

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

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

☒ Monument ☐ with Sculpture ☐ without Sculpture ☐ with Cannon ☐ standalone Cannon
☐ Historical Marker ☐ Plaque ☐ Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Note: try to record items separately. Cannons near monuments should be recorded & photographed separately, etc. Thank you.

Affiliation

☐ GAR ☐ MOLLUS ☐ SUVCW ☐ WRC ☐ ASUVCW
☐ LGAR ☐ DUVCW ☐ Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

Original Dedication Date October 13, 1867 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 Town Commons
24 Grafton Common GPS Coordinates : 42°12'23.9"N 71°41'06.4"W

City/Village &/or Township Grafton
 County Worcester State Ma Zip Code 01519

The front of the Memorial faces: ☒ North ☒ South ☒ East ☒ West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Town of Grafton
 Dept./Div. DPW
 Street Address 30 Providence Road
 City Grafton State MA Zip Code 01519
 Contact Person _____ Telephone (508) 839-4602. ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places ☐ Yes ☐ No ID # if known _____

For Monuments with/without sculpture:

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) _____

Material of the Sculpture ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Other Is it hollow or solid? _____

If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Italian Marble

For Historic Marker or Plaque:

Material of Plaque or Historical Marker / Tablet = _____

For Cannons with/without monument:

Material of Cannon = _____ Bronze _____ Iron Type of Cannon (if known) _____

Rifled _____ Yes _____ No

Markings: Muzzle _____ Base Ring/Breech _____

Left Trunion _____ Right Trunion _____

Is inert ammunition a part of the Memorial? _____ Yes _____ No

[For camp/department monuments officer's use: Cannon on list of known ordnance] _____ Yes _____ No

For Other Memorials: (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

What best describes the memorial _____

Materials of the Memorial _____

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

_____ Height _____ Width _____ Depth or _____ Diameter

For Memorials with multiple Sculptures, please record this information on a separate sheet of paper for each statue (service, pose, etc) 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 **Patrick Nugent**

Please attach legible photographs of all text &/or Record the text in the space below. Please use the addendum – narrative sheet if necessary.

This is an obilisque type marker that the Town commissioned to honor the men who lost their lives for the Union. It includes the names of the 59 Union Soldiers from the town who were killed in battles for the Union.

More Info
<https://macivilwarmonuments.com/2019/08/06/grafon/>

Environmental Setting

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

Type of Location

☐ Cemetery ☐ Park ☐ Plaza/Courtyard ☐ "Town Square" ☐ Post Office
☐ School ☐ Municipal Building ☐ State Capitol ☐ Courthouse ☐ College Campus
☒ Traffic Circle ☐ Library Other: _____

General Vicinity

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

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Street/Roadside within 20 feet ☐ Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
☐ Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors) ☐ Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)

Any other significant environmental factor It is in the old town common.

[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Submission of this form requires at least one type of identification so that you may be contacted regarding the information on this form. This information will most likely be in the public domain. Your name is required; please include one (or more) pieces of contact information.

1. If a member of an Allied Order, the name of your camp, auxiliary, tent, circle or corps; along with your department;
2. Physical Address;
3. Phone Number
4. E-Mail address.

By submitting this, you are allowing the posting of this information on the internet.

Inspector Identification

Date of On-site Survey 7/31/2026

Your Name Donald McKinnon

Address 659 Central Turnpike

City Sutton State MA Zip Code 01590

Telephone (508) 649-6490 E-Mail don.mckinnon73@gmail.com

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

Willie Grout Camp #25 Department of Massachusetts.

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. Photographs & GPS Co-ordinates are very much desired.

Pages 4 & 5 attached to this electronic file are the Monument's Condition and the Narrative forms. Only the Monument's Condition form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Please mail (or e-mail pdf, and picture files) to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair, 1240 Konert Valley Dr., Fenton, MO 63026, cwmemorials@suvchw.org (314) 630-8407

Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Civil War Memorials Committee.

>This form may be photocopied.<

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ADDENDUM – MONUMENT'S CONDITION

Completion of this form is required when requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

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)	_____	_____
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.)	_____	_____
Organic growth (moss, algae, lichen or vines)	_____	_____
Chalky or powdery stone	_____	_____
Granular eroding of stone	_____	_____
Spalling of stone (surface splitting off)	_____	_____
Droppings (bird, animal, insect remains)	_____	_____
Other (e.g., spray paint graffiti) - Please describe...	_____	_____

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

Surface Coating

Does there appear to be a coating? ____ Yes ____ No ☒ Unable to determine

If known, identify type of coating.

