

The Unveiling **Our Little known History**



How Far Would Southern White Women Go To Save Face?

Let's dig into the role that *white women* played in cultivating and perpetuating white supremacy, starting with "southern honor." Humiliated by losing the Civil War, southern women began to look for ways to justify and glorify their fraudulent past. How? By banding together in 1876 to create **The United Daughters of the Confederacy** and launch a campaign to rewrite the story of the war and the Confederacy itself. Though deeply dishonest, this has been a highly successful effort--so much so that it continues today.

In the summer of 2020, as a result of protests of the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, monuments to the Confederacy finally came down all over this country. When the statue of John B. Castleman was removed from its site in Cherokee Park and that of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, was removed from the Kentucky State Capitol, a heated debate arose with cries that the removal was "trying to erase our heritage." Many believed the statues had been with us since the days of the Confederacy and were thus part of our history. They were wrong.

Jefferson Davis' statue was erected under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and placed in the Rotunda of the Kentucky Capitol in 1936, *seventy-one years after the fall of the Confederacy*. Though he had been the head of a failed insurrection against the United States, his statue bore the dishonest tribute: PATRIOT – HERO – STATESMAN.

This statue and thousands like it did not exist at the time of the Civil War. They were erected decades later to create an aura of honor for those who had killed and died defending slavery. And many people believed them: thus we still argue over the removal of a traitor's statue, and we see Confederate flags proudly waving during an attack on the U.S. Capitol.

We can only imagine the traumatic effects on Black Americans who had to walk by these tributes to slavery daily. And to be told, "It's our history. It wasn't about slavery. It's not about race." We know good and well it was.

This 6-minute video explains further:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOkFXPbILpU>