

NORTH CAROLINA MEMORIAL BUILDING COMMISSION

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND PAPERS, 1909, 1919-1920

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The General Assembly of 1919 passed a bill (Public Law 1919, Chapter 3) creating a North Carolina Memorial Building Commission. This twelve-member Commission, with the Governor as chairman, had as its charge the task of acquiring money and site for the erection at the State Capital of a suitable memorial to honor all North Carolinians who gave their lives, services, or property in the war against Germany and her allies.

During 1919-1920 the North Carolina Memorial Building Commission endeavored to create interest in such a memorial. Much of the material of the Commission contained here deals with the publication of a handbook designed to promote this interest. From different sources, such as the YMCA, the Red Cross, the Military, records and information dealing with the War were sought for inclusion in the handbook.

The Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission (later the Department of Archives and History), Dr. R.D.W. Connor, also served as the secretary to the Memorial Building Commission; and since some of the latter's records were found with the records of the Department of Archives and History, it is assumed the Memorial Building Commission records were transferred to the Archives from the office of the Director of the Department of Archives and History.

The Commission had become obsolete by 1943.

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