

Charles Trumbull Hayden Memorial Public Art Project Fact Sheet



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Photo: Craig Smith

Title: Charles Trumbull Hayden Memorial

Location: In front of the Courts/Police Building on Fifth Street

Artist: Clarke C. Riedy

Completion: 1995

Medium: Bronze

Description: Reidy's work is an eight-foot tall bronze sculpture of Charles Trumbull Hayden, the founding father of Tempe. At the Courts/Police Building on 5th Street, Hayden is framed by the butte on which he stood in order to survey the area for the flour mill he would build. The sculpture also includes four bas-reliefs around the base of the work depicting scenes from Hayden's life, including the founding of Hayden Flour Mill, Hayden's Ferry, the Tempe Normal School (which later became Arizona State University) and his role as a territory judge.

Funding: The project was funded through city of Tempe Capital Improvement Project Percent for Art funds.

Artist biography: Clarke C. Riedy, whose studio and foundry overlook the Salt River in Phoenix, was selected through a statewide competition in 1993. He studied at Glendale Community College, and from 1973-79 he apprenticed with well-known Arizona sculptor, John Waddell, in his Cornville studio. Riedy's work has been featured at the Shemer Art Center, University Club, Symphony Hall and the State Capitol, among others.

Artist statement: Hayden was a statesman in the true sense of the word. Here was a contemporary of Thomas Jefferson who brought West with him ideas seminal to the development of this nation. As a result of his efforts, a rough territory became a state. I shall endeavor to embody in this work the character and expression of a gentleman of the period whose life experience included both formal education and the hard won confidence of an accomplished pragmatist - in short, a pioneer of purpose.