

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**

(FORM CWM #62)  
Requester Information

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: C.K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Dept. of Wisconsin  
(Please print or type)

ADDRESS: 6623 S. North Cape Rd.

CITY: Franklin

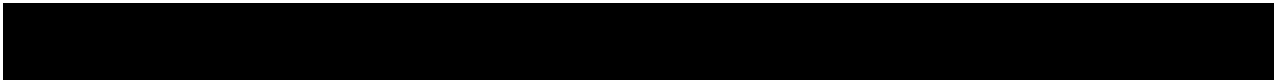
STATE: Wisconsin ZIP CODE: 53132-1227

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: PCinC Stephen A. Michaels

ADDRESS: 6623 S. North Cape Rd.

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PHONE(S): 

**Memorial or Monument Information**

NAME OF MEMORIAL: Gen. Rufus King Plaque (New Memorial) see attached

LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Street) \_\_\_\_\_

East Mason and North Van Buren Streets (northeast corner)

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO OWNS IT: Northwestern Mutual owns the property on which the  
plaque will be placed.

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: The Camp

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE: No FROM WHERE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: Yes FROM WHERE: C. K. Pier Badger Camp #1  
has raised \$1,422 for this project, including \$500 from Charitable Fdn. and \$100 from Aux.

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: \$500

DESCRIBE WORK THAT THESE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR: (Be specific, use back if necessary)

The funds will be used to design, construct mold, cast and finish the  
single-sided, Georgia-style marker. It will measure 30"H x 42"W and  
will be similar in style to others in the area.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS:

Milwaukee County Historical Society has partnered on several similar plaques

WHO WILL DO THE WORK DESCRIBED AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS:

Sewah Studios in Marietta, OH, casts historical marker plaques for most states and cities.

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED: Sewah Studios.

SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST

2009 - 2010

GRANT REQUEST # 2009-10-08

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Contact Person: Stephen A. Michaels

Check Payable to: Sewah Studios

Amount Requested: \$500.00

Existing Monument \_\_\_\_\_ New Monument X Last Soldier Project \_\_\_\_\_

Memorials assessment report filed? Yes No (Not needed)

Signature of Memorials Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Tucker, PDC

Paid;

Please initial your vote next to your name, then sign and date below, once completed, fax or email to Bob Petrovic, [redacted] who will send it to Richard Orr, National Treasurer for payment.

Approved Denied Tabled

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC *RMP*

Perley E. Mellor, PDC

Tad D. Campbell, PDC *TDC*

Signature *Robert M. Petrovic* Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature *JEC* Date 5-21-2010

Comments:

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*PEM*

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Signature

*Robert M. Petrovic*

Date

*5/7/10*

Signature

*Perley E. Mellor*

Date

*5/10/10*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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April 24, 2009

Ms. Deanna Tillisch,  
Director of Corporate Affairs  
Northwestern Mutual Foundation  
720 E. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Ms. Tillisch:

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have recently requested the assistance of the Milwaukee County Historical Society in erecting a historic marker on the site of the home of Civil War General Rufus King. Since the Historical Society is also home to the Milwaukee County Landmarks Committee, we are happy to aide in commemorating one of Milwaukee's best known military figures.

As you may be aware, the King family residence was situated on the corner of East Mason and North Van Buren where one of Northwestern Mutual's parking structures is currently situated. The Sons of Union Veterans would like to mark this location with either a free-standing, two-sided historic marker or a one-sided marker mounted to the side of the parking structure.

The marker designating the site of the Rufus King Residence would conform in shape, size, and color to other cast aluminum markers erected around town by the Historical Society. The text of the marker would identify the location as the site of King's residence and go on to describe his role in Wisconsin's Iron Brigade during the War Between the States and in the Milwaukee community thereafter.

Therefore, on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Milwaukee County Landmark Committee, I would like first to request Northwestern Mutual's permission to install a marker designating the site of the King residence on your property. We would, of course, be happy to meet to discuss the details of such an installation. Should you not find that necessary, a simple letter of approval would be all that would be required from our perspective.

