

MEMORANDUM

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November 29, 2017 By pdf and hand delivery

To:

Michael L. Thurmond, Chief Executive Officer

Members of the Board of Commissioners

From:

O.V. Brantley, County Attorney

Subject:

Decatur Square Confederate Monument

(Our File No. 02-0924)

This memorandum is intended to outline your options under state law regarding the monument memorializing the Confederacy (the "Monument"), which is located near the historic courthouse in downtown Decatur. Specifically, there has been discussion of possibly: (1) relocating the Monument, (2) contextualizing the Monument with adjacent signage, (3) leaving the Monument "as is," (4) removing the Monument, (5) concealing the Monument, or (6) transferring the Monument to a third party to enable another individual or entity to relocate or conceal it.

In short, after an exhaustive investigation, it appears that DeKalb County owns both the Monument and land on which it lies. State law authorizes the County to relocate the Monument to another site where it would remain visibly displayed, or contextualize the Monument with

¹ The base of the Monument bears a written, engraved inscription with the following text: "Erected by the men and women and children of DeKalb County, to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Confederacy, of whose virtues in peace and in war we are witnesses, to the end that justice may be done and that the truth perish not. After forty two years another generation bears witness to the future that these men were of a covenant keeping race who held fast to the faith as it was given by the fathers of the Republic. Modest in prosperity, gentle in peace, brave in battle, and undespairing in defeat, they knew no law of life but loyalty and truth and civic faith, and to these virtues they consecrated their strength. These men held that the states made the union, that the Constitution is the evidence of the covenant, that the people of the State are subject to no power except as they have agreed, that free convention binds the parties to it, that there is sanctity in oaths and obligations in contracts, and in defense of these principles they mutually pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. How well they kept the faith is faintly written in the records of the armies and the history of the times. We who knew them testify that as their courage was without a precedent their fortitude has been without a parallel. May their prosperity be worthy."

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explanatory signage that puts the Monument in historical context. Of course, you are not required to take any action regarding the Monument under state law, and the status quo could be maintained by leaving the Monument in its current condition and location. Removal for the purpose of concealing the Monument by the County is not authorized under state law. Transfer of the Monument to a third party in order for it to remove or conceal the Monument, while not explicitly prohibited under the plain language of the law, would pose a risk of being found violative of the statute because it would seem to be an effort to circumvent the spirit and intent of the state legislation. Finally, I am of the opinion that you could transfer the Monument to a third party for it to be relocated and remain visibly displayed.

Determining ownership of the Monument itself, as well as the land upon which it rests, was a prerequisite undertaken prior to issuance of this opinion. This is because your options under state law vary considerably depending upon ownership of the land and the Monument.

Ownership of the Land

Outside counsel was hired to conduct a title search of DeKalb County's land records, which is the common way one determines who owns a particular piece of land. Because ownership of the land was not clearly stated in the County's land records, outside counsel requested a survey of the property. A surveyor was hired and the survey of the property has been completed. Based on the title examination and the survey, outside real estate counsel has opined that the Monument is located on land owned by the County.²

Ownership of the Monument

My staff has also tried to determine ownership of the Monument itself. In that regard, we obtained records from the DeKalb History Center.³ Records obtained from the History Center included media articles dating from 1908 describing the erection of the Monument and attributing its erection to the Agnes Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Clement A. Evans Comp of Confederate Veterans.⁴

In an effort to identify any formal acceptance of the Monument in the early 1900's, the DeKalb County Superior Court Clerk and the Clerk to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Commissioners did an exhaustive search of their records and minutes from 1905 - 1912. No formal acceptance of the Monument by the County was located by either Clerk.

² A copy of the final survey and final title report issued by Sam Maguire, Esq. is attached to this opinion as Attachment 1.

We also contacted the Atlanta History Center but it did not have any relevant records related to the Monument. I would direct your attention to their website which contains a "Confederate Monument Interpretation Guide," http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/research/confederate-monuments. The Atlanta History Center identifies the document as "a tool to help put Confederate monuments in historical perspective and foster dialogue about the future of these monuments." As you consider your options, you may want to have staff review this information.

⁴ Records from the DeKalb History Center are attached to this opinion as Attachment 2.

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My staff has also talked with the archivist for the United Daughters of the Confederacy and individuals in the Georgia chapter of that organization. We have been provided minutes showing that in the early 1900's, the Agnes Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy contributed \$100.00 toward the erection of the Monument. We have been advised that the United Daughters of the Confederacy does not claim any ownership interest in the Monument. We also contacted the Sons of Confederate Veterans for relevant records concerning the erection of the Monument. This morning, we were advised that no relevant minutes concerning the Monument could be located.

My staff also met with an interested citizen whose deceased husband researched the ownership and historical nature of the Old Courthouse and the Decatur Square. She provided documents showing that the Historic County Courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. We obtained a copy of the application from the County's historic Senior Planner, David Cullison, and the Monument is specifically mentioned in the application.⁶ Finally, while maintenance records have not been located, County staff is of the belief that the County has maintained the Monument over the years, as necessary.

The fact that the Monument is located on County property leads me to the conclusion that the Monument itself is also owned by the County, given the lack of evidence to the contrary. Based on that conclusion, your resulting legal options are addressed below.

LEGAL ANALYSIS

O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)⁷ is the sole legal limitation on the County's ability to remove, relocate, transfer, conceal or contextualize the Monument. Subsection (b) which governs "preservation and protection of certain military related public monuments and memorials" contains the following two (2) relevant subsections:

⁵ Relevant records from the United Daughters of the Confederacy are attached to this opinion as Attachment 3.

⁶ A copy of the historic designation application is attached to this opinion as Attachment 4.

O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(1) ("It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or other entity to mutilate, deface, defile, or abuse contemptuously any publicly owned monument, plaque, marker, or memorial which is dedicated to, honors, or recounts the military service of any past or present military personnel of this state, the United States of America or the several states thereof, or the Confederate States of America or the several states thereof, and no officer, body, or representative of state or local government or any department, agency, authority, or instrumentality thereof shall remove or conceal from display any such monument, plaque, marker, or memorial for the purpose of preventing the visible display of the same. A violation of this paragraph shall constitute a misdemeanor."); O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2) ("No publicly owned monument or memorial erected, constructed, created, or maintained on the public property of this state or its agencies, departments, authorities or instrumentalities in honor of the military service of any past or present military personnel of this state or the several states thereof, or the Confederate States of America or the several states thereof shall be relocated, removed, concealed, obscured, or altered in any fashion; provided, however, that appropriate measures for the preservation, protection, and interpretation of such monuments or memorials shall not be prohibited.")

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- (b)(1) ...[N]o officer, body, or representative of state or <u>local government</u> or any department, agency, authority, or instrumentality thereof shall remove or conceal from display any [publicly-owned] monument, plaque, marker, or memorial [which honors or recounts military service of military personnel of the Confederacy] for the purpose of preventing the visible display of the same. A violation of this paragraph shall constitute a misdemeanor. (emphasis added).
- (b)(2) No publicly owned monument or memorial erected, constructed, created, or maintained on the public property of this state or its agencies, departments, authorities, or instrumentalities [which honors or recounts military service of military personnel of the Confederacy] shall be relocated, removed, concealed, obscured, or altered in any fashion; provided, however, that appropriate measures for the preservation, protection, and interpretation of such monuments or memorials shall not be prohibited (emphasis added).

The somewhat subtle, but critical, highlighted language in the two subsections above must be carefully analyzed. When read together, O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(1) explicitly prohibits a county or county official from removing or concealing a publicly-owned confederate monument. O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2) applies to monuments owned by the state, its departments, and instrumentalities and does not allow such monuments to be "relocated," but on its face this section of state law does not apply to monuments owned by counties for the following reasons.

Subsection (b)(1) applies to county officials, because it uses the term "local government." Subsection (b)(2) does not apply to county-owned monuments as the term "local government" is absent from subsection (b)(2). The omission of any reference to "local governments" indicates an intent by the state legislature that (b)(2) not apply to counties. Further, because the phrase "local government" is omitted from (b)(2), I am of the opinion that in this statute, counties are not "state agencies" or "instrumentalities of the state." Therefore, I conclude that county-owned

⁸ Counties are indisputably "local governments." See O.C.G.A. §§ 36-92-1, 50-8-2, 36-86-3.

⁹ Allen v. Wright, 282 Ga. 9, 13–14 (2007) ("Georgia law provides that the express mention of one thing in an Act or statute implies the exclusion of all other things. Pursuant to the principle of statutory construction, 'Expressum facit cessure tacitum' (if some things are expressly mentioned, the inference is stronger that those omitted were intended to be excluded) and its companion, the venerable principle, 'Expressio unius est exclusion alterius' ([t]he express mention of one thing implies the exclusion of another), the list of actions in a statute is presumed to exclude actions not specifically listed, and the omission of additional actions from the statute is regarded by the courts as deliberate.") (internal quotation marks omitted) (internal citation omitted). Simplistically, if the General Assembly intended for (b)(2) to apply to local governments it would have used similar language to that used in (b)(1), so the omission must be deliberate.

