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Description: The monument is a simple design of a gray stone marker on a two-level base. The front of the monument is decorated with a single star, the insignia of the 20th Corps, and commemorates the Union soldiers killed in the battle of Averasboro. The back of the monument lists the companies involved in the battle. The monument was proposed and designed in the early 2000's by Averasboro Battlefield Commission, Inc.

Image: <u>Rear inscription [4]</u>

Inscription: Front: DEDICATED TO THE / UNION SOLDIERS / OF THE / 20TH CORPS / WHO FOUGHT AND DIED / DURING / THE BATTLE OF AVERASBORO / MARCH 15-16, 1865

Rear: 20th CORPS / 1ST DIVISION / 1ST BRIGADE 2ND BRIGADE / 5TH CONN 46TH PA 2ND MASS 13TH NJ / 123RD NY 141ST NY 107TH NY 150TH NY / 3rd WISC / 3RD BRIGADE / 82ND ILL 101ST ILL / 61ST OH 82ND OH / 143RD NY 31ST WISC / 3RD DIVISION / 1ST BRIGADE 2ND BRIGADE / 70TH IND 102ND ILL 33RD IND 85TH IND / 105TH ILL 129TH ILL 19TH MI 22ND WISC / 79TH OH / 3RD BRIGADE / 20TH CONN 33RD MASS / 136TH NY 26TH WISC / 55TH OH 73RD OH / ARTILLERY / 1ST NY LIGHT, BATTERIES I AND M / 1ST OH LIGHT, BATTERY C / PA INDPT BATTERY E LIGHT ARTY

Dedication date: 2004

Materials & Techniques: Granite

Sponsor: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Edgerton.

Cost: \$2000

Post dedication use: The Averasboro Battlefield hosts many events throughout the year, including battle re-enactments.

Subject notes: Approximately 650 Union soldiers were killed in the Battle of Averasboro, many of them members of the 20th U. S. Army Corps, also known as Hooker's Corp. The men of the 20th Corps were under the direction of General Sherman.

Location: The monument is located on Averasboro Battlefield. Several other monuments to the battle are located nearby. These include: a monument to the North Carolina Soldiers erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a monument to the Confederate dead erected in 1872 in nearby Chicora cemetery, and a monument to the South Carolina troops involved in the battle. In addition, the 20th Corps monument was designed and dedicated with a companion monument dedicated to the fallen Confederate soldiers under Rhett's Brigade of General William J. Hardee's army. This is located in close proximity to the 20th Corps monument.

Landscape: The monument is a part of Averasboro Battlefield, which also includes the Averasboro Battlefield Museum and historic plantation houses. The Battlefield is also home to Chicora Cemetery, which holds 57 Confederate soldiers killed in battle.

City: Dunn

County: Harnett

Subjects: Civil War

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