

Collection #  
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**GARFIELD MONUMENT FUND, DONATION CERTIFICATE,  
CA. 1880s**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James Abram Garfield (1831-1881) was the 20<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. Born in Orange Township, Ohio, he spent time working as a canal boatman, teacher, preacher, lawyer, soldier and Congressman before being elected to the presidency in 1880. He attended Geauga Seminary, Western Reserve Eclectic Institute (now known as Hiram College), and graduated from Williams College in 1856. He married Lucretia Rudolph in 1858 and they had seven children. Garfield later served in the Civil War and achieved the rank of Major General after the Battle of Chickamauga. In 1863, he retired his commission and entered the House of Representatives as a Congressman from Ohio. At the 1880 Republican National Convention, Garfield unexpectedly received the nomination for President. He beat Democratic candidate Winfield Scott Hancock by one of the smallest margins in U.S. election history.

On July 2, 1881, Garfield was shot in a Washington, D.C. train station by assassin Charles Guiteau. After numerous attempts by doctors to remove the bullet, Garfield died on September 19 in Elberon, New Jersey. He is interred at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains one certificate acknowledging that W.W. Carter contributed one dollar to the Garfield Monument Fund. After Garfield's assassination, a movement began in Cleveland to collect funds for the creation of a monument in his honor. The Garfield National Memorial Association, established in 1882, received contributions from across the nation and ultimately raised over \$150,000 to support the construction of the memorial. Members of the committee in charge of the Garfield Monument Fund included prominent Clevelanders Jephtha Homer Wade I (financier and telegraph pioneer), Senator Henry Payne (lawyer and politician), and Joseph Perkins (businessman and philanthropist).

The Garfield monument was erected in Cleveland's Lakeview Cemetery, which in the 19<sup>th</sup> century was recognized as being the final resting place of the city's most elite citizens. The monument was completed in 1890 and dedicated on May 30 of the same year. Indiana citizens contributed approximately \$1,397 in support of its construction.

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