

Soldiers Monument Dedication

March 7 1909

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MEMORIAL DAY

Dedication of the Soldiers Monument.

The observance of Memorial Day on Monday had a special interest to every citizen of Houlton, as the beautiful Soldier's Monument which has been the special pride of every one who is interested in the welfare of the town, was dedicated with appropriate exercises. We present here with a cut of this memorial which is erected in the center of the *Main Street Park*, facing west. It is 25 feet high, and will ever be a source of satisfaction to every citizen of Houlton. Long before the exercises at the park, hundreds of people had gathered to listen to the dedicatory exercises which commenced at 2.30. At 2 o'clock the procession formed at the High School grounds and marched to Kendall street, to Market Square, to Main street Park, in the following order:

Marshal, Cpl. F. M. Hume

Police

Houlton Band Co. L. N. G. S. M.

Committee in Carriages A. P.

Russell Post G. A. R.

School Children

Firemen

Regrets were heard on many sides that there was not more of an opportunity to see the procession which was certainly an inspiring sight. There were between 4 and 5 hundred school children, and few people realize how many scholars we have until they see them all together, and then the possibilities of the future of Houlton cannot fail to be thought of. A. P. Russell Post G. A. R. numbered 46, including soldiers from this, and surrounding towns. After the procession had reached the Park, the following program was carried out, commencing with music and the unveiling of the monument.



Heroism will be an incentive for the display of public valor and virtue in all coming time.

There can be no doubt, honor you pay to the patriotic dead and to their memorable deeds, will serve not only to make American citizenship in these days more reputable, but also to maintain, and perpetuate, through all future generations the union, and authority of the United States of America.

COMMANDER-. Officer of the day you will direct the officer of the Guard to station the guard of honor

COMMANDER - Officer of Guard, the flag be displayed.

“Star spangled Banner” by the band.



OFFICER of DAY, In your names, my comrades, I scatter these memorial flowers upon the monument which represents graves of all who died in sacred cause of our country. Our floral tribute shall wither. Let the tender fraternal love for which it stands endure until the touch of death shall chill the warm pulse beat of our hearts. tribute shall wither.

COMMANDER - Adjutant will read the roll of honor.

COMMANDER- The S. V. Commander will read the address of Abraham Lincoln.

COMMANDER- The Chaplain will now offer the prayer of dedication.

COMMANDER- Attention. In the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, I now dedicate this memorial statue. I dedicate it to the memory of those who in the navy guarded our inland seas and ocean coasts, and fell in defence of the flag. I dedicate it to the memory of those who in the army fought for our hillsides and valleys and plains and fell in defence of the flag. I dedicate it to the memory of those who on land and on sea fought for Union and fell in defence of the flag; who on the land and on the sea fought for the authorities of the Constitution, and fell in defence of the flag; who on land on sea fought for their country, and fell in defence of the flag. Comrades, salute the dead. Attention.

Memorial Address by Hon. John B. Madigan

COMMANDER- (Mr. Chairman, Board of Selectmen) Our service of dedication is ended.

In the name of my comrades I thank you, and those you represent, for your courtesy in permitting us, who are bound by special ties to them, to honor our dead.

Music

CHAIRMAN- Commander, Our services are ended.

CoMMANDER- Attention. As we close these services, the guard of honor is withdrawn, the symbols of the army, and navy are removed, the flag is lowered; but the memorial we have dedicated remains, guarded by our dead. So long as it shall endure, it shall speak to, us and to all of the loyalty and heroism in the army and navy, and of that significant authority which our flag is the symbol to every true American heart.

Comrades- Amen.

Following the formal closing of the services, the band played “America” and those assembled including the school children joined in the singing, after which Taps was sounded, and the exercises of the Day were closed





The following are the committees having the erection of the monument
in charge.

