

11 October 2006

**TO :** Blaine City Council members  
**Blaine City Hall**  
**344 H Street, Blaine 98230**  
**Fax 332-8330**

**RE :** Resolution on Jeff Davis memorial

**We request that you consider and pass the following resolution  
 we are hereby submitting :**

**In that The Seascapes condominium has offered to place the Jefferson  
 Davis Memorial Highway monument on private property adjoining  
 a city-owned parkette, we feel this placement should be made as a  
 temporary loan, or for however long it works, in conforming to Blaine  
 community historic standards.**

**It should remain unofficial and non-controversial, yet should yield  
 the historic value due to the intent of its original placement. We do  
 not feel it is the City's place to re-write history, and such placement  
 at this time is a fitting compromise which is worth a fair trial.**

**We hereby resolve that the monument shall be placed at the location  
 so designated on the attached map. (Subject to Removal at the will of the  
 City)**

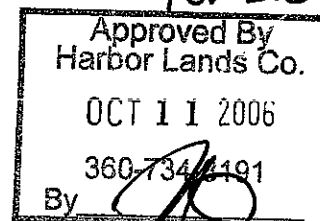
**Signed - \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**  
*R. Myers, Mayor of the City of Blaine*

*Thank you.*

**Joel Douglas, for Seascapes Owners Association**

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**Encl - location map**



01 May 2006

## Sons of the Confederacy -

A couple years ago a highway monument was removed from a roadway which had been denoted "The Jefferson Davis Highway" for nearly 100 years. This monument had been situated in Blaine, Washington, at or near the Peace Arch Park border-crossing at the U.S. and Canadian border.

Sadly, "historical revisionists" decided that the war was still going on and had the monument removed and placed inside a Department of Transportation shed. We would like to re-install the monument on private property, adjoining a new condominium and park, in Blaine Washington—very near to its original location.

The reason Jefferson Davis became so popular up here was that many Southerners—both Caucasian and African American—journeyed north to British Columbia and Washington and Oregon because land and jobs were plentiful. Many of these newcomers rose to prominent positions and became local leaders, so they naturally honored a leader of men who had gone before them, paved the way in the community, regardless of the fact that he had once been the president of the Confederacy. In the new life after the Civil War, old connotations fell away; Jeff Davis was *still influential and a leader of men!*

Would you please endorse our effort in retrieving this monument and seeing it placed respectfully, again, for all to enjoy and honor? Such support would surely go a long way to 'calm the waters' as the years wind their way forward. . .

Sincerely,

Joel Douglas

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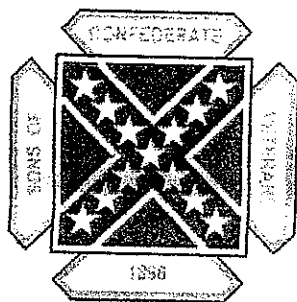
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# The Picket

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## These stories and more:

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- Fat Lady Sings With Other McKinney Cluster
- Stuart Interpretive Pavilion Planned for Laurel Hill
- Poem: The Flag

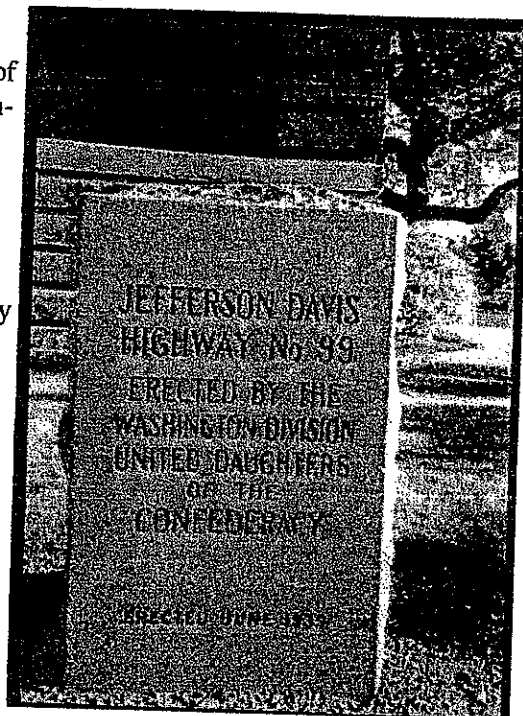
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## Rededication of Jefferson Davis Highway Monument

### UDC Dedication in Vancouver, WA

This Sunday, September 15, 2002, the ladies of the Robert E. Lee Chapter #885 United Daughters of the Confederacy will host a rededication ceremony for the Jefferson Davis Highway monument located in Vancouver, Washington. The monument was originally dedicated in June of 1939. The ceremony, which will begin at 1:45pm at the Clark County Historical Museum on corner of 16th St. and Main St. in downtown Vancouver, is not only to commemorate the last leg of the Jefferson Davis Highway, but to honor President Jefferson Davis himself. Many people spent countless hours working to reclaim ownership of the monument and to move it to its new home, including employees of the City of Vancouver, the Director of the Clark County Museum, and members of the UDC, the SCV, and even the Sons of Union Veterans. To celebrate the camaraderie between all of our organizations and chapters, a BBQ/potluck-picnic will be held immediately following the dedication ceremony at Marine Park, also in Vancouver. This is a time for all of Washington's and Oregon's SCV, UDC, and SUVCW to join together and celebrate our friendship and our dedication for our shared history.



