

Monuments at UNC-Chapel Hill

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Figure 4: July 2021

Remembering History

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Events in Time vs History

Note the difference between what happened at a certain point in time, in which there is one version, and history, a changing narrative.

The two monuments tell a different narrative about Chapel Hill.

Narrative of Silent Sam

- Defenders of the statue believe that there is one history that should be preserved.
- The lens that the *Silent Sam* statue represents is one that glorifies the Confederacy and white supremacy.



Figure 5: “*Their courage and steadfastness saved the very life of the Anglo Saxon race in the South.*”
- Julian Carr

Narrative of Unsung Founders

- Intended to honor the enslaved individuals in Chapel Hill who helped construct UNC and the town around it.
- Criticism of monument regarding its effectiveness and message.



Figure 6: “The class of 2002 honors the university’s unsung founders – the people of color, bond and free – who helped build the Carolina that we cherish today.”

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