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Should Not Qualify for Funds - CWMemorials Officer 10-15-2026

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Civil War Memorial/Monument Fund

The purpose of the Memorial/Monument Grant Fund is to assist Camps and Departments in their efforts to refurbish and restore Civil War related memorials and monuments. The grant fund is open to the preservation and restoration of Civil War monuments and memorials as well as supporting the production of new monuments. Priority of funds will be for preservation. Requests for new monuments will be accepted between 1 May and 15 June. The committee is authorized to revisit and issue remaining money, of that year, to camps and/or departments who have submitted requests for that year on a need basis.

Note: All requests submitted after 15 June shall be considered for Grant Awards, but shall not be paid until after the National Encampment. The National Treasurer is not allowed to make Grant Award payments after a fiscal year ends on 30 June each year; however, Grant Applications may still be received by the Committee during this period, but shall be placed on hold for a period until after the Encampment.

The following provides some general guidelines as to how to apply for a grant and how grant submittals will be evaluated.

1. A Form 61 is required to be completed prior to filing a Form 62 except if the grant request is for a new monument in which case the Form 61 will be filled after the monument is placed.

2. Any SUVCW Camp or Department may request money from this fund.

3. The more information provided the better the chances of getting approval.

4. All requests will be handled individually on its own merit.

5. Only one request from one entity (Camp or Department) can be accepted per monument or memorial.

6. Standard procedure is to send funds to the vendor.

7. The maximum grant shall be $2,000 per project. However, funds remaining at the end of the year may be disbursed to grant recipients or to National Park Service, Department of Defense, and/or Department of Veterans Affairs for the preservation of Civil War monuments.

8. Provide pictures and copies of all documentation as to appraisals, estimates, etc.

NOTE: The fund will only pay for work to be done, not for appraisals, estimates, surveys, etc., since they are considered to be a requirement of the application and help to describe the work to be done.

8. The review committee will consist of three of the elected Council of Administration members.

9. Requests for funds and submission of this form does not guarantee award of funds.

10. If a grant is ultimately awarded, photographs and/or images taken before and after refurbishment will be required for documentation purposes and possible placement on the SUVCW website.

Send requests and associated material to:
Shane Milburn, PDC
846 Buckskin Trail
Xenia, Ohio 45385
cwmemorial_grant@suvcw.org

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: C. K. Pier Badger Camp #1, Department of Wisconsin

NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: Stephen Michaels, PCinC, Camp Council #1

ADDRESS: 6623 S. North Cape Rd.

CITY: Franklin STATE: WI ZIP CODE: 53132-1227

PHONE(S): 414-712-4655 E-MAIL: Lt.col.sm@gmail.com

SIGNATURE: Stephen A Michaels

NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT Lincoln Cemetery Civil War Veterans' Grave Monuments Pre

NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION

Lincoln Cemetery, 18642 Ervin St, Whitehall, WI 54773

LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3rd and Lincoln St)

Civil War veterans' grave monuments located in Blocks 1 and 3 of Lincoln Cemetery.

Trempealeau County

GPS N 44.3642 W 91.32220 City Whitehall State WI ZIP 54773

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

X EXISTING MONUMENT ___ NEW MONUMENT ___ LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST $ 5590.0 AMOUNT RAISED $ 2500.00 REQUESTED $ 2000.00

CHECK PAYABLE TO: Headstones & Blooms

ADDRESS: 1030 12th St

CITY: Reedsburg WI 53959

STATE ZIP CODE

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: Various dates WHO OWNS IT: City of Whitehall, WI

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? The Whitehall Area Historical Foundation is raising and committing funds for the professional restoration of Civil War veterans' grave monuments.

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? YES FROM WHERE: Whitehall Area Historical Foundation funds, community funds and local fundraising.

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)

Grant funds are requested to assist with Phase I of the professional preservation and restoration of ten Civil War veterans' grave monuments in Lincoln Cemetery. Work will include replacing failed foundations, resetting and leveling monuments, repairing and restoring damaged stones, cleaning where required, and placing appropriate G.A.R. grave markers. All specialized monument work will be performed by Headstones & Blooms using appropriate historic cemetery preservation practices. See attached Phase I Monument Condition Assessment/Photo Appendix and work schedule for individual monument conditions, treatments, and costs.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? Headstones & Blooms, with six years' experience specializing in the restoration of historic cemetery monuments.

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? Headstones & Blooms, Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? Headstones & Blooms

LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT

C. K. Pier Badger Camp #1, through Steve Michaels, has provided guidance since the onset of the project and consultation in preparing the grant application and supporting documentation. The Camp will sponsor and submit the application to the SUVCW and continue to provide guidance as the preservation project moves forward.

