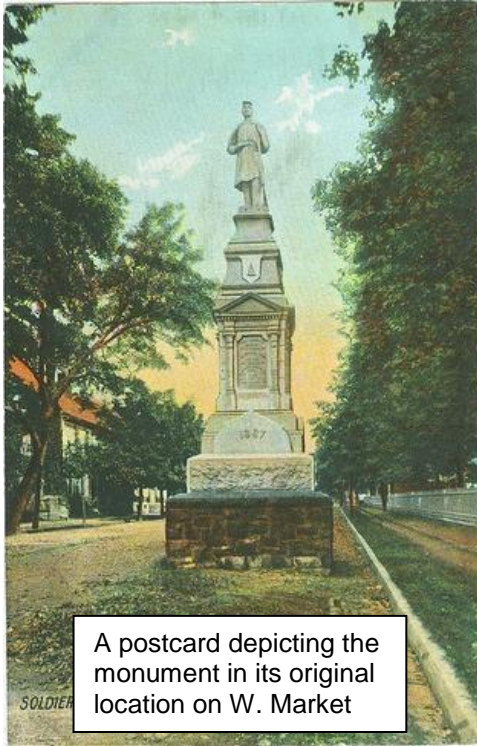


HISTORY OF THE MONUMENT (CONT.)

The monument was originally located on W. Market Street, adjacent to the Moravian Cemetery. Due to traffic concerns, the monument **was moved to its present home in the Rose Garden in 1967.**



In 1994 the monument received a \$40,000 facelift to repair superficial wear and tear of the then 107 year old City treasure. During restoration of the monument, **it was estimated that the monument was worth \$250,000.**



Photo courtesy of the Moravian Archives

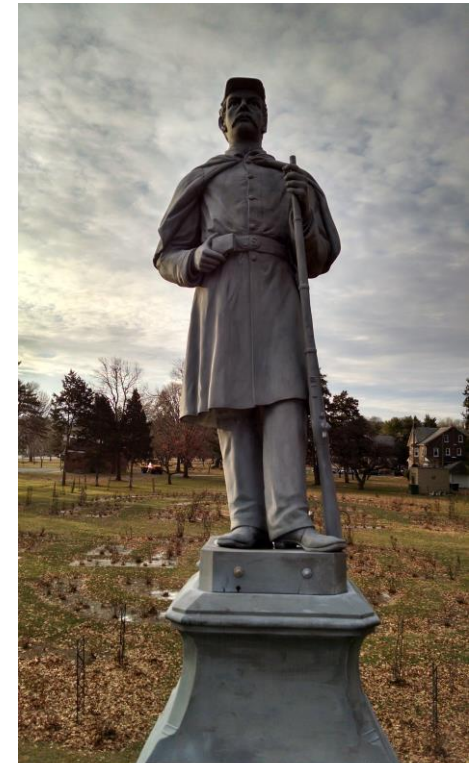


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Captain J.K. Taylor Civil War Monument

**Civil War Era Monument
Located along W. Union Blvd.
in the Rose Garden**



**HELP SAVE THIS
HISTORICAL
MONUMENT**

WHO WAS JONATHAN TAYLOR?

Captain Jonathan Taylor was a Bethlehem resident who served with Company C of the 129th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Grand Army of the Republic during the Civil War.

Captain Taylor was wounded during the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia on December 13th, 1862. He would later succumb to these wounds on March 28th, 1863.

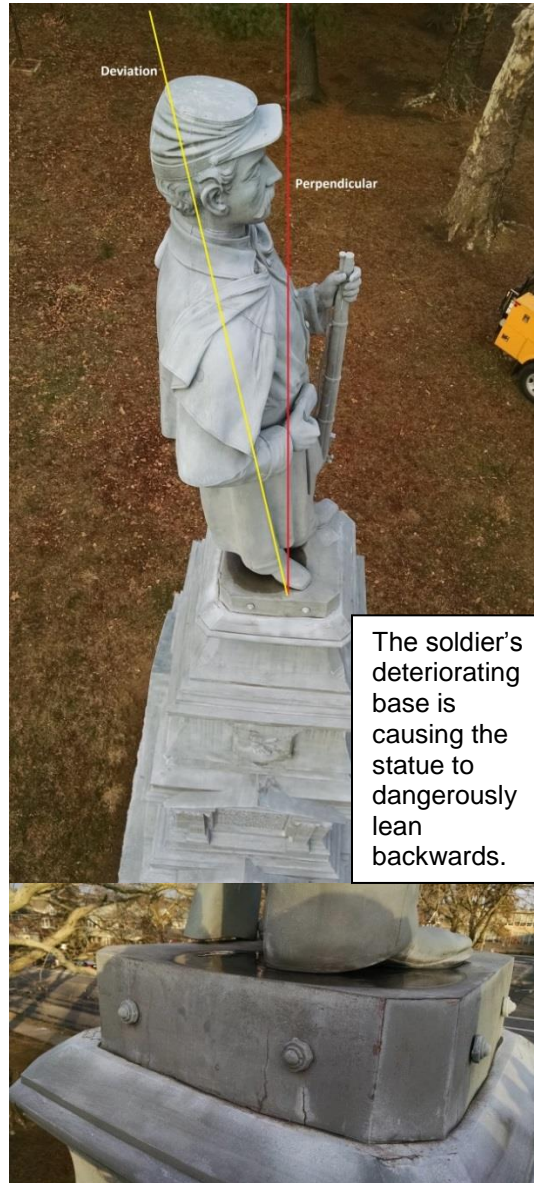
Captain Taylor is buried in the Moravian Church's "God's Acre" cemetery located on W. Market Street between Main Street and N. New Street.

HISTORY OF THE MONUMENT

The monument was cast of **99.3% zinc** in 1887 by the Monumental Bronze Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut. It was cast in pieces and assembled before it was shipped to Bethlehem via train in October of 1887.

Dedication of the monument took place on October 11th, 1887. Beginning the ceremony was the City's largest parade in history, at that time, which included 3,000 soldiers from 12 posts of the Grand Army of the Republic; civic societies from Bethlehem, South Bethlehem, Freemansburg and Hellertown; and 18 brass bands. Also in attendance was Governor James A. Beaver, for whom Beaver County was named.

CURRENT STATE OF THE MONUMENT



THE SOLDIER'S LEAN

Bethlehem's monument to Captain Taylor was cast from the same mold that over 100 other Civil War era monuments were cast from. These monuments are more commonly known as the American Soldier.

The American Soldier monuments' **bases are prone to failure under the weight of the soldier**, causing the soldier to drastically lean backwards. Additionally, the greatcoat on the soldier tends to sag downwards, further propagating the soldier's apparent lean.

In order to restore the 128 year old statue, the City needs to repair and reinforce the base the soldier stands on top of. **The cost of the repairs is estimated to be \$20,000.**

Unfortunately, the City cannot accomplish this endeavor without help. In order to repair this historical treasure dedicated to a hometown hero, the City **needs your help**. We ask that you send your tax-deductible* donations, in any amount, to our address listed below. Should you wish to discuss this endeavor further, we ask that you **call our office at (610) 865-7081.**

Thank you for your support!

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