See Miller v. Georgia Ports Auth., 266 Ga. 586 (1996); See also O.C.G.A. §§ 50-5-82 and 50-21-22. In other contexts, a county has been considered a state department, agency or instrumentality. See Ga. Const. art. I, § 2, ¶ IX(e) and Gilbert v. Richardson, 264 Ga. 744, 747 (1994).

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monuments do not fall under the purview of subsection (b)(2).11

As discussed below, these distinctions are critical because while subsection (b)(2) prohibits the relocation of such Monuments subject to a preservation exception, ¹² subsection (b)(1) does not. ¹³ As a consequence, DeKalb must comply with subsection (b)(1), but not (b)(2). ¹⁴ With this legal determination in mind, the remainder of this opinion discusses the options available to the County vis-à-vis the Monument.

1. Removal and Concealment

The plain and clear language of subsection (b)(1) of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 prohibits "local governments" such as DeKalb County from "removing" such monuments. Therefore, removal by the County for the purpose of destruction is prohibited by the applicable legislation. Likewise, the plain and clear terminology of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(1) forbids the "concealment" of qualifying monuments, so the County cannot take any action toward concealing the Monument.

2. Relocation

Under subsection (b)(1), DeKalb County as a "local government" would be authorized to "relocate" the "publicly owned" Monument, as long as its new location does not "conceal it from visible display." As such, relocating the Monument to an appropriate site, such as a museum, cemetery, or property offered by a willing host, would be authorized under state law as long as the relocation does not "conceal" the Monument from those members of the public who might wish to view it.

Further, there does not appear to be any requirement that such a relocation would have to

¹¹ While not controlling, legislative counsel agrees with my interpretation and a letter to Senator Elena Parent is attached to this opinion as Attachment 5.

¹² Even if O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2) were somehow construed by a court to apply to county-owned monuments, this state law allows an entity to adopt appropriate measures for the preservation, protection and interpretation of such monuments. Relocation of the Monument to an appropriate venue could be characterized as an act to preserve, protect and interpret the Monument. As you know, the Monument has recently been vandalized on at least two occasions, and has been the focus of much debate and various rallies. (The police report and pictures of recent vandalism are attached to this memorandum as Attachment 6.) The Monument could easily become a rallying and flash point for violence as occurred in August of 2017 in Charlottesville, Virginia; thus, also creating a public safety concern for the City of Decatur and DeKalb County.

¹³ Subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2) both prohibit the destruction of applicable monuments.

¹⁴ It is also worth mentioning that while subsection (b)(2) applies only to "publicly owned monuments" that are also "located on public property," subsection (b)(1) applies to "publicly owned monuments" regardless of their location. Regardless, as discussed above, while the land on which the Monument lies has been determined to be owned by the County to a high degree of certainty, the weight of evidence also indicates that the Monument itself is also owned by DeKalb County. As such, in order to insure compliance with state law, the County must comply with the requirements of subsection (b)(1) because the Monument is apparently "publicly owned."

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be to another site within DeKalb County, or even the state of Georgia, as long as the Monument remains available for visible display. However, if a local site is available, it would be recommended in lieu of an out-of-county or out-of-state location in order to avoid the appearance of attempting to "conceal" it from DeKalb or Georgia residents.

It is also worth noting that we have determined that the inclusion of the Historic County Courthouse on the National Register of Historic Places does not prevent you from relocating the Monument.¹⁵

3. Maintaining the status quo

A faction of the public is advocating for the status quo, or to leave the Monument "as is." This would be a lawful option under state law.

4. Contextualization

Between the options of leaving the Monument "as is" and relocating, or even removing it, is the option of leaving the Monument in its current location, but with some historic "contextualization." For example, an adjacent sign or plaque could be installed, stating that the Monument, its inscription on the sides of the base, and its apparent original purpose are no longer supported, but that the Monument solely serves as a historic reminder of a dark period in American history. Nothing in O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b) or any other applicable law would prohibit such "contextualization."

5. Transfer to a Third Party

Finally, some have suggested transferring the Monument to a third party in order to allow for another individual or entity to assume responsibility for the Monument. Under O.C.G.A. § 36-9-2, counties have authority to control and dispose of their property. However, as discussed above, the County has authority under O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(1) to "relocate" the Monument on its own.

Under the plain letter of the law, transfer of the Monument to a third party for its subsequent destruction or concealment appears to be authorized, but it would also seem to violate the obvious spirit and intent of the law. Because you have the option of relocating the Monument yourself, it is my recommendation that you do not take any action endeavoring to transfer it to a third party as an indirect method of achieving its removal or concealment. It does appear that you have the authority under state law to transfer the Monument to a third party for it to be relocated and remain visibly displayed.

^{15 36} C.F.R. §60.14. The website for the National Register of Historic Places includes the following explanation concerning designated historic places. "From the Federal perspective (the National Register of Historic Places is part of the National Park Service), a property owner can do whatever they want with their property as long as there are no Federal monies attached to the property. You can find this on our website at: http://www.nps.gov/nr/national_register_fundamentals.htm."

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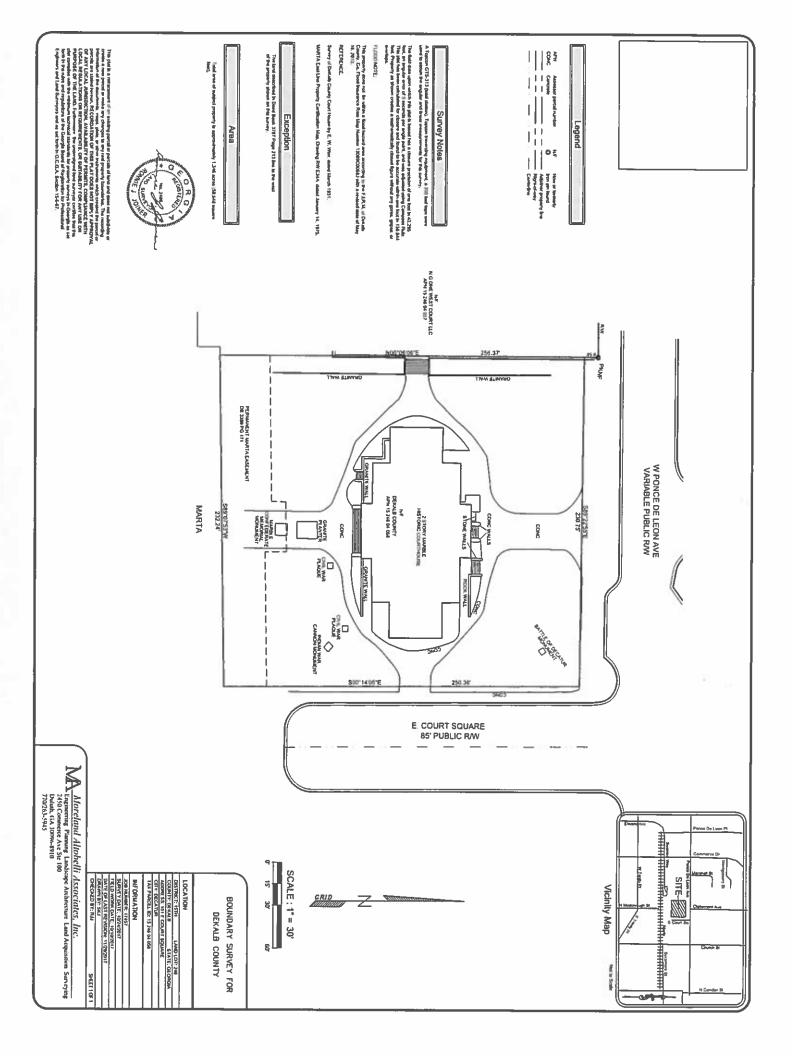
CONCLUSION

In conclusion, given the County's apparent ownership of the Monument and underlying land, it is my opinion that state law authorizes the County's relocation of the Monument to another visible site, or contextualization of the Monument. In my opinion, removal or concealment of the Monument by the County, however, does not appear to be authorized under state law. Leaving the Monument "as is" would be another lawful option. Meanwhile, transfer of the Monument to a non-governmental entity in order for it to be removed or concealed might be technically authorized under the plain language of the statute, but such action would pose a risk of a legal challenge as it would seem to contradict the spirit and intent of the law. Finally, I am of the opinion that state law authorizes you to transfer the Monument to a third party for it to be relocated and remain visibly displayed.

As you proceed, I would advise you to adopt and approve a written resolution which embodies your decision concerning the Monument. I and my staff will be glad to help you draft the appropriate Resolution. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

cc: Zachary Williams, COO
Antwyn Brown, Chief of Staff, BOC
La'Keitha Carlos, Chief of Staff, CEO
Delores Crowell, Integorvermental Affairs Manager
Viviane H. Ernstes, Deputy County Attorney
John E. Jones, Jr., Senior Assistant County Attorney

Attachment 1





November 29, 2017

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Re: Monument located adjacent to The Old Courthouse Parcel 15-246-04-058

Dear Ms. Ernstes:

You have requested that we provide an opinion of title regarding the ownership interests of the real property whereon a confederate monument (hereinafter "The Monument") is located. The Monument appears to reside in a location southerly of DeKalb County Parcel Number 15-246-04-058 (hereinafter referred to as "The Old Courthouse").

