

## **O. Henry as a Boy** <sup>[1]</sup>

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O. Henry as a Boy, Greensboro.  
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Description: This life-sized cast iron statue represents the celebrated author O. Henry as a boy. O. Henry was born and spent his childhood in Greensboro, so a statue of him as a child is fitting. The boy is wearing shorts and a plain shirt; he is barefoot. The child stands on a base and an attached column supports him from behind.

Inscription:

At base: O. HENRY / AS A BOY / SCULPTURE BY OGDEN DEAL

Dedication date: 4/25/1972

Creator: Ogden Deal, Sculptor

Materials & Techniques: Cast iron

Sponsor: Greensboro Beautiful

Unveiling & Dedication: On April 25, 1972, this sculpture was dedicated at the Greensboro Historical Museum garden. Ogdon Deal, the sculptor, made remarks, as did museum director William Moore and city council member Mary Seymour. The Reverend W. Clarkson Porter, cousin of the author, gave the invocation.

Post dedication use: Once annually, the Greensboro Historical Museum, where this sculpture is located, presents several evenings of O. Henry plays.

Subject notes: O. Henry was the pen name of William Sydney Porter (September 11, 1862 - June 5, 1910), best known for *The Gift of the Magi*, *The Ransom of Red Chief*, *The Cop and the Anthem*, and *A Retrieved Reformation*. Porter was born in and spent his childhood in Greensboro, NC.

Landscape: This monument is located in the Greensboro Historical Museum Garden at the southwest corner of East Lindsay Street and North Church Street.

City: Greensboro

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