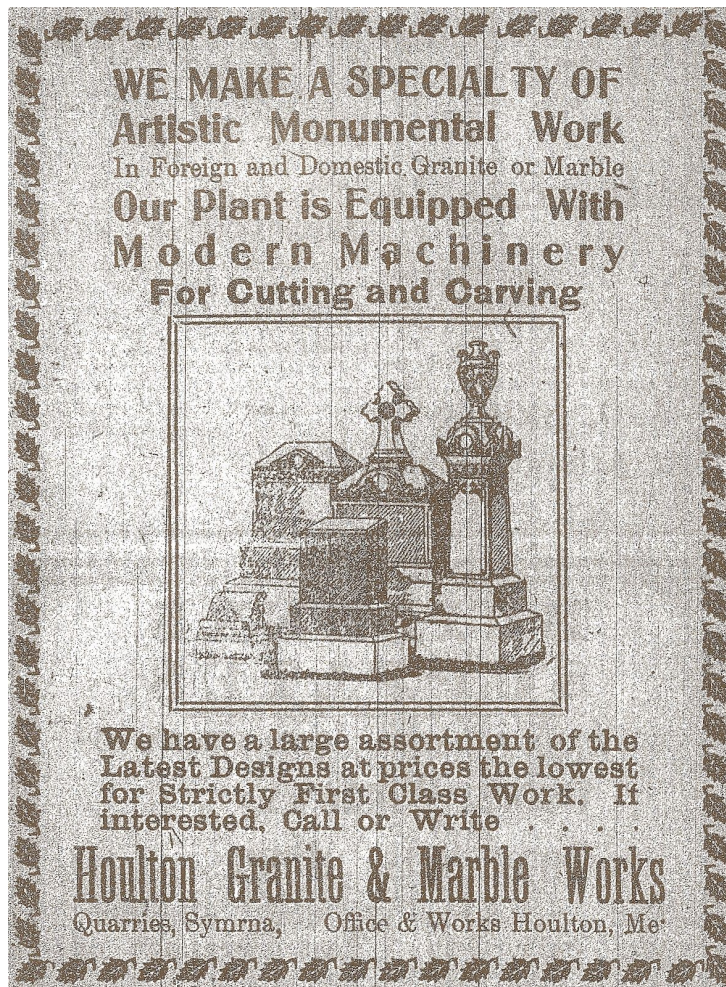
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F. W. Pearce, Mrs. A. W. Ingersoll, C. E. Dunn, Mrs. Mm. M. Clark,
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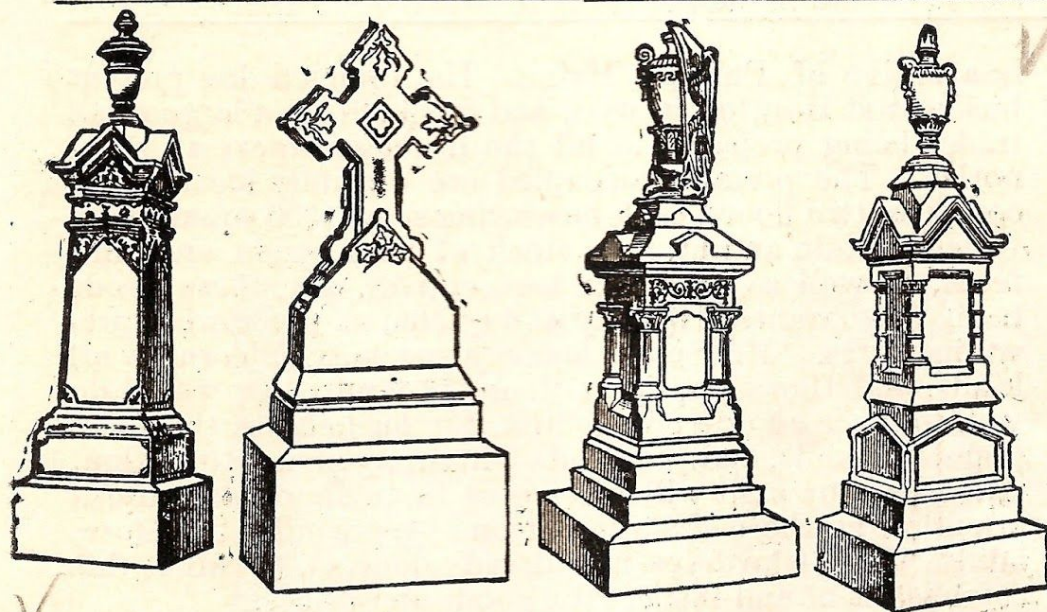
Special Monument Committee

