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September 21, 2010

Marion County Board of County Commissioners  
601 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34471

Re: Request for Permission to place Florida Historical Marker at Confederate Soldier Monument - Ocala/Marion County Veterans Park

Dear Commissioners:

The Marion County Historical Commission is applying for a Florida Historical Marker for the Confederate Soldier Monument which has been relocated to the Ocala/Marion County Veteran's Park. At the present time the Florida Division of Historical Resources is working with the Marion County Historical Commission to process the consideration of the monument as eligible for a marker and assigning a Master Site File Number. Once, the Master Site File Number is assigned, we would be eligible to file with the State of Florida the attached Application together with required historical research attachments. We have also included the proposed language for the marker. The State of Florida Division of Historical Resources will have to approve the language and there may be some changes requested by the Division.

"The Florida Historical Marker Program recognizes historic resources, persons and events that are significant in the areas of architecture, archaeology, Florida history and traditional culture by promoting the placing of historic markers and plaques at sites of historical and visual interest to visitors. The purpose of the program is to increase public awareness of the rich cultural heritage of the state and to enhance the enjoyment of historic sites in Florida by its citizens and tourists. To be recognized as a Florida Heritage Landmark a resource must meet certain criteria. The structure must be at least 50 years old and have regional or statewide significant in the areas of architecture, archaeology, Florida history or traditional culture, or be associated with an event of statewide or national significance that took place at least 50 years ago." [[www.flheritage.com/preservation/markers](http://www.flheritage.com/preservation/markers)]

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The State is working with us to expedite the processing of the marker application so that it will be delivered by April 2011 in time for the kick-off of the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States. We consider this to be an incredible opportunity to provide additional information to the public regarding the history of this beautiful monument and commemorate a significant period in our local, state and national history.

The Marion County Historical Commission is requesting that the Board of County Commissioners or its agent/designee execute the Application at number 11 which allows the placement of the marker on County property. I have spoken with Jim Couillard in Parks and Recreation about the placement of the marker and he has found a superb location for it in the County's design around the Confederate Soldier Monument.

The upkeep/maintenance of the marker would be performed by the Marion County Historical Commission. These markers require very little maintenance. We clean them every 5-7 years. This marker will look very similar to the one that is downtown next to the old library. The difference is that this marker is double-sided and will be dark blue instead of patina green.

The Marion County Historical Commission requests permission to place a Florida Historical Marker at the Confederate Soldier Memorial located in the Ocala/Marion County Veteran's Park. Should you need further information to honor this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 352/732-3915.

Respectfully submitted,



Vanessa Thomas, Chairman

VT/bj  
Enclosures

FLORIDA HISTORICAL MARKER APPLICATION  
HR3E171294

1. Historic Name of Resource

Historic Name Confederate Monument

Suggested Marker Title Marion County Confederate Memorial Monument

2. Location of Resource

Street & Number Ocala-Marion County Veteran's Memorial Park, East Hwy 40, SE 25th Ave and Fort King Street

City Ocala County Marion Zip Code 34471

3. Property Owner

Owner Name Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Street & Number 601 SE 25th Avenue Telephone 352-438-2300

City/Town Ocala State Florida Zip Code 34471

4. Classification of Resource

Type of Ownership:

Private (Individual)  Public (Local)   
Private (For Profit)  Public (State)   
Private (Non-Profit)  Public (Federal)

Type of Resource:

Building  Structure   
District  Object   
Site  Other

Public Access to Site (days of week & hours site available to public) 7 days per week from dawn to dusk  
(Access to certain parts of the site may be restricted by the property owner)

5. Marker Type & Category

Type of Marker Applied for:

\*  Standard Marker  
**WRAP AROUND TEXT  
MARKER**

Category:

Florida Heritage Site (Locally Significant)  
 Florida Heritage Landmark (Regional & Statewide Significance)

Is request for a new or replacement marker? New Marker  Replacement

Is resource listed in the National Register of Historic Places?  Yes  No

6. Resource Description

(Briefly describe the historic and current physical condition of the Resource. Use continuation sheets if necessary.)

The entire original monument is still preserved intact, except for the tiered flower planters that the monument was originally erected upon in 1908. The planters were eliminated in 1965. The physical condition and historical integrity of the monument is excellent considering it is now 102 years old and has endured several relocation during the most recent past 45 years.

The monument is a carved marble Confederate Soldier statue on granite tiered bases with an engraved commemorative plaque embedded, standing 23 feet in height.

