

December 12th 1916

It is ordered by the Court that the United Daughters of Southern Confederacy be granted the privilege of erecting a monument and Drinking Fountain in the Court-Yard, the location shall be by and with the approval of the Fiscal Court.

It is ordered by the Court that the following claims be allowed and certified to the Treasurer of Callaway County for payment - of the County Levy of 1916 General Fund, to wit:

G. W. Storeland	1 day attendance Fiscal Court	\$ 3.00
L. C. Jones	"	3.00
J. P. Myers	"	3.00
L. E. Padford	"	2.00
W. H. Willis	"	2.00
Eugene Woodall	"	3.00
J. E. Yorkrough	"	2.00
J. C. Orzechewski	"	2.00

Minutes read, signed and approved in the presence of all the magistrates and ordered that - Court adjourn until Tuesday after Second Monday in January 1917.

- J. L. Langston, C. C.

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It is ordered by the Court - that - the action of L. R. Langston in executing his note to the Bank of Murray for four thousand dollars which was placed in the Road and Bridge Fund and used for Road and Bridge purposes be the same is hereby approved by this Court. It is now ordered that said Langston as Judge of the Callaway County Court - have a warrant - on the Road and Bridge Fund for the payment of this note.

It is ordered by the Court - that - the Clerk of this Court draw warrant for \$93.75 - against - the Funding Bond Fund in favor of the First National Bank of Murray in payment of a note executed by L. R. Langston on September 10th 1916 to pay interest on Funding Bond due September 12th 1916

It is ordered by the Court - that the United Daughters of Southern Confederacy be granted the privilege of erecting a monument and dedicating it in the Court - yard, the location shall be by and with the approval of the Fiscal Court.

Agreed
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Wilson +
Wyatt

Hillman, Feb. 20--Sept. 24, 1921
Alpha C., Dec. 23, 1879--May 27, 1956 (with Elsie Scott)

BOWMAN CEMETERY

Bourland	William Crane, Jan. 6, 1832--Aug. 12, 1874
Bourland	Augustine Nathaniel, March 2, 1860--Oct. 31, 1932, no stone
Bowman	Mary, dau of James & Sarah Holley, born March 18, 1807, married Nathan Bowman June 28, 1829, died April 17, 1877
Bowman	*Nathan, son of Curtis & Mary, Nov. 28, 1804--May 27, 1872
Bowman	*Nathaniel Oliver, son of Nathan & Mary, born June 28, 1836, wounded in Battle of Stone River TN while fighting for the lost cause December 31, 1863, died in U.S. Hospital at Murfreesboro about one month thereafter
Bowman	Martha Augusta, dau of N & M, Dec. 24, 1846--May, 1848
Harding	Richard M., son of HW & Eliz., April 29, 1838--Aug. 22, 1872
Holt	*Oscar, March 13, 1844--Nov. 5, 1863, Co. F, 1 KY Infantry, CS
Holt	Courtney, son of Oscar & Josie, Oct. 6, 1869--Dec. 8, 1886
Holt	Emily, dau of SJ, died May 1854, age 1 year 4 months
Holt	Rufus A., MD, whose ashes are scattered on the graves of his ancestors the Bowmans and Holts, 1890-1952
Holt	Dr. James Patterson, Jan. 26, 1813--Feb. 11, 1879
Holt	Julia Hodge, wife of JP, 1827-1895
Quisenberry	Catherine S, dau of SC & NJ Thompson, June 21, 1822-- --- 19, 1852
Scott	Opal, Sept. 20, 1915--March 25, 1917, no stone
Scott	Finus, son of SM & SE, Dec. 10, 1875--Jan. 7, 1902
Scott	Susan, wife of SM, March 28, 1841--Sept 23, 1904
Scott	*Samuel M., Aug. 16, 1849--Jan. 11, 1911
Scott	Melvin, son of MM & Martha, died Oct. 16, 1912, age 6, 4 mos.
Scott	Minnie Montgomery, Dec. 26, 1868--June 3, 1923
Scott	Martha, Feb. 24, 1858--Dec. 10, 1914, no stone
Stubblefield	Nathan Beverly, inventor of wireless telephony, or radio, November 22, 1860--March 28, 1928
Stubblefield	Lewis Shelley, son of WJ & V, died July 28, 1865, age 1-1-1
Stubblefield	Victoria Bowman, wife of WJ, died Jan. 23, 1872, age 32-2
Stubblefield	Henry Lee, son of WJ & VF, died July 23, 1872, age 9 mos. 27 d.
Stubblefield	William Jefferson, Aug. 4, 1830--Aug. 1, 1874
Stubblefield	Mary Louise, died 1870, age 5 mos., dau. of WJ & VB
Thompson	Horace A., son of HW & Eliz., April 29, 1838--Aug. 22, 1872
Thompson	*General A.P., 3d KY Brigade, CSA, who fell before the works at Paducah, KY, March 25, 1864, age 35 years, 22 days
Thompson	Mary Jane Bowman, wife of AP, dau. of N & M Bowman
Thompson	June 14, 1831--April 8, 1853, professed religion 1847
Thompson	Harriette Harding, wife of AP, Dec. 18, 1836--Feb. 20, 1861

