

MONUMENT DESCRIPTIONS

1. Major Simon Willard Monument: Major Willard helped to found Concord, Lancaster and Groton in the 17th century, his farm was located on what is now Devens. The plaque was dedicated to Major Willard September 7, 1935 on the 300th anniversary of his arrival in the new world.

2. "The Freedom Tree": This tree, planted at the end of the Vietnam War is dedicated to all the POWs & MIA soldiers in southeast Asia.

3. Hornet Field: this field was dedicated to and named after the Fort Devens baseball team.

4. John Jacob Rogers Parade Field: This field is dedicated to Congressman Rogers who supported the creation of Camp Devens and was dedicated in his name in 1934 by his widow, Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers.

5. Warrior Memorial Park: This park is dedicated to the soldiers who died in World War I, World War *WARRIOR MEMORIAL PARK* II, Korean and Vietnam Wars. Many plaques detail the units serving during the wars and based at Fort Devens. A special monument is dedicated to the 168th Engineer Battalion for defense of St. Vith, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge.



6. Memorial Circle: Designed as a beautification project and created by the Civilian

Conservation Corps & Public Works Administration in 1935. A plaque for Col. William A. Smith, commander Fort Devens 1940-1943, was later added.

7. Builders Monument: This monument is dedicated to the many planners, engineers and builders who worked on the base during WWII, when more than 1,200 buildings were built for the war effort.

8. Devens Cemetery: The final resting place for those who decided, or whose family decided, that they be buried near their comrades and WWII German and Italian POWs. Constructed in 1939.



9. Korean and Vietnam Memorial: A marble plinth dedicated to those who fought in Korea and Vietnam.

10. Sweetheart Memorial: This memorial was built for the wives of soldiers who were stationed overseas. It was unveiled on November 23, 1918. Legend says it was built from stones brought by soldiers' sweethearts, however, the truth is it was built by base engineers.



11. Bataan & Corregidor Memorial Theater: Site where survivors met in 1945; dedicated in 1987.



A GUIDE TO THE MONUMENTS OF DEVENS Created for the Fort Devens Museum



Spirit, that made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free,
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and thee.

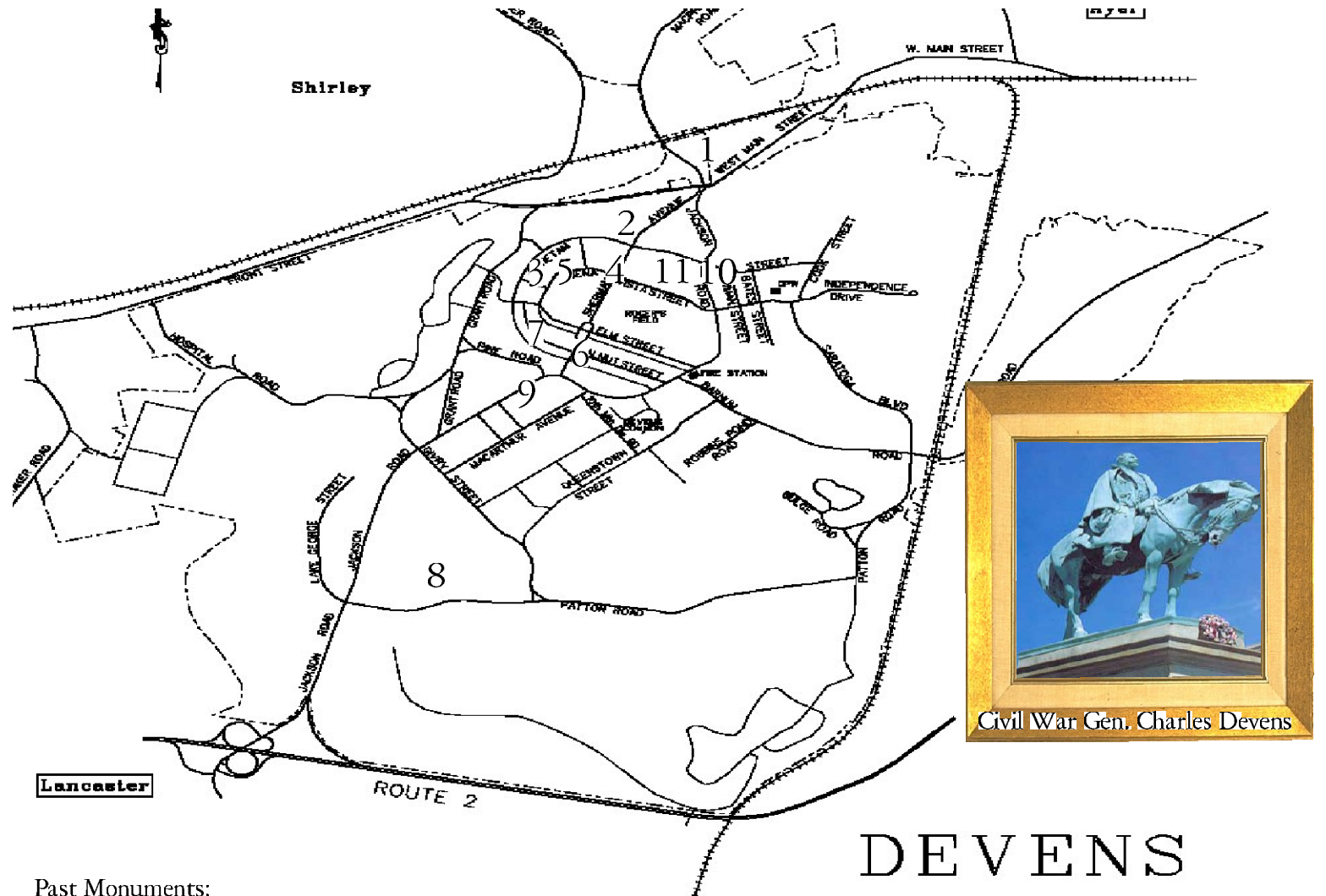
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

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WE COME, NOT TO MOURN OUR DEAD SOLDIERS, BUT TO PRAISE THEM. ~FRANCIS A. WALKER.

Current Monuments

1. Willard Memorial
42° 33.16' N, 71° 36.51' W
2. Freedom Tree Memorial
42° 32.877' N, 71° 36.816' W
3. Hornet Field
42° 32.919' N, 71° 36.818'
4. Rogers Parade Field
42° 32.877' N, 71° 36.816' W
5. Warrior Memorial Park
42° 32.768' N, 71° 36.846'
6. Memorial Circle
42° 32.671' N, 71° 36.846' W
7. Builders Memorial
42° 32.559' N, 71° 37.003' W
8. Devens' cemetery
42° 31.74' N, 71° 37.32' W
9. Korean and Vietnam Memorial
42° 32.32' N, 71° 37.17' W
10. Sweetheart Memorial
42° 32.84' N, 71° 36.5' W
11. Bataan and Corregidor Theater
42° 32.8' N, 71° 36.6' W



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Past Monuments:

- Sniper Tree- moved to the Center for Military History
- Goddard- moved to Clark University
- 366th Battalion- destination unknown
- 10th Mtn Division-memorial moved to Ft. Drum
- Davis Library- no longer in use
- Burbank Memorial- South Post
- Outdoor Altar- moved to the Center for Military History