

# **FRIENDS OF CLARA BARTON'S MISSING SOLDIERS OFFICE**

The day before Thanksgiving 1997, Richard Lyons, a carpenter for the US General Services Administration, was cleaning up after a long day's work getting ready for the demolition of 437 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC. Peace and quiet had descended upon this otherwise busy downtown corner as workers had abandoned their desks early to prepare for the next days' feast. Now alone on the third floor of the vacant 1864-era government building, Lyons thought he heard what sounded like crying coming from a nearby room. He walked back and forth to locate the sound. Peering up into a shaft of light, he noticed something wedged between the ceiling and attic space and climbed up to get a better look. From the dark recesses, he pulled out a metallic sign that read:



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The Friends of Clara Barton's *Missing Soldiers Office* is a coalition of historians, preservationists, American Red Cross supporters and civic leaders who share a common interest in Clara Barton's life and work at 437 Seventh St, NW in the City of Washington, DC. Our Mission is to celebrate the role Miss. Clara Barton played in re-uniting missing Civil War soldiers with their loved ones by establishing a public museum in the space once occupied by Clara Barton's *Missing Soldiers Office*.

Please join us in this effort to protect and preserve this important chapter in American history in the Nation's Capital:

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Send completed form to, or contact Nancy Hill, President, Friends of Clara Barton's *Office of Missing Soldiers*, American Red Cross in the National Capital Region, 8550 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22031; 703.584.8450; [HillN@redcrossnca.org](mailto:HillN@redcrossnca.org).