

St. John's Cemetery
501 N. "G" Street
Pensacola, FL 32501

Reply by Mail to
501 E. Zaragoza St.
Pensacola, FL 32502

June 18, 2020

Mayor Robinson, Members of Council:

I am writing in my capacity as President of the Board of St. John's Cemetery. On behalf of the Board, should you remove the Confederate Soldiers Memorial at Lee Square, we would offer a space at historic St. John's Cemetery for the statue's relocation.

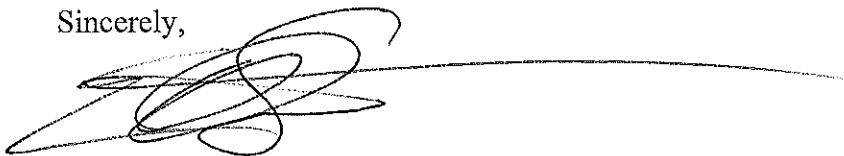
St. John's Cemetery has the highest number of Confederate soldiers and the most Confederate generals buried in a public cemetery in Florida. Placing the statue there would be consistent with that part of our City's heritage.

This monument was originally erected using private funds from people who were primarily survivors or lost loved ones who were members of the two infantry regiments that were formed here during the Civil War. It seems fitting that this memorial would be located in a historic cemetery.

If you choose to relocate the statue to St. John's, we would recommend it being located in the first roundabout, near the graves of other Confederate soldiers.

Given the limited resources of the St. John's Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund we propose that the City continue to own and maintain the monument. We will be happy to work out an arrangement for City workers to come on to our property for maintenance of the monument.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Stevenson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric Stevenson
President, St. John's Cemetery, Inc.