As a veteran who has lived in Bell County for nearly a half-century, it is a great honor to be able to honor Confederate soldiers and to be a part of the debate about historical monuments. It is important to remember that these brave men and women fought for the principles that we hold dear today.

CAUSE OF WAR

Below are brief quotes from the president of the Union, the president of the Confederate States of America, and Lincoln's key military leaders of the Civil War, illustrating the reasons the North and South went to war.

WILLIAM L. MEE

Here is a summary of the.getAccount from a black man of the Civil War period concerning the Confederacy, as related by a former slave who was a soldier in the Confederate army.

IMAGES OF HISTORIANS LEAVE OUT—A CONFEDERATE PRIMER

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