



May 17, 1980

Report of the Alfred Mouton Monument Committee

The members of this committee began researching the history of the monument immediately after the meeting of the Chapter on April 19.

We found that the statue was paid for by the UDC, Louisiana Division, and especially Alfred Mouton Chapter and given to the City of Lafayette in 1922. The land on which it sits was ^{well} owned by Alexandre Mouton who sold it to Archille Figaro who years later donated it to the city so that the statue could be located in a prominent place in downtown Lafayette and on former Mouton property.

Had we held title to the property and/or the monument we could have had a legal say about the move. But we did not, so we wrote letters to the Mayor, spoke to him and to his assistant, Mr. Gerald Breant, expressing our objection and asking to be informed as to anything relevant to the move.

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DAY OF

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JULY 1980
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EXHIBIT
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We contacted UDC Division President and asked support and at the May 9 business session of the Division Convention a motion was made and carried opposing the moving of the statue. The Division Secretary was authorized to write to the Mayor and representatives and Senators of this area stating our opposition. (tie)

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On Tuesday May 13 at 6:30 p.m. we learned after a City Council briefing that the council was told the statue would be moved at 7:30 a.m., Thursday May 15. The Council was not in favor, but took no action at that time. They spoke with various attorneys on Wednesday about the matter but again took no action.

During this time Hazel, Elizabeth and I talked back + forth and each to councilmen and other parties who we felt could resolve the matter, but we were not able to stop the action. And so, at 3:30 on Wednesday we did the only thing left to stop the move - obtained an injunction.

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The injunction is against the City, the Mayor and the contractors stopping them for doing anything for ten days. At the end of this ten days we will ask for an extension of the restraining order. When this extension expires Mayor-elect Bud Lastrapes will be in office and has assured us that he will cancel the order and the matter will be closed as far as the city is concerned. Elizabeth Dugal is our attorney.

I filed the injunction on behalf of the UDC - both Division and our Chapter. I paid the filing fee and also signed the necessary \$2,500 bond with Charles Debaillon as co-signer. The filing fee will pay for paper work, deputies to deliver restraining orders, court costs, etc. If this is not sufficient the Clerk of Courts office will bill me through Elizabeth - it should be enough.

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The bond had to be posted in case the contractors sue the City for breach of contract. We have spoken to both contractors and they have assured us that they will not sue.

At the time we filed we drew Judge Brunson's court and were assigned a court date of June 16. In court, Elizabeth will present the reasons, including an affidavit as to the historical significance, why we oppose the moving of the monument. She will ask for a permanent injunction. The City will not oppose us and the matter will then be settled by the Court.

We have not committed the UDC to any expense. We have acted in the best interest of UDC - as they voted, both Alfred Mouton Chapter and ^{for} Division.

FILED THIS 30
DAY OF July 2020
[Signature]
Deputy Clerk of Court

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