

Andy Griffith Monument, Raleigh ^[1]

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Description: A bronze statue depicting widower Sheriff Andy Taylor (Andy Griffith) and his young son, Opie (Ron Howard). The statue depicts the scene where father and son are walking a dirt road with their fishing poles during the opening sequence and theme song of the show.

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Inscription:

Plaque on the left:

the Andy Griffith Show / a simpler time a sweeter place / a lesson a laugh / a father and a son / Presented by the people of TV LAND

Dedication date: 10/28/2003

Creator: TV Land, Designer Stuart Williamson, Sculptor Studio EIS, Builder

Materials & Techniques: The Andy Taylor & Opie bronze statues were created by Studio EIS, a three-dimensional design and sculpture studio in New York founded by brothers Ivan and Elliot Schwartz.

Sponsor: TV Land

Controversies: Mount Airy citizens opposed the statue in Raleigh because they believed the statue belonged in their home town. It has been vandalized several times. See more about the [Andy Griffith Monument](#)^[9] in Mount Airy.

Landscape: The monument is located in Pullen Park in Raleigh.

City: Raleigh

County: Wake

Subjects: Historic Cultural Figures

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