

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

Requester Information

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: Gen. Henry B. Banning # 207 Dept. of Ohio
(Please print or type)
ADDRESS: 23 Mansfield Ave. (Camp meets at Memorial Hall - GAR office)
OUT DOES NOT use THIS MAILING
CITY: MT. VERNON Ohio ADDRESS: ADDRESS
STATE: Ohio ZIP CODE: 43050
NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: Nicholas Ehler Camp Commander
ADDRESS: 23 Mansfield Ave
CITY: MT. VERNON Ohio
STATE: Ohio ZIP CODE: 43050
PHONE(S):

Memorial or Monument Information

NAME OF MEMORIAL: 4th Ohio Vol. Infantry Monument.
LOCATION: (Name and address of cemetery or other location description, such as, corner of 3rd and Lincoln Streets)
Cemetery Hill, Gettysburg NATIONAL Battle Field Park
on Baltimore Pike Rd. Across from Civilian
Cemetery.
WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1887
WHO OWNS IT: Either The STATE of Ohio OR The NATIONAL PARK
WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: STATE of Ohio government says The NATIONAL
PARK. PARK SAYS ITS STATE PROPERTY AND Ohio is responsible.
ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE: FROM WHERE:
ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: Yes FROM WHERE: GRANTS, TRUSTS, DONATIONS, SALE
of Raffle tickets on 1863 Springfield
AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: MAXIMUM
DESCRIBE WORK THAT THESE FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR: (Be specific, use back if necessary) The 4th OVI
Monument was the tallest Ohio monument on the
Gettysburg battle field from 1887 until the early 1970's.
The NATIONAL PARK removed the top 2/3 rd and placed
the column, capital & soldier in storage. The monument
was constructed with masonry. The base could not
support the weight of this 32 feet above it.
The base developed cracks and the column began to
lean. All of parts are hollow. The PARK SERVICE
believes a stainless steel arm can be placed through
these parts, then all the weight will be on this arm.
See - NATIONAL PARKS PROPOSALS.
WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: Vic Gavin, Gettysburg
NATIONAL PARK officer of CANNONS & MONUMENTS
1-717-334-5533
WHO WILL DO THE WORK DESCRIBED AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS: Vic Gavin's NATIONAL PARK
CREW - they maintain all PARK MONUMENTS - vic Gavin's phone no. is
1-717-334-5533
WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED: We Request that the funds be mailed to
The Camp Commander to be deposited in our camp
monument bank account that is now close to \$15,000.00
of the \$20,000.00 needed by the PARK to complete this
Project

**Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Department of Ohio
General Henry B. Banning Camp #207
Mt. Vernon, Ohio**

October 5, 2001

Dear Brother Donald Darby:

Please find enclosed form CWM#62 made out in triplicate. You had advised me that I needed to send the forms to three different Council Administration members. Unfortunately, the website only lists you. Please forward to the other two administration members the enclosed copies.

As you are aware, our Camp has been struggling to raise the \$20,000 required by the Gettysburg National Military Park to restore the 4th OVI monument on Cemetery Hill. As of this date, we have raised nearly \$15,000. We are hoping to raise the additional \$5,000 needed by the end of 2001.

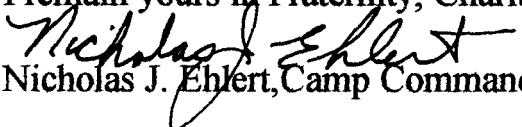
The Gettysburg National Park monument and cannon maintenance department, headed by Mr. Vic Gavin, will do all work on the monument restoration. His phone # is [REDACTED]

Enclosed is the National Park's proposal for the restoration, photos of the monument as it now exists, a letter from Ms. Lisa Orendorff, showing that the Sons of Union Veterans has contributed \$4,000 as of November 1999.

Mary Zins from the First Cleveland Cavalry Association has not yet received the information that you said you would be sending to her. She can be reached at [REDACTED] or E-mail: [REDACTED]. This promise of \$1,000 is a much needed addition to our funds. Please follow up with her and provide the needed information.

Finally, if there are any questions on the enclosed form, please feel free to call me at [REDACTED] as soon as possible.