HEADSTONES & BLOOMS

ESTIMATE

Headstones and Blooms
1030 12th Street
Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959
United States

608-415-1168
headstonesandblooms@gmail.com

BILL TO
Whitehall Area Historical Foundation

Estimate Number: 15
Estimate Date: June 30, 2026
Valid Until: August 29, 2026
Grand Total (USD): **$7,875.00**

Items	Price	Amount
Relevel and Reset Melvin Whitney	$250.00	$250.00
Bronze Clean Milton Whitney	$85.00	$85.00
Relevel and Reset #29 - DAVID FLACK	$125.00	$125.00
Historic Restoration #25 - Civil War Tablet New Foundation Repair and Reset	$400.00	$400.00
Historic Restoration #18 Snyder Herman New Foundation Repair and Reset	$625.00	$625.00
Historic Restoration #15C Scholz Gottlieh Repair Reset - Relevel New Foundation	$350.00	$350.00
Historic Restoration #24 Cummings, Edwin - Tree Trunk Remove Old Foundation Install New Foundation Reset	$925.00	$925.00
Historic Restoration #14 - Alanzo Restore	$125.00	$125.00

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Items	Price	Amount
Relevel #26 Cummings	$175.00	$175.00
Relevel Reset #37 Charles Gassow Repair Vase	$850.00	$850.00
Relevel #38 Quackenbush	$85.00	$85.00
Relevel #35 HEGG	$485.00	$485.00
Relevel Reset #33 Henry Towner	$195.00	$195.00
Relevel #43 Alexander Samuel	$85.00	$85.00
Relevel Alexander Family Stone Remove old foundation Set new foundation Reset	$775.00	$775.00
Relevel #32 NL Sweet Reset and Relevel	$675.00	$675.00
Relevel #40 Tallman	$85.00	$85.00
Historic Restoration #16 Fuller Repair -Restore - Reset	$580.00	$580.00
Travel Each trip to Whitehall would be $200.00	$1,000.00	$1,000.00

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Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959
United States

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Items	Price	Amount
We are estimating 5 days for the job. You would only be charged for the days used.		

Grand Total (USD): **$7,875.00**

Notes / Terms

This estimate includes materials, supplies, and equipment needed to complete this job. Occasionally we encounter unforeseen underground conditions such as deep set stones, hidden concrete, excessive rock or root systems - that may impact the time, labor, or equipment required. If this occurs, additional charges may apply. We will always communicate with you before proceeding with any extra work.

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LINCOLN CEMETERY HISTORICAL TIMELINE

Whitehall, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin | Revised 31/08/2026

This working timeline brings together the documentary evidence currently located for Lincoln Cemetery. Where the historical record remains incomplete, the entry is identified as a research finding rather than a settled conclusion.

03 February 1862 Earliest burial currently identified

Anna Wade, age seven months, daughter of Civil War veteran DAVID WHEELER WADE and Margaret H. Ervin Wade, is the earliest burial currently identified in project research. The burial place was described as the "Whitehall burial ground." This establishes use of the burial ground by early 1862, but does not by itself establish the date the cemetery was formally organized or when the name Lincoln Cemetery was adopted.[1]

Late July 1877 G. W. Salisbury sketches Whitehall

Artist G. W. Salisbury prepared a view of Whitehall from Long View bluff while working on views for a Wisconsin atlas. A contemporary newspaper account reported that he spent Friday and Saturday sketching Whitehall and praised the accuracy of the drawing. The resulting 1877 view shows the cemetery landscape northeast of the village. The exact atlas title and page remain to be documented for the project file.[2]

03 Mar 1880 Lincoln Cemetery Association documented

The Whitehall Times and Trempealeau County Messenger published notice of an adjourned meeting of the Lincoln Cemetery Association to be held at the Exchange Hotel on 06/03/1880. Lot owners and others interested were urged to attend because "matters of importance" were to be considered. This is the earliest newspaper reference to the Lincoln Cemetery Association currently documented in the project.[3]

1920 Memorial Day graves decorated

A surviving Memorial Day list records local Civil War soldiers whose graves were decorated at Lincoln Cemetery when the American Legion first assumed responsibility for the Memorial Day program. That document became the starting point for the Whitehall Area Historical Foundation's later Civil War veterans research project.[4]

December 2000 Municipal stewardship

Project research indicates that stewardship of Lincoln Cemetery passed to the City of Whitehall in December 2000. The underlying municipal or association record should remain on the research list so the exact transfer language and date can be cited in the final published cemetery history.[5]

26 August 2004 Fifth Addition

A Whitehall Times report on the City Council described action involving the Fifth Addition to Lincoln Cemetery. The article noted land acquired the previous year in a land trade and a 60-by-105-foot parcel designated as a street to provide access. Council approval was subject to Wisconsin Department of Administration approval.[6]

February 2025 Civil War veterans project begins

The Whitehall Area Historical Foundation launched Honoring Their Service: Preserving the Whitehall Area Civil War Legacy after research began with the 1920 Memorial Day list. The project has since identified 151 Civil War veterans connected to the Whitehall area and 44 confirmed Civil War veteran burials in Lincoln Cemetery.[7]

May 9, 2026 Public monument preservation clinic

Headstones & Blooms conducted a public cemetery monument preservation clinic at Lincoln Cemetery. Community participants learned appropriate methods for cleaning historic grave markers.[8]

May 2026 Student preservation work

Following the public clinic, Whitehall School District students participated in cleaning Civil War veterans' grave markers under teacher supervision, extending the project into hands-on local history and preservation education.[8]

Summer 2026 Phase I restoration plan developed

WAHF and Headstones & Blooms developed a defined first phase of monument work involving ten Civil War veterans' grave monuments. Phase I combines professional foundation, resetting, leveling, repair and restoration work with cleaning supplies and appropriate G.A.R. grave markers.[9]

Source Notes

1. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation cemetery research file, Anna Wade burial record; earliest burial currently identified. The project file records her as the infant daughter of **DAVID WHEELER WADE** and Margaret H. Ervin Wade.

