

**THOMAS H. GARVER**

**MADISON, WI 53704**

April 11, 2018

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff  
2704 Kendall Avenue  
Madison, WI 53705

Dear Alder Bidar-Sielaff:

I opened the Wisconsin State Journal this morning to find, amongst news of Trump's latest shenanigans, that the Madison City Council has, by an individually non-traceable voice vote, without any further opportunity for the public to comment and against the recommendation of two city commissions, elected to remove the 1906 cenotaph from "Confederates Rest" in Forest Hill Cemetery. While I am appalled at this decision, I am writing you specifically to express my profound personal outrage at your comments as quoted in the WSJ about this monument. Your remarks, if quoted correctly, are remarkably arrogant, in the Marie Antoinette sense of "Let them eat cake." Are you really saying, "Oh, no sign is necessary on this unidentified plot because folks passing by can always find out about it from Madison's other historical resources?" If this is the case, your declaration demonstrates both your ignorance about and indifference to the history of this plot and how it is not only the final resting place of men who fought for the wrong side in a nasty war, but also how it is the focus of a great and long-lasting act of human compassion and kindness. (I am further angered to find that you represent the district in which my wife and I formerly lived, which I have always considered to be among Madison's most "liberal" knowledgeable and thoughtful.)

Let me say this in what I hope will be a civil way, in an era when civil discourse in matters of conflict seems to have all but disappeared. What you have recommended is the obliteration of history, an act akin to what ISIS has done to great Classical and Islamic monuments in Iraq and Syria. Now, let me provide you with some historical information. In the mid-1870s, Cadwallader Washburn, then Governor of the State of Wisconsin and a former Union army officer, stood on the spot of Confederates Rest and observed that "Resentment stops at the grave." So, there's the first lesson, respect for the dead, and doing so by acknowledging their presence. Another lesson, one that should be particularly noted, not only in this vaunted liberal city, but absolutely in District 5, is one of "parity." I interpret your observations, according to the WSJ, to be that there is lots of history in Forest Hill Cemetery and little of it can be marked. While this may be true, I call to your attention the fact that the plot containing Union soldiers, hardly 100 yards distant from Confederates Rest, does have a descriptive marker, and a substantial one at that. Surely finding Union soldiers' graves in a Northern cemetery makes sense, but it still seems to be worthy of a marker. Don't you think that finding Confederate graves in a Northern cemetery, a very highly unusual situation, might also warrant a similar marker? (And further, isn't it the "Madison Way" to use such a fraught situation as this one, as a "teachable" moment? Why have you dismissed this curious juxtaposition of Southern men in a Northern graveyard in such a seemingly offhand manner?)

But, as they say in those infomercials, "Wait, there's more!" And here is where the situation of this plot moves from highly unusual to become unique, because this is the also the final resting place of Alice Whiting Waterman, a woman of modest means who while southern born, lived most of her life in the north. It was she who for 30 years, three decades, took care of these graves, weeded the plots and erected wooden markers, until her death in 1897.

(And proper headstones didn't come along until 1909, three years after the Daughters of the Confederacy placed the cenotaph, which simply listed the names of the men in that plot in the first permanent way, and honored Alice Waterman as well, without any propaganda.) This is a remarkable personal statement, a gesture of reconciliation which Cadwallader Washburn addressed when he spoke there, and, if I may say, a tender personal gesture too, clearly made in the face of indifference at the very least, and possibly even downright hostility. Now you seem eager to sweep it all away, ignore it, saying in effect, that if you really want to know something about this otherwise unmarked plot, why go off to the Wisconsin Historical Society and spend the morning in their archives, which of course is another way of saying that you really don't care and don't mind seeing that ignorance persist. We see regular efforts to sweep the Holocaust under the rug and to "sanitize" the Vietnam War, both of which are properly met with resistance fortified with knowledge. Why would you not want to see such knowledge brought to a story unique to Madison, and one which, at its heart, is a positive one?

