



# THE BRIDGE

"It is our duty to keep the memory of our heroes green." Jefferson Davis



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**WE ONLY HAVE ONE  
RULE HERE  
TO ACT LIKE A  
GENTLEMAN  
AT ALL TIMES**  
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Compatriots,

We have become so accustomed to being trodden upon by the forces of political correctness that we cannot but be pleasantly surprised when government officials do the right thing. We mean no slight to the Orangeburg Zoning Board, but rather praise them for taking a stand that supports both personal property rights and First Amendment rights. I would not be surprised if behind the scenes pressure was applied to members in an effort to get a reversal of their previous decision. However that may be, they are to be applauded for their principled stand.

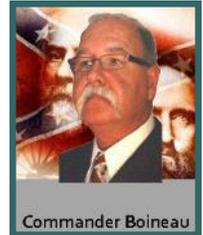
Now that we have this "victory," how do we conduct ourselves? Is this an occasion to gloat and be obnoxious like those people who enjoy so much taking down Confederate Flags and monuments? Or would this be an opportunity to hold the high ground, be thankful that our Flag still flies, and conduct ourselves always as gentlemen. The first message that I received regarding the Board's decision on August 3rd, was, "*Unanimous in our favor. Praise the Lord.*" Those last three words expressed my sentiments exactly. In whatever way we savor this moment, let us remember who we are. Deo Vindice!

As you may recall, we are still in the process of deciding what firearm to feature in our next fundraiser. It is of the greatest importance to choose one that the greatest number of people would like to own. As we have often stated, these fundraisers are the only way we presently have to support the operation of the Camp and Southern Heritage causes. Bring your best suggestion to our next meeting on Tuesday, August 15th; we value your presence and your input.

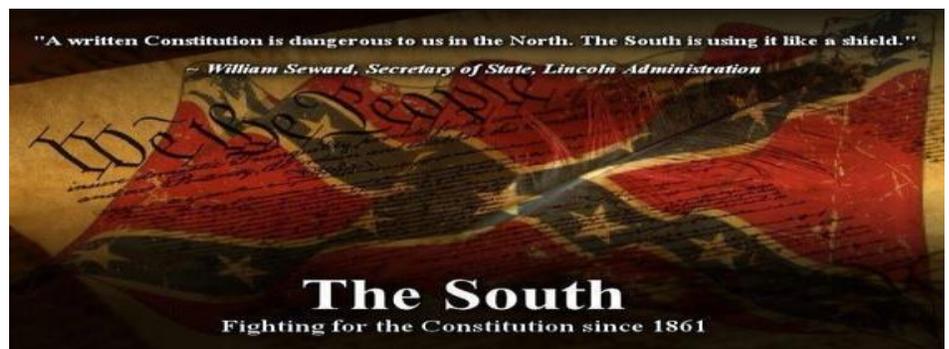
The Adjutant has asked that I pass along his appreciation for your prompt attention to payment of your dues. There are a very few still outstanding, but overall the response has been impressive.

In looking around our Headquarters building it is evident that we could use a "work day" in the not too distant future to address some routine maintenance matters. If we do this along and along, we will be taking care of our investment without the task becoming overwhelming. This will also allow us to receive guests without shame or embarrassment.

I hope to see you at Barker's Mill on the 15th, and as always, bring a friend or a Compatriot whom we have not seen in a while.



Commander Boineau



## Decision Affirmed!

On Tuesday, August 8, 2017, the Camp received a registered letter from the City of Orangeburg. That letter, which was a number of pages long, is condensed below so that the most important information is presented. The letter itself will be preserved along with important documents of the Camp for future reference. It is refreshing to get good news regarding the Battle Flag and Southern monuments now and then.



