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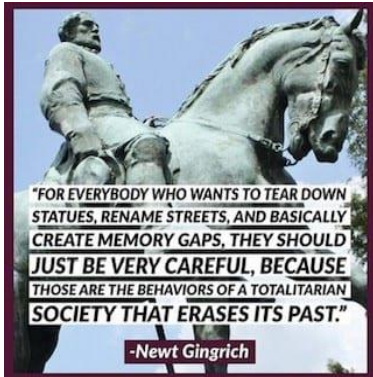
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ERASING HISTORY

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Bravery,
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intelligence,
thoughtfulness,
and many more
traits are all on full

display and provide ample evidence as to what works and what doesn't work for civilizations. Many other conservatives, even if they don't read as much about history, share that viewpoint and want to learn from and remember many of America's past important figures as a way to keep our shared history in mind.

Unfortunately, the left doesn't share that viewpoint. In their twisted view of American life, we should erase everything and anything that doesn't fit the rigid, diversity-centric worldview of today's leftists. So, they look for any example of a statue, street, or whatever that is named after someone who doesn't fit their idiotic worldview. Then, they protest, scream, and riot until weak-kneed leaders collapse and

go along with erasing history by renaming the street or tearing down the statue.

The left is wrong to tear down statues and rename buildings and streets. It's happening all over the nation, but it needs to stop immediately. Only totalitarian societies want to erase their history if it suddenly becomes uncomfortable.

America needs to remember and be proud of its heroes. Tearing down statues is unproductive and actually retards that end, which, I suppose, is the goal of the left. They want to erase our heroes so we forget our past ideals and replace them with their new ones that have been so sterilized that they no longer contain any hints of patriotism or respect of freedom

We patriots can't let that happen any longer. Stand up for your statues!

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"Protect the graves of your loved ones. Preserve from disarray God's vineyard from which the angels will gather the great harvest into God's storehouses. Do not destroy the tombstones which were erected by loving hands. Do not disturb the peace and tranquility of those who have reposed from earthly cares."

The custom of meticulously protecting graves from crude vandalism comes from very early in the Christian era, from apostolic times.

While visiting a cemetery, who has not noticed how some tombstones are broken by some daring hand, how crosses and holy images are defiled. Do not disturb the peace and tranquility of those who have reposed from earthly cares. Cemeteries are God's vineyards from which the angels will harvest the great crop into God's storehouses.

The SCV Guardian Program is a wonderful way to honor those that have passed before us.

Please consider taking part in our Guardian Program.

Contact Program Chairman Phil Davis for information. userphill97@aol.com



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Jamie Eitson	Full/GPT	8
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	40
Tommy L. Mitchell/	Full	5
George Linton		
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	33
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Bill Palmer	Full	10
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	18
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7
Frank Smith	Full	2
Mitch Tyson	Full	3
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem

GADSDEN FLAG



Christopher Gadsden was an American patriot. He led Sons of Liberty in South Carolina starting in 1765, and was later made a colonel in the Continental Army.

The Flag has a fierce rattlesnake, coiled and ready to strike, with thirteen rattles, and sporting the motto "Don't Tread on Me."

"She never begins an attack, nor, when once engaged, ever surrenders: She is therefore an emblem of magnanimity and true courage."

OUR PLEDGES



PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendent of a Confederate veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.



CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."



"Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."



Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



A PRAYER FOR AMERICA

By Joanna Fuchs

A prayer for America, that we will return to the limited government and moral principles on which we were founded and turn from materialism and self-centeredness to the "greatest commandments."

Lord, we need Your help for our country, the United States of America. We've let things slide for so long that the mountainous task before us seems insurmountable. Yet we know, as Philippians 4:13 tells us, that we can do all things through Christ, Who strengthens us.

Please strengthen us, Lord. We pray You will give us courage, energy and abundant resources to put things right, according to Your will. Help us return America to the principles and values of our Founders. Show us, Lord, how to pare away the many parts of our federal government that violate our Constitution, which clearly defines strong, sovereign states delegating a very small portion of power to a central government. In this *Prayer for America* we pray You will reveal the steps we need to take to get it done, and give us the motivation, a driving passion, to take the necessary action.