### Amity Cemetery Confederate Veterans

Camp Lt. Commander Lowell Higley has been working hard on finding Confederate veterans buried in the Amity, Oregon, area and has succeeded beyond his own aspirations. Instead of finding just one veteran in his search, he found three Confederate veterans at the Amity Cemetery. The veterans are Pvt. Orlando H. Wood of Co. D, 16th Louisiana Infantry, Pvt. Hiram Miles Mathis of the 50th Georgia Infantry, and Pvt. Sterling Lafayette Leabow of Co. H, 61st Mounted Infantry (Pitts Regiment). Lt. Commander Higley has done an outstanding job and is now in the process of acquiring a brass plaque for each of the veterans stating their respective ranks, units, and service to the CSA. These plaques will be unveiled on October 19, 2002, at a ceremony at the Amity Cemetery, the details of which will be published in the October edition of The Picket. Many thanks to Lt. Commander Higley for his continuing dedication to our Confederate ancestors.



# General Robert E. Lee's Farewell Address 1865

"After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard fought battles who have remained steadfast to the last that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them.

But feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that must have attended the continuance of the contest, I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from a consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that a Merciful God will extend to you His blessings and protection.

With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your Country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration for myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell."

R. E. Lee  
Genl.



# President Abraham Lincoln The Gettysburg National Cemetery was dedicated by President Abraham Lincoln a brief four months after the Battle. Lincoln's speech lasted only two minutes, but it went into history as the immortal Gettysburg Address.

## The Gettysburg Address

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increase of devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Lincoln



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→ PER your request.

October 30, 2003

Marjorie Ann Reeves  
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Dear Ms. Reeves.

I am writing in response to a letter Mr. Joel Douglas sent us in which you decline his offer to relocate the Jefferson Davis marker in Bellingham, WA. In that letter you also reaffirm your organization's goal to relocate the marker back into a State Park.

Please know that our position is unchanged: as stated in earlier correspondence, this agency, because of security reasons, will not relocate the marker back into a state park.

I am also writing to let you know that State Parks recently received further correspondence from Mr. Joel Douglas regarding placement of the Jefferson Davis marker in Bellingham. In his letter, Mr. Douglas once again reiterated his willingness to locate the marker in a secure yet public place—by the Memorial Flag Park at the Grandview Business Center—where it can be viewed safely and with proper reflection. In view of this locale, we ask that your organization release the marker to him.

→ As you know, Mr. Douglas has made this generous offer before. In lieu of both his offer and State Parks' position not to re-locate the marker onto any State Park land, we encourage you and your organization to accept Mr. Douglas's idea for relocating the marker to Grandview Center's Memorial Flag Park. This location, in the midst of pedestrian traffic, is not unlike the southern marker's place at the Clark County Museum.

→ We ask that you advise both Mr. Douglas and ourselves on what you would like done. If you would like to continue to keep the marker stored out of sight in a park shed or would like to return it to your national headquarters in Virginia, please advise us. As stated in earlier correspondence, State Parks is available to assist the UDC in re-locating the marker at whatever location outside of State Park property, that you, as the rightful owners, decide is best.



31 January 2002

**MEMO :** What motivates the attempts to rewrite history?

**TO :** WA state legislators

**RE :** Leave the name Jefferson Davis a part of honest history

I've attached documents from the National Shrine at Gettysburg PA. 1) A speech written years before the dedication of the National Cemetery by Abraham Lincoln; 2) the address of General Robert E. Lee, commander of the Army of Northern Virginia, a believer in the confederate cause and also a true American; 3) The Smithsonian Institution contains artifacts and photographs of people and events on both sides of the war. All the dead--not just half, or some--are honored by our National museum.

Lincoln called men and officers of the Rebellion "brave". Both confederate and union men and officers lay buried (thousands of them buried here!) in our National Cemetery. They died saving this country. The cause was just; there were believers in the rivaling causes on both sides. Mr. Davis wanted independence; Mr. Lincoln wanted equity. Following the war, Mr. Lincoln then wanted peace, and unity.

