

The concluding battle of the Revolutionary War ended Oct. 19, 1781, in Yorktown.

General Cornwallis and his 7,157 men surrendered to General Washington. To commemorate the important Allied Victory over the British, the Continental Congress on Oct. 29, 1781, authorized the Yorktown Victory Monument.

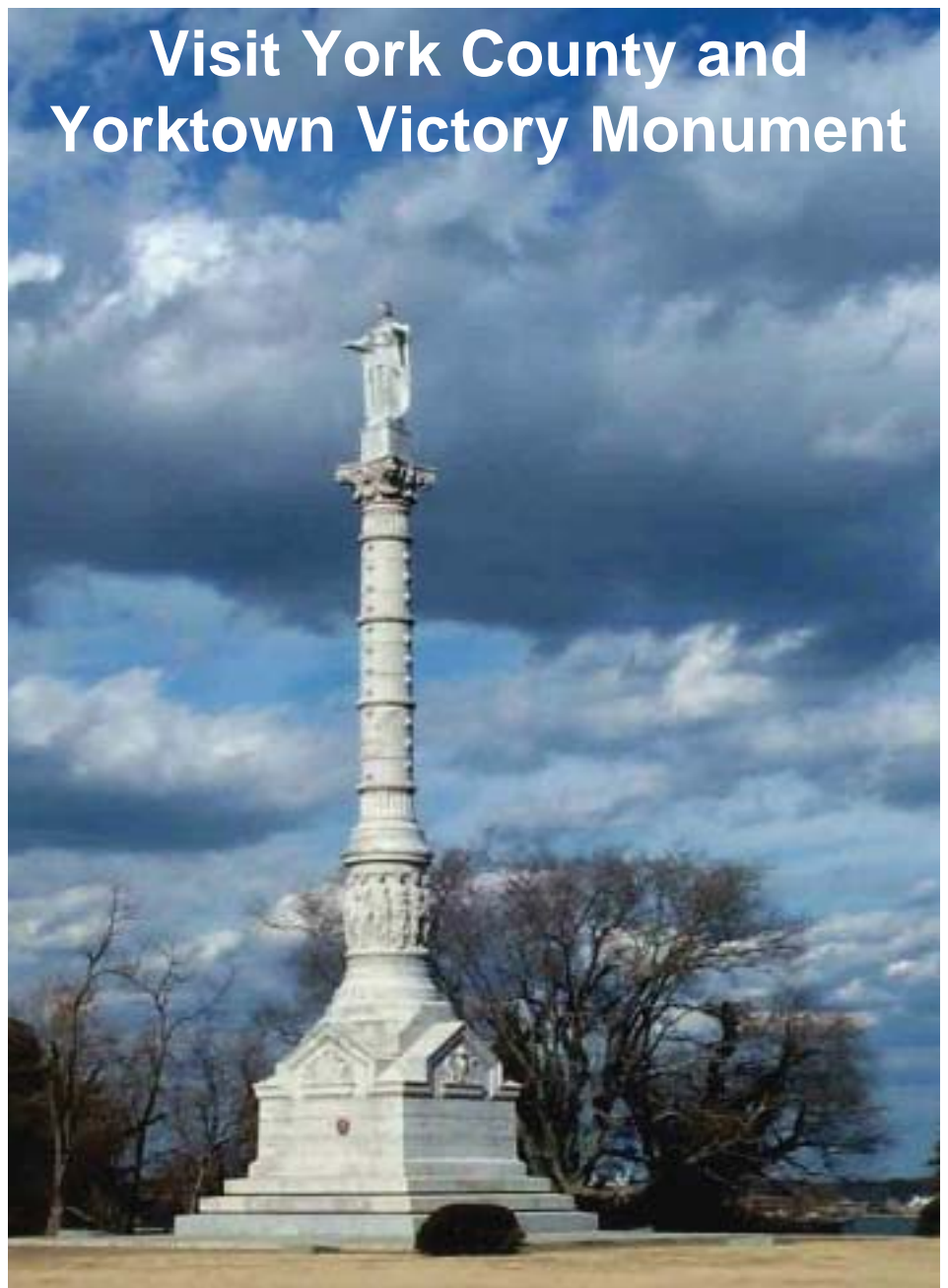
Construction began a century later with completion in 1884.

Lady Victory, a younger sister to the Statue of Liberty, exquisitely tops a slender pedestal of Maine granite.

In 1956, replacement of the original figure of liberty, damaged by lightning, took place.

The shaft is 84 feet high and Liberty is 14 feet high.

The Yorktown Victory Monument is located on the southeastern end of Main Street in Yorktown.



AT YORK ON OCTOBER 19 1781 AFTER A SIEGE OF NINETEEN DAYS BY 5500 AMERICAN AND 7000 FRENCH TROOPS OF THE LINE 3500 VIRGINIA MILITIA UNDER COMMAND OF GENERAL THOMAS NELSON AND 36 FRENCH SHIPS OF WAR EARL CORNWALLIS COMMANDER OF THE BRITISH FORCES AT YORK AND GLOUCESTER SURRENDERED HIS ARMY 7251 OFFICERS AND MEN 840 SEAMEN 244 CANNON AND 24 STANDARDS TO HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE WASHINGTON COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE COMBINED FORCES OF AMERICA AND FRANCE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMTE DE ROCHAMBEAU COMMANDING THE AUXILIARY TROOPS OF HIS MOST CHRISTIAN MAJESTY IN AMERICA AND TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMTE DE GRASSE COMMANDING IN CHIEF THE NAVAL ARMY OF FRANCE IN CHESAPEAKE