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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**  
**CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM**

**PLEASE:**

- Type or print, using a ball-point pen, when filling out this form. Legibility is critical.
- Do not guess at the information. An answer of, "Unknown," is more helpful.
- Include a photograph of each viewable side and label it with name & direction of view.

- Thank You.

**Type of Memorial**

Monument *with* Sculpture                      \_\_\_ Monument with *Cannon*  
 \_\_\_ Monument *without* Sculpture                      \_\_\_ Historical Marker                      \_\_\_ Plaque

**Affiliation**

G.A.R. (Post Name & No. Cutler Post #55)                      \_\_\_ M.O.L.L.U.S.  
 \_\_\_ W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                      \_\_\_ Other Allied Order  
 \_\_\_ SUVCW (Camp Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)                      (Please describe below)  
 \_\_\_ DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Dedication Date** 7-4-1887 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 500 Forest St  
 City/Village Wausau Township \_\_\_\_\_ County Marathon

The front of the Memorial faces: \_\_\_ North \_\_\_ South  East \_\_\_ West

**Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner** (of private cemetery that Memorial is located in)...  
 Name Marathon Co. Courthouse Dept./Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address 500 Forest St  
 City Wausau State WI Zip Code 54403  
 Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...  
Courthouse - 2nd St, Wausau  
Courthouse - 400 block 3rd St, Wausau

**Physical Details**

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon =  Stone \_\_\_ Concrete \_\_\_ Metal \_\_\_ Undetermined  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) red granite

Material of the Sculpture =  Stone \_\_\_ Concrete \_\_\_ Metal \_\_\_ Undetermined  
If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) red granite  
If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = \_\_\_\_\_

Material of Cannon = \_\_\_ Bronze \_\_\_ Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
Markings on muzzle = \_\_\_\_\_  
Markings on Left Trunion \_\_\_\_\_ Right Trunion \_\_\_\_\_  
Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? \_\_\_ If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points  
Monument or Base: Height 16' 9" Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
Sculpture: Height 8' 3" Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue 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 \_\_\_\_\_

The "Dedication Text" is formed:  cut into material \_\_\_ raised up from material face

Record the text (indicate any separation if on different sides...) Please use additional sheet if necessary.

" A Grateful Peoples  
Token of Remembrance  
1886"  
" Cutler Post"  
" F C L"

**Environmental Setting**

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

**Type of Location**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery              | <input type="checkbox"/> Park           | <input type="checkbox"/> Plaza/Courtyard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Town Square"         | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office    | <input type="checkbox"/> School          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Building    | <input type="checkbox"/> State Capitol  | Other: _____                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courthouse | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle        | <input type="checkbox"/> Library        | _____                                    |

**General Vicinity**

- Rural (low population, open land)
- Town
- Suburban (residential, near city)
- Urban / Metropolitan

**Immediate Locale** (check as many as may apply)

- Industrial
- Street/Roadside within 20 feet
- Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors)
- Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)
- Commercial
- Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
- Any other significant environmental factor \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition Information**

**Structural Condition** (check as many as may apply)

The following section applies to Monuments *with* Sculpture, and Monuments without Sculpture - including the base for Monuments with *Cannon*. Instability in the sculpture and its base can be detected by a number of factors. Indicators may be obvious or subtle. Visually examine the sculpture and its base.

	Sculpture	Base
If hollow, is the internal support unstable/exposed? <small>(look for signs of exterior rust)</small>	___	___
Any evidence of structural instability? <small>(look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)</small>	___	___
Any broken or missing parts? <small>(look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)</small>	___	___
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? <small>(also look for signs of uneven stress &amp; weakness in the material)</small>	___	___

**Surface Appearance** (check as many as may apply)

	Sculpture	Base
Black crusting	___	___
White crusting	___	___
Etched, pitted, or otherwise corroded (on metal)	___	___
Metallic staining (run-off from copper, iron, etc.)	___	___
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	___	___
Chalky or powdery stone	___	___
Granular eroding of stone	___	___
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	___	___
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	___	___
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	___	___

Does water collect in recessed areas of the Memorial?    \_\_\_ Yes     No    \_\_\_ Unable to tell

**Surface Coating**

Does there appear to be a coating? \_\_\_ Yes  No \_\_\_ Unable to determine  
 If known, identify type of coating.  
 \_\_\_ Gilded \_\_\_ Painted \_\_\_ Varnished \_\_\_ Waxed \_\_\_ Unable to determine  
 Is the coating in good condition? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Unable to determine

**Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)**

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?  
 Well maintained \_\_\_ Would benefit from treatment \_\_\_ In urgent need of treatment \_\_\_ Unable to determine

**Overall Description**

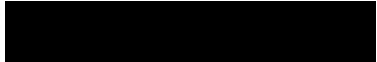
Briefly describe the Memorial (affiliation / overall condition & any concern not already touched on) .

Description attached.  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1954 news article reports that a bronze bayonet was broken off & would be repaired. Statue does not currently have a bayonet. Right stone 'canon' appears to have been broken & repaired

**Supplemental Background Information**

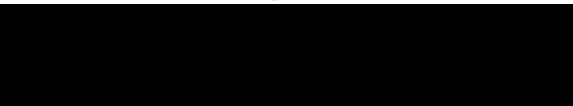
In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment. Thank you.

**Inspector Identification**

Date of On-site Survey 5-20-2002  
 Your Name Kathleen Jansen  
 Address 253 Joyce St City Wausau  
 State wi Zip Code 54401 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

Donald E. Darby



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
 National Civil War Memorials Committee



## *Soldier's Monument - Wausau WI Dedicated by the G.A.R. July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1887*

**Description of the Monument:** The Soldiers Monument, sometimes referred to as the "Cutler Post Monument", is 23' in height consisting of an elaborate pedestal (16' 9") topped by a figure of a Union private in full dress (8' 3"). The monument is sculpted entire of red granite, which is native to Marathon County. The pedestal is ornamented with two polished cannons resting on its plinth with "Cutler Post" engraved just above. Atop that are two Civil War sabers crossing one another. Four polished columns, in the Doric Order, rise on each of the four corners which encompass a rectangular piece of granite with a polished shield on each side. The front shield reads "A Grateful Peoples/Taken of Remembrance/1886". Above that are polished geometrical shapes and a shield with unpolished stars and stripes on a polished background. From this point, a solid cylinder boosts up the base on which the private stands. The polished letters "F.C.L." appear on the front side of his base. The soldier is a more mature man with a full, bushy moustache and wavy, short hair. He is in full dress and stands with his rifle at parade rest position.

