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Beauregard Monument Righted in South Carolina

AP- 11/14/04

If the ghost of Confederate Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard does haunt Charleston City Hall, he may sleep more soundly now that a 25-ton monument to the general who fired on Fort Sumter has been straightened.

Work crews used hand jacks on Wednesday to level the 10-by-12-foot granite monument in Washington Park near the building where local lore has it that Beauregard's ghost walks the halls.

There are purportedly faint sounds and creaks late at night in the building. Another account says the eyes in the Beauregard portrait on the wall follow you when you walk across city council chambers.

"The legends are that Gen. Beauregard is alive so I'm sure that hav-

ing his monument attended to and made perfectly straight again maybe will make the ghost be a little more settled," Mayor Joseph P. Riley said.

Twenty years ago city officials noticed the monument was leaning about 6 inches backward. And while in recent years it has not leaned any farther, the city wanted to straighten it.

Ram Jack of South Carolina, a company specializing in foundation repair, donated a crew to do the work. Workers sank three helical piers - large steel pipes with a corkscrew every few feet - behind the monument then attached brackets extending under the stone.

It was the first monument Ram Jack has worked on, said owner Scott Earlewine.

The monument is one of about 50 large monuments and plaques in Charleston.

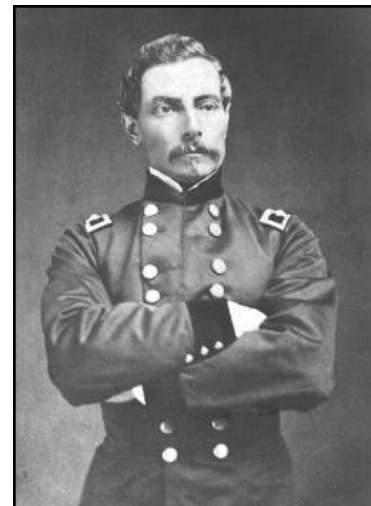
"Monuments are an important part of the public realm in our city and we wanted to have it correct," Riley said. Next spring, the monument,

which has weathered over the years, will be cleaned.

The inscription says Beauregard "Held this City and Harbour Inviolable Against Combined Attacks by Land and Water 1863, 1864, 1865" and that the monument was erected in 1904 "by a Grateful People."

Beauregard commanded Confederate forces when Fort Sumter was shelled in 1861 opening the Civil War. He later served at the first battle of Bull Run and Shiloh before returning to Charleston.

Whether the ghost was pleased with the monument work could not immediately be determined. City Hall is closed for a two-year, \$6 million renovation of the building.



LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS OFFICIALS ERASE CONFEDERATE BOULEVARD

AP- 11/30/04

The city of Little Rock has erased "Confederate Boulevard" from interstate highway signs. Replacing the signs are exit markers leading motorists to a road that honors a black community leader.

Confederate Boulevard still runs north from Interstate 440 near the Little Rock Airport, but signs for Exit One now tout "Springer Boulevard," which runs south from I-440 and honors Horace Springer, who lived in the area.

The Confederate Boulevard

signs had been the first landmarks many saw after landing at the city's airport. They were changed as Little Rock welcomed presidents, dignitaries and celebrities for the opening of Bill Clinton's presidential library.

Mayor Jim Dailey says the Confederate Boulevard signs were "bothersome" and that the city is continuing to try to, "dispel those things that divide us."



Excerpt of Co. Aytch—Chapter XVI, Battles in Tennessee, by Samuel R. Watkins

COLUMBIA

"This is my own, my native land."

Once more the Maury Grays are permitted to put their feet upon their native heath, and to revisit their homes and friends, after having followed their tattered, and torn, and battle-riddled flag, which they had borne aloft for four long years, on every march, and in every battle that had been fought by the Army of Tennessee. We were a mere handful of devoted braves, who had stood by our colors when sometimes it seemed that God himself had forsaken us. But, parents, here are your noble and brave sons; and, ladies, four years ago you gave us this flag, and we

promised you "That we would come back with the flag as victors, or we would come not at all." We have been true to our promise and our trust. On every battlefield the flag that you entrusted to our hands has been borne aloft by brave and heroic men, amid shot and shell, bloody battle, and death. We have never forsaken our colors. Are we worthy to be called the sons of old Maury county? Or have we fought in vain? Have our efforts been appreciated, or have four years of our lives been wasted, while we were battling for constitutional government, the supremacy of our laws over centralization, and our rights, as guaranteed to us by the blood of our forefathers on the battlefields of the Revolution? It is for you to make up your verdict. If our lives as soldiers have been a _failure_, we can

but bow our heads on our bosoms, and say, "Surely, four years of our lives have been given for naught, and our efforts to please you have been in vain."

