



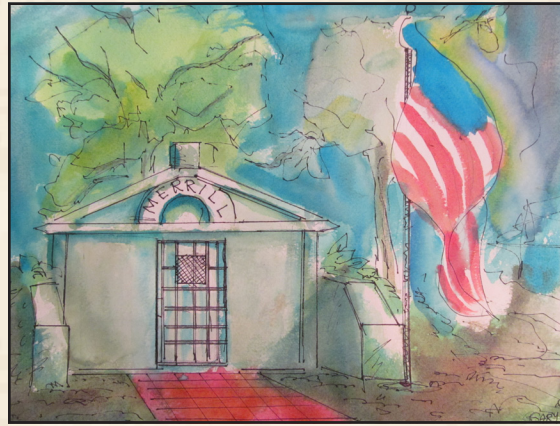
Governor Merrill now rests abandoned in Woodland Cemetery, his mausoleum damaged due to decades of neglect and a falling oak tree. His monument has become home to opossums and raccoons instead of being the hallowed ground of a hero.

Together we can restore this monument, leaving to future generations a testimonial of our respect. **Let's restore our history together.**

*The Great Seal marking the door of Samuel Merrill's monument.*



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To help restore  
Samuel Merrill's  
final resting place and  
Iowa's history, contact  
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# Restoring Our History

A project to restore Governor  
(Colonel) Samuel Merrill's final  
resting place and Iowa's history



*"In the war for preserving the unity of the Republic, the people of Iowa bore a leading and brilliant part." – Inaugural Address 1868*

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# About Samuel Merrill



## Abolitionist – Civil War Veteran

Samuel Merrill served Iowa and our nation with distinction.

*“The 21st Iowa, Colonel Samuel Merrill, first in the battle, and one of the last to leave the field.”*

–General Carr, Division Commander

- 1862: Commissioned Colonel of the 21<sup>st</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment
- Had his horse shot out from underneath him on the road to Port Gibson
- Was shot while leading an impetuous charge at Black River Bridge in Mississippi; his wound would pain him for the remainder of his life

- The officers and men of the 21<sup>st</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment passed a resolution in the field to care for the sons and daughters of their “comrades who have fallen in this great struggle for God and human freedom”
- 1868–1872: Served as Governor of the State of Iowa
- 1887: Was granted a pension due to war wounds he received in the Civil War, which he donated to support three beds for disabled soldiers in a Des Moines hospital

## Iowa’s Governor

- During a time of national healing when some sought to suppress former slaves’ rights, he assured the state that “the sturdiest of defenders of freedom are those who have felt its loss”
- He laid the first cornerstone to our capital in 1871 and ensured governmental war debts would be paid in full

*“[A]s I pass from the one station to the other, permit me to unite with you in dedicating ourselves, our commonwealth, and our country anew to freedom.”*

–Governor Samuel Merrill  
Farewell Address, 1872

## Don’t Let Neglect Be Our Legacy... Act Now

*“While discharging my duty, to be diligent in aiding the development of our State, to labor for the success of our schools and charities ... it has been my privilege to realize the intelligence, justice and humanity of our people.”*

–Governor Samuel Merrill

- Time and weather are acting against us as Colonel Merrill’s final resting place continues to deteriorate.
- Patriot Outreach is a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) charity and is recognized as an accredited charity.
- Donations are considered deductible as a 501(c)(3) organization.

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