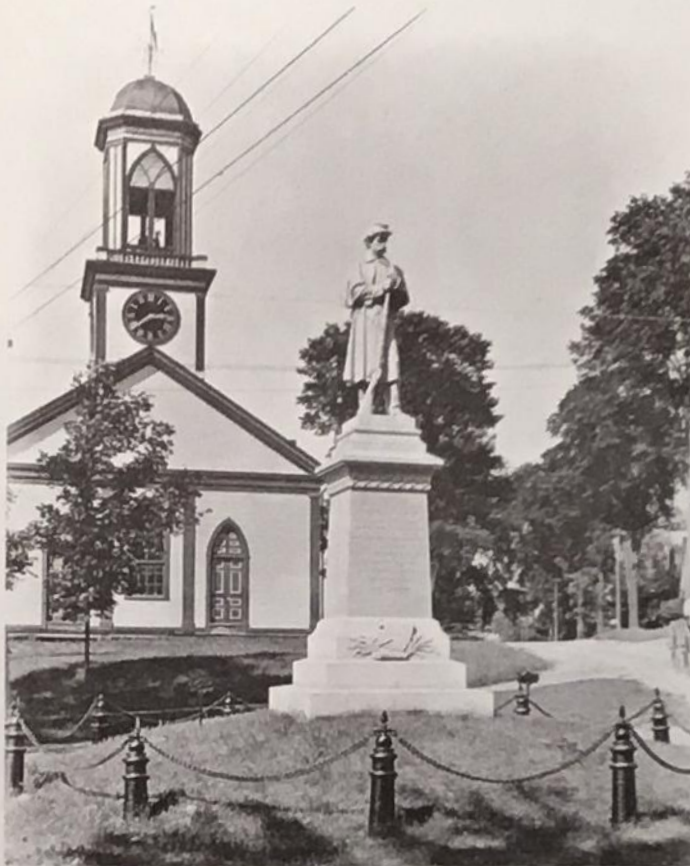
The Lewiston City Government, on October 15, 1866, contracted with Franklin Simmons, a local citizen who was already a sculptor of national note, to design and execute a suitable monument to be erected in the City Park.

Base of granite, with soldier cast in bronze, and bronze tablets recording the names of 112 men from Lewiston who gave their lives in the Civil War.

This monument was financed entirely from municipal funds and was dedicated on February 28, 1868.

Claimed to be the first public statue erected in Maine honoring Civil War Veterans. (Note "public statue.")