E. L. Cleveland, F. W. Pearce C. E. Dunn

Much credit is due the regular committee who had the details in charge and besides paying all the bills in connection with the affair, there was \$ 181.01 left over.

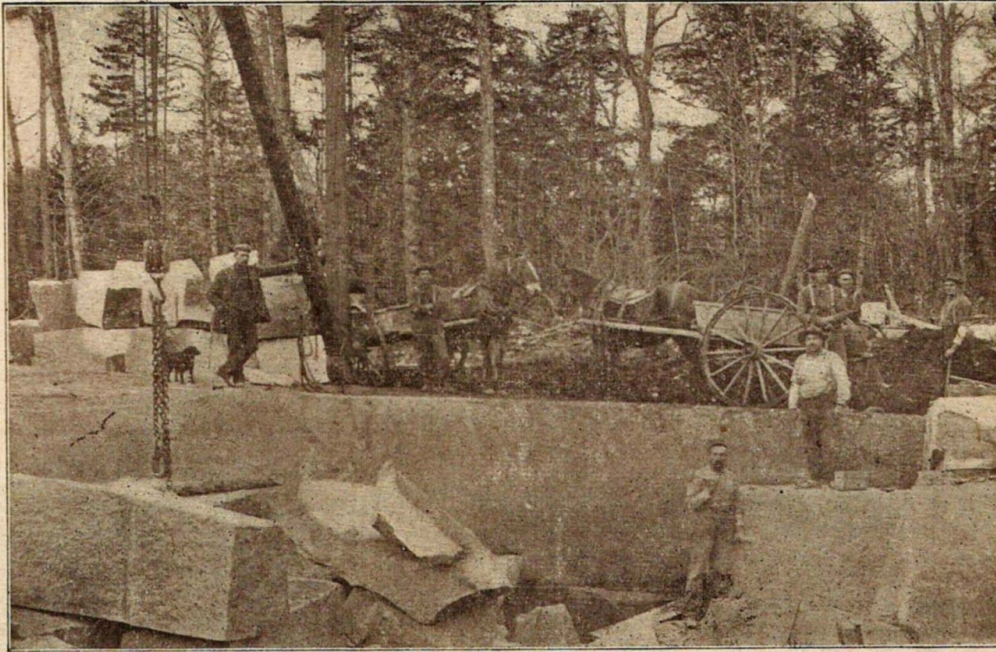


The monument was constructed by the Houlton Granite and Marble works and cost \$3,500, \$1000 of which was appropriated by the town and the balance was contributed by private citizens at home , and in other places, who were interested in Houlton, and everyone has reason to be proud of this beautiful memorial, an ornament to the town, and a fitting memorial to the soldiers who gave their lives in the defense of their county.