2. Trempealeau County Messenger, 01/08/1877, contemporary report on G. W. Salisbury's Whitehall sketch; G. W. Salisbury, 1877 Whitehall view, atlas citation still to be completed.

3. Whitehall Times and Trempealeau County Messenger, 03/03/1880, p. 1, "Lincoln Cemetery Association."

4. Whitehall Memorial Day/Civil War soldiers grave-decoration list, 1920, Whitehall Area Historical Foundation project file.

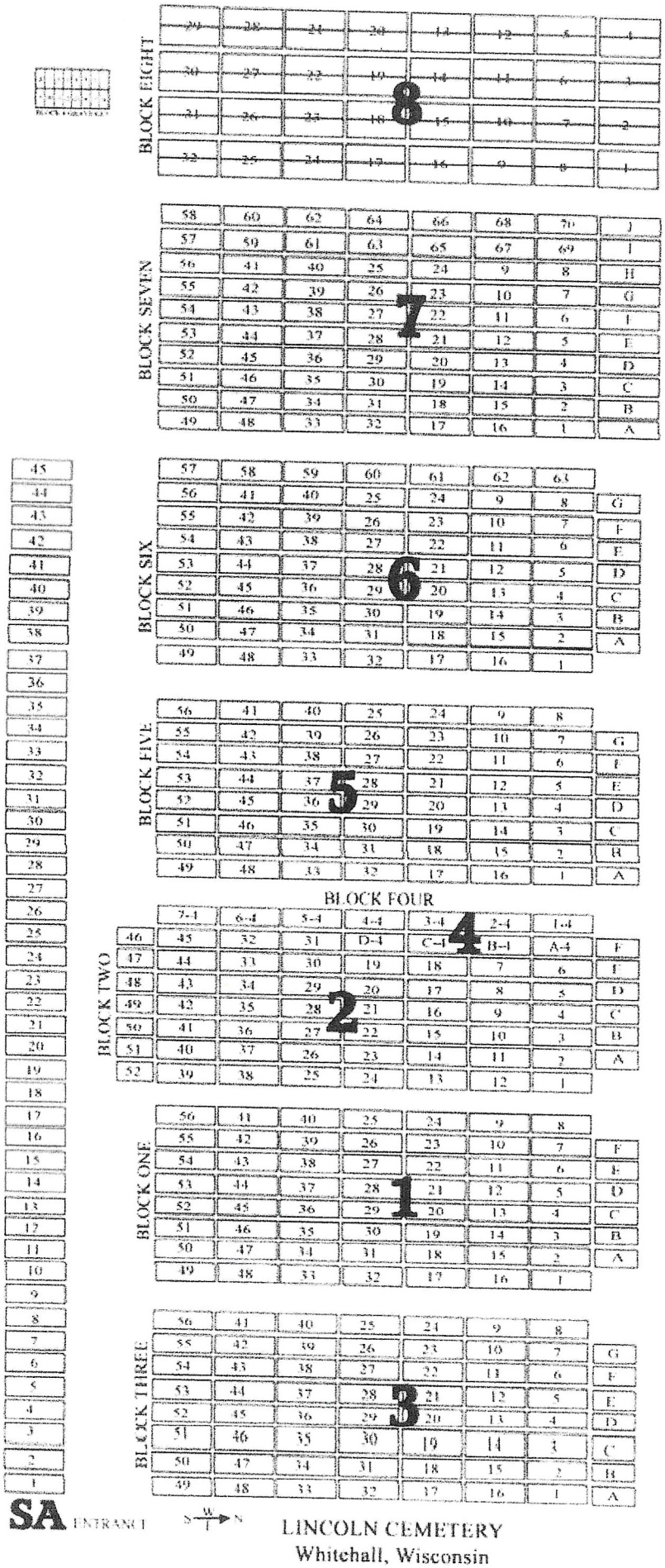
5. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation Lincoln Cemetery research notes. Original transfer record remains to be located and should replace this secondary project note when found.

6. Whitehall Times, 26/08/2004, p. 10, Whitehall City Council report concerning the Fifth Addition to Lincoln Cemetery.

7. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation, Honoring Their Service project research database and cemetery survey, current through 31/08/2026.

8. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation project records, Headstones & Blooms preservation clinic and Whitehall School District student cleaning project, 05/2026.

9. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation, Lincoln Cemetery Work Estimates Phase I, revised 31/08/2026; Headstones & Blooms professional assessment/estimate; Phase I Monument Condition Assessment/Photo Appendix.