**History of the Monument:** The idea was born by the G.A.R. in 1882 but steps to erect the monument did not begin until 1884. Lax fundraising and, at times, an uninterested community delayed the project for several more years. In July 1886, after two years of thought, argument and fundraising, the pedestal, which was produced by workers at the Cohn and Robertson Granite Manufacturing Company, was delivered. It appears someone had a mischievous hand in its placement for it was intended to be placed on the G.A.R. plot at the Wausau Cemetery (now Pine Grove Cemetery) but was instead placed on the courthouse square. In 1887 the Marathon County Board made a contribution to pay Cohn and Robertson Granite for the completion and delivery of the statue of the soldier.

On July 4, 1887 the G.A.R. and other local organizations planned a ceremony to unveil the monument. As a local singing society presented *The Star Spangled Banner* a flag, which wrapped the monument from view, was loosened and fell to the base. A local

newspaper reported that the members of the Cutler Post #55 “may well feel proud and happy as they gaze upon this grand memorial to their dead comrades”.

### **The Soldier Moves Around Town**

When unveiled in 1887, the Soldiers Monument was located on the grounds of Marathon County’s first courthouse on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Wausau. In 1892, when a new courthouse was built on the 400 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Wausau, the monument was moved. The current courthouse, built in 1955, is at 500 Forest Street in Wausau. The Soldiers Monument was moved to the northwest corner of that block but was relocated to the southeast corner of the block in the 1990s to accommodate building expansion. It is at this location, the corner of Forest Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, where the Soldiers Monument currently rests.



alth severely shaken by weather has taken the se will be 'ried before of Oakkosh, in the Mil-ommencing on the 3rd of the Merrill News ing announcement that le cut 1500 feet of logs t time in the whole year Wausau. In the spring in demand, and rents wood, which has been in years, sold for \$1.50 ed. Drop a postal card if advertisements of the ar, Wausau Law and and Jas. M. Stroud & ove. e has purchased lots on rner of Main and Frank- e he will build a resi- g season. will be given at the T. Zentner, by the St. Paul's Church, on next ardly house on the was partly destroyed by e who, is being torn y to being rebuilt. plate purchasing a spring McCullough and exam- le has the finest line in from and can give you e times. r's father came up to ay last and on Saturday e remains of his son re they will be deposited at his old home. asted of Fond du Lac, 2nd Regiment of the nal Guards, died at is y, aged 43. He was a Fellow and lawyer. ll be received by Henry 20th 1886, for the build-aul Church. Plans can fleo. The old church is rice, &c., call on F. W.

up other countries and cities, and if you are a resident of this county and advocate such ideas, we must say with the boy of the period, "you're a dandy."

**Property Purchase.**

The handsome residence of Wm. LaSelle, on East Hill, on Franklin street has been purchased by Mrs. Wm. R. Stewart, the sale having been consummated last Thursday. Consideration \$4,000. This means that Mrs. Stewart and her excellent family, are to make Wausau their future abiding place, which knowledge will be received with pleasure by all of their acquaintances. Mr. LaSelle will invest the proceeds of the sale in his business at present.

**Business Men's Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the Business Men's Association was held last Saturday evening, having been adjourned to that time from the regular date. The only business of importance transacted was the election of officers. C. V. Bardeen was chosen President, W. C. Silverthorn, Vice President, and H. S. Haseltine and A. H. Grout were re-elected to the offices of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. J. E. Leahy and R. P. Manson were chosen directors.

**Mass Meeting.**

The people are cordially invited to attend a mass meeting, to be held at the court house Friday evening, Feb. 19th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m. The object of this meeting is to settle the question of the Soldiers' Monument and to decide wether it be erected in the Court House square or the cemetery. All interested are cordially invited to attend. By order of committee G. A. R. C. F. ELDRKD Secretary. J. P. BRIGGS Chairman.

**On Pine River.**

Jake Gensman's logging camps are located on Pine River, about thirty-eight miles from Wausau. Joe Pope is foreman, and those who are acquainted with him know that he is a "rusher." Geo. Deichel, tote teamster, informs us that up to the recent thaw, work has been going on smoothly and rapidly. The haul is from three and a half to four miles and loads have averaged about 3,000 ft. Nearly 700,000 has been put in and all the teams are in the best possible condition.

kindred ailments. He reports that the prospects for a big log crop look decidedly slim. John is a boss man to fix up incapacitated horses.

**EDITOR PILOT AND REVIEW:**

Your article in last Tuesday's issue—"House of ill-fame scores another victim," has aroused many thoughts, a few of which you and your readers can have the benefit of, if you choose to publish them:

The victims of such places, who, as Jason Carman did, taste poison, and immediately die, are not the worst of the evils resulting from such houses. Those who frequent such iniquitous dens of polution and then betake themselves to homes of pure, refined mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts, are the evils to be dreaded. Untold sufferings entailed on wives and offspring; the degrading influence of association with impure persons; the lowering of persons in their own estimation; these and kindred results are to be dreaded. The contagion of small pox is to be courted, in preference to the death-dealing contamination of such persons. Would it not be well for Mr. Edmunds to turn his batteries of extermination against "houses of ill-fame" scattered broadcast throughout his own, and our near neighborhood, before attempting to strangle the system of plural wives, away off in Utah? Would it not be well for him to take the scripture lesson—"Pluck the beam from thine own eye, that thou mayest see clearly to remove the mote from thy brother's"—and apply to a condition equally bad, if not worse, in a country where advantages of civilization are greater than these in the far west. Is it not wise to clean up our own door yards before complaining of the condition of those of our neighbors? Would we not have greater faith in Mr. Edmunds' ability to cope with polygamy after he had rid the District of Columbia from the incubus of "houses of ill-fame"? Would it not be wise to suggest to him to propose a measure for ever *disfranchising* all keepers of "houses of ill-fame"—also frequenters of same—making it a penal offense for officers of registration to register name of any such offenders of moral decency?

