

Exerpt from

The Monuments at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, North Carolina,
by Thomas E. Baker (1979)

Joseph Morehead

Joseph Morehead, second president of the Guilford Battle Ground Company, was born in Greensboro, North Carolina on July 9, 1840. He attended the University of North Carolina and served in the Civil War.

Morehead was not one of the original directors of the Battle Ground Company, but was elected to that body in 1892. While serving as director Morehead solicited donations, arranged the building of monuments, and provided his own funds to erect the James Morehead and Turner memorials. On Judge Schenck's death Joseph Morehead was elected president of the Guilford Battle Ground Company. As president he ramrodded the successful effort to construct a monument to Nathanael Greene. He died on January 1, 1911, shortly before the appropriation of funds for the Greene monument received final Congressional approval.

Joseph Morehead's contributions to the Guilford Battle Ground Company were memorialized in 1913 with the erection of a monument in his honor. It is inscribed:

JULY 9, 1840 JANUARY 1, 1911
JOSEPH M. MOREHEAD
VICE-PRESIDENT, ACTING PRESIDENT
AND SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE GUILFORD
BATILE GROUND COMPANY