We repent, Lord, and in this *Prayer for America* we pray that you will help us do Your will. We also pray for Your direct intervention. We pray You will use your awesome and mighty power to turn this country back to You and to the Constitution that was given to us through "Divine Providence."



HISTORICAL DATES IN JULY

July 21, 1861-The Battle of Bull Run (or First Manassas), is fought near Manassas, Virginia.

July 1-3, 1863-The Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The bloodiest battle of the Civil War.

July 4, 1863-Vicksburg, Mississippi, surrenders to the Union Army under Grant.

July 10-11, 1863-Union naval and land forces attack Confederate defenses near Charleston, South Carolina.

July 13-14, 1863-Near Falling Waters, Maryland, Union troops skirmish with Lee's rearguard.

July 18, 1863-Second Assault on Battery Wagner, South Carolina.

July 9, 1864- Battle of Monocacy, Maryland.

July 11-12, 1864- Attack on the Defenses of Washington. Jubal Early's troops arrive on the outskirts of Washington, DC.

July 14-15, 1864-Battles near Tupelo, Mississippi.

July 20, 1864-Battle of Peachtree Creek, Georgia, the first major battle around the city of Atlanta.

July 21, 1864-The Battle of Atlanta. Hood's second effort to throw back Union forces under Sherman.

July 30, 1864-The Battle of the Crater at Petersburg, Virginia.



SIEGE OF CHARLESTON HARBOR

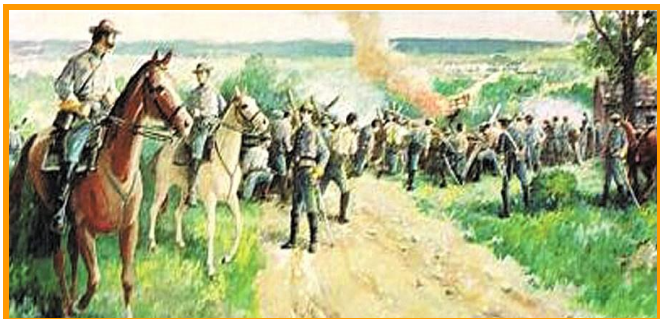
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The Second Battle of Charleston Harbor, also known as the Siege of Charleston Harbor, Siege of Fort Wagner, or Battle of Morris Island, took place during the American Civil War in the late summer of 1863 between a combined U.S. Army/Navy force and the Confederate defenses of Charleston, South Carolina.



Though a continuous enemy presence off Charleston was maintained by the Federals from May 28, 1861, when the Union navy established its blockade, Charleston did not find itself under constant attack until July 1863. Previously the city had survived the sinking of a "Stone Fleet" (old whaling vessels sunk in the shipping channel as an obstruction in late 1861 and early 1862).

On July 10, 1863, the date that Charleston newspapers declared as the start of the siege, Union troops stormed ashore and captured most of Morris Island, but they were stopped on July 11 and 18 from taking Battery Wagner. Gilmore undertook siege operations, forcing the evacuation of Wagner and Morris Island on September 7, 1863.



BATTLE OF PEACHTREE CREEK

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The Battle of Peachtree Creek was fought in Georgia on July 20, 1864, as part of the Atlanta Campaign in the American Civil War. It was the first major attack by Lt. Gen. John Bell Hood since taking command of the Confederate Army of Tennessee. The attack was against Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman's Union army which was perched on the doorstep of Atlanta. The main armies in the conflict were the Union Army of the Cumberland, commanded by Maj. Gen. George Henry Thomas and two corps of the Confederate Army of Tennessee.

Throughout the morning of July 20, the Army of the Cumberland crossed Peachtree Creek and began taking up defensive

positions. The XIV Corps, commanded by Major General John M. Palmer, took position on the right. The XX Corps, commanded by Major General Joseph Hooker took position in the center. The left was held by a single division (John Newton's) of the IV Corps, as the rest of that corps had been sent to reinforce Schofield and McPherson on the east side of Atlanta. The Union forces began preparing defensive positions, but had only partially completed them by the time the Confederate attack began.



The few hours between the Union crossing and their completion of defensive earthworks were a moment of opportunity for the Confederates. The Confederate attack was finally mounted at around four o'clock in the afternoon. On the Confederate right, Hardee's men ran into fierce opposition and were unable to make much headway, with the Southerners suffering heavy losses. The failure of the attack was largely due to faulty execution and a lack of pre-battle reconnaissance.