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DAVID WHEELER WADE



Name: David Wheeler Wade

Rank: First Sergeant

Unit: Company C, 30th Wisconsin Infantry

Service: Enlisted 16 August 1862; discharged for disability 03 November 1864

Born: 22 February 1833

Died: 03 May 1881

Burial: Lincoln Cemetery, Whitehall, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin Block 1, Lot 33, Grave 1

Find A Grave Memorial: 122906558

Biography

DAVID WHEELER WADE was born 22 February 1833, the son of David Wade Sr. and Joanna Wade. By 1860 he was living in Preston, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin. His first wife, Margaret H. Ervin, whom he married in 1853, was a daughter of James Ervin, one of the early settlers associated with the Whitehall area.[1]

The Wade family's connection to Lincoln Cemetery began before David entered military service. His infant daughter, Anna Wade, died 03 February 1862 at seven months of age and was buried in what was then described as the "Whitehall burial ground." She is the earliest burial currently identified in Whitehall Area Historical Foundation research for what became Lincoln Cemetery.[2]

On 16 August 1862, DAVID WHEELER WADE enlisted as First Sergeant in Company C, 30th Wisconsin Infantry. His documented service continued until 03 November 1864, when he was discharged for disability.[1]

After the war, Wade remained in western Wisconsin. Census records cited in the project notes place him in Gale in 1870 and Lincoln in 1880. His family history included three marriages: Margaret H. Ervin, Margaret "Maggie" Ann Cook, and Harriet "Hattie" Caldwell. The pension-file notes state that David and his first wife Margaret had a son, James E. Wade, and that David and Harriet had no children together.[1]

On 14 February 1877, the Whitehall Times reported the formation of the "Lincoln Cemetery Association" at the office of L. H. Whitney. DAVID WHEELER WADE was elected one of its trustees, together with David Wood, L. D. McNitt, Henry Stratton, A. C. Knight, and Moses Ingalls. The newspaper reported that another meeting would be called to devise means to improve the grounds, build fences, and put the cemetery in good condition.[3]

That 1877 notice gives Wade an unusually direct place in the history of Lincoln Cemetery. Fifteen years after the death and burial of his infant daughter Anna, he became one of the men formally entrusted with the care and improvement of the burial ground.[2] His connection to the cemetery was therefore both personal and civic.

DAVID WHEELER WADE died 03 May 1881 and was buried in Lincoln Cemetery, Block 1, Lot 33, Grave 1.[1] His widow Harriet later appears in the 1890 Veterans Census as the widow of a Civil War veteran. The project notes also identify her as a member of the Women's Relief Corps.[1]

Today, Wade's grave monument is one of the ten Civil War veterans' monuments selected for Phase I of the Lincoln Cemetery preservation project. The marker is lying nearly horizontal at ground level, and the project condition assessment records visible surface weathering and cracking. The Phase I work calls for a new

foundation, resetting and leveling, and installation of an appropriate G.A.R. marker, at an estimated cost of $475.[4]

For the Whitehall Area Historical Foundation project, DAVID WHEELER WADE's story brings the work full circle. His family was using the burial ground by 1862; he served the Union during the Civil War; in 1877 he helped organize the association charged with caring for the cemetery; and in 1881 he was buried there himself. Nearly 150 years later, preservation of his monument continues the responsibility he once accepted for Lincoln Cemetery.[2]

Sources and Footnotes

1. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation, David Wheeler Wade research notes: military service and pension information; 1860 Preston, 1870 Gale, and 1880 Lincoln census references; family information; death and burial information; Find A Grave Memorial no. 122906558. The widow-pension application date recorded in the working notes appears internally inconsistent and has not been used in this narrative.
2. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation, Lincoln Cemetery Historical Timeline, revised 31 August 2026; Anna Wade burial record, 03 February 1862, identifying her as the infant daughter of DAVID WHEELER WADE and Margaret H. Ervin Wade and the earliest burial currently identified in project research.
3. Whitehall Times, 14 February 1877, notice reporting formation of the Lincoln Cemetery Association and election of DAVID WHEELER WADE and five other men as trustees.
4. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation, Phase I Monument Condition Assessment / Photo Appendix and Lincoln Cemetery Work Estimates Phase I, revised 31 August 2026; DAVID WHEELER WADE, Block 1, Lot 33, Grave 1; new foundation, reset and level, G.A.R. marker; estimated cost $475.

Monuments Officer 10/15/2026: outside the scope of monuments program, these are considered grave markers/stones

PHASE I MONUMENT CONDITION ASSESSMENT
PHOTO APPENDIX

Lincoln Cemetery Civil War Veterans' Grave Monuments Preservation Project

Lincoln Cemetery | Whitehall, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin

Purpose. This appendix documents the pre-treatment condition of the ten Civil War veterans' grave monuments included in Phase I and ties each photograph to the proposed work and cost in the Whitehall Area Historical Foundation Phase I work schedule. Visible-condition descriptions are limited to what can be supported by the photographs; treatment descriptions and costs follow the Phase I work schedule.

Project note. Phase I also includes $1,000 previously spent for the headstone cleaning clinic, conservation-approved chemicals, and supplies. The monument-specific work below totals $4,590, for a total Phase I project cost of $5,590.

1. EDWIN CUMMINGS

Cemetery location	Block 1, Lot 21, Grave 4
Proposed Phase I work	Remove old foundation on family monument; install new foundations under Edwin's marker and the family monument; reset Edwin's grave marker; reset two log markers at the end of the plot.
Estimated cost	$1,500
Condition assessment	Would benefit from treatment; foundation/resetting work is professionally recommended.