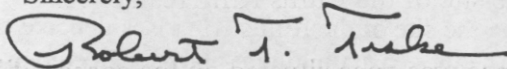
The cost of fabricating and installing a cast aluminum marker of the type under consideration is approximately \$2,500.00. Both the Historical Society and the Sons of Union Veterans would welcome the financial support of Northwestern Mutual in underwriting the cost of producing the marker. In exchange for that support, Northwestern Mutual would be credited at the bottom of the marker as a sponsor of the project. Several years ago, when we approached the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel with a similar proposal to install the "Birthplace of the American League" marker on one of the columns surrounding their parking lot, they were kind enough to provide similar support. However, should Northwestern Mutual not wish to fund the project, the Sons of Union Veterans would be willing to pursue alternative sources of support.

During the ten years that I have served as Executive Director of the Historical Society, Northwestern Mutual has been very supportive of the our organization and our efforts to collect and preserve the community's heritage. Beth Ridley of your staff is currently serving on our Board of Directors, and Tom Dyer, former Director of Corporate Services at Northwestern Mutual, previously served as President of our Board. Before his retirement, Mr. Dyer also assisted in the installation of a historic marker at your Franklin campus commemorating the location of the 41 Twin Outdoor Theater. The Northwestern Mutual Foundation has also been very generous in supporting the Historical Society, contributing nearly \$150,000 to our Capital Campaign and regularly assisting in the sale of our publications to your employees. I sincerely hope you might be willing to provide similar support for this important project.

I have enclosed with this letter copies of correspondence relevant to the installation of the historic marker from the Sons of Union Veterans. Please feel free to contact me at 273-8719 should you have any questions about this proposal.

Thank you so much for considering this proposal. I look forward to your response!

Sincerely,



Robert T. Teske  
Executive Director



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**Christen L. Partleton**

Vice President  
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August 26, 2009

Mr. Robert Teske  
Milwaukee County Historical Society  
910 N. Old World Third Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53203

Dear Mr. Teske,

On behalf of Northwestern Mutual, I would like to inform you of my decision to allow the Milwaukee County Historical Society, in conjunction with The Sons of Union Veterans, to install a historical marker designating the site of the Rufus King residence.

I understand that the King family residence was once situated on the corner of East Mason and North Van Buren where our parking structure is currently situated. I also understand that the marker will conform in shape, size, and color to other cast aluminum markers erected around town by the Historical Society. Northwestern Mutual is proud to assist in recognizing the legacy of one of Milwaukee's best known military figures.

I ask that when the time comes for the marker to be installed, you work directly with Mark Mrozek, [REDACTED] Assistant Director in Facility Operations.

Best wishes on the project.

Regards,

Christen L. Partleton  
Vice President of Facility Operations  
Northwestern Mutual

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Milwaukee Sentinel

April 13, 1915

# HISTORIC HOME OF GEN. KING IS RAZED

Distinguished Editor and Civil War  
Veteran Lived in House at  
Mason and Milwaukee.

## WROTE MUCH FOR SENTINEL

Building Erected 70 Years Ago Is  
Torn Down to Make Room for Five  
Story Flat Structure.

A landmark at the corner of Mason and Van Buren has disappeared—a wooden building erected nearly seventy years ago—has been torn down to give place to a five story flat building.

More than sixty years ago and for a long time, that wooden building, then regarded as one of the best in its vicinity, was the home of one of the most distinguished editors Wisconsin ever boasted—Gen. Rufus King, who for fourteen years wrote most of the editorials for and dictated the policy of The Milwaukee Sentinel; a man who was a leader in building up the public school system, the fire department and was deeply interested in everything that tended to make Milwaukee what this brilliant writer, who before becoming an editor, was a graduate of West Point, a lieutenant of the engineer corps of the United States army, wanted Milwaukee to become.

### Made Minister to Rome.

No one man in Wisconsin did more to bring about the election of Abraham Lincoln than Gen. Rufus King. He wrote and spoke for him and sent thousands of letters through this and other states. He asked nothing in return, but Mr. Lincoln promptly made him minister to Rome. The war coming on, Gen. King asked to be relieved from that duty and assigned to a place in the army. Mr. Lincoln made him brigadier general of volunteers, and it was Gen. King who organized the brigade which became one of the best known, on either side, in the civil war—the Iron Brigade of the West. It was Gen. King who laid the foundation for the brigade's great reputation. Before he had an opportunity to lead in battle he was assigned to the command of a division of three brigades, which he led with distinction until his

