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Battle of Long Island

November 20, 1932

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park  
From: Superintendent, Morristown National Historical Park  
Subject: Proposals to commemorate the Battle of Long Island  
(Brooklyn), New York

May I suggest that you write to the Honorable James A. Kelly, Borough Historian of Brooklyn, Hall of Records, Brooklyn 2, New York.

Dorothy Barok, Librarian of the New York Historical Society, lives in Brooklyn. She tells me that what Mr. Kelly calls the Battle of Brooklyn (rather than Long Island) is very near his heart, and that he was responsible for the placing of a tablet marking the Marylander's burial place. Miss Barok says that he has at his fingertips all data covering the block where the reproduction of Old Stone House at Gomanus stands.

Please let me know if you feel that I can be of any further assistance on this Battlefield legislation.

Francis S. Ronalds  
Superintendent

Copy to: Assistant Director Ronald F. Lee

Regional Director, Region One

FSRonalds/bjt

*Battle of  
Long Island*

Morristown National Historical Park  
Morristown, New Jersey

November 20, 1952

Miss Dorothy Barak  
The New York Historical Society  
170 Central Park West  
New York City, New York

Dear Dorothy:

Thanks a lot for your kindness in sending the information regarding the Battle of Brooklyn. I prefer Long Island as I am apt to confuse the Brooklyn title with Ebbets Field.

I am sending your suggestions to Edmund Rogers, Superintendent of Yellowstone Park.

Sincerely,

Francis S. Ronalds  
Coordinating Superintendent

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DOROTHY C. BARCK  
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November 11, 1952

Dr. Frances Ronalds  
Morristown National Historical Park  
Morristown, New Jersey

Dear Fran:

In response to your letter of the fourth, about efforts to commemorate the site of part of the Battle of Long Island, may I suggest that you write to the Honorable James A. Kelly, Borough Historian of Brooklyn, Hall of Records, Brooklyn, 2 N.Y. What he calls the Battle of Brooklyn is very near his heart, he was responsible for the placing of a tablet marking the Marylanders' burial place, and I feel sure he has at his fingertips any data covering the block where the reproduction of Old Stone House at Gowanus stands.

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy C. Barck  
Librarian

~~Research~~  
Battle of Long Island

November 4, 1962

Miss Dorothy Barak  
New York Historical Society  
100 Central Park West  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dorothy,

I have a friend, Edmund Rogers, Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, who is working on the legislative history of proposals to commemorate the Battle of Long Island. He writes as follows:

In the printed "Hearings before the Committee and Subcommittee S of the Committee on Military Affairs, House of Representatives, 71st Congress 2nd Session on March 21 and February 8, 1950" on the "Establishment of National Military Parks - Battle Fields" (page 14) the following statement with reference to the Battle of Long Island is made:

"Efforts to commemorate the site were inaugurated in 1846, 1907, 1911 and 1926, but to date nothing has been accomplished except the acquisition of the block (4th and 5th Avenues and 3rd and 4th Streets) by the city."

Bills in the 69th (HR 17084) and 70th (HR 12948) Congresses, both under the title "To create the Gowanus Stone House Battle Memorial Park" are the earliest proposals in Congress that I have been able to locate.

It is possible that the earlier proposals did not reach Congress.

It may be possible that you or your father could help us out on this or suggest where we might obtain information on the subject.

Miss Dorothy Barak

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November 4, 1952

Please forgive me for bothering you so often. It's really your fault for being such an erudite and kind person.

As ever sincerely,

(SGD.) FRANCIS S. RONALES

FRR/CH

cc: Assistant Director Lee

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October 29, 1952

Memorandum

*Dr. Ronalds*  
~~W. J. ...~~

To: Superintendent, Morristown National Historical Park

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Proposals to commemorate the Battle of Long Island  
(Brooklyn), New York

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It is possible that the earlier proposals did not reach Congress. Ronnie Lee suggested that you might shed some light on them.

*Edmund B. Rogers*

Edmund B. Rogers  
Superintendent

Copy to: Assistant Director Lee

