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### The Holt Monument Unveiled.

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**GUILFORD BATTLE GROUND, July 4.**—An immense concourse of patriotic North Carolinians has gathered here today, on this, the 117th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, to witness the unveiling of the monument erected by Gov. Thos. M. Holt to the memory of the North Carolina troops, who here, on March 15th, 1781, under Maj. Joseph Winston, fought the Hessians and Tarleton's cavalry after the Continental line had retreated from the field of battle. It is estimated that there were 10,000 people present. There could not have been less than 9,000.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the line of march was formed at President Schenck's headquarters. Twenty mounted marshals, all splendid physical specimens, took the lead, dressed in Continental uniforms, under command of Chief Marshal Charles O. McMichael. They formed an exceedingly pretty picture.

Following them came the Lexington Silver Cornet Band, of sixteen pieces, which discoursed the sweetest music as the procession moved forward. The orator of the day, chaplain and distinguished guests in carriages followed, and after them the Charlotte Naval Battalion, North Carolina Confederate Veterans and members of the Guilford Battle Ground Company. The procession moved along through the beautiful groves and grounds, passing by Leonidas and Olyde Springs, and winding around the almost crystal-clear Lake Wilfong, passing under the arch of welcome, its pillars wrapped in the national colors, and the arch proper bearing on one side "The Old North State Forever" and on the reverse "Carolina, Heaven's Blessings Attend Her", and arriving finally at the speaker's stand in a shady grove on the eastern side of the field. During the march Judge Schenck's son, Paul Wilfong Schenck, about twelve years old, rode proudly by the side of the carriage containing ex Gov. Holt and his distinguished father. This patriotic youngster looked exceedingly handsome in his bright blue Continental uniform, and he sat upon his spirited animal with an hereditary gracefulness that reflected credit upon the horsemanship of his Revolutionary ancestors who rode after Campbell, McDowell or Sevier. One of this young man's ancestors on his mother's side, named Wilfong, distinguished himself in the battle of King's Mountain.

Rarely is such a distinguished group of North Carolinians seen here, of the State Supreme Court; President Geo. T. Winston, of the University; Justice Walter Clark, of the State Supreme Court; Dr. Kemp P. Battle and Prof. E. A. Alderman, of the University; Judge Jesse Franklin Graves, of the Superior Court; Assistant Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire, of the Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, of the Baptist Church, Charlotte; Hon. O. B. Watson, of Winston; Editor Jno. R. Webster, of Webster's Weekly; Col. Thos. B. Keoh, Col. James E. Boyd, Col. R. M. Sloan and Dr. D. R. Schenck, of Greensboro; S. Wittowsky, Esq., of Charlotte; and Mrs. Geo. T. Winston and Mrs. David Schenck, with Misses Rebecca Schenck and Lucy Bevens, of Greensboro; Graves, of Mt. Airy, and Williamson, of Winston.

Among the audience were many prominent people. Among others the Observer caught sight of Profs. Stephen B. Weeks, J. A. Holmes and Henry Louis Smith. There were bright eyed maidens, many youths, winsome matrons, strong, intelligent men in the prime of life; others who had climbed the hill of life and descended far on the other side, on whose heads "the snow that never melts had fallen." But the central figures that towered above all others on this occasion, and who were the cynosure of all eyes were Ex-Governor Thomas M. Holt, through whose munificence the monument to be unveiled was erected, and that patriot of patriots and typical North Carolinian, the Hon. David Schenck, but for whose untiring labors this "Mecca of patriotism"—to quote Dr. Pritchard's felicitous expression—the Guilford battle ground, would never have been reclaimed from the rank weeds that grew where heroes shed their blood, and but for whose unremitting studies some of North Carolina's grandest men would have remained—with the flight of time—"unwept, unhonored and unsung," and a shameful lie perpetrated in history. Yes, these were the two men that this truly representative assemblage had gathered to honor. Beauty, youth, chivalry, age, genius and intellectuality had come together to kneel and worship at the shrine of patriotism.

Col. Joseph Morehead, of Greensboro, acted as master of ceremonies. He first introduced Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, who made the opening prayer, which was most fervent and eloquent.

His closing words were: "We thank Thee for the Puritans and the Cavalier; for Washington and for Jefferson and for Madison and for Hamilton and for Greene and for Sumner and for Sumter and for Marion and for the many other heroes, who distinguished themselves on fields of battle in the contest for freedom. We cherish the memories of our fathers who fought and bled and died on this conse-