

Report of Committee on Soldiers and Sailors Monument

To the Citizens of Attleboro:

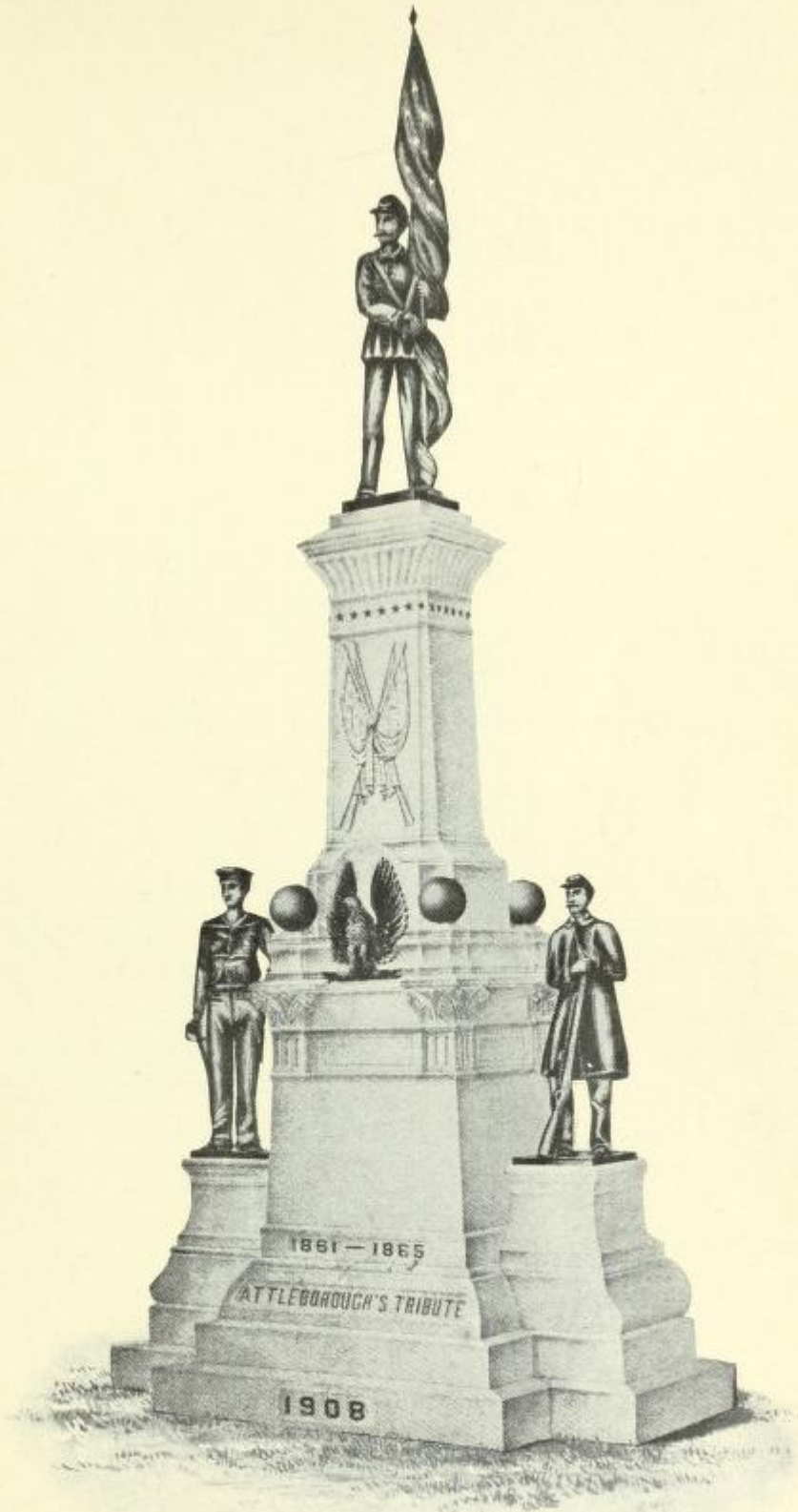
Gentlemen:—At the annual Town Meeting in March, 1906, on motion of Capt. Edward Caufy, it was voted that a committee of seven be appointed to consider the matters expressed in Article 33 of the warrant; viz.:

“To see if the Town will vote to erect a monument in memory of the soldiers and sailors who enlisted from Attleboro and who lost their lives in the War of 1861 to 1865, or will do anything in relation thereto.”

That committee gave the matter careful consideration and at the annual meeting, March, 1907, reported recommending that the Town erect a soldiers and sailors monument on the common and that the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars be appropriated for the same.

This report was recommitted to the committee with instructions “To take such action as may be possible to inform the public of the proposed model or design, by publishing the same, and that local parties be given an opportunity to present designs.”

In pursuance to these instructions the committee advertised in the local papers for designs, and exhibited the designs and models received for a number of days in the Town Clerk's office, and also at the special Town Meeting, June 13, 1907, at which meeting the committee recommended that the sum of eight thousand dollars be appropriated, which sum was voted by the meeting and the committee was authorized to select such design as they thought would be best suited to the Town.



ATTLEBOROUGH'S MEMORIAL TO HER SOLDIERS
AND SAILORS

After a number of meetings at which the designs already shown, and others that were received afterwards were considered, it was unanimously voted to contract with J. W. White & Sons of Quincy, Mass., for their design at a cost of eight thousand dollars.

As there was some question as to the proposed location of the monument, it was voted at the special Town Meeting held November 15, 1907—under Article 6—“That the proposed Monument be placed in the square on Park Street east of the steam railroad, and that the selectmen be authorized to give the use of such land as is necessary for that location.”

The annual Town Meeting of March 2, 1908, appropriated five hundred dollars for the purpose of providing a suitable curbing for the monument when placed in the square.

At the meeting of the committee in April, 1908, it was voted that William A. Streeter Post, G. A. R., be invited to appoint a committee of six to assist this committee in carrying out a program dedicating the new monument. Emmons D. Guild, Everett S. Horton, William H. Goff, Edward Caufy, George R. Adams, F. L. LeBaron were appointed by the Post and assisted the committee on June 20, 1908, in the following program:

1. Music by Attleboro Band.
2. Prayer by Rev. John H. Applebee.
3. Unveiling of the Monument by Miss Gertrude E. Horton.
4. Presenting of the Monument to the Selectmen of the Town by Chairman of the Monument Committee.
5. Acceptance by the Selectmen, and request to the G. A. R. to dedicate the same.
6. Singing by the School Children.
7. G. A. R. services.
8. Recitation by Miss Gertrude Sweeney.
9. Oration by Comrade J. Willard Brown, Junior Vice Commander of the Dep't. of Mass. G. A. R.

10. Singing.
11. Flag Salute.
12. Benediction by Rev. J. Lee Mitchell.

The Town is to be congratulated in having been able to procure one of the finest soldiers and sailors monuments in the country, and at a cost within the appropriation. The total appropriation being eight thousand, five hundred dollars, and the total expenditures eight thousand, four hundred and ninety dollars and five cents, there remains an unexpended balance of nine dollars and ninety-five cents.

The monument stands as a fitting tribute of Attleborough's loyalty to her brave sons, teaching a lesson of patriotism and good citizenship to thousands who daily gaze upon it.

EVERETT S. HORTON,
WILLIAM H. GOFF,
EDWARD CAUFY,
EMMONS D. GUILD,
GEO. A. SWEENEY,
CHARLES O. SWEET,
EDWARD A. SWEENEY,

Committee for Soldiers and Sailors' Monument.

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