In Washington state : In "Soldiers Home" cemetery at Orting rest the honored dead from both sides. A medal of honor quietly rested at Bayview for years; he earned the highest award for valor. Maybe he should have something named after him. My great, great grandfather did not die, but rather lived for sixty miserable years with wounds incurred in the Civil War, and greatly suffered.

I caution you to really question the reason anyone would want to rewrite history. Is it for personal fortune and fame

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or is it to change the reality that existed in 1913?  
The state of Washington had hundreds of union and confederate widows living here. In addition, many former confederate soldiers became mayors, legislators and judges. They largely were responsible for building our state from 1868 and the years following.

Bellingham's "Pickett House", a state historical site, is the former house of confederate general George Pickett. Can we expect this legendary landmark to be destroyed or "de-listed"?

Can Jefferson County be renamed solely on the grounds that its namesake was a slave-owner? How about Washington--our state's namesake? He was a slave-owner, too.

When you start re-working something that has no name--such as one of our state highways (The highway in question is owned by Whatcom County.), you could end up alienating veterans of our nation--of all colors.

Clearly, in the world of 1913, Jeff Davis was an important man many felt should not be forgotten. Regardless of what we may feel about this man, about the role he played in history, the very *act of placing a monument* to him somewhere in our state and county is representative of our local history--the history of how determined confederate "immigrants" settled here after the war.

*And this historical fact should bear the same amount of weight* as the fact of a man's role in history, or the fact of slavery being abolished!

Please do not carelessly attempt to rewrite history! Instead, try and take personal action to better your country--in the region in which you live--by showing tolerance and avoiding the tensions of racial issues. After all, it is absurd to think we can change the past--we cannot! Our efforts would be better spent on preparing for, and protecting, the future.

Thank you.

  
Joel Douglas



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December 31, 2002

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Dear Mrs. Limpus:

Understanding your sincere, longstanding interest in the Jefferson Davis highway marker, formerly located at Peace Arch State Park in Blaine, Washington, I want you to know of my recent decision to secure it in a non-public location.

This marker is owned by the United Daughters of the Confederacy and cared for by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. It was removed from public display at Peace Arch State Park because of increased public attention and debate about it during the past year. This public attention caused its location adjacent to Interstate 5 to become a public safety concern. Initially, we had planned to relocate the marker in Peach Arch State Park as an historical display. However, the escalating discussion and resulting controversy directed at the marker evolved to the point where I believe relocation in the park will result in defacing or destruction of the marker.

Upon accepting responsibility for this marker, State Parks felt an obligation to protect and preserve it. Public sentiment about the marker, which is different from past decades, leads me now to a different method of caring for this historic artifact. Therefore, we will now maintain the marker in secure storage, away from public reach. You, the marker's owners, may leave it with us to be cared for in this manner, or you may retrieve it and assume its care in some other fashion. If you decide to retrieve the maker, let us know and we will help transfer it to your possession. Specific assistance can be arranged by contacting Mr. Terry Doran, Northwest Region Manager at (360)755-9231.

Sent 1-2-03



*NOW, the video to re-write history books!*

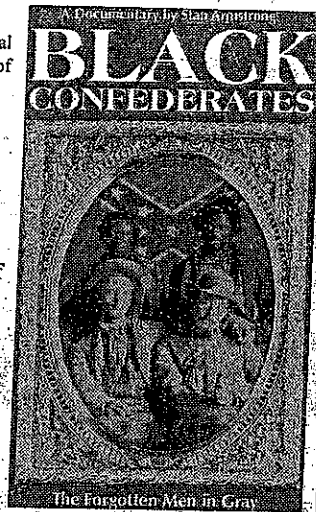
## **"Black Confederates The Forgotten Men in Gray"**

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**Stan Armstrong & Nelson Winbush**

(Stan Armstrong is also an SCV member of the N.B. Forrest Camp 215 in Memphis.)

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*The Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway Stone was relocated in December of 2002 by the following organizations:*

*The honoring of a Confederate leader in 1940 followed nearly 80 years of healing. The last remaining of both Union and Confederate soldiers at Gettysburg was held in 1937. Davis was vilified by many and honored by many as was Lincoln. There to were half a million young men killed or dead from four years of bloody war. Millions of parents, sisters, and brothers, both Canadian and American mourned the losses of sons, brothers, husbands, fathers, and cousins.*

*Washington and B.C. were the homes of both Union and Confederate volunteers before the war and many newcomers came to the Pacific Northwest after the war, many to forget the experience.*

*As a tribute to those who fought and died for the noble causes of the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865 we rededicate this monument.*

*May this gesture further unify us and may we be mercifully blessed with continued peace with one another.*

*The Following Organizations:*