

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

(FORM CWM #62)
Requester Information

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: AUSTIN BLAIR CAMP No 7, DEPT. OF MICH
(Please print or type)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: JACKSON

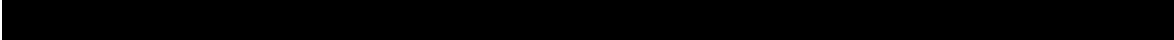
STATE: MICHIGAN ZIP CODE: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: BILL LOWE P.C., GRAVES REGISTRATION

ADDRESS: 3916 HURSTON DRIVE

CITY: JACKSON

STATE: MI ZIP CODE: 49201

PHONE(S): 

Memorial or Monument Information

NAME OF MEMORIAL: SITE OF CIVIL WAR CAMP BLAIR - MICHIGAN'S
PRIMARY DRAFT RENDEZVOUS AND MAJOR MUSTERING OUT
CENTER

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

WILLOWOOD AVENUE & N. WISNER

JACKSON MI

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: 1863-1866

WHO OWNS IT: ORIGINALLY ON REAR PROPERTY IT IS

ALL NOW PRIVATELY OWNED BUSINESS AND HOMES

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IT: STATE OF MICHIGAN WOOD INSTITUTE

ARE MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE: NO FROM WHERE: _____

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE: YES FROM WHERE: _____

LOCAL GRANTS AND GIFTS

AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED: \$500.00

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

SEE ATTACHED

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

MICHIGAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION & JUSTIN BEAR CAMP

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

CAMP WILL MAKE IT, CAMP NOT WILL INSTALL

WHO WILL RECEIVE THE FUNDS IF GRANTED: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

JUSTIN BEAR CAMP NOT - CAMP BEAR MARKER

MAIL TO:

MICHAEL MEINARD
CAMP TREASURER
6076 SANCTUARY DR
JACKSON MI 49201



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Civil War Memorial/Monument Fund

Distribution Date: 11-26-05

Fund Request Identifier: 05-05

Camp or Department: Austin Blair Camp #7, Dept. of Mich.

Contact Person: Bill Lowe

Request Description: Marker for Site of Camp Blair

Memorial Location: Jackson, Mi.

Amount Requested: \$500

Check Payable to: Austin Blair Camp #7 – Camp Blair Marker

Send Check to: Michael Maillard 6076 Sanctuary Dr. Jackson, Mi. 49201

Signatures:	Approved	Denied	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
David Stephen			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Leo Kennedy			
_____	_____	_____	_____
D. Brad Schall			
Assessment received and in good order:	Yes	No	Date
_____	_____	_____	_____
Todd Shillington			

**MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MARKER
PRICE LIST**

A \$250 application fee has been added to the cost of all informational markers. Prices include shipping and are subject to change.

**Small Informational Marker
(with one post)
24 inches wide by 36 inches high**

Same text both sides: \$1560 + \$250 fee = **\$1810**
Different text each side: \$1735 + \$250 fee = **\$1985**
Wall-mounted: \$1340 + \$250 fee = **\$1590**

**Large Informational Markers
(with two posts)
42 inches wide by 54 inches high**

Same text both sides: \$2705 + \$250 fee = **\$2955**
Different text each side: \$2900 + \$250 fee = **\$3150**
Wall-mounted: \$1920 + \$250 fee = **\$2170**

**Identification Plaques
12 inches wide by 14 inches high**

***Only available for sites listed in the
State Register of Historic Sites
prior to October 1, 1998***

Wall-mounted: **\$390**

The prices of Michigan Historical Markers are subject to change and are officially determined when the State Historic Preservation Office places the order with the manufacturer. **Only the \$250 fee is required at the time of application.** Please note that if your site is determined to be ineligible for a marker, the application fee will be refunded.



GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICE
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN



AUSTIN BLAIR CAMP No. 7

3916 ALLSTON DRIVE
JACKSON MI 49201

October 11, 2005

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, Chair
SUVCW Memorial Grants Committee
6519 Cherokee Lane
Cedar Hill, MO 63016-2527

Dear Brother Petrovic:

On behalf of our Camp you will find enclosed an application for a \$500.00 grant , a newspaper article and a brochure from the State of Michigan. Our goal is to have erected an official state historical marker placed on the site of Camp Blair here in Jackson. Camp Blair was the *only* permanent Civil War camp in Michigan with the exception of Fort Wayne in Detroit. The attached newspaper article outlines much of its history and importance during the war years and following.

You will note that the article was written in 1976 and in the ninth paragraph of the first column it says, "The exact bounds of the Camp are not known." For years local historians have known its *approximate location* however that was never sufficient to establish a historical marker. However due to recent research in another area in Washington, D.C., we have not only located *original* plans and plat maps of the Camp but numerous descriptions of the buildings and the topography of the land in general.

Showing these documents to the Michigan Historical Commission last week they told us, "Unquestionably you have sufficient proof of the Camp and its location..." and stated that they were certain that there would be no problem obtaining an official marker. We plan to obtain the largest marker possible, 42 x 54 inches and utilize both sides to tell as much of the story of Camp Blair as possible.

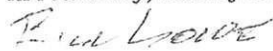
You will note that the minimum costs for the marker is \$3150.00 plus installation. We are exploring the possibility of placing a better copy of the large picture of the Camp in the newspaper article and a diagram of the Camp identifying the buildings on the marker. Thus far the cost to do that has not yet been determined.

James Zuleski, author of the article, retired after more that 30 years in the local retail business and is now curator of the Ella Sharp Museum here in Jackson. His assistance to date has been most helpful and he has pledged further support in obtaining grants from local organizations to ensure just one more part of Jackson's Civil War history is not forgotten.

We would greatly appreciate the support of the SUVCW Civil War Memorial Fund in helping us in completing the project..

Thank you for considering our request,

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,


Bill Lowe PCC
Graves Registration Officer


Ron Tyril
Camp Commander