

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. Santa Rosa, Ellsworth Post, No. 20)                       M.O.L.L.U.S.  
 W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. Santa Rosa, Ellsworth Corps, No. 101)                       Other Allied Order  
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. Santa Rosa, Ellsworth Camp, No. 19 (SV))                      (Please describe below)  
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Other: Santa Rosa, Ellsworth Circle, No. 6, L.G.A.R.

**Original Dedication Date** 31 May 1915 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 Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, 1600 Franklin Avenue  
City/Village Santa Rosa Township --- County Sonoma

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 City of Santa Rosa Dept./Div. Recreation & Parks Dept.  
Street Address 415 Steele Lane  
City Santa Rosa State CA Zip Code 95403  
Contact Person Bill Montgomery Telephone ( 707 ) 573-0103

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

The Memorial has not been moved.

**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.) Concrete base, unpainted.

Material of the Sculpture =  Stone  Concrete  Metal  Undetermined  
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Pale gray granite  
 If the Sculpture is of metal, is it solid cast or "hollow?" Stone w/ solid bronze plaques attached

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = Bronze (two plaques, one north, one south)

Material of Cannon =  Bronze  Iron - Consult known Ordnance Listing to confirm  
 Markings on muzzle = (2 Maxim-Nordenfelt 1-pdr QF cannon, removed c.1942. No details)

Markings on Left Trunion --- Right Trunion ---

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? Yes If so, describe 7" dia. replica cannon-  
balls: Cement, blackened and paint coated, mounted in coping. Total count: 119.

**Approximate Dimensions** (indicate unit of measure) - taken from tallest / widest points

Monument or Base: Height 10 in. Width 84 in. Depth 84 in or Diameter ---  
 Sculpture: Height 95 in. Width 46 in Depth 46 in 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 Unmarked, but maker

known: Kinslow Bros. (J. F. & J. C.) Granite & Marble Works, Santa Rosa, CA.

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.

Text on north-facing bronze plaque on obelisk:

TO THE MEMORY | OF THE G.A.R. | ALL SOLDIERS, | SAILORS AND MARINES, | WHO SERVED IN THE | WARS OF THE U.S.A.

Text on south-facing bronze plaque on obelisk:

ERECTED BY ELLSWORTH P.No. 20, G.A.R. | ELLSWORTH W.R.C. No. 101 | ELLSWORTH C.L.G.A.R. No. 6 | ELLSWORTH, C. No. 19, S.of V. | Jo. WHEELER C. No. 12, U.S.W.V. | M. E. GEDNEY, No. 22, U.S.W.V. | PATRIOTIC CITIZENS OF S.R.

[See attached "General History of the Memorial" for an explanation of the abbreviations]

Text on a separate dark gray 14" x 26" granite marker (added to the Memorial site in 1924):

THIS TREE | DEDICATED TO THE G.A.R. | BY THE W.R.C. | MAY 30, 1924

**Environmental Setting**

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

**Type of Location**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Courthouse          | <input type="checkbox"/> College Campus | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Circle      | <input type="checkbox"/> Library        | _____                                    |



**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 &amp; any concern not already touched on).

Memorial consists of 5 decorative elements: 1) A lt. gray granite obelisk "Memorial to the Unknowns" with attached bronze dedication plaques; 2) Concrete curb/coping border decorated with 119 replica cannonballs (7" dia., replacing 8" dia. solid shot that were removed c.1942); 3) Two circular concrete pedestals that originally supported a pair of naval-mounted Maxim-Nordenfelt 1-pdr guns (guns removed c.1942); 4) A wooden garrison-style flagpole (removed c.1942), replaced twice; and 5) A 14" x 26" dk. gray granite marker for a memorial tree (no longer living), dedicated to the G.A.R. by the W.R.C. in 1924, located outside the curbed area, but part of the Memorial. The layout and history of the Memorial is complex. See attached "General History of the Memorial" for full details.

**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 17 August 2008Your Name Dean A. Enderlin, M.O., Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23, Dept. of Calif. & Pacific, SUVCWAddress 2950 Lake County Highway City CalistogaState CA Zip Code 94515-9743 Telephone 

Please send this completed form to:

**Kirby R. Morgan**Aide, National Committee on Civil War Memorials  
Memorials Officer, Dept. of California & Pacific

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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National Civil War Memorials Committee

Supplemental Information to accompany Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
Form CWM #61 "Civil War Memorial Assessment Form" for project  
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**GENERAL HISTORY**  
**OF THE**  
**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL**  
**DEDICATED MAY 31, 1915**

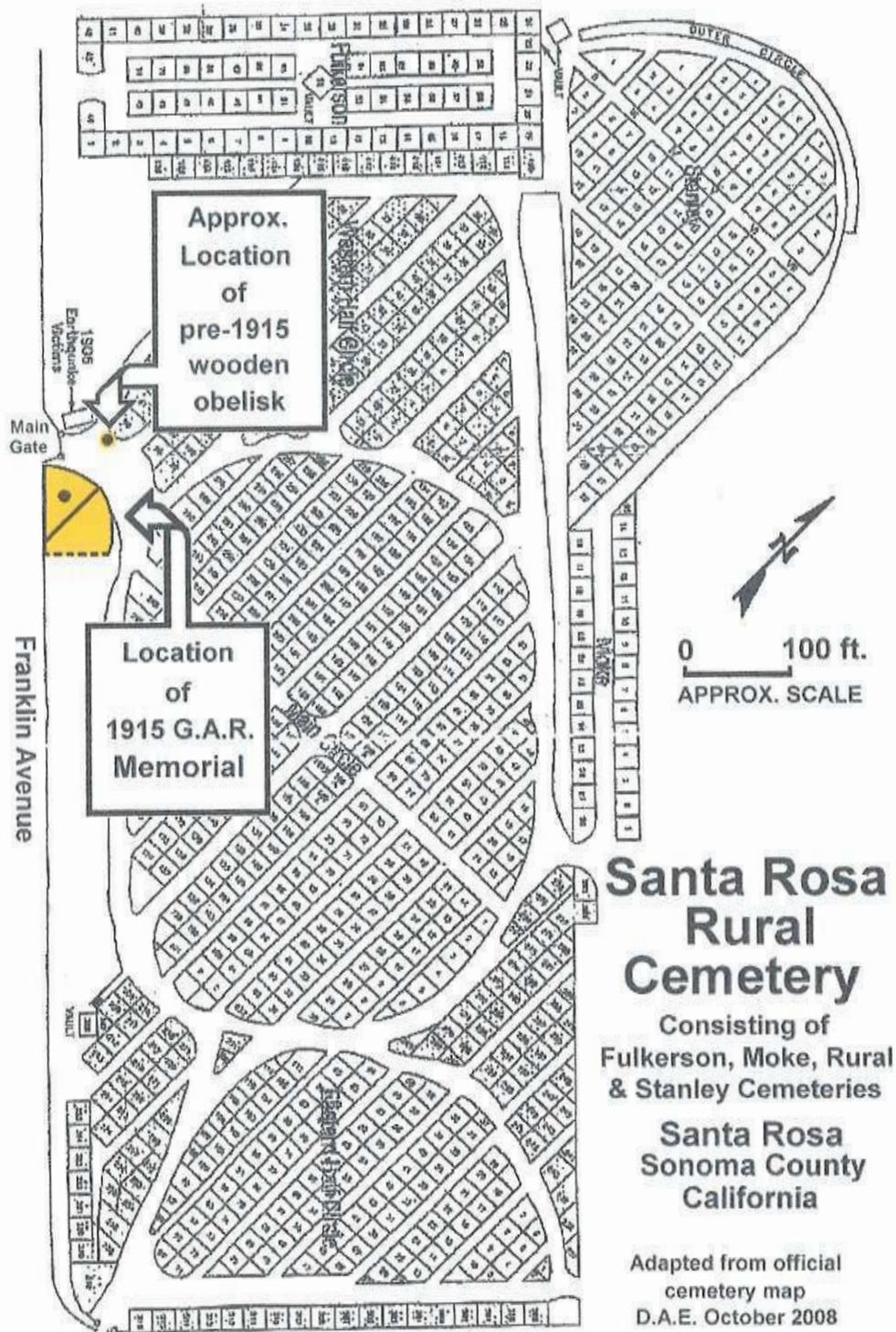
LOCATED AT

**SANTA ROSA RURAL CEMETERY**  
**SANTA ROSA, SONOMA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

compiled by

**Dean A. Enderlin**  
Memorials Officer  
Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23  
Dept. of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**April 2009**



**Figure 1.** Map of Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, showing the location of the 1915 G.A.R. Memorial and the approximate location of the earlier wooden obelisk that it replaced.

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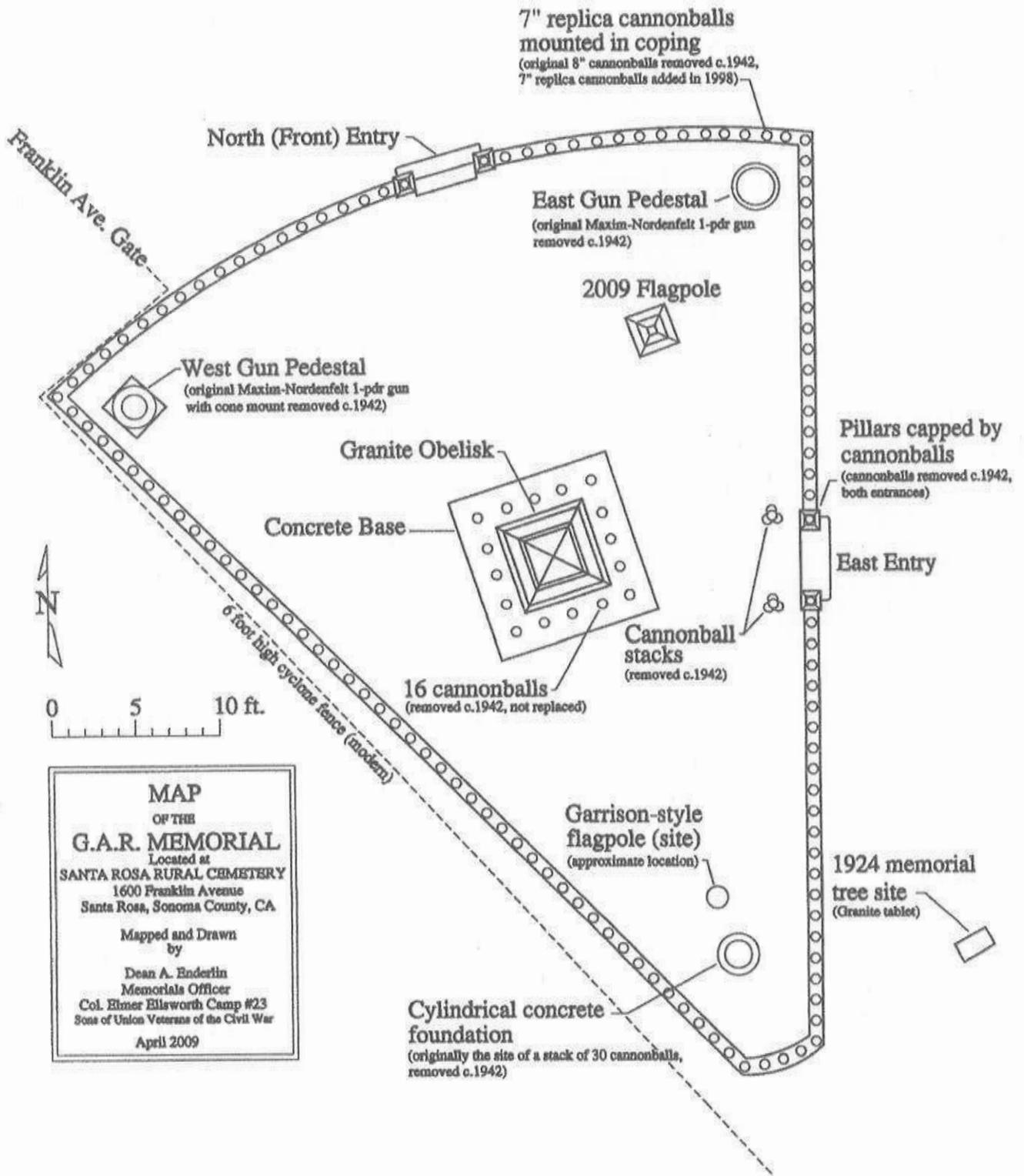


Figure 2. Map of the G.A.R Memorial at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, as measured in April 2009. The diagram includes the locations of original decorative elements that were removed in 1942.

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3 May 2009

Donald E. McGovern  
Western Regional Officer  
Civil War Memorials Committee  
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Subject: CA-Sonoma-SantaRosaRuralCem-GARPlot-1915Mon-Form #61

Greetings Brother McGovern,

Inclosed is the **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM, FORM #61**, for the GAR/Veterans Memorial complex at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Sonoma County, California.

Memorials Officer & Camp 23 Commander Dean Enderlin has been working on this Memorial complex since last fall. Camp members have been involved with this cemetery for years. Every time Dean came to a stopping place something new would come to light or be presented to him. We finally have a fairly complete history of this memorial after many, many, hours of research. The local Historians and City Departments are eagerly awaiting their copies as promised for the Re-Dedication on 25 May 2009.

More improvements and corrections are planned by the city and other information continues to come forth. Dean is already compiling notes and planning for a supplemental report to be presented after the additional work is completed for the GAR/Veterans Memorial complex.

All this research by Brother Enderlin and the camp has made the City and Community quite aware of the SUVCW in a most positive and productive way.

An electronic copy of this report was forwarded a few days ago to you and Chairman Tucker. This hard copy is for the Committees files.

In F. C. and L.,

Kirby R. Morgan

CC: Dean Enderlin, Charles Mabie,

**From:** Kirby Morgan [REDACTED]  
**To:** de [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Fri, May 1, 2009 8:33:12 PM  
**Cc:** civilwarmemorials@verizon.net;  
**Subject:** Fw: CA-Sonoma-Santa Rosa-CemGARPlot-1915Memorial - Form#61-REVISED

Brother McGovern,

I have printed out a hard copy for National and will post it to you Monday.

I do not know if you have or want the electronic copy as attached above. It is there for you and info for chairman Tucker if he wants to take the time for a read.

In F. C. and L.  
Kirby Morgan  
Aid Nat Memorials Committee  
MO, Dept CA& Pac.  
GRO/MO Camp #9

--- On Sat, 4/25/09, Dean Enderlin <enderlin@sonic.net> wrote:

From: Dean Enderlin [REDACTED]  
Subject: CA-Sonoma-Santa Rosa-CemGARPlot-1915Memorial - REVISED  
To: "Kirby Morgan" [REDACTED]  
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2009, 8:52 AM

Greetings Kirby

I ended up making a number of changes in the narrative to the attachment, so this revision involves more than just one page. Just this week, I received some new details on the history of fundraising for the Memorial, so I added that information. Seems like this project never ends! This is the FINAL version, though. Any new information from this point forward will need to go into a supplemental report. No changes were made to the Form 61... only to the attached history.

So, here's the final. Enjoy!

I'll print three copies for distribution on May 25. Others may want copies later on. I can track that.

Dean Enderlin

PS -- I just received a box full of files from Bro. Dave Schleeter. Lots of early Camp 23 MO and GRO stuff scattered through them. I noticed material from Charles Christian's early Memorial research in there, so will have to look it over to see what has already been done.

Kirby Morgan wrote:

Greetings, Dean,

OK go ahead and print up the Form #61 for your end so we can give the material out at the Dedication like you want. I will print the copies for Department and National files.

I would leave off any mention of additional information to follow in the report. Just leave as currently ending on page 4.

Normally I would just make a title page for the additional information and provide it to the recipients and archives at a latter date. So you need to keep track of where the copies are held so you can bring them up to date.

Look forward to seeing you.

In F.C. & L.,  
Kirby Morgan  
Dept MO

## General History of the 1915 G.A.R. Memorial

Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery is the oldest public cemetery in the Santa Rosa area, with burials dating back to the 1850's. The first survey of the lots was conducted in 1860. A Cemetery Association formed in 1867.<sup>1</sup> Lots were sold by the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Association until the late 1930's.<sup>2</sup> Today's Rural Cemetery includes the Old Rural Cemetery, as well as three adjacent annexes known as Fulkerson, Moke and Stanley. The 1915 Memorial lies in the Old Rural Cemetery in what is known as the West Half Circle. The cemetery address is 1600 Franklin Avenue, and the Memorial lies just inside the Franklin Avenue access gate.

Decorating of veterans' graves on Memorial Day at Rural Cemetery probably goes back to the late 1870's, and certainly to the early 1880's, when post-Civil War patriotism and nostalgia rose to high levels. Following the establishment of Santa Rosa's Ellsworth Post, No. 20, Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) in April 1881, the decorating of graves at Rural Cemetery became a regular part of the annual Memorial Day observance. For example, on Memorial Day of 1881, the members of Ellsworth Post "decorated the graves of the soldiers at the Santa Rosa Cemetery" and "payed the loyal dead, by patriotic songs and an appropriate oration, that tribute of respect due to the true and brave who offered their lives in their country's defense."<sup>3</sup> Decorating of graves usually took place after a parade from downtown Santa Rosa and a ceremony at nearby Veterans Park (a.k.a., Argyle Park) on McDonald Street at Pacific Avenue.

