

Letter to the editor Bulloch County's 'strange fruit' is still hanging

Editor: Just over a century ago, lynchings in Bulloch County occurred even in the victims' homes. In 1937 a poem which became a song by Billie Holiday likened the hanging bodies to fruit on trees.

Just over a century ago during the same lynching era, United Daughters of the Confederacy funded and erected the monument to Lost Cause mythology that still stands on the people's square outside the Bulloch County Courthouse.

The African-American community must still endure the hypocrisy of a monument to fear and lawlessness right next to a building claiming equal justice for all.

Our "strange fruit" still hangs, while those in Brunswick, West Point Military Academy, and even the capital of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia, among others, are gone.

Moving the embarrassment is not a black community responsibility, but a white community problem.

People know it, but won't speak up.

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