

## CONFEDERATE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

### AGENCY HISTORY

The North Carolina Confederate Centennial Commission was created by the General Assembly of 1959. It was charged with planning and conducting programs to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the Civil War, cooperating when possible with individuals, unofficial organizations, and with agencies of the federal government and other states. Appointed by the governor for terms of two years, the commission consisted of twenty-five members at large and the following ex officio members: superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction; director of the Department of Conservation and Development; and director of the Department of Archives and History. Norman C. Lawson served as executive secretary for the commission.

The Confederate Centennial Commission was continued in 1961 by the General Assembly and was involved in several noteworthy undertakings before it went out of existence on 30 June 1965. These included initiation of projects to prepare and publish a new roster of North Carolina Confederate troops; to mark Civil War sites throughout the state and re-enact battles; and to produce radio and television programs and dramas. The commission also played a major role in the salvaging of thousands of items from sunken Civil War vessels off Fort Fisher. The commission's program gained national attention and was awarded the Centennial Bronze Medallion by the United States Civil War Centennial Commission.

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Twenty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, re-enactors

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Correspondence, memoranda, speeches, agreements, lists, and other material from the commission. The correspondence is grouped into the following sub-series: correspondence with commission members, correspondence with committees, and general correspondence.

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Subject file including minutes, reports, lists, correspondence, articles of incorporation, bylaws, newsletters, press releases, and other material concerning activities, events, projects, re-enactments, and publications of the commission, the N.C. Confederate Corporation, the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission, and similar commissions in other states.

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Photographs (and a few negatives and slides) collected by or taken for the commission for publicity purposes, for use in publications, and for documenting events of the commission. On the backs of many of the photographic prints are either the name of the photographer or the collection from which they were duplicated. Included are photographs reproduced by the then Dept. of Archives and History as well as photographs taken by the commission's official photographer, L. A. Lentz. Although most of the photographs' descriptions do not provide a date, it may be possible to match them up with material in the commission's newspaper clippings file, the "Newsletter," or one of the other publications.

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Newspaper clippings (and some speeches) concerning the formation of the commission, county activities, and various subjects. The clippings were arranged and microfilmed in the following order:

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