### Pre-1915 Wooden "Monument to the Unknown Dead" (Obelisk)

By the mid-1890's the Memorial Day observance at Santa Rosa had expanded to include a ceremony at a monument to the unknown dead of the Civil War. Located near the Franklin Avenue entrance to the cemetery, the earliest mention of this feature was in local newspapers in 1896. On Memorial Day that year, wreaths were placed next to the "monument 'to the Unknown Dead'" in memory of Mrs. J. F. Smith, who had recently been buried in Oakland.<sup>4</sup> Exercises for Memorial Day in 1897 were held "around a monument erected to the memory of departed comrades of Ellsworth Post."<sup>5</sup> An artistic sketch of the monument appeared that same year in *The Sonoma Democrat* newspaper (see Attachment "C"). Drawn by "special artist" to *The Sonoma Democrat*, Arthur V. Buell, it is an exceptionally rare (and probably unique) image of the early obelisk. Buell's sketch suggests that the original monument was located near the present-day Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery bronze dedication plaque, approximately thirty feet north of the present-day (1915) Memorial.<sup>6</sup> The monument was made of wood, and was

<sup>1</sup> Ray Owen, 2009, personal communication.

<sup>2</sup> Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Historical Trail Self-Guided Tour, published December 2006.

<sup>3</sup> *The Sonoma Democrat* newspaper, 4 June 1881, page 3, column 3.

<sup>4</sup> *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 1 June 1896, page 1, "The Roll."

<sup>5</sup> *The Sonoma Democrat* newspaper, 5 June 1897, page 1, column 1, "Decoration Day."

<sup>6</sup> The plaque was dedicated 15 September 2001 by members of Sam Brannan Chapter #1004 and Yerba Buena Chapter #1, E Clampus Vitus. The inscription reads as follows: "Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. Established in 1854 with the burial of Thompson Mize on Oliver Beaulieu's property, this cemetery holds the remains of over 5000 citizens hailing from all parts of the United States and various foreign countries. Graves include famous Sonoma County residents, veterans from the War of 1812 through the Korean War, and victims of the 1906 earthquake. The cemetery expanded over the years to its present 17 acres. By the 1930's the cemetery fell into disrepair. Acquired by the city in 1979, the cemetery has been maintained since 1994 by volunteers of the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Restoration Committee."

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fashioned to resemble a traditional stone sculpture, with an obelisk rising from a cube-shaped base. Its height was at least ten feet from base to tip, judging from Buell's sketch.

This "wooden imitation of a monument,"<sup>7</sup> had outlived its purpose by Memorial Day of 1913. The section of the cemetery where the monument had been erected was described as "overgrown with weeds, and situated in an unsuitable part of the cemetery." Shortly after Memorial Day in 1913, an association formed to explore options for the development of a more permanent and better situated G.A.R. Memorial. Known as the Memorial Monument Association of Santa Rosa, the group was composed of representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), the Sons of Veterans (S.V.), the Woman's Relief Corps (W.R.C.), the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (L.G.A.R.), and the United Spanish War Veterans (U.S.W.V.) and their auxiliary. The president of the Association was Mrs. Ida Wagner from Ellsworth Corps #101, W.R.C, wife of Theodore Wagner. The secretary was Frank S. Rhoads. Other original members included Miss Addie Pomeroy (Ellsworth Circle #6, L.G.A.R.), Joseph S. Wilson (Ellsworth Post #20, G.A.R.), Eugene G. Bronson (General Jo Wheeler Camp #12, U.S.W.V.), and George R. Jeffrey (Ellsworth Camp #19, Sons of Veterans<sup>8</sup>).

On July 30, 1913, the Memorial Monument Association received two lots as a donation from the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Association. An additional three lots were received on October 3, 1913 (See Attachment "A" for copies of the deeds). With the necessary land in the cemetery secured, the next step was to plan the design of the Memorial and raise funds for its construction. The initial plan was outlined in 1913 as follows:

It is proposed to erect a proper stone monument and flag pole and also to embellish the lot with old cannon and obsolete cannon balls. Application has been made to the proper authorities for the donation of these articles, which will no doubt be granted.

Heretofore the members of the Grand Army still with us have served as an object lesson to the rising generation, but they will, in the ordinary course of nature, have passed away in a few years, and this monument to those who have served in the wars of the United States in the army and navy, is designed to take their place for all time to come.<sup>9</sup>

### Fundraising and Planning

Funding for the construction of the monument came from various donations and fundraising activities. The first of the fundraisers was an entertainment program given on August 29, 1913 in the G.A.R. Hall in the Sonoma County Courthouse. The program included instrumentals, vocals, readings and recitations performed by local volunteers. The hall was "filled to overflowing" with benefit attendees, and "a neat sum was realized from the entertainment."<sup>10</sup>

The Rose Theatre in Santa Rosa was the site of a number of fundraising events for the Memorial. On December 11, 1914, the United Spanish War Veterans took charge of the theater and presented moving picture shows of "a number of special war scenes," along with other features.<sup>11</sup> A similar fundraiser was held at the Rose Theatre by the Sons of Veterans on February 18, 1914. In that event, the theater presented four films: "A Wartime Reformation"

<sup>7</sup> *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 12 June 1914, page 5, "Plans of the Memorial Assn."

<sup>8</sup> Ellsworth Camp #19, Sons of (Union) Veterans, no longer exists. Its successor, Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, continues to be active in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County.

<sup>9</sup> *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 26 August 1913, page 9, column 4, "Entertainment for the G.A.R. Monument Fund."

<sup>10</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 30 August 1913, page 8, column 3, "Entertainment is a Success."

<sup>11</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 19 November 1913, page 8, column 1, "Vets Will Aid the Movement."

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(released 1914), "Mike and Jake in Society" (released 1913), "His Old Fashioned Dad" (released 1913), and "The Walts Squad" (unknown film). Admission was one dime.<sup>12</sup>

Yet another fundraiser was held at the Rose Theatre on May 13, 1914 by the ladies of Ellsworth Circle, No. 6, L.G.A.R. This particular event was held to generate funds to purchase a flag for the new Memorial. The movies featured that day included "Diplomatic Flo," "For the Freedom of Cuba" and "Love and Politics," which were all newly released films in 1914. A second L.G.A.R. fundraising event was held on February 26, 1915, as part of their relief fund efforts (possibly including the Memorial). Billed as an "old-time entertainment," it was held at the G.A.R. headquarters in Santa Rosa, and included soloists, quartets, recitations, and dialogues. A special treat for the attendees was the appearance of the L.G.A.R. ladies "in costumes in fashion during Civil War days and even earlier." The local newspaper noted that attendance was large, and that the scene of women wearing hoop skirts "proved of much interest to the younger generation."<sup>13</sup>

The members of Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R., stepped into the fundraising with another event at the Rose Theatre on October 28, 1914. Considerable money was raised at that event, thanks to the attention-getting performance of a boys' band in front of the theater entrance which attracted a crowd.<sup>14</sup>

In spite of the many fundraisers given in 1913, 1914 and 1915, the Memorial Monument Association was in debt when the Memorial was dedicated. It would take almost two years from the time of the dedication to fully pay back their outstanding obligations, as the following newspaper account from January 1917 explains:

Through the untiring efforts of the members of the Grand Army, Spanish War Veterans and the Sons of Veterans, and all the auxiliaries, the debt on the memorial monument erected in the local cemetery for the soldiers and sailors of the United States has been cleared.

For over two years every effort has been put forth to clear this plot. Benefits, entertainments and dinners have been given to assist in the work and the last payment has [been] made on it clearing it from any further obligations.

It is located in the Rural cemetery, near the road, and is seen by those passing that way. The monument is surrounded by a stone coping, surmounted with cannon balls. Two cannon stand on the plot, giving a military air to the surroundings.

It is pleasing to the members of these organizations, as well as to the public generally, to know that the plot is now free from debt.<sup>15</sup>

### The 1915 Memorial and Decorative Elements

The area selected to be the site of the 1915 Memorial was located immediately inside and to the southeast of the Franklin Avenue gate at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery (See Figure 1 on page 1). It was deeded by the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Association to the members of the Santa Rosa Memorial Monument Association in two parts, and consisted of Lots 177, 178, 179, 180 and 181 in the West Half Circle as surveyed and platted by civil engineer/surveyor William A. Eliason in 1860.<sup>16</sup> An additional four adjoining lots, plus portions of two others, were deeded

<sup>12</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 18 February 1914, page 8, column 3, "Benefit at the Rose Theatre."

<sup>13</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 28 February 1915, page 3, column 1, "Ladies of the G.A.R. are Hostesses."

<sup>14</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 30 October 1914, page 3, column 2, "Monument Fund is Helped by Benefit."

<sup>15</sup> The *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 12 January 1917, page 8, column 2, "Debt Cleared for Memorial."

<sup>16</sup> The first deed was executed 30 July 1913 and recorded at the request of Theodore Wagner in Sonoma County Deeds vol. 312, pg. 297, on 1 August 1913. Grantees (all members of the Santa Rosa Memorial Monument Association) were Joseph S. Wilson of Ellsworth Post, GAR; Eugene G. Bronson of Joe Wheeler Camp, USWV; George R. Jeffrey of Ellsworth "Post," No. 20 [sic], SV; Miss Addie Pomeroy of Ellsworth Circle, No. 6, LGAR;

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to the veterans in 1924.<sup>17</sup> For more details on the 1924 transaction, refer to the section on "Post-1915 Modifications to the Memorial" elsewhere in this document. Copies of all three deeds are included in Attachment "A."

The site of the planned Memorial was located on the edge of a hill, sloping gently toward Franklin Avenue. In order to prepare the site for the installation of the decorative elements, the slope had to be leveled with earth fill. A concrete retaining wall was constructed along the Franklin Avenue frontage to support the terrace. The contract for the concrete work was let to Santa Rosa mason John D. Sullivan. Earth fill was provided by the Santa Rosa Street Commissioner. The final configuration of the curbed area, including the retaining wall, was in the form of an isosceles triangle, with the base of the triangle (front of the Memorial) facing northward in a gentle convex arc. On the eastern side of the triangle, the concrete work consisted of a simple coping extending a few inches above ground level. On the west, the concrete work formed a retaining wall up to several feet in height. Access onto the terraced area was by walkway entrances at the front and east sides. The grading and concrete work was completed in early 1914 at a total cost of \$209.<sup>18</sup>

When completed, the curbing encircled an area of about 1,550 ft<sup>2</sup>. Various decorative elements were added to the enclosed area in 1914 and early 1915, including a collection of about one hundred and eighty (180) solid-shot cannon balls, a garrison-style flagpole, two Spanish-American War era artillery pieces, and a granite obelisk. The obelisk was (and continues to be) the central and primary decorative element in the Memorial. Figure 2 on page 2 depicts the layout of the Memorial and associated elements, noting the locations of those elements which have been added or removed since 1915. The following sections discuss each of these decorative elements and their history.

### Eight-Inch (68-pounder) Solid Shot Cannon Balls

One of the first decorative elements to be added to the Memorial was a collection of approximately one hundred and eighty (180) cannon balls. Most were mounted on top of the concrete curb/coping that defined the boundary of the plot. One hundred and nineteen were installed on the coping. In addition, a single cannon ball was mounted atop each of the four low entrance pillars leading into the plot.

Efforts to secure obsolete cannon and cannon balls for display in the Memorial began sometime prior to August 26, 1913. An article in a local newspaper noted that an "application has been made to the proper authorities for the donation of these articles which will no doubt be granted."<sup>19</sup> The man spearheading the applications was former U.S. Surveyor-General Theodore F. C. Wagner of Santa Rosa. Wagner was a retired lawyer who had previously been Justice of the Peace in Glen Ellen. He was a G.A.R. man and former Commander of Lookout Mountain Post, No. 88, G.A.R., in Berkeley.<sup>20</sup> Wagner had successfully secured a siege howitzer for display as a memorial at Glen Ellen in 1905, so he was already familiar with the process of

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and Mrs. Ida Wagner of Ellsworth WRC, No. 101. The second deed was executed 3 October 1913 (same grantors/grantees). It was recorded in Sonoma County Deeds vol. 312, page 456.

<sup>17</sup> From the *Press Democrat*, 4 May 1924, page 4, column 3, "G.A.R. Planning Memorial Day Program Here": "The Rural Cemetery Association of which Mrs. F. C. Newman is the president, having donated a piece of land consisting of six lots adjoining the G.A.R. plot to the Veterans, a vote of thanks was extended and John Dougherty directed to convey them to Mrs. Newman."

<sup>18</sup> *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 12 June 1914, page 2, column 2, "Plans of the Memorial Assn."

<sup>19</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 26 August 1913, page 3, column 1, "G.A.R. Monument Entertainment."

<sup>20</sup> Harper, Franklin, editor, 1913, *Who's Who on the Pacific Coast*. Harper Publishing Co.

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making such requests from the War Department. Aiding Wagner with his request were U.S. Senator George Clement Perkins and U.S. Congressman William Kent.

With the aid of the senator and congressman, Wagner was able to initially procure a collection of one hundred and twenty obsolete cannon balls from the Benicia Arsenal. In a letter dated August 26, 1913, Acting Chief of Ordnance John T. Thompson responded with the following description of the order to Senator Perkins:

Answering your letter of this date (O. O. 38624-7824), inclosing one received by you from Hon. Theo. Wagner of Santa Rosa, California, it gives me pleasure to inform you that the Commanding Officer of the Benicia Arsenal, Benicia, California, has this day been instructed to turn over to Mr. Wagner, or on his order, for the City of Santa Rosa, 120 obsolete 8-inch cast-iron shell, and to communicate with him in regard to route of shipment, payment of transportation charges, etc., and inform him that, under the law, the United States must not be at no expense [sic] in connection with this donation.<sup>21</sup>

The 8-inch diameter solid-shot cannon balls (68-pounders) described above would have been relics from the time of the Civil War or before, of the type used at Fort Point and Alcatraz as early as 1855.<sup>22</sup> The cannon balls were most likely meant for use in the 8-inch Columbiads or similar artillery pieces installed at these coastal defense points. They had been stockpiled at the Benicia Arsenal, because it was munitions depot for the local coastal defense batteries.

The shipment of cannon balls weighed approximately four tons, so transportation from Benicia to Santa Rosa would not have been simple. It would also have been expensive. The dilemma was resolved when the Southern Pacific Company agreed to ship the items to Santa Rosa free of charge, thanks in large part to the efforts of Santa Rosa attorney (and former U.S. Representative) Thomas J. Geary. The arrangements for the shipment were summarized in the following letter:

San Francisco Cal.

October 7, 1913

General Theodore Wagner, 417 Orchard St., Santa Rosa, Cal.

Dear Sir - Replying to your favor of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to granting of free rate on 120 8-inch cast iron shells from Benicia to Santa Rosa for account of Ellsworth Post of G.A.R. and various patriotic associations of your city:

Take pleasure in advising that we have arranged for publication of free rate covering the movement of these shells and we will advise you at an early date, when this free rate will become effective.  
Yours truly, C. J. Jones<sup>23</sup>

By mid-1914, an additional sixty cannon balls had been added to the original order, bringing the total shipment to one hundred and eighty. Photos from the time of the dedication of the Memorial in 1915 suggest that the supplemental cannon balls varied in size, with some being less than eight inches in diameter. The shipment was made from Benicia to Santa Rosa by rail. From the Santa Rosa depot, the cannon balls were delivered to the site of the Memorial by Lee Brothers Van & Storage of Santa Rosa (now Shultz Brothers Van & Storage).<sup>24</sup>

<sup>21</sup> Part of a series of letters to Hon. Theodore Wagner which were reprinted in full in the *Press Democrat* newspaper, 4 September 1913, page 9, column 1. This particular letter was dated 26 August 1913, and was sent to Senator George C. Perkins by Lt. Col. John T. Thompson, Acting Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D.C.

<sup>22</sup> National Park Service Website, Golden Gate National Park: American "Third System" Period, 1850-1884.

<sup>23</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 10 October 1913, page 2, column 1, "The S. P. Gives G.A.R. Donation."

<sup>24</sup> *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 12 June 1914, page 2, column 2, "Plans of the Memorial Assn."

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In addition to the one hundred and twenty-three cannon balls mounted on the coping and entry pillars, two stacks of four cannon balls were placed immediately inside the east entrance to the plot and a pyramidal stack of thirty was placed near the south end of the plot alongside the flagpole. The arrangement of these items appears in photographs from 1915. By 1920, an additional sixteen cannon balls had been mounted to a new square concrete slab surrounding the base of the granite obelisk, bringing the total number of cannon balls on display in the plot to one hundred and seventy-seven. The remaining three cannon balls were probably kept in reserve.