Yet, the invader's foot is still on our soil, but there beats in our bosoms the blood of brave and patriotic men, and we will continue to follow our old and war-worn and battle-riddled flag until it goes down forever.

The Maury Grays, commanded by Captain A. M. Looney, left Columbia, four years ago, with 120 men. How many of those 120 original members are with the company today? Just twelve. Company H has twenty members, but some of this number had subsequently enlisted. But we twelve will stick to our colors till she goes down forever, and until five more of this number fall dead and bleeding on the battlefield.





ARMY OF TENNESSEE CHRISTMAS SUPPER

December 4th marked the 11th gathering of the year for the Sam Watkins Camp #29. In lieu of a regular meeting, the camp held the 3rd annual Army of Tennessee Christmas Supper. There are no official meeting minutes to report...

For all who were in attendance at our annual Christmas supper,

it goes without question that it was a wonderful gathering of family and friends. The menu was 2nd to none and much thanks and appreciation goes out to all of those who contributed in some way or another.

The Sam Watkins Camp would like to officially thank and give our utmost appreciation to Mrs. Tonya Rae Shannon (wife of Compatriot Joe Shannon) for her superb work and effort towards the Christmas Supper. She sin-

gle handedly created one of the most spectacular cakes the camp has ever seen and also helped preparing some of the food for the supper.

The camp salutes Tonya for her work and servitude towards better unity and camaraderie.

The Camp also would like to thank the following individuals who contributed in other ways that made the supper a reality.

GREG ATWELL
TIMOTHY A. CAMPBELL
BILLY J. JACKSON
THERESA TAYLOR
TIMOTHY B. WESTBROOK



CAMP ELECTIONS TO BE HELD JANUARY 18TH, 2005

NOTICE!

On January 18th, 2005 the Sam Watkins Camp will hold annual elections. There will also be appointed positions given to those that show an interest in helping the camp.

Please do your best to attend this next meeting.

Positions that will be available are as follows:

- Lieutenant Commander*
- 2nd Lieutenant Commander*
- Judge Advocate*
- Camp Surgeon*
- Sergeant at Arms*

The appointed positions are as follows:

- Ways and Means Committee members*
- Genealogy and Recruitment Committee members*
- Public Relations*

CONFEDERATE MONUMENT TO REMAIN IN CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA
AP—12/8/2004

A historical marker memorializing a Confederate soldier will remain in front of Cameron Parish's Louisiana courthouse, despite a push by black leaders to have it removed.

The monument was erected for William Guehrs, a private in a Texas artillery unit who was wounded while serving as a gunner during a 1864 firefight known as the Battle of Cal-

casieu Pass, said Johanna Pate, president of the Louisiana Society Order of Confederate Rose, the group that erected the marker.

Historical records say Guehrs refused medical aid amid crossfire from two Union gunboats, Pate said. Guehrs continued loading his cannon until help arrived and Confederate forces captured both gunboats.

Guehrs died four months

later from his wounds.

Police jurors voted Monday to leave the Louisiana State Historical Marker in place.

Lake Charles NAACP member Rosie Glapion said a Confederate marker on public property caused a racial divide.



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JANUARY 19TH IS ROBERT E. LEE DAY IN TENNESSEE

There was a time not so very long ago that Robert E. Lee Day was considered an official State Holiday in numerous Southern States including Tennessee. That same day, Jan. 19th has now been substituted as a Federal Holiday and honors another man.

