TOUR AREA’S CIVIL WAR-RELATED SITES

You can visit Civil War-related sites without leaving Allen County. A number of soldiers are buried in Lindenwood Cemetery; some are memorialized in our city parks. The historic homes of Sion Bass and Hugh McCulloch are still standing. This is just a sampling of sites we found. There may be more out there you can discover on your own.

LINDENWOOD CEMETARY

Col. Sion Bass (1827-1892)
Section 6, Lot 16
Bass served in the 50th Indiana Regiment; he died of cholera in 1866. He is buried in the garden of the Washburne Farmhouse.

John W. Dawson (1820-1877)
Section 3, Lot 50
An editor of the Fort Wayne Daily Times in 1861, he spoke against the presence of Camp Allen. He believed it was a betrayal of the city.

Col. David McKee Foster (1849-1924)
Section 5, Lot 173
During his three years of military service, Foster fought in the battles of Cedarburg and Fredericksburg. After the war, he was appointed as the mayor of Fort Wayne and Wisconsin. The city hall is named in his honor.

Mrs. Clara E. George (1855-1932)
Intersection of Section 5, Lot 173
Known as “Mother George,” she volunteered to be a nurse after the death of her son, Col. James Fisher. She was buried with full military honors.

Col. John McPherson Coburn (1827-1915)
Section 5, Lot 173
Coburn served in the 23rd Indiana Regiment. He also served as a major general of the state militia. He was buried with full military honors.

ADDITIONAL SITES

Hugh McCulloch House
150 W. Superior St.
The house where the house was built in 1842 for McCulloch. It was also the birthplace of the McCulloch brothers. It is now a museum.

Civil War Soldiers’ Memorial
Lawton Park
Built in 1892, it is the largest and most elaborate of its kind in the state. It was restored and rededicated in 2005.

Sion Bass House
509 W. Washington Blvd.
Bass bought this house in 1853 for his family. He died here on May 12, 1859.

General Henry “Hank” Lawton statue
Lawton Park
Lawton enrolled in the army in 1861, and served in the 95th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was the last surviving Union soldier in the Mexican War. He was buried with full military honors.

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Col. David N. Foster statue
Lawton Park
This statue commemorates Foster, also known as “Mother George,” for the Fort Wayne Park system.

Camp Allen
This area along the side of the St. Mary’s River was used as a training ground for more than 100 soldiers. The city has erected a monument to honor the soldiers who served here. The monument is located at the entrance to the park.

Mother George plaque
150 W. Superior St.
The plaque is dedicated to the memory of the “Mother George” plaque.