I remain yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,


Nicholas J. Ehlert, Camp Commander

Proposal: General Conceptual Outline For Monument Restoration

Project: 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Monument

Location: East Cemetery Hill, GNMP

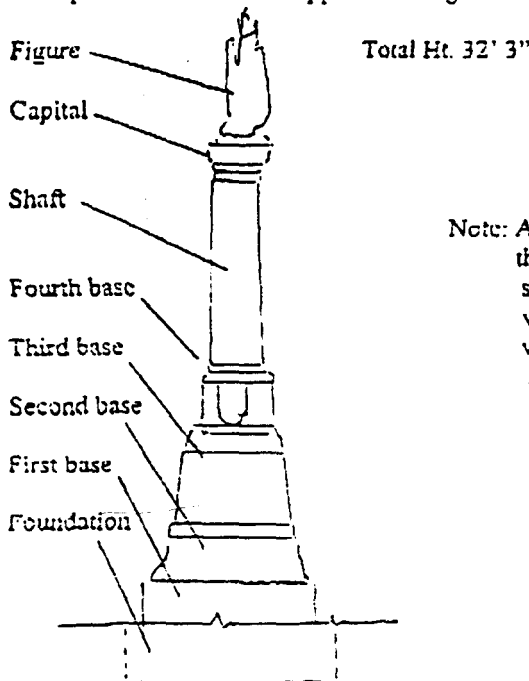
Background:

This monument, dedicated on 14 September, 1887, was designed by Peter B. Laird for the Monumental Bronze Company, Bridgeport, Conn. The components of the structure were cast in a zinc alloy that was advertised as "white bronze". This alloy of almost pure zinc, was alloyed with copper, tin, and sometimes nickel. White bronze was used for monument casting from about 1870 until the turn-of-the century. The alloy resists the effects of weathering quite well, but has poor structural strength. This creates problems with larger monuments (as in the case of the 4th Ohio Inf. Monument), when, because of this lack of strength, lower components eventually sag under the weight of upper parts of the structure. Cracks and distortions typically accompany this condition. It is notable that several small zinc monuments/markers, located at GNMP, remain in generally good condition.

Although this material was utilized for several decades, no doubt because it was inexpensive compared to bronze, the alloy presents a rather flat gray appearance, which lacks the aesthetic reflective qualities of bronze. The metal was recognized as inferior by the Board of Commissioners of Gettysburg Monuments. On October 7, 1887, shortly after the dedication of the 4th Ohio monument, specifications were written which stated that: "When designs call for bronze, real bronze only will be allowed".

The 4th Ohio was assembled (bolted joints) from seven major components. At present, only four of these remain in place. The upper three units were removed in 1976 when metal fatigue in the lower units created an out-of-plumb condition which threatened the upper units (column, capital, military figure). Since that time, the three upper units have remained in storage.