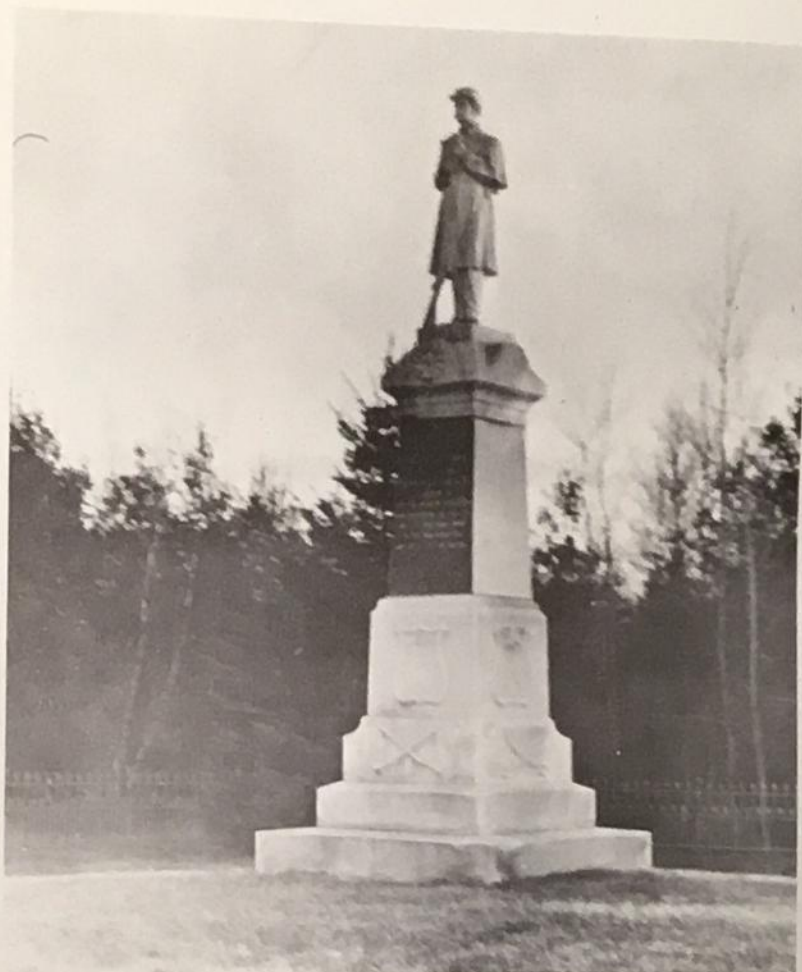




## LINCOLN

Monument located at the junction of Military Road and Lee Street, on the main highway through Lincoln, was a gift of Mr. Charles Stinchfield, of Detroit, Michigan, a native of Lincoln, in honor of the 227 men who served from Lincoln in the Civil War. The names of these men are etched into the granite base.

Dedicated July 4, 1887.



## LITCHFIELD

Monument located in Litchfield Plains Cemetery. "Erected A.D. 1907 by Libby Relief Corps No. 73 and Town of Litchfield in Memory of her two hundred loyal sons, who served in the War of 1861-1865 thus aiding in the preservation and unity of the Nation.



## MADISON

Monument located on Public Library lawn. Town Meeting of March, 1907, raised \$2000.00 but total cost including bronze emblems was \$2035.00, and the five committee members, Charles O. Small, K. C. Gray, F. L. Powers, Samuel Vose and C. C. Hartwell paid the balance. Designed and erected by Hallowell Granite Works, with statue of soldier in bronze.

Bronze emblems are the Grand Army badge, badge of the Woman's Relief Corps, the anchor and chain and crossed muskets and knapsack.

Dedicated Friday, June 19, 1908.



## MECHANIC FALLS

Monument located in Mechanic Falls, but was erected in appreciation of the heroism of the boys of Mechanic Falls, Poland, Minot and Hebron, all of which came within the jurisdiction of A. A. Dwinal Post No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic. Mechanic Falls was not incorporated until March 22, 1893, so her men are listed under Poland and Minot. Monument is listed as erected by the people of Poland May 30, 1887.

On tablets are the names of 423 survivals of the War of 1861-1865 and on the panels of the monument adjacent are 120 names of those who perished in that war.





## MONMOUTH

This monument was made at the Lewiston Monumental Works, shipped in pieces to Monmouth where it was set up on a lot just below the parsonage. The figure is of Norridgewock granite; the cap and base are of redstone pink from the Maine and New Hampshire Granite Company quarries at Redstone, New Hampshire, and the centers are of redstone dark. Weight about fifteen tons. Erected by G. K. Norris, Woman's Relief Corps. Dedicated on Tuesday, May 29, 1900.



## NORWAY

Civil War Monument in Witherell Park. Erected by Harry Rust  
Women's Relief Corps, No. 45, November 11, 1924.

*" . . . brave men and worthy patriots, dear to God and famous to all  
ages." — Milton.*



## PARIS

This monument was designed by F. H. Skillings of South Paris and G. L. Vose, Esq. of Paris. It is made of granite from Woodstock and contains the names of the forty men who died in the Civil War.

The work was done by townsmen; Mr. J. C. Perry of West Paris worked the granite and the lettering was done by Messrs. Haskell and Keith of South Paris.

The ladies of the village had provided the means for the monument by fairs, entertainments, etc.

Dedicated July 3, 1869.



## PITTSFIELD

Monument located in front of Public Library.

