

= Liberty Arming the Patriot =

Liberty Arming the Patriot , sometimes called Freedom Arming the Patriot , is a bronze sculpture at Park Place in Pawtucket , Rhode Island , commemorating the participation of the city 's citizens in the American Civil War . It was designed by William Granville Hastings and cast by the Gorham Manufacturing Company in 1897 . Unlike many Civil War memorials , Liberty Arming the Patriot is a dynamic composition , depicting a young farmer setting his plow aside , and reaching to take a sword from a classical female figure clad in breastplate and wielding a pike . The statue is 11 feet (3 @. @ 4 m) in height , and is mounted on a granite base 10 feet (3 @. @ 0 m) high and 22 feet (6 @. @ 7 m) wide . The sculpture was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001 .

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The sculpture was commissioned by the Ladies ' Soldiers ' Memorial Association of Pawtucket , Rhode Island to honor those who served in the American Civil War . The funding for the sculpture came as the result of an 11 @-@ year fundraising campaign that was provided for by donations and entertainment events . The cost of the monument was stated to be \$ 13 @, @ 000 by The New York Times , but report stated it to be \$ 12 @, @ 000 . William Granville Hastings was chosen as the sculptor to execute the construction of the monument after winning a competition . The sculpture was cast by the Gorham Manufacturing Company .

The central feature of the monument depicts the theme of a young man called from civil life to serve his nation in a time of need and it transforms the theme into a contemporary allegory . It captures the decisive moment as farmer is caught mid @-@ transition , with his left hand still on the plow handle , and taking the sword with his right hand from Liberty . The details of the farmer includes realistic work clothes , a yoked shirt with rolled sleeves and work trousers tucked into his boots . Liberty , identified by her Phrygian cap , stands just above the farmer in classical robes with a breastplate , sandals and cloak . Her face is impassive as she bestows the sword upon the farmer with her left hand while her right hand holds her pike .

Beneath the farmer and Liberty is a bronze plaque depicting a Union artillery battery under the command of General Ambrose Burnside capturing a bridge in the Battle of Antietam . Flanked on the sides are two smaller triangular plaques which depict the female figures of History and Eternity . The Scribe of History , alternatively known as Epic Poetry , is writing on a tablet and Eternity both contemplates and is identified by a fern . The monument was dedicated on May 31 , 1897 , in ceremony conducted by the Grand Army of the Republic and an oration given by the Governor of Rhode Island , Elisha Dyer , Jr .. The statue is 11 feet (3 @. @ 4 m) in height , and is mounted on a granite base 10 feet (3 @. @ 0 m) high and 22 feet (6 @. @ 7 m) wide .

According to the National Register of Historic Places , Liberty Arming the Patriot is historically significant as a " good representative of the character of early twentieth century figurative sculpture " and the quality of its design . It is also historically significant for its association with the Gorham Manufacturing Company , a prominent Rhode Island producer of high quality silverware and bronze statuary . Though it is commemorative in intention , the statue is important " because it documents the principal effort of Pawtucket to honor those who served in the Civil War . " The sculpture was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2001 .

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In Grateful Recognition
Of The Valiant And Self @-@ Sacrificing Service To Their Country
Of All Persons
Who Went From Pawtucket And It Vicinity To Join
The Forces Of The United States
During The Civil War .
And Especially To The Memory Of Those Who Suffered

And Died In That Service .
This Monument Is Erected By
The Ladies Soldiers Memorial Association
Of Pawtucket , Rhode Island
And By Then Is Consecrated As An Everlasting
Memorial
Anno Domini 1897