Documented condition

The photographs document a multi-element family plot requiring foundation and resetting work. The family monument shows substantial surface weathering and biological growth. Edwin's individual marker is low-set and weathered. The professional work schedule calls for removal/replacement of foundations and resetting of the monument elements.



Figure 1A. Cummings family monument and Edwin Cummings marker before restoration.

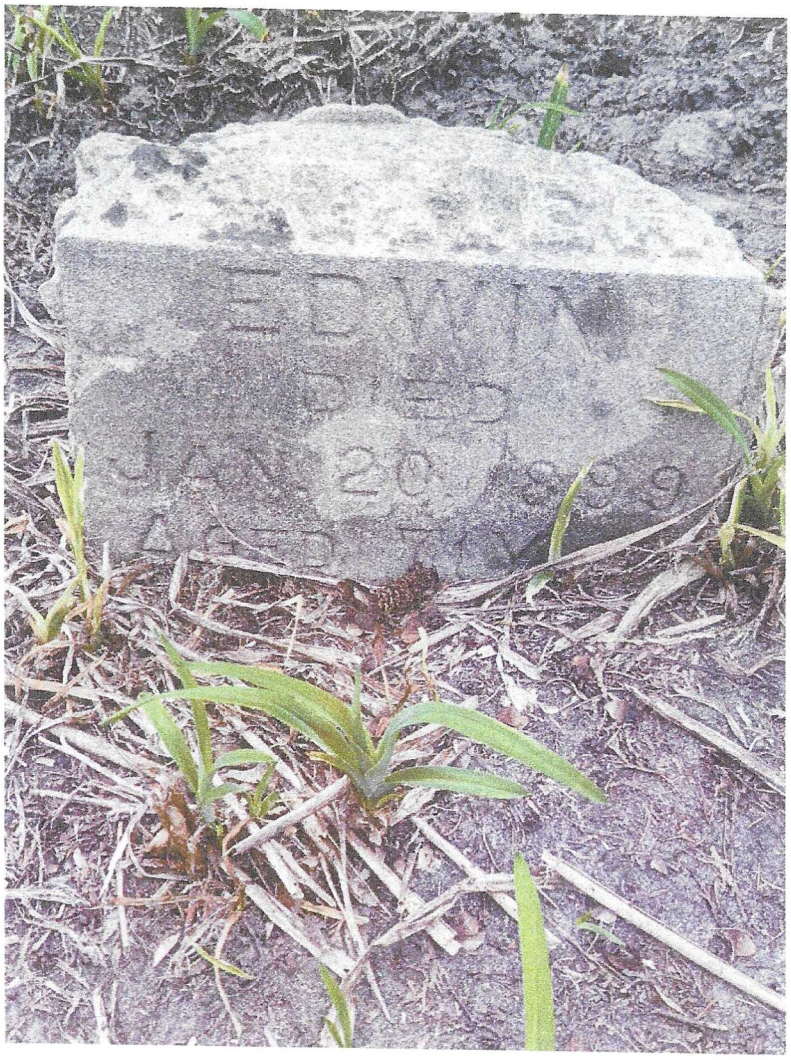


Figure 1B. Edwin Cummings individual marker before restoration.

Form CWM-61 condition note: final checkbox selections should be transferred to the official condition addendum after review against the professional assessment; this appendix does not claim conditions that are not visible or otherwise documented.

2. MELVIN J. WHITNEY

Cemetery location	Block 3, Lot 20, Grave 8
Proposed Phase I work	Reset and level; install G.A.R. marker.
Estimated cost	$325
Condition assessment	Would benefit from treatment; resetting and leveling are professionally recommended.

Documented condition

The monument is visibly out of level/tilted and separated from or displaced relative to its base. Surface weathering is visible.