2. The board makes the following findings of fact which are supported by the evidence:

On May 24, 2017, Tommy Daras owner of property located at the intersection of Russell Street and U.S. Highway 301 in the City of Orangeburg requested a Verification of Zoning Compliance for the property owned by Rivers Bridge Camp #842, Sons of Confederate Veterans also located at said intersection. On June 15, 2017, the Zoning Administrator of the City responded to said request and advised the attorney representing Daras that the Zoning Ordinance and other regulations of the City of Orangeburg do not regulate the location, height, flag content or flag poles. On June 22, 2017, the attorney for the property owner filed a Notice of Appeal. The request for verification of zoning states "This property is used specifically for non-commercial or business uses, including but not limited to: 'Flying the Confederate Flag and maintaining a monument to an 1865 Civil War skirmish' on a piece of property that is 0.003 acre, or 130 square feet." Attached to the request for verification was a 6 page summary of the use of the subject property concluding that the "Properties zoned B-1, General Business District cannot be used solely for the primary purpose of political speech, hate speech, discrimination, or other uses that have absolutely nothing to do with commercial or business uses." In response to said request, the Zoning Administrator issued his opinion on June 15, 2017 stating that the Zoning Ordinance and other regulations of the City of Orangeburg do not regulate the location, height, flag content or flag poles. This decision was appealed by the property owner by Notice of Appeal dated June 22, 2017 stating the Appellant is aggrieved by the action or decision in that: "While the property is used for speech, that use is secondary to its primary use as a historical marker/landmark. Said primary use does not comply with permitted uses of property with General Business District property designations." This statement contradicts his previous allegation of the primary use as stated above.

3. The board concludes that zoning ordinance in this case and shall be interpreted as follows:

Conclusions of Law:

The purpose of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Orangeburg is to protect, promote and improve the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, appearance, prosperity, and the general welfare of the citizens of Orangeburg. No section of the zoning ordinance regulates the location, height, flag content or flag poles within the City and no section regulates the location of historical markers or landmarks.

4. Decision:

This Board has reviewed the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Orangeburg and finds that the Ordinance does not regulate the location, height, flag content or flag poles within the City and does not regulate the location of historical markers or landmarks. The decision and findings of the City Zoning Official are affirmed.

X Affirmed

Approved by the board by majority vote.

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## Removal of Confederate-era monuments an Orwellian disregard for U.S. history

By  
Walter Williams



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George Orwell said, "The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history." In the former USSR, censorship, rewriting of history and eliminating undesirable people became part of Soviets' effort to ensure that the correct ideological and political spin was put on their history. Deviation from official propaganda was punished by confinement in labor camps and execution.

Today there are efforts to rewrite history in the U.S., albeit the punishment is not so draconian as that in the Soviet Union. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu had a Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee monument removed last month. Former Memphis Mayor A.C. Wharton wanted the statue of Confederate Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, as well as the graves of Forrest and his wife, removed from the city park. In Richmond, Virginia, there have been calls for the removal of the Monument Avenue statues of Confederate President Jefferson Davis and Gens. Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and J.E.B. Stuart. It's not only Confederate statues that have come under attack. Just by having the name of a Confederate, such as J.E.B. Stuart High School in Falls Church, Virginia, brings up calls for a name change.

These history rewriters have enjoyed nearly total success in getting the Confederate flag removed from state capitol grounds and other public places.

Slavery is an undeniable fact of our history. The costly war fought to end it is also a part of the nation's history. Neither will go away through cultural cleansing.

Removing statues of Confederates and renaming buildings are just a small part of the true agenda of America's leftists. Thomas Jefferson owned slaves, and there's a monument that bears his name - the Thomas Jefferson Memorial in Washington. George Washington also owned slaves, and there's a monument to him, as well - the Washington Monument in Washington. Will the people who call for removal of statues in New Orleans and Richmond also call for the removal of the Washington monuments honoring slaveholders Jefferson and Washington? Will the people demanding a change in the name of J.E.B. Stuart High School also demand that the name of the nation's capital be changed?

These leftists might demand that the name of my place of work - George Mason University - be changed. Even though Mason was the author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which became a part of our Constitution's Bill of Rights, he owned slaves. Not too far from my university is James Madison University. Will its name be changed? Even though Madison is hailed as the "Father of the Constitution," he did own slaves.

Rewriting American history is going to be challenging. Just imagine the task of purifying the nation's currency. Slave owner George Washington's picture graces the \$1 bill. Slave owner Thomas Jefferson's picture is on the \$2 bill. Slave-owning Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's picture is on our \$50 bill. Benjamin Franklin's picture is on the \$100 bill.