A movement for the monument was sponsored by the Stephen Davis Post No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic, ably supported by the Woman's Relief Corps, who inaugurated a Soldiers' Monument Fund, and raised over \$700.00.

Town meeting of 1903 appropriated \$1000.00 which with other donations brought the total to over \$3300.00, and a contract was let to the C. E. Taynor Granite Works of New York and Hallowell.

Dedicated Saturday, May 28, 1904.



**EVERGREEN CEMETERY  
PORTLAND**

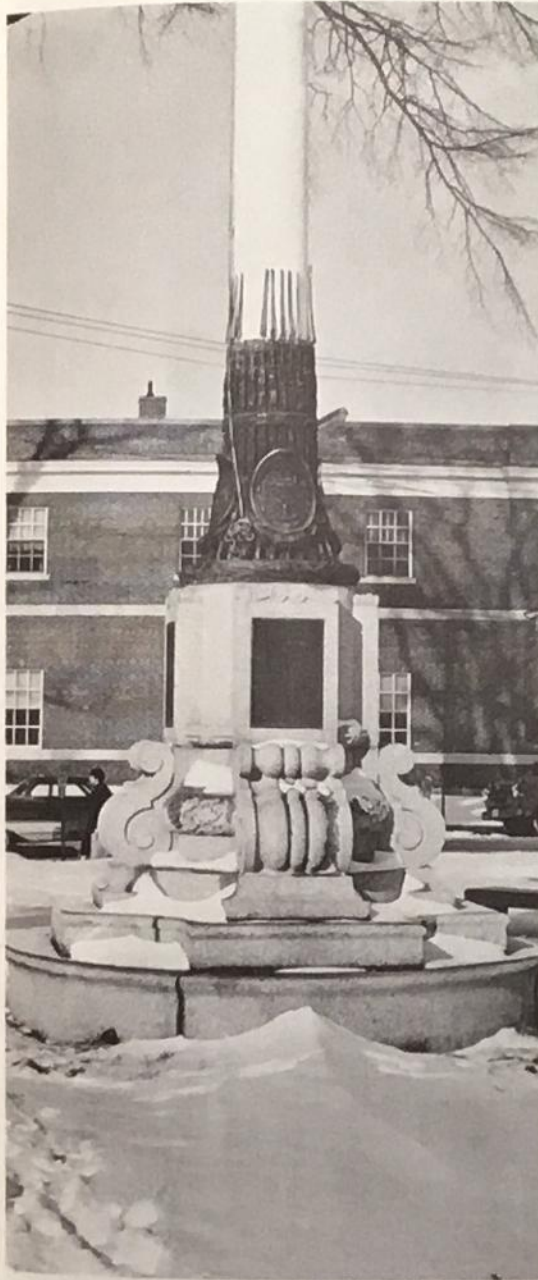
Placed in Honor of the Living, in Grateful Memory of the Dead. Also carries inscription "Bosworth Post No. 2, G.A.R. Dedicated May 30, 1895. Erected and presented by Nathan and Henry Cleaves, the same brothers who gave the monument in Bridgton. Both monuments are unique in that the soldier on each holds a Flag instead of a gun, but the two soldiers are not alike.



## PORTLAND

In 1873 as the Army and Navy Union Society, and in 1883 re-organized as the Portland Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Association, plans materialized to raise money for a Memorial. In 1887 the site of Military Hall was selected by popular vote, and the monument was erected in 1888. Haymarket Square was then renamed Monument Square. The sculptor, Franklin Simmons, a native of Maine, called the bronze figure "Our Lady of Victories." Richard M. Hunt, New York, designed the granite base. Dedicated October 28, 1891; cost \$35,891.69.

In March of 1889, Bosworth Relief Corps held a one week Fair at City Hall and turned over \$11,280 to the monument fund.



## ROCKLAND

This photo of the Civil War Memorial in Rockland shows it at the former location on Limerock Street, at Union Street.

