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Guilford Courthouse

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Description: A bronze statue of Joseph Winston stands defiantly on top of a granite base. Winston, clad in Revolutionary garb, grips his sword in his right hand while pointing forward with his left. The base of the monument holds bronze tablets on its four sides which bear the inscriptions below. The monument measures 15' in height and 5'6" in width at the base.

Nickname: Holt Monument, North Carolina Militia Monument

Inscription:

West face: IN MEMORY /
OF THE /
NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS /
UNDER /
MAJOR JOSEPH WINSTON /
WHO WERE FIGHTING THE /
HESSIANS /
AND TARLETON'S CAVALRY /
NEAR THIS SPOT /
AFTER THE CONTINENTAL LINE /
HAD RETREATED /
FROM THE FIELD OF BATTLE /
MARCH 15TH, 1781

North face: ERECTED BY /
GOVERNOR THOMAS M. HOLT /
1893

East face: MAJOR JOSEPH WINSTON /
CAPTAIN JESSE FRANKLIN /
RICHARD TALIAFERRO /
PALAM QUI MERUIT FERAT

Dedication date: July 4, 1893

Creator: Orlo Epps, Architect

Materials & Techniques: Granite and bronze.

Cost: \$Governor Holt gave a contribution of \$400 for this monument

Unveiling & Dedication: An audience of 15,000, including many prominent individuals, was present at the unveiling. The ceremony started at 11am with a parade starting at David Schenck's park headquarters and ending at a podium on the southeastern side of the park. Colonel Joseph Morehead was the Master of Ceremonies and Governor Holt gave an address at the unveiling.

Subject notes: Winston (1746 - 1815) was a Colonel in the North Carolina Militia and fought at the battle of Guilford Courthouse while serving as a Major for the Continental Army. He later served three terms in the United States House of Representatives. The town of Winston-Salem is named in part after this Revolutionary War hero.

Location: The monument faces east, in the direction Winston's enemy stood. It was placed where the North Carolina militia under Winston's command was believed to have fought.

Former Locations: In 1893, only the base of the sculpture was dedicated. The statue of Winston was added in 1895 after additional funds were raised.

Landscape: The monument is located near tour stop #4 on of the tour road. To get to the monument, one must walk a small foot trail. The body of Winston was reinterred nearby in 1906.

City: Greensboro

County: Guilford

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Latitude: 36.13029

Longitude: -79.83964

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