

Kerrenhappuch Turner



Turner Monument, photo by Cheryl West Smith, Find-A-Grave.

Kerrenhappuch Norman Turner lived in Maryland during the Revolutionary War. Legend states that she received news that her son had been seriously wounded while fighting in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. She rode on horseback from Maryland to Guilford County, where she nursed him back to health.

Her descendants believed that this is the first monument to a woman of the Revolutionary War. It was dedicated in 1902 and is located on Monument Row at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park.

The statue shows a woman holding a cup of water and a towel. It is made of bronze and sits on a granite base. The plaque reads:

1781 1902
A HEROINE OF '76
MRS. KERENHAPPUCH TURNER
MOTHER OF ELIZABETH
THE WIFE OF JOSEPH
MOREHEAD OF N.C. AND
GRANDMOTHER OF CAPTAIN
JAMES AND OF JOHN MOREHEAD
A YOUNG N.C. SOLDIER UNDER
GREENE, RODE HORSE-BACK FROM
HER MARYLAND HOME AND AT
GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NURSED
TO HEALTH A BADLY WOUNDED SON

ERECTED BY
J. TURNER AND JOS. MOTLEY
MOREHEAD

How do the following elements contribute to the monument's message?

Size	Shape	Building materials	Symbolism
Setting	Meaning	Word placement	

The James Gillies Monument



James Gillies Monument, Photo by Adam Dombay

James Gillies was a young soldier serving under Light-horse Harry Lee in the cavalry. He was killed by "Bloody" Bannister Tarleton's men during a retreat before the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on February 12, 1781.

The Athenian and Philomathean Societies of the Oak Ridge Institute sponsored and dedicated the monument in 1898. It is located on Monument Row at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park.

This monument features a bronze plaque on a granite base. A lightly raised image of Gillies riding his horse and blowing his bugle rests above the wording. The plaque reads:

GILLIES
"LIGHTHORSE HARRY LEE'S BUGLER-BOY"
"DULCE ET DECORUM EST PRO PATRIA MORI"*
ERECTED BY THE LITERARY SOCIETIES AND ALUMNI OF
OAK RIDGE INSTITUTE MAY 6TH 1898 TO THE
MEMORY OF THE GALLIANT GILLIES WHO
FELL UNDER THE SWORDS OF TARLETON'S
DRAGOONS NEAR OAK RIDGE, N.C.
FEB. 13TH 1781, A NOBLE
SACRIFICE TO HIS OWN
GENEROSITY AND FOR
HIS COUNTRY'S
FREEDOM.
**"SWEET AND FITTING IT IS TO DIE FOR ONE'S COUNTRY."