However, The Tennessee

code 15-2-101. *Additional Observance days* Reads, "Each year it is the duty of the governor of this state to proclaim the following as days of special observance; **January 19, "Robert E. Lee Day"; February 12, "Abraham Lincoln Day"; March 15, "Andrew Jackson Day"; June 3, "Memorial or Confederate Decoration Day";**

July 13, "Nathan Bedford Forrest Day"; and November 11, "Veterans' Day"; the governor shall invite the people of this state to observe the days in schools, churches, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies expressive of the public sentiment befitting the anniversary of such dates."



Paintings of Lee and Jackson Removed from Savannah, Georgia Council Chambers - AP 12/17/04

Huge paintings of Confederate Civil War soldiers Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee that used to hang in council chambers at Savannah, GA City hall- now rest in a storage room in the basement of the Savannah Civic Center.

The mayor says the paintings were moved to make way for video equipment but alderman Tony Thomas doesn't think that was the only reason.

"The reason that is stated has been for monitors but I think it has a lot more to do with sensitivities."- Tony Thomas, Savannah City Council

Thursday in a council work-

shop- the mayor and aldermen addressed the issue-

Whether the pictures should have been moved is up for debate- but many wish they could have made the decision as a council.

"From what I'm hearing this should have been a council decision."- Clifton Jones, Savannah City Council

Mayor Johnson believes the council would have reached the same decision he did- to move the paintings to make way for better video equipment-

"Simply because they were confederate figures some people want to make it a larger issue than it is."- "I can't

say that I'm unhappy that they're not in there, but that wasn't the only reason you know that they were removed." Dr. Otis Johnson, Savannah Mayor

But, Mayor Johnson says, despite sensitivities, the main reason the paintings were moved is to make way for video equipment- and he believes the average citizen won't think it's a big deal.

"Well, they'll get over it, and we'll continue to do the best we can to move the city forward and that's all I have to say."- Dr. Otis Johnson, Savannah Mayor.



Thomas J. Jackson
January 21, 1824 - May 10, 1863



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Lee and Jackson Paintings—Follow up story AP—12/19/04

Several Savannah city council members criticized the mayor after he removed portraits of Civil War Gen. Robert E. Lee and another Confederate officer from City Hall, leading to questions that race played a role in his decision.

Mayor Otis Johnson insisted that he took down the paintings for a practical reason - to make way for television equipment that records meetings in the council chambers.

But some members quietly accused Johnson, who is black, of removing portraits of soldiers who defended slavery in the Civil War.

Tensions flared during a budget meeting last week when

members asked Johnson why he did not consult them before taking down the 133-year-old portrait of Lee and another of Confederate officer and former Savannah Mayor John F. Wheaton.

"Those pictures are part of the history of the building," Alderman Ellis Cook said Thursday. "I'm disappointed to say the least that this council was not involved."

Cook said a past city council commissioned and paid \$1,212 for the Lee portrait, so the current council should have voted on whether to take it down.

Alderman Tony Thomas agreed, saying race played a factor in the decision. Cook

said it was possible, but added that he would never accuse Johnson of that.

Johnson, a member of Savannah's civil rights movement in the 1960s, denied it was racially motivated, although "I can tell you that I'm not unhappy that they are not hanging in there," he said.

Johnson acknowledged that he did it without council consensus. "I accept that, and I accept that reprimand," he said.

The portraits were temporarily moved to the Savannah Civic Center and soon will be delivered to the Savannah History Museum, where they'll be permanently displayed.

"We are putting them in a place where they can be seen," Johnson said.

VENGEANCE IN MY HEART : A NOVEL OF THE CIVIL WAR

About the Book

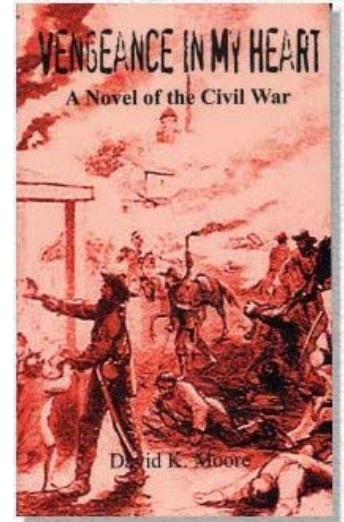
In 1863, Confederate guerrillas raided Lawrence, Kansas, unleashing in turn a torrent of revenge on western Missouri by Kansans and Federal soldiers. The author tracked down dozens of eyewitness accounts of the raid and aftermath, from diaries, memoirs, interviews, newspapers, and articles. This is the first true and complete account of the Lawrence Raid, using only reported dialogue, written in a novelized form. All


characters and events in this book are real. A prologue and epilogue are also provided for...