AN OBSERVER.

**W. S. Benevolent Society.**

The West Side benevolent society met, pursuant to announcement, at the resi-

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little quiet, in other words, newspapers should give her a rest.

First Review did mention Worthen in connection with a list of other several weeks ago. He is a candidate either for a session of election, we will give him hearty support, and if the Review or any other paper, assails him, it did when he was a candidate, we shall cheerfully defend.

Wabau correspondent of the St. Times, brings out Mr. Johnson the Central as a candidate for senate. We hadn't heard his name mentioned in connection with office, but Mr. Johnson would be an industrious member and afraid of being taken to task by the chiefs for saying so, we do say might "go further and fare

now the Pioneer man denies it had any bill for printing before the City Council. Well, if he has no judgment it would have been all right, but he can't deny that the City Clerk, at the last meeting, introduced a bill, and that Mr. Markham in a low tone of voice said, "I oppose that bill," or that the City Council allowed the bill as proposed by the City Clerk.

Central, as we have before with commendable candor, revealed the fact that the Ninth District would become a "boule" district. Now our republican friends would nominate Ex-Senator Crosby for congress, and do a great deal to remove the name. Mr. Crosby is popular, as evidenced when he ran for the office against Judge Gate. Give Crosby a boom, let's have a campaign for office that isn't quite all money.

an attack upon Mr. Kickbusch, in connection to the monument in the city.

In case from any cause it is found necessary to appoint a new cabinet minister the whole country would hail the selection of Hon. Allan G. Thurman, of Ohio, for there are few living statesmen who possess in so remarkable a degree the confidence of the people. His name is a synonym for honesty and integrity, and in all the qualities that go to make the great man he stands unrivalled.—Eau Clair News

TUESDAY last, in company with the committee on Soldier's Monument, we visited Cook & Robertson's Granite Quarry, and must admit that we were surprised, not only at the magnitude of the works, but at the character of it. We found over twenty expert laborers shaping the rude granite into elegant monuments, mantels, fountains, and, in short, everything that can be made out of the material. Comfortable buildings filled with first class machinery and everything requisite to the turning out of first class work is provided and the works are ready to take any orders. Large jobs have already been done for Chicago and other points. The stone is of the very best character, equal to the finest Scotch Granite. The soldiers' monument is a piece of work the Company may well feel proud of, and when erected will be the equal in design, material and workmanship to any in the State. Any of our people wanting anything in this line would do well to call upon Messrs. Cook & Robertson before purchasing elsewhere.

OUR neighbor, the Pioneer, is hard in accord with the spirit of the republican press. It copies from "Schillings" paper the following: "At the time Mallory made the speech at the merchant's banquet, he acted in a manner which ought to drive him from the bench in disgrace, speaking his opinion about persons who were arraigned before him—he was drunk.

proposition to settle the whole controversy by treaty. For merely promising to propose such a settlement the State Department has been vilely denounced by the Republican politicians of New England, and this week the Portland meeting resolved "that we oppose and protest against the appointment of any commission to treat with Great Britain in regard to the fisheries. Of course there is but one interpretation of such conduct. New England fishermen simply ask this gov't to attempt to bully great Britain into conceding privileges that have been in dispute for the larger part of a century, even at the risk of war. And what is it that these fishermen demand? Is it equal rights and privileges with the Canadians? Not at all. These can be had by agreement at any time. Why the New England fishermen demand is the right to share with the Canadian equal privileges in Canadian ports to facilities for fishing, while excluding the Canadians from a market in the United States by the maintenance of a high tariff on salted fish.

If our New England friends imagine that the whole American people are fond of being taxed that they are ready to go to war to enable a small number of Yankee fishermen to continue to tax them, they do not read the signs of the times aright. This dispute must be settled justly by reasonable agreement and not by Blainian bluster.

Mr. Morrison's Answer.

Chicago News: When Mr. Randall asked Mr. Morrison if he thought Mr. Cleveland could have been elected if the Chicago convention had declared for free raw materials he got an answer that raised him off his feet and shut his mouth like a case of lockjaw. "He would have got more votes than he did," said Mr. Morrison; "he would not carry Ohio and he did not carry Pennsylvania, and he would not have carried them if the convention had promised to pile the tariff on w

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## PERSONALS.

C. Paeske, of Hurley, is in the city.

Marlie Mathie visited in Waupaca week.

Samuel Brown was in Madison last Friday.

Francis Hase was down from Mercesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Millard, of Hurley, are in the city.

Mrs. H. E. McKachron and children returned to the city.

Mrs. E. Short returned from her home visit last Wednesday.

B. Champagne and W. Scott, of Hurley, were in the city on Saturday.

Miss Franc Strobridge is in Waupaca as a guest of Miss Bell Woodnorth.

F. Crosby wended his way to Waupaca and other points last Friday.

R. Bruneau is at home again, after a sojourn of three weeks in Canada.

L. Wright, typist in the Pilot-Reflector, is rusticated at Green Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Lamphier returned from a brief trip to Hurley last Saturday.

H. Empey has gone to Tomahawk where he will remain for some time.

Oratio Combs, once a resident of Waupaca in the pineries, is in the city today.

Mr. Barnes, of Rhinelander, has been in Wausau the past week on legal business.

Leator came down from Ashland on Thursday to spend a few days with his family.

W. Shepherd went to Neenah on Saturday to spend the Fourth with his family.

Mr. Hayes, of the famous Hayes family of Hurley, is in the city with his visiting friends.

Ed Fernald came up from Milwaukee to spend the National holiday with his parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Winton left on Saturday on an eastern trip. They expect to be absent a month.

Mr. Clayton's father, who has been in the city for a short time, left for England last Saturday.

## NATIONAL HOLIDAY.

Rains Fell in Torrents, Nevertheless, the Day Appropriately Observed.