I. ASSUMPTIONS

- A. Upon information and belief, DeKalb County has operated as owner of The Old Courthouse, since approximately 1822. If a deed was of record, it would have most likely perished in the courthouse fire of 1829. As there is no verifiable deed of record nor a legal description found, we are operating under the assumption that at some point in history DeKalb County did obtain fee simple title to The Old Courthouse, in the location as shown on current DeKalb County Tax Assessor Maps.
- B. As no deed is found of record, we are assuming that the legal description as shown by the current DeKalb County tax maps is an accurate depiction of the boundary lines.
- C. At some point in time the boundary lines of The Old Courthouse may have been changed; however, we can find no specific deeds changing the location of the boundary lines. We are assuming that the boundary line changes were appropriate and accurate and likely due to the development of the area and the closing of streets as described below.

II. BACKGROUND

For purposes of rendering this opinion, we have examined the real estate records of DeKalb County, Georgia; the property tax records of DeKalb County, Georgia; prior civil cases, prior surveys, and reviewed certain historical records. Although portions of the chains of title for multiple properties have been reviewed we are relying upon the following specific documents in this Opinion of Title:

- A. Deed from Moses W. Green and Mary Green to DeKalb County, dated January 5, 1891, recorded January 15, 1981, at Deed Book DD, Page 276, DeKalb County, Georgia records. This deed describes lands within the general vicinity of the Old Courthouse; however due to unplottable legal description, the exact location is unclear. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- B. 1931 Survey of Old Courthouse. Please note that a review of the survey does not show the location of the monument; however, the sidewalk abuts the road; therefore it is reasonably assumed that the monument may have been located within the boundaries of the plat or within the area designated as a sidewalk. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- C. Sewer agreement, dated December 1909, from County of DeKalb acting by and through its Commissioner of Roads and Revenue to The Town of Decatur, recorded at Deed Book 3-N, Page 368, DeKalb County, Georgia records. This sewer easement travelled from the courthouse property southerly down McDonough Street. Attached hereto as Exhibit "C."
- D. Swanton Way aka Atlanta Avenue aka Electric Avenue; Sycamore Street; and McDonough Street converged to the South of the Old Courthouse. Historical records indicate that in or around 1976, several roads around the Old Courthouse were closed for development. We did not find any right of way or road documents for the roads directly south of the Old Courthouse.
- E. The areas surrounding or following the path of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (hereinafter "MARTA") rail line are plentiful and we went through each easement filed during the 1970s construction. The only easement which specifically referenced property on or around the Old Courthouse is Easement by and between DeKalb County and Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, dated May 25, 1975, filed for record September 16, 1975, recorded at Deed Book 3389, Page 171, aforesaid records. Attached hereto as Exhibit "D" and hereinafter referred to as the "MARTA Easement." It is of note that other easements to MARTA on the same line were also granted from DeKalb

County. No easements were found in the general vicinity showing the grantor as City of Decatur.

- F. Condemnation Case styled <u>DeKalb County vs. West Court Square et al.</u>, CAFN 90897, Judgment and Decree recorded at Deed Book 3787, Page 213, aforesaid records. Attached hereto as Exhibit "E." Condemned property lies to the west of The Old Courthouse.
- G. Plat of Survey for DeKalb County, dated October 24, 2017, last revised November 29, 2017, by Moreland Altobelli Associates, Inc. Attached hereto as Exhibit "F" and hereinafter referred to as the "Current Survey."

III. EXCEPTIONS

- A. Such statement of facts as would be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of all properties subject to any deeds referenced in the full chains of title.
- B. The exact amount of acreage of the property.
- C. Rights of parties in possession, if any, not of record.
- D. All easements and restrictions of record.
- E. All matters shown on plats of survey referred to in descriptions.
- F. Zoning ordinances and any other government restrictions affecting the subject property.
- G. Rights of parties in possession, if any, other than the owner.
- H. Restrictions, easements and all questions arising out of zoning laws, ordinances or regulations.
- I. All security interests and liens of record, including but not limited to security deeds, judgements, fifas, taxes or any other interest held by third-parties.
- J. Any objections or defects not disclosed herein that are shown of record but are not shown during the effective dates herein.

IV. CONCLUSION

After reviewing all of the documents referenced herein and subject to the assumptions, background, and exceptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that there is no verifiable chain of title to the exact location of The Monument. The current survey; however, does show that the Monument lies within the Easement granted from DeKalb County to MARTA recorded at Deed Book 3389, Page 171, aforesaid records. We therefore are of the opinion based on the limited documents of record that DeKalb County has acted as fee simple owner subject to the easement interests of MARTA. This conclusion is subject to all assumptions and exceptions stated herein as well as the Current Survey.

I am admitted to practice law in the State of Georgia and express no opinion as to matters under or involving the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United States of America and the State of Georgia and its political subdivisions. This opinion subject to all assumptions and exceptions, is rendered solely to DeKalb County Law Department and may not be relied upon by any other party or for any other purposes other than the purposes herein stated without our prior written consent.

Sincerely,

Sam F. Maguire, Jr.

For The Law Offices of Sam Maguire, Jr., P.C.

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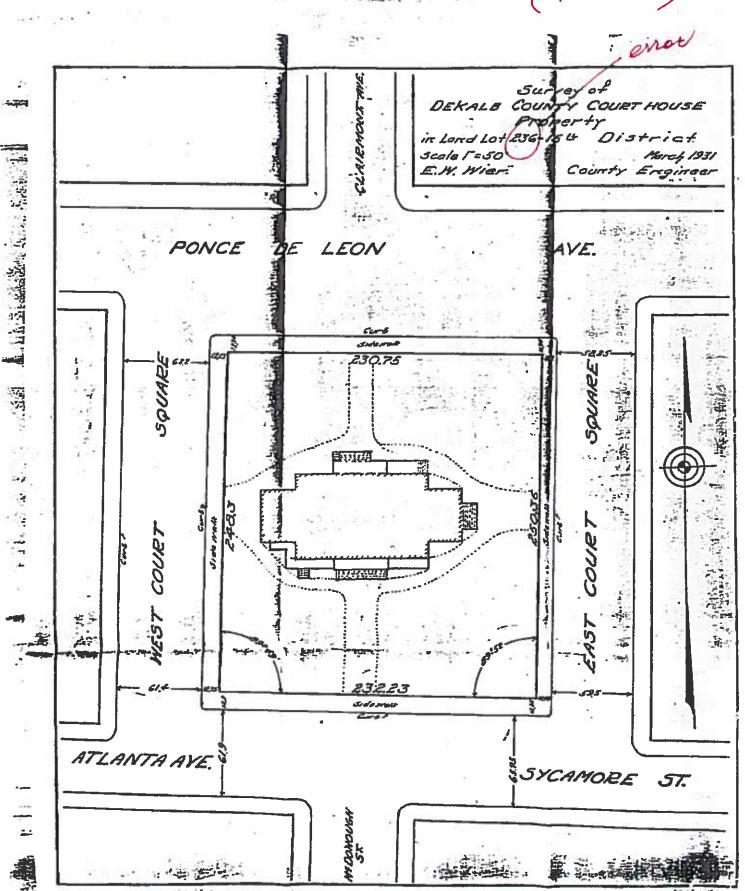
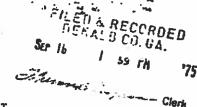


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STATE OF CHORGIA COUNTY OF DEXALB



BASEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 2514 day of MRY.

1975, by and between DEKALE COUNTY, GEORGIA (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"),
and METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY (hereinafter referred to as
"Grantee").

WITNESSETH:

MIEREAS, on September 14, 1971 the DeKaib County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution providing authorization for the execution of a Rapid Transit Contract and Assistance Agreement ("Assistance Agreement") dated as of September 1, 1971, with the Grantee, and approval of the Engineering Report referred to therein;

MIEREAS, by virtue of said Assistance Agreement the Grantor has covenanted and agreed to convey, without cost to the Grantee, any and all easements in, across, through, and above public property as may be necessary and desirable to facilitate the acquisition, construction, improvement, and efficient operation of the Rapid Transit System ("System"); and

MHEREAS, the Grantor has agreed to convey certain permanent and temporary construction easements ("Easements") being more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof pursuant to the aforesaid Assistance Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and ONE (\$1.00) DOLLAR in hand paid and other valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor does hereby grant and convey unto Grantee those certain permanent and temporary construction easements over, across and through that certain property being more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

Grantee agrees to pay, or cause to be paid, any cost incurred in connection with the utilization of said Easements, including utility relocation costs, and any damage to or alterations of existing structures including but not limited to the relocation of existing historic monuments to other locations on property adjacent to the aforesaid easements and replacement of trees as more particularly agreed upon by the Grantor and the City of Decatur. Grantee further agrees to restore said easement areas at its sole cost and expense in accordance with plans agreed upon by the Grantor and the Grantee.

