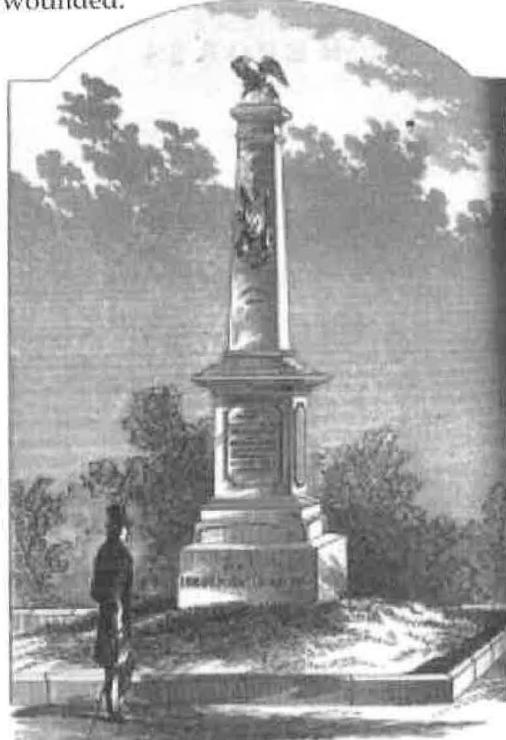


CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS MONUMENT
Milk Row Cemetery was the only burial ground in the community at the time of the Civil War. Erected in the summer of 1863 with the contributions of citizens, this tall marble memorial is thought to be the first soldiers monument in the country to honor those who died in the Civil War. Enoch Robinson, locksmith and builder of the Round House on Atherton Street, donated the plot for the monument. Overall, 1,135 men from Somerville fought in the war effort. They participated in battles like Bull Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Appomattox to name a few. The names of 68 Somerville men who were killed in battle or died from wounds or sickness during their service are inscribed on the four faces of the marble shaft. Another 250 were wounded.



*Civil War Soldiers Monument
(1864 Town of Somerville Annual Report)*

Somerville is fortunate that its oldest cemetery still exists intact. Due to the unique historic significance of Milk Row Cemetery, visitors should be aware of several issues:

- Free public tours are periodically scheduled. Enjoy Somerville's heritage!
- Gravestone rubbings are not permitted, because they can damage the stones, which are truly irreplaceable historic artifacts.
- Please do not sit or lean on tombs or gravestones, since they could injure you, or shift, fall over or break.
- No dog-walking, skate-boarding, roller blading, picnicking or other potentially damaging activities within the cemetery are allowed. The consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted.

Please report any mischievous behavior, vandalism or other relevant issues to the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.

THE FUTURE

With a preservation plan in place, it is hoped that conservation and other improvement activities will soon follow. A Friends of the Cemetery Group is forming and seeking participants. Please call the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (617-625-6600x2500) for more information. Contributions to aid this important historic undertaking can be made to the Milk Row Cemetery Fund at the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission.

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