

#12 GAR – Village Park

Main Street

There are many beautiful sites in Caseville to photograph: The Methodist Church, The Breakwall and our gorgeous Sunsets. Ranking right up there is the Civil War Monument at the GAR Park.

In 1910, The Nancy Smalley Circle No. 7, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) started acquiring this property and in 1934 donated this land to the Village of Caseville – not to be sold and will be known as GAR Park.

This monument is one of two Civil War Monuments in Huron County. The other monument is located in Rock Falls Cemetery, south of Harbor Beach. Five hundred and forty-three men who had lived in Huron County served in the Union Forces; forty-eight gave their lives.

The inscription on the face of the monument reads:

“1910- Dedicated to the Living and
Dead Soldiers of Huron County, 1861-1865.”

On the south (right) side of the monument, the inscription reads:

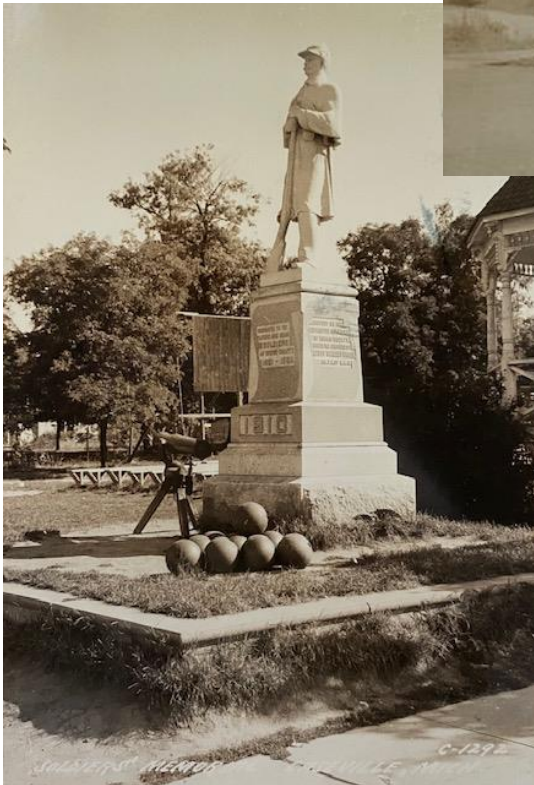
“Erected by the Patriotic Citizens of Huron County under the Auspices of Nancy Smalley
Circle No. 7, L. of G.A.R.”

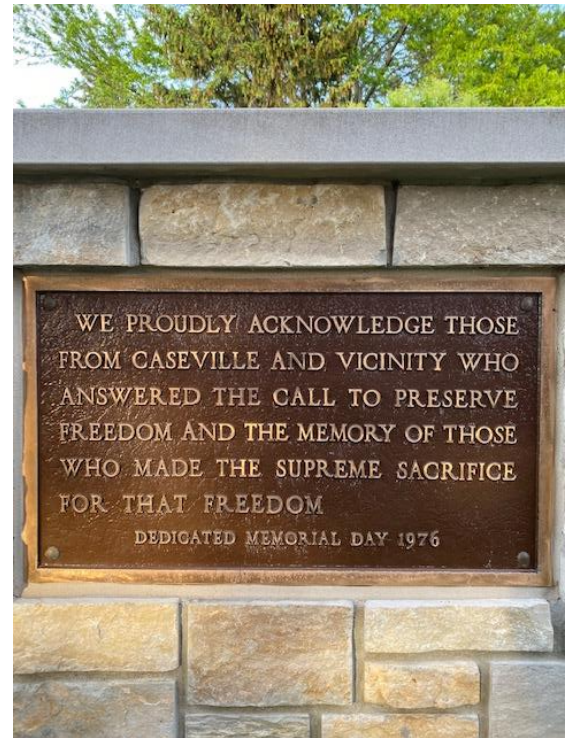
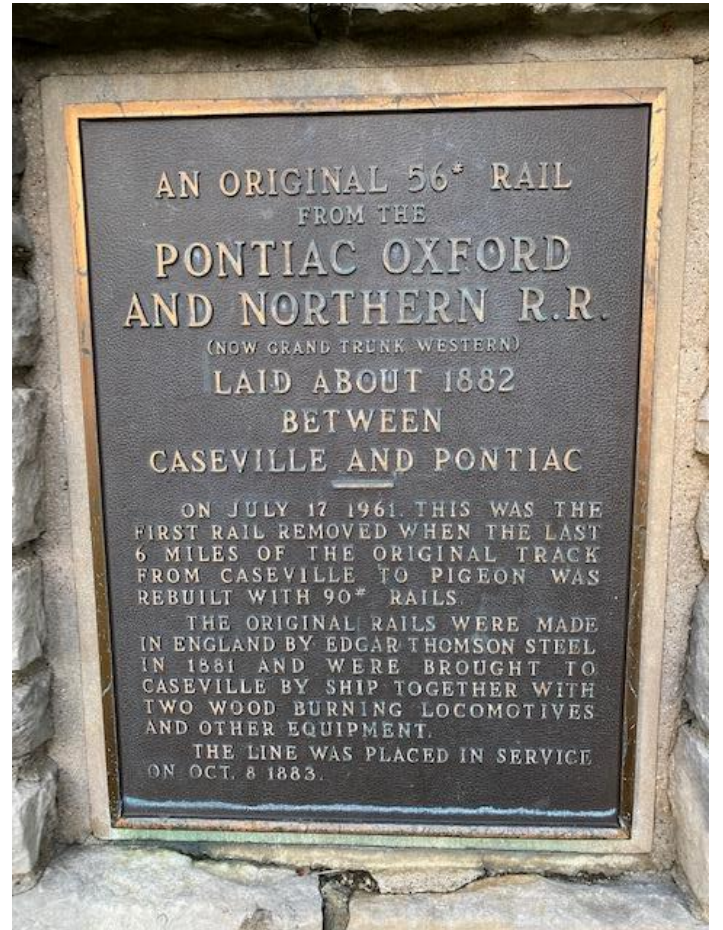
At some point in time, a gatlin gun and a stack of cannon balls were displayed at the Civil War monument in GAR Park. Rumor has it that the cannon balls were rolled into the Pigeon River.....rumor also has it that the gatlin gun and cannon balls were melted down during the WWII war effort.