In the event the Grantee fails to commence construction of its System upon the property hereinabove described within five (5) years of the date hereof, Grantor, at its option, shall have the right to reacquire said property, without cost to the Grantor, by giving Grantee herein sixty (60) days written notice of its intention to exercise such right.

The terms"Grantor" and "Grantee" shall be deemed to include their respective heirs, successors and assigns, and this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon Grantor and Grantee and their respective heirs and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals on the day and year first above written.

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EXHIBIT "A"

PERMANGNY BASEMENT I

A Permanent Easement for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Docatur Rapid Transit Station and appurtenances including a cooling tower to a height of four (4) feet above the surface of the ground; within, over and across:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DoKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Swanton Way (having a 50 foot right of way) and McDonough Street (having an 80 foot right of way); thence running west along the south side of Swanton Way, one hundred sixty-one and eighty-nine hundredths (161.89) Feet to a point; thence running south 0° 42' 43" west thirty-five and seventy-seven hundredths (35.77) feet to a point; thence running south 4° 17' 17" east fourteen (14) feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east fifty-seven (57) feet to a point; thence running north 0° 42' 43" east nineteen (19) feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east fifty-three (53) feet to a point; thence running north 0° 42' 43" east seventeen (17) feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east forty two and seven hundredths (42.07) feet to a point on the west side of McDonough Street; thence running north along the west side of McDonough Street ten and seventy-two hundredths (10.72) feet to the point of beginning.

PERMANENT DASEMENT IF

A Permanent Utility Rasement for the construction and maintenance of a water line and an electric service line and their appurtenances; within, over and across:

All that tract or percel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of Dekalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located on the west side of McDonough Street (having an 80 feot right of way) thirty-eight and forty-feur hundredths (39.44) feat south as measured along the west side of McDonough Street from the southwest corner of the intersection of McDonough Street and Swanton Way (having a 60 foot right of way); thence running south along the west side of McDonough Street twenty and twenty-eight hundredths (20.28) feat to a point; thence running north 89° 17' 17" west one hundred fifty-six (156) feat to a point; thence running north 44° 17' 17" west eighty-one and nine hundredths (81.69) feat to a point on the south side of Swanton Way; thence running east along the south side of Swanton Way; thence running south 44° 17' 17" east sixty-four and twenty-six hundredths (64.26) feat to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east one hundred forty-four (144) feat to a point; thence running north 45° 42' 43" east eleven and seventy-one hundredths (11.71) feet to the point of beginning.

PERMANENT DASEMENT III

A Permanent Easament for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Decatur Rapid Transit Station at and below grade; within, over and across:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located at the southeast corner of the old Demalb County Court House property, said point also being located at the northwest corner of East Court Square (having an 85 foot right of way) and Sycamore Street; thence running north along the west side of East Court Square thirty (30) feet to a point; thence running south 85° 7' 48" west ninety-five (95) feet to a point; thence running north 0° 25' 22" west fifteen (15) feet to a point; thence running south 89° 7' 48" west thirty-five (35) feet to a point; thence running south 0° 25' 22" east ten (10) feet to a point; thence running south 89° 7' 48" west one hundred two and thirty-eight hundredths (102-38) feet to a point; thence running south thirty-five (35) feat to a point on the north side of Sycamore Street; thence running east along the north side of Sycamore Street two hundred thirty-two and sixty-four hundredths (232.64) feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH, temporary construction easements for a period of approximately three (3) years from the date of commencement of construction of the Decatur Rapid Transit Station, for the purpose of construction of said Station, maintenance of contractor's work and storage areas and relocation of historic monuments; within, over and across:

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT I

All that tract or parcol of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the south side of Swanton War (having a 60 foot right of way) one hundred sixty-one and eighty-nine hundredths (161.89) feet west as measured along the south side of Swanton Way from the southwest corner of the intersection of Swanton Way and McDonough Street (having an 80 foot right of way); thence running south 0° 42′ 43" west thirty-five and seventy-seven hundredths (35.77) feet to a point; thence running north 44° 17′ 17" west fifty and twenty-six hundredths (50.26) feet to a point on the south side of Swanton Way; thence running cast along the south side of Swanton Way thirty-five and fifty-four hundredths (35.54) feet to the point of beginning, and being designated Temporary Construction Easement A. on plat of survey by Parsons Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel dated January 14, 1975.

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TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT II

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 245 of the 15th District of DeKelb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located on the west side of McDenough Street (having an 80 foot right of way) ten and seventy-two hundredths (10.72) feet south as measured along the west side of McDonough Street from the southwest corner of the intersection of McDonough Street and Swanton Way (having a 60 foor right of way); thence running north 89° 17' 17" west forty-two and seven hundredths (42.07) feet to a point; thence running south 6° 42' 43" west seventeen (17) feet to a point; thence running north 89° 17' 17" west fifty-three (53) feet to a point; thence running south 0° 42' 43" west ninetoen (19) feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east eightyseven (87) feet to a point; thence running north 45° 42' 43" east eleven and seventy-one hundredths (11.71) feet to a point on the west side of McDonough Street; thence running north along the west side of McDonough Street twenty-seven and seventy-two hundredths (27.72) feet to the point of beginning, and being designated Temporary Construction Easement "B" on plat of survey by Parsons Brinckerhoff-Tudor-Bechtel, dated January 14, 1975.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION RASEMENT 111

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located on the west side of East Court Square, thirty (30) feet north as measured along the west side of East Court Square from the northwest corner of East Court Square and Sycamore Street; thence running south 89° 7' 48" west ninety-five (95) feet to a point; thence running north 0° 25' 22" west fifteen (15) feet to a point; thence running south 89° 7' 48" west thirty-five (35) feet to a point; thence running south 89° 7' 48" west one hundred two and thirty-eight hundredths (102.38) feet to a point; thence running north thirty-five (35) feet to a point; thence running north 89° 7' 48" east ninety-five (95) feet to a point; thence running north 89° 7' 48" east fifty (50) feet to a point; thence running north 89° 7' 48" east fifty (50) feet to a point; thence running north 89° 7' 48" east fifty (50) feet to a point; thence running north 89° 7' 48" east fifty (50) feet to a point; thence running north 89° 7' 48" east eighty-seven and eleven hundredths (87.11) feet to a point on the west side of East Court Square; thence running south along the west side of East Court Square forty (40) feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH, a right of entry for Authority personnel and contractors to areas immediately adjacent to the aforesaid easement areas for the purpose of re-landscaping said areas in conformity with plans approved by the County of DeKalb. A fence shall be constructed not more than 15 feet north of the south line of the above described Temporary Construction Easement III, and the right of entry herein granted shall be restricted to re-landscaping purposes, monument placement and rearrangement of other County facilities. The portion of Temporary Construction Easement III north of said fence shall not be used for vehicular traffic or storage of materials.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF DEKALB STATE OF GEORGIA

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DEKALB COUNTY,

Condemnor,

v.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 90897

WEST COURT SQUARE; HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, GEORGIA; CITIZENS AND SOUTHERN HOLDING COMPANY; CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY; CHARLES 5. ACKERMAN d/b/a ACKERMAN AND COMPANY: COMMERCIAL CREDIT CORPORATION; SIMONS-EASTERN COMPANY; BOEING COMPUTER SERVICES, INC.; COASTAL)
ETATES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY;)
CITIZENS AND SOUTHERN NATIONAL) BANK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ALL PARTIES WITH ANY) UNRECORDED INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN
PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE COMPLAINT;
ALL TENANTS OF THE BUILDING KNOWN AS 1 WEST COURT SQUARE; ALL PARTIES IN POSSESSION OF THE BUILDING KNOWN AS 1 WEST COURT SQUARE: MARION GUESS, JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT, DEKALB COUNTY; EUGENE ADAMS, TAX COMMISSIONER, DERALB COUNTY; WILLIAM N. PITTMAN, TAX ASSESSOR, CITY OF DECATUR;

Condemnees.

JUDGMENT AND DECREE

It appearing to the Court that all parties at interest in the above case have been properly served; that the Court appointed a Special Master, who, in turn, took the proper oath according to law, and that said Special Master having heard evidence, and after consideration, returned an award in favor of the condemnees in the total sum of $$\frac{486,592.00}{}$.