BOYD CEMETERY

Bean
J.R.L.
Cox

infant daughter of AA & MJ, died Jan. 7, 1868
footstone
members of Cox family: stones gone

**Kentucky Division United Daughters of the Confederacy
Artifact and Monument Inventory
2019**

BARDSTOWN CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

801 North Third Street, Bardstown, KY

Cost \$880. Current day value \$25,171.20

Purchased and erected 1905 by Ladies Memorial Association Mrs. A.B. Baldwin, President.

Ownership transferred to the J. Crepps Wickliffe Chapter #332 UDC, Bardstown.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 10/17/1899 – 6/25/1928

Monument vandalized during the night of 16 MAY 2019 and early morning of 17 MAY 2019 with orange/red paint. Active criminal investigation underway by Bardstown City Police. City Cemetery Sexton working with Jason Church to find a way to remove the paint from the zinc cast monument.

BOWLING GREEN CAPITOL CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Main Street at Fountain Square Park, Bowling Green, KY

Unveiled 10 DEC 1949 by KY Division UDC and Mrs. John L. Woodbury past President General

CADIZ CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

41 Main Street, Cadiz, KY

Erected late 1913/dedicated 3 JUN 1914 by Alex Poston Chapter #387 UDC, Cadiz.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 5/22/1900 – 3/22/1940

CALIFORNIA FLAGG SPRINGS CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Flagg Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, 12204 Flagg Springs Pike, California, KY

Erected OCT 1914 by Mrs. Basil Duke Chapter #1422 UDC, Fort Thomas.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 9/18/1912 – 3/22/1940

CAMP BEAUREGARD CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL

Camp Beauregard Cemetery, State Rd. 2422, Water Valley, KY.

1909 the KY Division UDC placed a small monument at the cemetery site entrance.

20 OCT 1920, an eleven foot boulder marking the cantonment was unveiled and dedicated by the Kentucky Division with UDC President General Mrs. Roy W. McKinney, of Kentucky, in attendance. A concrete base was added in 1930.

CAMPELLSVILLE TEBBS BEND CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Tebbs Bend Road, Campbellsville, KY

Erected by CSA Veteran R.S. Kemper on grounds with permission of UDC.

DANVILLE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

McDowell Park, Corner of Main and College Streets, Danville, KY

Cost \$2,218. Current Value \$58,768.13

Erected by Kate Morrison Breckinridge Chapter #454, Danville. Dedicated 20 MAY 1910.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 4/5/1901 –

Anonymous message to Kentucky Division Facebook page 29 APR 2019 alerted Division to the vote of the Danville First Presbyterian Church Session to remove the memorial stone from the Old Presbyterian Church burial grounds in McDowell Park. The church pastor, Caroline Kelly, was contacted at 859-236-6692 to discuss the Division's ownership and mediate the proposed adverse actions.

FULTON CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Fairview Cemetery, Hwy. UD 45 & N. Highland Streets, Fulton, KY

Erected 1902 by Col. Ed Crossland Chapter #347 UDC, Fulton.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 11/21/1899 - 1933

HICKMAN CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL GATE

Hickman City Cemetery, KY Hwy. 125 & 1099, Hickman, KY

\$10,000. Current day value \$251,712.

Erected and dedicated 7 NOV 1914 by Pvt. Robert Tyler Chapter #720 UDC, Hickman. 11/2/1903 - 1947

LEXINGTON JOHN HUNT MORGAN/MORGAN'S MEN CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

\$15,000. Current day value \$397,440.