____ Gilded ____ Painted ____ Varnished ____ Waxed ☒ Unable to determine

Is the coating in good condition? ____ Yes ____ No ____ Unable to determine

Basic Surface Condition Assessment (check one)

In your opinion, what is the general appearance or condition of the Memorial?

☒ Well maintained ____ Would benefit from treatment ____ In urgent need of treatment ____ Unable to determine

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

the memorial is well taken care of by the town, and appears to be cleaned regularly from any elements.

Inspector's Name Donald McKinnon

Date 07/31/2026

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location _____ GPS Coordinates _____

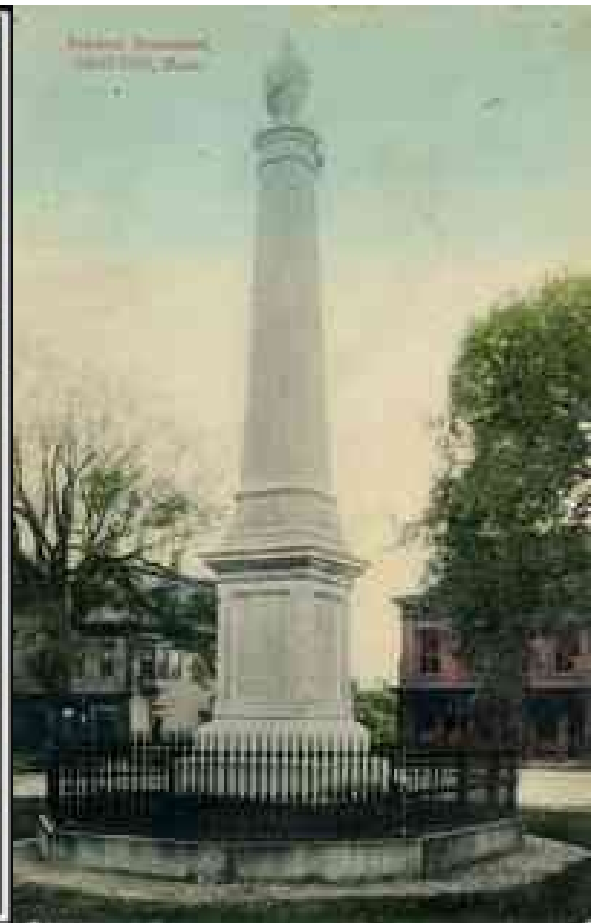
City/Village and/or Township _____

County _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

TEXT

The design is an obilisque with the eternal flame at the top for the dead soldiers. the names are enscribed on all four sides of the monument, and it is in the center of the town near the old town hall.