It is, therefore, considered, ordered and adjudged as follows:

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That said award be paid into the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of DeKalb County, and that thereupon the property described in the original petition be and the same is condemned and fee simple title and such other interests as are specified in and to the following described property is thereupon declared to be vested in the County of DeKalb:

PARCEL ONE

All that tract or pracel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DeKalb County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a nail found at the intersection of the easterly right of way line of Oliver Street (80 foot right-of-way) and the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way (60 foot right-of-way), run south 89° 55' 20° east, along the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way, 226.23 feet to a point; continue thence along the northerly right of way line of Swanton Way south 89° 54' 20° east 316.06 feet to a point; run thence north 73° 31' 25° east, along the northwesterly right-of-way line of Swanton Way, 20.41 feet to a point; run thence south 89° 35' 35° east, along the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way, 7.68 feet to a point; run thence north 00° 04' 55° east 58.71 feet to a point; run thence south 89° 07' 58° west 6.87 feet to a point; run thence south 89° 07' 48° west 16.00 feet to a point; run thence south 89° 07' 48° west 24.00 feet to a point; run thence north 89° 59' 22° west 192.91 feet to a point; run thence north 89° 17' 17° west 56.92 feet to a point; run thence north 89° 17' 17° west 56.92 feet to a point; run thence north 89° 59' 22° west 274.37 feet to a point; run thence north 89° 59' 22° west 274.37 feet to a point; run thence north 89° 59' 22° west 274.37 feet to a point; run thence northwesterly along the arc of a curve to the right 23.56 feet to a point on the easterly right of way line of Oliver Street (said curve having a radius of 15.00 feet); run thence south 00° 04' 55° west, along the easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street, 21.02 feet to a nail found on the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way, which nail marks the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 11,831 square feet.

PARCEL TWO

An exclusive, perpetual easement over, under, across and through the following described tract or parcel of land (hereinafter called "Easement Area") for all purposes necessary or incidental to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority's installation and maintenance of an underground tunnel for use in the operation of a rapid transit system to be located underground within said Easement Area, including but not limited to the right to install and maintain said tunnel, tunnel supports, roof, floor, all system utility service lines and wires, tubing, pipes, conduits, cisterns and other support facilities, manholes, vents and for any other use reasonably related to the installation, use and maintenance of said underground tunnel and associated utility systems within said Easement Area. The owner of the Easement Area shall have the right to utilize the surface of said Easement Area so long as no permanent structure is located thereon and so long as such use does not in any way hinder or restrict the use of said Easement Area by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority.

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All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point located on the easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street (80 foot right-of-way), 21.02 feet north 00° 04' 55" east, as measured along said easterly right-of-way line, from a nail marking the intersection of the easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street and the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way (60 foot right-of-way); thence running north 00° 04' 55" east, along said easterly right-of-way line, 1.84 feet to a point; thence running north 83° 48' 32" east 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east 125.00 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east 125.00 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 59' 22" west 274.38 feet to a point; thence running northwesterly, along the arc of a curve to the right, 23.56 feet to a point on the easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street (said curve having a radius of 15.00 feet), which point marks the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 8,434 square feet.

The improvements now located on the above-described property, to-wit, a portion of a double-deck parking structure, will be demolished and removed.

PARCEL THREE

An exclusive, perpetual easement over, under, across and through the following described tract or parcel of land (hereinafter called "Easement Area") for all purposes necessary or incidental to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority's installation and maintenance of an underground tunnel for use in the operation of a rapid transit system to be located underground within said Easement Area, including but not limited to the right to install and maintain said tunnel, tunnel supports, roof, floor, all system utility service lines and wires, tubing, pipes, conduits, cisterns and other support facilities, manholes, vents and for any other use reasonably related to the installation, use and maintenance of said underground tunnel and associated utility systems within said Easement Area. The owner of the Easement Area shall have the right to utilize the surface of said Easement Area so long as no permanent structure is located thereon and so long as such use does not in any way hinder or restrict the use of said Easement Area by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority.

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, commence at a nail found at the intersection of the easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street (80 foot right-of-way) and the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way (60 foot right-of-way); thence running north 00° 04' 55" east, along said easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street, 22.86 feet to a point; thence running north 83° 48' 32" east 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east 181.92 feet to a point, which point marks the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east 192.86 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 52' 12" east 4.13 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 59' 22" west 192.91 feet to a point; thence running north 00° 00' 38" east 6.49 feet to a point, which point marks the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1,024 square feet.

The improvements now located on the above-described property, to-wit, a one-story building and associated structures will be denolished and removed.

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PARCEL FOUR

An exclusive, perpetual easement over, under, across and through the following described tract or parcel of land (hereinafter called "Easement Area") for all purposes necessary or incidental to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority's installation of underground public utilities within said Farement Area. of underground public utilities within said Easement Area, including but not limited to the right to install and maintain all utility lines, wires, tubing, pipes, conduits, cisterns and other facilities utilized by public utilities, manholes, vents and for any other use reasonably related to the installation and maintains. and maintenance of all such underground utilities running through said Easement Area, and for the use and maintenance of said facilities by the appropriate public utility. The owner of the Easement Area shall have the right to utilize the surface of said Easement Area so long as no permanent structure is located thereon and so long as such use does not in any way hinder or restrict the aforesaid use of said Easement Area.

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, commence at a nail found at the intersection of the easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street (80 foot right-of-way) and the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way (60 foot right-of-way); thence running north line of Swanton Way (60 foot right-of-way); thence running north 100° 04' 55" east, along said easterly right-of-way line of Oliver 100° 04' 55" east, along said easterly right-of-way line of Oliver 100° 04' 55" east, along said easterly right-of-way line of Oliver 100° 04' 55" east 22.86 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" east 266.01 feet to a point; which point marks the TRUE POINT OF east 266.01 feet to a point, which point marks the TRUE POINT OF EBGINNING; thence running south 89° 53' 24" east 104.56 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 53' 24" east 16.51 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 07' 48" east 27.91 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 52' 12" east 16.00 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 07' 48" west 24.00 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" west 90.00 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 52' 12" east 11.14 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 17' 17" west 90.00 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 59' 22" west 18.74 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 59' 22" west 5.46 feet to a point, which point warks the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1,636 square feet. feet.

The improvements now located on the above-described property to-wit, a one-story building and associated structures will be demolished and removed.

PARCEL FIVE

A temporary construction easement over, under, across and through the following described property (hereinafter called "Easement Area"), for a period of twenty-four (24) months, for all purposes necessary or incidental to Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority's construction of a rapid transit system, including but not limited to the right of ingress and egress over said Easement Area, the right to locate vehicles and equipment thereon, the right to construct temporary improvements thereon and for any other use reasonably related thereto.

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

EXHIBIT #8



BEGINNING at a point located on the easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street (80 foot right-of-way), 22.86 feet north 00° 04' 55" east, along said easterly right-of-way line, from a nail marking the intersection of the easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street and the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way (60 foot right-of-way); thence running north 00° 04' 55" east, along said easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street, 25.15 feet to a point; thence running north 83° 48' 32" east 164.11 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17° east 217.31 feet to a point; thence running north 00° 02' 18" east 3.88 feet to a point; thence running south 69° 53' 24" east 154.33 feet to a point; thence running south 69° 53' 24" east 31.52 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 07' 48" east 34.80 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 04' 55" wast 35.00 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 04' 55" wast 35.00 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 03' 56" west 16.51 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 03' 56" west 16.51 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 52' 12" east 9.41 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 52' 12" east 9.41 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 17' 17" west 266.01 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32" west 165.35 feet to a point; thence running south 83° 48' 32' west 165.35 feet

As to that portion of the above-described property on which there is now located a double-deck parking structure, the upper level is to be severed along the southerly boundary of the above described area and use of both levels of said parking structure within the above described area will be denied during the period of the said construction easement.

As to that portion of the above described property on which there is now located a seven-story office building, the subsurface area will be used for a period of 120 days for the purpose of underpinning and providing lateral support for said building. During the said period, a right of entry onto the first floor of said seven-story building is required for purposes of constructing a temporary safety wall and installing and monitoring settlement instrumentation to insure the integrity of the support work to be performed. At the end of said 120 day period, the temporary safety wall and monitoring devices will be removed.

As to the remaining floors of the aforementioned seven-story office building, full possessory rights will be retained by the condemnee.

As to that portion of the above described property on which there is now located a one-story building, said building will be severed along the southerly boundary of the described property, and a temporary wall will be installed along the northerly boundary. Dse of the one-story building in that area will be denied during the said period of construction. At the end of the said period, the temporary wall will be removed and a permanent wall will be constructed along the aforementioned severence line.

PARCEL SIX

A temporary construction easement over, under, across and through the following described property (hereinafter called "Easement Area"), for a period of thirty-six (36) months, for all purposes necessary or incidental to Hetropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority's construction of a rapid transit system, including but not limited to the right of ingress and egress over said Easement Area, the right to locate vehicles and equipment thereon, the right to construct temporary improvements thereon and for any other use reasonably related thereto.



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All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 15th District of DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

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TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, begin at a nail found at the intersection of the easterly right-of-way line of Oliver Street (80 foot right-of-way) and the northerly right-of-way south line of Swanton Way (60 foot right-of-way); thence running south 89° 55' 20" east, along the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way, 226.23 feet to a point; continue thence along the northerly right-of-way line of Swanton Way, south 89° 54' 20" east 316.06 right-of-way line of Swanton Way, south 89° 54' 20" east 316.06 right-of-way line of Swanton Way, 20.41 feet to northwesterly right-of-way line of Swanton Way, 20.41 feet to northwesterly right-of-way line of Swanton Way, 20.41 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 35' 35" east 7.68 feet to a point; thence running south marks the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence running south 89° 07' 48" west 6.87 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 07' 48" west 6.87 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 07' 48" west 24.00 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 59' 22" west 55.27 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 59' 22" west 57.44 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 53' 24" east 53.00 feet to a point; thence running south 89° 53' 24" east 53.00 feet to a point; thence running north 00° 03' 56" east 51.51 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 07' 48" east 34.80 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 07' 48" east 35.00 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 04' 55" west 35.00 feet to a point; thence running north 89° 07' 48° east 34.80 feet to a point; thence running south 00° 04' 55" west 35.00 feet to a point; which point marks south 00° 04' 55" west 35.00 feet to a point; which point marks the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 2,513 square feet.