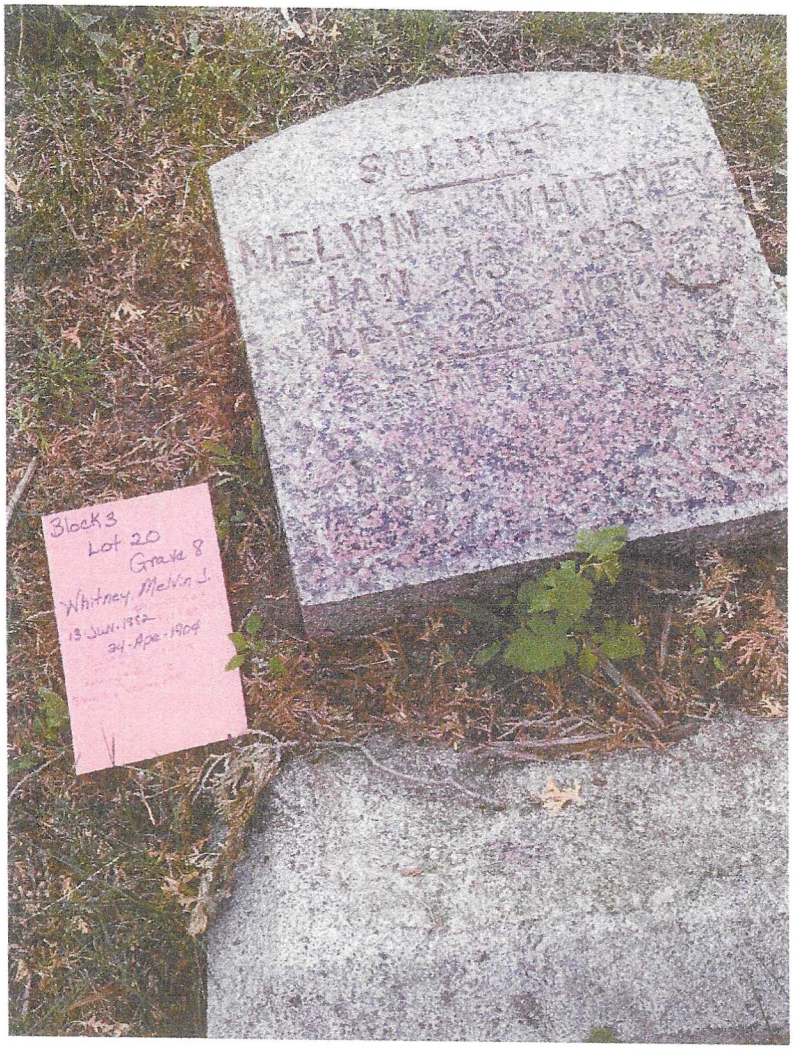


Figure 2. Melvin J. Whitney monument before restoration.

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3. MILTON F. WHITNEY

Cemetery location	Block 3, Lot 20, Grave 4
Proposed Phase I work	Clean stone; install G.A.R. marker.
Estimated cost	$85
Condition assessment	Would benefit from treatment; cleaning is recommended.

Documented condition

The monument is upright, but the photograph shows extensive biological growth/lichen across the inscription and base, reducing legibility.



Figure 3. Milton F. Whitney monument before cleaning.

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4. DAVID FLACK

Cemetery location	Block 1, Lot 51, Grave 8
Proposed Phase I work	Reset and level.
Estimated cost	$125
Condition assessment	Would benefit from treatment; resetting and leveling are professionally recommended.

Documented condition

The monument is upright, but the project schedule identifies resetting and leveling as necessary. The photograph shows weathering and biological growth/staining on the exposed base.



Figure 4. David Flack monument before resetting and leveling.

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5. DAVID WHEELER WADE

Cemetery location	Block 1, Lot 33, Grave 1
Proposed Phase I work	Install new foundation; reset and level; install G.A.R. marker.
Estimated cost	$475
Condition assessment	In urgent need of treatment because the marker is not standing in its intended position.

Documented condition

The grave marker is lying nearly horizontal at ground level. Surface weathering and cracking are visible. The professional schedule calls for a new foundation and resetting/leveling.



Figure 5. David Wheeler Wade monument before restoration.

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6. HERMAN SNYDER

Cemetery location	Block 1, Lot 16, Grave 6
Proposed Phase I work	Install new foundation; reset and level.
Estimated cost	$625
Condition assessment	Would benefit from treatment; new foundation and resetting/leveling are professionally recommended.

Documented condition

The monument is upright, while the professional schedule identifies the existing foundation as requiring replacement and the monument as needing resetting and leveling. Biological growth is visible on the stone and base.



Figure 6. Herman Snyder monument before foundation work.

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7. GOTTLIEB SCHULTZ

Cemetery location	Block 1, Lot 3, Grave 6
Proposed Phase I work	Install new foundation; reset and level.
Estimated cost	$350
Condition assessment	Would benefit from treatment; foundation and resetting/leveling work are professionally recommended.

Documented condition

The monument is upright but shows extensive biological growth/lichen. The professional schedule calls for a new foundation and resetting/leveling.



Figure 7. Gottlieb Schultz monument before foundation work.

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8. ALONZO KNIGHT

Cemetery location	Block 1, Lot 8, Grave 4
Proposed Phase I work	Restore; install G.A.R. marker.
Estimated cost	$200
Condition assessment	Would benefit from treatment; restoration is professionally recommended.

Documented condition

The monument is visibly leaning and shows surface weathering. The carved decorative elements appear weathered; the professional schedule identifies restoration as necessary.



Figure 8. Alonzo Knight monument before restoration.

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9. WALLACE E. CUMMINGS

Cemetery location	Block 1, Lot 44, Grave 1
Proposed Phase I work	Relevel; install G.A.R. marker.
Estimated cost	$250
Condition assessment	Would benefit from treatment; releveling is professionally recommended.

Documented condition

The military-style marker is upright, but the concrete foundation/base is visibly cracked and deteriorated along the front edge. The professional schedule calls for releveling.



Figure 9. Wallace E. Cummings monument before releveling.

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10. WILLIAM T. SLYTER

Cemetery location	Block 1, Lot 9, Grave 8
Proposed Phase I work	Repair; restore and reset; install G.A.R. marker.
Estimated cost	$655
Condition assessment	In urgent need of treatment because the marker is not standing and requires repair/restoration.