A few years ago a new bank was built on this location, and with funds from the sale of this property, including the Grand Army Hall, another lot and building were bought, made into a Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Building. Included in the sale of the old site was the understanding that the purchaser (the bank) move the monument to the new location, which is further along on Limerock Street, where it now stands.

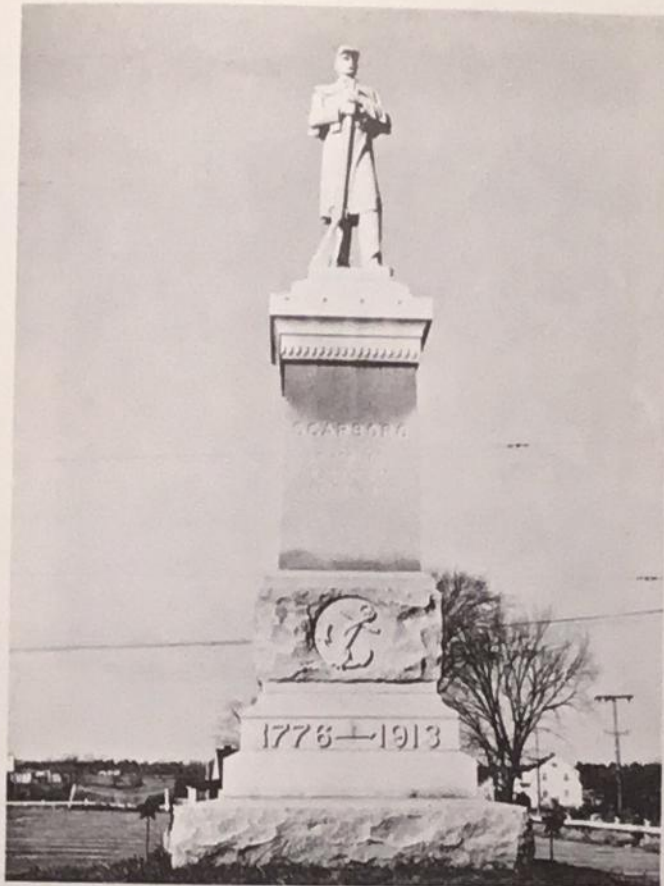


## RUMFORD

Located on the Southwesterly angle formed by the intersection of the Main County Highway and the road to the Rumford Center Ferry on land donated by two public-spirited citizens, Thomas H. Burgess and Mrs. Grace A. Coffin.

Dedicated to the men who served in the Civil War from Rumford and the adjoining towns of Andover, Hanover and Mexico, and made possible by the efforts of Joseph E. Colby Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Money came from insurance on Grand Army Hall which had been destroyed by fire, also from sale of Grand Army Lot, along with public subscriptions and \$400 given by the town. Dedicated on May 21, 1921.





## SCARBOROUGH

In 1910 the ladies of the Outlook Club and the Black Point Congregational Church held an ice cream and cake sale to raise funds for the monument. A request was made of the town for an appropriation for the monument and in town meeting it was agreed that if the ladies would raise \$1000.00 the town would give \$500.00. The Scarborough Soldiers' and Sailor's Association was formed and entertainments and fairs were sponsored by the ladies throughout the town. Erected on the Second Parish Meeting House lot (Dunstan Corner), built of Barre granite at a cost of some \$2500.00, and dedicated in June, 1913.

