

# Discussion on Historical & Cultural Monuments and Artifacts

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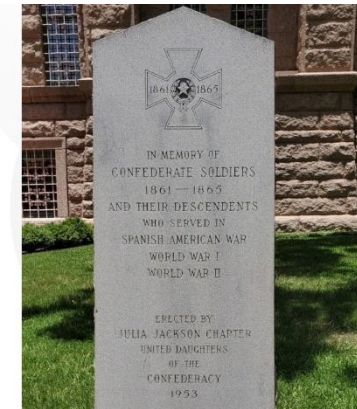
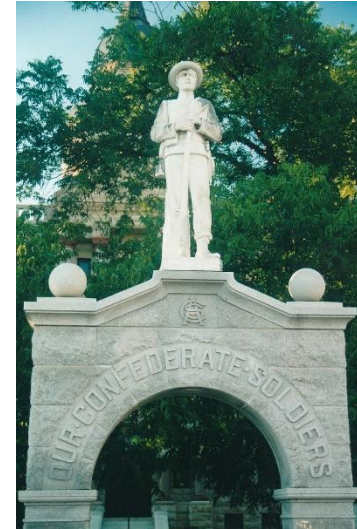
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# Why are we here today?

- Current events have generated conversations about culture, race, and history
- National conversation on how history is portrayed in the public realm
- Conversations in McKinney regarding Throckmorton statue at MPAC

# What we know currently

- National conversation is ongoing regarding Confederate monuments and how to address those in the public realm
- Other cities around the state have addressed or are addressing these monuments and iconography
- Throckmorton statue at MPAC
  - Gifted to the City in 1911 by the Federated Women's Clubs of McKinney.
  - Lawyer, Politician, buried at Pecan Grove Cemetery.
  - Served a brigadier general for the Confederate Army during the American Civil War.



# What's next?

- City of McKinney launched 'African-American History in McKinney' storyboard in February and 'Juneteenth Celebrations' in June
- 'Hispanic-American History' storyboard will launch in September
- Creation of a Cultural Task Force to review Throckmorton statue and other items around McKinney
- Identify 'overlooked' or 'under-told' areas/locations related to McKinney cultural heritage
- Present recommendations to Council for action



## Juneteenth in McKinney, Texas

A History in Newsprint, 1886 - 1957

Tonia Falls and Pedro Alvarez, City of McKinney GIS Dept | June 19, 2020



# Today's discussion

- Guidance and direction from Council regarding exploration/creation of Cultural Task Force
  - If supported, staff will outline a more detailed plan and bring back to Council for review.
- Discussion regarding Throckmorton statue
  - Keep in place and wait for Cultural Task Force review and recommendation
  - Remove and store until Cultural Task Force Review and recommendation
  - Deal with statue separately outside purview of Task Force



# Discussion and questions