Let me end this letter on such a positive note. Copies of this letter are being sent to all alders at their home addresses, and to Paul Soglin as well. I reiterate here what I said to Paul and members of the three city commissions involved with this matter when a meeting on this subject was convened a few months ago at the community building in Warner Park. I said then that if the city would approve some form of interpretive signage appropriate to Forest Hill, and with text possibly written by someone at the Wisconsin Historical Society, but certainly approved by WHS and the various city commissions involved here, I will make a significant contribution to funding such a sign, and shall work vigorously to promote gifts from others to see an accurate, tasteful and substantial sign documenting the two poignant stories to be told here so that history will not disappear into obscurity. I hope that after a more considered reflection on this matter, you will come to agree with this proposal. At the very least, proper recognition is due both to the dead of a long gone war, and to the memory of a woman who cared when others did not. There is an old Chinese proverb which seems appropriate in this case. "Better to light a candle than curse the darkness." Let us remember well rather than obliterate the past.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas H. Garver

cc. All alders, sent to their home addresses, Hon. Paul Soglin, sent to the CC Building.

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Thomas Garver <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 22, 2018 10:18 PM  
**To:** Stu Levitan; Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** CONFEDERATE REST - FOREST HILL CEMETERY  
**Attachments:** Shiva Bidar-Sielaff 2.docx

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Dear Stu, (and with a copy to Amy Scanlon):

Tom Garver here. I am writing you as Chair of the Madison Landmarks Commission to express my deep concern at what appears to be recent and successful efforts to obliterate a unique Madison historical landmark, an obliteration that can be stopped and reversed if remedial action is taken promptly.

As you know, and despite the decision to the contrary as recommended by your commission, the Madison City Council has voted to remove the granite cenotaph placed in the "Confederate Rest" section of Forest Hill Cemetery in 1906 to permanently document the names of the Confederate soldiers interred there, names which had previously only been recorded on wooden headboards. While permanent headstones were placed three years later, the Wisconsin State Journal now reports that more than 30 of them have weathered to the point where the identifying names are no longer legible, while these names on the cenotaph's granite will survive the elements "forever." Still, the council has found that even mention of the name of the "Daughters of the Confederacy," as donors of the stone, and with no further comment, seems to have tainted the monument irretrievably, so now, with this removal, a number of men buried there will become anonymous.

I have been utterly appalled at the shockingly indifferent, perhaps even hostile treatment that the City Council has shown to these dead, an indifference which is compounded by the council's rejection, possibly through their individual ignorance, of the unique, profoundly caring and compassionate story also told there by the inclusion of the grave of Alice Whiting Waterman, the women who cared for these otherwise unmarked and untended graves from the end of the Civil war until her death in 1897. My outrage is more properly expressed in a letter I wrote a few days ago to Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Alder from the city's 5<sup>th</sup> District, who was apparently a key player in the City Council's decision not to provide any further documentation or interpretation to the several remarkable stories to be told here. This is particularly galling considering the fact that a nearby plot containing Union soldiers from the same war has a substantial interpretive marker. A copy of my letter to Alder Bidar-Sielaff is attached.

I urge you to share this letter and its attachment with members of your commission, and to encourage them in the spirit of reconciliation expressed by Cadwallader Washburn in 1867, as noted in my letter to Alder Bidar-Sielaff, be revived 151 years later by requesting the City Council to reconsider its decision and to permit, at the very least, the creation and erection of a dignified, accurate and substantial interpretive sign (to include the names of all soldiers and that of Alice Waterman), to which I have agreed to make a contribution, and will encourage others to do so as well.

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Stu Levitan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 05, 2018 10:02 PM  
**To:** Paul Sherman  
**Cc:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** Re: Confederate Rest

Mr Sherman

Thank you for your communication, which I have forwarded to the city's Preservation Planner for inclusion in the official record.

Stuart Levitan

On Saturday, May 5, 2018 7:58 PM, Paul Sherman <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Commissioner Levitan,

I have been a resident of Wisconsin for 48 years and nearly as long a resident of Madison. I, like you, hold an undergraduate history degree.

I, like you, hold a law degree. I, like you, have continued to study history in an amateur capacity since completing my undergraduate education. Despite our similar paths in life, I have come to a different conclusion than you have as to the proper course of action regarding the "Confederate Rest" section of Forest Hill Cemetery. My thoughts on the matter, shared by other members of our community, do not represent, "An unconscionable abdication of civic responsibility."

There is nothing unconscionable about thinking that the dignity and feelings of current members of our community outweigh any consideration due to the physical remains of persons who died more than 150 years ago, and of whom no person even has a living memory.

