

## Equestrian Statue of George Washington



Location: On Pilgrim Road below the Pilgrim Steps – at the upper entrance to the Olmsted Woods

The bronze statue, sculpted by Herbert Haseltine, is mounted on a pink granite pedestal. Haseltine executed the design in his studio in Paris and cast it in Brussels. The pedestal was designed by Walter Peter.

Distinguished landscape architect, Perry Wheller, sited the statue in its gracefully curved setting paved with Salisbury granite durax blocks and the two front walls flanked by boxwood.

Mr. James Sheldon, friend and benefactor of the Cathedral Close, donated the statue and the pedestal. It was Mr. James Sheldon's belief "that the Cathedral Close was the logical place for the finest of all equestrian statues of the first president since it was he who conceived the idea of a great church for national purposes."