Because the above-described portion of the condemnee's property is appurtenant to the Decatur rapid transit station, aesthetically pleasing improvements will be constructed thereon providing open access from the condemnee's office building to the Decatur rapid access from the condemnee's office building to the Decatur rapid transit station. Ownership of said improvements shall be vested in the condemnees at the end of the thirty-six (36) month period.

The Special Master is hereby awarded the sum of \$/,250.00 in full for actual time devoted to said hearing and consideration of said matter, which sum includes any actual expenses incurred in connection herewith.

That the lien of any and all taxes, assessments, loan deeds and any other charges against said property and against the named defendant or any of the defendants, be transferred to the funds so paid into Court to the end that the condemnor, the County of DeKalb, be vested with fee simple title and such other interests as are specified in and to said property free and clear of any liens and charges.

EXHIBIT.

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That the costs of this proceeding be assessed against the condemnor.

This order is passed without prejudice to any right of	
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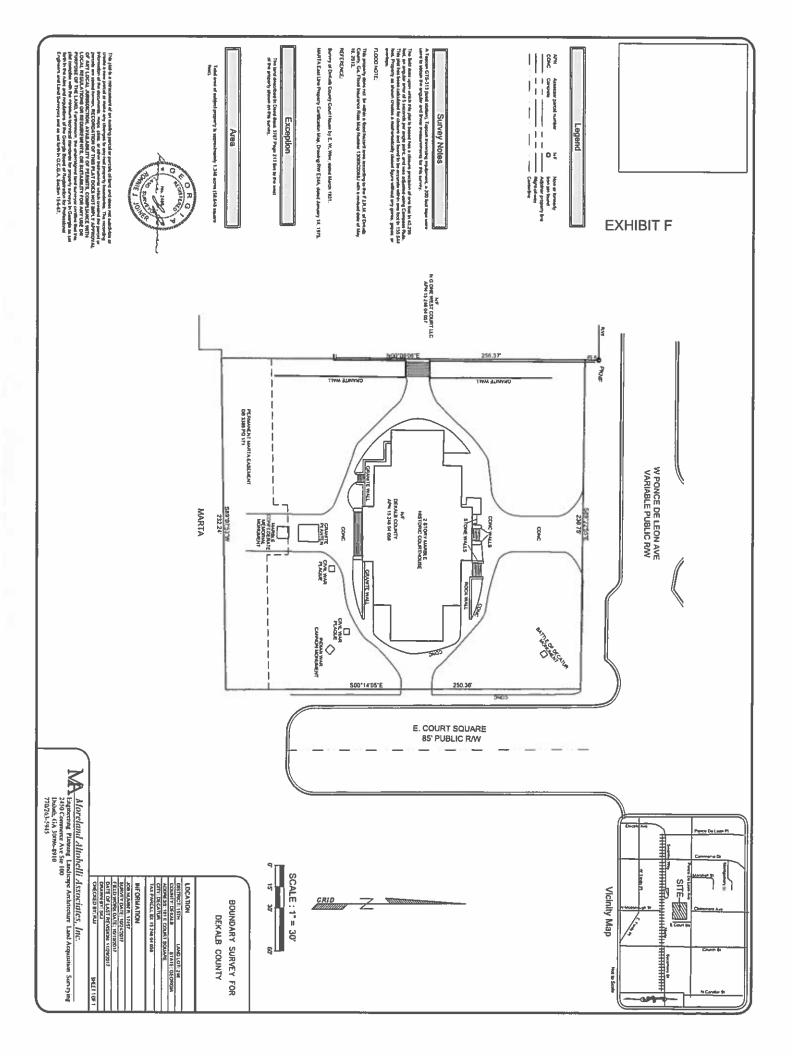
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Attachment 2

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official acts of the authorities charged with the reautigement of the business of said municipality; and the within and foregoing two (2) pages of manuscript constitutes a true and correct copy of a resolution passed on the 19th day of Barch 1927, and entered on the minutes of said officers.

City of Catul

This the 30th day of March, 1987.

Hortie H. Christian Clerk.

An Ordinance was introduced for Zoning certains actions of the City for husiness and ordered advertised for hearing on Fidday night, April 2, 1937

The following Resolution was adopted:

A RESCLUTION

WHEREAS, the American Legion is putting on a campaign, known as "Bafety Weels" in which an extensive emapaign is planned to impress on both drivers and pedestrians the traffic hazards of the City and to impress on all the duty of observing traffic lights; and

WHERMAS, this compaign is intended for the general promotion of safety on our streets for children and other citizens; and

White EAS, the City Commissioners feels that it is for the best interest of our citizens to support and approve this campaign.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Decatur voice their hearty endorsement of this compaign and support of their administration to the furtherance of same.

Mesting adjourned.

Priday Hight April 2nd, 1937.

The Board of Commissioners not in regular session with Chriman Camilor presiding and all Commissioners being present.

Mirntes of meeting held on March 19th were approved.

The following ordinance for laying sidewalk and curbing on both sides of Atlanta Avenue from West Court Square to Electric Avenue was unanimously adopted:

AR DEDINANCE PROVIDING FOR OR/DIES AND LAYING SIDEMALES, CURETING AND IMPROVING CEMPAIN STREATS AND SIDEMALES IN THE CITY OF DELIVER, GEORGIA, AND FOR JUMES PURPLISES.

ATLANTA AVEHUE

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Dycatur, authorizes the Cormissioners of said City, in their discretion, to grade, pave, mecadamize, or otherwise improve the travel and drainage of the sidewalks, streets, squares, public alleys and lanc of said City, when such improvement is necessary for the public travel and maintenance of said streets; and

WIFFEAS, the Charter of the City of Decatur authorizes the Commissioners of said City to assess the actual cost of grading and paving the sidewalks of said City, and assess the actual cost of laying curbing alone any of the bidewalks of said City; to assess the actual cost of repairing, reprading, repairing or otherwise improving or remarroving any of the sidewalks of said City, against the real octate abuthing on said street, but only on the side of the street where the sidewalk is improved or the curbing is laid; and

WHEREAB, it is the judgment of the Commissioners of said City, that the improvement hersinafter provided, on the streets and sidevalks, hersinafter named, are necessary for the public travel, drainage and saintenance of said streets and sidevalks, and such improvements are, by this ordinance so declared and adversaried to be necessary for the public travel, drainage and unintenance of such streets and sidewalks, and for the benefit thereof.

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Commissioners of the City of Decatur, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the name, that the following improvements to made on the streets and aldewalks, of said City, to-wit:

For Laying concrete mideralk and granite curb on both sides of Atlanta Avenue from West Court Square to Electric Avenue, where necessary, in the City of Decatur, Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY AUTHORITY APPRESAID, that when improvements have been made on any of the streets or sidewalks, as herein provided, the Commissioners shall determine the cost of such improvements, and make and lovy an assessment thereford as provided by the Charter of said Gity.

EE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY AUTHORITY AFORESAID, that after the introduction of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall give notice of the introduction of the same, in terms of the Charter of said City, as made and provided by said Charter.

BE IT PARTIER ORDAINED, that all ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict berevith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Application was made by Sinclair Refining Company to rebuild their filling Station on scubbyest corner of Mauren Street and East Fonce de Loon Avenue.

After considering the matter, Cormissioner Robertson offered a motion that the City Manager be authorized to grant permit to Sinclair Refining Company to rebuild their Filling Station on Southwest corner of Church Street and East Ponce de Leon Avenue, in accordance with plans as submitted, provided that builling line on Church Street, as established on the McCrary Store property, be maintained; and that part of the street be dedicated at this time for videning in future; that the City Manager be further authorized to allow the Sinclair Refining Company to use same until at such time when said Church Street is widered.

Motion was unanimously adopted.

Whatter Condlor appeared before the Commission requesting that City authorise its City Engineer, i.r. Weaver to tap mater main just beyond Seaboard Air Line bridge on Chairmont Boad to furnish water service to several houses he contemplates building at this point.

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The City Manager reported that he had entered into a contract with McMeel Marble Company for moving the Confederate Manorial Managent from its present location on the south side of Courthouse Equare to the new location on Courthouse Equare, for the sum of \$287.50. (See copy of contract in file).

Request received from Mr. Bruce Hall for exemption of inocculation of dog and notion offered by Commissioner George that dog belonging to Mr. Eruce Hall, be exempted from inocculation only for year 1937, the usual tax fee of \$1.00 to be paid by Mr. Hall.

