

## **General William Davie Bench** <sup>[1]</sup>

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Davie Bench. Photo courtesy Kami LaBerge.  
General William Davie Bench  
UNC (Chapel Hill)

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Description: A marble bench sits at the base of "Davie Poplar", a large tulip poplar tree in McCorkle Place on the campus of the University of North Carolina. The bench has become worn and weathered during the century since its installation. The tree is believed to be more than 300 years old.

Nickname: Davie Poplar Bench

### Inscription:

Front: 1756 WILLIAM RICHARDSON DAVIE 1820

Rear: GENERAL DAVIE CHAPTER / N.S.D.A.R. / DURHAM, N. C. / NOV. 3, 1914

Image: [Rear inscription](#) <sup>[4]</sup>

Dedication date: February, 1915

Materials & Techniques: Marble

Sponsor: General Davie Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution

Unveiling & Dedication: Mrs. Wiley, chapter regent, and Mrs. Reynolds, State regent, both made remarks at the presentation of the bench to the University. They discussed the rich history of Chapel Hill and their appreciation for the University. Dr. Edward Kidder Graham, University President, accepted the gift on behalf of the University. The University Glee Club sang for the attendees.

Post dedication use: According to legend, if a couple kisses on this bench, they will marry. This has led to its becoming a popular place for wedding proposals.

Subject notes: William Richardson Davie, an attorney and officer in the Revolutionary War, served as Governor of North Carolina from 1798 to 1799. He was heavily involved in the founding of the University of North Carolina while he was a member of the North Carolina general assembly.

Landscape: The bench stands in front of the giant Davie Poplar in McCorkle place on the University of North Carolina Campus.

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