Although Hood's general plan was plausible, the federal forces being divided, the failure of the units to be formed and positioned prior to the Union river crossing, Hardee's failure to commit his troops fully and Hood's decision to continue the attack, when he had discovered he had lost his advantage, resulted in a severe and predictable defeat.





PETITIONS TARGET GREGG COUNTY'S CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

At this very moment, our American history is under attack. A small group of individuals have asked that our Civil War Monument on the Gregg County Courthouse Square be removed.

The call for the monument's removal is part of a national uprising against Confederate statues and symbols that began after the death of George Floyd this past month while in police custody in Minneapolis.

Gregg County was named after Confederate Brig. Gen. John Gregg. State Rep. Jay Dean, R-Longview, said Thursday that such monuments are a reminder of a dark period in America, but "we cannot rewrite history."

Please go to the link below and sign the petition to keep our monument.

www.change.org/p/gregg-county-commissioners-keep-the-monument-at-the-gregg-county-courthouse-bfeb3276-2a0d-4da1-b786-1b4f20370249



"The unhinged left-wing mob is trying to vandalize our history, desecrate our monuments, our beautiful monuments, tear down our statues and punish, cancel and persecute anyone who does not conform to their demands for absolute and total control."

"This cruel campaign of censorship and exclusion violates everything we hold dear as Americans," the president added. "They want to demolish our heritage so they can impose their new repressive regime in its place."

President Donald Trump June 20, 2020



WHY REMOVING HISTORICAL MONUMENTS IS A BAD IDEA

By: Rob Natelson

While most Americans watch helplessly, our stateside Taliban vandalizes and removes long-standing public monuments. As some commentators point out, the destruction weakens our consciousness of history. Even more importantly, however, erasing monuments of once-revered figures upsets an unspoken but long-prevailing consensus governing our decisions of whom to commemorate.

The standard traditionally applied is as follows: When deciding whom to commemorate — by statues, place names, monuments, holidays, currency, or coins — we select individuals who performed extraordinary feats that, on balance, made

the world a better place. We disregard or discount those faults common to the individual's time and place.

There are at least two reasons for not permitting contemporaneous vices to disqualify historical figures from favorable commemoration. First, virtually everyone acts in ways consistent with contemporaneous social norms—norms of which later generations may disapprove. Common faults are, by definition, common. Second, because almost everyone conforms in most respects to prevailing social practices, disqualification for such conduct is necessarily arbitrary and driven more by politics than by merit. The fact that a particular vice prevailed in a person's place and time becomes an excuse for stripping recognition from people whose lives contradict the propaganda of those in power.

In some cases, moreover, politics induces decision makers to ignore the traditional standards. But the traditional standard does help minimize political manipulation of history. Perhaps that is precisely why the standard is flouted by those who want to politicize everything.



State sovereignty is the ultimate bulwark against Federal tyranny. Our founding fathers understood this truth and accepted it as a given.

The Original Constitution created a limited Federal government. The sovereign states through a compact we refer to as the

Constitution of the United States, created an agent—the Federal government—to serve the will of “we the people” within our respective sovereign states.

Real States' Rights is the only means available to “we the people” to enforce the limitations imposed by the Constitution upon the Federal government.



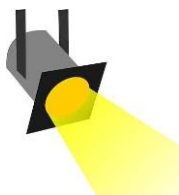
GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S GUIDANCE

Kltv.com June 22nd

At a press conference this afternoon, Governor Greg Abbott said if the spike continues, further action will be necessary. “To state the obvious, COVID-19 is now spreading at an unacceptable rate in Texas and it must be corralled,” Abbott said. He warned Texans to follow the prevention measures put in place by the CDC, warning that while closing Texas is the last option, it is still an option.

“Stay at home if you can, sanitize your hands, try to stay six feet away from others that you're not traveling with, and if you cannot stay a safe distance, wear a face mask, or a face covering,” Abbott said. More than 3500 new cases are being reported each day. To help slow the spread of the virus, Abbott again stressed the importance of wearing masks and maintaining that 6-foot rule.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The 1945 Document below spotlights our Camp's elder, Real Grandson and Guardian.

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Section 1 Award of Distinguished Flying Cross.