There is nothing unconscionable in concluding that "historic preservation" as defined by the Landmarks Commission in this context is entirely unrelated to preserving history.

It is no abdication to recognize that any person has at their disposal a vast body of historical literature by which to acquaint themselves with every aspect of the city's connection to the Civil War. Nor it is an abdication to recognize this body of literature is vastly superior to any "historical marker" no matter what the marker's intended purpose.

I honor the work you have done, and continue to do, in the area of our local history, but your rhetoric on this issue indicates to me you have lost perspective. It's time to move on.

--Paul Sherman

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Mike Boyle <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 8:17 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** Confederate monument

Hi. I am a former resident of Madison. I now reside in North Carolina, and am a civil war history buff. I am writing in regards to the month monument that is proposed to be removed from the Cemetery in Madison. Those buried there are Americans, even if you do not believe in their reason for fighting in the war. Who's to say what their reason was? Many fought because their neighbor, or brother, or church member was going to fight, probably never concerned with the issue of slavery. Many of those men, if not all, were treated very poorly in their time they spent in the Union prisons. I find it sad, and disheartening that we Americans cannot let these boys rest in peace. There monument is not hurting anyone. I just urge you to think of your ancestors, and how you would feel if someone took your grandfather's grave marker away, for whatever reason.

Thanks for your time,

Mike Boyle

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Greg Kartes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 10, 2018 3:05 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy; planning@thecityofmadison.com  
**Subject:** American Veteran Mounuments

Hello,

I would like to express my desire that the sole remaining monument to the Confederate dead at Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison stay right where it has been and that the smaller monument be restored to its rightful place. If this is being done solely to correct an offense someone has stated they feel, then the same should be done to the Union monuments next to the Confederate. The siege and attack on American history that's taken place the past few years is nothing more than a travesty to those to fought and died protecting their homeland. Society has bent down to appease all those who are offended by something. America used to be a place where people could hold opposing viewpoints and opinions, have ways to honor their ancestors and loved ones, without fear of being attacked physically or having the monuments created to remember them by, destroyed to appease a minority segment of society. We were all told that the take down of Confederate monuments would stop there; this couldn't be further than the truth. Monuments of all kinds, from all over this country, paying no matter to the politician affiliation those who support said monuments may hold have been vandalized repeatedly and the criminals that did the vandalism have been getting slaps on the wrist or having cases dismissed entirely. While at this time, the societal trend to tear down and destroy everything that offends anyone may not have affected you personally regarding something you hold dear, if you allow this injustice and blatant disregard of erasing this country's history to continue, by allowing the removal of the monument that remains currently at Forest Hill, one day without you realizing it, you'll be writing the same e-mails as I am now, just hoping that they do not fall upon deaf ears.

Thank you,

Greg Kartes

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Mary Stevens <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 10, 2018 8:05 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** Stop the attacks on war Memorials to Dead Confederate Veterans  
**Attachments:** Madison2.pages; Madison4.pages; Madison5.pages

SENT THE BELOW LETTER TO MAYOR SOGLIN

May 2, 2018

Dear Mayor Soglin:

Shame on you and those who voted with you to remove the Veterans' Memorial in Forest Hill Cemetery dedicated to the 140 deceased Confederate soldiers who perished while in Union's Camp Randall. What you are proposing to do does not agree with the majority of people surveyed. It is also divisive, mean-spirited, hateful, evil, and disrespectful to these and all other veterans.

May I remind you of the attached copy of PL 85-425, section 410 and PL 810 which gives Confederate vets the same status as US vets. So to tamper with monuments for these vets is illegal. Like other vets, these young men, most just teenagers were serving their homeland and protecting it from an invasion of Union troops. They were NOT fighting to protect slavery as you have learned in the past. Lincoln said many times he wanted to protect the Union instead of slavery. Also, Congress passed shortly before the war the Corwin Amendment which protected slavery. Lincoln accepted slave state West Virginia into the Union during the War. Furthermore, in Lincoln's final Emancipation Proc he freed slaves only in the Southern states (where he had no control) and failed to free any slaves in Northern states. Why? Because he was trying to force a rebellion of Southern slaves and to keep England and France from supporting the South. Attached is more info supporting the fact that slavery was NOT the reason for the war.