Documented condition

The marker is lying horizontally at ground level and shows surface soiling/biological growth. A broken or displaced stone component is visible beside the marker. The professional schedule calls for repair, restoration, and resetting.



Figure 10. William T. Slyter monument before repair, restoration, and resetting.

Form CWM-61 condition note: final checkbox selections should be transferred to the official condition addendum after review against the professional assessment; this appendix does not claim conditions that are not visible or otherwise documented.

Phase I Cost Summary

Component	Amount
EDWIN CUMMINGS	$1,500
MELVIN J. WHITNEY	$325
MILTON F. WHITNEY	$85
DAVID FLACK	$125
DAVID WHEELER WADE	$475
HERMAN SNYDER	$625
GOTTLIEB SCHULTZ	$350
ALONZO KNIGHT	$200
WALLACE E. CUMMINGS	$250
WILLIAM T. SLYTER	$655
Headstone cleaning clinic / chemicals / supplies	$1,000
TOTAL PHASE I	**$5,590**

Contractor: Headstones & Blooms, Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Headstones & Blooms has been in business for six years and specializes in the cleaning, repair, resetting, leveling, restoration, and preservation of historic monuments. The contractor reports extensive hands-on experience working with cemeteries and families throughout Southern Wisconsin.

HONORING THEIR SERVICE

Preserving the Whitehall Area Civil War Legacy

Lincoln Cemetery Civil War Veterans' Grave

Monuments Preservation Project Phase I

Prepared by the Whitehall Area Historical Foundation
Whitehall, Wisconsin
Revised 1 September 2026

Executive Summary

Founded in 2022 to coordinate Whitehall's 150th Anniversary celebration, the Whitehall Area Historical Foundation formally incorporated in December 2023 as a Wisconsin nonprofit organization and received federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The Foundation preserves and shares local history through research, education, historic preservation, publications, and community partnerships.

In February 2025, the Foundation launched Honoring Their Service: Preserving the Whitehall Area Civil War Legacy after discovering a 1920 Memorial Day record listing forty local Civil War veterans whose graves were decorated. Research has now identified 151 Civil War veterans connected to the Whitehall area, including 44 confirmed burials in Lincoln Cemetery. More than 111 veteran narratives have been researched and drafted, creating a growing record of military service and postwar community life.

Phase I moves the project from research and documentation into targeted professional preservation. Ten Civil War veterans' grave monuments have been selected for foundation work, resetting, leveling, repair, restoration, cleaning and/or appropriate G.A.R. grave markers. The total Phase I project cost is $5,590. WAHF has already spent or committed $2,500. The Foundation is requesting $2,000 from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial Grant Fund; if fully awarded, the remaining Phase I need will be $1,090.

Headstones & Blooms of Reedsburg, Wisconsin, evaluated the preservation needs and will perform the specialized monument work. The company has been in business for six years and specializes in cleaning, repair, resetting, leveling, restoration, and preservation of historic monuments, with extensive hands-on experience working with cemeteries and families throughout Southern Wisconsin.

Statement of Need

Lincoln Cemetery is one of Whitehall's oldest surviving historic landscapes. The earliest burial currently identified in project research is that of Anna Wade on 03 February 1862, when the location was described as the "Whitehall burial ground." A G. W. Salisbury view prepared in 1877 depicts the cemetery landscape near the growing village, and by 03 March 1880 the local newspaper was publishing notices for meetings of the Lincoln Cemetery Association. These records demonstrate a burial ground closely tied to Whitehall's earliest development.

Today, 44 confirmed Civil War veterans are buried in Lincoln Cemetery. Their monuments vary greatly in age, design, and condition. Some remain upright but require leveling or new foundations; others show weathering and biological growth; several require repair or restoration; and some are no longer standing in their intended position. Phase I concentrates limited resources on ten veterans whose monuments have documented preservation needs.

The project is not simply cosmetics. A grave monument is often the most visible surviving record of an individual veteran in the community landscape. When a marker becomes unstable, broken, buried or illegible, the connection between the veteran, the cemetery and the public becomes harder to preserve. Professional treatment protects both the physical monument and the historical record it carries.

Project History

The project began with forty names on a 1920 Memorial Day list and expanded through military records, pension files, census records, cemetery records, newspapers, family histories, and field surveys. Research now

encompasses Whitehall and the surrounding communities of Lincoln, Preston, Hale, Burnside, and Pigeon Falls. As of 31 August 2026, 151 area Civil War veterans have been identified, and more than 111 detailed narratives have been researched and drafted.

In 2026 the project expanded into preservation and public education. Headstones & Blooms conducted a public monument preservation clinic at Lincoln Cemetery on 09 May 2026. Whitehall School District students then participated in cleaning Civil War veterans' markers using the methods taught during the clinic. The work connected local history, veterans' remembrance, and hands-on stewardship.

WAHF has also mapped and photographed the Civil War veterans' graves, developed a monument work schedule, gathered professional cost estimates, and prepared a Phase I Monument Condition Assessment/Photo Appendix. The project is being completed in phases so that professional standards can be maintained while funding is raised responsibly.