3. By direction of the President under Ar 600-45 as amended and pursuant to authority contained in circular 73 MTOUSA 12 May 1945 the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to William F. Palmer O-784528 1st. Lt. Air Corps, United States Army.

XXXXX On 17 April, 1945 Lt. Palmer was serving as pilot of a light bombardment aircraft in a damaging raid on Vipitino Italy. During the attack, his plane became a focal point for a severe barrage of enemy anti-aircraft fire and received several direct hits, which impaired both engines. Keeping the crippled plane under control, with disregard for his personal safety, he continued his attack until the target was destroyed. Such an exhibition of courage and superb airmanship reflects great credit both on himself and on the United States Army Air Forces.

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By command of Major General CHIDLAW:
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T. R. HORNADAY Brigadier General, GSC
Colonel AGD, Chief of Staff.
Adjutant General

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R. A. OLSEN
Capt. AC
Personnel Officer



THOSE STRANGE TOWN NAMES

By: Bob Bowman

While some early East Texans named their towns for families, their hometowns or landmarks, others were a tad more creative.



LickSkillet

Lick Skillet is a name that courses through the history of rural East Texas. For more than a hundred years or so, it has been attached to communities, creeks, roads and anything else where people have a sense of humor.

The name supposedly came about when newcomers arrived late for a community dinner and found that all of the food had been consumed, leading someone to admonish them to "lick the skillet."



Chickenfeather

In Rusk County around 1901, a group of young boys decided to go hunting one autumn night, but failed to bag any game.

Late in the night, feeling hungry, they swiped a couple of chickens from a farmer, built a fire behind New Hope Church, roasted the chickens and satisfied their hunger.

To hide the evidence of their theft, they tossed the chicken feathers and viscera into a water well from which churchgoers and school children drew their water each day.

Contaminated with the chickens' remains,

the well had to be cleaned out and salted to restore the water to drinkable quality. Thereafter, New Hope was better known as Chickenfeather.



FACT NOT FICTION

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Average yearly rainfall totals in West Texas are less than 8 inches while in East Texas totals exceed 56 inches. Texas climate statistics

Texas has 90 mountains a mile or more high, with Guadalupe Peak in West Texas at 8,751 feet being the tallest.

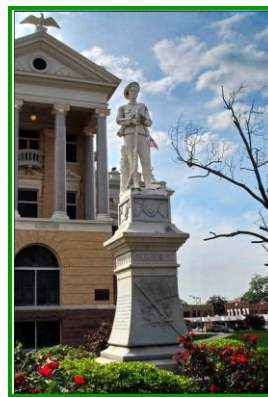
The land area of Texas is larger than all of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois combined. It extends 801 miles from north to south and 773 miles from east to west.

Texas blue topaz was chosen as the state gemstone. Its crystal-like appearance occurs in many natural colors including blue, orange, brown, green, pink, beige and red.

Texas's state insect is the beautiful monarch butterfly. This type of butterfly is special because it is the only species of butterfly that does not hibernate, but migrates in changing seasons.

The Armor-plated armadillo is the official state small mammal.

The Texas State moto is "Friendship."



PETITION TO REMOVE CONFEDERATE STATUE

*Marshall News Messenger
June 26, 2020*

A petition aiming to have the confederate statue outside of the Harrison County Courthouse in downtown Marshall removed has reached over 1,000 signatures in two days. The petition was officially started six days ago, but gained traction in the last 48 hours.

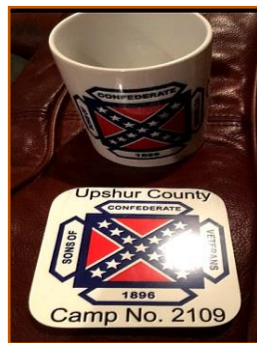
President of Marshall Against Violence, Demetria McFarland, began the petition, stating that she considered the statue a symbol of white supremacy. "This is a symbol of the history of one race, the white race," McFarland said.

The statue stands on the East side of the Harrison County Courthouse and was erected in 1905 by the Marshall Chapter No. 412 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The monument was dedicated January 16, 1906, on Robert E. Lee's birthday.

The petition itself has been met with mixed reviews from the community. A portion of the community has spoken out against the statue removal, claiming that removing the monument would be equivalent to erasing portions of local history.



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any Camp Officer.



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