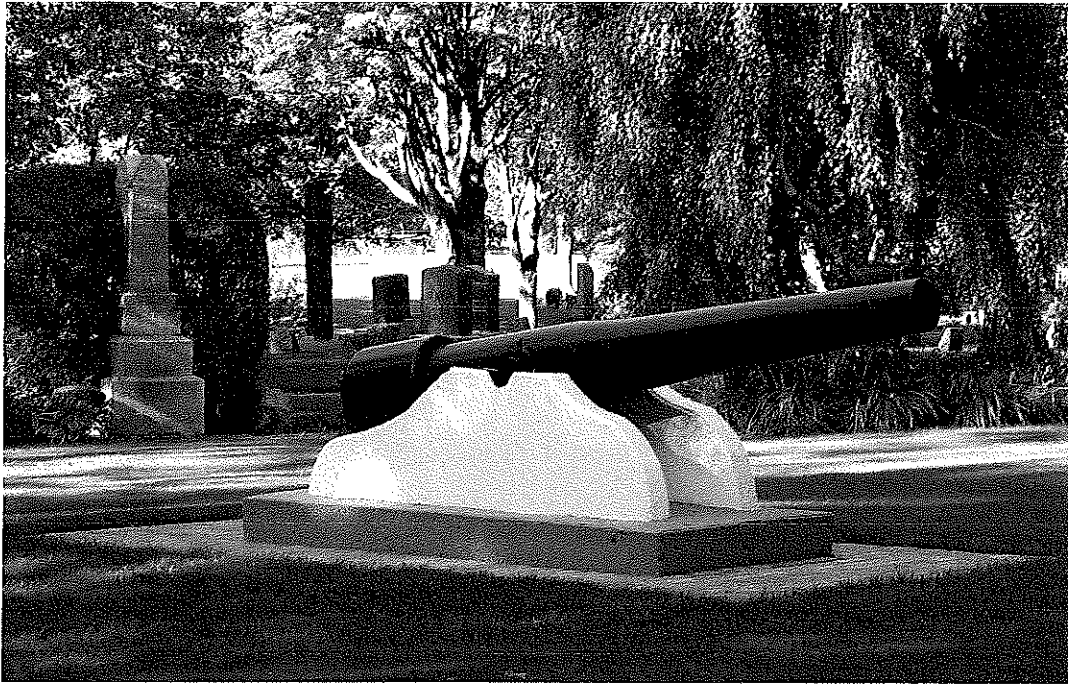


CIVIL WAR CANNON

4.2 inch Army Parrott Rifle 1862 4235 pounds

**Placed in Cannon Park at Greenwood Cemetery
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The cannon was sent to Petoskey in 1897, the same year the cemetery was incorporated as the municipal cemetery for the City of Petoskey, Resort Township and Bear Creek Township. Instead of the park being for veterans in general it was a park specifically to commemorate the veterans who fought in the Mexican-American and Civil Wars. The Spanish-American War, which took place in 1898, had not been fought at the time of the park's inception.

According to the following information the Cannon was donated through the G.A. R.

July 5, 1999

Dear Mr. Crawford:

I recently visited the Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey and was impressed with the care and upkeep of the grounds. I was especially grateful for the care of the Civil War Cannon and memorial in the center of the cemetery.

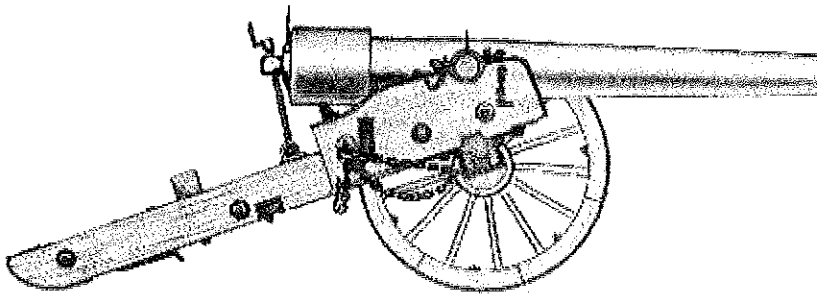
The Memorial Cannon in your cemetery is part of nearly 12,000 that were donated by the U. S. Government, between 1872 and 1916, to local posts of the Grand Army of The Republic {G.A.R.} and other patriotic groups for the purpose of display as a veterans' war memorial. They were formally dedicated, by surviving veterans, to serve as "*silentsentinels*," in tribute to the memory of all who served and sacrificed during the American civil War. In case you are not already aware, we have the G.A.R. to thank for our national observance of Memorial Day, which they initiated on May 30, 1868. Since then, countless communities have traditionally held their tribute to veterans "of ALL eras" near their Civil War Monument. Therefore, these memorials are tied to a community's cultural heritage, as well as its historical heritage.

Unfortunately, less than half remain of all the cannon that were originally dedicated as veterans; memorials. It's estimated that only 5,467 of these cannon survived the "scrap-metal drives" of World Wars I and II. Therefore, the historical value of these cannon and the special significance of the memorial in your cemetery is multiplied.

Records indicate that on November 10, 1897, the U.S. Government granted *{from the New York Arsenal}* one 30-pounder {4.2"} Parrott rifle to the Lombard Post #170 of the G.A.R. in Petoskey, Michigan, for memorial display. They in turn donated the cannon to the Greenwood Cemetery.

As the successor organization of the G.A.R., the Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War {SUVCW} is proud to maintain their traditions. With your help, we will also be proud to see that the Memorial Cannon in your cemetery is protected and preserved for the education and appreciation of future generations.

Respectfully,
Douglas R. Armstrong, Chairman
Department of Michigan Civil War Memorials Committee
Sons of Union Veterans of The Civil War



**Parrott Rifle ~ 30-Pounder
(Shown on a Siege Carriage)**

Bore Diameter—4.2"

Tube Length—11' 4"

Tube Weight—4,200 pounds

Projectile Weight—29 pounds

Powder Charge Weight—3.75 pounds

Range—2,200 yards

Extracted Greenwood Cemetery Records
Petoskey, Emmet County, Michigan

ROBERT FINCH
Camp No. 14
SUVCW

Civil War Cannon and Monument Greenwood Cemetery Petoskey, Michigan

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Per: Wayne Stark January 29, 1999

That Parrott rifle was donated to Col. Lumbard (or Lombard-it is spelled both ways in my sources) GAR Post #170 in 1897. It was shipped from New York Arsenal (Governors Island) per order #22181 dated 10 November 1897.

The usual scenario is that it was probably mounted in front of the GAR Post until the last vets died. Not knowing what else to do with it, and being of no use to whoever used the building next, the cannon was moved to the cemetery and mounted near the Civil War graves. I don't know if that is exactly what happened with this one, but that is how most of the Civil War cannons got mounted in cemeteries (62% of surviving cannons not under the control of a gov't unit).

