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FAX MEMORANDUM**PROJECT:** Denton County Courthouse

TO: The Honorable Judge Scott Arney
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ARCHITECTS PROJECT NO.: 0106
DATE: Feb 19th, 2002
RE: Confederate Monument
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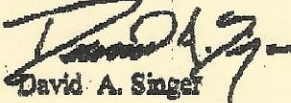
REMARKS:

Judge Arney,

The preservation treatment of the Confederate Monument includes specified cleaning procedures for the stone and repointing of the joints with a custom designed mortar. In addition, several small stone patches are required. Regarding the missing light fixture, the THC and our offices concur with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Restoration, which states, "Replacement of missing features from the restoration period will be substantiated by documentary or physical evidence. A false sense of history will not be created by adding conjectural features, features from other properties, or by combining features that never existed together historically." Should any photographic or physical evidence come to light, the design and installation of this fixture will be revisited. Missing components of the drinking fountains will be replicated in-kind based on the existing evidence. However, these fountains cannot comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and therefore, will not be rendered operational. In addition, the monument would suffer further deterioration should the fountains operate. Attached below is a copy of the language that was crafted for an interpretive plaque which is scheduled to be installed near the monument. ArchiTexas would like to again provide the opportunity for community input regarding said language.

Please forward any further questions regarding this information to me at my offices in Austin.

Thank you


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Denton County Confederate Soldier Memorial

The Denton County Confederate Soldier Memorial was erected in 1918 by the Daughters of the Confederacy. The monument stands as a reminder of historic events. It is intended as a memorial to local citizens who sacrificed themselves for the community, yet it is a strong reminder of our past mistakes and a symbol of the problems our communities still face. The negative iconographic role of the monument serves as a valuable educational tool as a visible feature of the Courthouse Square. The monument is an exemplary piece of art and a rare example of its type.

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