

**A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB
COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO RELOCATE THE RELIC CANNON LOCATED ON
THE CITY OF DECATUR SQUARE**

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 36-9-2 authorizes counties to exercise control of all property belonging to the County;

WHEREAS, the City of Decatur Square is owned by DeKalb County (Title Opinion, Exhibit “A”);

WHEREAS, a mounted cannon was placed on the Decatur Square in 1906 by the Agnes Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (“Relic Cannon”), but present-day ownership of that cannon is unknown (Title Opinion, Exhibit “A”);

WHEREAS, no documentation has been found to establish that the Relic Cannon was dedicated to or accepted by DeKalb County or that the Relic Cannon is publicly owned;

WHEREAS, the Relic Cannon is mounted on a base with an inscription that reads, in its entirety, “Relic of the Indian War of 1836. Mounted by Agnes Lee Chapter U.D.C. No 434. Apr. 26, 1906.”;

WHEREAS, the Relic Cannon, according to historical records and scholarship, is of unknown origin and provenance and thus cannot be accurately attributed or dedicated to any particular historical or military entity or event, including the Indian War of 1836 (Historical Society Records, Exhibit “B”);

WHEREAS, the Relic Cannon’s inscription specifies that the cannon is a “relic”, as opposed to a dedication or memorial that would be subject to the terms of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1;

WHEREAS, although the Relic Cannon is of unknown provenance, the plaque affixed to the side asserts that it is a relic from the “Indian War of 1836”,

WHEREAS, the Relic Cannon has been the focus of much public discussion, a petition for removal, and various protest and rallies; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, the Governing Authority desires to remove the Relic Cannon from the Decatur Square and house it in an appropriate storage facility while the Governing Authority takes steps to notify potential owners and allow the rightful owner(s), if they can be found, to reclaim and retrieve the Relic Cannon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County as follows:

1. The Relic Cannon is not publicly-owned and is not a monument as that terms is defined by state law;
2. That the Relic Cannon shall be moved to an appropriate storage facility by County staff within ninety (90) days from the adoption and approval of this resolution; and

3. The County Attorney is directed to place a notice in the County's legal organ to advise the public and potential owners of this Resolution and ownership issues related to the Relic Cannon and to report back to the Governing Authority if any potential owners can provide any indicia of ownership of the Relic Cannon.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of ____, 2021.

STEPHEN R. BRADSHAW

Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer, this ____ day of ____, 2021.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND

Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC

County Clerk
Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer

ZACHARY L. WILLIAMS

Chief Operating Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES

County Attorney
DeKalb County, Georgia

EXHIBIT A



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TITLE MEMORANDUM

Date: May 11, 2021
File No.: 84778
Date Examined: April 30, 2021
To: DeKalb County
Client File No.: Cannon on Decatur Square

To: Noah Priest-Goodsett, Assistant County Attorney
DeKalb County Government
Law Department
1300 Maloof Building
4th Floor
Decatur, GA 30030

Re: Indian War of 1836 Cannon Monument
101 East Court Square, Decatur, GA
Old DeKalb County Courthouse Parcel 15-246-04-058

We were retained to determine the ownership of the land where a specific cannon monument is located within Decatur, Georgia. The cannon subject to this search is generally described as follows and hereinafter referred to as the "Cannon":

1. The Cannon has an unknown original manufacture date but according to historical records was, in part, used during the Indian War of 1836.
2. The Cannon was mounted and placed within the Decatur Square on or around April 26, 1906, by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.
3. It is likely that as other historical markers and monuments have been moved over the years within the City of Decatur, and therefore the Cannon may not be in the exact location as originally placed.

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4. We have based this search on historical records and photographic evidence of the location of the Cannon. (Photographs relied upon are attached hereto on Exhibit "A" Documents, Image 1 and Image 2) Relying upon the photographic evidence and DeKalb County Tax Assessor Maps, we have determined the location is within Parcel 15-246-04-058. We do, however, except to the fact that only a registered land surveyor can attest to the exact physical location of the Cannon.

Upon information and belief, DeKalb County has operated as owner of the Old Courthouse, parcel number 15-246-04-058 (hereinafter the "Old Courthouse Parcel"), 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 found, we are operating under the assumption that at some point in history DeKalb County did obtain fee simple title to the Old Courthouse Parcel, in the location as shown on current DeKalb County Tax Assessor Maps.

Upon information and belief, the DeKalb History Center has operated within the building located at the Old Courthouse Parcel after a Resolution by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners in 1968.

On or around August 26, 1971, the Old DeKalb County Courthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Inventory – Nomination Form lists DeKalb County as the owner of the property.

At some point in time the boundary lines of the Old Courthouse Parcel were changed; however, we can find no specific deeds changing the location of the boundary lines. We must assume that the boundary line changes were appropriate and accurate and most likely due to the development of the area and the closing of streets in and around the area.

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Research conducted has been limited to the items that are of record around the location of the above-referenced parcel. We have researched through all available records in the DeKalb County Real Estate Records. In our research we have found the following activity around the roads and location of the Old Courthouse Parcel:

1. 1931 Survey of Old Courthouse recorded at Plat Book 15, Page 246, DeKalb County, Georgia Records. Please note that a review of the survey does not show the location of the Cannon; however, the sidewalk abuts the road; therefore it is reasonably assumed that the Cannon was most likely located within the boundaries of the plat.
2. 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.
3. Swanton Way aka Atlanta Avenue aka Electric Avenue; Sycamore Street; and McDonough Street converged to the South of the Old Courthouse Parcel. On or around 1976, several roads around the Old Courthouse Parcel were closed for development. We did not find any right of way or road documents for the roads directly south of the Old Courthouse Parcel.
4. The areas surrounding or following the path of the 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 Parcel is Easement by and between DeKalb County, Georgia 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. It is of note that other easements to Marta on the line were also granted from DeKalb County. No easements were found in the general vicinity showing the party: City of Decatur.
5. DeKalb County tax assessor records reflect the ownership of the Old Courthouse Parcel to be DeKalb County.

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The lack of plats and missing records from the 1800s complicate the matter but we found no other documents that convey the old courthouse or monuments to any other party. Further, we have found that within the limited records of the area there are no conveyances from the City of Decatur and it appears that DeKalb County has acted with an ownership interest of the Old Courthouse and the properties within the immediate vicinity.

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.

CONCLUSION

After reviewing all of the documents referenced herein and subject to the qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that although no verifiable chain of title exists for the Old Courthouse Parcel; that DeKalb County is the only party we find that has held itself as an owner to the land. No certification can be given as to the ownership of the Cannon itself.



SAM F. MAGUIRE, JR.,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
AUGUSTA TITLE, INC.

