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**Confederate Soldiers Monument**

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**Emma Parrish** <eparrish@fontanalib.org>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 10:49 AM

To: jacksoncomgr@jacksonnc.org

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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**Don Adams** <donadams@jacksonnc.org>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:52 PM

To: Emma Parrish &lt;eparrish@fontanalib.org&gt;

Cc: Tracy Fitzmaurice &lt;tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org&gt;

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.

Don Adams  
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**Don Adams** <[donadams@jacksonnc.org](mailto:donadams@jacksonnc.org)> Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 1:53 PM  
Bcc: Boyce Deitz <[boycedeitz@jacksonnc.org](mailto:boycedeitz@jacksonnc.org)>, Brian McMahan <[brianmcmahan@jacksonnc.org](mailto:brianmcmahan@jacksonnc.org)>, Gayle Woody <[gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org](mailto:gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org)>, Mickey Luker <[mickeyluker@jacksonnc.org](mailto:mickeyluker@jacksonnc.org)>, Ron Mau <[ronmau@jacksonnc.org](mailto:ronmau@jacksonnc.org)>

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**Tracy Fitzmaurice** <[tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org](mailto:tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org)> Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 4:09 PM  
To: Don Adams <[donadams@jacksonnc.org](mailto:donadams@jacksonnc.org)>

Hi Mr. Adams,

Thanks for sharing your response with me. As you can imagine we're getting a lot of questions about the statue here at the library. We do have the official history to read to people that call and we suggest they contact the County Commissioners if they want further information about the possible removal of the statue. I have reminded staff that we should only give out the information and not get into heated discussions with those calling.

If you think of anything else you need us to do regarding this issue please let us know.

Thanks,  
Tracy  
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Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 8:01 AM

**Don Adams** <donadams@jacksonnc.org>  
To: Tracy Fitzmaurice <tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org>

Tracy,

Thank you for sharing the official history with people. The only thing that I would ask is if you are referring people to the County Commissioners about removing the statue then could you also share this blog below from the UNC School of Government? County Governments (County Commissioners) are limited/regulated on how they can remove, relocated and/or alter these types of statues.

Thanks,

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**Tracy Fitzmaurice** <tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org>  
To: Don Adams <donadams@jacksonnc.org>

Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 8:18 AM

Don,

I will definitely do that. I'm referring people that have asked how to change that regulation to Governor Cooper's office.

Tracy  
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**Gayle Woody - Commissioner** <gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org>  
To: Don Adams <donadams@jacksonnc.org>

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>  
To: Jan Fitzgerald <jcfitzgerald@jacksonnc.org>

Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 4:27 PM

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**Don Adams** <donadams@jacksonnc.org>

Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 4:28 PM

To: Jan Fitzgerald <jcfitzgerald@jacksonnc.org>

FYI

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**From:** Don Adams <[donadams@jacksonnc.org](mailto:donadams@jacksonnc.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 8:01 AM  
**To:** 'Tracy Fitzmaurice' <[tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org](mailto:tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Confederate Soldiers Monument

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**From:** Tracy Fitzmaurice <[tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org](mailto:tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** Don Adams <[donadams@jacksonnc.org](mailto:donadams@jacksonnc.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Confederate Soldiers Monument

Hi Mr. Adams,

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Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 4:31 PM

**Don Adams** <donadams@jacksonnc.org>  
To: Tracy Fitzmaurice <tfitzmaurice@fontanalib.org>

Tracy,

FYI. This was a law passed by the NC House and Senate and signed in effect by Governor Pat McCrory. People could also be referred to their State Senator or State Representative.

Don

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Wed, Jun 3, 2020 at 4:41 PM

**Don Adams** <donadams@jacksonnc.org>  
To: Gayle Woody - Commissioner <gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org>

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

**From:** Gayle Woody - Commissioner <gaylewoody@jacksonnc.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2020 11:11 AM  
**To:** Don Adams <donadams@jacksonnc.org>

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Tue, Jun 9, 2020 at 12:45 PM

**Don Adams** <donadams@jacksonnc.org>

To: Heather Baker <heatherbaker@jacksonnc.org>

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From: Don Adams <[donadams@jacksonnc.org](mailto:donadams@jacksonnc.org)>

Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 1:53 PM

Subject: FW: Confederate Soldiers Monument

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