#### Garrison-style Flagpole and Flag

A flagpole was envisioned to be a part of the Memorial in the earliest planning stages of the project. In the flowery words of the day, it was noted that "within the grassy enclosure a flag pole will be raised, where the noble ensign for which they fought will wave above them resting under the dew-betared sod."<sup>25</sup>

The flagpole was placed at the southern corner of the triangular Memorial plot shortly after grading had been completed in 1914. It had been donated to the G.A.R. by Pacific Gas & Electric Company in October of 1913,<sup>26</sup> and was delivered to the Rural Cemetery by Lee Brothers Van & Storage (the same company that delivered the cannon balls).

The pole measured forty feet in length, and included a smaller diameter extension pole mounted at the top to accommodate a garrison-style (20 ft. by 38 ft.) United States flag. The extension pole was donated by a Mr. Berka.<sup>27</sup> The extension was approximately fifteen feet in length, and secured to the top of the P.G.& E. pole with three metal shackles. The pole assembly was installed "with spade, derrick and brawn" on Sunday, March 15, 1914, by a group of volunteers from the Sons of (Union) Veterans, United Spanish War Veterans, and the Grand Army of the Republic.<sup>28</sup>

Not long after the flagpole had been installed, fundraising benefits were launched to secure money for the purchase of a flag. These efforts were led by Ellsworth Circle, No. 6, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (L.G.A.R.), based in Santa Rosa. The hand-made flag was delivered to the Memorial Monument Committee at a meeting in the old courthouse (G.A.R. headquarters) on the evening of May 19, 1914. At least sixty members of the L.G.A.R. and G.A.R. were in attendance. Mary A. Wright, President of Ellsworth Circle, made the presentation. Receiving the donation on behalf of the Memorial Monument Committee was Ida (Mrs. Theodore) Wagner, chairperson of the committee.

The flag donated by the L.G.A.R appears to have been somewhat smaller than what was originally planned. In photos taken at the time of the 1915 dedication ceremony, the flag flying on the pole appears to be about half the size of a standard garrison flag. The dimensions appear to be more in keeping with a post-style flag (10 feet by 20 feet). The decision to fly a smaller flag may have been a matter of economy.

<sup>25</sup> The *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 6 August 1913, page 8, column 2, "Monuments for Heroes."

<sup>26</sup> The *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 21 October 1913, page 3, column 3, "P.G.& E. Co. Gives the G.A.R. Flag Pole."

<sup>27</sup> Probably local lumber dealer Frank Berka, a native of Austria, who appears in the 1910 census in Santa Rosa.

<sup>28</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 17 March 1914, page 8, column 2.

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Maxim-Nordenfelt 1-pounder QF Guns

Original plans for the Memorial called for the mounting of two Civil War era cannon. A request for decorative artillery of this type was placed by Theodore Wagner at the same time that he requested the cannon balls. With the help of U.S. Senator George C. Perkins and U.S. Representative William Kent, the matter was directed to the War Department for consideration. The request for the cannon balls was fulfilled, but the request for obsolete cannon to adorn the plot met with complications. The setback was explained in a letter, dated 26 August 1913, from Lt. Col. John T. Thompson (Acting Chief of Ordnance at the War Department) to Senator Perkins<sup>29</sup>:

There are no obsolete cannon available for donation, the supply of old iron guns being exhausted. Bronze or brass cannon, having a value as old metal, are not given away, except in pursuance of a special Act of Congress in each case. In the Act approved March 4, 1909, authorizing the donation of a number of obsolete bronze cannon, Congress declared its intention not to give away any more of these guns, but authorized their sale "for public parks, public buildings, and soldiers monuments purposes" at prices to be fixed by the Chief of Ordnance. The accompanying memorandum gives a list of the obsolete bronze guns which this Department has available for sale under the legislation mentioned, together with the prices fixed thereon, which are approximately the value of the guns as old metal.

In June of 1914, developments at the Memorial were well underway, but the decorative artillery pieces had not yet been delivered. Congressman Kent was actively pursuing the matter at the time, and a local newspaper account made it clear that the donation of the guns by the War Department was assured.<sup>30</sup> The donation of the cannons had been approved by the U.S. House of Representatives (63rd Congress) in House bill HR 8143, introduced by Congressman Kent on September 13, 1913. The War Department's offer of "bronze or brass cannon" was ultimately accepted, although the fee was apparently waived under the authority of the Act of Congress (see Attachment "B").

The guns had presumably arrived by September 1, 1914, when the final design for the Memorial was approved at a meeting of the Memorial Monument Committee. G.A.R. members Charles Gillett and John L. Gagne reported in favor of letting a contract to Charles H. Holmes<sup>31</sup> for the mounting of the two cannon in the plot. The secretary of the committee was authorized to enter into a contract with Holmes to complete the job for \$20 or less.<sup>32</sup>

The two guns were the same model, but differed slightly in the style of their mounts and accessories. Both were Maxim-Nordenfelt one-pounder (37 mm) quick-fire cannons. They were commonly known as "pom-pom" guns, due to the sound made as they fired. Considered obsolete by 1914, they were an adaptation of the machine gun patented by Hiram Maxim in the late 1880's, and were used by the U.S. Navy at the time of the Spanish-American War. Similar weapons were adapted for land use in the Second Boer War in South Africa, where they were generally known as Vickers-Maxim guns. The U.S. Navy used them primarily as anti-torpedo boat defenses. Each gun weighed approximately 400 pounds, not including the mount.

<sup>29</sup> Part of a series of letters to Hon. Theodore Wagner which were reprinted in full in the *Press Democrat* newspaper, 4 September 1913, page 9, column 1. This particular letter was dated 26 August 1913, and was sent to Senator George C. Perkins by Lt. Col. John T. Thompson, Acting Chief of Ordnance, War Department, Washington, D.C.

<sup>30</sup> The *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 12 June 1914, page 5, column 3: "Through the efforts of our Congressman, Hon. William Kent, the association is assured of the donation of two cannon to further embellish the plot in the cemetery."

<sup>31</sup> Charles H. Holmes, Jr., was town Marshal in Santa Rosa in the late 1890's and early 1900's. He was a member of the U.S.W.V., having served in the Spanish-American War as a lieutenant in the 8th Calif. Infantry.

<sup>32</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 3 September 1914, page 8, column 3, "G.A.R. Monument to be Erected."

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The gun mounted at the northwest corner of the Memorial included a cone mount base for mounting on a ship's deck. A flak shield was also mounted on it. The gun placed at the northeast corner of the plot did not have the cone mount base, which is why a higher concrete pedestal was constructed to accommodate it. No flak shield was installed on it. Both guns were fastened to the concrete pedestals by circular arrays of steel bolts protruding from the concrete. Twelve bolts were used to mount the northwest gun. Eight bolts were used to mount the northeast gun. Both mounts allowed the guns to pivot horizontally, and elevation screws (each with a slightly different design) could raise and lower the breech of each gun. Although the guns could be pointed in different directions, the traditional position would have been pointing outward (northward) in "defense" of the monument.

### Granite Monument (Obelisk)

The centerpiece of the Memorial was (and continues to be) a large obelisk made of light gray granite.<sup>33</sup> It replaced a wooden obelisk that once stood about 33 feet north of the front entrance to the Memorial (near where the cemetery dedication plaque stands today). Like the earlier obelisk, the one dedicated in 1915 was referred to as the "Monument to the Unknown Dead," although the dedicatory text on the obelisk does not specify that.

The granite obelisk was the most expensive decorative element in the Memorial. Fundraising for its creation began in 1913 with the establishment of the "G.A.R. Permanent Monument Fund" by the Santa Rosa Memorial Monument Association. Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R. contributed \$25 from its meager treasury toward the cause.<sup>34</sup> Various fundraising events, as described previously, continued through 1915.

A "suitable design" for the granite monument was generally agreed upon by the Memorial Monument Association in June 1914, but the final adoption of the design did not occur until the Association's meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 1914.<sup>35</sup> At that meeting, the president and secretary authorized the letting of a contract to Kinslow Brothers Granite and Marble Works of Santa Rosa<sup>36</sup> for its creation. Total cost was \$462, to be paid by the Association. This amount was over double the amount of funds the Association had in its treasury, making it necessary for the Association to beef up fundraising efforts in the ensuing months. The work was apparently on a pay-as-you-go basis, as a newspaper report in October 1914 indicated that Kinslow Brothers had temporarily halted work on the project.<sup>37</sup> Additional funds generated from benefit activities caused work to resume in November 1914. The funding issues appear to have been resolved at that point, as no further mention is made of it in the newspapers. The fabrication and installation was completed in time for the dedication of the Memorial on May 31, 1915.

The obelisk assembly consists of three pieces. The foundation stone, which is partially embedded in a 84" x 84" concrete slab (poured after the foundation stone was set in place), measures 46" by 46". About 12 inches of the foundation stone protrudes vertically from the concrete slab. Resting on the foundation is a pedestal block measuring 36" by 36" by 14", which supports the top column (obelisk). Total height of the monument from the surface of the surrounding concrete slab to the tip of the obelisk is 107 inches.

<sup>33</sup> The GPS coordinates for the granite monument are as follows: Latitude N 38.45552°, Longitude: W 122.70430° (NAD27, ± 25 ft.). Data collected by Dean Enderlin, 2008.

<sup>34</sup> The *Santa Rosa Republican* newspaper, 12 June 1914, page 5, "Plans of the Memorial Assn."

<sup>35</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 3 September 1914, page 8, column 3, "G.A.R. Monument to be Erected."

<sup>36</sup> According to the Polk-Husted Directory of Santa Rosa (1911), J. F. and J. C. Kinslow ran their business in Santa Rosa at 202 Fourth Street (corner at Davis Street, near Railroad Square).

<sup>37</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 30 October 1914, page 3, column 2, "Monument Fund is Helped by Benefit."

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Dedicatory bronze plaques are mounted on the north and south faces of the obelisk. Each measures 22 inches in height by 17 inches in width. Text on the north-facing bronze plaque reads as follows:

TO THE MEMORY  
OF THE G.A.R.  
ALL SOLDIERS,  
SAILORS AND MARINES,  
WHO SERVED IN THE  
WARS OF THE U.S.A.

Dedicatory text on the south-facing bronze plaque gives credit to the fraternal orders that comprised the Santa Rosa Memorial Monument Association. The text reads as follows:

ERECTED BY  
ELLSWORTH P.No. 20, G.A.R.  
ELLSWORTH W.R.C. No. 101  
ELLSWORTH C.L.G.A.R. No. 6  
ELLSWORTH, C. No. 19, S.of V.  
Jo. WHEELER C. No. 12, U.S.W.V.  
M. E. GEDNEY, No. 22, U.S.W.V.  
PATRIOTIC CITIZENS OF S.R.

Due to space limitations, abbreviations of the organization names were used on the plaque, making the information somewhat cryptic to read. The full names of the above organizations are as follows:

Ellsworth Post No. 20, Grand Army of the Republic  
Ellsworth Woman's Relief Corps, No. 101  
Ellsworth Circle, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, No. 6  
Ellsworth Camp, No.19, Sons of Veterans<sup>38</sup>  
General Joseph Wheeler Camp, No. 12, United Spanish War Veterans  
Mary E. Gedney Auxiliary, No. 22, United Spanish War Veterans  
Patriotic Citizens of Santa Rosa

### The 1915 Dedication Ceremony

Memorial Day was traditionally observed nationwide on May 30th,<sup>39</sup> and the Sunday beforehand was observed by the Grand Army of the Republic at a Memorial Service at church. In the case of Ellsworth Post, No. 20, and its Allied Orders, the Sunday observance in 1915 was performed at the Methodist Episcopal Church on Fourth Street. Because Memorial Day fell on a Sunday that year, the church ceremony and usual observance and decorating of the graves at the cemetery were in conflict. Desiring to dedicate their new Memorial on a day other than Sunday, the Santa Rosa Memorial Monument Association chose to postpone the cemetery observance and perform the dedication on Monday, May 31, 1915.

The May 31 event began at 1:00 p.m. in front of the G.A.R. headquarters at the old Santa Rosa courthouse (now Old Courthouse Square). There, a parade assembled on Hinton Avenue and marched to the cemetery. Leading the procession was the Santa Rosa band. The band was followed by members of Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, California National Guard (based in Santa Rosa), in full dress uniform and armed with carbines and side arms. Leading the company was

<sup>38</sup> The Sons of Veterans (SV) are now known as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). The name was changed in 1925.

<sup>39</sup> The date was changed to create a 3-day weekend in the National Holiday Act of 1971.

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Capt. Hilliard Comstock.<sup>40</sup> Following Co. E in the procession were the G.A.R. veterans "with banners flying"<sup>41</sup> accompanied by three ladies representing "the three auxiliary bodies" (Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans). Next in the procession were the United Spanish War Veterans, followed by the Sons of (Union) Veterans. Children carrying flags completed the marching procession. Following the marchers was a line of automobiles and wagons carrying other community and auxiliary members. Santa Rosa Mayor Charles E. Lee drove an auto with Superior Court Judge Richard F. Crawford (a Civil War veteran) as his passenger. Other autos carried the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and numerous citizens including the speaker of the day, Civil War veteran Charles E. Wingate.<sup>42</sup>

Upon arriving at the cemetery, the crowd gathered around the monument, where a platform had been erected to accommodate the speakers. Several large awnings were set up on the hillside east of the plot, and limited seating was made available for some of the guests. Many others stood around the plot, while curious passers-by in autos and wagons lined Franklin Avenue to see what was going on. Ellsworth G.A.R. Post Commander William King opened the ceremony, and after a few brief words, introduced Mayor Lee as president of the day. The mayor presented a short speech paying tribute to the veterans who fought in the wars of the United States. He was followed by Rev. C. S. Price of the Congregational Church, who gave the invocation.

Next, came the unveiling of the monument which was done with considerable fanfare. Prior to the ceremony, the obelisk had been shrouded by a U.S. flag topped with a papier mâché eagle grasping the flag in its talons. The eagle and flag were suspended by a cord and pulley system, which could raise the shroud by pulling on the cord from an inconspicuous location. The unveiling was officiated by George R. Jeffrey, Senior Vice-Commander of Ellsworth Camp, No. 19, Sons of (Union) Veterans and a member of the Memorial Monument Association. He was assisted by U.S.W.V. member Charles H. Holmes. On Jeffrey's signal, Holmes pulled the cord which raised the eagle and flag to reveal the obelisk. A newspaper article offers a detailed account of the moment:

As the eagle was raised it carried the flag and uncovered the beautiful marble [sic] shaft and showed the bronze tablets bearing their inscriptions. As the flag cleared the shaft the band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner" and the audience arose with bared heads to stand until it was completed.<sup>43</sup>

As a part of the unveiling ceremony, George Jeffrey delivered a poem and a speech, which were printed in full in the local newspapers. A full transcription follows:

As the monument we have here builded is chiefly to "the boys of '61," I wish as a prelude to my remarks to read for you a few verses which I wrote for an occasion of this kind some seventeen years ago, entitled

The Boys of '61

<sup>40</sup> James Hilliard Comstock (1891-1967) was captain of Co. E in 1915. He was promoted to the rank of major in World War I, and commissioned lieutenant-colonel in the Officers Reserve Corps post-war. He later became a Superior Court judge in Sonoma County.

<sup>41</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 1 June 1915, page 2, column 1, "Unveiling of Monument Feature of Memorial Day."

<sup>42</sup> Charles Edmund Wingate served in the 3rd U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps during the Civil War, according to the Santa Rosa roster of 1919. He was a member of Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R., in Santa Rosa.

<sup>43</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 1 June 1915, page 2, column 1, "Unveiling of Monument Feature of Memorial Day."

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We have gathered here today, friends, as may bid us all adieu,  
To pay tribute to our soldiers, who fought so brave and true.  
There was noble son and father, husband, brother and friend,  
But home ties were naught to them with Old Glory to defend  
When our country called for men true, unflinching in the strife,  
They left home, father, mother, brother, sister, sweetheart, wife.

Bravely they marched forth, enduring hardships all untold;  
They were fighting for their country, for a just cause, not for gold.  
Often waked at midnight's hour to march onward in the fray,  
Knew no rest, but fought on bravely, through the night and also day.  
Each his life each hour was offering to his country then in need.  
Each upon a holy mission til his fellow men were freed.

Asking God to guide his actions in the battle's awful roar,  
If it was His will to spare him till the cruel strife was o'er.  
But many fell and many perished on that awful field of strife,  
Giving all unto his country, halting not e'en for his life.  
To the memory of those brave men let us now an honor do,  
Praying God to bless those living as the graves with flowers we strew.

We are here today to dedicate a memorial to our country's patriots. We have come to enliven this cold granite with the overflowing love of our hearts; we have inscribed it with a message to future generations that they, seeing our love and reverence for their brave forefathers, may halt temporarily in the selfish pursuits of life, and on memory's wall picture those brave boys in blue who unflinchingly did their duty through long days and nights that their nation, our nation, might live.

We would have them realize that these men really lived, really died, for a high and noble purpose. That these men sacrificed health and life that we and they, their descendants, might enjoy freedom's blessing; that the government under the Stars and Stripes might live and grow and become a blessing to all mankind, regardless of his station in life.

We would have them set aside one day each year to come here, as we have come today, to pay honor to our nation's heroes, the boys of '61, to the boys of '98, to all men who, when our country called, answered "Here," and did his very best to advance a just cause, regardless of cost to himself.