May I remind you that the American South did NOT create slavery which has been around since the beginning of time. The African tribal leaders sold their own to slave traders. The slave trading states of New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware and Rhode Island made a fortune off the slave trading business. I might add that plantation life was "Club Med" compared to the treatment of slaves aboard a ship where they had difficulty breathing in the lower galleys; they killed each other fighting for air; and, the slave traders threw overboard anyone who became ill while on the long voyage.

I might add that Africans have not been the only slaves throughout history. The following is a quote from black Commentator and author Thomas Sowell "More white Europeans were brought as slaves to North Africa than blacks brought as slaves to the US or to the 13 colonies from which it was formed. White European slaves were still being bought and sold into the Ottoman Empire, decades after blacks were freed in the US." Furthermore, freed African Ams and many others supported and fought for the Confederacy. Attached is a chart showing the diversity of the Confederacy which included Hispanics, Africans, Native Ams, Jewish and Asians. The most famous Jewish Confederate was Judah Benjamin who had been a US senator and became Sec of State for the Confederacy. Additionally, Macy's Department Store part owner and founder was Isidor Strauss who supported the Confederacy and later perished with his wife aboard the Titanic. We have a diverse membership in the Sons of Conf Vets and United Daughters of the Confederacy. See pics of a group of UDC members with two African Am ladies.

You are doing a disservice to these young boys who perished while prisoners and many had grandfathers who probably fought in the American Revolution. I read that you decided to take this action after reading about Charlottesville. I would like to know what a conflict about 900 miles away had to do with a memorial to deceased veterans in Wisconsin? Nothing. You are just taking this action to appeal to the black community and liberals. You think that it may give you a voting advantage in your upcoming run for Governor. I feel sorry for a person who uses the remains of veterans to garner votes. Hopefully, the voters will see through your dishonorable and disrespectful actions. By the way, there would have been no violence in Charlottesville if BLM and Antifa had not shown up to instigate violence. The White nationalists were exercising their free speech that day and had "official" permission to be in Charlottesville. BLM and Antifa had NO official permission. And BLM and Antifa attacked others with blow torches and they threw bottles of urine/excrement on others.

Lastly, since you and those who support you are so self-righteous and sanctimonious, I am sure that you will want to change the name of Madison or move out of the city. Madison was named for 4th President James Madison who owned slaves. If you fail to move or change the name of Madison, then you will be hypocrites.

Sincerely,

Mary T Stevens  
[REDACTED]  
Marietta, GA 30068  
[REDACTED]

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Debbie Allmon <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 13, 2018 2:33 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** Camp Randall Monument

Ms. Scanlon,

My name is Debbie Allmon and I live in Charlotte, NC. I am aware of the vote that will take place tomorrow (Monday, May 14th) in reference to the removal of the Confederate monument from the cemetery at Camp Randall. As we all know, this monument is also considered a headstone for the Confederates that died while imprisoned at Camp Randall. I am asking that you step up and not allow this to happen. These men are deceased US Veterans who cannot tell their story nor defend their right to be remembered as they are now. The world is aware of Confederate monuments being removed, even presidents and others which are actually beautiful works of art. The money used to remove such could be used towards other needed programs. Somewhere, someone has to step up to the plate and say stop. Again, I am asking you to do this and pray you will.

Thank you for your time.

Best Southern Regards,  
Debbie



## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Thomas Beach <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 13, 2018 8:33 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** Please preserve the History of the Southern men and boys who died here

Please do not erase history and use today's standards to judge these brave men and boys who died in the prison here. They were American citizens and died for the preservation of their homes, their families, and their way of life. Over 98% of Southerners ever owned slaves. It is disgraceful to judge an entire group for the beliefs of the few. They were just as much American patriots as their forefathers who fought the British Empire for their Independence.

My 4th and 5th great grandfathers fought in the Revolutionary War. My 3rd great grandfather fought for the South in the Civil War. I am a re-enactor portraying my 3rd gg in the same Artillery unit that portrays his Battery. History is important to me and all the generations that follow.

Thank you,

Pvt. Tom Beach

Stribling's Battery

Adjutant, Pvt. Lorenzo Leigh Bennitt Camp #773 Sons of Confederate Veterans

Sent from my iPhone

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** SEBER NEWSOME <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 13, 2018 9:36 AM  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** War memorial

To me it is unbelievable that your city would even have the idea of removing a memorial to dead American Soldiers from a cemetery. Is nothing sacred in America anymore, not even the dead. What will you do next, dig up bodies. These Confederate Soldiers are AMERICANS. Why do you forget this fact. Leave the Memorial in Place for God's sake. Speaking of God, he is watching what you do, and I do not think he will approve of you altering a cemetery.