Erected and dedicated 18 OCT 1911 by KY Division UDC.

Media reported removal to storage by LFUCG in OCT 2017. Media reported upper (statue portion) back in public view as of 24 JUL 2018. City of Lexington disputes Division ownership of monument.

MADISONVILLE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

30 South Main Street, Madisonville, KY

\$2,000. Current day value \$55,321.32

Erected and dedicated 1909 by A.E. Rees Chapter #622 UDC, Madisonville and Earlington Chapter #1169 UDC, Earlington.

Ownership A. E. Rees Chapter transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 12/12/1902 - 1933

Ownership Earlington Chapter transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 10/1/1908 - 8/1/1913

MAYFIELD CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

Graves County Courthouse, 101 E. South Street, Mayfield, KY

\$1,650. Current day value \$32,447.25

Erected and dedicated 7 JUL 1917 by Mayfield Chapter #351 UDC, Mayfield.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 4/26/1899 - Defunct

MAYFIELD CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL GATES

611 N. 5th Street, Mayfield, KY

\$467. Current day value \$5,877.48

Erected and dedicated 1920 by Mayfield Chapter #351 UDC, Mayfield

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 4/26/1899 - Defunct

Reported missing after 1982.

OLD WASHINGTON ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Mason County Old Washington Courthouse Lot, Old Main Street, Maysville, KY

Erected and dedicated 1932 by KY Division UDC.

Fundraising begun 1914 by Dr. Basil C. Duke Chapter #300 UDC, Maysville. - Defunct

OWENSBORO CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Daviess County Courthouse Square, Third and Frederica Streets, Owensboro, KY

\$3,500. Current day value \$104,880.

Erected and dedicated 21 SEP 1900 by John C. Breckinridge Chapter #306 UDC, Owensboro.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 5/6/1899 - Defunct

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OWENSBORO ST. JOSEPH CONFEDERATE MARTYRS MONUMENT

Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery, KY Hwy. 56, Maple Mount, KY

Erected and unveiled 15 NOV 1914 by John C. Breckinridge Chapter #306 UDC, Owensboro.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 5/6/1899 - Defunct

OWENSBORO SUTHERLAND HILL CONFEDERATE MONUMENT AT PANTHER CREEK

U.S. Hwy. 431 and Sharp Road, Owensboro, KY

Erected and unveiled 17 NOV 1940 by John C. Breckinridge Chapter #306 UDC, Owensboro.

Property beneath monument deeded to chapter by Dr. C.L. Medley

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 5/6/1899 - Defunct

OWINGSVILLE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Owingsville Cemetery, Cemetery Street, Owingsville, KY

Erected and dedicated 3 AUG 1907 by Bath County Chapter #393 UDC, Owingsville.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 6/1990 – 8/1/1913

PRESTONBURG CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

Floyd County Courthouse Lawn, East Court and South Central Streets, Prestonburg, KY

Erected and dedicated 1940 by Greenville Davidson Chapter #1904 UDC, Prestonburg.

Ownership transferred to KY Division UDC upon chapter disbandment. 6/9/1926 – 1982

Base destroyed by local government 1963. Plaque remounted smaller base and preserved.

RUSSELLVILLE CONFEDERATE SOVEREIGNTY CONVENTION MEMORIAL STONE

Russellville City Park, Fourth and Main Streets, Russellville, KY

Unveiled 10 DEC 1949 by KY Division UDC and Mrs. John L. Woodbury past President General

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JEFFERSON DAVIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY MARKERS

Kentucky's Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway runs from Kentucky, his birthplace, on towards the Tennessee State line and then southward to Beauvoir, Mississippi, where Davis lived in later years.

Along U.S. 68, from Bowling Green – Kentucky's Confederate Capitol, this auxillary route meanders through Russellville (site of the State's Sovereignty Convention in November 1861 where 116 delegates convened and elected George W. Johnson as governor of the provisional government and chose Bowling Green as its capital), Fairview (Davis' birthplace), Hopkinsville, Cadiz, Benton, and then to Paducah were the route took an "L" shape turn and followed U.S. 45 to Mayfield.

The highway route was featured in printed material published and distributed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis National Highway Committee in 1948 and 1960. Copies of those brochures part of the Kentucky Division UDC Artifact and Monument Inventory Files.