Those of us who have studied these men's lives have learned many lessons – charity, one for another, comradeship, equality in its broadest sense; but above all, have we learned to prize honorable peace. Let those who will[,] wrangle and combat each other across earth works with bellowing cannon. We rest secure in a solid government made possible by the earnest, persistent efforts of the men to whom we build this monument.

This monument is made possible by the joint efforts of the patriotic societies of Santa Rosa, aided loyally by you, our friends. We wish here and now to express our sincere thanks to all who have assisted in making this monument a reality.

And now, as Old Glory lifts and reveals to our view this memorial, in the name of the various patriotic societies of Santa Rosa, and by the grace of God, I hereby dedicate this grand token, with all our love and reverence to the sacred memory of our country's heroes.

The unveiling ceremony was followed by a recital of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, delivered by Professor DeWitt Montgomery (principal of Santa Rosa High School). Corydon A. Patrick, Adjutant of Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R., followed with the roll call of the soldier dead. Next in order was Charles E. Wingate, speaker of the day, who delivered a lengthy speech about the meaning of the monument with its "four sides to the winds of heaven" and their ties to the theological virtues of faith, hope and love.

The ceremony concluded with the members of the Company E rifle squad, led by Hilliard Comstock, firing a salute over the Memorial (see Attachment "D" for a photo of this scene), followed by the band playing "America." The traditional decorating of the graves ended the activities for the day.

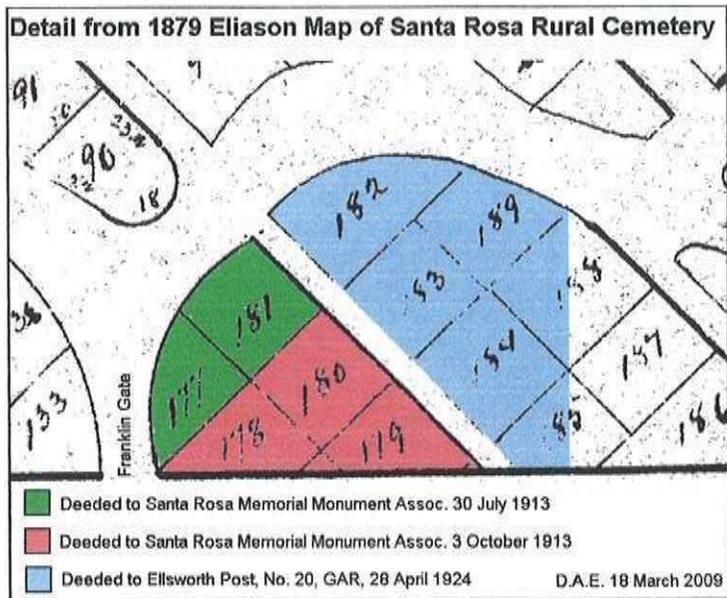
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### Post-1915 Modifications to the Memorial

In the years that followed the dedication of the Memorial in 1915, several significant additions and subtractions to the decorative elements were made. First, a concrete slab was poured around the base of the granite obelisk sometime prior to December 1920. An array of sixteen cannon balls – arranged in a square pattern on top of the slab – was added at this time. The concrete slab was repoured and made thicker sometime after 1942.

On Memorial Day 1924, a memorial tree was planted a short distance from the main Memorial (outside the coping and about 15 feet east of the original garrison flagpole). The species of the tree is not known, but judging from nearby volunteer trees, it may have been a variety of Catalpa. It was planted in Lot 184 of the West Half Circle of the cemetery, which had

been deeded to Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R. on April 28, 1924 (See map next page, also the deed in Attachment "A"). First mention of the tree appears in early May of 1924, when Santa Rosa's Ellsworth Woman's Relief Corps, No. 101, noted in their meeting minutes that "a tree will be planted and decorated at the cemetery" on May 30.<sup>44</sup> The plans for the planting of the tree were again mentioned in mid-May when it was announced that the "members of the Woman's Relief Corps will dedicate a tree and marker to the memory of the unknown dead of the Civil War" at the Memorial Day observance.<sup>45</sup>



The ceremony took place as planned on Memorial Day 1924. According to newspaper reports, Mayor Charles O. Dunbar officiated. A dark gray granite tablet – measuring 26 in. wide by 14 inches high – was set in the ground near the tree. The tablet contains the following inscription:

THIS TREE  
DEDICATED TO THE G.A.R.  
BY THE W.R.C.  
MAY 30, 1924

The tree dedication followed the traditional gathering at nearby Veterans Park (formerly Argyle Park). Upon conclusion of the program at the park, the group proceeded to the cemetery to "conduct the ritualistic exercises at the soldiers' plot, and take part in the dedication of a tree to the memory of the 'unknown dead' by the Woman's Relief Corps."<sup>46</sup> A firing squad, commanded

<sup>44</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 10 May 1924, page 8, column 1, "Ellsworth W.R.C. to Hold Special Service."

<sup>45</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 16 May 1924, page 3, column 5, "Memorial Day Program Fixed."

<sup>46</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 30 May 1924, page 1, column 5, "Veterans' Park To Be Scene of Services Today."

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by Charles H. Holmes and composed of members of the American Legion and Spanish War Veterans, also took part in the cemetery observance.

Major alterations to the 1915 Memorial took place in World War II. Like so many public monuments containing much-needed strategic metals, the 1915 Memorial – with its iron cannon balls and brass guns – came under scrutiny during the scrap metal drives early in the war. Various community organizations, including the Santa Rosa 20-30 Club, Native Sons of the Golden West, Odd Fellows, and American Legion, launched aggressive scrap drives throughout town in 1942. At first, the drives focused on unused metal, but as the frenzy to aid the war effort gained momentum, more valuable pieces of community history were collected. A Santa Rosa newspaper echoed the public sentiment in an editorial in September 1942:

And what about that big gun on the corner of the courthouse plaza? What about that old cannon on the sidewalk in upper Fourth street? There is some excellent metal to shoot at Hitler and Togo.

We don't need those old guns now. We shall be able to get all the old cannon we want after the war is over. Let's send those old pieces back to Germany in the form of modern bombs. We can't use those kinds of guns at present. As one enthusiastic Native [Son] put it, "We need guns that will shoot... shoot like hell!"<sup>47</sup>

By early October, the "old cannon" on Fourth Street in Santa Rosa had been collected. It was an iron artillery piece of unknown origin, which "stood for years in front of the Mailer-Frey Hardware store, a familiar landmark to thousands."<sup>48</sup> Next to fall to the scrap heaps was the American Legion's large WW-I era artillery piece, which stood on the northwest corner of the old courthouse grounds. It was the central feature for ceremonies on Armistice Day and Memorial Day for many years. The gun was dismantled and hauled away by the members of Santa Rosa's Theodore Roosevelt Post 21, American Legion, on October 4, 1942.<sup>49</sup> In spite of the thorough press coverage of the scrapping of the well-known artillery pieces in downtown Santa Rosa, nothing appears to have been mentioned in the news about the loss of the metal display elements in the 1915 Memorial. Anecdotal information on the fate of the Maxim-Nordenfelt guns and 8-inch cannon balls is found in an article by Bob Voliva, published in *The Cemeterian* newsletter in 1999. Recalling an interview with local gun enthusiast, Ed Coughlan, Voliva wrote:

He was very familiar with the cemetery and the G.A.R. Monument. He told me there had been three guns in place, with a center flagpole and cannonballs along the perimeter wall. In 1942, a major scrap drive took place in Sonoma County, its goal to obtain scrap metal for the war effort. Ed said it was like a frenzy: kids scouting for any scrap metal, women donating spare aluminum and steel pots and pans, to the point of one gentleman from Sebastopol driving a mid-1920's Franklin automobile up to and onto the scrap pile, leaving the keys and taking the train home. The guns, cannonballs, and even the flagpole fell to this war cause. The Sonoma County Courthouse also lost its cannon in the same drive.<sup>50</sup>

The third gun mentioned in the above account is not recorded in the 1913 Congressional Record as having been donated to Santa Rosa. It was not a part of the Memorial in 1915, and

<sup>47</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 13 September 1942, page 16, column 1, "A Chance for Everyone to Help Win War!"

<sup>48</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 7 October 1942, page 3, column 5, "Old Mailer Cannon Goes – Native Sons Adding to Scrap Pile Here."

<sup>49</sup> The *Press Democrat* newspaper, 4 October 1942, page 1, column 5, "Legion to Scrap Memorial Cannon At Courthouse."

<sup>50</sup> Voliva, Bob, 1999, "A Mystery is Solved" in *The Cemeterian*, newsletter of the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Restoration Committee, July 1999 issue, page 3.

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there is also no photographic record of it in later years. It is possible the third gun was attached to an unidentified concrete pedestal which still stands at the south corner of the G.A.R. plot (just south of the spot where the garrison-style flagpole once stood). The concrete assembly consists of two parts: A cylindrical base measuring approximately 30 inches in diameter and projecting about 7" above the ground, surmounted by a cylindrical top piece 19.5" in diameter and 12" in height. This pedestal would have been installed after December 1920.

The antique cannon balls which decorated the coping, entry step pillars, base of the obelisk, and several other points within the 1915 Memorial were all removed from their mountings in 1942, leaving the display in an unsightly condition. To remedy this situation, an effort to refurbish the Memorial and restore portions of it to near-original condition was made by the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Restoration Committee in the spring of 1998. Planning for the project had begun in 1997, during which time local historian Ray Owen corresponded with various agencies to determine the availability of replacement ordnance.<sup>51</sup> After several unsuccessful attempts to secure replacement cannon balls, the Restoration Committee directed its attention to procuring reproductions. A series of one hundred and nineteen 7-inch diameter cast concrete cannon ball replicas (blackened and painted to resemble the original solid iron shot) was produced. They were installed in the spring of 1998, in the original sockets left in the coping from the originals. The reproductions were modeled after solid shot (42-pounders) used in Model 1841 seacoast defense guns.<sup>52</sup> They are slightly smaller than the 8-inch (68-pounder) solid shot that originally decorated the coping. Costs for the project were offset by a public fundraising program, in which individual cannon balls could be sponsored at a cost of \$30.<sup>53</sup> The manufacturer was Sousa Precast, located in Cotati, Sonoma County. The cannon ball replacement – combined with a cleaning of the granite obelisk – was accomplished in time for the Memorial Day observance on May 25, 1998. On that day, a crowd of over two hundred gathered at the cemetery for a re-dedication event. Details of the event were recounted in *The Cemeterian* newsletter:

Opening the ceremony, Bill Montgomery told something of the history of the cemetery and the G.A.R. monument, then introduced Brent Stromgren, who took the role of Mayor C. E. Lee of 1915. Other dignitaries were today's mayor, Sharon Wright, who rededicated the monument, and Abraham Lincoln played by Don Walton, who recited the Gettysburg Address.

Civil War era music was provided by the Jubilee Singers of First United Methodist Church under the direction of Darlene Garza. The Sons of Union Veterans, E. Ellsworth Camp #23 provided the rifle volley in memory of the veterans; and Ian Riggie ended the ceremony with the always moving Taps.<sup>54</sup>

<sup>51</sup> In a letter dated 22 July 1997, from Ray Owen to Deputy Recreation and Parks Director Bill Montgomery, Owen noted that he had contacted numerous agencies for information on acquiring replacement ordnance for the memorial. Among those contacted were Greg Weishohn of Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, Frank Jardin of the Center for Military History (Washington, D.C.), Hollis Thompson of the California State Agency for Surplus Property, Ed Wolverton of the U.S. Army Arsenal, Steve Haller of the National Park Service at San Francisco, and John Martini of the National Park Service at San Francisco. Representative Lynn C. Woolsey also assisted.

<sup>52</sup> Ray Owen, personal communication, 2008. At the time the replicas were to be cast, it was thought that the original cannon balls were 7-inch diameter. On this basis, the replicas were modeled after solid shot that would have been used in Model 1841 coastal artillery pieces. Expert consultation was provided by Dr. Cary (Curator of the Naval Historical Center in Washington, D.C.), and John Martini (Curator of the National Park Service Presidio at San Francisco).

<sup>53</sup> Charles L. Christian, 2009, personal communication. Charles noted that he sponsored one cannon ball, and that another was sponsored by Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, SUVCW.

<sup>54</sup> "Honor to War Dead" (article) in *The Cemeterian*, Vol. 5, No. 3 (July 1998), newsletter published by the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Restoration Committee.

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The style and placement of the flagpole in the Memorial has also changed through the years. The original garrison-style flagpole (a converted utility pole) stood near the south corner of the triangular plot. It was most likely treated Douglas fir, which was in common use at the time. Being made of wood, the pole had a limited life. It was reportedly taken down during the scrap metal drives in 1942 (perhaps to recover the metal shackles that secured the pole extension). After the war, a modern replacement was erected between the obelisk and the east gun pedestal near the northeast corner of the plot. It was gray in color, and constructed of 3" O.D. steel pipe reduced to a smaller diameter mid-way up the pole. Total height was approximately 16 feet. The pipe was secured in the ground by a 19 inch diameter concrete foundation tube, which lay flush with ground level.

This post-war flagpole was removed in March 2009, and a replacement concrete foundation has since been erected at the same spot. The new foundation is formed to resemble the stepped base of the nearby granite obelisk. It consists of a lower square tier (30" x 30") surmounted by an 18" x 18" upper tier. Overall height is about 17" above ground. Cast into the center of the upper tier is a vertical steel ground set sleeve with two 2" x 4" steel flanges extending upwards from the sleeve top. The sleeve and flanges are designed to accommodate the base of a 5" x 5" flagpole (see photographs in Attachment "E"). Installation of the new foundation was done by Merritt Eakle and Claude Tauesser of the City of Santa Rosa's Special Projects Crew, under the direction of Rich Hovden, Superintendent (Bill Montgomery, April 2009 personal communication).

A replacement antique flagpole was acquired by the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee in late 2008, and is currently being restored by committee member Bob Voliva. According to Bob & Kay Voliva (personal communication, March 2009), the replacement pole is believed to have stood on a parapet of the Santa Rosa Elks lodge building (B.P.O.E. Lodge #646). The building was built by Cornelius Shea in 1902. When the Shea building was demolished in the 1970's (long after the B.P.O.E. had moved to another location), the flagpole was rescued by a rancher in Kenwood, Sonoma County. It stood on his property until his death, and was sold to a party who ultimately conveyed it to the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee. The pole is still in the process of being restored (as of April 8, 2009). The pole shaft is made from straight grain "old growth" Douglas fir, and measures 22.5 feet long, tapering from 5" diameter at the base to 3" diameter at the top, with original hardware included. Mr. Voliva believes it to be a professionally made pole, probably constructed in San Francisco circa 1902.

The refurbished pole is to be installed in the spring of 2009 and dedicated at the "old fashioned Decoration Day" event to be held at the cemetery on May 25, 2009. Members of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, SUVCW, and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, ASUVCW, have been invited to officiate at the dedication ceremony.

Future improvements to the Memorial are also being considered by the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee. Among these is the possible placement of sculpted metal replicas of Maxim-Nordenfelt 1-pdr guns, designed to occupy the bare pedestals once occupied by the originals (Brett Gripe, April 2009, personal communication).

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### Acknowledgements

The author would like to acknowledge the following individuals, whose generosity in helping me obtain historical documents and photographs of the 1915 Memorial helped immeasurably with this project:

Charles L. Christian, Past Camp Commander, SUVCW, Santa Rosa, CA  
Bill Montgomery, Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Dept., Santa Rosa  
Ray Owen, Historian, Santa Rosa  
Bob & Kay Voliva, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee

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Notary Public in and for said City and County of San Francisco, State of California.  
Recorded at request of Grasse, Aug. 1, 1913, at 33 mins. past 11 o'clock A. M., in Book 312 of  
Deeds, page 296, Sonoma County Records.

\$1.20 Paid.

F. G. Nagle, County Recorder.  
By R. C. Nagle, Deputy Recorder.

THIS INSTRUMENT, made this 30th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, between The Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Association, a corporation, duly organized and existing under the Laws of the State of California, of the City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, State of California, as the party of the first part, and Joseph S. Wilson of Ellsworth Post, Grand Army of the Republic; Eugene G. Merson of Joe Wheeler Camp, United Spanish War Veterans; George R. Jeffrey of Ellsworth Post No. 20, Sons of Veterans; Miss Addie Fomeroy of Ellsworth Circle No. 6, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Ida Wagner of Ellsworth Womens Relief Corps No. 101, all Patriotic organizations of the City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, State of California, and to their successors as Trustees for the organizations named. All vacancies in said Board of Trustees or of the members thereof as herein above constituted to be filled by appointment by the remaining members of said Board of Trustees from the members of the respective organizations in which vacancy occurred, the parties of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and 00/100 Dollars gold coin of the United States of America, to it in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm, unto the said parties of the second part, that certain Burial Lot situated lying and being in the Cemetery grounds known as the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery in Santa Rosa Township Sonoma County California, and more particularly bounded and described as follows to-wit: Lots 177 and 181 in the west Half Circle as the same is marked numbered and designated upon the map or plat of said cemetery as surveyed and platted by W. A. Eliason in the year 1860 and now on file with the Secretary of said corporation together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof to be used solely and exclusively for burial purposes in which to bury the bodies of deceased persons with the right to improve and ornament the same as parties of the second part may desire or determine subject always to the laws of the State, the Charter and By-Laws and rules and regulations that have been made or maybe made by said association.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the said premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said parties of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has hereunto set its hand and affixed its seal the day and year first above written.