After considering Insurance claim seninst Southeastern Life Insurance Company, for license for years, 1931-32-33-34-35-36, amounting to \$50.00, a motion was adopted to relieve said company from license for years 1931 and 1932, and to advise them that Gity would secept settlement in the amount of \$50.00.

The matter of lowering water main in Clairment Estate subdivision being developed by Wrs. Videll, was referred to the City Manager and Attorney with power to act.

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Subject OLD COURTHOUSE

Confederate Monument Is Reminder Of Years Gone By

By MAUD M. BURRUS.
Like a sentinel guarding the historic ground upon which it thanks. the Confriderate monument in Decatur is a dignified reminder of the love and admiration which the people of DeKalb country hold for those who fought in the War Between the States.

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More than 1700 subscriptions were received from loyal friends and over 1000 school children contributed small sums.

The members of Agnes Lee promoting the erection of a monu-ment worthy of their county's he-roes. At one of their meetings early in 1807, Mra. Cara Holley-man, president, said she hoped it would be "the handsomest in the state." At this name meeting which was also a benefit entertainwhich was also a benefit entertain-ment for the memorial fund, Miss Mary Gay rend in "clear, distinct tooca, an original posm sufficie to the occasion." This poem, "The Confederate Love Song," is found in Miss Gay's book, "Life in

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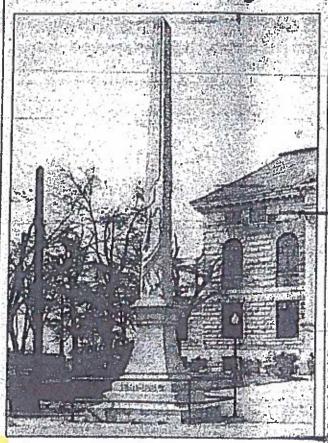
The Bekalh county Confederate memorial is approximately 30 feet memorial is approximately 30 feet in height. It is cut from Georgia granite and is distinguished for its balance and substantial proportions. Upon its well-patterned surfaces are clearly inscribed the way dates 1861-1865 C. S. A. Each of the four sides bears a tribute to those who fought "in defense of principles to which they were pledged with their lives, their for-tunes and their socred honor." To those patriotic citizens who

made the memorial a reality, for those who were responsible for placing it at the entrance to our county's seat of government and to those who are preserving its breaty and dignity, we are grate-ful. The records to which the inscriptions refer are a rich heritage for the children of Georgia. They can but be impired to become fine eltizens az they linger to become acquainted with the pride of Decatur-the Confederate Memorial.

June 1st Final Date To Get Applications In On Soil Program

County Agent E. P. McGee said this week that he had received no-tice from the State Board controlling the soil conservation program that no applications or work sheets on the now conservation program

Sentinel Of The Ages



DeKalh county's Confederate manument, creeted in 1908, dedicated in Beptember of that year, stands as a glowing and permanent tribute to the herors of the old south. It is surprising that so many people know so little about the history of the Hamurial. It required naimtaking effort on the part of the author to search through almost forgotten records to gather the information embadied in the accompanying story. -New Era Photo.

U. D. C. Head Lauds Confederate Leaders In Stirring Radio Address

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DeKalb County Confederate Memorial Association (Research results as of August 21, 2017 conducted by Fred Mobley – Archivist of DeKalb History Center.)

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Micro-film copies of DeKalb New Era from 1898 – 1910 missing in both DHC's and Decatur Branch of DeKalb Library. Quick search of key dates in Atlanta Journal and Atlanta Constitution yield no material.

Attachment 3

"The names and deeds of the noble and true must not dim but brighten with time."

Our meetings are very interesting, much of the credit being due to our efficient historian, whose memoirs always furnish interesting subjects for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS MARY B. MERRITT, Recording Secretary.

McIntosh County Chapter-Darien.

Madam President and Daughters of the Georgia Division U. D. C. in Convention Assembled:

regrets that although our delegates were appointed some time The McIntosh County Chapter No. 438, sends greetings and ago, to meet with you they find it impossible to leave home at

We have little to report for our year's work. We have unade ouly two contributions, one of \$10 to the Rabun Gap Dormitory and \$2 to the Beauregard Monument fund.

Our Chapter labors under great difficulties, owing to the distance the members live from our place of meeting, it being almost impossible to have a full attendance at any time. endeavor the coming year to have a better attendance.

We still have thirty-four members on our roll, though sev-W. L. McIntosh, all however have asked to continue members eral have moved away, among them our efficient Treasurer, Mrs. of our chapter.

I had hoped myself to meet with you at this conventio,, but have been unavoidably presented.

Respectfully submitted,

McIntosh Chapter, U. D. C. Mrs. J. B. Bonn, President,

Agnes Lee Chapter-Decatur.

Friday the 1st in February Agnes Lee Chapter aroused from hers slumber and went to work. She became ashamed of the "No efforts" to advance the U. D. C. in 1906.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

At the reorganization made:

Mrs. W. F. Holleyman, President.

Mrs. Rebecca Green, Vice-President.

Mrs. Jennie Finley, Recording Secretary,

Mrs. S. H. Jerdine, Treasurer.

Mrs. Roschud Hampton, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Mary Gay, Historian.

Mrs. Murphy Candler, Registrar,

We have nineteen members. Both the per capita and national taxes have been paid.

We feel proud of a Decatur bank account of \$130.10. Money a few member made by having a grand Confederate concert, Spelling Beeand Social Gathering. Dues and donated \$29. DeKalb County Confederate Monument, we have given \$85

Respectfully submitted,

and yet we expect to make out the \$100. Delivered two Crosses of

MRS. W. F. HOLLEYMAN.

Robert E. Lee Chapter-Douglas.

Madam President and Danghters of the Confederacy;

Robert E. Lee Chapter U. D, G. with hearty greetings to this convention send the following report:

Officers for the coming year are;

Mrs. W. W. McDonald, President.

Mrs. J. L. Shelton, First Vice-President.

Mrs. John Hall, Second Vice. President.

Mrs. Turner Brewer, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. W. P. Bellinger, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs Willis Dart, Treasurer.

Mrs. Frank Appleby, Registrar. Mrs. Sadie Powell, Historian.

Historical meetings have been very interesting and instructive, We have had seventeeu meetings since October, 1906. our historian never lacking in interest in the program.

November, 8th the chapter presented the Veterans of Camp

Bryan M. Thomas Chapter - Dalton.

grows will remove the fence which will greatly improve Our chief work for this year has been the planting of a privet hedge around Memorial Park. Soon as the hedge and beautify our park. Have had fine attendance ot our monthly meetings which have been full of interest. The o'steials program being used. Our membership is increasing. Members will be furnished certificates of membership. Have some work planned for early spring. Have \$119.00 in treasury.

Bryan M. Thomas Chapter. MRS. M. W. ELROD, Pres. Respectfully submitted,

McIntosh Chapter-Darien,

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Chapter's work for the past year; having been absent for most of the year, I can only give you, as it were, a review I am sorry I cannot give you a better report of our of our work. Our chapter is progressing as well as could

and ten miles from our meeting place. The chapter was Our members are so seattered—some as far off as six organized in 1901, with thirteen charter members, which has been increased to 35; two have passed away and two have moved away, leaving the present number 31 on our be expected, considering the difficulties we labor under.

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ar picture of Gen. Lee, also "The True Arm of the Service" of a Confederate soldier, and have recently sent a ten dollar gold piece to the invalid daughter of another soldier. We presented the public school in our town with a five dolhandsomely framed, and hope to add a picture of President Davis shortly. We have subscribed to the Confederate Veteran, as there are many things in it of deep interest to all Southern hearts.

propriate ceremonies. Three times in the past nine months our chapter has sent laurel wreathes for the caskets of those who have crossed over the river to join the Great Comman-Memorial Day is always observed with suitable and apder. Hoping to give you a better report the coming year, Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. B. BOND. President.

Agnes Lee Chapter-Decatur, Ga.

We have 22 members, in good standing. Two honorary members, made so from the faithful work done in the past and the love we have for them in old age and infirmity. Bight new members come in this year, and six blanks are out to be filled. Both the per capita and National taxes iecture given by Dr. James W. Lec. Moncy paid out, \$15 on DeKalb Co. Confederate Monument, in order to finish rceeption room at Soldiers' Home beside, bought a handsome have been paid. \$62.15 made by dues, ice cream and a up the \$100.00 promised; portrait of Jefferson Davis in our mantel and curtains. Fifteen crosses of honor given Veterans that belong to Clement A. Evans Camp, No. 665. Most of them were duplicates. On the whole, we consider our the spier in good shape, growing in members and interest, Dave a menth we meet at some private parlor, attend to besiness, then take up the Official program which we study and enjoy. Last, but not least, our kind hostess serves re-



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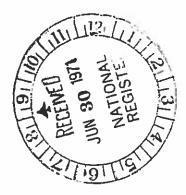
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The present appearance of the old DeKalb County Courthouse, a model of Beaux Arts neo-classicism, remains essentially as designed in 1917. During that year, Atlanta architects Walker and Chase transformed a gutted circa 1900 structure on the site into a larger building with wings and porticoes. The result is a magnificently dignified "old style" public building in the center of Decatur, on the town square.