### THE CITY FULL OF PEOPLE.

Monday morning, July 4th, opened up in the city of Wausau, cloudy, damp and disagreeable. During the night previous there were several very heavy rains which made the streets muddy and precluded the thought of having any kind of a street parade. The first thing on the programme was the unveiling of the

### SOLDIERS MONUMENT,

the ceremonies attending which were very interesting. At nine o'clock in the morning the members of Cutler Post, under whose auspices the ceremony was conducted, the two military companies and a delegation of the Knights of Labor and headed by Dana's band, marched up Third street to the railroad crossing and welcomed the arrival of a special train from Merrill. The visiting members of the Lincoln Post of that city, with their banner and colors, were placed at the front and the march was resumed to the Court House square to the inspiring strains of "Marching Through Georgia." Here a dense crowd had formed around the platform which had been built for the use of the city officials and those having direction of the exercises. Rev. Rogers opened with a very touching and appropriate prayer, followed by the singing of *America* by the chorus of St. Paul's Church. Ely Wright then made an address of welcome, after which the *Liederkrantz* sang *The Star Spangled Banner*. At the first note of the grand old air the great flag which wrapped the monument from view was loosened and fell to its base, disclosing the familiar column crowned by a towering figure of heroic size—a private soldier of the Revolution.

### The "Review of Wausau."

In its last issue, the Central best "Review of Wausau." It is supposed present to strangers the claims of Wausau upon their attention as a place of settlement and investment, and it is proper to inquire whether or not calculated to effect this result.—The writer is an importation. He is here on his own interests, and it is fair to assume that they are paramount with him. He is working this scheme for money there is in it. He is paid what he does, and his work is a fair subject for criticism. The Central has heralded the coming of its author, and assured its readers that he is "a brilliant writer and one of the most accomplished young journalists of the day." It is understood that he has been employed by many of our citizens to write up the particular business, and, whether will or no, the impression will go abroad that this "Review" embodies our idea of proclaiming the advantages of Wausau. Our notion of the tune to which the horn should be tooted! Viewing the matter thus, it seems to me to be only my right, but my duty to protest against this most extraordinary production as being, in my opinion, a monstrous libel upon the good sense of the people of Wausau,—a confused, ignorant, pedantic, grandiloquent jumble of rigid nonsense.

A "Review," in such a case should address itself to the common sense and judgment of business men. To that end, it should be a simple, clear and direct statement of facts regarding the resources, advantages and claims of the city and surrounding country. Its style should be characterized by every appearance of candor and honesty. Its rhetoric should be employed in the most skillful manner, and only to emphasize some prosaic statement. The flowers of language may, be sure, be so artistically woven with facts and figures and statistics as to heighten the effect, but it can only be done by a master hand. Such is not the hand of Mr. W. R. McGarry, despite the flattering estimate of the Central. The "Review" is written after the manner of a Freshman's oration;—in the pretentious, inflated strain of incongruous and gorgeous absurdity that appertains to the sermons of "Brudder Jasper." Nothing is more apparent throughout this piece

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layton's father, who has been the city for a short time, left o England last Saturday.

Darling, one of the solid citi- nity, in this county, was a sitor last Thursday.

Single, John Callon and Will e returned from Ripon Col- end the summer vacation.

Witter, formerly principal of igh School, now Supt. of the e, Mich., schools, is in the

igafus and wife departed for st Wednesday. Their stay ng old friends and relatives rief.

Barnum, who is numbered best of the Wausau printers, o Marshfield to take charge of office.

oro Steltz, whose parents for- ided in Wausau, but now in o, is in the city, visiting his s. Louis Strong.

Geo. Silverthorn and daughter o to Canada on a short visit. e accompanied as far as Chi- r. Silverthorn.

Vitt Johnson, of the Rhine- rald passed through Wausau rday on his way to Merrill, spent the Fourth.

O: Holway returned to the city y after a month's absence. accompanied by her mother, wold, of LaCrosse.

S. E. Thayer, returned home from a visit to Baraboo, her e. She was accompanied by Miss Maud Remington.

L. Spaulding, N. D. Moore's manager, was in the city nd Saturday inspecting the nents on the Moore.

V. Worden, of Black Creek in the city to-day. He has t Rietbrock's saw mill, at that d is taking a few days rest.

Rietbrock was in Wausau a last week. We suppose, for ose of looking after the inter- e Merrill and Abbotsford Rail-

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grand old air the great flag which wrapped the monument from view was loosened and fell to its base, disclosing the familiar column crowned by a tower- ing figure of heroic size—a private soldier in full uniform standing at *parade rest*. Like its pedestal it is hewn out of the beautiful Marathon county granite and is a finely executed piece of work. The monument, as finished, is a model of impressive sim- plicity and the members of Cutler Post who have labored so earnestly and so successfully for its erection may well feel proud and happy as they gaze upon this grand memorial to their dead comrades.

The orator of the day, W. H. Myl- rea, was next introduced and his address was in every way most admir- ably adapted to the spirit of the occa- sion. It was full of earnest eloquence and was a fitting tribute to the memo- ry of the sacred dead of the rebellion. It was especially to be commended for its freedom from the faintest partizan feeling and for the sentiments of gen- uine fraternal feeling which he urged for those who, though once our ene- mies, were always our brothers. He was listened to with marked attention and frequently applauded.

B. W. Pulling, Frank Dana, Vint Gearhart and Geo. Farnham closed the exercises with the singing of an original ode, the words and music of which are the composition of Mr. Pulling and delighted the audience.

The line was now re-formed and marched to the Fair Grounds where the programme—as much of it as the weather would permit—of the day was completed. Cutler Post may well congratulate itself upon the gratifying suc- cess of the ceremonies conducted by them in the unveiling of this beautiful monument to the sleeping soldiers of Marathon County.

#### AT THE FAIR GROUNDS.

Rain came down in torrents about as soon as the procession reached the grounds, consequently the exposition

"Review" is written after the manner of a Freshman's oration;—in the preten- tious, inflated strain of incongruous and gorgeous absurdity that appertains to the sermons of "Brudder Jasper." Nothing is more apparent throughout this pre- posterous "Review" than the fact that the writer is bound to appear "brilliant" and "scholarly" at no matter what cost to his readers and the English language. And so he abounds in Latin quotations, lugs in foreign phrases by the heels, makes learned allusions, indulges in the most extravagant descriptions and metaphors, and presents a dissertation on granite, (cribbed from cyclopedias), on the slightest provocation:—regretting that he lacks space to further "enlighten our readers." And yet this same "fine writing" abounds in the most ridiculous misuse of words, in misspelled words and grammatical errors besides being as rambling and disjointed as the chattering of a crone. A few extracts will serve to illustrate his industrious blunders and sustained assinity.