(Corporate Seal)

The Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Association, *Chas*  
By John T. Campbell, President.  
By Frank Welti, Secretary.

State of California )  
                          ) SS  
County of Sonoma    )

On this 30 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 13, before me  
Ross Campbell, a Notary Public in and for said County of Sonoma, State of California, duly com-

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missioned and sworn, personally appeared John T. Campbell, known to me to be the President and Frank Welti, known to me to be the Secretary of this corporation which executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate above written.

(SRAL)

Ross Campbell

Recorded at the request of Theo. Wagner, August 1, 1913, at 30 minutes past 4 o'clock P.M., in Liber 312 of Deeds, page 297, Sonoma County Records.

Fee \$1.50 Paid.

F. G. Eagle, County Recorder.

D E E D .

THIS INDENTURE, made this 7th day of June, 1913, between W. C. Booth and Anna W. Booth, both of the County of Alameda, State of California, the parties of the first part, and Bada B. Catchell, of the County of Sonoma, State of California, the party of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five (\$5.00) Dollars, Gold Coin of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns for ever, all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situated, lying and being in the County of Sonoma, State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 25 feet Northerly from the South Westerly Corner of Lot 5 in Block 4 in the Agua Caliente Park Tract, and on the front line of said Lot, thence running Northerly along the Easterly line of the County Road 52 feet; thence Easterly and parallel with the side line of Lot 4, 164 feet to a point on the Easterly line of Lots 4 & 5; thence southerly along said line 52 feet; thence westerly and parallel with the side lines of Lot 5, 164 feet to the place of beginning. Being a portion of Lots 4 & 5 in Block 4 as the same is designated on the Map of Agua Caliente Park, filed with the County Recorder Oct. 23d, 1908, and being a portion of Rancho Agua Caliente in T. 3 N. R. 6 W., M. D. M., Sonoma County, California.

TOGETHER with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns forever.

Subject to the following conditions: That prior to the first day of January, 1935, no trade, business or manufactures of any kind, or anything in the nature thereof except as a Sanitarium shall be carried on or conducted upon said real property, or any part thereof, nor shall any saloon be maintained or conducted, nor shall intoxicating liquors of any kind be sold upon said premises, or any part thereof. If any one or more of the foregoing conditions be violated or broken, in whole or in part by said party of the second part, her heirs, executors administrators or assigns, then in that event all the right, title, estate, claim and interest of the said party of the second part, her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns in and to the above described real property or any part thereof conveyed by this deed, shall thereupon cease and terminate and the said premises and the whole thereof shall thereupon at once revert to and vest in said parties of the first part, their heirs, administrators or assigns forever.

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missioned and sworn, personally appeared John T. Campbell, known to me to be the President and Frank Welti, known to me to be the Secretary of this corporation which executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate above written.

(SEAL)

Ross Campbell

Recorded at the request of Theo. Wagner, August 1, 1913, at 30 minutes past 4 o'clock P.M., in Liber 312 of Deeds, page 297, Sonoma County Records.

Fee \$1.50 Paid.

F. G. Eagle, County Recorder.

D E E D .

THIS INDENTURE, made this 7th day of June, 1913, between W. C. Booth and Anna W. Booth, both of the County of Alameda, State of California, the parties of the first part, and Bada B. Catchesell, of the County of Sonoma, State of California, the party of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five (\$5.00) Dollars, Gold Coin of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns for ever, all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the County of Sonoma, State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point 25 feet Northerly from the South Westerly Corner of Lot 5 in Block 4 in the Agua Caliente Park Tract, and on the front line of said Lot, thence running Northerly along the Easterly line of the County Road 52 feet; thence Easterly and parallel with the side line of Lot 4, 164 feet to a point on the Easterly line of Lots 4 & 5; thence southerly along said line 52 feet; thence Westerly and parallel with the side lines of Lot 5, 164 feet to the place of beginning. Being a portion of Lots 4 & 5 in Block 4 as the same is designated on the Map of Agua Caliente Park, filed with the County Recorder Oct. 23d, 1908, and being a portion of Rancho Agua Caliente in T. 6 N. R. 6 W., M. D. M., Sonoma County, California.

TOGETHER with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and to her heirs and assigns forever.

Subject to the following conditions: That prior to the first day of January, 1935, no trade, business or manufactures of any kind, or anything in the nature thereof except as a Sanitarium shall be carried on or conducted upon said real property, or any part thereof, nor shall any saloon be maintained or conducted, nor shall intoxicating liquors of any kind be sold upon said premises, or any part thereof. If any one or more of the foregoing conditions be violated or broken, in whole or in part by said party of the second part, her heirs, executors administrators or assigns, then in that event all the right, title, estate, claim and interest of the said party of the second part, her heirs, executors, administrators or assigns in and to the above described real property or any part thereof conveyed by this deed, shall thereupon cease and terminate and the said premises and the whole thereof shall thereupon at once revert to and vest in said parties of the first part, their heirs, administrators or assigns forever.

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THIS INSTRUMENT, Made this 3rd day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, between The Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Association, a corporation, duly organized and existing under the Laws of the State of California, of the City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, State of California as the party of the first part, and Joseph S. Wilson, of Ellsworth Post No. 20, G. A. R.; Eugene C. Bronson, of Joe Wheeler Camp, United Spanish War Veterans; George R. Jeffrey of Ellsworth Post #20 Sons of Veterans; Miss Addie Pomeroy, of Ellsworth Circle #6 Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Ida Wagner, of Ellsworth Womens Relief Corps No. 101; (all being patriotic organizations of the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma Co., California), and to their successors as Trustees for the organizations named. (All vacancies in said Board of Trustees as herein above constituted to be filled by appointment by the remaining members of said Board from the members of the respective organizations in which the vacancy occurred), the parties of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars gold coin of the United States of America, to it in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm unto the said parties of the second part those certain Burial Lots situate, lying and being in the Cemetery grounds known as the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery in Santa Rosa Township, Sonoma County, California and more particularly bounded and described as follows to wit: Lots Numbered One Hundred Seventy-eight, one hundred seventy nine and one hundred eighty, West half Circle, as the same is marked, numbered and designated upon the map or plat of said cemetery as surveyed and platted by W. A. Eliason in the year 1860 and now on file with the Secretary of said corporation together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders in fee simple to be held by the said parties of the second part for burial purposes in which to bury the bodies of deceased persons with the right to improve and ornament the same as parties of the second part may desire or determine subject always to the laws of the State, the Charter and By-Laws and Rules and regulations that have been made or may be made by said association.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the said premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said parties of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has hereunto set its hand and affixed its seal the day and year first above written.

(Corporate Seal)

The Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Association (Seal)

By Jno. Tyler Campbell, President.

By Frank Welti, Secretary

State of California )  
                          ) SS  
County of Sonoma    )

On this 3rd day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 13 before me a Notary Public in and for said County of Sonoma, State of California, duly commissioned and sworn personally appeared John Tyler Campbell, known to me to be the President and Frank Welti known to me to be the Secretary of this corporation which executed the within and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate above written.

(SEAL)

D. R. Gale

Notary Public, in and for Sonoma County, Cal.

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Recorded at the request of Theo. Wagner, Oct. 4, 1913, at 32 minutes past 11 o'clock A. M., in Liber 312 of Deeds, page 456, Sonoma County Records.

Fee \$1.50 Paid.

F. G. Magle, County Recorder.

By R. G. Magle, Deputy.

THIS INDENTURE, made the sixth day of October one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, between D. W. Hatchelor and L. E. Rankin, of the County of Sonoma, State of California, the parties of the first part and Chas. R. Randall, of the same place, the party of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, Gold Coin of the United States of America, to them in hand paid, by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents, grant, bargain and sell, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns, forever; all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the County of Sonoma, State of California, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing in the center of Eastman Lane, at a point 9.04 chains west from point 40 chains south of the Northeast corner of Allotment No. 2, Rancho Hoblar de la Misericordia; thence South 1° 0' East 9.22 chains to a fence and stake; thence South 89° 52' West along a fence 6.48 chains to a 2 X 2 stake; thence North 1° 0' West 9.30 chains to the center line of Eastman Lane; thence along said Lane; East, 6.48 chains to the point first mentioned. Containing six acres. Bearings true.

TOGETHER with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

Signed and Delivered in the Presence of)

D. W. Hatchelor

I. Hatchelor

L. E. Rankin

State of California )  
County of Sonoma ) ss

On this 7th day of October in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen, before me, J. H. Gwinn, a Notary Public in and for the County of Sonoma, personally appeared D. W. Hatchelor, L. E. Rankin, known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and they duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in the County of Sonoma, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL)

J. H. Gwinn

Notary Public in and for the County of Sonoma, State of California.

Recorded at the request of The Petaluma National Bank, Oct. 8, 1913, at 18 min. past 9 o'clock A. M., in Book 312 of Deeds, page 457, Sonoma County Records.

\$1.00 Paid.

F. G. Magle, County Recorder.

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year first above written.  
 Signed and Delivered in the Presence of )  
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA, )  
 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, ) SS.

William E. McDonough

On this 10th day of May in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-four, before me, EDNA HEAPS, a Notary Public in and for the said City and County of San Francisco, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Wm. E. McDonough, single, of San Francisco, Calif., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, at my office in the said City and County of San Francisco, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL) Edna Heaps,  
 Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.  
 My commission expires November 9, 1927.

Recorded at the Request of W. E. Frather, May 21, 1924, at 22 min. past 9 o'clock A.M., in Book 79 of Official Records, Page 204, Sonoma County Records.

Serial No. 265566  
 \$1.00 Fee.  
 Herbert B. Snyder County Recorder.  
 T. F. McMillin Deputy Recorder.

Copyist-Quarterer  
*McCallister*

THIS INSTRUMENT, Made this 28th. day of APRIL in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, (1924), BETWEEN THE SANTA ROSA RURAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, a corporation, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, of the City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, State of California, as the party of the first part, and ELLSWORTH POST NUMBER 20, DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA-NEVADA GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, the party of the second part, WITNESSETH That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten dollars, sold coin of the United States of America, to it in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents, does grant, bargain, and sell, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part that certain Burial Lot situate lying and being in the Cemetery grounds known as the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery in Santa Rosa Township Sonoma County California and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit: being a certain triangular piece of land situate in the WEST one-half circle, comprising lots numbers 182, 183, 184, 185, and parts of lots numbers 188 and 189, and having on the westerly side a length of 87 feet, more or less; on the South 8 feet, more or less, along line of southern boundary of said circle; a width of 54 feet, more or less for the eastern boundary; and on the north, along road-way by a curved line a length of 60 feet, more or less, as the same is marked numbered and designated upon the map or plat of said cemetery as surveyed and plotted by W. A. Eliason in the year 1860 and now on file with the Secretary of said corporation together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in any-wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof with the right to improve and ornament the same as party of the second part may desire or determine subject always to the laws of the State, the Charter and By-Laws and Rules and regulations that have been made or may be made by said association.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular, the said premises, together with the appurtenances, unto

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the said party of the second part, and to its successors and assigns, forever, Provided, That in the event of the end, termination or Dissolution of the said Grantee, then said lot, or lots, or piece of ground to descend and succeed to the Joe Wheeler Camp, the United American-Spanish, War Veterans, of Santa Rosa, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has hereunto set its hand and affixed its seal the day and year first above written.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

THE SANTA ROSA RURAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

By Minnie A. Newman President.

By Emma M. Kopf Secretary.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }  
COUNTY OF SONOMA, } SS.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty four, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County of Sonoma, State of California, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Minnie A. Newman, known to me to be the President and Emma M. Kopf, known to me to be the Secretary, of this corporation which executed the within and foregoing Instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL)

A. M. Carline, Jr.,

Notary Public, in and for Sonoma County Cal.

Recorded at the request of W. L. Stone, May 21, 1924, at 51 minutes past 9 o'clock A.M., in Index 79 of Official Records, Page 205, Sonoma County Records.

Serial No. 26557.

Herbert B. Snyder County Recorder.

Fee \$1.00 Pd.

Copyist-Quarterer.

*M. O. Carline  
Cullen*

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ATTACHMENT "B" - U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL H.R. 8143

In the House of Representatives  
UNITED STATES,



Sixty-third CONGRESS.

A BILL

Authorizing the Secretary of War to donate to

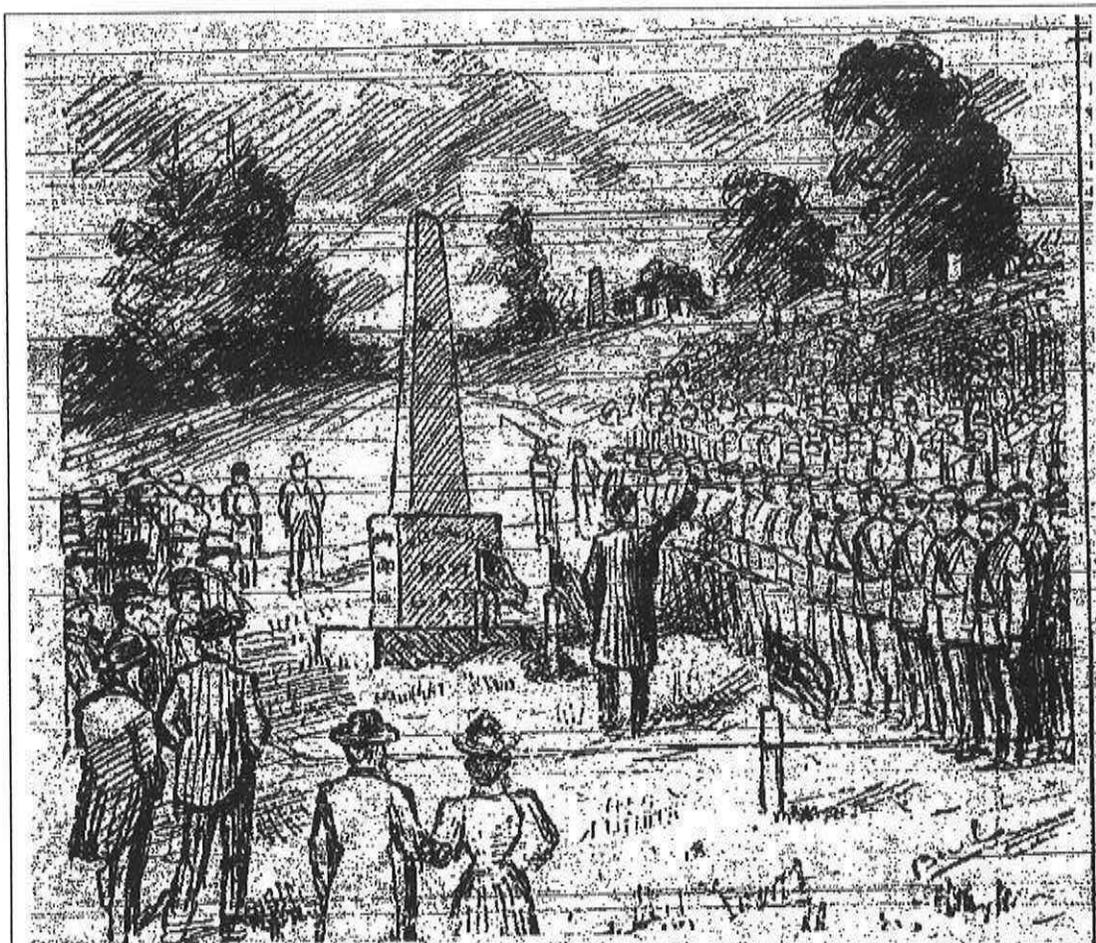
the town of Santa Rosa, California, two cannon or fieldpieces of  
fieldpieces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled:

Section 1. That the Secretary of War be, and he is  
hereby, authorized and directed to donate to the town of  
Santa Rosa, California, two cannon or fieldpieces, with  
their carriages, not needed for present service, to be  
mounted in the Monument Lot in the said town of Santa Rosa,  
in the State of California.

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ATTACHMENT "C" — PRE-1915 MONUMENT



**SCENE AT THE CEMETERY DURING THE MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES**

View of the original wooden obelisk (located north of the 1915 Memorial), as sketched on Memorial Day of 1897 by Santa Rosa artist A. V. Buell. The sketch was published in the *Sonoma Democrat* on 5 June 1897. Inscription on the south-facing face of the obelisk is legible: "ELLSWORTH POST G.A.R." A mound decorated with two flags (representing the unknown dead) is visible in front of the monument. Members of Co. E, 5th Inf. Reg., California National Guard stand at attention to the right.

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ATTACHMENT "C" (Continued)



Same view as the sketch from the previous page. Photo taken from the north entry step to the 1915 Memorial, looking north toward the 2001 dedication plaque. The plaque lies at the approximate site of the original wooden obelisk. The location of the prominent monument marking the grave of John C. Underhill (1831-1882) is highlighted by a yellow arrow. The same prominent monument can be seen on the horizon in the 1897 sketch. Note also that the a portion of the pathway leading up the hill on the right side of the photo is also shown in the 1897 sketch. Thanks goes to Ray Owen for providing input into the perspective of the images. Dean Enderlin photo, 1 January 2009, with Buell's sketched obelisk digitally superposed at correct scale for comparison.

ATTACHMENT "D" – HISTORIC IMAGE COMPARISONS 1915 MEMORIAL



Obelisk and G.A.R. plot as they appeared on 31 May 1915, at the dedication ceremony for the memorial. The view shows members of Co. E, 5th Inf. Reg't, Calif. National Guard, led by Capt. J. Hilliard Comstock. Photo courtesy Bob Voliva (from the Hilliard Comstock family collection).

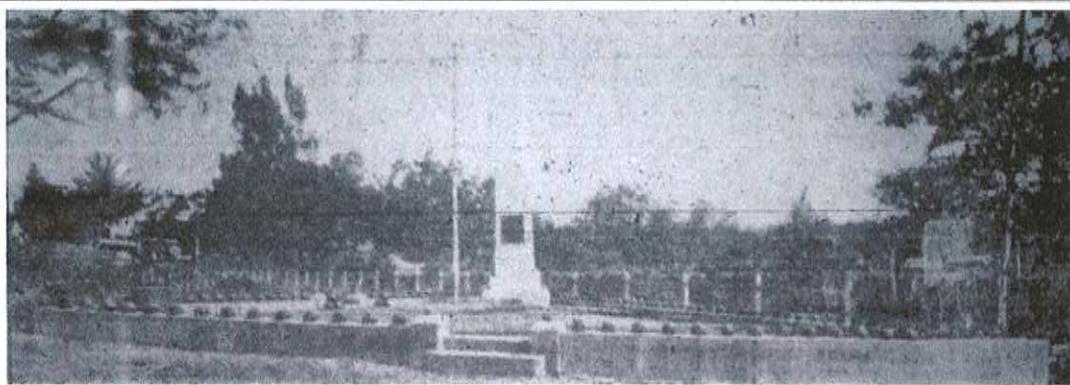


Same view as above, taken 24 September 2008. Dean Enderlin photo.

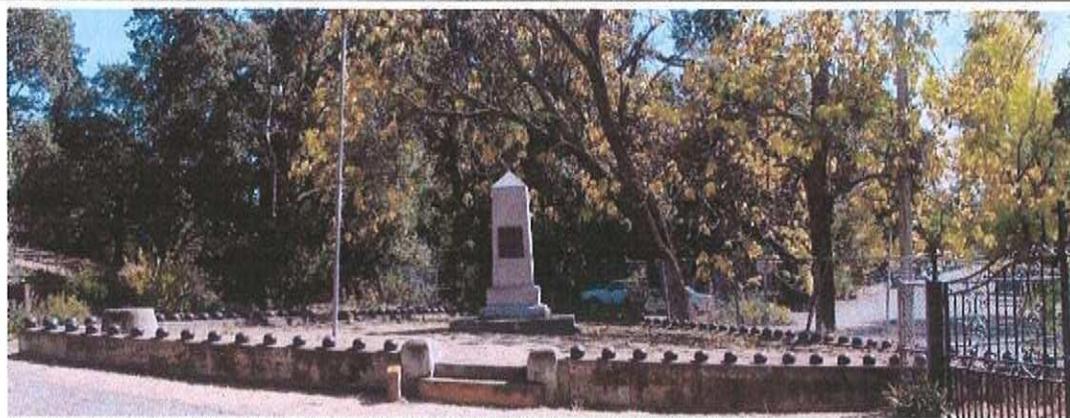
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ATTACHMENT "D" (Continued)



Rifle salute by Co. E, 5th Inf. Reg't., Calif. National Guard, at the 31 May 1915 dedication ceremony. Photo courtesy Bob Voliva (from the Hilliard Comstock family collection).

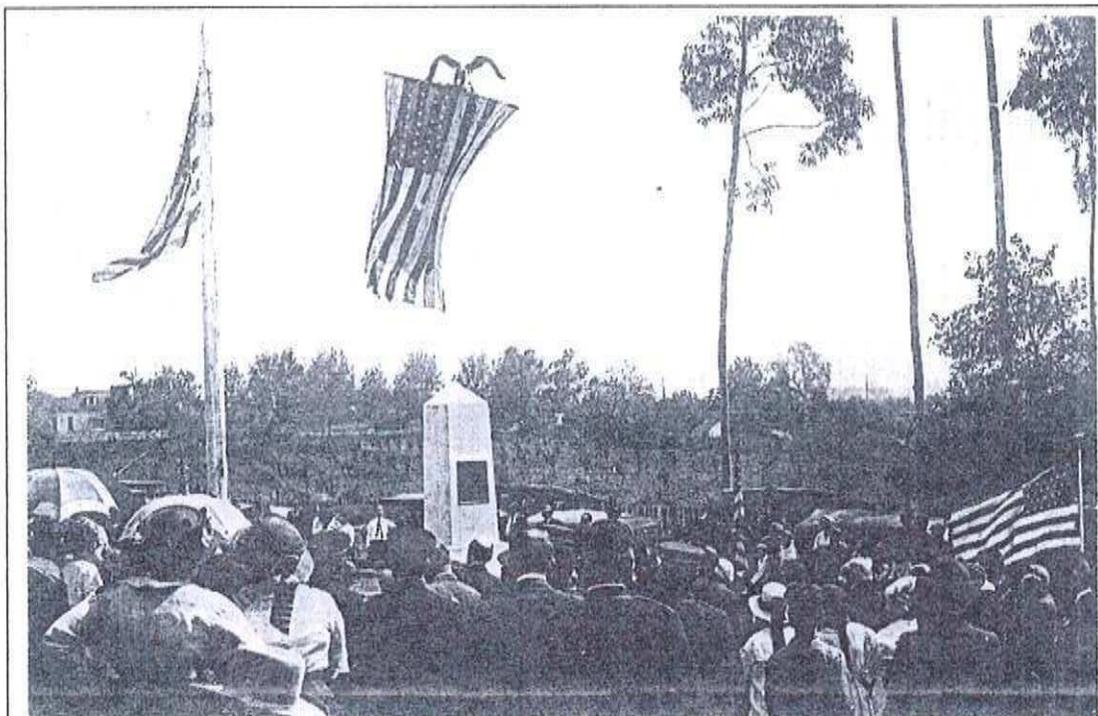


View of the 1915 Memorial published in the *Press Democrat* newspaper, 3 June 1915 (pg. 6, col. 2)



View of the 1915 Memorial, taken 24 September 2008. Dean Enderlin photo.

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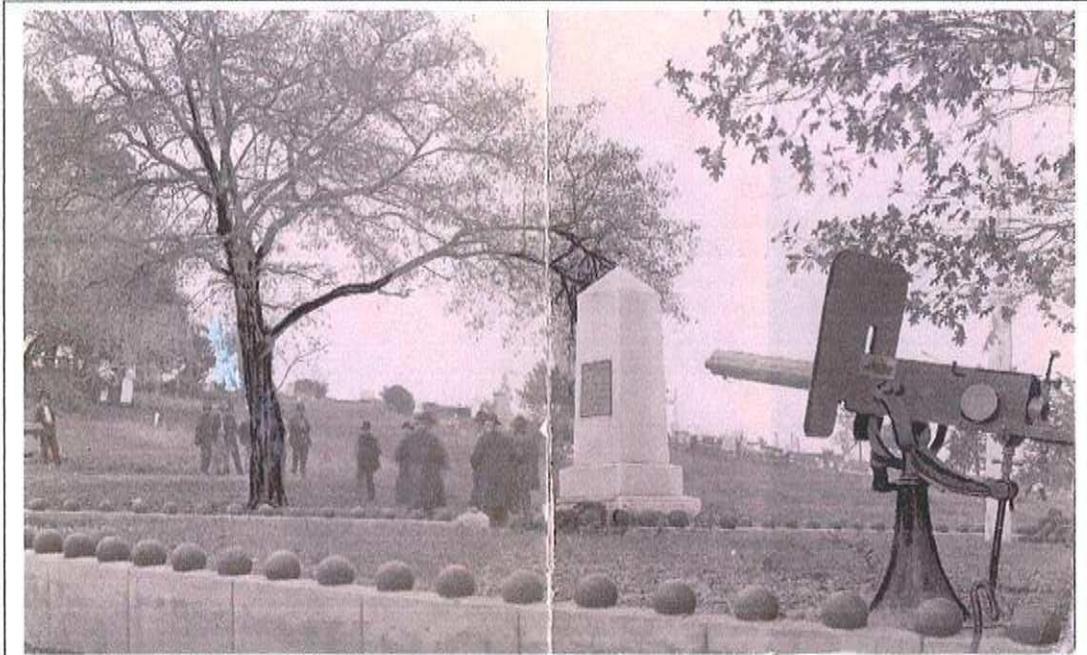


View of the 1915 Memorial dedication ceremony (31 May 1915) looking southward. Photocopy of original (said to have been a stereoview image). Photo courtesy Bob Voliva, Santa Rosa.



Same view as above, taken 7 February 2009. Dean Enderlin photo.

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ATTACHMENT "D" (Continued)



View of the 1915 Memorial looking southeastward, taken December 1920. A Locust tree – used for the lynching of three criminal suspects – is in view to the left of the obelisk. The tree was cut down on 30 May 1922, at the request of Mrs. F. C. Haight of the Rural Cemetery Association.



Same view as above, taken 17 January 2009. Dean Enderlin photo.

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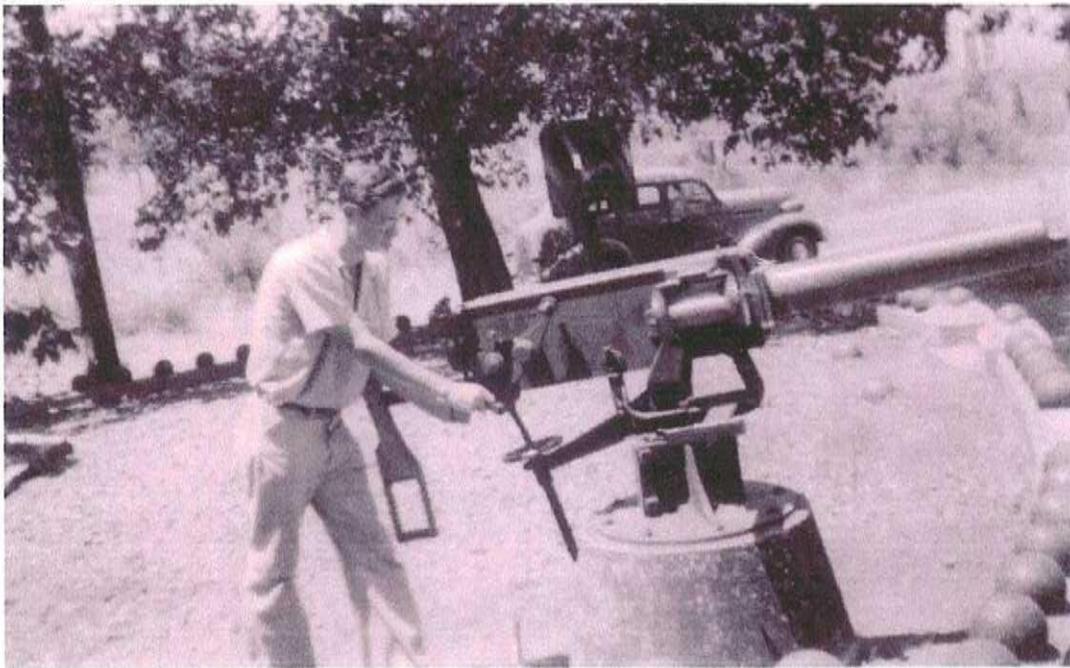


View of the 1915 Memorial looking northwestward. Taken in December 1920 after a lynching took place at the tree in the right foreground. Source: San Francisco Chronicle files.



Same view as above. Note the oak tree and 1906 earthquake memorial to the left of center in both photos. Taken 7 February 2009 by Dean Enderlin.

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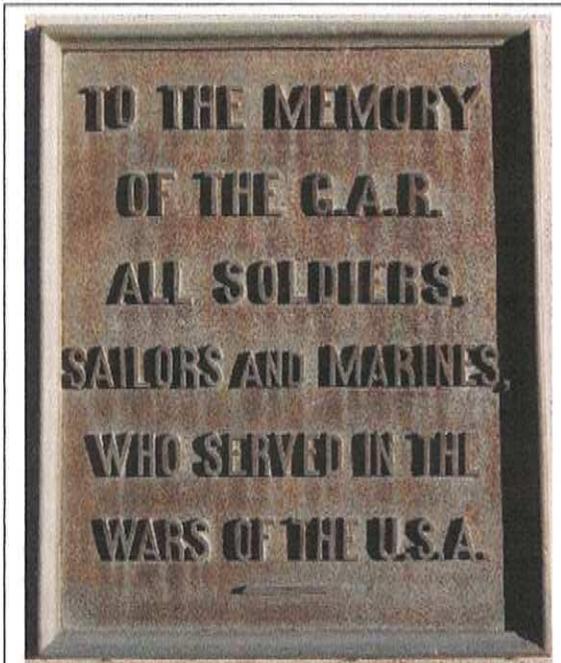


Ed Coughlan posing with the east Maxim-Nordenfelt 1-pdr gun, circa 1940. The west gun is also in view. View looking west, from NE corner of the Memorial. Photo courtesy Bob Voliva.

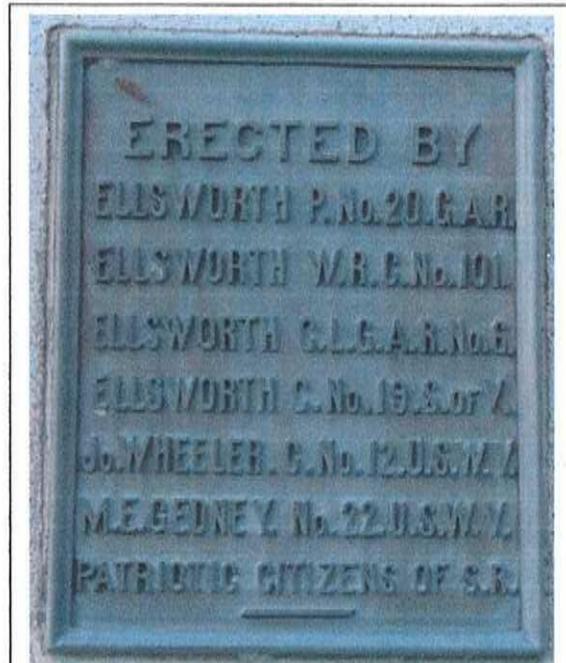


Same view as above, taken 24 September 2008, showing original base on which the Maxim-Nordenfelt was mounted. Dean Enderlin photo.

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ATTACHMENT "E" – RECENT PHOTOS OF THE DECORATIVE ELEMENTS



View of the North-facing bronze plaque mounted on the granite obelisk in the 1915 Memorial. Dean Enderlin photo, 2008.



View of the South-facing bronze plaque mounted on the granite obelisk in the 1915 Memorial. Dean Enderlin photo, 2008.

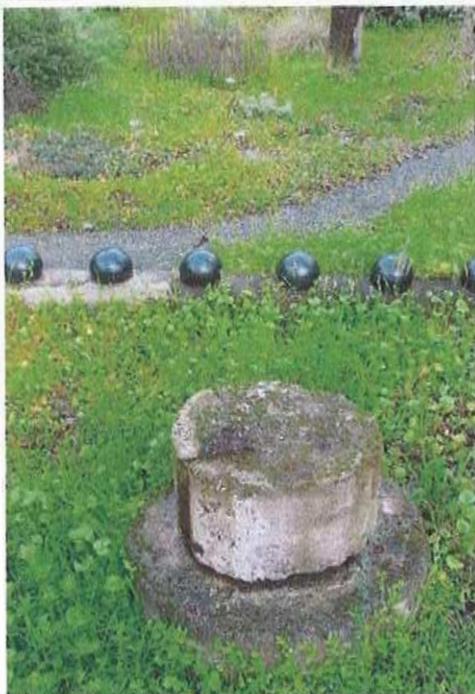


View of the dark gray tablet located near the 1915 Memorial. The tablet was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1924, by Ellsworth Corps, No. 101, W.R.C. The original tree (possibly a variety of Catalpa) is long gone. Dean Enderlin photo, 2008.

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View (looking west) of the concrete structure of unknown origin, located at the south corner of the triangular area of the 1915 Memorial. Dean Enderlin photo, 2009.

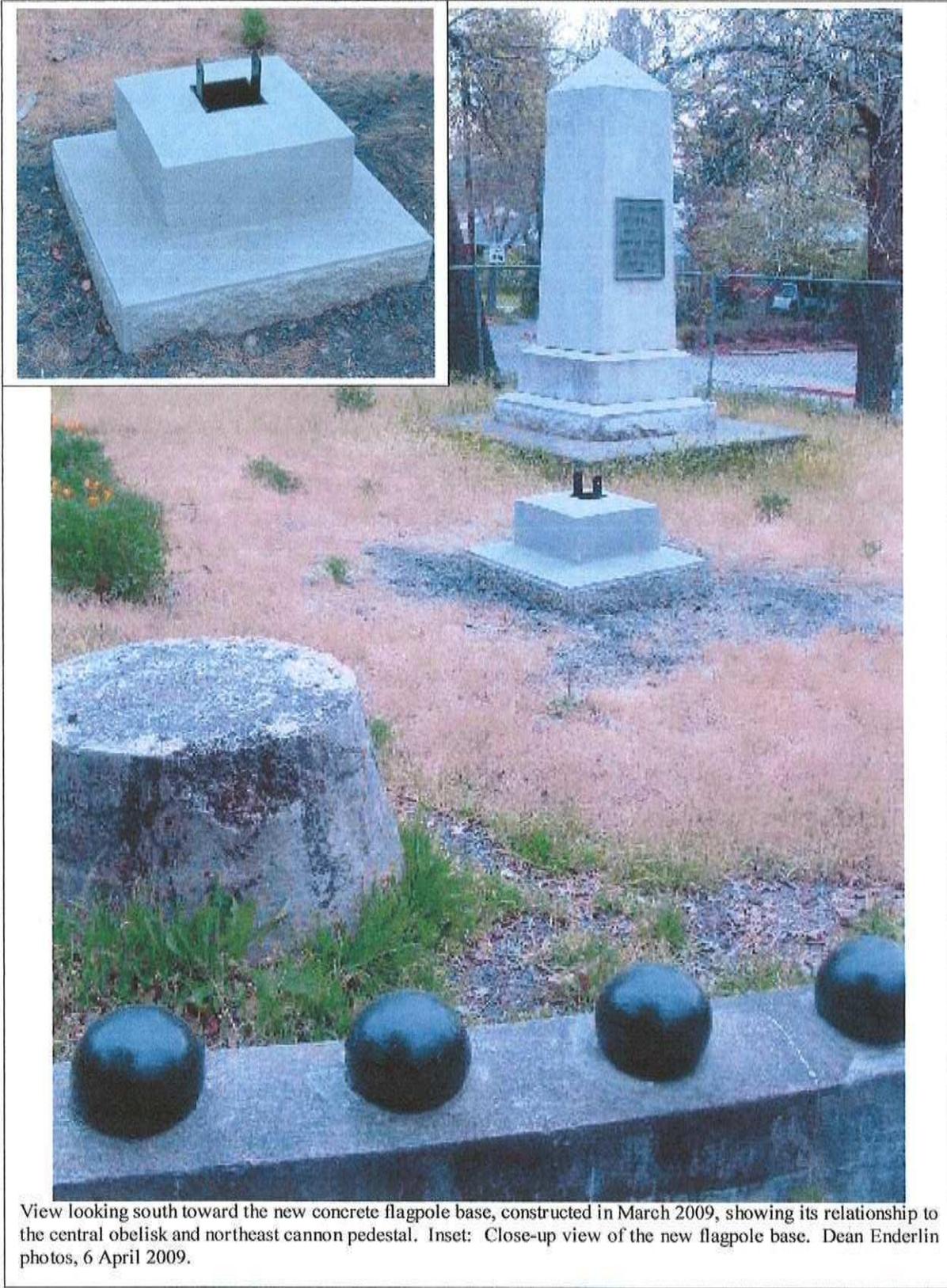


Another view of the concrete structure at the south corner of the 1915 Memorial. Dean Enderlin photo, 2009.



Close-up view of a 7" concrete cannon ball replica mounted in the coping. Dean Enderlin photo, 2009.

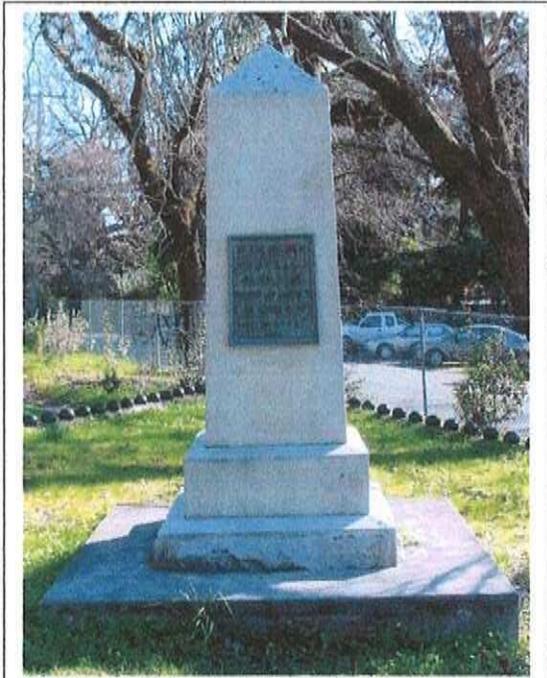
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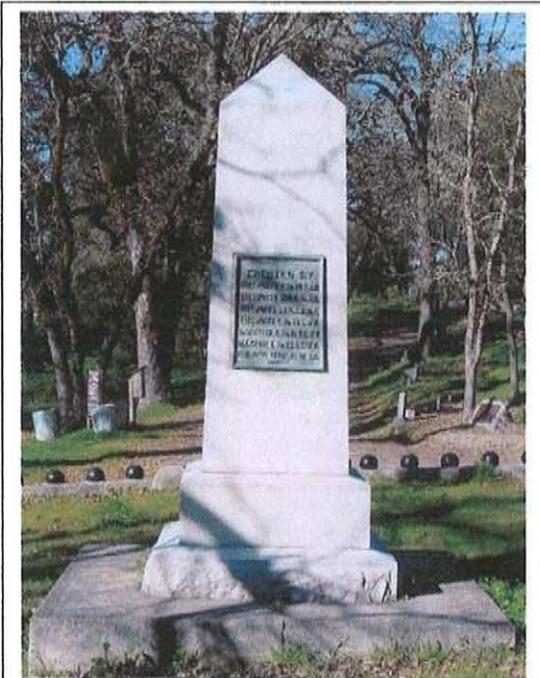
View looking south toward the new concrete flagpole base, constructed in March 2009, showing its relationship to the central obelisk and northeast cannon pedestal. Inset: Close-up view of the new flagpole base. Dean Enderlin photos, 6 April 2009.

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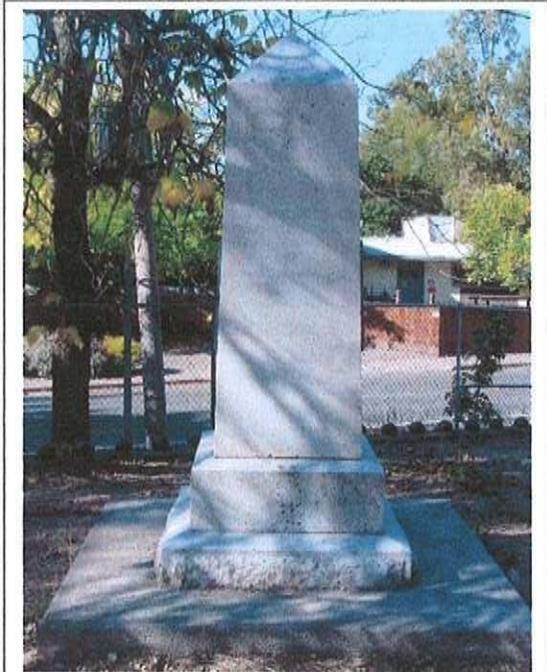
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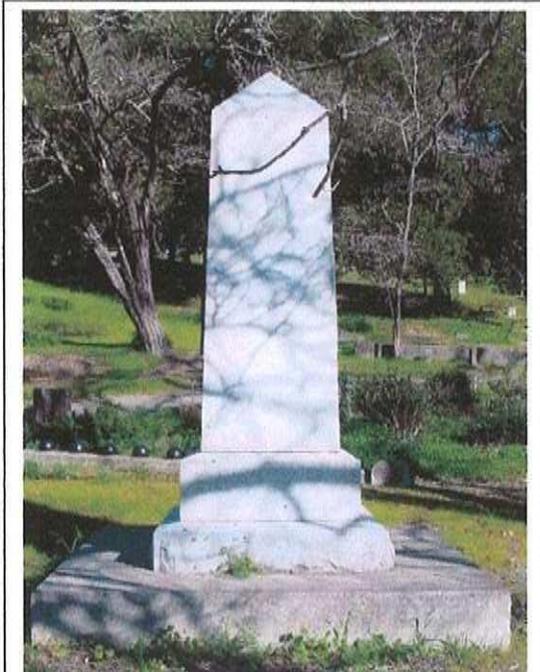
Granite obelisk. North face (view looking south).  
Dean Enderlin photo, 2008.



Granite obelisk. South face (view looking north).  
Dean Enderlin photo, 2008.



Granite obelisk. East face (view looking west).  
Dean Enderlin photo, 2008.



Granite obelisk. West face (view looking east).  
Dean Enderlin photo, 2008.

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. ELLSWORTH #20)                       M.O.L.L.U.S.  
 W.R.C. (Corps Name & No. ELLSWORTH #101)                       Other Allied Order  
 SUVCW (Camp Name & No. JO WHEELER SE 12 PAGE 2)                      (Please describe below)  
 DUVCW (Tent Name & No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Other: H.S.W.V. AND ? LGAR ELLSWORTH #60

Original Dedication Date MEMORIAL DAY 1915 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 OLD RURAL CEMETERY FRANKLIN AT MONROE ST  
City/Village SANTA ROSA Township \_\_\_\_\_ County SONOMA CA

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 CITY OF SANTA ROSA Dept./Div. REC. AND PARKS DIVISION  
Street Address HIS STABLE LANE  
City SANTA ROSA State CA Zip Code 95403  
Contact Person DIRECTOR Telephone (707) 543 3292

If the Memorial has been moved, please list former location(s)...

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.) GRAY GRANITE

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

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = BRASS

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 9' Width 2' Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_  
Sculpture: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ or Diameter \_\_\_\_\_

OBELISK - SQUARE - TAPERED

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.

Name = G.A.R. Memorial ( an obelisk with two original plaques)

Additional Info.: "To the memory of the G.A.R. All soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the wars of the U.S.A." Backside plaque reads: Erected by Ellsworth P. No. 20. G.A.R. Ellsworth W.R.C. No. 101. Ellsworth C.L. G.A.R. No 6. Ellsworth C. No. 19. S of V. Jo Wheeler C. No. 12. U.S.W.V. M.E. Gedney No. 22. U.S.W.V. Patriotic citizens of S.R." Back side plaque

ABOVE AS ON THE PLAQUES

**Environmental Setting**

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

**Type of Location**

- Cemetery
- \_\_\_ "Town Square"
- \_\_\_ Municipal Building
- \_\_\_ Courthouse
- \_\_\_ Traffic Circle
- \_\_\_ Park
- \_\_\_ Post Office
- \_\_\_ State Capitol
- \_\_\_ College Campus
- \_\_\_ Library
- \_\_\_ Plaza/Courtyard
- \_\_\_ School
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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)
- Any other significant environmental factor \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial
- Tree Covered (overhanging branches)

**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? (look for signs of exterior rust)	___	___
Any evidence of structural instability? (look for cracked joints, missing mortar or caulking or plant growth)	ALL NEW	___
Any broken or missing parts? (look for elements (i.e., sword, musket, hands, arms, etc. - missing due to vandalism, fluctuating weather conditions, etc.)	___	___
Any cracks, splits, breaks or holes? (also look for signs of uneven stress & weakness in the material)	___	___

**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.)	LIKE NEW	___
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...	___	___

2 YEARS OLD ORIGINAL OBLISK  
 DESTROYED YEARS AGO BY VANDALISM?  
 CEMENT WAS TOTALLY WEARED FOR - ABANDONED FOR DECADES UNTIL CIRCA 1991

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) .

Notes = Obelisk 9" high on two bases on dirt-gravel plot surrounded with cement retaining wall 2' high in triangle 60' by 60' with curved front side 51 ' long and with cement steps. Top of retaining wall with 119 (Union graves) black 7 inch cement cannon balls to replace original real cannon balls taken for war scrap c.1942, along with three Spanish-American War 37MM rapid-fire cannons (not U.S., taken from Spanish?) on raised cement pedestals at each corner of triangle. Only pedestals remain.

**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 15 AUG-99

Your Name   
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Charles L. Christian  
5120 Oak Park Wy  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

City \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

COL. ELMER ELLSWORTH CAMP 23  
DEPT. OF CALIF. & PACIFIC  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Please send this completed form to:

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

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

Santa Rosa, California, Friday, May 22, 1998

# SR monument to Civil War vets to be rededicated

## Memorial Day events planned

By BOB NORBERG  
Staff Writer

An 80-year-old memorial to veterans of the Civil War and the Spanish-American War is being refurbished at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery and will be rededicated on Monday during the cemetery's Memorial Day observance.

At the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial, as it is called, was dedicated initially in 1915, consisting of a concrete-bordered platform decorated with 119 Civil War cannon balls, two cannon, an obelisk and a flagpole.

The steel cannon balls were removed and melted down for their steel at the beginning of World War II and have never been replaced, according to Bill Montgomery, Santa Rosa parks administrator.

They are being replaced by concrete balls, painted black to be made to resemble cannon balls, and are being sponsored by groups and individuals, who pay \$35, \$70 or \$100 donations. So far, Montgomery said 103 of the 119 cannon balls have been sponsored, raising \$6,000 that will go to the continued restoration and maintenance of the cemetery.

The cemetery has 120 Civil War, 10 Spanish-American War, 14 Mexican War and 2 War of 1812 veterans buried there.

The dedication ceremony will be at 1 p.m. Monday and will include an actor playing Abraham Lincoln and delivering the Gettysburg Address, Civil War music by the Jubilee Singers of the First United Methodist Church, an oration by an actor portraying C.E. Lee, who was mayor of Santa Rosa in 1915, and a gun salute by the E. Ellsworth Chapter, Sons of Union Vets Camp No. 23.

~~SR. VICE COMMANDER~~

CHARLES CHRISTIAN  
707-538-9175 T-F.  
5120 Oak Park Way  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409-3740

**SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST**

**2010 - 2011**

**GRANT REQUEST # 2010-11-04**

**Project Name: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial**

**Camp: Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Dept California & PACIFIC**

**Monument Location: Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, 1600 Franklin Ave, CA.**

**Contact Person: Dean A. Enderlin, Commander/Memorials Officer**

**Check Payable to: SRRC-Cannon Fund, 415 Steele Ln, Santa Rosa, CA.**

**Amount Requested: 8500.00**

**Total cost of project: \$5,000.00**

**Amount Approved \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Memorials assessment report filed?  Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not needed**

**Signature of Memorials Officer Bruce Butgereit Bruce Butgereit, PDC**

**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**

**Tad D. Campbell, PDC**

**Bill Vierra, PDC**

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

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

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

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[www.suvv.org](http://www.suvv.org)

2 October 2010

Bruce B. Butgerit, PDC,  
Chair Nat. Memorials Committee

Subject: CA-sonoma-SantaRosaRuralCem-GARPlot-1915Memorial-Form  
#61

Brother Butgerit,

My apologies for getting the spelling of your name incorrect,  
corrections have been made in my records.

In 2009 I submitted the enclosed Form #61, see email and cover  
letter for that submission.

When Dean Enderlin submitted a Form #62 he ran into all kinds of  
problems since the original submission could not be located.

After a couple of weeks of searching I have been asked to  
resubmit the Form #61. Two copies of the Form #61 are enclosed  
and will be sent Priority Mail as soon as your address city can  
be determined, per email of 2 Oct is answered.

In F. C. and L.,

*Kirby Morgan*

Kirby Morgan

CC: Charles W. Mabie

CONTROL # 2009-10-25  
2010-11-04

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

(FORM CWM #62)  
Requester Information

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Department of California & Pacific  
(Please print or type)

ADDRESS: 2950 Lake County Highway

CITY: Calistoga

STATE: California

ZIP CODE: 94515

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: Dean A. Enderlin (Camp Memorials Officer/Commander)

ADDRESS: 2950 Lake County Highway

CITY: Calistoga

STATE: California

ZIP CODE: 94515

PHONE(S): [REDACTED]

**Memorial or Monument Information**

NAME OF MEMORIAL: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial

SUVCW Department of California reference ID: CA-Sonoma-Santa Rosa-CemGARPlot-1915Memorial

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

Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, 1600 Franklin Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1914 - 1915, dedicated 31 May 1915

WHO OWNS IT: City of Santa Rosa, Department of Recreation and Parks, 415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Cemetery improvements are subject to review by a volunteer organization: Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: City of Santa Rosa, Department of Recreation and Parks

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE: No FROM WHERE: N/A

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: Yes FROM WHERE: Public Donations (a donation drive is underway, sponsored by the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee)

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: \$500

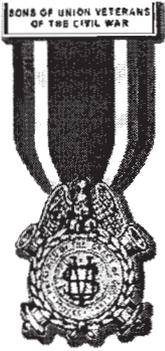
DESCRIBE WORK THAT THESE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR: (Be specific, use back if necessary)

As noted in the Form CWM #61, submitted in 2008, the G.A.R. Memorial contains various decorative elements, including two concrete pedestals which once served as mounts for a pair of Maxim-Nordenfelt 1 pdr QF Guns. The guns were stripped from their mounts in 1942 as a part of the wartime scrap metal drives. The Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee is recommending the installation of a pair of repro Civil War cannon to restore the Memorial to its originally intended configuration. The City of Santa Rosa has ordered the following (to be installed in late 2010 or early 2011: One full-scale US Model 1841 6 pdr smoothbore cannon tube, and one full-scale US Model 1861 3-inch Ordnance Rifle tube. These will be mounted on newly formed concrete bases stylistically similar to other masonry elements in the Memorial. Cost of the repro cannon: \$3,578.80. Copy of work order attached. Est. total project cost: \$5,000.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: Bob Voliva, Member, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee. Same man has successfully spearheaded other restoration at the Memorial.

WHO WILL DO THE WORK DESCRIBED AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: Repro cannon tubes fabricated by Hern Iron Works 1991, Inc. (Couer d'Alene, ID). Masonry work to be performed by Santa Rosa Public Works Dept.

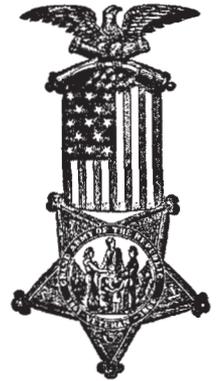
WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED: "SRRC-Cannon Fund", 415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, CA. This fund has been established by the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee to receive donations for this project.



HEADQUARTERS

## COL. ELMER ELLSWORTH CAMP, No. 23

Dept. of California & Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Calistoga, California: 9 June 2010

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, Chair

Greetings Bro. Petrovic,

Please find enclosed a completed Form CWM #62, requesting grant funds for improvements to the 1915 G.A.R. Memorial at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Santa Rosa, California. Efforts are underway to remedy damage to the Memorial resulting from the removal of decorative elements during the 1942 scrap metal drives. Two Span-Am War era guns were cut from their concrete mounts during the drives, leaving unsightly and useless concrete slabs. It was the original intent of Santa Rosa's Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R., to install Civil War cannon at the Memorial when it was built in 1914. Their request was rejected by the War Department due to inventories of obsolete Civil War ordnance being exhausted. The Span-Am War era guns were offered as a substitute, and were accepted by the Post.

The Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee is proposing to rehabilitate the damaged Memorial by installing two full-scale reproduction cannon as decorative elements. The members of Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 are in favor of this plan, as it is in keeping with the original intentions of our namesake G.A.R. Post. The Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee has already spearheaded other improvements at the site, including the replacement of decorative cannon balls and the installation of a replacement flag pole (also victims of the 1942 scrap metal drives). Their past efforts have been first-rate, and we are confident the results for the current proposal will be of the same high quality.

Funding for the restoration and improvements comes from public donations. This project will cost considerably more than previous work on the Memorial, and for this reason, our Camp is requesting a grant from the SUCVW Civil War Memorial Fund to assist with these efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

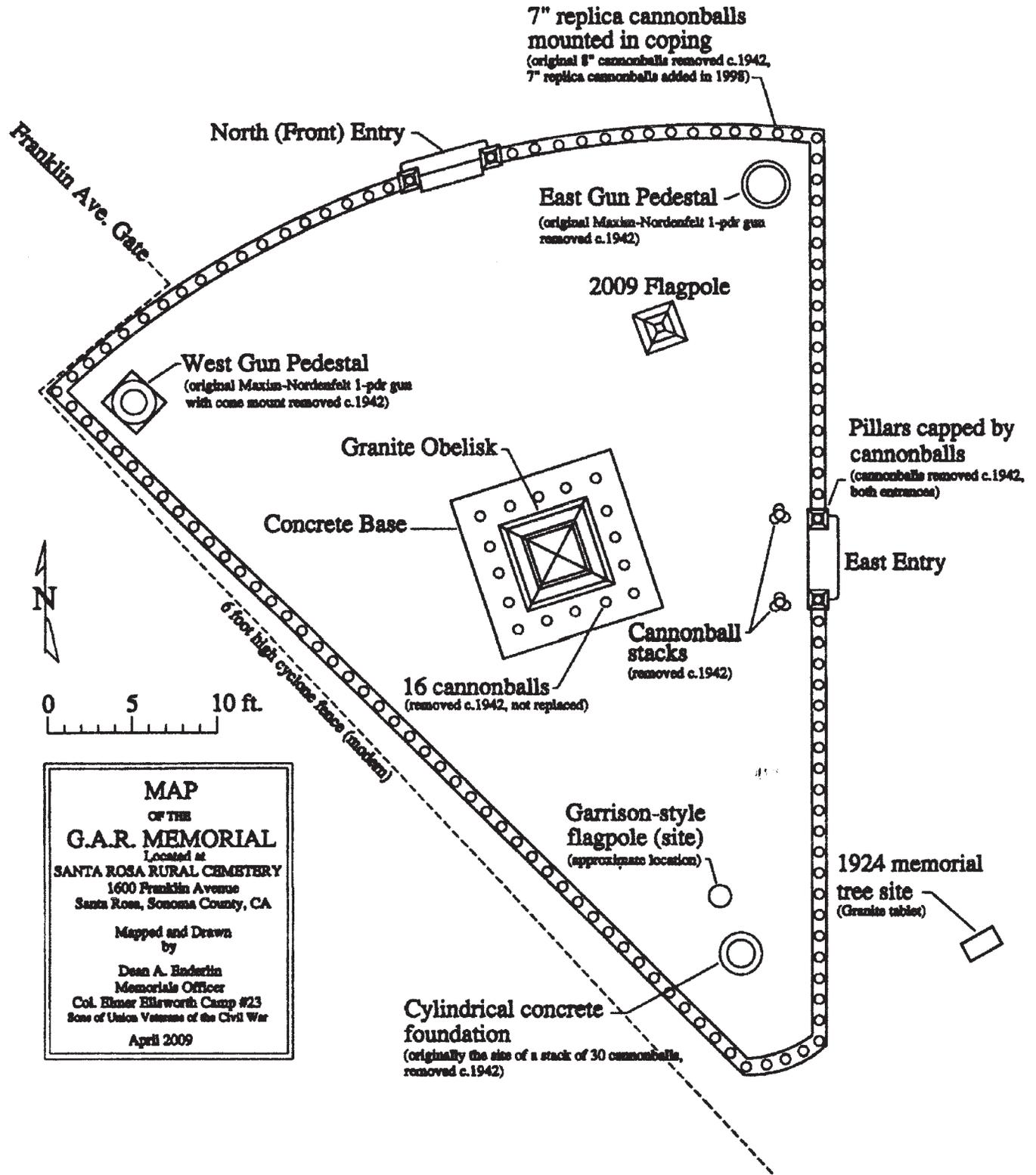
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Dean A. Enderlin, CC / Memorials Officer  
2950 Lake County Hwy  
Calistoga, CA 94515

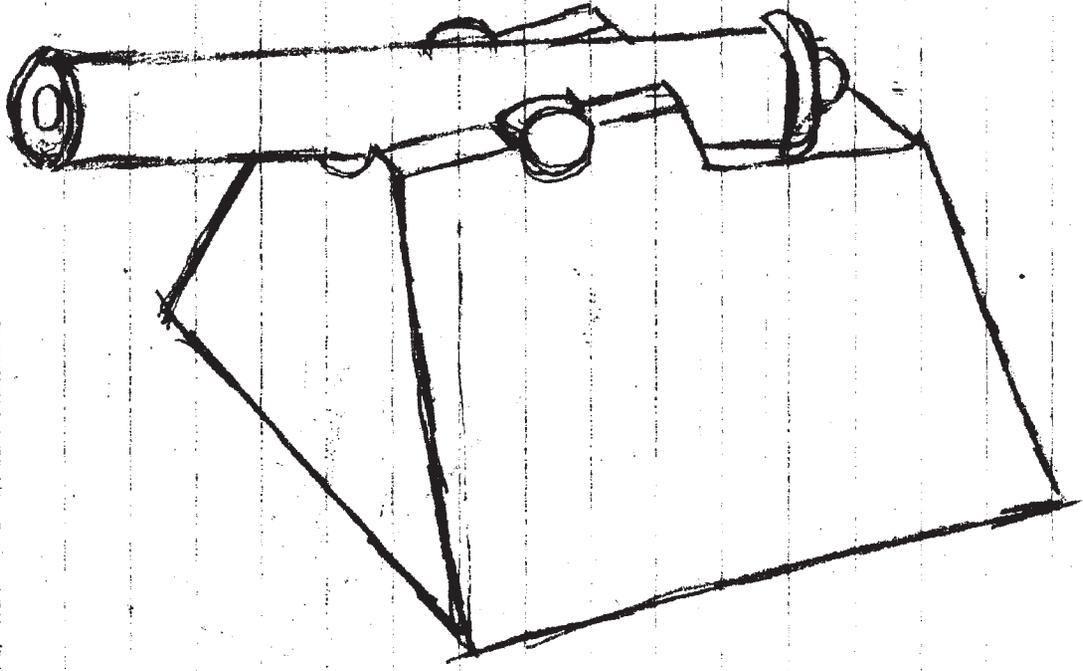
Enclosures

Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23, SUCVW, Santa Rosa, CA  
Established. 1996

Website: <http://www.suvpac.org/camp23.html>



**Figure 2.** Map of the G.A.R Memorial at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, as measured in April 2009. The diagram includes the locations of original decorative elements that were removed in 1942.



Conceptual design of mounted cannon tube  
Courtesy Bob Voilva, April 2010

**April 23, 2010**

**Dean,**

**Attached is a copy of the invoice for the cannon barrels plus the crating and freight. We do not have a hard estimate for the concrete work but we are budgeting \$1500.00 and since the City of Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Dept. is doing the work I am sure we will be OK. The only other work necessary is the demolition of the existing concrete and the steel cap squares for the trunnions and both of these items have been donated.**

**If the grant is successful, payment should be made to the Cannon Fund.**

**Hope you are having some luck in rounding up some other sources of funding.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Voliva". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

**Bob Voliva**

**HERN IRON WORKS 1991, INC.**

P O BOX 1060  
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**WORK  
 ORDER**

DATE	NUMBER
4/7/2010	98-02-30604

BILL TO
CASH CITY OF SANTA ROSA, RECREATION 7 PARKS & PARTS DEP-T SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

W.O. NUMBER	TERMS	P.O.#	
3061-04-10	CREDITCARD	BOB VOLIVA	
QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH	AMOUNT
1	CANNON; 1841 SI POUNDER, FULL SCALE, 3 1/2' BORE	1,517.00	1,517.00
1	SHIPPING BY ESTES PREPAID AND ADD	423.80	423.80
2	CANNON: CRATING CHARGE	150.00	300.00
1	CANNON: 3' ORDNANCE RIFLE, FULL SCALE, 3' BORE	1,338.00	1,338.00
	SALES TAX EXEMPT	0.00	0.00
<b>PLEASE PAY FROM INVOICE</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,578.80</b>

**SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST  
2009 - 2010**

**GRANT REQUEST # 2009-10-20**

**Project Name: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial**

**Camp: Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Dept California & Pacific**

**Monument Location: Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, 1600 Franklin Ave, CA.**

**Contact Person: Dean A. Enderlin, Commander/Memorials Officer**

**Check Payable to: SRRC - Cannon Fund, 415 Steele Ln, Santa Rosa, CA.**

**Amount Requested: \$500.00**

**Existing Monument**  **New Monument**  **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] [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 - SEE COMMENTS BELOW*

**Signature** *Robert M. Petrovic* **Date** 7/14/10

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

**Signature** *[Signature]* **Date** 7-25-2010

**Comments: The reason I am denying this grant is because they received a grant in 2008 according to the request form they sent in.**

I agree that the request should be denied, but because of lack of funds, not because a Form CWM #61 was submitted. The Form CWM #61 is the G.A.R. Monuments/Civil War Memorials Assessment Form, which is required to be submitted prior to making a Grant Application (using form CWM #62). I verified with the submitter, Brother Enderlin, that no Form CWM #62 has been previously submitted and that no grant funds have been received for this monument. — TDC

**SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST  
2009 - 2010**

**GRANT REQUEST # 2009-10-15**

**Project Name: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial**

**Camp: Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23, Dept. California & Pacific**

**Monument Location: Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, 1600 Franklin Ave., Santa Rosa CA**

**Contact Person: Dean A. Enderlin, Camp memorials Officer/Commander**

**Check Payable to: SRRC-Cannon Fund, 415 Steele Ln, Santa Rosa, CA**

**Amount Requested: \$500.00**

**Existing Monument**  **New Monument** \_\_\_\_\_ **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] [redacted] who will send it to Richard Orr, National Treasurer for payment.**

**Approved      Denied      Tabled**

**Robert M. Petrovic, PDC**

*RMP*

**Perley E. Mellor, PDC**

*PEM*

**Tad D. Campbell, PDC**

**Signature** *Robert M. Petrovic* **Date** 6/10/10

**Signature** *Perley E. Mellor* **Date** 6/11/10

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

**Comments: This grant is denied because the total funds for this program have been distributed for this year. You may reapply for this grant next year. You must resubmit all required paperwork at that time.**

**SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST  
2010 - 2011**

**GRANT REQUEST # 2010-11-04**

**Project Name:** Grand Army of the Republic Memorial

**Camp:** Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Dept California & PACIFIC

**Monument Location:** Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, 1600 Franklin Ave, CA.

**Contact Person:** Dean A. Enderlin, Commander/Memorials Officer

**Check Payable to:** SRRC-Cannon Fund, 415 Steele Ln, Santa Rosa, CA.

**Amount Requested:** 8500.00

**Total cost of project:** \$5,000.00

**Amount Approved** \$ 500.00

**Existing Monument**  **New Monument**  **Last Soldier Project**

**Memorials assessment report filed?**  Yes  No  Not needed

**Signature of Memorials Officer** Bruce Butgereit Bruce Butgereit, PDC

**Please initial your vote next to your name, then sign and date below, once completed. fax or email to Bob Petrovic, [REDACTED], Email;**

**[REDACTED] who will send it to Richard Orr, National Treasurer for payment.**

Approved      Denied      Tabled

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC      RMP

Twd D. Campbell, PDC      TDC

Bill Vierra, PDC

Signature Robert M. Petrovic Date 11/1/10

Signature J. Glavin Date 11/7/2010

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

**Comments:**

# SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST

2010 - 2011

## GRANT REQUEST # 2010-11-04

**Project Name: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial**

**Camp: Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, Dept California & PACIFIC**

**Monument Location: Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, 1600 Franklin Ave, CA.**

**Contact Person: Dean A. Enderlin, Commander/Memorials Officer**

**Check Payable to: SRRC-Cannon Fund, 415 Steele Ln, Santa Rosa, CA.**

**Amount Requested: \$500.00**

**Total cost of project: \$5,000.00**

**Amount Approved** \$500.00

**Existing Monument**  **New Monument**  **Last Soldier Project**

**Memorials assessment report filed?**  Yes  No  Not needed

**Signature of Memorials Officer** Bruce Butgereit **Bruce Butgereit, PDC**

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

**Approved      Denied      Tabled**

**Robert M. Petrovic, PDC** *RMP*

**Tad D. Campbell, PDC**

**Bill Vierra, PDC** *WCV*

**Signature** Robert M. Petrovic **Date** 11/1/10

**Signature** William S. Vierra **Date** 11/7/10

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

**Comments:**

# SUVCW MEMORIAL GRANTS REQUEST

## 2009 - 2010

### GRANT REQUEST # 2009-10-20 15

**Project Name: Grand Army of the Republic Memorial**

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**Amount Requested: \$500.00**

**Existing Monument**  **New Monument**  **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] Email; [redacted] who will send it to Richard Orr, National Treasurer for payment.**

**Approved      Denied      Tabled**

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC

*RMP*

Perley E. Mellor, PDC

*PEM*

Tad D. Campbell, PDC

**Signature** *Robert M. Petrovic* **Date** *7/14/10*

**Signature** *Perley E. Mellor* **Date** *7/20/10*

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

**Comments: The reason I am denying this grant is because they received a grant in 2008 according to the request form they sent in.**

**Robert M. Petrovic, PDC  
Memorial/Monument Grant Fund**



July 21, 2010

Brother Dean,

Thank you for filling out the Grant Request Form for funds for the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial. The Grant Committee has denied your request for a grant because only one request can be accepted per monument or memorial. On the fund request form that you sent in you stated that Form CWM #61 was submitted in 2008. According to this you received a grant for this memorial so no more funds are available .

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty

*Robert M. Petrovic*

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC  
Grant Committee Chairman