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The Board of Trustees for the Acton Memorial Library will apply for Community Preservation Act funds to display again Civil War artifacts given to the Library by veterans of the War, in whose memory the Library was donated.

Originally, Memorial Library served as much as a meeting place for veterans as a library, and many war artifacts were on display. Today these artifacts, which number nearly 150, are stored in a closet, hidden from sight. The project will modify three of the six alcoves in the original building to provide appropriate space in which to display a selection of these artifacts. The changes will consist primarily of creating and installing display walls and cases; scanning, enlarging and preparing old photos for display; research, writing and editing; graphic design and production; installing appropriate lighting, and erecting a free-standing panel display. The artifacts to be displayed include rifles, swords and scabbards, canteens, photographs, medals, Confederate money, a medicine case, a pair of slave shackles, and various documents. The original Library building is an "historic resource" as defined in the Community Preservation Act, and putting artifacts back on display preserves an important characteristic of the original library.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$38,000

The Memorial Library Board of Trustees has committed \$4,000 in library trust and gift funds to this project, contingent upon acceptance by the CP Committee and approval by the Town at all stages of the grant request.