With inconsequence peculiar to himself he commences his "Review of Wausau" by seating himself in a palace car at Mil- waukee and drinking in the "exhilarating" breath of approaching morn. He rides past *Narcissian* (sic) lakes and through impossible vineyards and "veritable 'lab- ynth's of weird beauty and delight"— from Eland Junction to Wausau! He finds Wausau surrounded,—but fails to state by what,—and "sleeping in the very lap of tranquility."—A *lively* town, surely!

Its school system "reflects credit upon the planters of its seed." Its water is a "sanitary measure."

From the fact that the city has gas and electric light he deduces the conclusion that it is a "leader and benefactor to so- ciety—the state and civilization itself." A truly remarkable effort of logic.

He speaks of Wausau as "advancing up higher and higher in the zenith of prosperity and renown."—Having reach- ed the *zenith* it is difficult to see how it can continue to advance.

Leaving the city for Marshall Hill he arrives upon a scene of "awe inspiring grandeur,"—at Kickbusch!—And he continues to behold images of ineffable beauty and wonder and awe and peren- nial splendor at every turn he makes in Cohn's quarry, (at ten cents per line!) being finally "transported to a realm of pensive delight." The rock "confronts the observer with an

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## Monument to Be Moved to New Site <sup>RA 9-7-54</sup>

Workmen of the Norde Monument Works today were dismantling the World War I monument on the northwest corner of Courthouse Square, preparatory to moving it to a new site on the southwest corner of the new Courthouse lawn.

Mrs. Thelma Norde Kenney, manager of the firm, said it would be reassembled in much the same design as at present. The cobblestone walk leading into the monument — representing the streets of France — will be shorter and new materials will be used.

The benches and the granite trim of the monument will be cleaned up before they are reinstalled.

The granite weighs an estimated 25 tons. The huge block on which the bronze figures rest weighs more than five tons.

The statuary was made by C. A. Heber, Nyack, N.Y., a widely known sculptor. He received \$22,500 for the commission.

Funds for the monument were raised by Burns Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Money was collected in a house-to-house campaign.

It was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1923, with Maj. Gen. Hahn, then general of the 32nd Division, giving the dedicatory speech.

Grover (Casey) Jones, county service officer, recalled today delivery of the statue was held up by a strike in a Pennsylvania foundry. However, it arrived on time for the dedication because a Wausau man paid \$600 to have it shipped here by special express.

The Civil War statue on the southwest of the Courthouse Square will also be moved to the lawn of the new Courthouse.

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# Behind the Monument - Monumental Difficulties

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Movement of the Civil War monument to the site of the new Courthouse shortly recalls the trials and tribulations which beset the Lysander Cutler Post of the GAR, which undertook the task of providing the memorial in the 1880's. The monument is now on the present Courthouse Square.

The story is told in the minute books of the post, which are in the possession of Grover (Casey) Jones, Marathon county service officer. The books are interesting and the reader is rewarded with many buckles.

### Organized in 1882

The post was "mustered into service" on Dec. 5, 1882, and in December, 1884, steps were taken to erect a monument. Commander Fred reported on Dec. 17 of that year that the Marathon County board had agreed to give \$500, if a like amount could be raised elsewhere. On Jan. 7, 1885, the Wausau City Council agreed to give \$200 the post would raise the last \$300.

The spirits of the members were high that night. The post adjutant wrote: "During recess general good cheer, congratulations and handshaking prevailed."

However, the minutes of the following meeting didn't bode well for the collection of funds. A motion was carried that the members be allowed to pay up arrearages on dues at the rate of 50 cents on a dollar, and that they be allowed two months "or until they attend regular meeting." In the post treasury that night, the minutes showed, was \$49.96.

Between January and April in 1885 little was done by the monument committee, except to name another comrade to it. One committee member reported he had collected \$23 toward the monument but admitted he hadn't been devoting much time to the project.

On May 18, 1885, the chairman of the new Courthouse site.

The "P.O.L." motto was adopted. The concrete monument refer to the principles of the GAR: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Helsdorf, 416 Weston A.

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May 18, 1885, the chairman of the monument committee reported had collected \$60 and asked the adjutant to open a bank account in one of the local banks and deposit the money.

#### Reports \$98 Collected

At the June 15, 1885, meeting, the monument committee reported \$98 collected, but there wasn't much thought given to the dead that evening, for (the minutes read) "the post falls in line and marches to SVC Mueller residence and spent the balance of the evening with the old vet and helped to eat some of his good things and crack some champaign with him."

On Dec. 21, 1885, a motion was adopted calling for a detailed report by the monument committee giving the names of the subscribers, the amounts subscribed and whether the subscriptions were paid.

By February, 1886, although they had collected less than \$1,000, the members said "a number of representative citizens and liberal subscribers" were asking for a \$3,000 monument. The post decided to buy 100 postal cards to invite "representative citizens" to a meeting. The adjutant in his minute book noted:

"This is deemed but just deference to the wishes expressed and besides it may result in the citizens taking an action which would enable the post to erect a \$3,000 monument. But if at this meeting nothing is accomplished, we will have done our duty to the citizens and it is hereby especially provided that unless the post hereafter concludes to do otherwise, we then proceed to go on with what funds we have and erect the best monument we can obtain for the money on our cemetery."

#### Mass Meeting Not Reported

This meeting was held Feb. 19 in the Courthouse and was reported on at the Feb. 22 meeting. The minutes do not tell what happened at the mass meeting of "representative citizens," or how the meeting affected the plans of the post.

However, at the March 8, 1886, meeting there was talk of monu-

The monument designs and the post decided to buy the pedestal from L. S. Cohn for \$1,200.

At the March 22 meeting, there was a motion to turn \$44 realized at a lecture over to the monument fund. Someone amended the motion calling for the post to give \$100. This lost. Another amendment would add \$6 to the \$44 for an even \$50. This lost and the motion to give \$44 carried.

The post voted on April 19 to purchase for \$500 a six-foot statue of a soldier from the White Bronze Co. Plans were made to unveil it on June 30. Later this date was shoved to July 4. On June 21, however, the committee asked that the date be put off until September or October.