EXHIBIT A DOCUMENTS

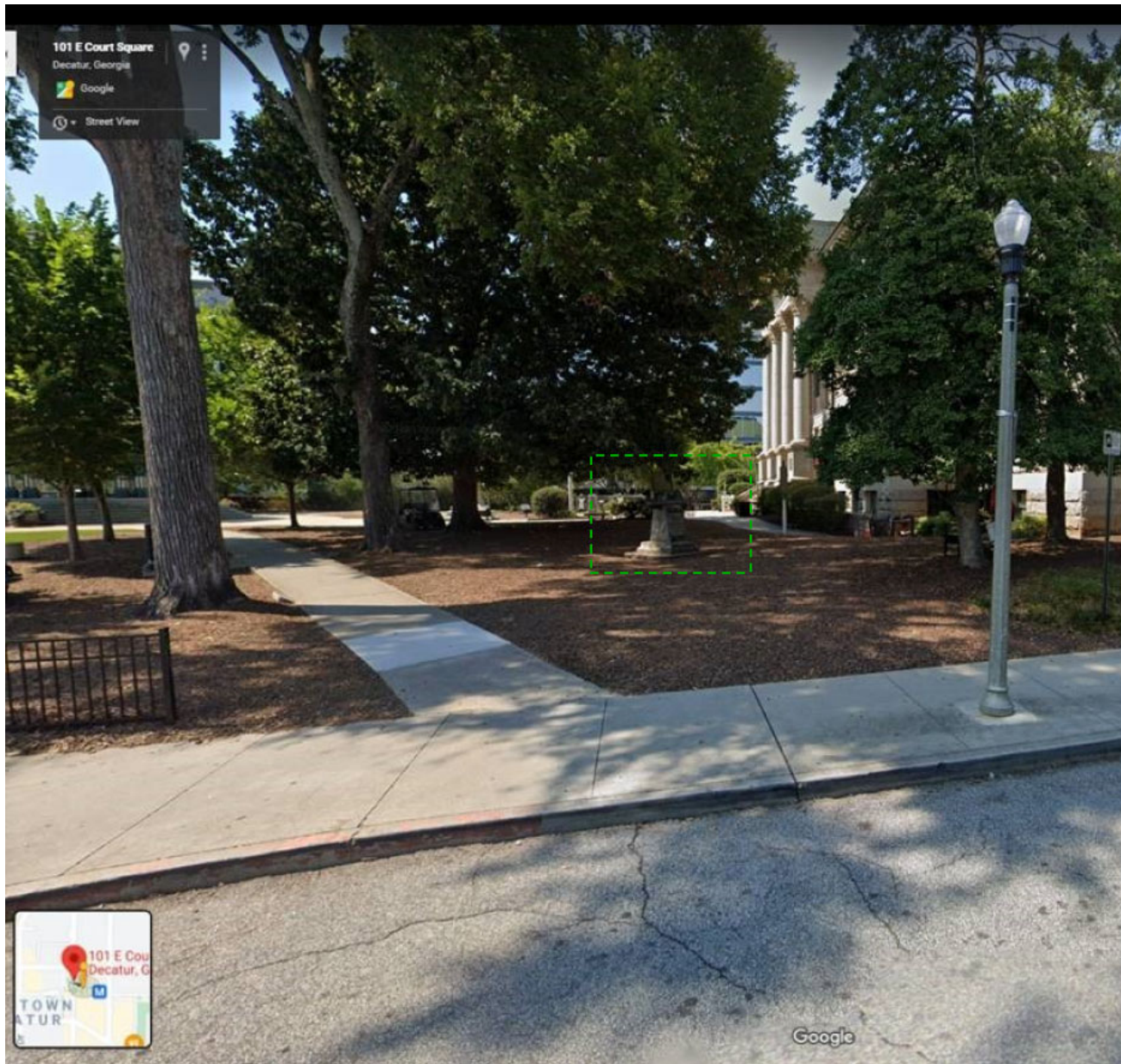


Image 1

Old Courthouse Image

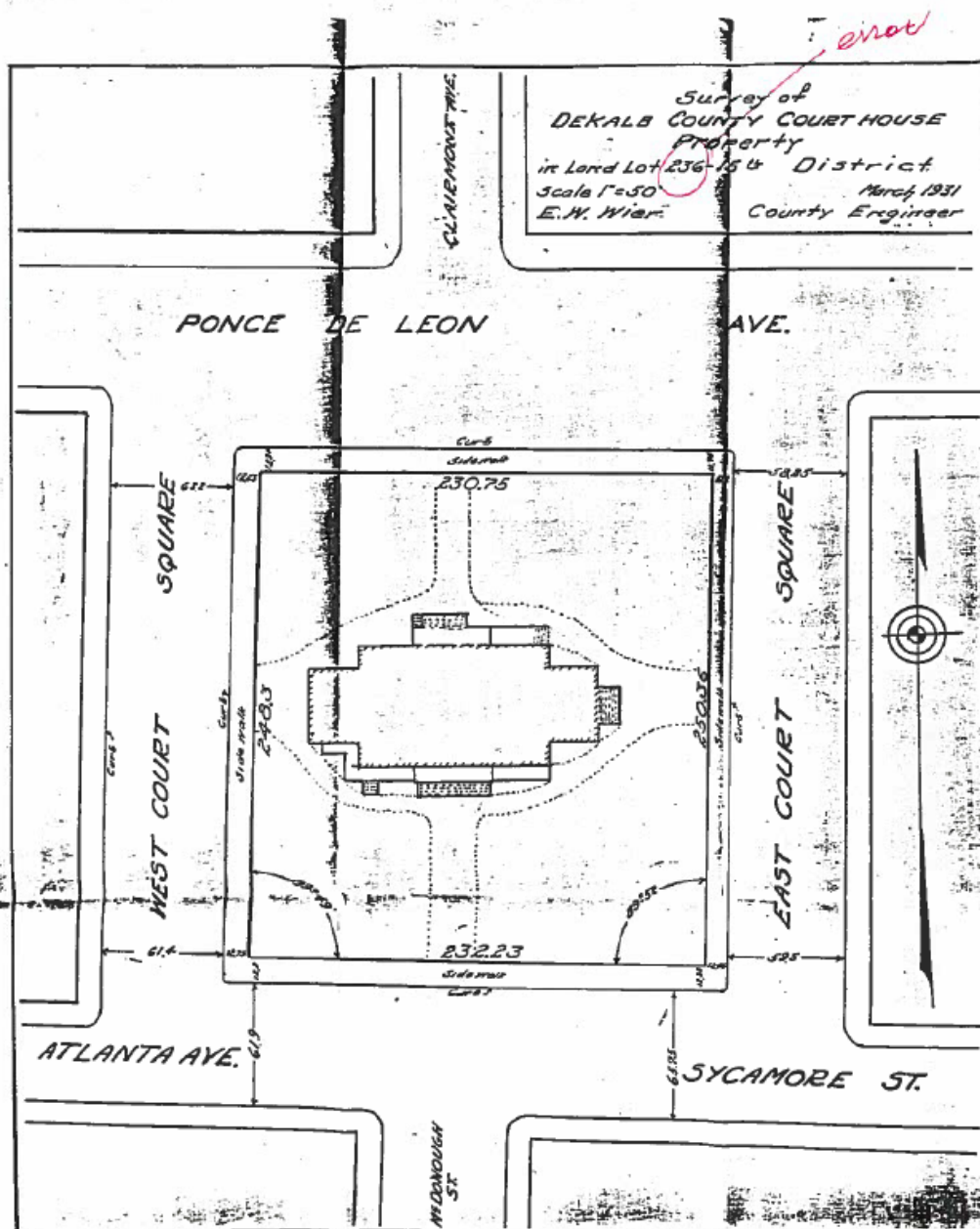


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Street: thence extending North along the West end of 1st
 and Avenue Fifth Ave 121 feet, thence West Ave. 121 feet
 and Fifth 121 feet to a lot 161 feet to Meridian street
 the East side of said alley Fifth Ave 91 feet to Meridian street
 thence West along the North side of Meridian street 121 feet
 and Fifth 121 feet to 1st and Avenue and beginning

Point: Being lot 1st 121 feet as per plat of the White and Avenue
 (formerly Bell Street) subdivision by A. B. Turman & Co.
 of maps, 121 feet dated February 1907.
 To B. M. and to B. M. the said tract or parcel of land
 with all and singular the rights and appurtenances
 there to in anywise belonging, to have and to hold unto the
 said parties, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of the said
 parties of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever, in
 fee simple.

And the said parties of the first part, furthermore
 warrant and defend the title and title to the above des-
 cribed property, unto the said parties of the second part
 his heirs and assigns, against the lawful claims of all
 persons whomsoever.

In witness whereof the said parties of the first part have
 hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above
 written.

Signed, sealed and delivered
 in presence of -
 Edward Jones
 L. B. Zuckler Not. Pub.
 Fulton, Ga

A. B. Turman [Seal]
 J. M. Clayton [Seal]

Recorded Dec. 16, 1909.
 B. F. Burgeon Clerk.

Georgia
 DeKalb County.