KY DIVISION ARTIFACTS

SILVER BOWL – Placed on permanent loan to National SCV Museum at Historic Elm Springs in Columbia, TN by 2019 Division assembled in convention at Princeton, KY

EDNA SHEWCRAFT MACON MINT JULEP CUP – Award for Best Chapter Southern Literature & Arts Report

DOROTHY REEVES MINT JULEP CUP – Award for Chapter with Largest Membership Increase

WOODBURY BANNER – Award for Chapter with Best Historical Work

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KY DIVISION INVENTORY OF CHAPTER OWNED PROPERTY

Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #120

MARTYR MONUMENT

Jeffersontown Cemetery-3702 Billtown Road, Louisville KY

Erected and dedicated 11 JUNE 1904 by the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #120, Louisville

J. N. Williams Chapter #805

MURRAY CONFEDERATE MONUMENT/FOUNTAIN

Northeast corner of Calloway County Courthouse Lawn, 312 N. Fourth Street, Murray, KY

\$2,250. Current day value \$44,246.25

Erected and dedicated MAY 1917 by J.N. Williams Chapter #805 UDC, Murray.

Tom Johnson Chapter #886

PRINCETON CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL

Caldwell County Courthouse Lawn, 105 West Court Square, Princeton, KY

\$1,600. Current day value \$1,062.

Erected and unveiled 16 NOV 1912 by Tom Johnson Chapter #886 UDC, Princeton.

JEFFERSON DAVIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY MARKER AT CADIZ

\$1,000. Current day value \$1,062.

The 1935 monument erected at this site and dedicated by the Kentucky Division was damaged with part of the highway name missing causing a new stone to be erected alongside the original marker. Erected, unveiled and dedicated in 2014 by Tom Johnson Chapter #886 UDC, Princeton.

Paducah Chapter #341

GENERAL LLOYD TILGHMAN STATUE

Lang Park, 350 Fountain Avenue, at Paducah, KY

Erected and dedicated 1909 by the Paducah Chapter #341, Paducah. The chapter raised \$5,000 for the purchase of the pink granite pedestal and base to accept a \$10,000 life size bronze statue of General Tilghman presented by his sons for dedication. *The base of the monument was hit on 8 MAY 2019 by a drunk driver with the lower stone chipped and moved from its position. The city of Paducah provided both police reporting of the accident and oversaw the repair of damage from the impact during August 2019.*

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Name: Calloway County Courthouse

Location: Town square

Owner: Calloway County Judge Executive
County Courthouse
Murray, KY 42071

Classification: Building

Description: The Calloway County Courthouse is a three-story brick structure designed in the Classical Revival style and erected in 1913. The courthouse sits in the middle of the Murray town square and is surrounded on four sides by the downtown commercial district. The courthouse is constructed of buff-color brick with stone details, such as quoins, window lintels, and beltcourses. Each of the four sides of the courthouse has a three-story Classical portico with Ionic columns supporting a frieze and triangular pediment. A bracketed cornice runs around the building. On top of the building is a eight-sided cupola with a dome top and dormer clocks on four sides. The only original features on the interior are the iron staircase bannisters and marble wainscoting. A stone Confederate War memorial with a statue of Robert E. Lee stands at the northeast corner of the square.

Significance: The Calloway County Courthouse stands today because of one of the most unusual examples of election tampering in the history of the Jackson Purchase. The original Calloway County Courthouse was constructed when the county seat was moved to Murray from Wadesboro in 1843. The courthouse burned in 1906, leaving on the courthouse square the small brick County Clerk office and the Confederate monument. The monument was a gift to the county by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Mr. Henry Dees. This monument is noteworthy because it is the only Confederate monument in the South that does not face square north. Local observers noted that Mr. Dees positioned the monument in a northeast direction to face his bank.

After the courthouse burned in 1906, court sessions were conducted in a building on the south side of the square. Bond issue votes to construct a new courthouse failed twice. A \$40,000 courthouse bond issue was proposed again in 1912. Proponents for the bond issue cried out that it was a shame on Calloway County to be without a courthouse. Opponents to the bond issue shuddered at the indebtedness imposed on future generations.

The election was held on the first Tuesday in November in 1912. The vote again failed to receive the two-thirds majority necessary for passage. The ballots and tally sheets were left in the county clerk's office on the square. During the night, a courthouse proponent slipped into an unlocked window and altered the tally sheets.