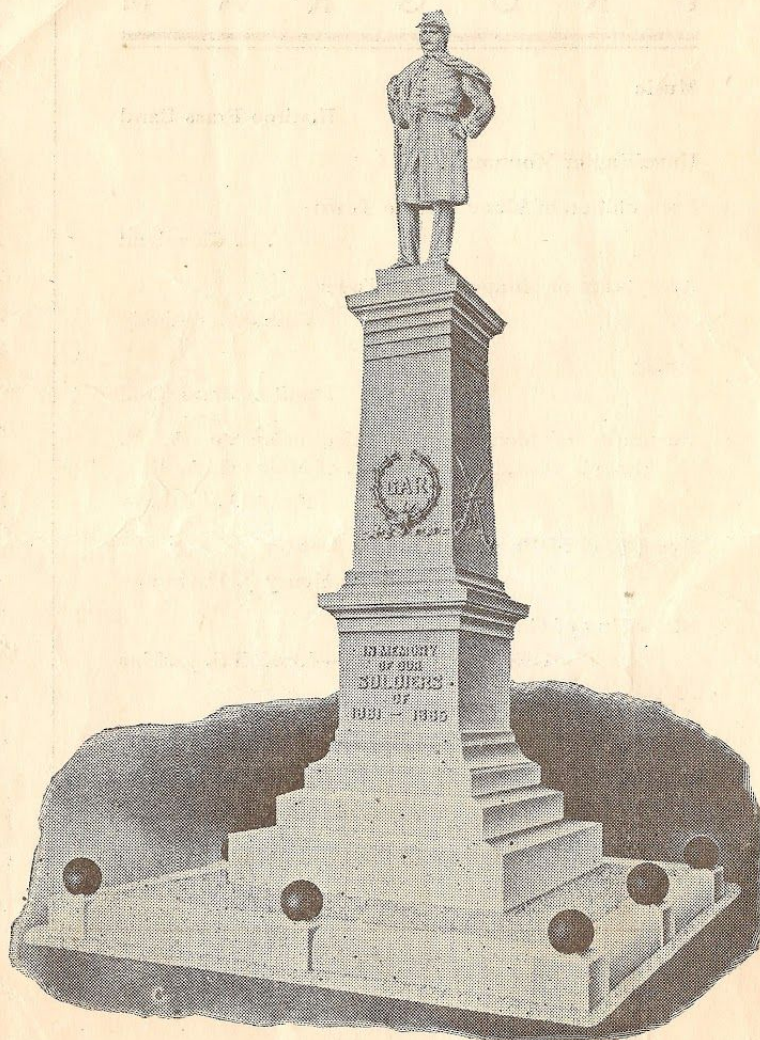
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Early Quarrying Operation In Smyrna



Shown above is an early quarrying operation in Smyrna of the firm of Billings and Watts, today the W. H. Watts Company, of Houlton. The granite obtained here was used in the building of bridges, arch culverts, etc., over all its lines by the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad. At the left of the group of workmen is Mr. Billings.

PROGRAM
DEDICATION EXERCISES



SOLDIERS MONUMENT
HOULTON, MAINE
MAY 31, 1909

P R O G R A M

Calling Roll of Honor

Adjutant Frank W. Pearce

Address of Abraham Lincoln

S. V. Com. Chas. E. Dunn

Dedication Prayer

Chaplain John E. Hilton

Dedication of Monument

Commander Henry J. Hatheway

Music

Houlton Brass Band

Memorial Oration

John B. Madigan, Esq.

Music

Houlton Brass Band

Closing Exercises

Commander Henry J. Hatheway

Song—America

School Children

Benediction

Taps



P R O G R A M

Music

Houlton Brass Band

Unveiling of Monument

Presentation of Monument to Town

E. L. Cleveland

Acceptance of Monument for Town

Frank A. Peabody

Music

Houlton Brass Band

Surrender of Monument for dedication to A. P.
Russell Post, No. 159, Dept. of Maine G. A. R.

Frank A. Peabody

Acceptance of Monument for Dedication

Commander Henry J. Hatheway

Stationing of Guard of Honor

Officer of the Guard—Kendall S. Jackins

Unfurling of Flag

Music

Houlton Brass Band

Memorial Floral Offering

Officer of the Day—John Q. Adams



AMERICA

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| 1 My Country 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing
Land where my fathers died
Land of the pilgrims pride
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring | 2 My native Country thee
Land of the noble free
Thy name I love
I love thy rocks and rills
Thy woods and templed hills
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above |
| 3 Let music swell the breeze
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song
Let mortal tongues awake
Let all that breathe partake
Let rocks their silence break
The sound prolong | 4 Our fathers God, to thee
Author of liberty
To thee we sing
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light
Protect us by thy might
Great God, our King. |

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