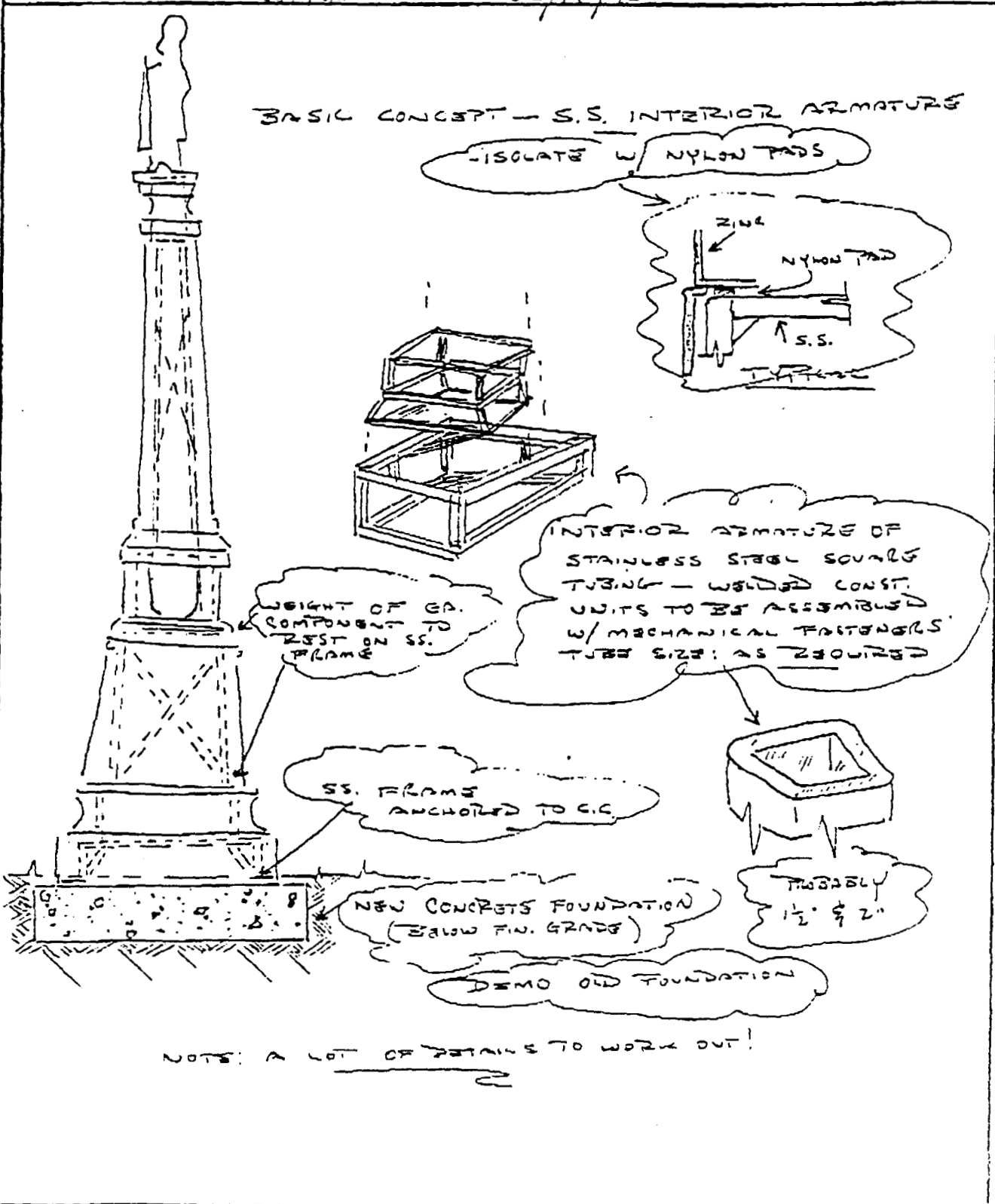
The GNMP Monument Section is proposing that the in-situ components be removed, and that the old foundation be demolished. A stainless steel armature would then be fabricated on a new foundation. The hollow zinc castings would be supported by this internal framework. Non-conductive pads would be used at points of contact to inhibit electrolytic metal degradation. In theory this concept is basic, but detailed measurements and skilled fabrication would be essential. Intervention for cosmetic reasons (repairs of minor cracks, etc.) would be kept to a minimum. Some evidence of metal distortion would remain, but attempts to create a "new" appearance might well put historic fabric at risk.



Note: Attached are field notes which illustrate the basic concept for an internal stainless steel armature. Estimates for this project vary considerably, based on the amount of work to be performed "in-house" vs. private sector contractors.

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Park G. N. M. P.	NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WILLIAMSPORT PRESERVATION TRAINING CENTER		Sheet: 01
Area	By <i>[Signature]</i>	Checked	Pkg.
Project 4TH. CHIO MONUMENT	Date 03/18/96	Date	Account
Feature S.S. FRAMEWORK - INTERNAL SUPPORT			





United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17325

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GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17325

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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March 14, 2001

Mr. Nick Elhert
Camp Commander
Henry Banning Camp #207
Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War
23 Mansfield Avenue
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

Dear Mr. Elhert:

This is in response to your phone inquiry regarding donations received for the restoration of the 4th Ohio monument located on East Cemetery Hill. To date we have received donations totaling \$4,300. These funds have been deposited into the park monument donation account where they will be held until enough money is available to complete the restoration of the monument.

The first donation in the amount of \$300 was received in December 1998 from the Columbiana County Park District. This money came from proceeds of a reenactment held at Scenic Vista Park, Lisbon, Ohio. The only other donation to this project was given generously by the National Organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in November 1999.

Your group's interest and dedication in assisting in the restoration of this monument is appreciated. Sufficient funds are not always available to accomplish many vital projects, and it is only through these generous contributions that we are able to make these improvements.

