

Samuel A'Court Ashe Monument ^[1]

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Samuel A'Court Ashe Monument, Raleigh. Photo courtesy of Natasha Smith.

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Description: The monument consists of two bronze bas-relief plaques mounted on a large granite block. The tablet on the front is imprinted with a portrait of Ashe; both the front and back have detailed inscriptions. The monument is located on the State Capitol grounds.

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Inscription:

Front: SAMUEL A'COURT ASHE LL.D. / 1840 - 1938 / PATRIOT - SOLDIER - HISTORIAN - EDITOR - CHRISTIAN CITIZEN / CAPTAIN AND ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL OF PENDER'S STAFF. C.S.A. / HEROIC DEFENDER OF FORT WAGNER / AND TWICE CITED FOR CONSPICUOUS SERVICE IN THE BATTLES OF CEDAR RUN / AND SECOND MANASSAS. / BRIGADIER GENERAL AND VICE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS. / THE LAST SURVIVING COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY. / HE WAS A WORTHY REPRESENTATIVE OF A LINE OF PATRIOTIC MEN / OF HIS NAME WHO RENDERED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO STATE AND COUNTRY. / ETERNALLY YOUNG, ALWAYS THE FRIEND AND INSPIRER OF YOUTH. / FEW MEN HAVE LIVED SO MANY YEARS, HONORED AND LOVED THROUGH THEM ALL. / A LIFE WHICH HAS ENRICHED THE SOUTH AND THE NATION. / A LOVER OF PEACE, AND VALIANT FOR THE TRUTH.

Rear: THIS MONUMENT PLACED / WITH THE AFFECTION AND ESTEEM OF MANY / FRIENDS THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA / AND THE NATION, WAS UNVEILED SEPT. 13, 1940, / THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF / CAPT. ASHE'S BIRTH. / THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE ASHE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE / BY THEIR LOYAL WORK AND INFLUENCE HAVE HELPED TO MAKE / POSSIBLE THIS MEMORIAL. / HON. GEORGE GORDON BATTLE, CHAIRMAN / MRS. MARY WINDER OSBORNE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER / HON. JOSEPHUS DANIELS / UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO / HON. HERIOT CLARKSON / JUSTICE N.C. SUPREME COURT / HON. ERNEST M. GREEN / PRESIDENT N.C. SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI / HON. WALTER MURPHY / N.C. STATE SENATOR / MRS. LEWIS E. FISHER / PRESIDENT N.C. DIVISION U.D.C. / HON. WM. GRAHAM JARVIS / HON. THOMAS DIXON

Dedication date: 9/13/1940

Creator: Bernard Johnson, Sculptor Gorham Manufacturing Company, Foundry

Materials & Techniques: Bronze, Wake County granite

Sponsor: North Carolina General Assembly (Funds raised privately), Ashe Memorial Committee

Cost: \$3,017

Subject notes: Samuel Ashe was a Confederate soldier who became a captain during the Civil War, most notably leading the Confederate defense of Fort Wagner, South Carolina. Later in life he became the first newspaper editor of the News and Observer as well as an historian and statesman. He assisted in the authoring of an eight volume history of North Carolina. He died on August 31, 1938 at the age of 98, and the monument was presented the public on the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Controversies: In recent years, the Capitol Square's lack of diversity, particularly in regard to monuments honoring deceased Confederate soldiers and leaders like Ashe, has led to the decision of the North Carolina State Capitol Memorial Study Committee to issue a report to the North Carolina Historical Commission calling for new monuments to be built to honor people and causes that exemplify North Carolina's diversity.

Location: The memorial to Samuel Ashe is located near the Confederate Monument and the Henry Lawson Wyatt Monument in the western part of the Capitol Square.

Landscape: The memorial is on a level plain in the Capitol Square near a walkway and near a couple of medium size trees and a park bench.

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