AGENCY HISTORY

The North Carolina Confederate Centennial Commission was created by the General Assembly of 1959. It was charged with planning and conducting programs to commemorate the one-hundredth anniversary of the Civil War, cooperating when possible with individuals, unofficial organizations, and with agencies of the federal government and other states. Appointed by the governor for terms of two years, the commission consisted of twenty-five members at large and the following ex officio members: superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction; director of the Department of Conservation and Development; and director of the Department of Archives and History. Norman C. Lawson served as executive secretary for the commission.

The Confederate Centennial Commission was continued in 1961 by the General Assembly and was involved in several noteworthy undertakings before it went out of existence on 30 June 1965. These included initiation of projects to prepare and publish a new roster of North Carolina Confederate troops; to mark Civil War sites throughout the state and re-enact battles; and to produce radio and television programs and dramas. The commission also played a major role in the salvaging of thousands of items from sunken Civil War vessels off Fort Fisher. The commission's program gained national attention and was awarded the Centennial Bronze Medallion by the United States Civil War Centennial Commission.

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Subject file including minutes, reports, lists, correspondence, articles of incorporation, bylaws, newsletters, press releases, and other material concerning activities, events, projects, re-enactments, and publications of the commission, the N.C. Confederate Corporation, the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission, and similar commissions in other states.

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