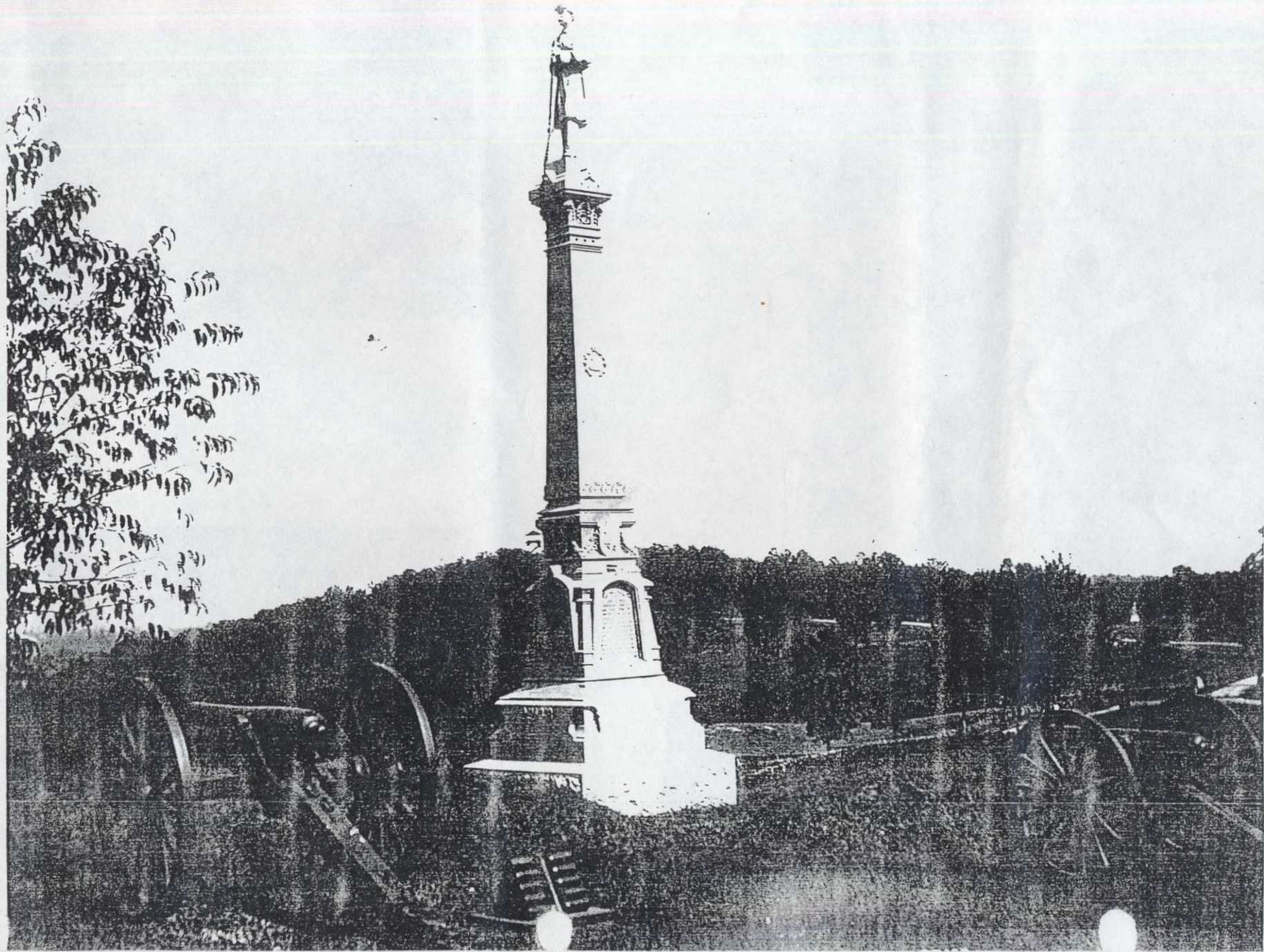
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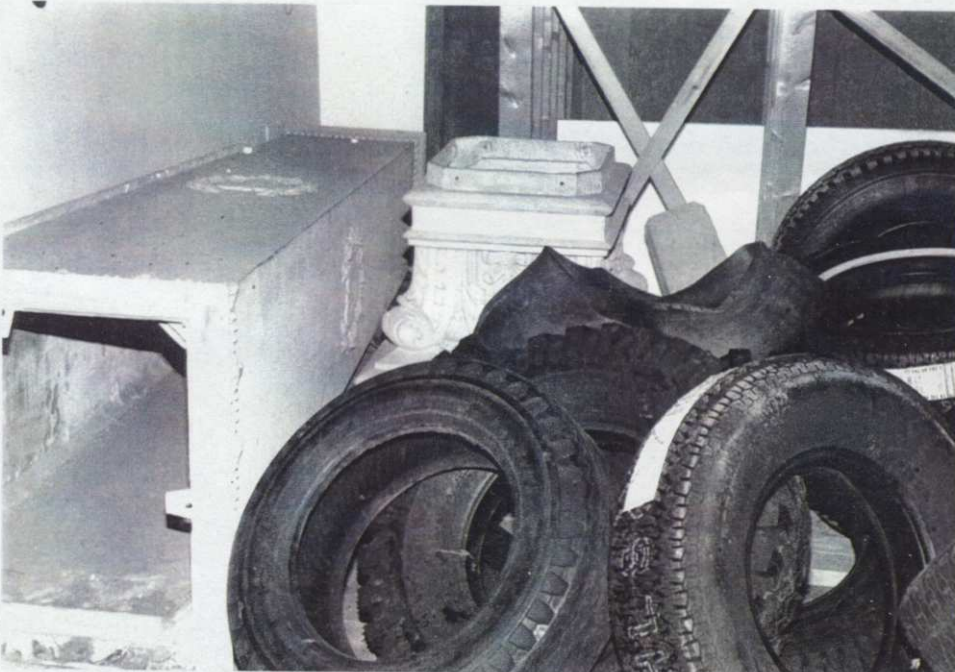
Lisa Orendorff
Acting Administrative Officer

