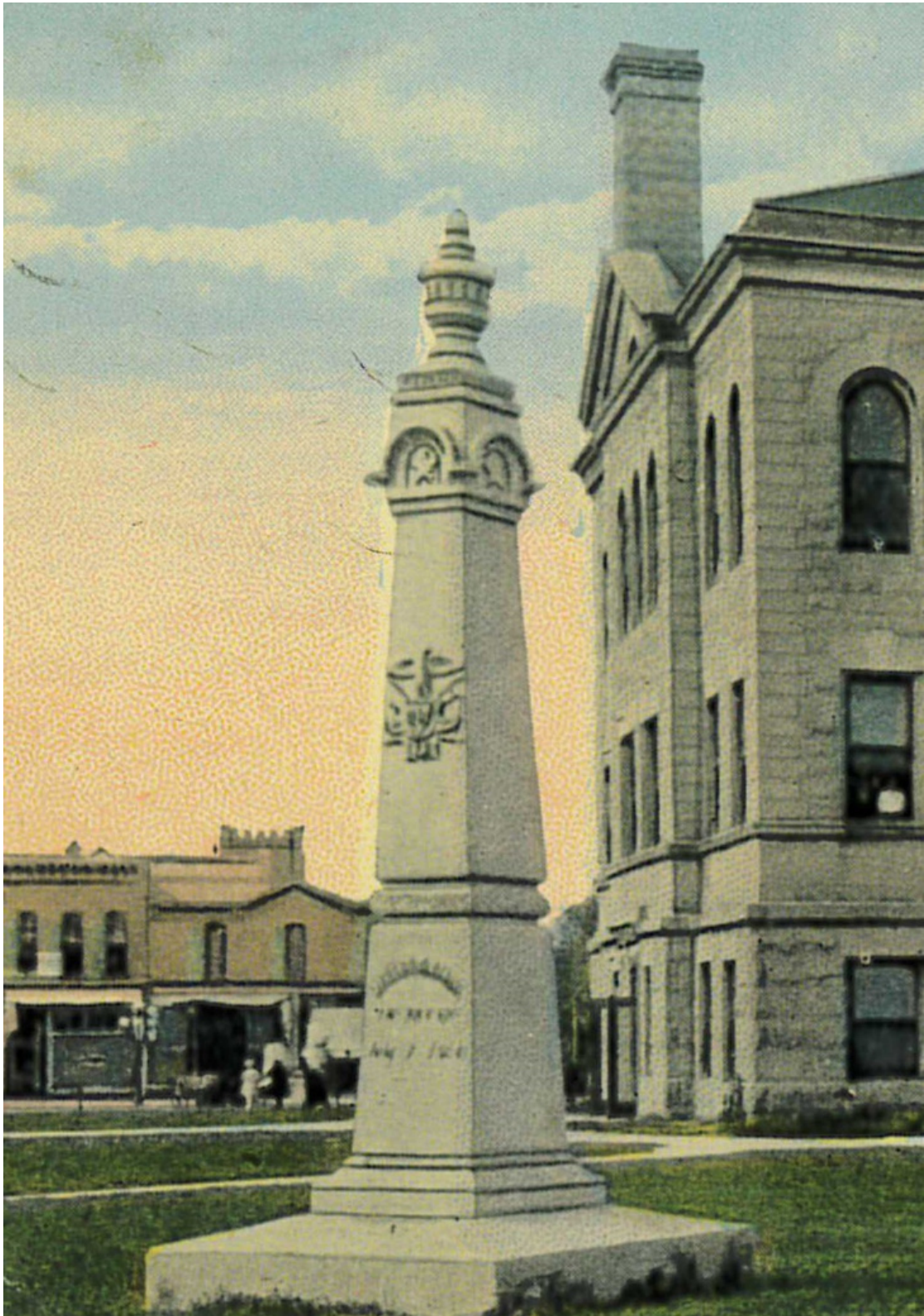


THE UNION SOLDIERS MONUMENT

The Civil War Monument is the oldest structure on the Centerville Square. It was built in 1869.

Not long after the Civil War, a group of citizens recognized the need for such a monument. They formed an association to begin raising funds, but it was slow to begin with. They eventually called for a public measure and secured \$171.25 in cash and another \$413 in pledges. The contract was secured for its construction.

The monument was set up and dedicated on July 4, 1869. It's total cost was \$2,000.





In 1927, the Women's Relief Corps gave the monument an update and added bronze plaques with the name of the fallen soldiers. You can see the difference in the monument in these two photos.

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