Summarizing from an article in the Hamilton Journal and Daily News, dated, May 26, 1941, page 10: On May 26, 1941, a sundial was dedicated on the grounds near the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. The idea of the sundial had been conceived earlier when the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War desired to acknowledge Josephine Straub Weiler, mother of Stella Weiler Taylor, a.k.a. Lillian Estelle Weiler, by naming Tent Number 117 in Josephine's honor. Members of the Weiler Tent donated a bronze sundial memorial, honoring the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic to the Monument, now referred to as the Soldiers', Sailors' and Pioneers' Monument. Josephine Straub Weiler had worked tirelessly for almost twenty years to raise money to create this beautiful edifice dedicated in 1906.

Fast forward today: Hamilton native and historian, Kathleen Stuckey Fox, in partnering with the City of Hamilton, the Butler County Historical Society (a 501c3 entity), and the Hamilton Garden Club, has organized a committee to refurbish the once beautiful sundial memorial which stands today in Memorial Park, close to the Monument and directly across from the newly renovated Anthony Wayne Apartments, now the Well House Hotel by Hilton. J.K. Hawkins, artist and metal sculptor will be performing the restoration.

We have contracted with Fundraising Brick in Missouri to raise money to accomplish a minimum goal of \$8,100.00. As you see from the picture to the right taken in 1941, how beautiful the sundial used to be. It obviously has been neglected over the years.





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Questions, contact Kathleen Stuckey Fox email foxks@miamioh.edu or call (513) 593-1912



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What needs to be done: The sundial needs to be dismantled and taken to Studio Hawkins in Deer Park, Ohio, where the sundial will be polished and a patina applied, and the necessary gnomon created and the sundial installed on a higher square cement block pedestal, and most importantly, it has to be rotated ninety degrees to the north to read the time correctly since the gnomon has to be pointing north in the northern hemisphere. The picture of the top of the sundial is inscribed as follows: TO HONOR OUR FATHERS, THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, presented by TENT 117, DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR 1861-1865, May 30, 1941.

**The Fundraiser:** New engraved brick pavers are \$100 each and are tax deductible. You write vour own inscription. Your contribution will pay for all that is necessary to complete and update the long-neglected sundial which embodies so much Hamilton history, as well as to create a beautiful brick pad on which you will step in order to view the newly positioned sundial, around which will be planted lavender flowers, lavender being Josephine's and Stella's favorite color and flower. Since the sundial is in Monument Park directly across from Well House Hotel, the area will be visited by thousands of travelers to Hamilton throughout the years and will add much to the dignity of the other historic structures there. Helping support our cause to restore the neglected G.A.R./Weiler Sundial will not only bring an historical and meaningful sundial back to life, but by purchasing your engraved brick paver you will also leave your name in perpetuity on the history books of our beloved Hamilton. Stella Weiler Taylor and her mother, Josephine, would be so proud, for in their lifetime here in Hamilton they contributed so much to the richness of our heritage. There are plans in progress to have the newly refurbished sundial rededicated in the spring of 2025.