

## Memorial to Founding Trustees <sup>[1]</sup>

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Description: This obelisk stands nineteen feet tall against the exterior north wall of Person Hall on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Near the top of the obelisk sits a carved bronze profile in relief of William Richardson Davie; at the base there is a bronze plaque with the names of 55 members of UNC's first Board of Trustees. The obelisk is flanked by two simple marble benches. The monument was originally conceived as a memorial to James and Frank H. Kenan and later became a dedication to the founding trustees. It was dedicated in 1995, coinciding with the university's bicentennial celebration.

### Inscription:

Front: TRUSTEES / THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA / 1789 1795

[Listing of names and dates] SAMUEL JOHNSTON 1789-1801 / JAMES IREDELL 1789-1790 / CHARLES JOHNSON 1789-1792 / HUGH WILLIAMSON 1789-1801 / STEPHEN CABARRUS 1789-1792 / RICHARD DOBBS SPAIGHT 1789-1802 / WILLIAM BLOUNT 1789-1790 / BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 1789-1802 / JOHN SITGREAVES 1789-1802 / FREDERICK HARGETT 1789-1796 / ROBERT WHITEHURST SNEAD 1789-1799 / ARCHIBAL MACLAINE 1789-1791 / SAMUEL ASHE 1789-1798 / ROBERT DICKSON 1789-1790 / BENJAMIN SMITH 1789-1824 / SAMUEL SPENCER 1789-1793 / JOHN HAY 1789-1809 / JAMES HOGG 1789-1802 / HENRY WILLIAM HARRINGTON 1789-1795 / WILLIAM BARRY GROVE 1789-1818 / SAMUEL EUSEBIUS MCCORKLE 1789-1801 / ADLAI OSBORNE 1789-1814 / JOHN STOKES 1789-1790 / JOHN HAMILTON 1789-1802 / JOSEPH GRAHAM 1789-1790 / JOHN WILLIAMS 1789-1799 / THOMAS PERSON 1789-1795 / ALFRED MOORE 1789-1807 / ALEXANDER MEBANE 1789-1795 / JOEL LANE 1789-1795 / WILLIE JONES 1789-1799 / BENJAMIN HAWKINS 1789-1798 / JOHN HAYWOOD, SR. 1789-1827 / JOHN MACON 1789-1792 / WILLIAM RICHARDSON DAVIE 1789-1807 / JOSEPH DIXON 1789-1795 / WILLIAM LENOIR 1789-1804 / JOSEPH MCDOWELL, SR. 1789-1790 / JAMES HOLLAND 1789-1795 / WILLIAM PORTER 1789-1799 / ALEXANDER MARTIN 1790-1807 / JAMES KENAN 1790-1799 / JAMES GLASGOW 1790-1801 / CHARLES PETTIGREW 1790-1793 / JOSEPH MCDOWELL, JR. 1790-1794 / WILLIAM POLK 1790-1834 / WILLIAM HENRY HILL 1791-1809 / DAVID STONE 1792-1818 / THOMAS BLOUNT 1792-1812 / JOHN LOUIS TAYLOR 1793-1818 / THOMAS WYNNS 1793-1825 / JOSIAH COLLINS 1793-1795 / JOHN MOORE 1795-1809 / JOHN SKINNER 1795-1797 / WILLIAM PERSON LITTLE 1795-1818

West face: THIS MEMORIAL WAS COMMISSIONED BY / THOMAS S. KENAN, III, OWEN G. KENAN, / ELIZABETH KENAN HOWELL, / ANN H. KENAN, AND OWEN GWYN / IN MEMORY OF JAMES KENAN AND / IN HONOR OF FRANK H. KENAN /

DEDICATED JUNE 30, 1995

Dedication date: 6/30/1995

Materials & Techniques: Bronze plaque and profile.

Sponsor: Thomas S. Kenan III, Owen G. Kenan, Elizabeth Kenan Howell, Ann H. Kenan, and Owen Gwyn.

Subject notes: Funded and conceived by Thomas S. Kenan and his family in memory of their ancestor General James Kenan, the memorial honors the members of UNC's first Board of Trustees.

Location: The monument sits against the exterior north wall of Person Hall and faces McCorkle Place on UNC's campus.

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