At the July 5 meeting the comrades were told that the pedestal for the monument had been delivered and erected in the Courthouse Square. There appears to have been some shenanigans in connection with the placement of the pedestal, for at the meeting of Feb. 22 a vote to place the monument in the square had lost in favor of placing it on the cemetery lots of the post. A resolution was adopted at the July 5 meeting approving the Courthouse Square as the site for the monument.

On Aug. 16, the post "transfer-

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red or loaned" to the monument fund \$65.

A brief statement in the minute book on Dec. 6, 1886, indicated all wasn't going well. The September or October unveiling date was long past. The adjutant wrote: "The question of statuary figure for the monument came up and quite a long discussion on the matter followed."

At the same meeting the post moved to borrow \$100 to finish paying for the pedestal.

At the Dec. 20 meeting the post voted to ask the County Board of Supervisors to complete the monument and directed the commander to say to the board that "the post will leave the monument in Court-house square providing that they will complete the same."

On Dec. 27 the quartermaster reported he had found the banks "were not favorably impressed with the idea of loaning money to chartered societies and after some talk on the subject it was deemed best to exert ourselves a little and try and raise the necessary funds by paying our dues one year in advance . . ."

On Jan. 3, 1887, the commander had good news. The County Board had agreed to give another \$800 to complete the monument.

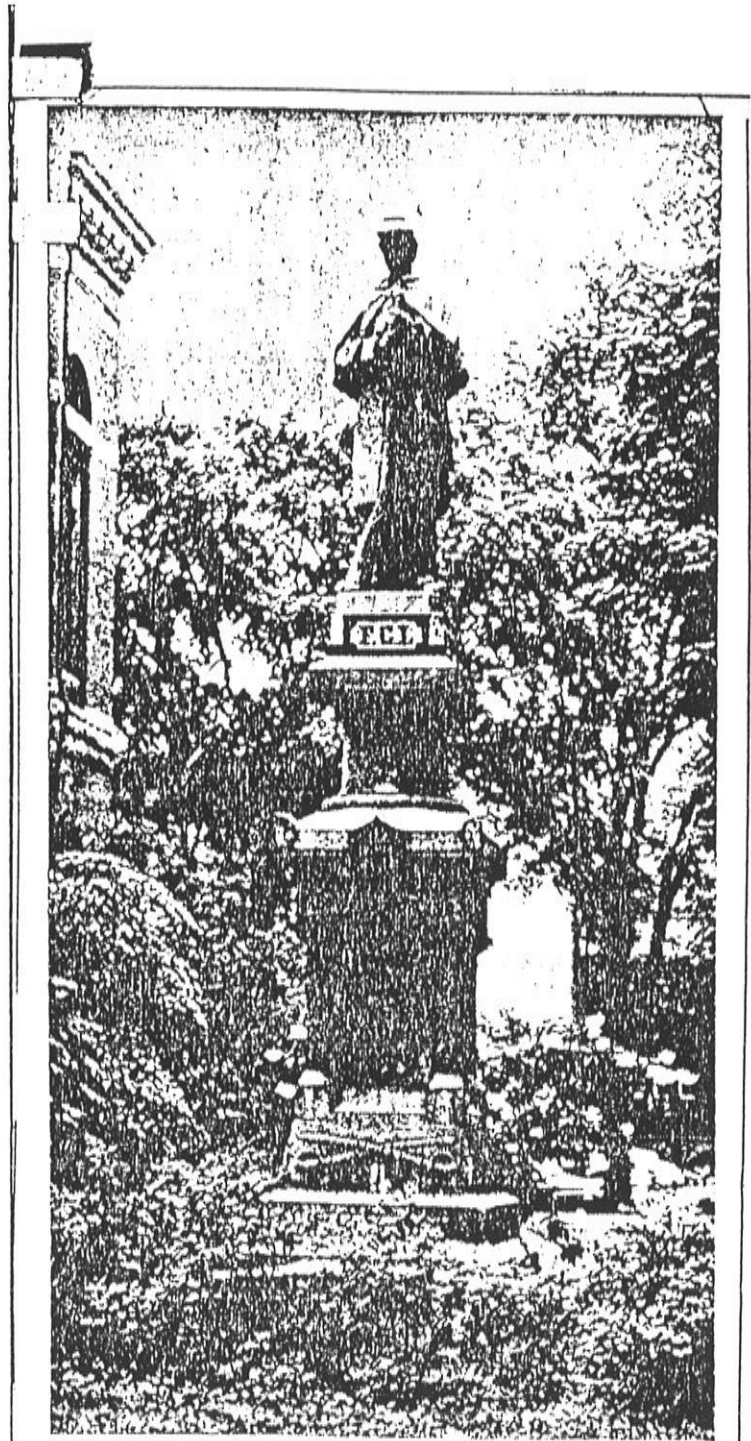
On March 7, 1887, it was reported L. S. Cohn had been paid in full for the monument.

On April 18, 1887, the post decided to unveil the monument on the following July 4.

There's a note of sadness in the entry of June 20. After the hard struggle to get enough money to erect the monument there was a lack of interest by the people of Wausau and the county in the dedication. One entry read in part:

"The committee reported it had caused to be published in the local papers a call for all of the different societies and that at the first meeting the attendance was so small that they adjourned for one week and that at that meeting the interest did not seem to increase much more than at the first one and therefore the committee did not do much and he (chairman) also reports that the committee has been unsuccessful in securing any speaker for the occasion and suggested that as far as the post had to do the unveiling of the monument without the aid of any of our neighboring posts, that it would be best to do it in the forenoon if possible so as to give the Knights of Labor a chance to join with us in the procession . . ."