This contract and agreement made and entered into this
 1st day of December, 1909, between the County of DeKalb, acting by
 and through its Commissioners of Roads and Revenue, R. J. Free-
 man, under a resolution of said Commissioners duly entered
 upon his minutes, as party of the first part, and the Town of De-
 Kalb, acting by and through its Mayor, John A. Montgomery
 under and by virtue of a resolution of the Mayor and Board of
 Alder and Town duly entered upon their minutes, as party
 of the second part:

Whereas the County of DeKalb owns a private sewer in
 the town of Decatur, and which is being used by the Court house
 and the common use of said County for sewer purposes
 said sewer commencing on South Court house square

and extending thence south along M^r Donough's street to Canning street; and thence West along Canning street to Manton's house;

and Whereas, the Town of Decatur now does operate a sewer system in said town for the use of all the citizens of said town, with sewers laid in many of the streets of said town;

and Whereas, the Town of Decatur needs to lay sewers in the streets of said town in which the sewers of the County of DeKalb is laid for the use of the residents along and to said streets;

and Whereas it will be to the interest and advantage of the County of DeKalb to connect with the sewer system of the Town of Decatur;

Therefore, the said County of DeKalb, for and in consideration of the premises and the sum of one dollar in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said County of DeKalb does give, grant and convey unto the Town of Decatur said sewer system said for the purpose of the same being appropriated by the Town of Decatur also made a part and parcel of the sewer system of said town and so used and operated;

And in consideration of the above the Town of Decatur does give and grant unto the County of DeKalb the right and privilege free from any charge whatever to connect its drains from the Court House and common jail of said County and such other public buildings of the County of DeKalb as may hereafter be situated in said town for the discharge of sewerage into the sewers of said town at the nearest and most available place on the streets of said town for said County.

In witness whereof, this contract is signed sealed and delivered by the parties aforesaid, in duplicate with the corporate seal of each party, the day and year above written.

signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of:

B. F. Burges
L. J. Steele Notary Public
DeKalb Co., Ga.

County of DeKalb
By R. J. Freeman [L. 3]

Town of Decatur
By John A. Montgomery [L. 3]
Mayor

Recorded, Dec. 16, 1909.

B. F. Burges
Clerk.

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DEKALB

FILED & RECORDED
DEKALB CO. GA.
SEP 16 1 55 PM '75
Clerk

EASEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 26th day of MAY, 1975, by and between DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), and METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on September 14, 1971 the DeKalb 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;

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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

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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.

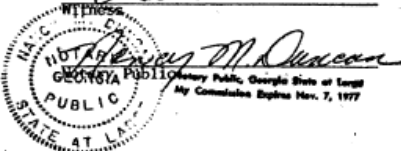
In the event the Grantee fails to commence construction of its System upon the property hereinabove described within five (5) years of the date hereof, Grantor, at its option, shall have the right to reacquire said property, without cost to the Grantor, by giving Grantee herein sixty (60) days written 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 herunto set their hands and affixed their seals on the day and year first above written.

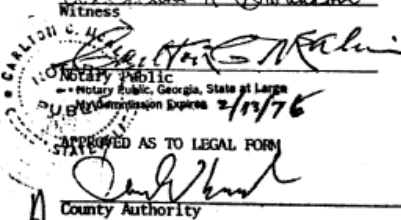
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

[Signature]



Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

William R. Dulaney



DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

By: [Signature]
A. C. Gahl, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Cal Sandman, Clerk
Board of Commissioners

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

By: [Signature]
Edwin F. Kieffer, General Manager

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EXHIBIT "A"

PERMANENT EASEMENT I

A Permanent Easement for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Decatur 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 DeKalb 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 60 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 $0^{\circ} 42' 43''$ west thirty-five and seventy-seven hundredths (35.77) feet to a point; thence running south $44^{\circ} 17' 17''$ east fourteen (14) feet to a point; thence running south $89^{\circ} 17' 17''$ east fifty-seven (57) feet to a point; thence running north $0^{\circ} 42' 43''$ east nineteen (19) feet to a point; thence running south $89^{\circ} 17' 17''$ east fifty-three (53) feet to a point; thence running north $0^{\circ} 42' 43''$ east seventeen (17) feet to a point; thence running south $89^{\circ} 17' 17''$ 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 EASEMENT II

A Permanent Utility Easement 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 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 McDonough Street (having an 80 foot right of way) thirty-eight and forty-four hundredths (38.44) 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 foot right of way); thence running south along the west side of McDonough Street twenty and twenty-eight hundredths (20.28) feet to a point; thence running north $89^{\circ} 17' 17''$ west one hundred fifty-six (156) feet to a point; thence running north $44^{\circ} 17' 17''$ west eighty-one and nine hundredths (81.09) feet to a point on the south side of Swanton Way; thence running east along the south side of Swanton Way fifteen and forty-six hundredths (15.46) feet to a point; thence running south $44^{\circ} 17' 17''$ east sixty-four and twenty-six hundredths (64.26) feet to a point; thence running south $89^{\circ} 17' 17''$ east one hundred forty-four (144) feet to a point; thence running north $45^{\circ} 42' 43''$ east eleven and seventy-one hundredths (11.71) feet to the point of beginning.

PERMANENT EASEMENT III

A Permanent Easement 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 DeKalb 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 $89^{\circ} 7' 48''$ west ninety-five (95) feet to a point; thence running north $0^{\circ} 25' 22''$ west fifteen (15) feet to a point; thence running south $89^{\circ} 7' 48''$ west thirty-five (35) feet to a point; thence running south $0^{\circ} 25' 22''$ east ten (10) feet to a point; thence running south $89^{\circ} 7' 48''$ west one hundred two and thirty-eight hundredths (102.38) feet to a point; thence running south thirty-five (35) feet 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 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 on the south side of Swanton Way (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 $0^{\circ} 42' 43''$ west thirty-five and seventy-seven hundredths (35.77) feet to a point; thence running north $44^{\circ} 17' 17''$ west fifty and twenty-six hundredths (50.26) feet to a point on the south side of Swanton Way; thence running east 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.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT II

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 245 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 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 foot right of way); thence running north $89^{\circ} 17' 17''$ west forty-two and seven hundredths (42.07) feet to a point; thence running south $0^{\circ} 42' 43''$ west seventeen (17) feet to a point; thence running north $89^{\circ} 17' 17''$ west fifty-three (53) feet to a point; thence running south $0^{\circ} 42' 43''$ west nineteen (19) feet to a point; thence running south $89^{\circ} 17' 17''$ east eighty-seven (87) feet to a point; thence running north $45^{\circ} 42' 43''$ 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 EASEMENT III

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 $89^{\circ} 7' 48''$ west ninety-five (95) feet to a point; thence running north $0^{\circ} 25' 22''$ west fifteen (15) feet to a point; thence running south $89^{\circ} 7' 48''$ west thirty-five (35) feet to a point; thence running south $0^{\circ} 25' 22''$ east ten (10) feet to a point; thence running south $89^{\circ} 7' 48''$ 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 $89^{\circ} 7' 48''$ east ninety-five (95) feet to a point; thence running north $0^{\circ} 52' 12''$ west ten (10) feet to a point; thence running north $89^{\circ} 7' 48''$ east fifty (50) feet to a point; thence running south $0^{\circ} 52' 12''$ east ten (10) feet to a point; thence running north $89^{\circ} 7' 48''$ 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.

DeKalb County Tax Assessor Records

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Property Tax Information Results

