Statue of Hudson to Adorn Column

Project Originally Planned in 1909 Will Be Carried Out at Spuyten Duyvil

When the widening of the Henry Hudson Parkway and the doubling of the bridge over the Harlem Ship Canal are completed, a statue of Henry Hudson will be placed atop the Henry Hudson Memorial column in Spuyten Duyvil, opposite 227th Street, north of the bridge, Robert Moses, park commissioner, announced yesterday.

The column was dedicated by Governor Charles Evans Hughes during the Hudson-Fulton celebration in 1909. It had been intended to surmount the Doric shaft with a bronze statue of Henry Hudson, a model of which had been made by Karl Bitter, N. A., the sculptor, but died in 1915. The plan, however, was not carried out.

Moses, sole member of the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority, announced the Authority would further the statue, and Karl H. Gruppe, former associate of Mr. Bitter, is to undertake the reproduction of original design. Mrs. Bitter, widow of the sculptor, who lives at 25 East Seventy-second Street, has a photograph of the original model. It is to be used as a basis for the statue. The statue will be six feet in height.

Memorial to Hudson

Model of statue of the navigator planned for Spuyten Duyvil.