The next day, a recount was demanded by courthouse proponents and the county clerk discovered a gross error in his counting. He announced

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that the bond issue had passed by two-thirds majority plus 51 votes.

No one challenged the vote. The bonds were sold at public auction, netting \$40,679. The cornerstone laying ceremony in 1913 was a festive event with more than 5000 people attending and R. T. Wells speaking. The courthouse was constructed within 200 days and opened for business. The Calloway County Courthouse continues to serve the needs of the local people and stands as a beloved local landmark.

Acreage: Approximately 1 acre.

UTM references: (Murray quadrangle) 16/383540/4052220

Verbal Boundary Description: The Calloway County Courthouse is shown on accompanying Murray tax maps as Block 1. The courthouse is surrounded by Main Street on the north, South 4th street on the east, Maple Street on the south, and South 5th Street on the west.

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(Murray Kentucky MRA)

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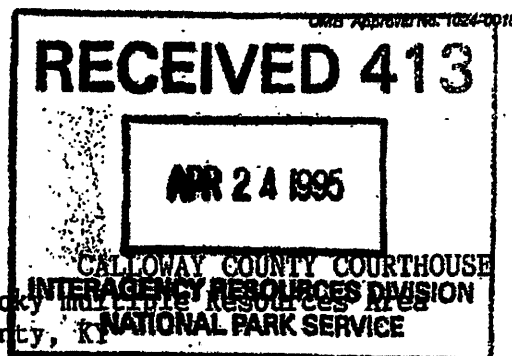
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Murray Confederate Memorial Calloway County, KY

Description

The Murray Confederate Memorial is a granite and marble sculpture located at the northeast corner of the Calloway County Courthouse Square in Murray, Kentucky. It was erected in 1917 and has seen few physical changes since that time.

The Murray Confederate Memorial stands approx. 16.5 ft tall. The base of the memorial is a square, with approx. 8.5 ft sides. The memorial itself is divided into two sections. The bottom section of the memorial is a drinking fountain. The top portion of the memorial features a statue of Robert E. Lee (approx. 5.5 ft tall) supported on a platform above the water fountain by four pillars (each approx. 6 ft in length) and surrounded by four decorative cannonballs. Most of the memorial is constructed of granite, with the exception of the drinking fountain itself (which is constructed of steel and porcelain) and the statue and cannonballs (which are constructed of marble). Above the drinking fountain is a steel light fixture (approx. 2 ft diameter).

The base of the Lee statue features several inscriptions including its erection date: "MURRAY KY MAY, 1917", the name of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) chapter that sponsored it: "ERECTED BY J.N. WILLIAMS CHAPTER, U.D.C.", and the inscriptions "IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE" and "CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS" on the remaining two sides of the statue. A brass plate is attached to the bottom of the statue recognizing Effie Gatlin, the founder of the Murray UDC chapter: "TRIBUTE TO EFFIE OURY GATLIN, CHAIRMAN MONUMENT COMMITTEE, 1913-1917". The memorial stands on the northeast corner of the courthouse lawn facing the main branch of the Bank of Murray.

The water fountain itself was turned off sometime between 1945 and 1954 and a wrought iron railing was put up blocking it off. This was apparently done because of vandalism and a problem with freezing water lines. The statue has also seen periodic vandalism. All of the original lights above the water fountain have been broken out, the Lee statue's sword has been broken, and two decorative cannonballs beside the statue were broken off. Only the cannonballs have been replaced (sometime between 1988-89). But, aside from this, the memorial has remained essentially intact and unchanged since 1917.

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**Murray Confederate Memorial
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Statement of Significance

The Murray Confederate Memorial is historically significant for its association with the "Lost Cause" movement which swept through the South beginning shortly after the Civil War and continuing well into the twentieth century. The memorial is a typical example of the Lost Cause memorial at the peak of the movement, when the forces of commercialization had begun to infiltrate the UDC and the UCV (United Confederate Veterans) organizations.

