

Somerset County's

# Weekend Journey through the Past



**Lord Memorial Fountain**

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- ★ The fountain was built as a memorial for John Haynes Lord, a local banker, at the request of his sister, Alliene. Alliene gave \$14,000 to Somerville to build “a drinking fountain for both man and beast.”
- ★ It was finished in 1910 and placed in front of the (at the time) newly built Courthouse. You can still visit and use this fountain today!
- ★ John Russell Pope designed the fountain. He also designed Constitution Hall, the National Archive, and the Jefferson Memorial!

### ***Fun Fact!***

The large basin with bronze chains in the front of the fountain was meant for horses, while the backside has a drinking fountain for people!

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