

Henry Bacon Grave Marker ^[1]

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Henry Bacon Grave Marker, Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington. Photograph courtesy of Natasha Smith ^[2]

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Description: Henry Bacon, architect from North Carolina and designer of the Lincoln Memorial, is buried in Oakdale Cemetery. The grave marker is a tall, narrow and smooth marble stele with an ornate scallop or palmate decoration at the top. The marker is inscribed in memory of Bacon and his wife. A larger marker dedicated to the Bacon family sits a number of feet away in the family plot. This marker is a narrow marble stele with neo-classical elements. The top of the stele is capped with the gable of a roman temple, and a laurel leaf wreath in bas-relief appears just above the inscription.

Image: [Bacon Family Grave Marker, Oakdale Cemetery](#) ^[4]

Inscription:

HENRY BACON / 1806 - 1924 / THE / ARCHITECT OF THE / LINCOLN MEMORIAL / AT / WASHINGTON / LAURA
CALVERT / BACON / 1862-1945

Dedication date: The family marker was dedicated in 1919, and Bacon's own grave marker was dedicated at his death in 1924.

Creator: Henry Bacon, Designer

Materials & Techniques: Marble

Sponsor: Henry Bacon

Subject notes: Henry Bacon was the architect and designer of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. He also participated in the design of two well-known North Carolina monuments, the [Monument to North Carolina Women of the Confederacy](#) [5] in Raleigh and the [1924 Confederate Monument](#) [6] (also known as the Boney Monument) on South 3rd Street in Wilmington. Bacon was born in Watseka, Illinois in 1866, but spent his youth and formative years in Wilmington. He designed a number of homes in Wilmington during his professional career as an architect.

The design of his marker was taken from drawings found in his desk following his death, and the family marker was commissioned by Bacon in 1919 from his own design.

Location: The monument is located in the Oakdale Cemetery and sits two graves over from the grave of Rose O'Neal Greenhow, the Confederate spy.

Landscape: The grave and family marker sit in the grass and moss of a shaded area of the cemetery.

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