The challenges of rewriting American history are endless, going beyond relatively trivial challenges such as finding new pictures for our currency. At least half of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were slave owners. Also consider that roughly half of the 55 delegates to the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia were slave owners. Do those facts invalidate the U.S. Constitution, and would the history rewriters want us to convene a new convention to purge and purify our Constitution?

The job of tyrants and busybodies is never done. When they accomplish one goal, they move their agenda to something else. If we Americans give them an inch, they'll take a yard. So I say, don't give them an inch in the first place. The hate-America types use every tool at their disposal to achieve their agenda of discrediting and demeaning our history. Our history of slavery is simply a convenient tool to further their cause.

**Think About It.** The whole enterprise of taking down statuary to appease the ideological passions of a talkative handful is silly. I cannot think of a better word for it. It's ridiculous: unworthy of a mature and sensible people.

Once the statues are down, what have you got besides some suddenly vacant pedestals? Well, not moral unity, that's for sure. You've made a lot of people mad who weren't previously mad at you. You've called into question your intellectual bona fides by twisting historical facts to fit a manufactured and distorted narrative. To espouse a silly cause is to run the risk of becoming known as silly.

The matter goes still further. So Dallas goes along with unhorsing Gen. Lee, right there in the park bearing his name (which name, of course, has to be changed to something appropriately anodyne). Yet that's hardly the logical end. The revolution is hungry. We have to wipe out school names, street names, fort names redolent of the late Confederacy. And not just the Confederacy. The American slaveocracy was large; it was powerful. Among its members: George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, with their large monuments and even larger legacies. What makes Robert E. Lee a likelier target than the Father of Our Country?

This business of digging up the dead and exhibiting their shortcomings has no predictable end. Today's heroes and heroines become fair game for great-grandkids: topics for future ridicule and disrespect. Seldom in our history - alas - has the counsel to look before you leap seemed more relevant, or more ignored, than right now.

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## Sons of Confederate Veterans



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## Camp No. 842 Calendar

August 15	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
August 28, 1862	Second Battle of Manassas (Bull Run)
September 17, 1862	Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam)
September 19	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
October 17	Regular Camp Meeting
Nov 7-8, 1861	Battle of Port Royal, SC
Nov 21	Regular Camp Meeting



### General Sherman Deported Women from the South

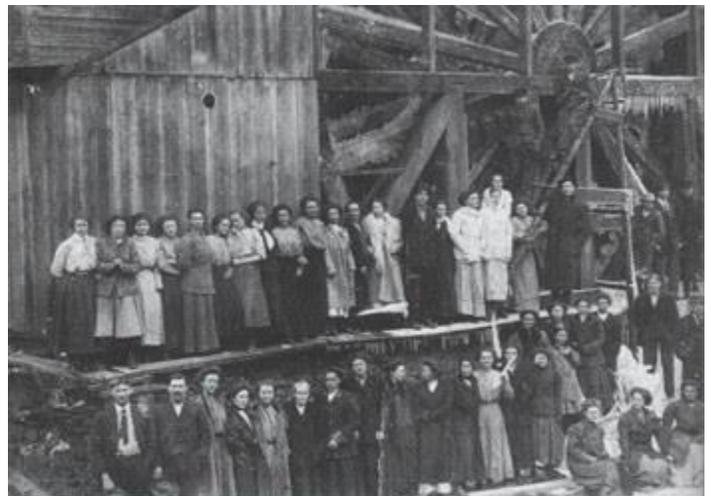
In July 1864, approximately 400 mill workers in Georgia - nearly all women, were taken prisoner by the Union Army. They were then put on trains headed North, and few of them ever made their way back home. They would be referred to as Factory Hands or Roswell Women in the Official Records.

### Adeline Bagley Buice

Working at the Roswell Mill while her husband Joshua was serving in the Confederate Army, Adeline Bagley Buice was a very pregnant seamstress when Union forces burned her place of work. Deported north with the other women, she traveled all the way to Chicago. In



August, she gave birth to a daughter she named Mary Ann. Over the next five years, Adeline and Mary steadily made their way toward Georgia, mostly on foot. In the meantime, Joshua Buice returned to Roswell at the end of the war, and discovered that his wife had been deported with the other mill workers. As the years passed and Adeline did not return, he could only assume that she had died, and he remarried. Many of the men who came home from the war to find their wives and families missing followed suit.



The Roswell Women