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## CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL COMMISSIONS

### Shiloh Monument Commission

### An Inventory of Its Report

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota-Shiloh Monument Commission.
- Series Title:** Report,
- Dates:** 1908.
- Abstract:** Report of the commission established to plan and erect a monument to commemorate the service of the First Battery, Minnesota Light Artillery during the Battle of Shiloh (or Pittsburgh Landing) Tennessee, on April 6-7, 1862. Included are laws relating to the commission and the memorial, photographs of the memorial, and speeches by commissioners and various officials.
- Quantity:** 1 item (30 pages).
- Location:** 116.A.3.7

#### ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF THE MINNESOTA-SHILOH MONUMENT COMMISSION

The Minnesota-Shiloh Monument Commission was established by the Minnesota legislature (Laws 1907 c233) to design and administer the construction of a memorial in the National Military Park in Shiloh, Tennessee, honoring the First Battery, Minnesota Light Artillery, that participated in the Civil War Battle of Shiloh (April 6-7, 1862). The park was established by the U.S. Congress in 1894, and construction of the Minnesota memorial was funded by a legislative appropriation of \$5000 (Laws 1905 c337 s18 item 62).

Three commission members, serving without compensation, were appointed under the provisions of the law, and invited sculptors and contractors to submit designs and plans for a suitable monument. Meetings were held to discuss the memorial and various designs that were presented. The monument was completed in 1908, and consisted of a life-size bronze statue of a Minnesota artilleryman, situated on a base of Minnesota granite. It was designed by sculptor John K. Daniels of St. Paul, and constructed by the P. N. Peterson Granite Company (St. Paul). The commission, which consisted of president Lucius F. Hubbard, secretary Christopher C.

Andrews, and Henry S. Hurter, disbanded shortly after the dedication ceremonies on April 10, 1908.

## RELATED MATERIALS

A copy of the report is also cataloged separately in the Minnesota Historical Society library.

## INDEX TERMS

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### Places:

Minnesota--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.  
Shiloh, Battle of, 1862.  
Shiloh National Military Park (Tenn.).

### Persons:

Andrews, C. C. (Christopher Columbus), 1829-1922.  
Daniels, John K.  
Hubbard, Lucius F. (Lucius Frederick), 1836-1913.  
Hurter, Henry S.

### Organizations:

P.N. Peterson Granite Company (Saint Paul, Minn.).  
United States. Army. Minnesota Light Artillery Battery, First (1861-1865).

### Types of Documents:

Photographs.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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### Location

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*Report of the Minnesota-Shiloh Monument Commission to the Governor of Minnesota: Including Ceremonies of Dedication of Memorial to the First Battery Minnesota Light Artillery, in the Shiloh National Military Park, April 10, 1908./* L. F. Hubbard, C. C. Andrews, H. S. Hurter, commissioners. [Minnesota: s.n., 1908?]. 31 p.: ill.; 24 cm.

This report briefly describes the Battle of Shiloh (Pittsburgh Landing) and the role played by the First Battery Minnesota Light Artillery, summarizes commission activities, and reports on the dedication ceremonies of April 10, 1908. Included are a reprint of the law creating the commission; photographs of the memorial; and speeches of commissioners Andrews, Hurter, and Hubbard, Minnesota Governor John A. Johnson, and acceptance remarks by Shiloh Park officials Major Ashcroft and General Basil W. Duke.