



Richard Christensen  
Cannons Ad Hoc Committee  
Racine City Clerk  
730 Washington Ave.  
Racine, WI 53403

Dear Mr. Christensen:

Here is at least one letter for you to use while you explore putting the cannons in the Civil War Museum of the Midwest to be located in Kenosha.

I personally expect that this new museum will be a big attraction for Kenosha. I wish it was being located on the old Zahn's property so that more people would be in favor of putting the cannons in a museum where they would be most appreciated.

Would it be possible for a Racine reporter to go to Kenosha and report on the progress of this new place so that the people of Racine can get a fair idea of what is being planned so close to home? This museum when it is finished should not come as a big surprise to Racine County.

I am not a Civil War Buff. I was a member of the Racine Historical Society and am a current member of the Kenosha Public Museum. I took Old Abe the Civil War Eagle out to the local schools and talked about restoring the bald eagle population to the lower 48 states, which is now a big success story.

I have lots of questions for you to ask the museum people before possibly recommending that our cannons make their home there.

Which states are being included in this Midwest Museum?

What contribution are these Midwest Historical Societies making?

How will this museum compare with other Civil War Museums around the country?

How close is the next Civil War Museum besides the one in Madison?

How does the museum plan to display our cannons?

How do they plan to show the sacrifice of our Racine County Civil War Veterans?

How do they plan to market this museum to the rest of the country?

Will this Midwest Museum be included on tour bus itineraries?

Who do they expect will come to see this museum?

How rare are these cannons?

Are there any similar cannons on display in other museums around the country?

Would these cannons be a prize for any other Civil War Museum to acquire?

Have they made a request to our Racine Historical Museum for any other artifacts?

Have they asked for Old Abe the Civil War Eagle from the Racine Historical Museum?

Have they also asked our local museum for the portrait of Johnny Walker?

Is the Wisconsin Civil War Museum in Madison making a contribution and if so what?

Is the Wisconsin State Historical Society making a donation and if so what?

Feel free to send this list of questions to the <sup>3</sup>acquisitions committee.

If you would like to talk to me please feel free to call me. Mornings are best.

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