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The Women's Monument at Moores Creek National Battlefield commemorates the actions of Mary (Polly) Slocum, the wife of Lt. Ezekiel Slocum, who fought in the battle. According to legend, she rode 65 miles alone at night to tend to the Patriot wounded. The monument was built in 1907, and Ezekiel and Mary Slocum were re-interred at its base. The inscriptions on the monuments read: (Front) TO THE HONORED MEMORY OF THE HEROIC WOMEN OF THE LOWER CAPE FEAR DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION 1775-1781. (Left) MOST HONORED OF THE NAMES RECORDED BY THIS HISTORIC ASSOCIATION, IS THAT OF MARY SLOCUMB, WIFE OF LIEUTENANT SLOCUMB, RIDING ALONE AT NIGHT 65 MILES TO SUCCOR THE WOUNDED ON THIS BATTLEFIELD HER HEROISM AND SELF-SACRIFICE PLACE HER HIGH ON THE PAGES OF HISTORY AND SHOULD AWAKEN IN SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS, TRUE PATRIOTISM AND LOVE OF COUNTRY VIRTUTES MAJORUM FILIAE CONSERVANT (Right) UNSWERVING IN DEVOTION, SELF-SACRIFICING IN LOYALTY TO THE CAUSE OF THEIR COUNTRY, THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM; AND THEIR CHILDREN RISE UP AND CALL THEM BLESSED. (Rear) THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED BY THE MOORE'S CREEK MONUMENTAL ASSOCIATION IN THE YEAR 1907. (Left Headstone) IN memory of Col. EZEKIEL SLOCUMB, a Patriot of the Revolution, who departed this life, July 4th 1840, aged 80 years & 46 days. (Right Headstone) IN memory of POLLY SLOCUMB, wife of Ezekiel Slocumb who departed this life, March 6 1836, aged 76 years & 24 days.



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