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Thomasville

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Description: This monument is a tribute to Thomasville's furniture industry. It is the second chair that has stood in this location, as the original, a wooden structure, rotted. This cement chair stands 30-feet high.

Nickname: "The Big Chair" or "The Chair"

Inscription:

Front: "The Chair" / of Thomasville / THE CHAIR IS AN EXEMPLAR AND INSPIRATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO EMULATE AND PERPETUATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR TIME-HONORED FURNITURE DESIGNERS AND CRAFTSMEN...THE ORIGINAL CHAIR WAS THE CREATION OF THE FAMOUS AMERICAN DESIGNER DUNCAN PHYFE

Left: ERECTED 1950

Right: THOMAS JOHNSON - DEI. / JAMES HARVEY - SCULP.

Dedication date: On January 9, 1951 the cornerstone was laid.

Creator: Salem Steel Company, Builder
Thomas W. Johnson, Designer

Materials & Techniques: Cement, wire mesh, and steel skeleton.

Post dedication use: During the 1960 presidential campaign, Lyndon B. Johnson stood on it during a campaign stop.

Subject notes: The chair commemorates the furniture industry which is a large employer in Davidson county.

Controversies: It is not considered largest chair any longer.

Landscape: This monument is located alongside railroad tracks in downtown Thomasville, NC.

City: Thomasville

County: Davidson

Subjects: Industry

Latitude: 35.88292

Longitude: -80.08199

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