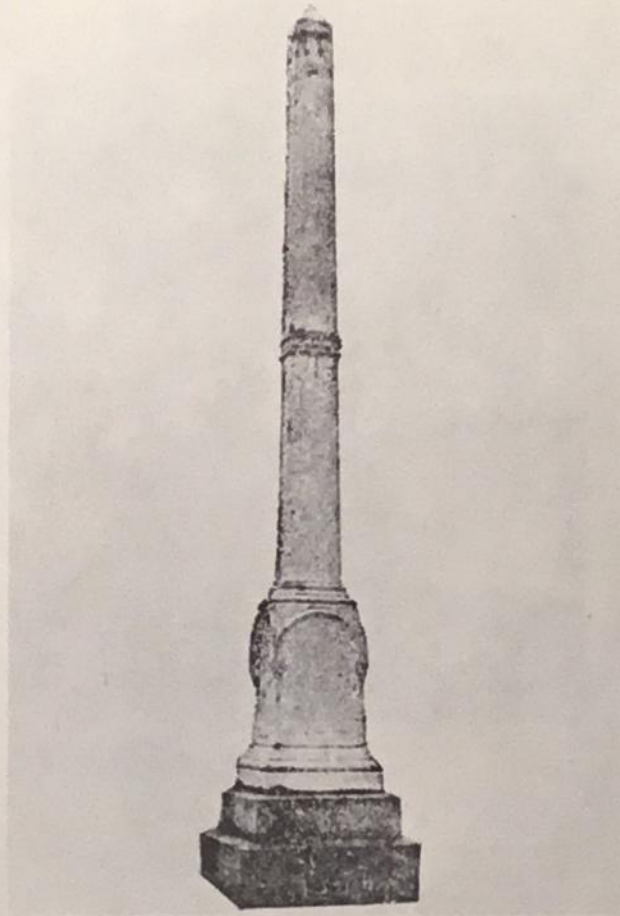


## SEARSPORT

The town voted on March 5, 1870 to ask Mr. David Mossman if he would give a suitable lot of land on his Common or Square, and the Selectmen were authorized to appropriate out of the treasury a sum sufficient to build a suitable monument in honor of the men who fell and died in the Civil War.

In 1896 the town voted "to move the Soldiers' Monument from its present location to the Memorial Lot on the Corner of Main and Elm Streets," and it was moved that year at a cost of \$123.94.

In 1897 a proposal "to see if the town will permit the Grand Army of the Republic Post to remove a portion of the granite shaft, purchase and place thereon a white bronze statue, all without expense to the town" was soundly defeated.



## SHERMAN

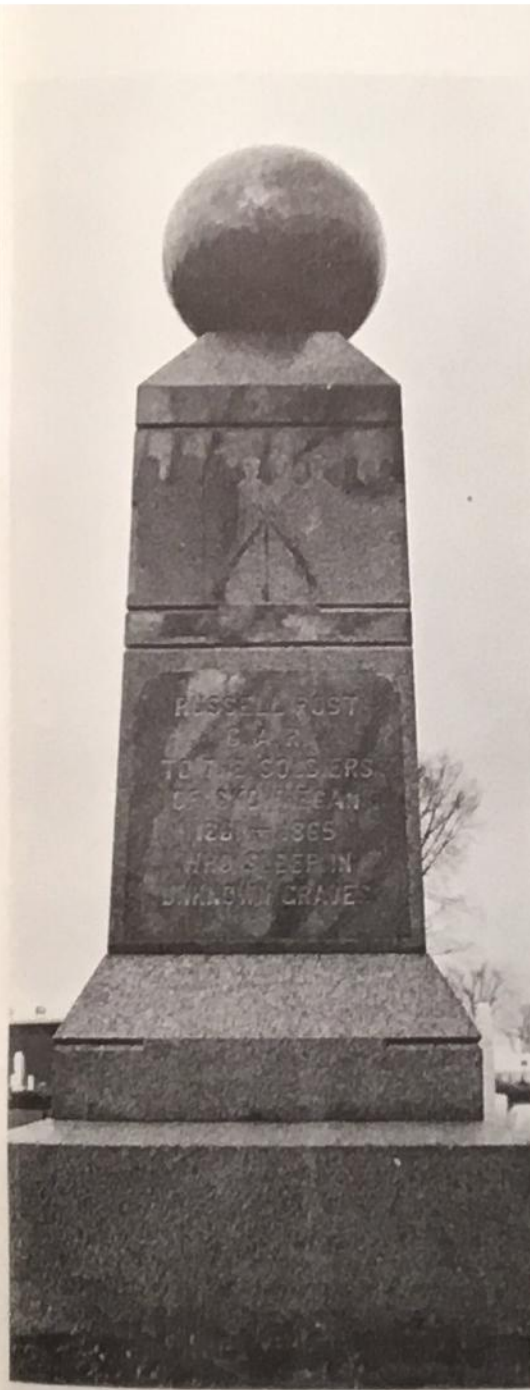
In 1861 Sherman had only 486 inhabitants and 130 voters, and is claimed to be the banner town in sending men into service, for with only the 130 voters she sent 113 soldiers, 102 volunteers and 11 drafted men. Many families sent two each, and one sent six. There were nine soldiers under eighteen years of age, three of whom were fifteen.