Historical background and significance

The "Lost Cause" movement began within a generation after the Civil War, as Reconstruction in the South came to an end. The movement began among Southern citizens attempting to deal with the reality of Confederate defeat in the War. During Reconstruction, a new myth had emerged in the South to reconcile the reality of defeat with the wartime belief that the Confederacy was divinely sanctioned. The basis of this myth was the belief that the Confederacy was a "lost cause" which was historically doomed to failure due to the overwhelming numerical superiority of its enemy (the Union). Accompanying this myth was the belief that the men who had fought for the Confederacy were especially valiant for fighting for a cause that they knew was doomed. By the end of Reconstruction this myth had evolved into the Lost Cause movement. With the Lost Cause, Southerners were able to accept the Confederacy's defeat (reconciling themselves with the Union) while still being able to honor their Confederate Veterans as heroes.

Soon veteran's and citizen's organizations began to spring up throughout the South with the intent of honoring the veterans of the Confederacy, both dead and alive. Some of the most popular were the United Confederate Veterans (UCV), The United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), and the United Sons of Confederate Veterans (USCV). The most enduring of these organizations was the UDC, with chapters spread across the South in virtually every Southern town (and even some Western and Northern towns).

The UDC engaged in a variety of activities. UDC chapters

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attempted to introduce Lost Cause interpretation history texts into local schools. Chapters donated food and clothing to Confederate veterans and their families. They held Confederate most noticeable activities involved their work to have local Confederate memorials erected in local cemeteries and on local courthouse lawns. In the early stages of the Lost Cause movement, most of these memorials were erected in cemeteries and featured classical symbols of mourning. Of the 94 Confederate memorials erected between 1865 and 1885, 64 were erected in cemeteries. But soon after the end of Reconstruction, the UDC began erecting most of its memorials on courthouse lawns and they often featured depictions of Confederate heroes or common Confederate soldiers. Of the 306 memorials erected between 1900 and 1912, 241 were erected in town (only 38 were erected in cemeteries during the same time).

The J.N. Williams chapter of the UDC in Murray, Kentucky was very much a typical chapter of the UDC for its time. Murray, though located in a border state, had been heavily pro-Confederate during the Civil War. And so some time after the War, it developed strong chapters of both the UCV and the UDC. The J.N. Williams chapter of the UDC was founded in 1904 by members of the Paducah, Kentucky UDC chapter in alliance with Murray citizens and the Murray UCV chapter. J.N. Williams, for whom the chapter was named, was the president of the Murray UCV chapter at the time and helped to organize the UDC chapter. Almost immediately the chapter began organizing Confederate Memorial Day celebrations and raising money for a memorial to be placed on the courthouse lawn. Their fund raising activities culminated in 1917 with the purchase of a combination drinking fountain/statue memorial from the McNeel Marble Company of Marietta, Georgia.

The company that constructed the memorial was by far the most well known of all the companies around the turn of the century that specialized in Confederate memorials. The McNeel Marble Co. was notorious in its solicitation of UDC business. The persistent company advertised in the Confederate Veteran magazine (the official magazine of the UDC and UCV), its agents travelled the country speaking to UDC chapters, and it offered special

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financing to the UDC. McNeel even supplied local UDC chapters with postcards of their proposed memorial to help raise money for it. The combination drinking fountain/statue was one of McNeel's most popular models (varieties of it were erected in Quitman, Georgia; Ellisville, Mississippi; Luray, Virginia; El Dorado, Arkansas; St. Matthews, South Carolina; and both Cadiz and Murray, Kentucky). And it is the model that many historians feel represented the peak of the commercialization of the Lost Cause.

The memorial cost the Murray UDC chapter \$2,500 (\$500 of which was financed). It was erected in the courthouse square in July, 1917. The erection and unveiling of the memorial was overshadowed by U.S. entry into World War I, and so the usual pomp and ceremony which accompanied the unveiling of a Confederate memorial was neglected. The memorial's location at the northeast corner of the courthouse lawn was apparently due to a request by the president of the Bank of Murray, a contributor to the UDC, that the statue of Lee face his bank (though a conveniently placed water line also played a role). Aside from the gloom which pervaded the ceremonies due to WWI, there was also some disappointment expressed by some local citizens who weren't satisfied with the memorial's depiction of Robert E. Lee.

Over the years the Murray Confederate Memorial has fallen victim to the decline of the Lost Cause movement. The movement began its decline after about 1920. In the 1960's the Lost Cause was dealt what many historians feel was its final blow with the advent of Revisionist historical interpretation of Southern history and the Civil Rights Movement. The J.N. Williams chapter of the UDC is still alive in Murray, but it has grown progressively weaker over the years and may now be in its last years. The memorial has suffered accordingly with physical deterioration. But the memorial has found its way into new traditions in Murray, including a long standing tradition among the two local high schools in which students race to the Lee statue at graduation to see who can be the first to dress Lee in a cap and gown. Such traditions are a long way from the grandeur of the Lost Cause, but they nonetheless allow the Murray Confederate Memorial to remain a vital part of the community's (and the South's) history.

