



THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

in Spartanburg, SC originally stood at the intersection of South Church and Henry Streets, having been completed in January 21st, 1911. According to accounts at the time, 77 years earlier, 3,485 men from Spartanburg left to fight in the War Between the States. At least 608 never returned to their homes, having perished on battlefields and in hospitals across the divided nation.

Fundraising for a monument to Confederate soldiers from the county began much earlier in 1905, but a big boost to the project came on June 22, 1910 when the Spartanburg Herald sponsored "Confederate Monument Day" in the city. During a three hour period, over \$1,600 was raised. Ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy spearheaded the remainder of the efforts and eventually gather the funds required to build the uniquely designed monument.

On August 17th, 1910 the cornerstone was laid and construction began in earnest. Attending the ceremonies were 2,500 Confederate veterans, a thousand more "Red Shirts", and hundreds of sons of veterans, all of whom were attending the annual reunion of Confederate veterans held in Spartanburg.

The column of the monument was originally intended for use at the South Carolina statehouse which had been severely damaged by General Sherman's troops as they laid waste to the capitol city. The soldier atop the column is 7-1/2 feet in height and cast in bronze. Around the base of the monument are four carved stone plaques (see inscriptions on the next page).

In the 1960s, the city was expanding their streets and interest in the war had waned, so there was little objection when a decision was made to move the monument to the home of American Legion post 28 at Duncan Park.

The inscriptions on the Confederate monument in Spartanburg read as follows:

[East Facing Side]

Erected in honor of the
Confederate Soldiers and
Sailors from Spartanburg
City and County
by
voluntary contributions
from her citizens and Spartan
Chapter United Daughters
of the Confederacy
1910

[North Facing Side]

Let this monument
teach our children and our
children's children to honor
the memory and the heroic deeds
of the Southern Soldier,
who fought for rights
guaranteed him under the
Constitution.
Four years our armies contended
against great odds, enduring
incredible hardships, and ceasing
to struggle only when the South
was exhausted, and could no longer
furnish recruits and supplies.

[West Facing Side]

How grand a fame this marble
watches o'er their
wars behind them;
God's great peace before.
Fort Sumter to Appomattox
1861——1865

[South Facing Side]

Of the past, mindful;
To the present, faithful;
For the future, hopeful.
Motto of Spartan Chapter
U.D.C.



**Confederate Monument, Spartanburg, S.C.
As it appears in 2013, photo by Liz Crawley Photography**