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## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Mark Holley <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 13, 2018 11:40 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy; Planning  
**Subject:** Confederate grave marker

Please reconsider moving this stone. It is in cemetery. It marks the graves of the soldiers that are buried there. This harms no one and moving it is absurd and insulting to a great portion of the country.

Please....reconsider this action. Government should represent everyone....and be fair. This is not fair.

Sincerely,  
Mark Holley

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Tom Kopczak <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 13, 2018 7:39 AM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** war memorial

Dear Ms. Scanlon,

I'm writing today to ask that the war memorial not be removed. Despite what anyone may think of Confederate soldiers, they are AMERICAN veterans. In many cases like this one, these young men and boys were buried far from home. Many of their parents and friends never knew what happened to them. This memorial is the gravestone for these soldiers. To remove it would be a travesty. I know if someone attempted to remove the tombstones of my ancestors and erase them from history I would be highly upset. I only asked that these brave soldiers be given the same respect. Thank you.

Tom Kopczak  
Greensburg, PA

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Ethington, Ruth on behalf of Planning  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2018 8:36 AM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** FW: memorial

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**From:** Gary Laux [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 13, 2018 9:57 PM  
**To:** Planning <planning@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** memorial

please leave the Americans War Memorial in place. It's History and thousands of peoples Ancestors Died for their cause. they where AMERICANS. we need these Memorials and Status to remember them.

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Barry Colbaugh <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 13, 2018 6:19 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** Confederate Veterans Memorial

Please leave the Confederate graves of soldiers buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery alone. Leave all plaques and monuments alone. This is disrespect and you would not ask any less of a veteran who served

Barry Colbaugh

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Billy Williams <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 13, 2018 7:00 AM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** US War Memorials

Stop the Historical Revisionists and the grave desecration! •KEEP OUR AMERICAN VETERANS WAR MEMORIAL IN PLACE•

## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Kurtz, Abbie  
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2018 12:40 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** Confederate soldiers monument DPCED front desk phone calls - 5/13/18

1. An irate, nameless caller – don't we even respect the dead? – pro keeping the confederate soldiers monument.
2. Bill Williams, First Lt Commander, Stonewall Jackson Camp, Charlotte NC – pro keeping American veteran war memorial in place.
3. Barry Koval – pro keeping memorial to confederate soldiers, preserving memorial, a grave marker for soldiers; opposed to the war veterans memorial removal.



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## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** Ron Utz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 19, 2018 8:47 AM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** Confederate soldiers monument

I ask that you consider opposing the removal of the confederate soldiers monument. We should not be trying to change or hide our history. How else do we learn from our mistakes or poor decisions if we hide the past? In addition, the removal is being disrespectful to the dead, most of whom were likely young men only doing what they did because that's how they were raised. In addition, I'll bet that many people living in Madison today have ancestors that fought for the south, and very possibly have an unknown ancestor buried at this site. Should we ignore the fact that those buried here were real living humans that may even be our relatives?

Please consider this when making your decision on this matter.

Ronald A Utz  
[REDACTED]

Madison, WI

Sent from my iPhone

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## Scanlon, Amy

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**From:** D Lent <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 20, 2018 5:16 PM  
**To:** Scanlon, Amy  
**Subject:** Confederate Soldier's Monument

Dear Amy

I am very disheartened to hear on the radio, that once again, the Forest Hill Cemetery where the Confederate Soldiers are buried is in the news.

I come from a long line of military in my family, dating back to the Revolutionary War up through The War On Terrorism. My family had also settled in Wisconsin when it was a territory, so I am proud to call myself an American and Wisconsinite.

In April of 1862, we started to receive the Confederate Soldiers. In that short time of 3 months, while here in Wisconsin, we had 1,156 soldiers imprisoned, out of that, 140 of those soldiers died. This IS part of our history. The monument in question has been there for 112 years. At this point in time, this IS what I would consider a historical landmark. The city did not pay for the monument and the sexton (or equivalent) accepted its placement there. Since then it has been cared for and it is, in a cemetery. I would consider this a desecration of the burial ground and an affront to those soldiers who died while in our care if this monument is removed.

