

History Markers — Soldiers' Memorial Tower



Fig. 1. The marker is situated to the right of the tower it commemorates seen here in the distance. This view is toward the east. Photo: © 2019 Richard W. Black



Fig. 2. This view is to the east. Photo: © 2019 Richard W. Black

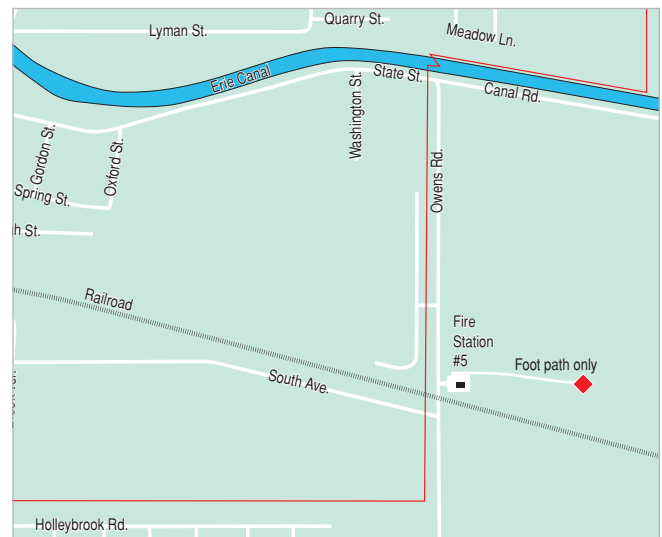


Fig. 3. The approximate location of this marker is shown in red. Map: © 2019 N. Frisch

About this marker

This historic marker, installed in 2019 near the Soldiers' Memorial Tower just east of Owens Road, was paid for with a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. That organization, based in Syracuse, was founded in 2006 and has two missions. One is to provide assistance to patients with a form of leukemia. The other is to fund historic markers. By 2019, it had funded over 850 historic markers, mainly in New York State, but also elsewhere in the United States.

—Bill Andrews

The Town of Sweden applied for a Pomeroy Foundation grant in February 2019 and received approval soon thereafter. The Soldiers' Memorial Tower had been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1994, prior to the Town's acquisition of the property in 2013. Master mason Steve Monno was hired to install the sign in May 2019 and a ceremony celebrating the installation was held on July 12, 2019. Mr. Monno had previously been hired to stabilize and help preserve the Soldiers' Memorial Tower in 2013 and 2016.

—Leisa Strabel

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Fig. 4. A closer view of the tower and the marker. This view is toward the east. Photo: © 2019 Richard W. Black



Fig. 5. A still closer view toward the northeast. Photo: © 2019 Archie Kutz

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Fig. 6. The doorway header commemorating the "Soldiers Memorial Tower. A. D. 1894". This view is toward the east. Photo: © 2019 Richard W. Black



Fig.7. These gravestones are on the north side of the path as you approach the tower. This view is looking east. Photo: © 2019 Richard W. Black

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Fig. 8. "Wm. H. CASTLEMAN, DIED Nov, 19, 1897. AGED 42 YEARS."
Photo: © 2019 Richard W. Black



Fig. 9. "CHRISTINE [?] ...?...?"
Photo: © 2019 Richard W. Black

"The remains of only three civil war veterans are believed to be on the premises: Daniel Castleman, John Ogden and Michael England, although there may be others." ¹

¹ Town of Sweden Sesquicentennial Committee, "Town of Sweden Sesqui-Centennial Celebration: 1814-1964" (1964). Local History Books. Book 14.

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Sweden holds sign dedication ceremony at Soldiers' Memorial Tower

By Admin on July 22, 2019

The Town of Sweden held a dedication ceremony on July 12 for the National Register of Historic Places marker recently installed at the Soldiers' Memorial Tower on Owens Road. The marker was made possible through a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

Members of the 140th New York Volunteer Infantry Living History Organization, the Grand Army of the Republic Veterans Detail, Reynolds' Battery L of the 1st New York Light Artillery, the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, 151 NY Infantry, 26th North Carolina and 4th South Carolina Galvanized units participated.

Sergeant Mike Ryan of the 140th gave a history of the Civil War veterans buried on the site; Brockport High School student Andrew Leverenz read the Gettysburg Address; Supervisor Kevin



Johnson explained the stabilization and restoration work undertaken by the Town; Taps was performed by Raymond Lloyd Ball and the Benediction given by Father Michael Ripton.

Highlights of the event included the firing of the cannon and several musket volleys. After the ceremony, the Town hosted refreshments in the Brockport Fire District's Station 5.

Provided information and photos



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