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GENERAL STANNARD HOUSE
HISTORIC MARKER AND MEMORIAL GARDEN



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THE RAYMOND SANDERSON FARM WAS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING STATE SIGNIFICANCE AS A HISTORIC SITE IN 1977. AFTER RETIRING FROM THE MILITARY SERVICE, GENERAL STANNARD LIVED IN THE FARMHOUSE ON THIS SITE FOR SEVEN YEARS AND CONSTRUCTED A TWO LEVEL BARN TO RAISE HORSES. WHILE THE HOUSE REMAINS. STANNARD'S BARN WAS BURNED AND REMOVED BY THE MILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN IT BECAME A PUBLIC HAZARD. ACCORDING TO A HISTORICAL ASSESSMENT COMPLETED IN 2007, VERY LITTLE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXISTS OF THE LIKELY APPEARANCE OF THE FARMHOUSE FROM THE TIME OF GENERAL STANNARD, THE BUILDING HAVING BEEN MODIFIED AROUND 1875 AND AGAIN ABOUT 1950.

STANNARD, BORN IN GEORGIA VT. WAS ONE OF VERMONT'S MOST FAMOUS CIVIL WAR GENERALS. HE WAS THE FIRST VERMONTER TO VOLUNTEER AS A SOLDIER IN VERMONT AND WENT ON TO LEAD THE 2ND VERMONT BRIGADE AT GETTYSBURG. MAJOR GENERAL ABNER DOUBLEDAY - "I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THEY PERFORMED PERHAPS THE MOST BRILLIANT FEAT DURING THE WAR, FOR THEY BROKE THE MOST DESPARATE CHARGE OF PICKETT, SAVED THE DAY AND WITH IT, THE WHOLE NORTH FROM INVASION AND DEVASTATION."

GBIC LOOKS TO PRESERVE THE IMPORTANT HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL STANNARD TO THIS SITE. WE OFFER THE DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL GARDEN AND HISTORIC MARKER SIGNIFYING STANNARD'S LEADERSHIP AND WAR EFFORTS. THE GARDEN RETAINS THE STONE FOUNDATION AND RE-USES THE EXISTING BRICK FOR THE PATHWAYS. IN ADDITION, THE STANNARD MONUMENT WILL STAND TALL AS RESIDENTS AND/OR VISITORS TRAVEL THE ETHAN ALLEN HIGHWAY.

