

# Haymarket Martyrs' Monument



Sculpted by Albert Weinert and paid for by The Pioneer Aid and Support Association, the Haymarket Monument was dedicated on June 25, 1893. This was after a historic march in Chicago. Over a hundred years later, in 1997, the monument became a U.S. National Park Service Historic Landmark. The monument includes two steps leading up to a 16-foot-high granite shaft capped by a carved triangular stone. The inscription on the steps read, "1887," the year of the executions. The front facing piece displays a bronze figure of a woman standing over the body of a fallen worker. Below "The day will come when our silence will be more powerful than the voice you are throttling today" is

inscribed. This quote is attributed to August Spies just before his execution by hanging.



On the back of the monument are listed the names of the men buried below. The original was stolen, but the replacement was installed in 2017. The ornate bronze plaque, shown above, contains text of the pardon that was later issued by Illinois governor John Peter Altgeld.



During the 1980's, the fronds and flowers from the front of the Haymarket Martyrs monument was also stolen. In early 2010, the Illinois Labor History Society began a campaign to hire a master restorer, Andrzej Dajnoweki, to create a replica based on historic photos. On the 125th anniversary of Haymarket, the fronds and flowers were complete and installed.

Passages from "The Day Will Come" booklet

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