

From: Barry White <bwhite@mdah.ms.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Michael Morris <mmorris@mdah.ms.gov>
Subject: Fw: Lafayette Co. Confederate Monument

Hey Michael,

I've corresponded several times with David O'Donnell about the Lafayette Co. Confederate Monument, and he is looking for information that confirms who owns the property where the monument is located. They are having trouble locating deed/ownership information for one reason or another—loss of records, transfer of ownership, etc.

Unfortunately, I looked in our files, but we—at least in HP—do not have any info to confirm ownership. I also referred him to A&RS to see if they might be able to assist.

I've included our messages below.

Thanks,

Barry

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To: Barry White <bwhite@mdah.ms.gov>; David O'Donnell <dodonnell@claytonodonnell.com>
Subject: Re: Lafayette Co. Confederate Monument

Good day Mr. O'Donnell,
Your request for information was forwarded to me by our Division Director, Barry White. Unfortunately, we don't have any

documentation pertaining to the ownership of individual parcels within the Courthouse Square Historic District. For more contemporary districts we sometimes have this information on hand. However, Courthouse Square is a very early district, listed in 1980, so it's not surprising that some information is remiss. Generally the nomination for a National Register Historic District just includes an inventory and brief description of resources. I've attached this nomination, along with the local historic district designation, for your review.

If you are looking to establish ownership of particular parcel at the time of designation, I would think the best method would be running title at the County Clerk's office. If I may be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Warmest Regards,

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From: Barry White <bwhite@mdah.ms.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:59 AM

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Cc: Eric Reisman <ereisman@mdah.ms.gov>

Subject: Re: Lafayette Co. Confederate Monument

Good morning David,

I am copying our Historic Resources Survey Manager, Eric Reisman, who can provide you with any information that we might have related to your request below. However, I do not think there would be any reference to ownership of the statue.

Thank you—Eric will be in touch asap.

Barry

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Subject: RE: Lafayette Co. Confederate Monument

Barry:

Does Archives have a file on City's application for the designation of the Oxford Square area as an historic area? If so, does the file contain any reference to the Courthouse and statue and the County's ownership?

Regards,

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Subject: Re: Lafayette Co. Confederate Monument

Hi David,

I've checked all files related to the courthouse, and unfortunately, there is no additional information related to the property description.

Thank you,

Barry

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Barry:

The County also submitted an application to include the confederate monument as a registered historical marker. Can you check that file?

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Subject: Lafayette Co. Confederate Monument

Hi Mr. O'Donnell,

Attached is a copy of the Lafayette County Courthouse Certificate of Mississippi Landmark Designation. While it does include a property description, I don't think it is as detailed as you need it to be, but more defined than the tax assessor's map below.

<http://apps.agdmaps.com/print/ms/lafayette/index.html?PPIN=5948>

From this map, it looks as if the monument is not included in the courthouse parcel. Could it potentially be in state, county, or city right-of-way?

Sorry I couldn't provide more information; however, my interest is piqued.

Thank you,

Barry

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