On July 4, 1882 the citizens of Sherman dedicated a Civil War Monument which bears the names of thirty-five men who gave their all, and all but two of them enlisted from this town.



## SIDNEY

A group of Civil War veterans got together and caused the monument to be placed in the so-called "Springer Cemetery" on the banks of the Kennebec River between the river and the River Road in North Sidney. As long as these men lived they had the lot mowed and taken care of, and after the last one died the Woman's Relief Corps paid for its care until they gave up their Charter, and since then the Town of Sidney has assumed the responsibility. Erected by the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, 1903.



## SKOWHEGAN

Erected by members of Russell Post, Grand Army of the Republic in memory of the men from Skowhegan 1861-1865 who sleep in unknown graves. Located in Southside Cemetery, made by Baker and Marble of Skowhegan, set up by C. E. Miller of Norridgewock. Base of best Dodlin Granite from Norridgewock, upper part of Quincy Granite, Sphere of Quincy Marble. Erected 1898.

The Post also set aside a Memorial Room at the Skowhegan Public Library, which has a Memorial Window and bronze tablet bearing the names of the men of Skowhegan who served in the Civil War.



## SOUTH BERWICK

On Memorial Day, in 1901, the citizens of South Berwick presented to the Grand Army of the Republic a monument of Westerly White granite, surmounted by a statue of a soldier at parade rest, located at Jewett Park.

Inscribed upon four sides were the names of 66 soldiers and sailors who served in the Civil War from South Berwick, and whose "Battles were over."

Funds to meet the contract price of \$1450 were raised through a variety of projects and by direct appeal to the citizenry at town meeting.

Today 149 names are inscribed in the granite beneath such phrases as "We fought in obedience to the spirit of Liberty" and "They sleep but their works do follow them."



## **SOUTH PORTLAND**

Located on Meeting House Hill, In Memory of Our Patriot  
Soldiers and Sailors of 1861-1865. Inscribed on the back.

**CAPE ELIZABETH  
SOUTH PORTLAND**

Erected 1897.



**FOREST CITY CEMETERY**  
**SOUTH PORTLAND**

Erected by Thatcher Post No. 111, Grand Army of the Republic of Portland in 1903. Noted for unique inscriptions: "Yours has the suffering been, the memory shall be ours; Your silent tents of green we deck with fragrant flowers." Placed in honor of those who served in the War for the Union.





## SOUTHPORT

The town of Southport erected a monument in commemoration of the Soldiers and Sailors who served in the Civil War from that town.

This monument was erected in 1885 and the letters put on in 1906.

## THOMASTON

Located on The Mall as you pass through Thomaston, this monument was erected by the P. Henry Tillson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Town of Thomaston, in memory of the Soldiers and Sailors of 1861-1865. In town meeting held March 31, 1913, the Tillson Post asked for and received Six Hundred Dollars toward the expense.





## UNION

Located on the Common, where the highway passes through Union. The soldier atop the monument was cut by hand on the top of Clarry Hill by James Dornan, along with his young son and some help from neighbor Greenwood Kelley. The great block of granite was hauled up the mountain by ox team and in 1888, the completed statue was hauled back down and dedicated on July 4, 1888.