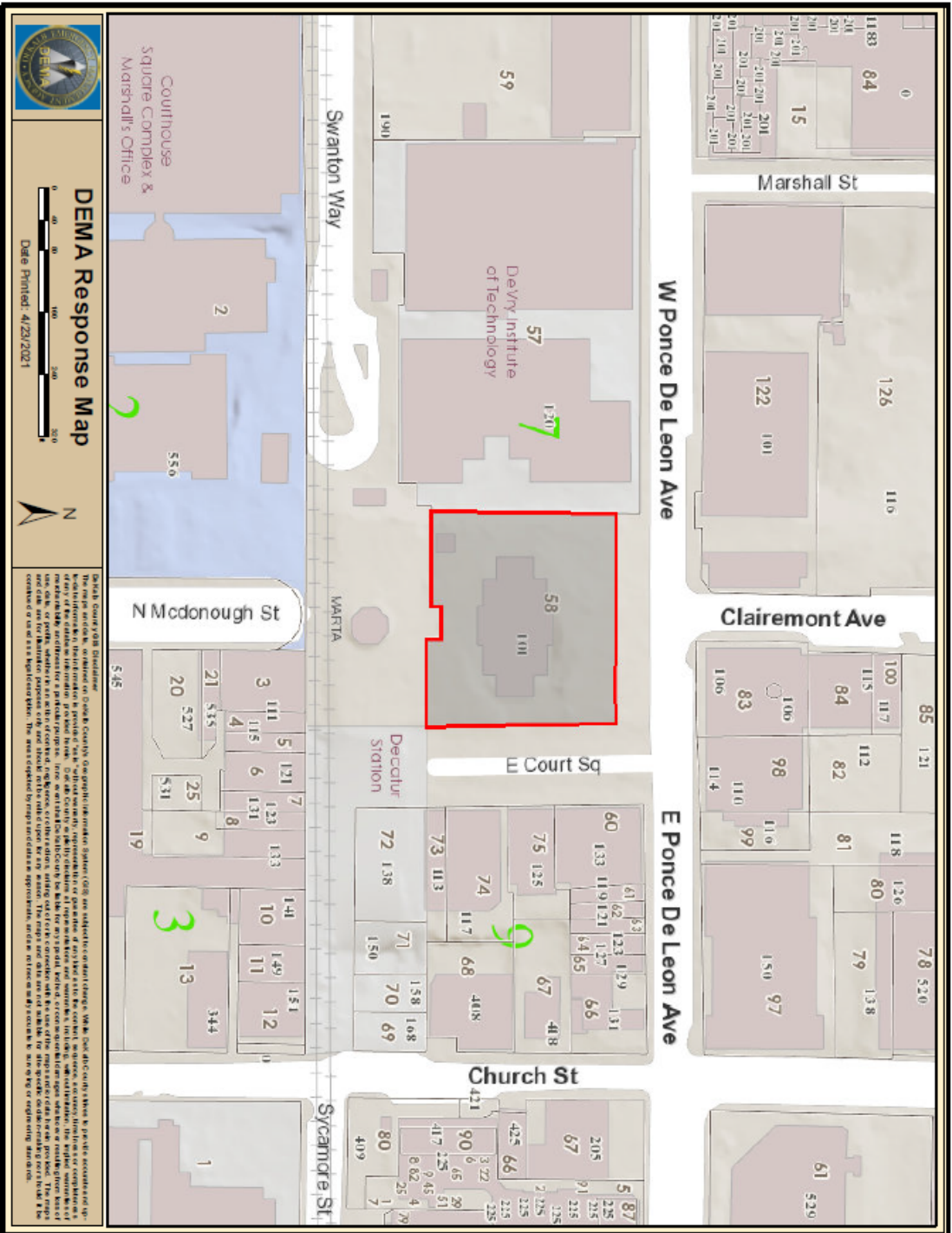
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| Parcel ID 15 246 04 058 Pin Number 5065294 Property Address 101 E COURT SQ Property Type Real Estate Tax District 92 - DECATUR | | Property Identification Owner Information Last Name, First Name DEKALB COUNTY Current Owner DEKALB COUNTY Co-Owner Owner Address 1300 COMMERCE DR DECATUR GA 30030-3222 Care of Information BUDGET DEPT | | Tax Information Summary Taxable Year 2020 Millage Rate 0.010393 DeKalb County Taxes Billed \$0.00 DeKalb County Taxes Paid \$0.00 DeKalb County Taxes Due \$0.00 Total Taxes Billed \$0.00 Total Taxes Paid (\$0.00) Total Taxes Due \$0.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Jan. 1st Owner Co-Owner Current Owner Co-Owner Owner Address 1300 COMMERCE DR DECATUR GA 30030-3222 Care of Information BUDGET DEPT | | Exemption Type Homestead Exemption Tax Exempt Amount - NO EXEMPTION \$0.00 APPLY FOR BASIC HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND PROPERTY ASSESSMENT FREEZE Other Exemption Information Exemption Type E1 Value Exemption Amount \$0.00 Deed Information Deed Type Deed Book/Page 0 / 0 Plat Book/Page 0 / 0 Property Characteristics/ Sales Information NBHD Code 5000 Zoning Type - Improvement Type Last Deed Date Last Deed Amount \$0.00 Click here to view property map | | Property Tax Mailing Address DeKalb County Tax Commissioner Collections Division PO Box 100004 Decatur, GA 30031-7004 Prior Years Tax *** Please note that payment posting information may be delayed due to batch processing*** DeKalb County Tax <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>TaxYear</th> <th>Total Owed</th> <th>Total Paid</th> <th>Total Due</th> <th>Adjusted Bill Due Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>2011</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2009</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2008</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2007</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2006</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>2005</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td>\$0.00</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> Delinquent Taxes/ Tax Sale Information Tax Sale File Number Fifa-GED Book/Page Levy Date Sale Date Delinquent Amount Due | | TaxYear | Total Owed | Total Paid | Total Due | Adjusted Bill Due Date | 2011 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | 2010 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | 2009 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | 2008 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | 2007 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | 2006 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | 2005 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
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| Property Value/Billing Assessment Taxable Year 2020 Land Value \$1,053,600 Building Value \$0 Misc. Improvement Value \$0 Total Value \$1,053,600 40% Taxable Assessment \$0 Information as of 4/23/2021 For additional information on the data above, contact the Property Appraisal Department at 404-371-2471 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



National Registry Records

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

4th Congressional District
Benjamin B. Blackburn

| | |
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| STATE: Georgia | |
| COUNTY: DeKalb | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER 718.13.0036 | DATE 8/26/71 |

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| 1. NAME | | | |
| COMMON: Civic Center | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: * Old DeKalb County Courthouse | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Court Square | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Decatur | | | |
| STATE Georgia | CODE 13 | COUNTY: DeKalb | CODE 089 |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Civic Center |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: DeKalb County | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 430 North McDonough Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Decatur | STATE: Georgia | CODE 13 | |
| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: DeKalb County Courthouse, Clerk of Superior Court | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 430 North McDonough Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Decatur | STATE: Georgia | CODE 13 | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: None | | | |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local | | | |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE | |



STATE: Georgia
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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If Known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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.

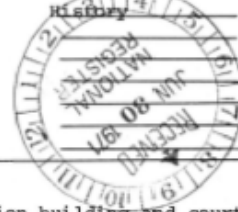
The inside, including the stairways, is decorated with Alabama marble, still in a splendid state of repair. The marble stair treads are well worn and dished out by the many thousand footprints of DeKalb and Georgia dignitaries over a period of many decades. The main courtroom, with its paneling and neo-classical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



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| B. SIGNIFICANCE | | | |
|---|--|--|---|
| PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |
| SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1898-1900; 1917-1918 | | | |
| AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |
| STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE | | | |
| <p>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.</p> <p>Since 1823 the site had been the location of DeKalb's courthouses. Following 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.</p> <p>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.</p> | | | |



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farrell, M.B., DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department, Original draft of National Register nomination form.
 Garrett, Franklin M., Atlanta and Environs. (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc., 1954).
 , Memoirs of Georgia, (Atlanta: Southern Historical Association, 1895).
 Mitchell, William R., Jr., Personal Inspection, December 1970.
 Records, DeKalb County Historical Society.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-----------|-----------------|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.32 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 William R. Mitchell, Jr., Director, Georgia Historic Sites Survey
 ORGANIZATION: Georgia Historical Commission DATE: July 23, 1971
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 116 Mitchell Street, S.W.
 CITY OR TOWN: Atlanta STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Mary Eugenia Jurett

Title State Liaison Officer

Date July 26, 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

AUG 26 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Sawtough
 Keeper of the National Register

Date AUG 8 1971

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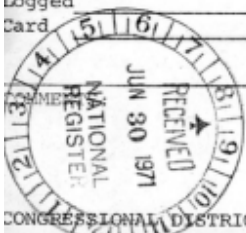
Now a civic center as it has been in essence for generations, the old courthouse continues as a focus of community activity. The DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department is presently housed in the building as is the DeKalb Historical Society, DeKalb Art Society and the University of Georgia Extension 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.



