Confederate Monument, Pittsboro

Description: A bronze statue of a Confederate soldier stands erect atop a marble pedestal. He is clad in a Confederate uniform, complete with hat, and holds his rifle in front of him, its butt rusting on the ground. The monument stands 27 feet tall.

Inscription:
Front: TO THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY / OUR CONFEDERATE HEROES

Dedication date: 8/23/1907

Creator: C. J Harlin, Durham (N.C.) Marble Works, Supplier

Materials & Techniques: Mount Airy Granite

Sponsor: Winnie Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy

Unveiling & Dedication: North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Walter Clark was the orator and was introduced by Mr. Henry London. The statue was presented by Mrs. H. A. London and received by Lieutenant O. A. Hanner. Colonel John R. Lane served as Chief Marshall for the occasion.

Post dedication use: Children make a game of tossing bottle caps from the balcony of the courthouse and seeing if they
can get them to stay on the soldier's hat.

Controversies: Some people in Chatham want the monument removed from the courthouse, or destroyed. They contend it promotes racism and commemorates the slave-holding South. Others defend it as a reminder of historical events and of local heritage.

Location: The monument stands directly in front of the Chatham Country Courthouse steps.

City: Pittsboro

County: Chatham

Subjects: Civil War

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