Phase I Preservation Plan

Phase I includes monument work associated with ten Civil War veterans. Treatment will be performed by Headstones & Blooms and will follow the professional recommendations documented in the work schedule and condition photographs. WAHF volunteers will continue research, documentation, fundraising and appropriate non-structural cemetery stewardship; specialized structural monument work will be performed by the professional contractor.

Veteran	Location	Phase I work	Cost
EDWIN CUMMINGS	Block 1, Lot 21, Grave 4	Foundation replacement and resetting of Edwin's marker, family monument and two plot log markers	$1,500
MELVIN J. WHITNEY	Block 3, Lot 20, Grave 8	Reset and level; G.A.R. marker	$325
MILTON F. WHITNEY	Block 3, Lot 20, Grave 4	Clean stone; G.A.R. marker	$85
DAVID FLACK	Block 1, Lot 51, Grave 8	Reset and level	$125
DAVID WHEELER WADE	Block 1, Lot 33, Grave 1	New foundation; reset and level; G.A.R. marker	$475
HERMAN SNYDER	Block 1, Lot 16, Grave 6	New foundation; reset and level	$625
GOTTLIEB SCHULTZ	Block 1, Lot 3, Grave 6	New foundation; reset and level	$350
ALONZO KNIGHT	Block 1, Lot 8, Grave 4	Restore; G.A.R. marker	$200
WALLACE E. CUMMINGS	Block 1, Lot 44, Grave 1	Relevel; G.A.R. marker	$250
WILLIAM T. SLYTER	Block 1, Lot 9, Grave 8	Repair, restore and reset; G.A.R. marker	$655

Budget and Funding

Phase I component	Amount
Headstone cleaning clinic / chemicals / supplies	$1,000

Monument-specific restoration, resetting, leveling, repair, cleaning and G.A.R. markers	$4,590
TOTAL PHASE I PROJECT	**$5,590**
WAHF already spent or committed	$2,500
SUVCW Memorial Grant request	$2,000
Remaining Phase I need if full grant is awarded	**$1,090**

The $5,590 figure represents the complete Phase I project, including $1,000 already devoted to the preservation clinic, approved cleaning chemicals, and supplies, and $4,590 in monument-specific work and G.A.R. markers. WAHF's $2,500 already spent or committed represents approximately 44.7 percent of the Phase I total. Additional funds will be raised through community donations and Foundation fundraising.

Professional Qualifications

Headstones & Blooms has been in business for six years and specializes in the cleaning, repair, resetting, leveling, restoration, and preservation of historic monuments. With extensive hands-on experience working with cemeteries and families throughout Southern Wisconsin, the company has the knowledge and expertise necessary to safely and properly preserve cemetery headstones and monuments. Headstones & Blooms evaluated the Phase I preservation needs and will perform the specialized work.

Community and Educational Value

Honoring Their Service combines historical research with visible preservation. Students, local historians, veterans' organizations, community volunteers, and professional conservators are contributing to a project that makes Civil War history tangible at the local level. Cemetery work gives students and visitors a direct connection to national history through the people who lived, served, and were buried in their own community.

The Foundation plans a public cemetery walk in Fall 2027, after additional preservation work has been completed. Restored monuments and researched veteran narratives will allow the cemetery itself to become an outdoor classroom and a permanent place of remembrance.

Project Administration and Partnerships

Lincoln Cemetery is owned and maintained by the City of Whitehall. The Whitehall Area Historical Foundation is raising and committing funds specifically for the preservation of the Civil War veterans' grave monuments included in this project. The Stendahl-Hutchins American Legion and other community partners have supported the broader veterans' preservation effort.

Project Timeline

Date	Milestone
February 2025	Honoring Their Service research project begins.
Winter 2025–2026	Veteran narratives, cemetery mapping, and monument documentation expand.
09 May 2026	Public Headstones & Blooms monument preservation clinic.
May 2026	Whitehall School District student grave-marker cleaning project.

Summer 2026	Professional assessment, Phase I work schedule and grant preparation.
Week of 14 September 2026	Cummings family plot restoration work scheduled, weather permitting.
Fall 2026–2027	Complete additional Phase I work as funding and contractor scheduling allow.
Fall 2027	Public Lincoln Cemetery walk highlighting preserved monuments and veteran stories.
Ongoing	Continue research, monument documentation, preservation, and preparation of veteran narratives for long-term publication and interpretation.

Supporting Documentation

Appendix A — Phase I Monument Condition Assessment / Photo Appendix.

Appendix B — Headstones & Blooms Professional Estimate and Contractor Qualifications.

Appendix C — Lincoln Cemetery Historical Timeline.

Appendix D — Lincoln Cemetery Map.

Source Notes

1. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation, Civil War veterans research database and Lincoln Cemetery survey, current through 31 August 2026.

2. Whitehall Memorial Day/Civil War soldiers grave-decoration list, 1920, Whitehall Area Historical Foundation project file.

3. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation, Lincoln Cemetery Work Estimates Phase I, revised 31 August 2026.

4. Headstones & Blooms, professional monument assessment/estimate and contractor qualifications supplied by Jodi Beyer, 31 August 2026.

5. Whitehall Area Historical Foundation, Phase I Monument Condition Assessment/Photo Appendix, 31 August 2026.

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