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Sun Dial At Old Economy.

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Among our collections here at Economy is a stone sun dial marked Economy, 1825. There are four sides and a top on which nomens are placed so that time could be told from practically any direction of the solstice.

This stone is highly spalled and there are fracture cracks at its base thereby precluding its erection in its present state regardless of the amount of conservation and preservation techniques used.

This has been brought to the attention of Mr. Griswold who feels as I do. Private monies can be obtained for reproduction of this sun dial in either Cleveland or Bedford limestone as in the case of the Woodwell urns. A base will also be necessary for the installation of this piece--probably a tapered stone plinth. Mr. Griswold has asked that I contact Delano of Stonecraft who did the Woodwell urns for a price, and the raising of the money can be done in the very near future for this project. The dial would probably be placed in the kitchen garden.

If the Commission Office has any objections to the reproduction of this stone sun dial, under the supervision and direction of Mr. Griswold, and its installation by the Garden Club of Allegheny County, please advise me at your earliest convenience.

Mr. Delano of Stonecraft Corporation will be here tomorrow morning to look at the stone sun dial in order to give a bid for the project.