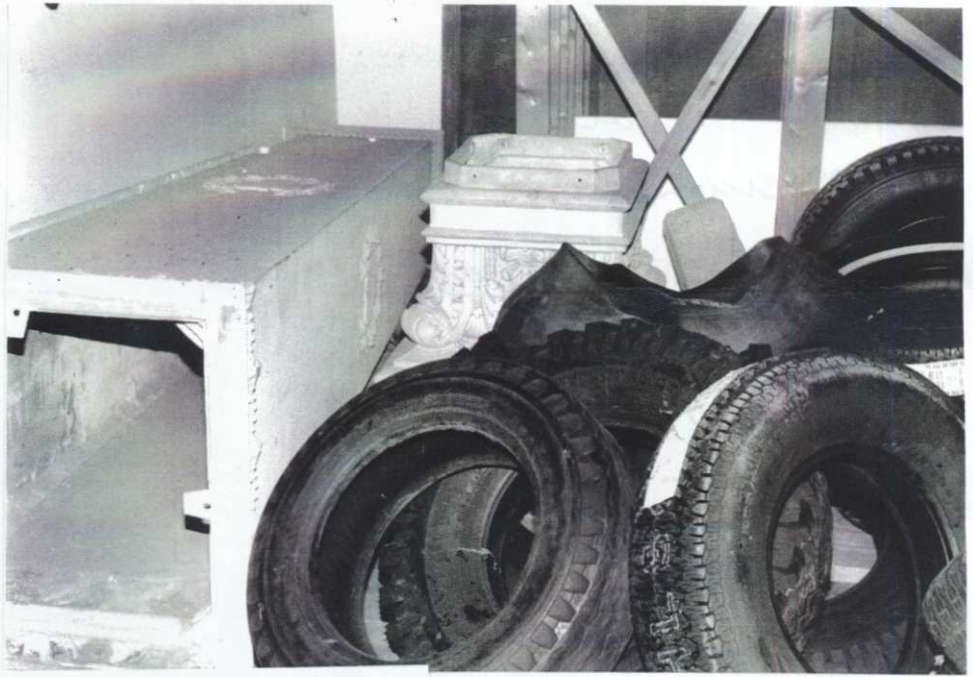
cc: Maint: D.Grauel
V. Gavin

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4th OVI Statue as it appeared 1897







James W. Harl
 Mt Vernon son
 buried at G.N.B. Cem.
 Brother also in 4th
 OOB buried in Mount
 View Cem. Mt. Vernon

