

Monument to Cornelius Harnett ^[1]

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Monument to Cornelius Harnett, Wilmington. Photo courtesy of Natasha Smith.

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Wilmington

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Description: This monument, which stands in the median of Market Street, takes the shape of a tall, thin granite obelisk. It stands 28 feet 10 inches tall. [Harnett's grave](#) ^[4] is located in St. James Church graveyard, across the street from the obelisk.

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Inscription:

North Side: CORNELIUS HARNETT / 1723 / 1781 / PATRIOT AND STATESMAN

East Side: THE CAPE FEAR / FIRST EXPLORED / 1663 / FIRST SETTLEMENT / AT OLD TOWN / 1665 / PERMANENT SETTLEMENT / AT BRUNSWICK / 1725 / WILMINGTON ESTABLISHED / 1733

South Side: IN HONOR OF / THE HUNDRED AND FIFTY / MEN WHO MADE THE FIRST / ARMED RESISTANCE / IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES / TO THE OPPRESSIVE / STAMP ACT / OF THE / BRITISH PARLIAMENT / FEBRUARY 19TH 1766

West Side: THE / NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY / OF THE COLONIAL DAMES / OF AMERICA / HAVE ERECTED THIS / MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY / OF THE COLONIAL / HEROES / OF THE LOWER CAPE FEAR

Dedication date: 5/2/1907

Creator: M. G. Delahunty, Sculptor

Materials & Techniques: Vermont Barre granite

Sponsor: North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames in America

Subject notes: Cornelius Harnett, a merchant and statesman from Wilmington, was a leader in the resistance to the Stamp Act and was chairman of the Sons of Liberty. He later represented North Carolina in the Continental Congress.

Landscape: The monument is located in the median of Market Street at its intersection with 4th Street.

City: Wilmington

County: New Hanover

Subjects: Historic Political Figures, Revolutionary War

Latitude: 34.23567

Longitude: -77.94472

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Origin - location:

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Wilmington ^[13]

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