## WARREN

In 1888 the men of William Payson Post, Grand Army of the Republic took steps toward securing a monument to honor the men from Warren who served in the Civil War. They asked for and received \$800 at the next town meeting, and along with public subscriptions soon had \$1800. Contract awarded to George Green and Company of South Thomaston. In the fall of 1889, the various sections were landed from a scow at Warren wharf, placed in wagons hauled by six horses and taken to the spot where erected. The first die is said to be the most perfect piece of black granite ever quarried in the United States. Dedicated June 17, 1890. Cost about \$1500, plus eleven cents per letter.

C. B. Mallett, Jr. of Freeport visited the town shortly after the erection, and liked the monument so well he donated \$250 for the upkeep of the grounds.



## WATERVILLE

Monument located on Elm Street, on a plot formerly used as a nineteenth century Community Cemetery, most if not all the bodies having been moved to a new location. Civil War Memorial Association formed in 1868, but not until 1874 was there a decision by the town voters on site, design and financing. Soldier cast in bronze, with base of granite. Erected by the Citizens of Waterville and dedicated May 30, 1876. Deposited beneath the monument is the Roll of Honor, the names of 78 Waterville men who gave their lives for the Union.



MEMORIAL HALL  
**WATERVILLE**

Located on the old Colby College campus, it is reported to be the first building in the United States erected by any college as a Memorial to its Sons who died in the Civil War. Cornerstone laid August 14, 1867; money raised by voluntary subscription. Completed building dedicated August 11, 1869. Architect Alexander R. Esty of Boston and general contractor Thomas A. Grahnen of Cambridge, Mass. The only remaining structure in Waterville that was built of the unique colored stone from a local quarry. An effort is being made to save and restore it by donations. The Memorial Hall Trust Inc., must raise a total of \$275,000 to do so.



## WELLINGTON

Memorial erected about 1926 or 1927, during the period that the Town of Wellington observed its Centennial, to honor the men who served in both the Civil War and World War I.

The Town paid for the plaque bearing the names, and the citizens did the work free.



## WESTBROOK

During the Centennial Week in June 1914, plans for having a Civil War Monument in Westbrook were talked up, with the Civil War organizations being instrumental in having a Monument Association started. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury K. Dana offered to present a bronze figure, provided the city would give the site and secure a suitable base. The offer was accepted and Riverbank Park was to be the site. The money was raised by various methods and the monument erected. The bronze figure was cast by the Gorham Manufacturing Company of Providence and New York; the base is of Barre granite and the contracting done by Charles Ames of this City. The sculptor for the figure was Alice Ruggles Kitson of Quincy, Mass. Dedicated July 4, 1917.