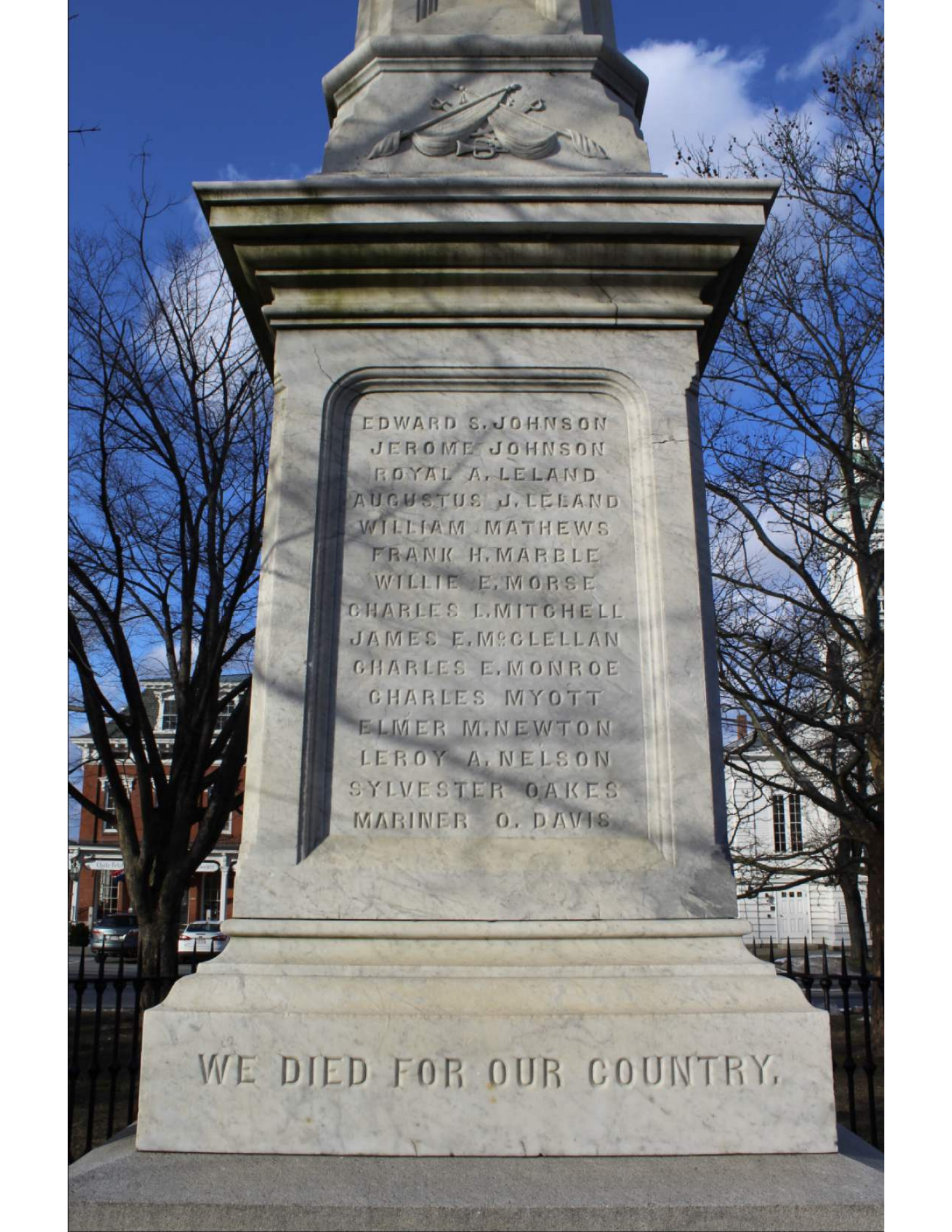
Grafton's Civil War Monument is an Italian marble pillar located on the grassy island at the intersection of North Street and Worcester Street on Grafton Common. It was designed by Patrick Nugent of Worcester and dedicated on October 13, 1867, to honor the 60 local men who died in the war. Key details of the monument include: Location: 24 Grafton Common, Grafton Center Inscription: The names of the sixty fallen Grafton soldiers are engraved into the stone, along with the words "We died for our country." Dedication: The original dedication featured an oration by Rev. George S. Ball and remarks by Maj. Gen. Charles Devens, who commanded the 15th Massachusetts Infantry in which many Grafton men served.