## 7. Statement of Significance

(Briefly explain the significance of the Resource. Use continuation sheets if necessary.)

The Confederate Monument is a 102 year old carved and chiseled artifact of ethnic heritage value, that portrays and commemorates a significant period in our local, state, and national history.

## 8. Marker Text

Please submit a proposed text for your marker typewritten on a continuation sheet. Text limits for the three types of markers are:

- Standard Marker: 19 lines, 1,235 characters (The same text will appear on both sides of the marker.)
- Supplementary Marker: 10 lines, 300 characters (Text appears on one side only.)
- Heritage Plaque: No more than 50 characters. Information is limited to the name of the historic person and the dates and type of association with resource, e.g., "Claude Pepper Law Office 1925-1930"

\* STANDARD MARKER W/ WRAP AROUND TEXT

## 9. Required Documentation

Please submit the following items with the completed form.

Florida Master Site File Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach copy of Site File Form) A Site File Form may be obtained by calling the Master Site File at (850) 245-6440.

### Major Bibliographical References

Cite and attach pages of books, pamphlets, municipal records, articles and other sources that provided the historical and descriptive information used in preparing this application.

### Maps

A sketch map and site plan showing the location of the resource. Also indicate on the map where the historical marker is to be erected or placed.

### Photographs

Submit at least one recent photograph of the resource to be marked. Photocopies of photographs, drawings and other artistic representations are not acceptable.

Please indicate what persons or organizations (if other than the property owner) will be responsible for the erection and maintenance of the Florida Historical Marker or Plaque. (Use continuation sheet if necessary.) Also please indicate the name, phone number and fax for the individual who conducted the historical research.

Marion County Historical Commission - erection and maintenance of marker  
Historical Research - Hoyalene P. Thomas (352) 236-2790

## 10. Form Prepared By

Name Vanessa Thomas, Chairman E-mail: vthomas-fhtm@hotmail.com

Street & Number 723 East Fort King Street Phone/Fax: 352-732-3915

City/Town Ocala State Florida Zip Code 34471

## 11. Owner Approval Statement

As the owner, or the official representative of the owner, of the property, I am aware of and agree to the submission of this application to place an Official Florida Historical Marker or Plaque on my property.

Owner signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name of owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(CONTINUATION OF FLORIDA HISTORICAL MARKER APPLICATION)

**MARION COUNTY CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL MONUMENT**

[Front Text]

On Nov. 23, 1900, the John J. Dickison Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy issued a circular letter detailing plans to erect a monument in honor of the Confederate dead “as a continual reminder of the valor, patriotism and sacrifices of our brave men . . .” . “Lest we forget.”

The monument would stand on the public square of Ocala where a new courthouse was to be built. The chapter appointed a committee to solicit funds.

Members of the UDC, the general public and school children contributed money over several years. The school children gave pennies and were duly recognized for their contribution. It would take a total of \$1,500. A \$500 contribution from the County Commission completed the fund.

“Never has Ocala seen a better, more inspiring crowd to offer their grateful prayers for a deed that shall stand till time is no more,” the Star reported in late April 1908 - which was an interesting observation as the editor of the Star was a Union Army veteran.

