

The Soldier's Monument



HISTORY: Unveiled on May 9, 1896, the Soldier's Monument (also known as the Civil War monument) located at the western intersection of Huguenot and Main Streets was erected to honor the New Rochelle soldiers who fought in the Civil War, War of 1812 and Revolutionary War. The statue is of a standard-bearer holding flag in his left hand and his right hand is at the hilt of his sword.

The monument base and plinth are made of Quincy granite, both polished and unpolished, a stone with a blend of quartz, feldspar and hornblende. A large number of monuments erected during the early 20th century were composed of Quincy granite. Quincy granite is especially well known for its ability to take on a high quality polish because of the absence of mica in the stone. The statue of the soldier is made from a different type of granite, which is lighter in color, thought to be a granite from Vermont.

RESTORATION: Restoration work to the Soldier's Monument included re-alignment of the statue, re-caulking of the joints; and removal of soiling and biological growth.