The outside is constructed entirely of cut, Stone Mountain granite. (Stone Mountain is DeKalb County's major natural landmark.) The north and south entrances are adorned with round Roman columns of cut granite placed atop large square cut pedestals. The column capitals, architrave, frieze and cornice are pure Corinthian in design with all the embellishments of this style of architecture. Second floor windows in the center structure have cut stone lintels laid in a Roman arch. The east and west wings have rectangular windows. The building still retains all of its original outward appearance. The condition of the outside is excellent, having suffered no real damage over the years. The roof, of terra cotta tile, is still in good repair. In 1968 the building was sandblasted and cleaned restoring its original appearance.

The <u>inside</u>, including the stairways, is decorated with Alabama marble, still in a splendid state of repair. The marble stair treads are well worn and dished out by the many thousand footprints of DeKalb and Georgia dignitaries over a period of many decades. The main courtroom, with its paneling and neo-classical detailing, has been made into a meeting hall.



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When DeKalb County needed a new county administration building and courthouse, the obvious first thought was to do what the county had done since
the early 19th century - tear down the old courthouse and use the Decatur
square on which it stood as the site for a larger building. But county
business in the 1950's and 1960's had expanded to such a degree that it
was necessary to erect a building of much larger scale than had ever been
needed before. As the new multi-storied building went up nearby, some
people felt the old courthouse should be razed and the land put to other
uses. Others felt that the Corinthian-columned granite landmark was too
fine a building, too well sited in the center of Decatur, to simply be
discarded.

Since 1823 the site had been the location of DeKalb's courthouses. ing 19th century custom, the courthouse was located on a rise in the center of town. Streets bounding the four sides of the lot formed a square which became the center of town and county life. The first courthouse erected on the square was a log cabin (c.1823) which was replaced in 1829 with a brick structure. This courthouse served the county until 1842 when it was destroyed by fire. The third courthouse on the site was occupied in 1847. The growth of DeKalb County in the late-19th century called for a larger building and accordingly in 1898, the cornerstone of the present structure was laid. This building was greatly altered, however, in 1917 and 1918 as a result of a disastrous fire in 1916. This fire made complete renovation necessary. In 1917 Atlanta architects Walker and Chase used the basic bulk of the ruined building as the basis of their new design; essentially they added wings to the east and west and pedimented porticoes in the Corinthian order to the north and south. (Their rendering of the new design is framed and hung in the headquarters of the DeKalb Historical Society on the main floor of the building.) Recently cleaned and refurbished, the building is a notable example of Beaux Arts neo-classicism.

While the courthouse is significant architecturally and in terms of urban planning and design, the courthouse square is significant historically as well. On July 22, 1864, General Joseph Wheeler was ordered to capture Federal wagon trains parked just north of the square. After fierce fighting Wheeler's Cavalry forced the Federal troops out of the area. A monument to the soldiers killed in this battle and others was erected in 1906 and still stands in the center of the main south walkway on the square. Several bronze plaques have also been placed on the grounds commemorating other Civil War events. (continued)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Now a civic center as it has been in essence for generations, the old courthouse continues as a focus of community activity. The DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department is presently housed in the building as is the DeKalb Historical Society, DeKalb Art Society and the University of Georgia Extension Service. Many local civic organizations use the courthouse for meetings and shows. Plans for further development of the civic center call for the furnishing of one room with fine antiques provided by the Decatur Women's Club.



Attachment 5



Office of Legislative Counsel General Assembly of Georgia

16 August 2017

Via Email Transmission (clena@elenaparent.com)

Honorable Elena Parent Senator, 42nd District 321-B CLOB

RE: O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2).

Dear Senator Parent:

You have inquired whether O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2) prohibits a county or municipal corporation from adding "an additional plaque, statue, or other information" to an existing public military monument or memorial located on local government property. Unfortunately, no simple answer to this question presents itself.

I. Applicability of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2) to Local Governments.

O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2)'s prohibition on relocating, removing, concealing, obscuring, or altering existing military monuments and memorials applies to the State of Georgia "or its agencies, departments, authorities, or instrumentalities." Local governmental entities such as counties and municipal corporations generally do not fall within any of those categories. While my research revealed no appellate cases or Georgia Attorney General opinions on this point, it seems doubtful that a court would hold paragraph (b)(2) applicable to local governmental entities.

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¹ For example, describing an authority as "an instrumentality of the state" in a local Act creating the same "does not transform what is by all indications a local authority into a state governmental entity." Itomes v. Chatham Area Transit Auth.23-1 Ga. App. 42, 45 (1998) (holding purported state authority created by local Act to be local authority). "[T] [hough called an "instrumentality" of the state, it is unlike a state authority] in that it serves local rather than state interests, it was created by local legislation to satisfy local . . . needs. It is governed, audited, and funded locally. Consequently, it appears to be a creature of local government." Ito-at 46.

II. Scope of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2).

Assuming for argument's sake that the paragraph actually does apply to local governments, the exception to the general rule for "preservation, protection, and interpretation" of existing monuments must be examined. O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2). Again, my research revealed no helpful appellate cases or Georgia Attorney General opinions on this point.

Preservation and protection both contemplate repairs and maintenance, which acts likely would not include adding a plaque, statue, or information to a monument or memorial. Interpretation, however, does contemplate the addition of something to a monument or memorial, so long as that something "interprets" the monument or memorial (by, for example, providing relevant historical information or context) for its observers and does not somehow conceal or obscure any substantive part of the monument or memorial.

I hope that this information proves useful. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours very truly,

Paul N. Higbee, Jr.

Deputy Legislative Counsel

Approved for release:

Attachment 6

Decatur Police Department

420 W TRINITY PL., DECATUR, GA 30030

Offense / Incident Report

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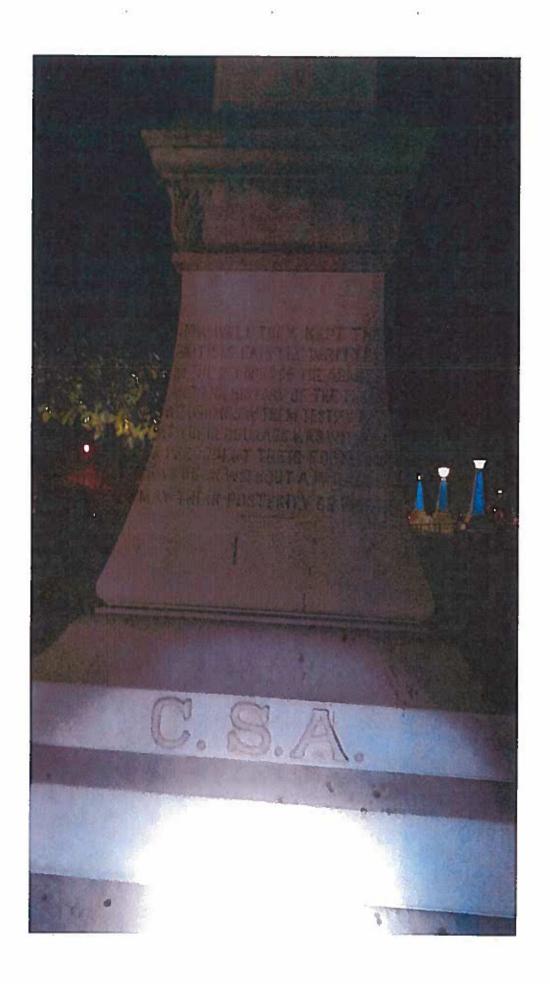
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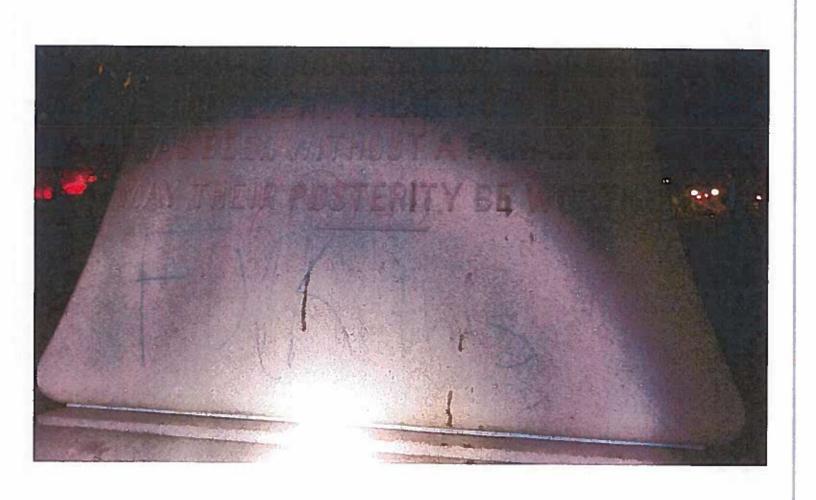
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