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History, J.N.Williams Chapter, U.D.C.

The J.N.Williams Chapter, U.D.C. of this place, was organized May 4, 1904, at the home of Mrs. Effie Gatlin by Mrs. Annie Schroader and Mrs. W.S. Swann, (then members of the Paducah Chapter) with the following members: Eunice E. Oury, President; Mrs. Ambie Conner, vice-president; Rowena Williams, recording secretary; Mrs. Annie Schroader, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Mrs. W.S. Swann, Alice Linn Boyd, Mrs. Mary E. Williams, and Mabel Shipley. During the time we have enrolled fifty-four and lost by death and demit seventeen, giving us now a membership of thirty-seven. We named our chapter for J.N. Williams, commander of the "H.B. Lyon Camp, U.V.C. a brave soldier, who left an arm on the field of Gettysburg, and who has recently been honored with a commission as Colonel on the staff of General Bennett H. Young. The J.N. Williams Chapter has the distinction of putting on foot a movement by which the general organization hopes to purchase and maintain the home of Robert E. Lee which stands in the Arlington National Cemetery.

It also had a part in building the Morgan monument in Lexington Kentucky, and the Arlington monument of which we have already made mention. It contributes each year to the following memorial and educational funds: Shiloh, Camp Beauregard, the Kentucky Room at Richmond, Virginia and the Hindman scholarship. We have also contributed our "mite" towards the Confederate Home at Peewee Valley. Our chapter has been represented at various state conventions, and was once honored by furnishing the state historian for the Kentucky Division, which position was filled by Mrs. W.S. Swann for two consecutive years---at the expiration of her term, a State Educational Committee was created to supplement the historian's work, and she was elected its first chairman, which place she has filled two years. We pay each year not only our chapter dues, but also state and national. In addition to the above, we have, during our organization, bestowed 85 Crosses of Honor---these little bronze emblems are of little intrinsic worth, but invaluable for what they represent, for they tell of valor not surpassed by Balaklara or Thermopylae. General Stephen D. Lee in one of his last messages said: "I urge monuments to the Confederate soldiers, first, for the sake of the dead, but most of all for the sake of the living, that in this busy, industrial age these tablets and stones to our soldiers, may stand like great interogation marks to the soul of the beholder. We must not overtax posterity, by expecting those who come after us to erect memorials to the heroes whom our generation was unwilling to honor." Our Historian General says: "It is now regarded as a stigma of reproach to that town or city where no monument has been raised."

Realizing the truth thus eloquently expressed, and fired by that patriotism which prompted its organization, the J.N. Williams Chapter decided that Calloway County must have a monument, and immediately set to work to build it. The Statue of Liberty in New York harbor stands with a flaming torch in Liberty's hand, so that all the world may see by the aid of her light, as it illuminates the waters. We want our monument to be a patriotic lighthouse throwing the light of history and truth on the events of the war between the states to the generations yet unborn in Calloway County. This memorial will cost twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, half of which

has already been raised---we had hoped to have the full amount in and to have realized its completion by the third of June, and we believe we could have done it but for the European war and the cry of "hard times." The statue of Robt.E.Lee, which will adorn the canopy over the drinking fountain, will be made in Italy---but on account of the war, this part of the work will necessarily be delayed however, under the skillful management of our worthy president, Mrs. Chas. Smith, our efficient chairman, Mrs. Effie Gatlin, and with the improved financial condition of the county, it is our ambition to witness the unveiling at an early date. So we take this opportunity to make a strong appeal to every citizen in the county, to rally to the support of the committee, that they may finish creditably and with honor to the organization, this monument to our old soldiers. With a feeling of consecration to our service, and the knowledge that our motives are lofty, our cause just and our efforts noble, the J.N.Williams Chapter will "Look to the end.:

"Furl that banner, true 'tis gory
But 'tis wreathed around with glory,
And 'twill live in song and story
Though its folds are in the dust.
And its fame on brightest pages
Penned by poets and by sages
Shall go sounding down the ages
Furl its folds though now we must."

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