

ADIRONDACK CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, SOLDIERS' MONUMENT RESTORATION COMMITTEE

A Guide to the Collection

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Adirondack Civil War Round Table (Glens Falls, N.Y.). Soldiers' Monument Restoration Committee.
- Title:** Adirondack Civil War Round Table, Soldiers' Monument Restoration Committee Records.
- Dates:** 1995-1998.
- Abstract:** The Soldier's Monument Restoration Committee was formed by the Adirondack Civil War Round Table to restore the landmark Civil War Soldiers' Monument located in downtown Glens Falls, New York. The records contain correspondence, newspaper clippings, and consultant's reports documenting the activities of the Committee from 1995 to 1998.
- Quantity:** 0.2 cubic feet (1 box)
- Identification Number:** AR 23 Archives and Manuscripts: Organizations

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Adirondack Civil War Round Table (ACWRT) was organized in 1995 as a nonprofit educational organization to provide a forum for discussion at its meetings about all aspects of the Civil War period on a local, state, and national basis. Its mission was to preserve and perpetuate local Civil War heritage. Members were professional historians, students of the Civil War, and re-enactors. Meetings were held monthly at the Chapman Historical Museum in Glens Falls, NY.

The ACWRT provided the framework for the establishment of the Soldiers' Monument Restoration Committee to raise funds for, and to restore, the historic landmark Civil War Soldiers' monument located in downtown Glens Falls, NY in front of City Park at the intersection of South, Glen, and Bay street. The chair of the committee was Christian J. Heidorf. The committee raised \$100,000 in donations from the community, and received a New York State grant of \$100,000 to complete the restoration. The restoration project began in 1995 and was completed in May 1999. A bronze plaque was placed on the west face of the monument in 1998 to commemorate the service of thirteen Civil War soldiers from the Town of Queensbury who were not named at the dedication in 1872.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of seven folders containing copies of correspondence, press releases, project descriptions, a roster of the committee, a preliminary condition assessment of the monument, and a conservation survey report (1997). These records document a community response to a call for historic preservation of a downtown landmark. Contained in the collection are detailed descriptions of the monument as well as a description of the historic significance of the monument to the history of Glens Falls and the Civil War.

Included in the collection are news clippings from the *Post-Star* and other local papers describing progress on the project of fundraising and restoring the monument.

PROVENANCE

The Soldiers' Monument Committee of the Adirondack Civil War Round Table donated the records to Crandall Public Library in 1998.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

Folder List:

Soldiers' monument restoration project
Preliminary condition assessment
Committee roster
Conservation survey report
Correspondence
Newspaper clippings
Press releases

INDEX TERMS

Topics: Soldiers' monuments—New York (State)—Glens Falls.
War memorials—New York (State)—Glens Falls—
Conservation and preservation.

Places: Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History.
New York (State)—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—
Monuments.
Queensbury (N.Y.)—History.

Organizations: Adirondack Civil War Round Table (Glens Falls, N.Y.).
Soldiers' Monument Restoration Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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