Round Tower Dedicated as Shrine, Museum, Monument

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Fort Snelling dedicates a memorial to its history

Snelling Exhibits Will Go on Display in August

"A symbol of the conquest of the wilderness, the guarding of the American frontier, the building of Minnesota and the northwest."

Thus was dedicated the old Round Tower at Fort Snelling, whose guns commanded the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers—one of the most important outposts in the winning of the West 120 years ago.

The tower was dedicated as a shrine, a museum and a monument yesterday in ceremonies on the lawn between the tower and the modern fort chapel.

At the dedication were Miss Marion Snelling Hall, descendant of Colonel Josiah Snelling for whom the fort was named, and Brig. Gen. Campbell B. Hodges, former post commandant who conceived the idea of preserving the tower as a museum.

Colonel Ben F. Ristine, post executive officer, presided. Speakers included Brig. Gen. Clement A. Trott, commander of the sixth division with headquarters at the fort; Col. Charles A. Green, representing Mayor George E. Leach, and Mayor John J. McDonough of St. Paul.

Principal speaker was Dr. Theodore C. Blegen, former president of the Minnesota State Historical society.

Work on a mural inside the tower is nearing completion. It depicts the growth of the Twin Cities and is being painted by Richard Haines, Minneapolis artist. When it is completed in August, the exhibits will go on display.