Inspector's Name Donald McKinnon

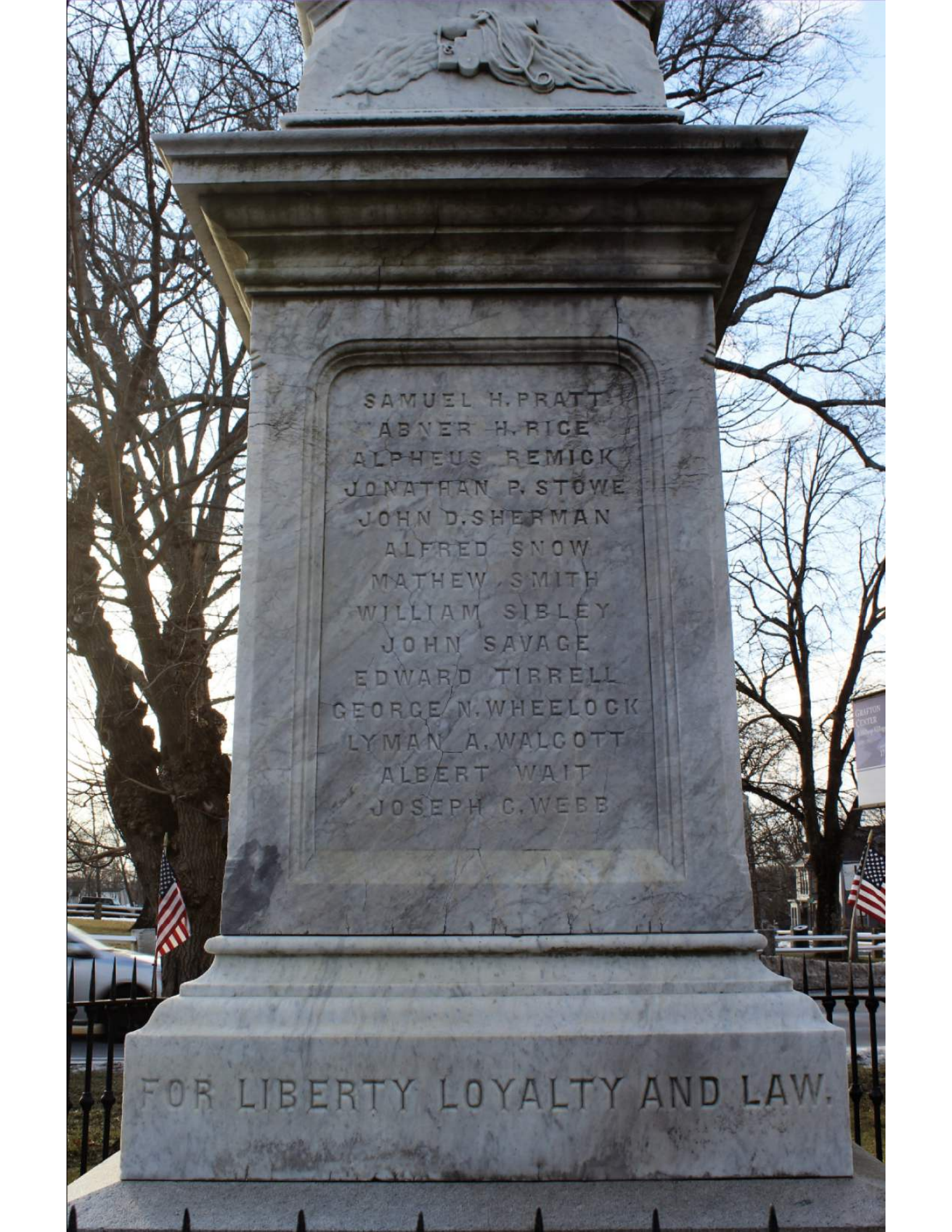
Date 07/31/2026





EDWARD S. JOHNSON
JEROME JOHNSON
ROYAL A. LELAND
AUGUSTUS J. LELAND
WILLIAM MATHEWS
FRANK H. MARBLE
WILLIE E. MORSE
CHARLES L. MITCHELL
JAMES E. MCGLELLAN
CHARLES E. MONROE
CHARLES MYOTT
ELMER M. NEWTON
LEROY A. NELSON
SYLVESTER OAKES
MARINER O. DAVIS

WE DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY.



