



COLONEL WILLIAMS MONUMENT
circa 1889

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The bronze statue rests on a nine-foot granite pedestal rising approximately eight feet above the ground. The inscription reads: "To Commemorate the Devoted Patriotism and Heroic Bravery of Lieutenant Colonel Arthur T. H. Williams, M.P. Commanding the Midland Battalion of Volunteer Militia who after gallantly leading the victorious and decisive charge at the Battle of Batoche, during the rebellion in the North West Territories dies of sickness contracted in the discharge of his duty near Fort Pitt, N.W.T. on the 4th July 1885. This monument is erected in his native Town by his admiring countrymen throughout Canada assisted by his companions in arms, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada."

HISTORICAL ABSTRACT

The statue of Colonel Arthur Trefusis Heneage Williams that stands proudly on the front lawn of the Port Hope Town Hall was erected to commemorate the heroic actions of Lieutenant Colonel Arthur T.H. Williams, M.P. He commanded the Midland Battalion of Volunteer Militia to quell the Metis uprising in what is now the province of Saskatchewan in 1885. Williams was called the Hero of Batoche for his role in leading the victorious charge at the Battle of Batoche.

The Williams Memorial Association was a group of local citizens who sought subscriptions from across the Dominion of Canada in order to erect a memorial statue in his honour. William Craig Sr. was President of the Association; R.H. Holland was the Secretary; and A.J.C. Gellatly, manager of the Bank of Montreal, was the treasurer.

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MONUMENT DETAIL

The Association commissioned this bronze statue enlisting the services of sculptor, Hamilton P. MacCarthy, one of the earliest masters of monumental bronze sculpture in Canada. MacCarthy was a British sculptor who had settled in Canada. He designed a number of monumental sculptures including the Alexander MacKenzie monument on Parliament Hill, the South African War Monument, and the sculpture of Samuel de Champlain in Ottawa.

The statue was cast in New York by the famous Henry Bonnard Bronze Co. It was officially unveiled by then Prime Minister Sir John A. MacDonal in 1889. The statue underwent extensive cleaning and restoration in 1995.



The eight foot statue stands on a base approximately nine feet in height.