Another exhibit in the GAR Park is of an original 56’ rail for the Pontiac, Oxford & Northern Railroad. The origins of the rails are from England, 1881.

Other points of interests that have taken place in the park are: tennis courts, outdoor movies, honor roll display for WW II veterans, the construction of a gazebo, Cheeseburger Concerts and the current “Market on Main” farmer’s market.

Just a FYI: Nancy Smalley was the wife of a Civil War Veteran and a prominent citizen of Caseville. She and her husband owned Smalley Hotel (which was located on the Pigeon River (southwest corner of the bridge). Their family monument is the largest in the Caseville Cemetery.





HONOR ROLL

ALVIN THOMAS
 GEORGE SCHEMME
 NICHOLAS DORNEY
 FRANCIS HETON
 JOHN NEUTERBOH
 ALBERT SHANON
 WILBER DAVIDSON
 WILLIAM FARMER
 ANDREW GOSKOE
 JAMES HORTON
 LEONARD LANGLEY
 HARRY JEWEL
 ALBERT LANGLEY JR.
 EVERET J. POWERS
 JAMES MCDONNOM
 WALTER LUKASIAK
 WILLIAM JEWEL
 WALTER FRANK
 HUDSON BEBLEY
 JOHN BEACH
 THOMAS BLISS
 WILLIAM LARSON
 ROBERT NICHOLL
 DELBERT MYERS
 WILLIAM KELTERBORN
 ARTHUR KELTERBORN
 LEWIS WIGHTMAN
 ARTHUR STAHL, JR.
 FLOYD JAY SZELEY
 PAUL MINNICK
 JOSEPH CILC

JOHN J. ROSS
 ALBERTUS COCKRIN
 OLIVER CILC
 EMERSON HORTON
 WILLIAM NIENSTEDT
 LESLIE FOGLE
 KENNETH FOGLE
 WILBER MEYERS
 ROBERT MEYERS
 ARTHUR MALPASS
 MAX NICHOLL
 ALLAN BEACH
 ALVIN KREN
 JAMES KREN
 LOUIS SAMCZYK
 JAMES QUINN
 WALLACE FARVER
 WALLACE O'CONNOR, JR.
 CHARLES BOTWRIGHT
 EDWARD SAMCZYK
 STEPHEN GILLINGHAM
 KENNETH MALPASS
 DONALD STERNMAN
 ROBERT BOFLER
 ROBERT BIEN
 MORRIS STERNMAN
 JAMES GILBERT
 ANDREW QUAAI
 NICHOLAS MELCHECK
 PETER MELCHECK
 CHARLES MELCHECK

HAROLD BEADLE
 WILLIAM BEADLE JR.
 ALBERTUS BEADLE
 THOMAS BEADLE
 LEE JEAN
 ALBERT JEAN
 CLARENCE STEINMAN, JR.
 PETER GUSTER
 JOSEPH GUSTER
 WARD CASTOR
 JACK KELLY
 LEE KELLY
 FLOYD LANGLEY
 JOSEPH JEAN
 JOHN GUSTER
 FREDERICK LANGLEY
 ALBERTUS LANGLEY
 STANLEY LIBRANO
 JAMES E. STAHL
 HERBERT PAWLITS
 GRANT HERRIMAN
 THOMAS DUFTY, JR.
 ROY MCGEACHY
 RONALD ROSS
 EVERET GOTTS
 JOHN MPEACHERN
 PETER PRUTCHICK
 GEORGE PRUTCHICK
 NICHOLAS PRUTCHICK
 MICHAEL PRUTCHICK
 ELMER OLONDA

ELIZABETH OLINS
 ZELLA HEASTY
 BETTY QUAAI
 DONALD MCGEACHY
 ROBERT STEINMAN
 CHARLES DUFTY
 ERWINE HAYES
 MICHAEL HAYES, JR.
 PATRICK HAYES
 FRANCIS GARDNER
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 KENNETH GARDNER
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 JAMES BLISS
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