



2024 LEGISLATIVE MOMENTS

KENTUCKY'S OLD STATE CAPITOL

Monumental Decisions

On occasion, the Kentucky Legislature has provided funds to construct public monuments to remember specific events.

On February 25, 1848, the Legislature approved an act to erect a monument, "To Those Who Have Fallen in the Defense of their Country." The United States and Mexico had only recently signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the U.S.-Mexican War.

Carved out of Italian marble, the towering monument was erected at the State Mound, a half-acre lot in the **Frankfort Cemetery**. Designed by Robert Eberhard Launitz, the monument included a list of battles and fallen Kentucky officers.

Dedicated in 1850, the military monument still stands in the Frankfort cemetery, serving as a lasting memorial to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



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