

Memorial Fountain

6. Memorial Fountain, Onekama Village Park, south side of the 4700-4800 Block of Main Street



In 1951, the Portage Lake Garden Club had erected in the Village Park this Victorian cast-iron fountain, which was dedicated during that summer to the men and women of the community who had served in the armed forces. This frontage of the Park on which the Fountain was placed was leased by the Village until it was deeded to Onkama in 1960 by Newton C. Farr. The Fountain was originally one of a pair that had been placed in 1887 on the grounds of the old Manistee County Courthouse, Third and Maple Streets in Manistee, a structure that was destroyed by fire in 1950.

One of the
Fountains on
the Old
Manistee
County
Courthouse
Lawn



The inside ribs of the center spill indicate that the designs were patented in 1871. The leaf-and-shell edging of the basin, the acanthus leaves spreading under the spills, and the stork-and-flag center pedestal are illustrated in these patents. A zinc merman riding a dolphin

and blowing a horn is perched on sculptured rocks above the upper spill of the Fountain. The Fountain's water is supplied by the Park's artesian well.



The Memorial Fountain appears on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Michigan State Register of Historic Sites.

Memorial Fountain Design Details