71001016 DeKalb

*Civic Center
(Old DeKalb County
Courthouse)*

| RECEIPT | | PROPERTY | STATE |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------|
| DATE OF RECEIPT | <u>7/30/71</u> | YES | NO |
| DATA PAGE | | | |
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| PHOTO DESCRIP (S) | | | |
| MAP (S) | | | |
| MAP DESCRIPTION (S) | | | |
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| ACKNOWLEDGE | <u>7/30/71</u> | | |
| RESUBMIT | | | |
| REVIEW | | See attached letter. | |
| HISTORIAN | | OK 3/2/71 | |
| ARCHEOLOGIST | | OK 8/2/71 | |
| ARCHITECT | | OK Chambers 8-2-71 | |
| ASST. KEEPER | | | |
| KEEPER | | OK 8/4/71 | |
| ENTRY | | | |
| CHIEF, OAHF | | OK 8-26 | |
| EDITORIAL PROCESSING, EDITOR | | OK 8/3/71 | |
| Federal Register Entry | | Date | |
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 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 4th Blackburn



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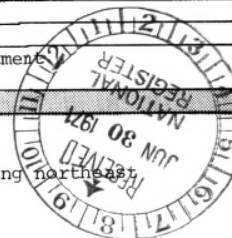
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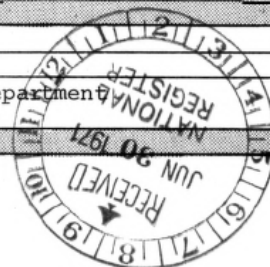
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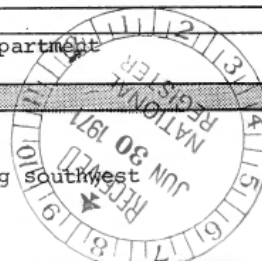
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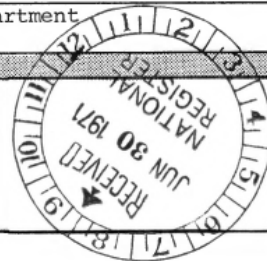
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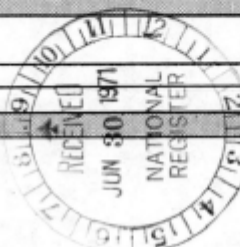
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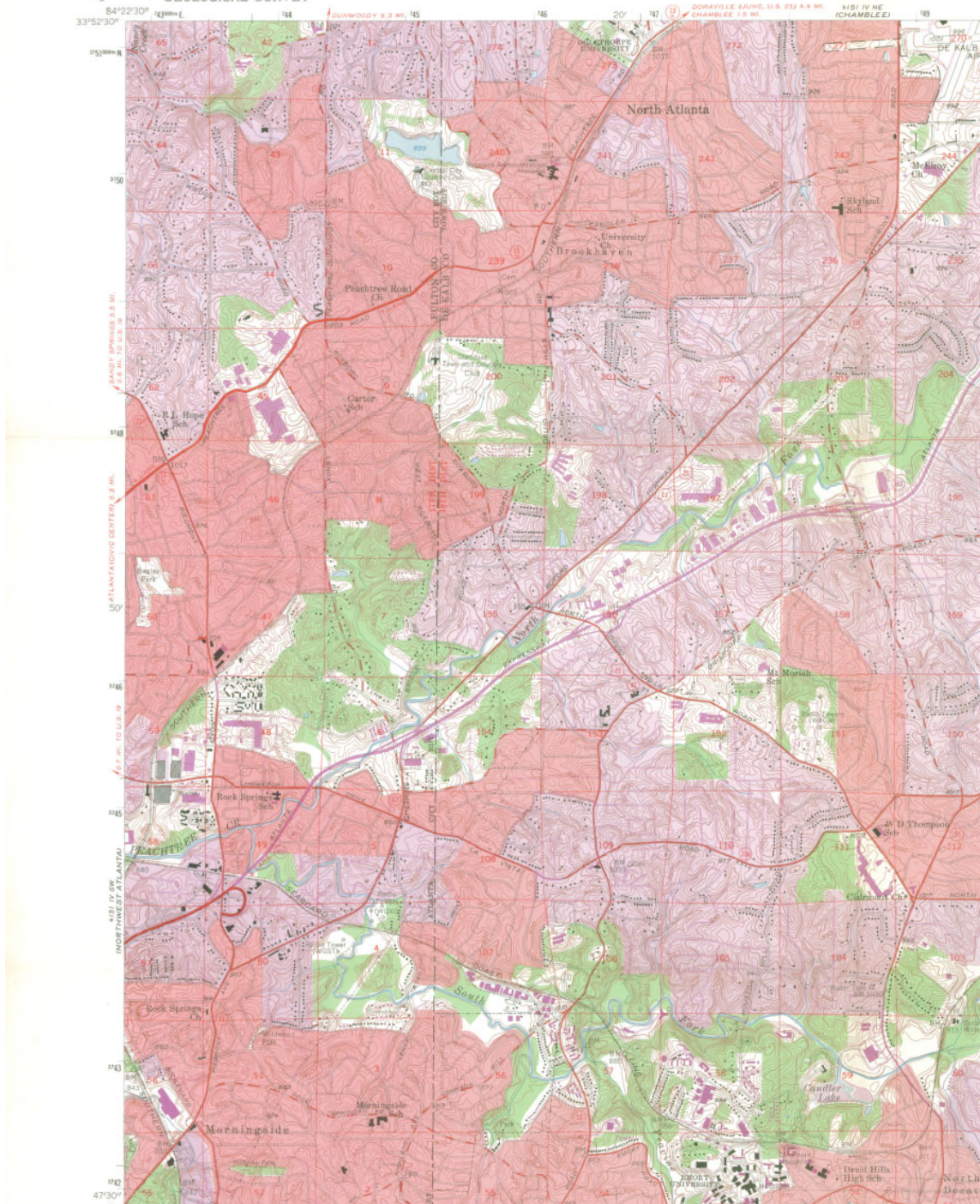
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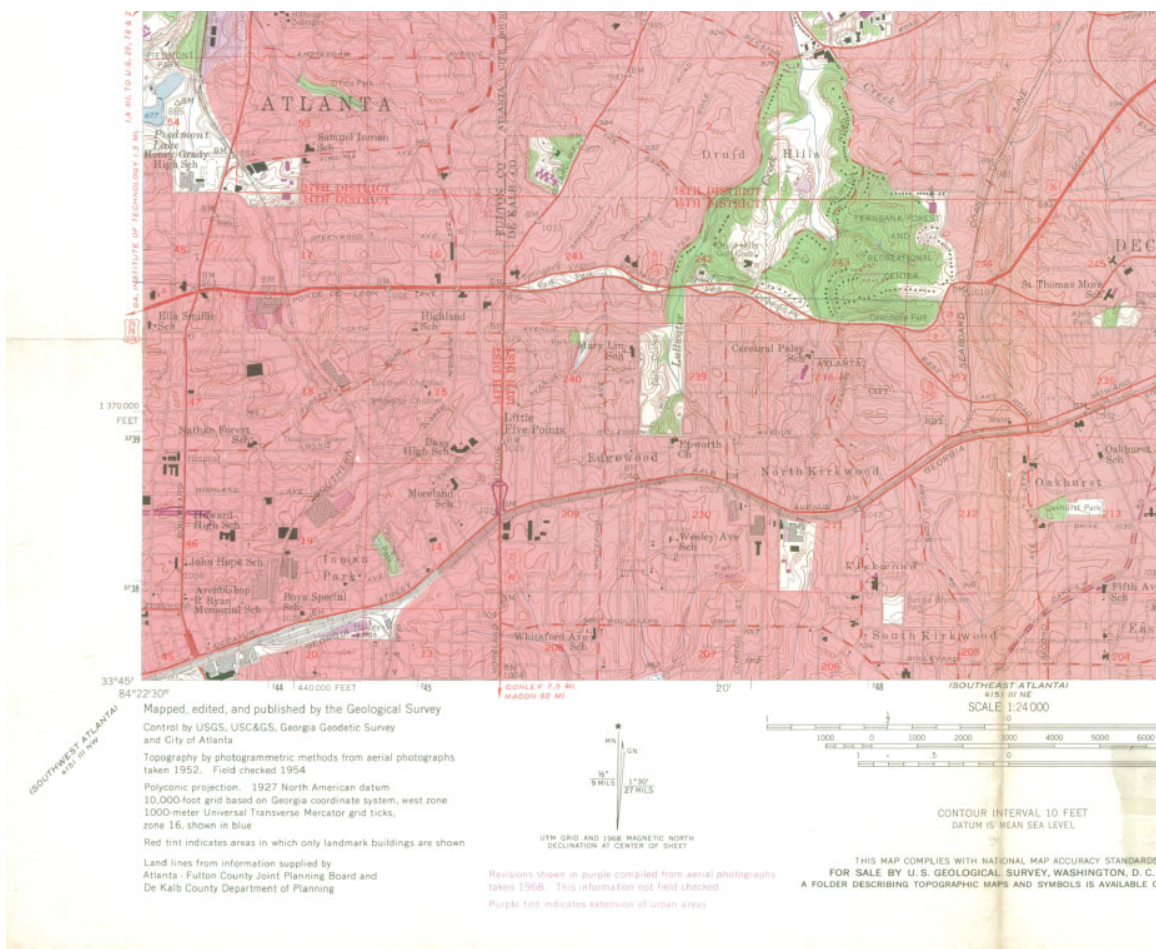
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Dear William:

We would appreciate as speedy handling of this as you can manage. It was quite a "hassle" to get the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to go along with us in this nomination. The local people who convinced them to allow the nomination are anxious that they not have any time to change their minds.