SAMUEL H. PRATT
ABNER H. RICE
ALPHEUS REMICK
JONATHAN P. STOWE
JOHN D. SHERMAN
ALFRED SNOW
MATHEW SMITH
WILLIAM SIBLEY
JOHN SAVAGE
EDWARD TIRRELL
GEORGE N. WHEELOCK
LYMAN A. WALCOTT
ALBERT WAIT
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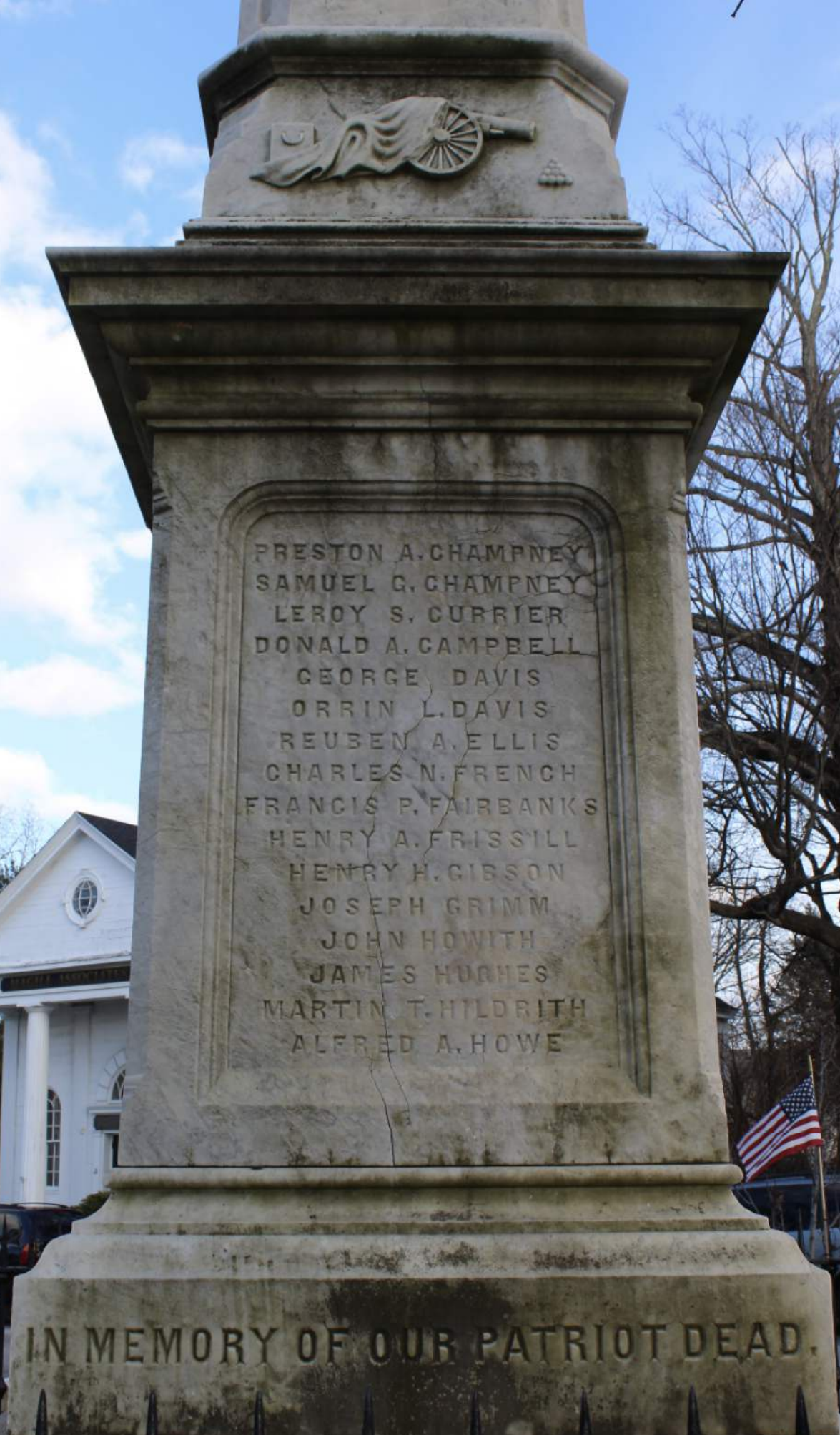
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HENRY S. BALL
ADELBERT L. BROWN
ASA T. BRYANT
JOSEPH BONNAR
GEORGE E. BURNS
GILBERT E. BALCOM
LUCIUS BOYDEN
JOSEPH BARDSLEY
PETER BOURASSA
CHARLES L. GASWELL
CARLIS GADY
ANDREW J. COPP
HARRISON J. CLISBEE
CURTIS GADY

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PRESTON A. CHAMPNEY
SAMUEL G. CHAMPNEY
LEROY S. CURRIER
DONALD A. CAMPBELL
GEORGE DAVIS
ORRIN L. DAVIS
REUBEN A. ELLIS
CHARLES N. FRENCH
FRANCIS P. FAIRBANKS
HENRY A. FRISSILL
HENRY H. GIBSON
JOSEPH GRIMM
JOHN HOWITH
JAMES HUGHES
MARTIN T. HILDRITH
ALFRED A. HOWE

IN MEMORY OF OUR PATRIOT DEAD.

