

WASHINGTON MONUMENT MEMORIAL STONES

This pamphlet is designed for your assistance as you walk down the stairs.

Most people can walk down the 897 steps (50 flights) with little or no difficulty, as long as they do not overextend themselves. Benches are provided periodically but there are no facilities. For your own safety, please heed all signs and stay clear of the elevator shaft.

The Washington National Monument Society initially sponsored construction of the Monument. Monies were raised via contribution, but the State of Alabama offered a stone to be placed in the monument itself. The idea appealed to the Society, and consequently, they invited states, associations, municipalities, and later foreign governments to contribute inscribed stones. A variety of stones were installed between 1848 and 1936, excluding the years 1854 to 1880 when work halted due to political and financial problems.

A total of 192 stones were donated to the Society, but only 189 were installed in the shaft of the Monument. The Pope Stone, given by Pope Pious IX, was stolen by the Know-Nothings, a political party hostile to Catholics and foreign-born Americans, and it is believed they dumped it into the Potomac River. Another stone, from the Tomb of Napoleon the Great, sent by France, was seen in the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1861 but has never been relocated. A third stone, from the ruins of Carthage, disappeared in the mid-nineteenth century and was relocated in 1959 during the installation of the present elevator. It now rests in the north stairwell between the 500 and 490 ft. levels.

WARNING

THE STEPS SURROUND AN EXPOSED ELEVATOR SHAFT CONTAINING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS MOVING MACHINERY AND ELECTRICAL CABLES. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PLEASE STAY CLEAR OF THE FENCE AROUND THE SHAFT.

List of Stores by Level

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| 500 Carthage. | Continental Guard of New Orleans. | American Medical Assoc. |
| 400 Idaho. | Home of Stark | Battle Ground, Long Is. |
| 360 Hawaii. | Cliosopic Society. | 230 Tennessee. |
| 350 North Dakota. | 260 Sons of New Eng. in Canada. | Georgia Convention: Sent as a replacement for the Georgia separationist stone on the 50 ft. level. |
| 330 New Mexico. | Cincinnati Company. | Masons of Florida. |
| Top of Statue of Freedom on top of the Capitol Dome is at this level. | Sabbath School Children. | Kentucky. |
| 320 Arizona: Petrified Wood. | Fire Dept. of New York. | Hawkins Co., Tennessee. |
| 310 State of Washington. | Public Schools of Balt. | I.O.O.F. of Kentucky. |
| 300 South Dakota. | Washington Erina Guard. | 220 Oregon. |
| 290 Oklahoma. | Children of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, N.Y. | Wyoming Territory. |
| Colorado. | 250 Young Men's Merc. Assoc. | Montana. |
| Texas. | Foo Chow Foo, China. | Japan. |
| 280 Dramatic Prof. of America. | Engine and Hose Companies. | Cherokee Nation. |
| Hiberian Soc. of Baltimore. | Buffalo Public Schools. | China. |
| Two Disc. of Daguerre. | Lowell, Mass. | Minnesota. |
| Jefferson Medical College. | Philadelphia Fire Dept. | Nebraska. |
| First Regiment of Light Infantry. | Cincinnati Commercial. | Deseret; Mormons wanted the state to be named "Deseret" after the Honey Bee. |
| Citizens of Alexandria. | Engine and Hose Companies. | Utah. |
| Honesdale, Pa. | Stockton, California. | Nevada. |
| Addisonian Literary Soc. | Thalian Assoc. of N.C. | 210 Kansas. |
| 270 Jefferson Society of University of Virginia. | 240 Braddock's Field. | Sons of Temperance, Ill. |
| Alexandrian Library, Egypt. | United American Mechanics. | Masons of Arkansas. |
| Locomotive Works. | Tuscorera Tribe. | Sons of Temperance, Ohio. |
| | Oldest Inhabitants of D.C. | |
| | Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. | |
| | Wales. | |

List of Stones by Level (Cont'd)

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| Masons of Mississippi. | U.S. Infantry, 4th Reg. | Mechanics of Raleigh, N.C. |
| Michigan: Pure Copper. | Masons of Georgia. | 80 Virginia |
| I.O.O.F. of Mississippi. | Morgans Marble, New York. | Fire Co. of Cincinnati. |
| Masons of Iowa. | Army Corps of Engineers. | City of Washington. |
| 200 I.O.O.F. of U.S.A. | 130 I.O.O.F. of Massachusetts. | I.O.O.F. of Indiana. |
| West Virginia. | Sons of Temperance, Conn. | Maryland. |
| I.O.O.F. of Maryland. | American Whig Society. | Maryland Pilgrims Assoc. |
| Richmond, Virginia. | Washington College, Va. | 70 New Jersey. |
| Masons of Virginia. | Masons of New York City. | Sons of Temperance, N.C. |
| Masons of Richmond, Va. | New York City. | Massachusetts. |
| Sons of Temperance. | Durham, New Hampshire. | United Sons of America, Pa. |
| 190 Brazil. | American Institute of N.Y. | Connecticut. |
| Greek Islands. | Union Society of N.C. | Sons of Temperance, Va. |
| Siam. | Oakland College, Miss. | Building Comm. (over steps). |
| Turkey. | Masons of Maryland. | 60 South Carolina. |
| Greece. | Masons of Lebanon, Pa. | Westmoreland Co., Va. |
| Bremen, Germany. | 120 Frederick, Maryland. | New Hampshire. |
| Free Swiss Confederation. | Sons of Temperance, R.I. | I.O.O.F. of New Jersey. |
| 180 I.O.O.F. of Philadelphia. | California. | Florida: Made of Limestone. |
| Masons of Pennsylvania. | I.O.O.F. of Pennsylvania. | Anacostia Tribe. |
| City of Philadelphia. | Roxbury, Mass. | 50 Indiana. |
| Sons of Temperance, Pa. | Masons of Ellicott Mills, | Washington Naval Lodge. |
| Pennsylvania. | Maryland. | Georgia; Reflects the |
| 170 Charlestown, Mass. | 110 Postmasters of Indiana. | sentiments of 1849 |
| Salem, Mass. | Masons of Kentucky. | Georgia Governor Towns. |
| Boston, Mass. | Iowa. | Masons of D.C. |
| Masons of Roxbury, Mass. | Peter Force: Mayor of D.C. | Illinois. |
| New Bedford, Mass. | and a member of the Monu- | Washington Light Infantry. |
| Vermont. | ment Society; this was | 40 Nashville, Tennessee. |
| 160 Newark, New Jersey. | the last stone accepted | German Benevolent Society. |
| Masons of New York City. | from an individual. | Louisiana. |
| Warren, Rhode Island. | Masons of New York. | Stone Cutters of Phila. |
| New York. | Masons of Ohio. | Alabama. |
| I.O.O.F. of Troy, N.Y. | 100 Wisconsin | Columbia Typographical |
| I.O.O.F. of New York City. | I.O.O.F. of Virginia. | Society. |
| 150 When construction halted, | North Carolina. | 30 Maine. |
| the Monument remained at | Thomaston, Maine. | Little Falls Quarry. |
| this level for 25 years. | Rhode Island. | Franklin Fire Co. of D.C. |
| 140 Hitner's Quarry, Pa. | United Brothers of Md. | Delaware. |
| Masons of Alabama. | 90 Missouri. | National Greys of Wash. |
| Masons of Illinois. | Little Rock, Arkansas. | Arkansas. |
| Fort Greene, Long Island. | Ohio. | George Watterston: Sec. of |
| City of Baltimore. | I.O.O.F. of Ohio. | the Washington National |
| Otter's Summit, Virginia. | Mississippi. | Monument Society. |

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