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David K. Moore was born in Fresno, California, in 1952. After serving in Vietnam as a paratrooper, he completed a BA in archaeology and German language and literature, studying in Heidelberg and Berlin. David then worked a number of years as an archaeologist in Guatemala and Israel. After leaving archae-

ology he later earned a master's in Applied U.S. History. David has been working at the Library of Congress for the past fifteen years as a German specialist. He has published over twenty articles on a variety of topics, as well as appearing on *CBS Evening News* and a variety of cable and public channels.




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Campbell joins under his Grandfather X2, Corporal P.H. Bumgardner/Baumgardner of the 12th Alabama Cavalry Company C

Garland Joins under his Great Grandfather, Private Elisha M. Garland of the 58th NC Inf. Regiment Company E

Moore joins under his Grandfather X3, 2nd Lieutenant Hezekiah W. "HW" Moore of the 3rd Confederate Cavalry of the State of Georgia (***note— HW Moore is the brother to Hamilton G. Moore, ancestor of camp compatriot Tim Westbrook**)

Shelton joins under his ancestor, Private Thomas H. Shelton of the 50th Tennessee Infantry Regiment Company A.

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On the cover— The “Lion of Atlanta” memorial can be found at Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta, Georgia. This unique and fitting memorial was dedicated on April 26, 1894. It is a memorial to the unknown Confederate dead. Among many other Confederate heroes, Oakland cemetery is also the resting place of Gen. John B. Gordon.

President Gerald R. Ford's Remarks Upon Restoring The Rights of Citizenship to General Robert E. Lee August 5th, 1975

Governor Godwin, Senator Byrd, Congressman Butler, Congressman Harris, Congressman Satterfield, Congressman Downing, and Congressman Daniel, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

I am very pleased to sign Senate Joint Resolution 23, restoring posthumously the long overdue, full rights of citizenship to General Robert E. Lee. This legislation corrects a 110-year oversight of American history. It is significant that it is signed at this place.

Lee's dedication to his native State of Virginia chartered his course for the bitter Civil War years, causing him to reluctantly resign from a distinguished career in the United States Army and to serve as General of the Army of Northern Virginia. He, thus, forfeited his rights to U.S. citizenship.

Once the war was over, he

firmly felt the wounds of the North and South must be bound up. He sought to show by example that the citizens of the South must dedicate their efforts to rebuilding that region of the country as a strong and vital part of the American Union.

In 1865, Robert E. Lee wrote to a former Confederate soldier concerning his signing the Oath of Allegiance, and I quote: "This war, being at an end, the Southern States having laid down their arms, and the questions at issue between them and the Northern States having been decided, I believe it to be the duty of everyone to unite in the restoration of the country and the reestablishment of peace and harmony."

This resolution passed by the Congress responds to the formal application of General Lee to President Andrew Johnson on June 13, 1865, for the restoration of his full rights of citizen-

ship. Although this petition was endorsed by General Grant and forwarded to the President through the Secretary of War, an Oath of Allegiance was not attached because notice of this additional requirement had not reached Lee in time.

Later, after his inauguration as President of Washington College on October 2, 1865, Lee executed a notarized Oath of Allegiance. Again his application was not acted upon because the Oath of Allegiance was apparently lost. It was finally discovered in the National Archives in 1970.

As a soldier, General Lee left his mark on military strategy. As a man, he stood as the symbol of valor and of duty. As an educator, he appealed to reason and learning to achieve understanding and to build a stronger nation. The course he chose after the war became a symbol to all those who had marched

of his citizenship an event in which every American can take pride.

In approving this Joint Resolution, the Congress removed the legal obstacle to citizenship which resulted from General Lee's Civil War service. Although more than a century late, I am delighted to sign this resolution and to complete the full restoration of General Lee's citizenship.

