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**FW: Confederate Soldiers Monument**

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Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:53 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Don Adams <[donadams@jacksonnc.org](mailto:donadams@jacksonnc.org)>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 1:53 PM  
To: 'Emma Parrish' <[eparrish@fontanalib.org](mailto:eparrish@fontanalib.org)>  
Cc: 'Tracy Fitzmaurice' <[tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org](mailto:tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org)>  
Subject: RE: Confederate Soldiers Monument

Hello Ms. Parish,

All major items placed upon or removed from the old courthouse lawn requires the approval of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. I will forward your request to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. In 2015 the State of NC passed a law limiting and regulating a local government's ability to remove, relocate and/or alter these types of statutes. I have included a link to an UNC School of Government blog regarding this matter.

<https://canons.sog.unc.edu/statues-statutes-limits-removing-monuments-public-property/>

I hope this information is helpful.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Emma Parrish <[eparrish@fontanalib.org](mailto:eparrish@fontanalib.org)>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 10:49 AM  
To: [jacksoncomgr@jacksonnc.org](mailto:jacksoncomgr@jacksonnc.org)  
Subject: Confederate Soldiers Monument

Mr. Adams,

I'm writing to urge Jackson County to remove or rename the Confederate Soldiers Monument in front of the Jackson County Public Library Complex. While I understand the importance of honoring local veterans and local history, a statue memorializing the Confederacy implicitly glorifies

slavery, racism, and white supremacy.  
Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Emma Parrish

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Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 11:10 AM

Dear Don,

Thank you for this info. After reading the attachment, I have two questions.

Who paid for the Jackson County statue originally? Was it the Daughters of the Confederacy? The county? The state?

Who "owns" it now? Jackson County?

Thanks,  
Gayle

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**Don Adams** <[donadams@jacksonnc.org](mailto:donadams@jacksonnc.org)>  
To: Gayle Woody - Commissioner <[gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org](mailto:gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org)>

Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 4:41 PM

Hello Gayle,

Jackson County owns the monument. I am not sure who paid for the monument. The information I have only states that it cost \$1,400 and was funded with contributions and additional funds from Jackson County.

Don

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