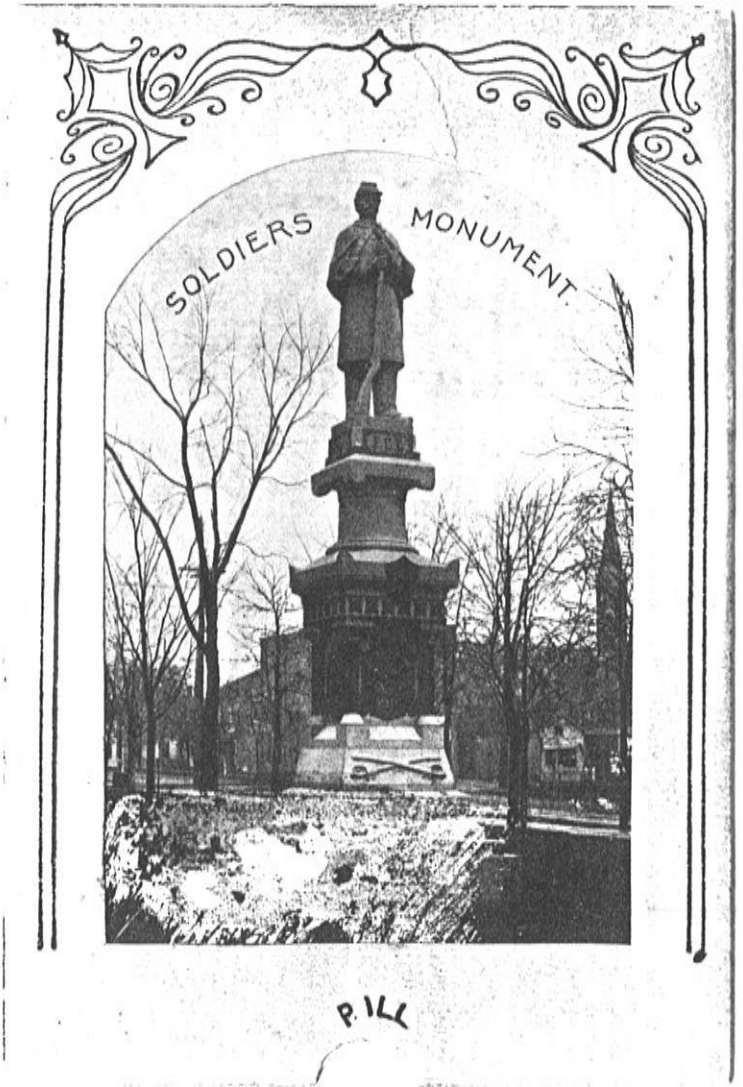
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**BATTLED FOR MONUMENT**—Members of the Cutler Post of the GAR carried on a two-year fight to raise enough money—less than \$2,000—to erect this monument which stands in the Courthouse Square. It was finally dedicated in 1887. Vandals several years ago broke off the bronze bayonet from the statue, but the twisted metal was found in the shrubbery. It has been repaired and will be replaced when the monument is moved to the new Courthouse site. The "F.C.L." initials on the monument refer to the principles of the GAR: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

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Monument at Wausau, Wis. Erected A. D. 1886.  
Members of Cutler Post G. O. P., taken July 4<sup>th</sup> 1890.