Also included are several photographs of properties for which we have already submitted nomination forms, the DuBignon Cemetery and Fort King George.

Sincerely,

William R. Mitchell, Jr.
Director, Georgia
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HISTORIC SITES

CONFEDERATE NAVAL MUSEUM
COLUMBUS, GA.
DAHLONESA COURTHOUSE
GOLD MUSEUM
DAHLONESA, GA.
EAGLE TAVERN
WATKINSVILLE, GA.
ETOWAH MOUNDS
CARTERSVILLE, GA.
FORT JACKSON
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FORT KING GEORGE
DARIEN, GA.
FORT MCALLISTER
RICHMOND HILL, GA.
JARRETT MANOR
TODDGA, GA.
CRAWFORD LONG MUSEUM
JEFFERSON, GA.
MACKAY HOUSE
AUGUSTA, GA.
MIDWAY MUSEUM
MIDWAY, GA.
NEW ECHOA
CALHOUN, GA.
VANN HOUSE
SPRING PLACE, GA.
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WAYNESSBORO HISTORICAL MUSEUM
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HISTORICAL MARKERS

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| Mercer University Administration Building | Bibb County Macon, Georgia |
| Dahlonega Courthouse Gold Museum | Lumpkin County Dahlonega, Georgia |

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EXHIBIT B

COURTHOUSE SQUARE --LAWN

The square surrounding the Old Courthouse has many ~~landmarks of~~ landmarks of historic value including:

Old Cannon used by Andrew Jackson in Indian War of 1836

German WW 1 Naval Cannon

Busts of Baron DeKalb and Stephen Decatur

CSA Obelisk

Four Civil War State Historic Markers (*Battle of Decatur*)

~~xxxxxx Steatite Boulder~~ Steatite Boulder (*Indian soapstone pottery*)

Original Traffic Sign of 1900 "Unlawful to Park Wagon or Buggies Around This Square."

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NEWS, NOTES, PEOPLE AND PLACES

HERITAGE

Courthouse cannon may date back to Revolution

The cannon outside the old DeKalb County Courthouse has seen better days. For one thing, it won't fire anymore.

"They got tired of people firing it, and they filled it with concrete," said **Bob Kothe**, director of the DeKalb Historical Society. Before it was sealed in the early 1900s, anybody who felt like it could fill the cannon with black powder and set it off, Mr. Kothe said.

"I don't think there was anything official about it. People just fired it," he said, adding that the black powder used to charge the cannon "really makes a wonderful explosion."

The cannon, which may be 200 years old, was fired to celebrate everything from the Fourth of July to weddings, Mr. Kothe said. It could have been cast anytime between the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

Legend has it that troops under the command of Gen. **Andrew Jackson**, later the

seventh U.S. president, used it to help preserve order in the Southeast before the treaty with the Creek Indians in 1821.

In 1851, the Free and Rowdy Party stole an 1812 cannon from Decatur and set it up in front of the store of Mayor **Johnson Norcross**, the first mayor of Atlanta and a member of the opposition Moral Party. Records don't verify that it's the same cannon, but Mr. Kothe said, "That sounds about right for our cannon."

The Rowdy Party threatened to blow up the store if the mayor took office. Because the cannon was loaded only with sand and pebbles, it merely dirtied the front porch of the business, Mr. Kothe said.

Later in the century, the 500-pound cannon was taken to Stone Mountain to salute President **Grover Cleveland** when he visited the mountain.

The cannon was permanently mounted next to the courthouse by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1906. Today, children love to play on it after school and on weekends, said Mr. Kothe adding, "It's a monument."



FILE

The cannon outside the old County Courthouse is the subject of legend.

CELEBRATIONS/HISTORY/CALENDAR



JOHN BAZEMORE / DAILY NEWS

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Jim Cook Jr./Staff

From Indian Wars To Politics, Cannon Blasts Make History

One of the most visited historic relics located on the DeKalb Courthouse Square in Decatur is the small cannon on the south lawn near the MARTA station, concert stage and public picnic area.

It is believed to have been used by General Andrew Jackson, later the seventh U.S. president, to preserve order in the Southeast prior to the treaty with the Indians in 1821 and to have seen action in the Indian Wars of 1836. It was mounted on wheels and pulled by manpower.

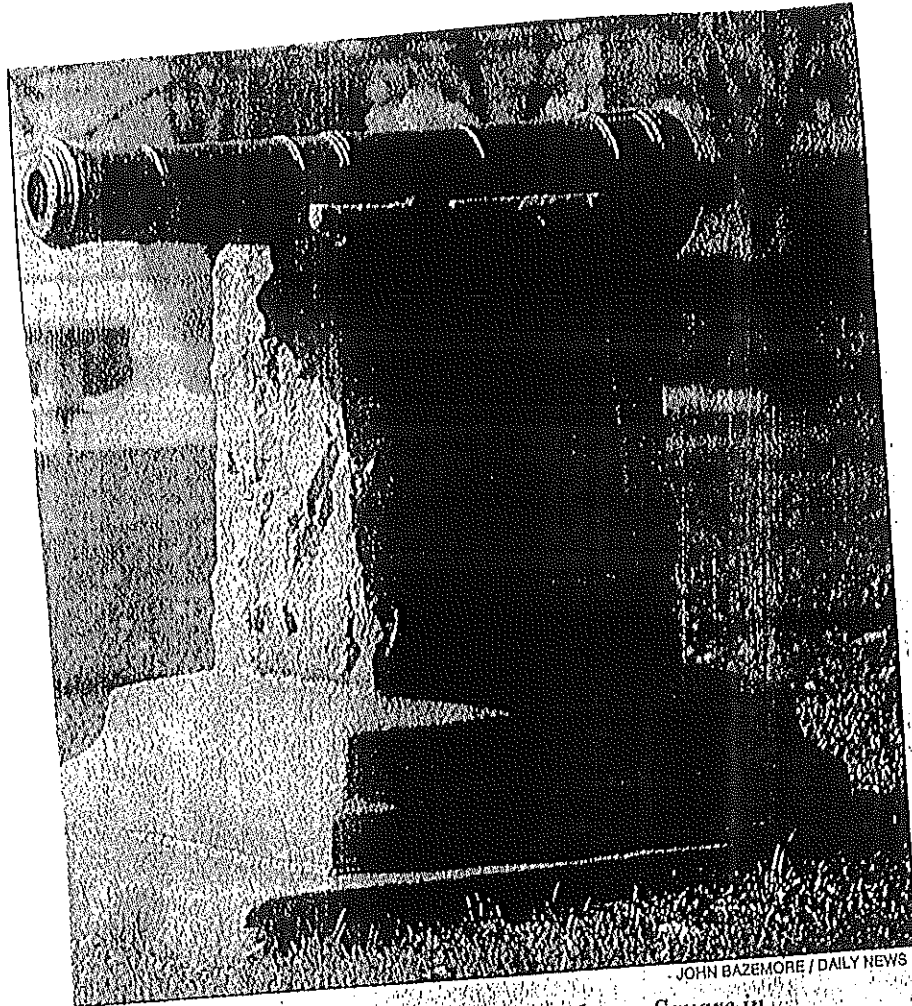
Since coming to the Courthouse Square, it has made some colorful history of its own. Early local records say that it was fired during the Civil War as a salute to volunteers as they passed through Decatur by rail — until gun powder became too scarce.

