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DEDICATION

CLYMAN/SCHOOL NUMBER 3 CEMETERY  
TOWN OF CLYMAN, DODGE COUNTY, WI

MAY 28, 2011

10:00 A.M.

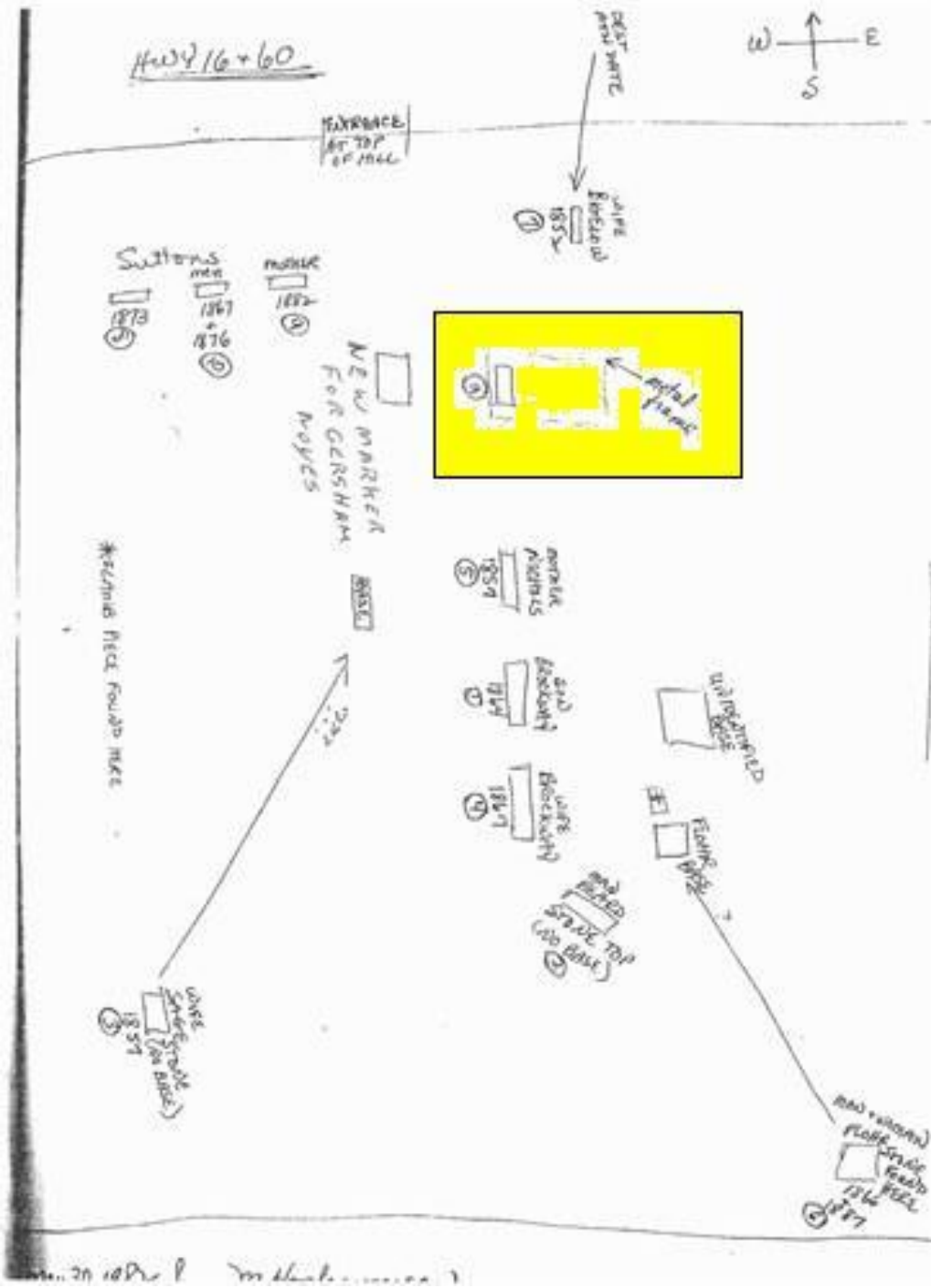


## **A Brief Explanation**

For years the Clyman/School Number 3 Cemetery had gone unkempt and, for many passers-by, unacknowledged. Every 10 years or so the Daughters of the American Revolution would join forces and come out to clear out whatever brush they could get to in 1 day. Unfortunately over the years mainly vandals and a little of Mother Nature's wrath destroyed many of the headstones in this cemetery. This included one that marked the resting place of Revolutionary War soldier, Gershom Noyes.

In the 1980's there was a rough hand drawn map done as to where the discernable grave markers were (see next page). At that time, there were pieces of an old, rusted fence that were found around a smashed headstone. This location was believed to have been that of Gershom Noyes' resting place.

In 2000 Tim Zimmerman moved from his parents' house 2 houses to the west into the house directly to the west of the cemetery. Having lived right down the road from this cemetery his whole life, Tim knew of its existence. Shortly after moving into the "house next door", Tim began trying to at least mow the cemetery. Due to the immense brush, uneven ground and trash left from parties and bonfires that had been in the cemetery over the years, this was a chore that was easier said than done. A few of the neighbors had an interest in helping get the cemetery into a better state. With the help of Charles & Lynn Zimmerman, Dale & Mary Kruezigler and Nikki Zimmerman (Tim's wife eff. 2002), enough of the brush was cleaned out to the point where Tim could mow most of the cemetery and some plants were planted to help beautify the area. Shortly before Gershom Noyes' dedication in 2011, a few of the Sons of the American Revolution performed a major clean out in the cemetery taking down dead trees, clearing dead branches and helping to get rid of additional brush that no one had the time to get to previously. They also did what they could to try to pair up existing headstones to their bases, prop up the headstones that had fallen down and try to piece together those headstones that had been shattered. Some were smashed beyond recognition and those were placed on a pile near where they had been found. The end result was a night and day difference from the overgrown cemetery that existed before. Bailey Concrete out of Clyman, WI donated time and materials to create the memorial which held the plaque from the State of Wisconsin. They wanted to create something that would hold the plaque so it would be both aesthetically pleasing and prevent vandals from stealing it. This was erected near where Gershom Noyes' grave marker was presumed to have been.



1859 1857 1851 1852

## Dedication Day

Though a bit on the chilly side, the weather held out for those attending the May 28, 2011 dedication for Revolutionary War veteran, Gershom Noyes.



The dedication began with a welcome speech from Master of Ceremonies, Russ Buhr.



The WISSAR Color Guard lining up. The Zimmerman home is on the right corner. It was built in the 1950's by the former cook of The Blew Inn (a restaurant down the road). By the time the house was built the old school house that once existed in front of the cemetery was already gone.



The WISSAR Color Guard marching in.



The line up during the dedication.



Unveiling of marker.



Solemn Salute. Every member of the color guard came forward separately and performed a personal salute to Gershom Noyes' memorial.



American Legion Post 15 waiting for their Rifle Salute.



Rifle Salute



Taps being played by American Legion Post Bugler, Butch Chase



The group of individuals honored for helping out with the Gershom Noyes dedication and memorial. From L to R: Aaron Bailey (Brad Bailey's son), Darrell Bailey (Brad Bailey's Dad- Bailey Concrete), Tim Zimmerman, Brad Bailey (also representing the Town of Clyman). Each person (as well as the Town of Clyman) received a framed certificate of appreciation from the Sons of the American Revolution.



One of the certificates that was handed out.



To complete the dedication, the colors were retired and marched out of the cemetery.





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