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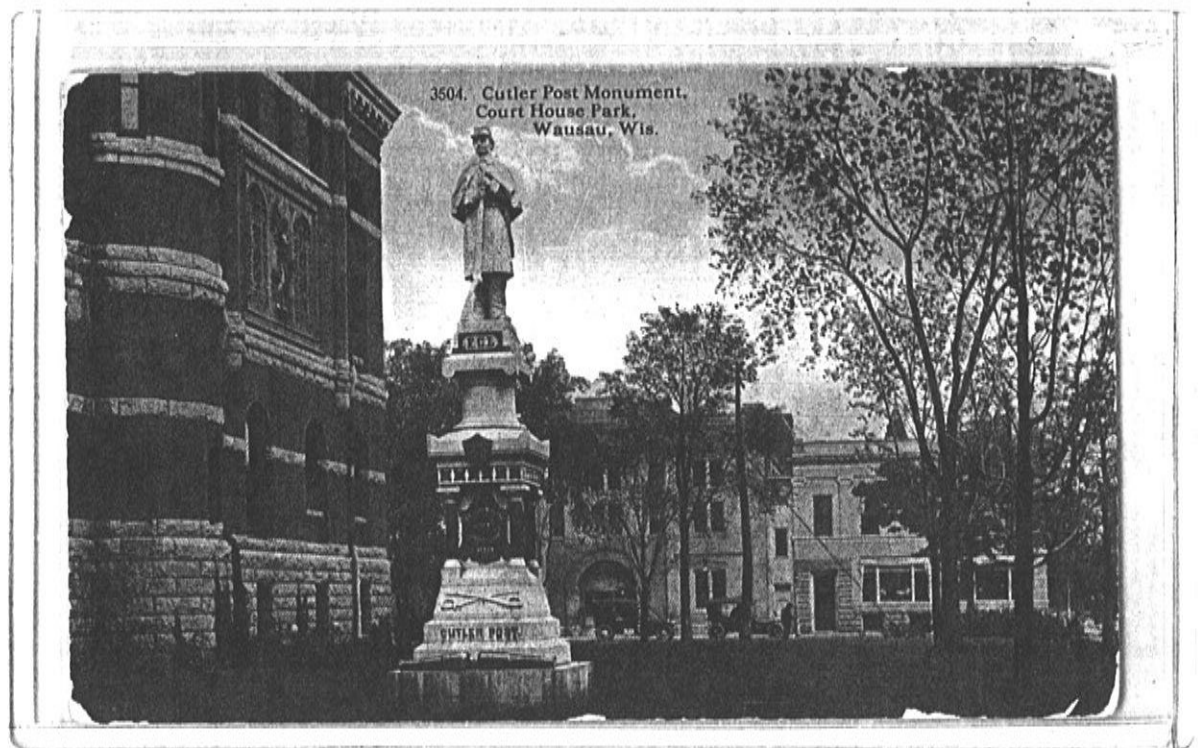
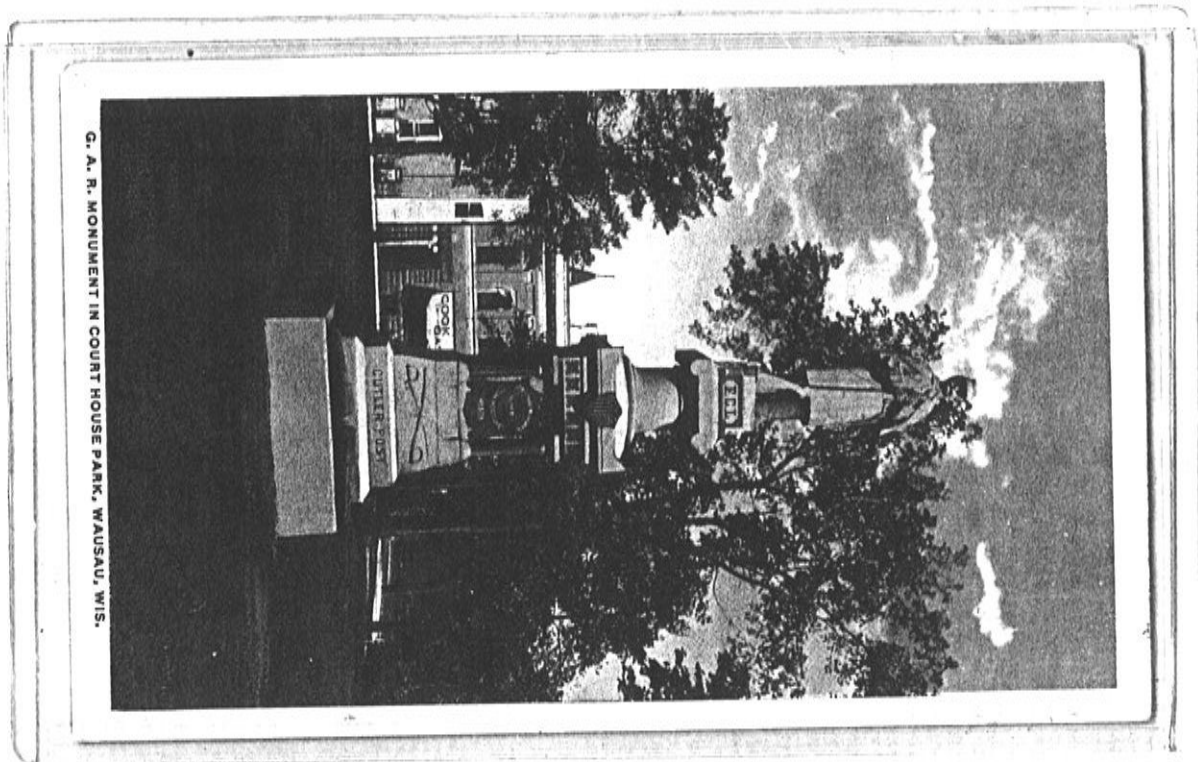
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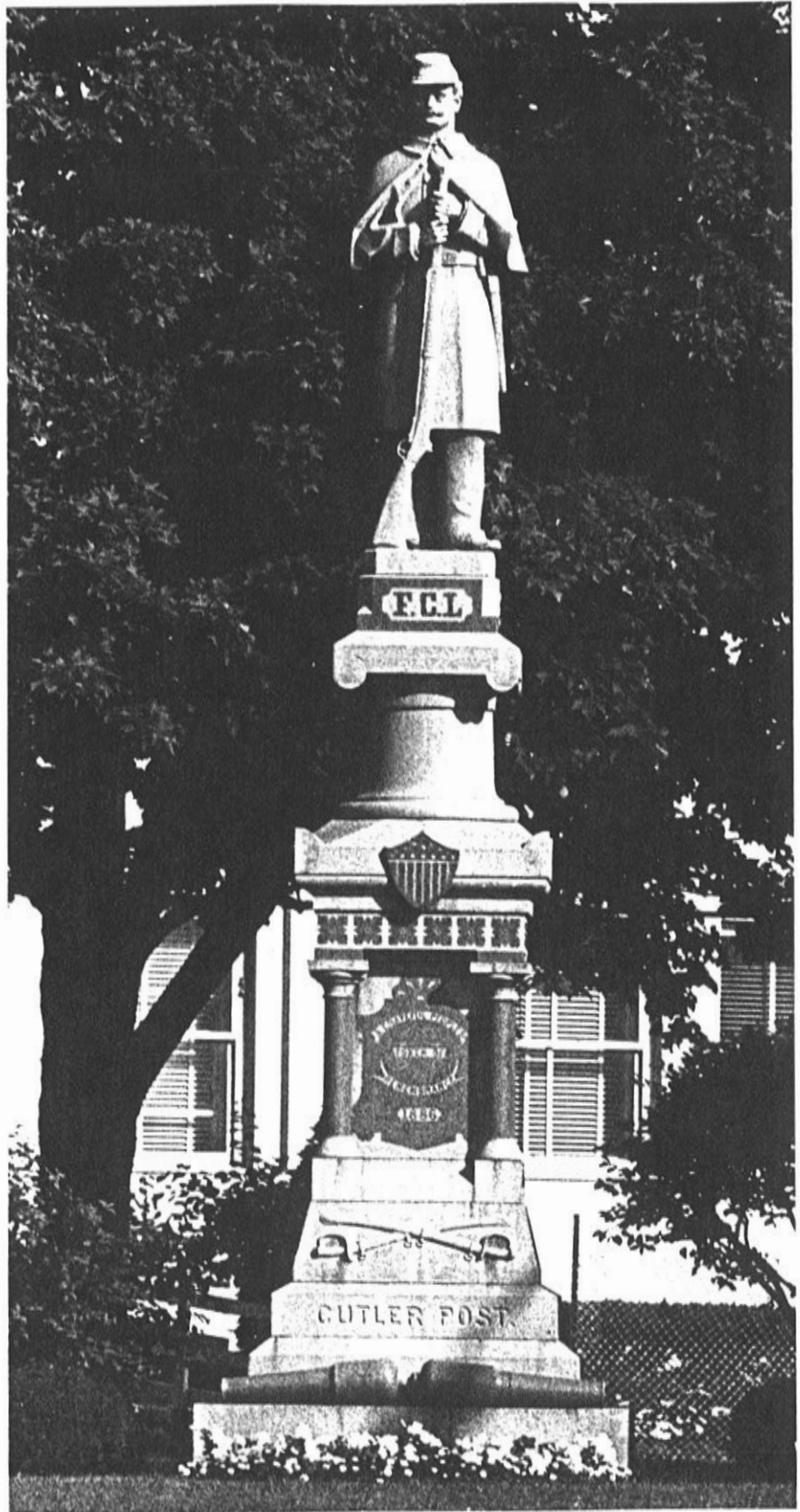


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