Records show that a local militia captain, E.N. Calhoun, shattered many panes of glass around the Square when he fired it there. However, it continued to be fired for Fourth of July celebrations, and even some weddings, for many years.

It even got involved in politics in the mid 19th century when a group of Gwinnett Whigs borrowed it to celebrate a victory, only to have it stolen by Democrats before it was ever fired. The cannon was "carried," according to records of the day, out to Stone Mountain to salute President Grover Cleveland when he visited there.

The Agnes Lee Chapter of the U.D.C. had it mounted and permanently located in 1906. It shares the Square around the historic Old Courthouse, home of the DeKalb Historical Society, with a number of other significant markers and mementos of value historically. These include busts of Stephen Decatur and Baron DeKalb, for whom the city and county were named, and a number of Georgia State Historical Markers describing Civil War action in Decatur and DeKalb.

The large cannon on the north lawn is of World War I vintage and came from a German Naval vessel. For further information on the Square and the history museum located in the Old Courthouse, call the DeKalb Historical Society at 373-1988.



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Daily News 1/15/92

Transcription of the History written by Mrs. Alice Billups, President, 1906

After the resignation of Mrs. A.H. Cox, President of the Agnes Lee Chapter UDC, monthly meetings were regularly called. Only a few faithful members responded, never at any time having enough to form a quorum; nevertheless we still determined to keep up the Chapter and also the work we had on hand under Mrs. Cox's Administration. The Chapter had formed a movement and had begun work to erect a monument in Decatur to the Soldiers which went out from this County, DeKalb. We had about 15 fifteen dollars in the Treasury given by subscription for this cause, and were at this time finishing up a very beautiful and interesting quilt made by the Chapter. With this small sum in the Treasury and so few members who were interested, and so great a work before us, despair almost overcame our little band, but with determination we set forward to do something either great or small. We finished the quilt, set a day for quilting it and sent out invitations to each member of the Chapter to meet at the Court House, bring lunch and any friend with you. Our disappointment was great when only just the same faithful ones responded. Not giving up, we went to work that day and with the help of our friends, finished the quilt, had a delicious lunch and enjoyed the day very much. Our next movement now was to sell the quilt. We met at the Court House on first Tuesday, sold to highest bidder, Mr. Freeman for \$10.00. Mr. Freeman then presented the quilt to the Chapter to sell again which was bought by Mr. Thompson for three \$3 dollars. This same day we had a rummage sale & oyster supper from which we collected a small sum. The Treasury now contained something over 60 dollars. We saw that we must give up the monument, but what could we do: Mount an old Historical Cannon that had been lying on Decatur's Square for more than 60 years. About April 20th, 1906 the cannon was beautifully mounted and ready for unveiling, amount paid for same \$64.40. With eloquent speeches, beautiful music and a large assembly from the County this little cannon was unveiled April 26, 1906 by Miss Hamilton of Decatur, Ga. Our old soldiers were never neglected, Crosses of Honor being presented on every day appointed for such and all other duties of the Chapter carried on regularly. President Davis' Gen's. Lee and Jackson's birthdays (sic) were celebrated with appropriate exercises also a beautiful memorial on the death of Gen. John B. Gordon with the cooperation and help from Mr. Gardner and Treadwell Principals of Donald Fraser and Public School. These exercises were made very instructive to our children. Memorial Day was always observed with beautiful exercises and abundance of flowers. After mounting the cannon our Treasury was drained of every penny, our members dropped off one by one until it was impossible to hold a meeting. At this time Col. C.D. McKinney organized the Memorial Society of DeKalb Co. Agnes Lee Chapter was reorganized again with Mrs. Holleyman President and under the leadership of Col. McKinney work for raising a fund for a monument was again started.

Mrs. Alice Billups -Pres. Agnes Lee Chapter, U.D.C. 1906

FROM: "IN MEMORY OF THE HEROES IN GRAY- 1861-1928" PUBLISHED BY THE
CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS HOME OF GEORGIA

HISTORY OF AGNES LEE CHAPTER

By Mrs. V. A. S. Moore, Historian

AGNES LEE CHAPTER, U. D. C., of Decatur, was organized in January, 1901, upon solicitation of the veterans of Camp Clement A. Evans, who wished to receive Crosses of Honor in their home town.

Mrs. Clement A. Evans, who was reared in Decatur, called together a group of representative women to meet at the home of Mrs. Milton A. Candler to organize a chapter, which was named for the youngest daughter of Robert E. Lee, who died in early girlhood.

The first president was Mrs. Rebecca Sassnett Green, a Wesleyan graduate, and the first historian was Miss Mary Gay, a well known writer.

Of this original group of elect ladies, three Confederate widows, Mrs. Cora Beck Holleyman, Mrs. C. E. Kerr and Mrs. Albert Cox are still enrolled with the membership of over two hundred.

Besides the regular Chapter routine, the outstanding accomplishment of those days was furnishing the reception room at the Georgia Confederate Soldiers Home, a bed room at the Winnie Davis Memorial Dormitory in Athens, raising a substantial contribution for the DeKalb County Confederate Monument and mounting on Court House square the cannon used by DeKalb County soldiers in the Indian war of 1836.

Important landmarks of the Battle of Decatur have been marked, also the graves of over one hundred Confederates in the Decatur cemetery.

The Chapter is represented upon the Stone Mountain founders' roll and four members are honored as Directors of the Monumental Association.

Besides meeting every Star Chapter requirement, Agnes Lee carries on valuable educational work in presenting five gold essay medals annually, and sustaining scholarships in Agnes Scott College and Rabun Gap School, in supporting a department of Southern History and Literature in the Decatur Public Library.

The pride of the Chapter and a factor in binding the membership in love and loyalty is the beautiful Chapter House erected in 1916. The lot was presented by a husband of the president, Mr. Thos. N. Fulton, and was part of the Avery estate, the childhood home of Mrs. Evans, the founder.

The building was financed by work of members and the gifts of generous friends. It fulfills a useful need as a civic center and patriotic gathering place, and a depository for precious relics and records.

Two camps of United Confederate Veterans, Camp Wheeler and Camp Evans, having abandoned monthly meetings because of infirmity and diminishing numbers, entrusted us with their pictures, books, and dearly beloved silken flags, which are tenderly preserved along with the Confederate Uniform of another friend who has crossed over.

Happy memories overwhelm us of the "at home" affairs given the World War Soldiers from Camp Gordon before they faced "No Man's Land" and "Flanders Field." And of the "spend the day" parties for the bruised and broken from Fort McPherson Hospital. In patriotic service, Agnes Lee met her opportunity well.

We love to recall the memories of dinners given on Memorial Days when dozens of Veterans of the Gray, stalwart, bright- and happy, shared our hospitality, making our hearts swell with pride at the high privilege of being called a "Daughter of the Confederacy."

Many have answered the last call but they live in our memory, urging with pathetic insistence that we gladden the path of those few remaining who represent all that was chivalrous in the Old South, and brave and true in the New.- May we be worthy of our heritage.

PATRIOT-SOLDIER

To preserve unsullied and untarnished one's honor, and the honor of his country, is the highest, the noblest ambition of a patriot-soldier.

"For gold the merchant plows the main,
The farmer plows the manor;
But *glory* is the soldier's prize:
The soldier's wealth is *honor*."

Mrs. R. J. Young, of West End, Atlanta, is a tried friend of the Confederate Veterans, and has done much for their comfort. She is very prominent in club life in Atlanta, especially in the U. D. C. She is a member of the Staff of General Vance.

Brief History of Agnes Lee Chapter U. D. C.

1901 - 1942

This was the year book under Mrs. E. A. Stead.

The history of Agnes Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was for many years closely associated with the history of Decatur itself, so united were all citizens in their loyalty to the memory of the men and women of the Sixties. Organized in 1901 by leaders among the citizens of Decatur--it long enjoyed the distinction of being the only organization other than church societies in the community. In the more than forty years of its life twenty-two women have served it as president, many for two terms in office. A few for longer periods. During these years only one woman was given the distinction of being named honorary president.