### Entertained Youngsters.

In the vicinity of the old house just razed, a band of mischievous youngsters on many summer evenings gathered for various games, and in that house these youngsters were frequently entertained by the general and Mrs. King. Among the youngsters was the present Brig. Gen. Charles King. Another was the late Lieut. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, who was a near neighbor. Others were the Rog-

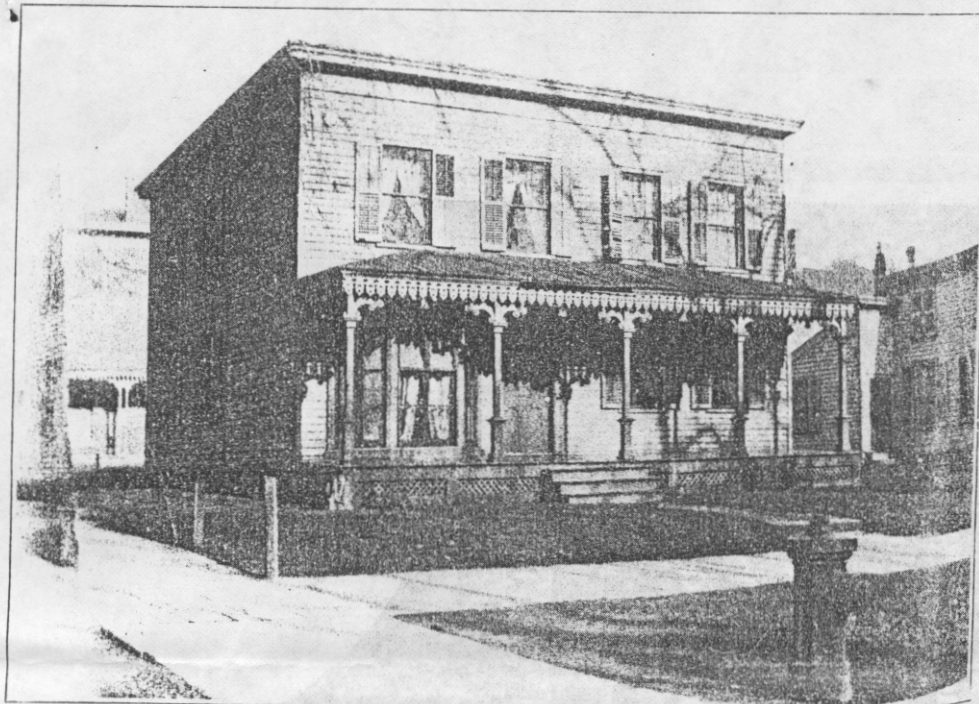


Gen. Rufus King.

ers, boys, Capt. Charles D. and Lieut. Henry G. Another was James G. Flanders. Still another was the late Rear Admiral Cogswell. There were others in that band of boys who made themselves known during and since the war. The present Gen. King went to the war with his father as his mounted messenger and served with him as such until the spring of 1862, when Mr. Lincoln appointed him a cadet to West Point.

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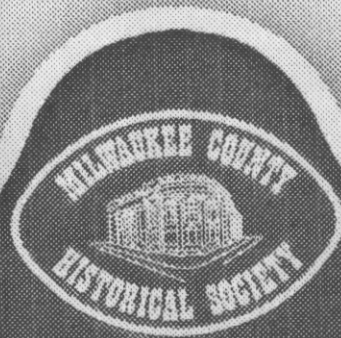




OLD RUFUS KING RESIDENCE  
Northeast corner Mason and Van Buren streets. Built by Henry Williams, 1838



Present-day site - NML Parking structure



## BRIG. GEN. RUFUS KING'S HOME

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In the mid 1800s, the general's 2-story wooden house on the northeast corner of Mason and Van Buren lent this intersection the name "King's Corners." It was razed in 1915. Rufus King (1814-1876) came to Milwaukee in 1845, was editor of the Milwaukee Sentinel and Gazette, a member of the 1848 Wisconsin Constitutional Convention, the superintendent of Milwaukee's public schools, a UW regent, the organizer and commander of the famed "Iron Brigade" during the Civil War and U.S. Minister to Rome.

THIS MARKER WAS DEDICATED ON MAY 23, 2010 BY  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY