

From: Roderick J Fraser Jr., Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

**To: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Memorial Grant Committee
% Brian C. Pierson, PDC
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Shawnee, OK**

Subj: Monument to Susie Taylor, the first African American US Army Nurse, at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston, MA.

- Enclosures: (1) FORM CWM #62
(2) Susie Taylor Biography
(3) Proposal; W. C Canniff & Sons, Inc.
(4) Monument sketch provided by W. C Canniff & Sons, Inc.**

Susie Taylor, the first African American US Army Nurse, tended to African American Union soldiers during the Civil War. Her biography is attached. Susie was laid to rest with her husband and her name was never placed on the stone, nor is there any commemorative marker or memorial to Susie in the cemetery. She was inducted into the Georgia Women of Achievement in 2018. Susie was a founding member of the Boston Chapter, Womens Relief Corps.

The Department of Massachusetts has voted to erect a monument to Mrs Taylor. We have obtained approval from the City of Boston Superintendent of Cemeteries who welcomed the project. We are in the process of raising the funds needed to complete the project. The monument has been designed and can begin as soon as funding is available.

Cost of project:

Monument pricing as follows:

Granite Monument	7111.25
Minus grant	2000
Total to Dept of MA	5111.25

The stone base would be 3 ft X 1 Ft . The stone would be 2.5 ft X 2.5 ft X 8 inches
Pricing includes engraving of stone and porcelain photo of Mrs Taylor on the stone.

Submitted,
Respectfully

Roderick Fraser

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**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST
(FORM CWM #62)**

REQUESTOR INFORMATION (Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Department of Massachusetts, SUVCW

NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: Roderick J Fraser Jr

ADDRESS: 531 Cummins Highway

CITY: Roslindale STATE: MA ZIP CODE: 02136

PHONE(S): [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED]

SIGNATURE: 

NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT Susie Taylor Memorial

NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION

Mount Hope Cemetery, 355 Walk Hill St., Boston, MA 02131

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3rd and Lincoln St) Elm Grove section of the cemetery

GPS N _____ W _____ City Roslindale State MA ZIP 02131

WAS FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED? Y ___ N

EXISTING MONUMENT NEW MONUMENT LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST \$ 7111.25 AMOUNT RAISED \$ 3200.00 REQUESTED \$ 2000.00

CHECK PAYABLE TO: W. C Canniff & Sons, Inc.

ADDRESS: 531 Cummins Highway

CITY: Roslindale State: MA ZIP CODE: 02131

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only					
Grant Request #		Amount Approved \$			
Approve	Deny	Table	Name Committee Member	Signature	Date

Check box, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment.

MONUMENT / MEMORIAL INFORMATION

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: New (2019) WHO OWNS IT: Dept. Of Mass, SUVCW

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? Dept. Of Mass, SUVCW

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? No FROM WHERE: _____

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? No FROM WHERE: _____

WAS A GRANT FROM THE SUVCW PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? No

DATE: _____ AMOUNT: _____

DESCRIBE THE WORK THE GRANT IS NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet if needed)
Construct a Monument to Susie Taylor, the first African American US Army Nurse, at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston, MA. Susie Taylor, the first African American US Army Nurse, tended to African American Union soldiers during the Civil War. Her biography is attached. Susie was laid to rest with her husband and her name was never placed on the stone, nor is there any commemorative marker or memorial to Susie in the cemetery. She was inducted into the Georgia Women of Achievement in 2018. Susie was a founding member of the Boston Chapter, Womens Relief Corps.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? Roderick Fraser
Dept of MA SUVCW, Thomas sullivan, Superintendent of Cemeteries, city of Boston

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? W.C. Canniff & Sons
Inc. Monuments. The largest supplier of Monuments in Massachusetts since 1896.

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? W. C. Canniff & Sons, Inc.

LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT
The Department has already completed all appraisals, estimates, surveys, etc. We have designed the monument and obtained pricing from W. C. Caniff & sons (see attachments). The Department will raise the additional funds and will oversee the placement of the memorial and will hold a dedication ceremony.

Susie King Taylor
August 6, 1848 – October 6, 1912



Susie King Taylor was born a slave at a plantation in Liberty County, Georgia, on August 6, 1848, as Susan Ann Baker and was the first Black US Army nurse. She tended to an all Black army troop named the 1st South Carolina Volunteers (Union), later redesignated the 33rd United States Colored Infantry Regiment, where her first husband, Edward King, served as a noncommissioned officer. For three years she moved with her husband's and brothers' regiment, serving as nurse and laundress, and teaching many of the black soldiers to read and write during their off-duty hours. Despite her service, like many African-American nurses, she was never paid for her work. As the author of

Reminiscences of My Life in Camp with the 33d United States Colored Troops, Late 1st S.C. Volunteers, she was the only African-American woman to publish a memoir of her wartime experiences. She was also the first African American to teach openly in a school for former slaves in Georgia. At this school in Savannah, Georgia, she taught children during the day and adults at night. Edward King died in September 1866, a few months before the birth of their first child. In the 1870s King traveled to Boston as a domestic servant of a wealthy white family. While there she met Russell L. Taylor, also a native of Georgia. She remained in Boston for the rest of her life, returning to the South only occasionally. Taylor still kept in contact with her fellow veterans' group, the Grand Army of the Republic and she founded (or helped found) Corps 67 of the Women's Relief Corps. After a trip to Louisiana in the 1890s to care for a dying son, she wrote her *Reminiscences*, which were privately published in 1902. She died 10 years later.



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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO Mr. Roderick J. Fraser, Jr. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War		PHONE [REDACTED]	DATE Feb. 1st. 2019
STREET 2 Maple Leaf Dr.		JOB NAME "SUSIE BAKER KING TAYLOR"	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Hyde Park, Mass. 02136		JOB LOCATION Mt. Hope Cemetery	
ARCHITECT Canniff	DATE OF PLANS Feb. 1, 2019	JOB PHONE	

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

The "SUSIE BAKER KING TAYLOR" memorial to be erected complete in cemetery including Porcelain Photo at top center of memorial and complete wording as per enclosed scale detail. Make any necessary corrections on enclosed scale detail. Supply us with good photo to be used. Photo can be e-mailed to canniffmonuments@aol.com

Proof of photo to be e-miled to: [REDACTED] for final approval.

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor — complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of:

Six thousand seven hundred fifty-six and 25/100 - - - - - dollars (\$ 6756.25).

Payment to be made as follows:

\$6756.25 to to be paid in full before setting in cemetery. Sign and return cemetery permit.

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized Signature _____

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 30 days.

Acceptance of Proposal — The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Date of Acceptance: _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Porcelain
Photo
Here

SUSIE BAKER KING TAYLOR
AUGUST 6, 1848 - OCTOBER 6, 1912

BORN A SLAVE IN GEORGIA, SHE WAS THE FIRST BLACK U. S. ARMY NURSE. SHE TENDED THE 33RD UNITED STATES COLORED INFANTRY REGIMENT DURING THE CIVIL WAR, WHERE HER FIRST HUSBAND, EDWARD KING, SERVED AS A NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER. SHE WAS THE ONLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO PUBLISH A MEMOIR OF HER WARTIME EXPERIENCES. SHE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO TEACH OPENLY IN A SCHOOL FOR FORMER SLAVES IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA. SHE TAUGHT CHILDREN DURING THE DAY AND ADULTS AT NIGHT. IN 1870s SHE MOVED TO BOSTON TO WORK AS A DOMESTIC SERVANT, SHE MARRIED RUSSELL L. TAYLOR AND REMAINED IN BOSTON FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE.

MAKE ANY NECESSARY
CORRECTIONS IN SPELLING
OR DATES.

Approved: _____
Signature

DATE: _____

\$6756.25 Due Before
Setting.

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