An able staff of officers was associated with each president, and the many who held no office but who gave their time and love and money willingly and happily--"are their names not written" in the membership list carried in this booklet, and their influence felt by a grateful people?

For ten years the meetings of the U. D. C. were held in homes or at the Court House, and then, the monument having been paid for, the pleasant task of building the Chapter House, with the help of every man, woman and child in the community, marked a period of fruitful activity. To this good day the Chapter's Constitution provides for an "Advisory board of ten gentlemen". All patriotic, civic and social meetings were held in Agnes Lee Chapter House for many years. Dinners were served by the Daughters, all of whom seemed to be able to produce the most delicious food for the Chamber of Commerce regularly, and occasionally for all other meetings, parties included. It really served as a community center, and far be from me to begin to name those, who through the years with faithful loyalty, carried on "in season and out of season" the full, rich program of U. D. C. activities and community service. The monthly meetings held every second Friday afternoon with educational programs followed closely those provided by State and General, U. D. C., but the Veterans were always featured so long as it was possible for them to attend. Many an afternoon some loved Veteran told his experiences or

praised the Confederate Leaders until the shadows fell and it was a pleasure and privilege to Agnes Lee members to make them happy. One day stands out as particularly significant when the few remaining members of a Camp brought their pictures of heroes and their tattered banners and entrusted them to Agnes Lee for safe-keeping.

Commemorative days were always observed-Memorial Day especially-and the "speaking" at the Court House where every one was in attendance, followed by a parade in which schools often participated, the decoration of the Monument, markers and graves with flags and flowers, in later years taken over by the Children of the Confederacy assisted by Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, was always a happy occasion. The dinner at the Chapter House, served to the Veterans from the Soldier's Home as well as those in DeKalb County, and to visitors, was an event looked forward to and long remembered. Some of this work still goes on but lacks the inspiration of the presence of the men and women of the Sixties. Historical essays, written by school children each year, the U.D.C. providing medals, and a speaker for each school form, as always, an important part of the educational program. Crosses of Honor and of Service have been presented, valuable scholarships provided (see scholarships), and active service in State work by gifted members of the Chapter, all must be recorded to the credit of the chapter.

Always generous in sharing its hospitality-Agnes Lee Chapter House was the center of activity for women during the first World War. It also housed for a time the Fine Arts Club, the American Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, and was sometimes used for P. T. A. dinners and benefits. The long room with its high ceiling and colonial fireplace and mantle, with the portraits of statesmen and heroes adorning the walls, the flags and relics, all provide an atmosphere of charm and culture. With fire-light and soft shaded candles, as when the Daughters of 1912 were entertained by Agnes Lee in 1925, a scene of entrancing beauty was produced. Fair ladies and brave men were present, for men came to evening meetings, statesmen, judges, ministers, public officials, and always the Veterans so long as they could come, and the welcome they received was always warm and gracious.

four girls and boys through college. We also supported a Department of Southern History and Literature in the Decatur Public Library.

For the years 1904 and 1905 we can find no record of activities, as one historian said, "Agnes Lee didn't die, she just went sound asleep".

Mrs. Alice Houston Billups was elected President in 1906. The Chapter had already begun a movement to erect a monument on the Courthouse Square in Decatur to the soldiers who went from DeKalb County during the War between the States. The Chapter had \$15.00 in the treasury and the members were finishing up a quilt to be sold, the money to go to the monument fund. Mr. Freeman bought the quilt at auction for \$10.00, then gave it back to be resold. It was bought this time by Mr. Thompson, for \$3.00. The Chapter had a rummage sale and oyster supper. They now had something over \$60.00. Sometimes, however, there were so few present that a meeting could not be held. Realizing that they had to give up on the monument the members decided to mount an old cannon, brought back from the Creek Indian War in 1836, that had been lying on the Decatur Square for more than sixty years.

Note: Decatur's first military company, the Volunteer Light Infantry, was organized under a special act of the Legislature, approved December 22, 1835, with Dr. E. N. Calhoun as its Captain. This Company took an active part in the Creek Indian War. Esquire C. W. McGinnis, grandfather of C. B. McGinnis, was a Lieutenant in the Company and had brought back this little iron cannon. It was used in celebrating political victories and town weddings.

This was the little cannon that was mounted on the granite pedestal by the Agnes Lee Chapter U.D.C., unveiled on April 20, 1906, and now sits in dignified silence as a link between the past and the present. The amount paid for the mounting was \$64.40. Beautiful music, eloquent speeches and a large assembly marked the exercises, Miss Ida Hamilton unveiling the little cannon.

Mrs. Cora Holleyman was elected President of Agnes Lee Chapter in 1907. Mrs. Dade Sams was elected First Vice President. With the spirit and endurance to tackle and to do the impossible, Mrs. Holleyman revived the idea of a monument on the Courthouse Square. The cause

strengthened through the year; the whole town joined in the effort and Hon. Charles D. McKinney, Sr., was over-all Chairman of the project.

During Mrs. Holleyman's administration the growth of the Chapter expanded wonderfully. The money for the Confederate Monument was raised. It was unveiled in 1908 and now stands upon the Decatur Courthouse Square, a fitting memorial from our citizens of their high appreciation of the brave men who were sacrificed for the honor of our beloved Southland.

SOUTHERN LITERATURE

In 1908 the attention of the U.D.C. was called to the fact that there was a dearth of books on Southern Histories in the Libraries of foreign countries, and that any contribution of such books would be most acceptable. As a result the U.D.C. took action. Thousands of books and pamphlets have been placed in the following Libraries: London Public Library, the Bodleian at Oxford University, Library of Parliament at Ottawa, American and the Sorbonne in Paris, the Louvain in Belgium, Basel in Switzerland and Heidelberg in Germany.

The U.D.C. collected and sent out-of-print books of value. Diaries, letters, newspapers, as well as new works of value on Confederate subjects were sent.

Fifty copies of President Davis' book "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government" were sent, also books were sent to colleges and universities, also libraries in the north and west. During World War II many tons of books were sent to our Service men in Camps, Ship Libraries, Hospitals and USO's. These included many Bibles and Testaments.

Agnes Lee Chapter had a part in all of this great work.

Many, many good things were done under Mrs. Holleyman's leadership. She resigned in 1909 and Mrs. Charles Murphy Candler, Sr. was elected President, Mrs. Dade Sams remaining as First Vice President. The good work was continued under Mrs. Candler with forty-nine members.

History of Agnes Lee Chapter From Organization, January 1, 1901 to Present, September 1, 1953

January 1, 1901 - September 1, 1953 by Frances C. (Mrs. Walter J. Davis)

On the morning of January 1, 1901, Mrs. Rebecca Sasnett Green had an unexpected visitor. Mrs. Clement A. Evans was the visitor, and she called in order to talk over organizing a chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in Decatur. Naturally, Mrs. Green was interested.

Mrs. Evans said that on General Robert E. Lee's birthday, January 19th, that the Atlanta Chapter would give the Veterans their Crosses of Honor, and that the men of Camp Evans wished we had a chapter in Decatur, so they would not have to go into Atlanta and get in the crowds. They wanted to receive their crosses in their home town. The seed took root and on January 5, 1901 several ladies were invited to Mrs. Milton A. Candler, Sr.'s home and the chapter was organized. Mrs. Rebecca S. Green was named the first president. Mrs. Evans also suggested the name of General Lee's lovely youngest daughter, Agnes Lee. So that is how the Chapter got its start and name.

Some of the minutes state that the Chapter was organized January 5 and some January 8. It seemed that after it had been organized for four or five years it went to sleep. This is recorded in the minutes, then some of the loyal members commenced to knock on the door. I am glad they woke up.

I am putting a picture of Agnes Lee in this book. It was given to me just recently, and I think this is the proper place.

There are several articles about the beginning of the Chapter in this volume, also other interesting articles by historians, etc. which I will not record. It has been impossible to secure pictures of all the past presidents. Some of the first ones they will not part with. I mean the families, want to keep them, and I cannot blame them.

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In recent years all the work of the Chapter activities has done well. Historical essays are written by the school children and the winners are awarded with medals at our Memorial Day exercises in the schools. Each school has its own exercises. One Cross of Honor was awarded a World War veteran during my term as president. Several Crosses of Military Service were given. This will continue always.