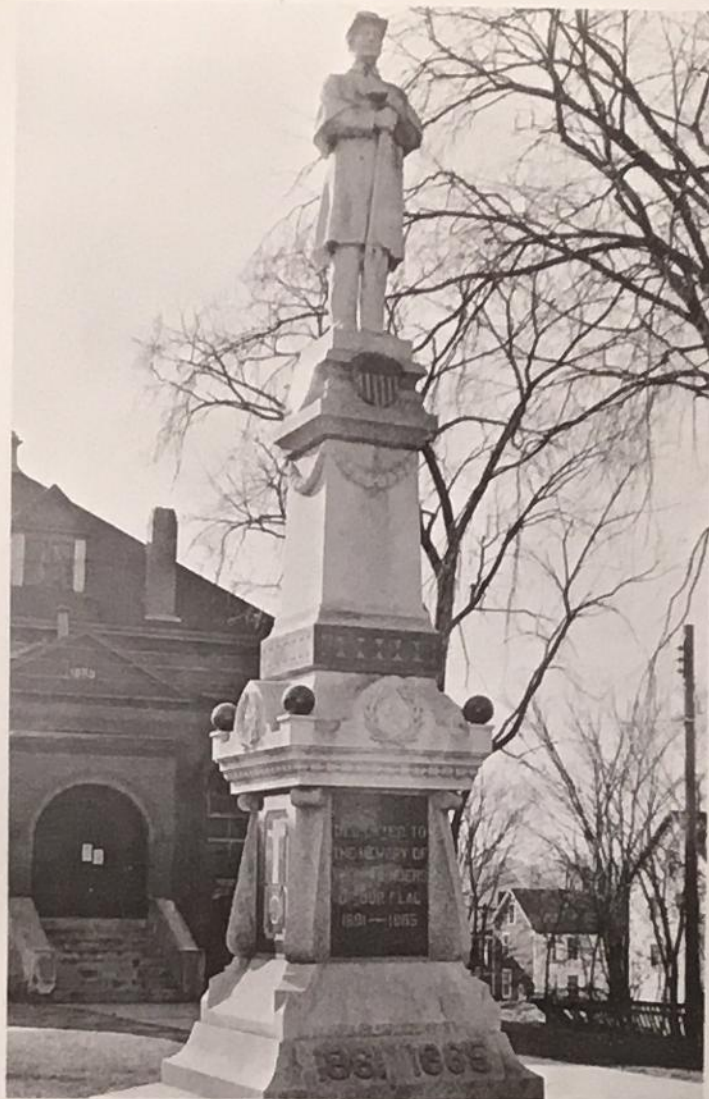
## WILTON

In January of 1912 the E. W. Woodman Post, Grand Army of the Republic started a movement for a monument in honor of the men of Wilton who served in the Civil War. In town meeting on March 4, 1912 the town voted to donate a lot on upper Main Street and also \$800. The citizens were very free with their donations, along with the efforts of the Woodman Post and the Woman's Relief Corps. Contract awarded to Lewiston Monumental Works, and North Jay and Quincy granite to be used. Cost \$1775, which with some other expenses used up the \$2000 raised. At the dedication in September of 1912, the monument was presented to the Town of Wilton by the Woodman Post.



## WINTERPORT

Located in Oak Hill Cemetery, the monument is composed of three pieces of granite weighing 11, 12 and 14 ton, and was a gift of Theophilus Cushing as a memorial to the men of Winterport who took part in the Civil War. On bronze tablets on three sides of the monument are the names of the men who served from the town. Mr. Cushing was a citizen of Winterport, and the monument was dedicated September 21, 1871.



## WINTHROP

Monument located on the mall in front of Town Hall near the business district. Dedicated to the Memory of the Defenders of our Flag 1861-1865. Erected by Albert H. Frost Woman's Relief Corps No. 2, Department of Maine, May 30, 1911.

During Hurricane Edna in 1954, the head of the soldier was broken off by a large limb from a nearby elm tree. It was repaired shortly thereafter.



## WINSLOW

Monument located at intersection of Halifax Street, named for the town's Fort Halifax, and Monument Street, named in its own honor.

Authorized by the Town of Winslow in 1887, at a cost of \$1000.00, was first located in Fort Point. Later moved by horses, assisted by Civil War Veterans of the town, to its present location, also called Sand Hill. The Lockwood Company gave the land, and L. S. Bangs of Waterville cut the Statue of the Union Soldier. Dedicated in 1892.

Claimed to have been moved because of lumbering operations all around it, making it impossible to get close enough to place wreaths on it during Memorial Day exercises.



## WOOLWICH

Located in a Woolwich cemetery, on the highway between that town and Dresden, this shaft type memorial was erected in loving memory of those of the town of Woolwich who served in the Civil War, Spanish-American War and the World Wars. Erected in 1941, the insignias of the various wars are cut into the shaft near the top.



## YARMOUTH

Located on a large level green across the street from the Library, this attractive memorial was erected in memory of those of Yarmouth who served in all wars.

Erected by the town of Yarmouth.



## YORK

Located in York Village Square. Committee appointed in 1905. Not over \$2000 to be raised by public subscription; Town of York voted \$650 and Hon. E. O. Emerson donated land. Base is of Medium Quincy granite and soldier of Westerly, Rhode Island granite. Cost \$1650 FOB Quincy, Mass. Balance of \$3.66 left over was donated to Association of Veterans of York. Dedicated in May, 1906. York Historical Society and York Village Improvement Association active in plans.