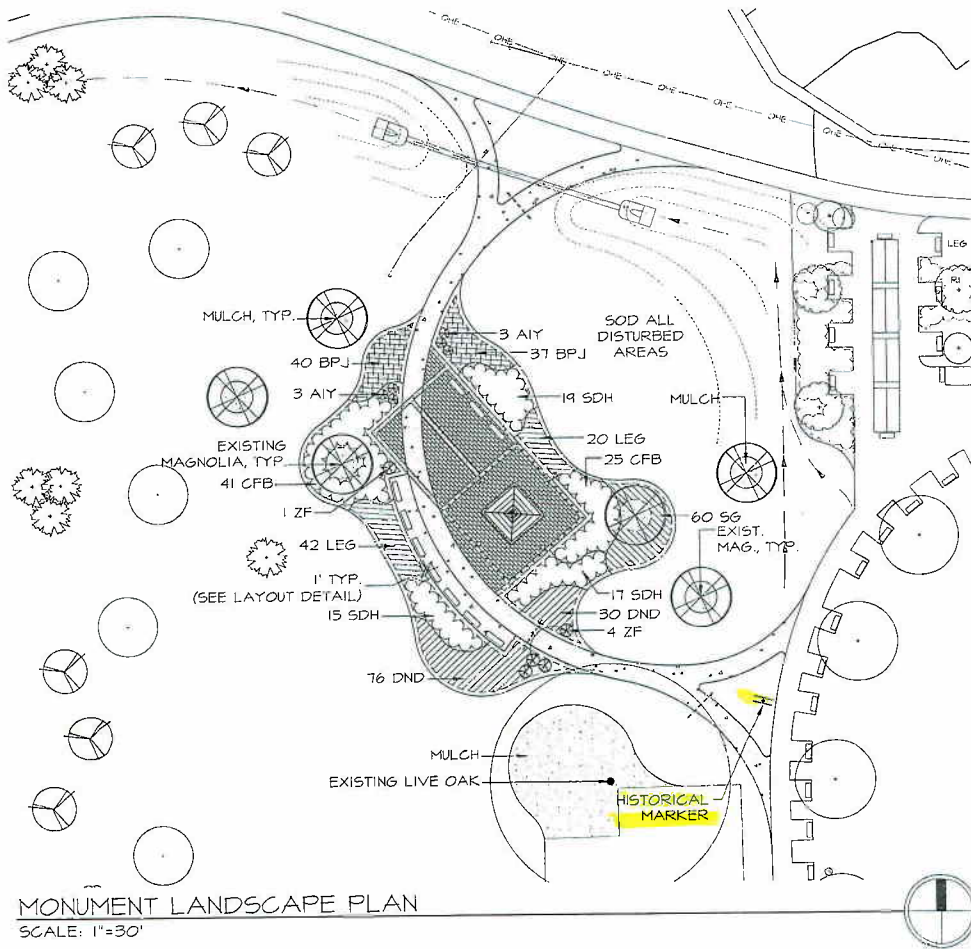
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The monument would stand as a silent sentinel on the southwest corner of the square for decades, until a new courthouse was built in the 1960's on Northwest 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (old Adams Street). It was relocated when demolition began on the old courthouse in mid-1965.

A rededication was held in 1991 when the monument found what appeared to be a permanent place on the east side of the enlarged courthouse, which had been renamed the Marion County Judicial Center.

Later when the County decided to enlarge the Judicial Center, the monument was moved once again. With the latest expansion completed in early 2010, efforts to relocate the monument to the Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park were successful. The needed \$34,000 had been raised from concerned citizens to pay the costs and the monument was relocated to the park on August 24, 2010.

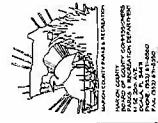
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**MONUMENT LANDSCAPE PLAN**  
SCALE: 1"=30'

**PLANT SCHEDULE**

KEY	QTY.	NAME	SPECIFICATIONS/SPACING
AIY	6	AFRICAN IRIS, YELLOW DIETES BICOLOR	#1; FULL; 3-4 PPP MIN; 24" OC
BPJ	77	BLUE PACIFIC JUNIPER JUNIPERUS CONFERTA 'BLUE PACIFIC'	#3; 8" HT X 12" SPR; 2' OC
CFB	66	CHINESE FRINGE BUSH LOROPETALUM CHINENSIS 'PLUM'	#3; 18" HT X 18" SPR; FULL; 3' OC
DND	106	DWARF NANDINA NANDINA DOMESTICA 'FIREPOWER'	#1; 12" HT; FULL; 2' OC
LEG	62	EMERALD GODDESS LIRIOPE LIRIOPE MUSCARI 'EMERALD GODDESS'	#1; FULL; 5-7 PPP MIN; 2' OC
SDH	51	STOKE DWARF HOLLY ILEX VOMITORIA 'STOKE'S DWARF'	#3; 18" HT X 18" SPR; 3' OC
SG	60	SOCIETY GARLIC TULBAGHIA VIOLACEA	#1; FULL; 6-8 PPP MIN; 2' OC
ZF	5	COONTIE ZAMIA FLORIDANA	#3; FULL; 18" SPR; 4' OC
SOD		ARGENTINE BAHIA PASPALUM NOTATUM 'ARGENTINE'	SLAB
MULCH		MINI PINE BARK NUGGETS	3" DEPTH



**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK  
CONFEDERATE STATUE**

**MONUMENT LANDSCAPE PLAN**

Date	Revision
1-28-2010	REDUCE LANDSCAPE
6-14-2010	ADD BRICHES, ADJUST L/S

Date: 6-30-2010  
Job #: VMP - CS  
Dwg #: LANDSCAPE  
Design: RC  
Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

**LP-1**

Sheet 3 of 11

SEE SHEETS LP-2 & LP-3 FOR LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION SPECIFICATIONS AND DETAILS