Instead of defiling a cemetery why not give a brief history of these soldiers. Why they are here in Wisconsin, how the people of Madison tried to help them and the woman who cared for their graves. In the absence of education and the knowledge of history, this often leads to anger and lack of understanding. In this day and age, common sense must be used.

Thank you for your time. I hope that this letter will help guide you to a reasonable conclusion that would settle this dispute.

If you have any questions or need to use this letter I would be more than happy to oblige.

Sincerely,

Dottie Lent

[REDACTED]  
Mosinee, WI 54455  
[REDACTED]

July 8, 2018

City of Madison Landmarks Commission

RE: Confederate Rest-Forest Hill Cemetery

Dear Landmarks Commission Members,

My name is Gerhard Pechmann and I own and operate a three-generation memorial business in Madison. I was born in Madison and have been involved in the memorial art industry since 1971.

Confederate Rest consists of several memorials marking the final resting place of not only the soldiers, but also the final resting place of a woman who cared for their graves. There are no inscriptions on any of the memorials that bring glory or fame to anyone interred within Confederate Rest.

The large, grey, Confederate Rest memorial located within the surrounding border at Forest Hill Cemetery is made from a granite quarried in Barre, Vermont. Barre Grey granite is considered the finest grey granite quarried in the world due to its hardness and color consistency.

The large memorial consists of three separate pieces, a bottom base, a sub-base, and a top tablet. The bottom base measures 60" left to right, 36" front to back, and is 18" in height. The finish is rough rock bottom with rough rock on the four vertical sides. There are 1" axed corners and the top has a 3" steeled drop wash with axed edges. This bottom base weighs 4,050 lbs. The sub-base measures 49.5" left to right, 26" front to back, and is 13" in height. The finish consists of the four vertical sides being polished with the top having a 3.5" steeled drop wash. There is a "V cut" inscription on the front face of the sub-base. The sub-base weighs 1,742 lbs. The top tablet measures 43" left to right, 19.5" front to back, and is 36" in height. The finish consists of the four vertical sides being polished with a 6" apex, steeled top. This table has "V cut" inscriptions of those soldiers interred in Confederate Rest. The top tablet weighs 3,144 lbs. The overall height of this three piece memorial is 67" and the combined weight is estimated at 8,936 lbs. The pieces sit atop of each other with lead tapped into the joints.

This is not just a piece of stone with some names on it. It took weeks to fabricate the memorial and probably months to engrave the inscriptions. The inscriptions are all engraved by hand, hammer and chisel, to form the "V cut" lettering. Only a very skilled stone cutter could create such a memorial. These inscriptions will stand the test of time and will last in excess of 1000 years. The estimated replacement cost of this memorial is \$35,000 to \$38,000.

The small memorial located to the right of the large memorial, is also made of Barre Grey granite. This memorial measures 24" left to right, 12" front to back, and is 13" in height (above ground) measured at the back edge. The top is cut as a 3" oval with a 2" drop to the front edge. The finish is all steeled. The inscription is engraved with "V cut" lettering. This memorial is referred to as a "root marker". A "root marker" is cut from a large piece of stone with only the above ground portion being finished. The area below ground is similar to an iceberg, rough and unfinished. The estimated weight of this memorial is in excess of 1,000 lbs. The estimated replacement cost of this memorial would be \$3,000.

The 132 individual grave memorials are made of Cherokee White marble, most probably quarried in Georgia. The individual memorials are 12" left to right, 4" from front to back, and are estimated at 42-48" in height. These memorial have a 2' roof top. The finish on all of the exposed surfaces is sanded. These memorials are engraved with a number to identify them. The estimated weight of these memorials is 220 lbs each. The cost to replace one of these memorials is \$1,500. These memorials are severely weathered and are deteriorating. It is believed that these memorials mark each individual grave, but the information for each memorial may not be specific to each soldier buried there. No one actually knows whom is buried where.

The stone surround is made from a local sandstone, most probably quarried from the nearest quarry. I have no estimate in regards to the weight or cost to replace this sandstone surround.

Thank you for allowing me contribute this information.

Respectfully yours,

Gerhard H. Pechmann  
Pechmann Memorials, Inc.