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**From:** vance peacock <vancepeacock@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2023 1:49 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Cc:** Andrew Jones  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Letter of support for Casey Square

Dear City of Savannah,

I hereby support the renaming of the former Calhoun Square as Casey Square in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey.

Regards,

Ralph Vance Peacock  
120 West Jones Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

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**From:** Tim Coy <timothycoy@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2023 5:35 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Naming the square

To Whom it may concern:

My name is Timothy Coy. I am from a family that has been residing in the Low Country since the eighteenth century. I write today in support of the movement to rename the former Calhoun Square. I urge the City of Savannah to rename the square in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey who is known as one of Savannah's Medical Martyrs. Dr. Casey was a Savannah physician who lost his life in the course of his selfless effort to treat the victims of the first major Yellow Fever epidemic of 1819-1820. Dr. Casey was also instrumental in establishing Savannah's first African American hospital which ultimately came to fruition as the Georgia Infirmary.

Dr. Casey is a relatively unknown yet heroic Savannahian who deserves to be honored in a way that will preserve his memory and serve as an example of public service that Savannahians today and in the future should emulate.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Coy

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**From:** jabrown1@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023 10:15 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Renaming Calhoun Square

To: City of Savannah

I would like to support the renaming of the square in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey, 1781-1819, for his contributions to the health and welfare of Savannah, particularly during the first yellow fever epidemic.

Sincerely,

John A. Brown  
208 E. Gwinnett St.  
Savannah, Ga.

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[Caution - External Email] Support for Casey Square

James Hundsrucker <jhundsrucker@gmail.com>

Mon 7/17/2023 10:58 AM

To:Squares <square@savannahga.gov>

Greetings,

This note is sent in support of renaming Calhoun Square to Casey Square. (See Application of Andrew Jones.)

Mr. Casey's humanitarian sacrifice is an admirable quality Savannah should welcome memorializing.

With gratitude,  
Jim Hundsrucker

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[Caution - External Email] Renaming of Calhoun Square

Susan Arden-Joly <sardenjoly@gmail.com>

Mon 7/17/2023 6:10 PM

To:Squares <square@savannahga.gov>

Cc:Andrew Jones <andrewjonesnyc@aol.com>

Dear City of Savannah,

I support the renaming of the former Calhoun Square as Casey Square, in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey.

Sincerely,

Susan Arden-Joly  
137 East 49th St (31405)

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[Caution - External Email] Square renaming.

Robert Becker <robertbecker86@msn.com>

Sat 7/15/2023 9:18 AM

To:Squares <square@savannahga.gov>

Dear City of Savannah

I hereby support the renaming of the former Calhoun Square as Casey Square in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey.

Thank you for considering.

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[Caution - External Email] Square name in Support of Casey Sq

Sabrina Nagel <snagelch@gmail.com>

Fri 7/14/2023 12:57 AM

To:Squares <square@savannahga.gov>

Dear City of Savannah,

I hereby support the renaming of the former Calhoun Square as Casey Square in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey and his daughters. Dr. Casey selflessly lost his life in an effort to save people during the yellow fever epidemic and his daughters were pioneers in preservation in the City of Savannah as well as the first women registered to vote in the State of Georgia.

Regards,

Sabrina Nagel  
Resident of the Historic District

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[Caution - External Email] Former Calhoun Square

Cory Highland <acoryhighland@gmail.com>

Fri 7/14/2023 11:15 AM

To:Squares <square@savannahga.gov>

Cc:Andrew Jones <andrewjonesnyc@aol.co>

Dear City of Savannah,

I hereby support renaming the former Calhoun Square as Casey Square in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey.

Regards,

Cory Highland

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A. Cory Highland

211 East York Street

Savannah, GA 31401

(646) 361-4659

[acoryhighland@gmail.com](mailto:acoryhighland@gmail.com)

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[Caution - External Email] Support for Casey Square

Anna Habersham Wright <factorswalk@earthlink.net>

Thu 7/13/2023 8:46 PM

To:Squares <square@savannahga.gov>

Dear City of Savannah,

I believe that Doctor John Aloysius Casey, 1781-1819, a Medical Martyr of Georgia, is an appropriate civic role model for whom to rename Calhoun Square.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Habersham Wright  
126 West Taylor Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

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[Caution - External Email] Please name the former Calhoun Square as Casey Square

blueheronantiques@verizon.net <blueheronantiques@verizon.net>

Thu 7/13/2023 8:55 PM

To:Squares <square@savannahga.gov>

Dear City of Savannah,

I hereby support the renaming of the former Calhoun Square as Casey Square in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey.

Regards,

Brian Malejko

41 Habersham St., Savannah, GA 31401

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**From:** Graham Sadler <sadler.graham@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 4:17 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Cc:** Dolly Chisholm  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Square formerly known as Calhoun

Dear City of Savannah,

We hereby support the renaming of the former Calhoun Square as Casey Square in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey.

Regards,

Graham Sadler  
404 E Bryan St, Savannah, GA 31401

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**From:** Edward P Flanagan <brugh100@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2023 2:17 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Renaming Calhoun Square

Dear City of Savannah,

I hereby support the renaming of the former Calhoun Square as Casey Square in honor of Dr. John Aloysius Casey.

Regards,  
Edward P Flanagan

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**From:** Fran Pavley <franpavley@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 2, 2023 7:01 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Cc:** ANDREW JONES  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Fw: Support to rename the square at Albercorn St. and East Wayne St: "Casey Square"

July 2, 2023

City of Savannah  
2 East Bay Street  
Savannah, CA 31401

As the daughter of Noble W. Jones of Savannah, Georgia, please add my name to the growing number of supporters who would like you to rename the public square, "Casey Square".

I have visited the beautiful and historic city of Savannah many times and have learned about the rich history from my cousins, aunts, uncles, and other relatives over many years. Dr. John A. Casey sacrificed his own life in helping others during the Yellow Fever Epidemic in the early 19th century. As a former teacher of American history to teenagers, Dr. Casey will become an important role model for future generations who will visit Savannah and learn about this fine citizen.

I saw a photo of a plaque in the Colonial Cemetery that honor the hundreds of victims of the Yellow Fever Epidemic including the two unnamed local physicians. Dr. Casey deserves the recognition of having a public square named after him.

Thank you for your consideration,

Frances Jones Pavley (Frances Meldrim Jones)  
Former CA State Senator  
P.O. Box 1833  
Agoura Hills, CA 91376

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**From:** andrewjonesnyc@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2023 1:13 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Casey Square Application  
**Attachments:** Submission for Casey Square from Andrew Jones May 12, 2023 (Supplemented July 21, 2023).pdf

Dear Squares,

I would like to add some supplemental information to my application regarding Dr. Casey's granddaughter, Sarah Berrien Casey Morgan, Savannah's first woman alderman.

I've attached a PDF that includes the original application with the supplemental information at the end, but does not include the exhibits from the original application.

Would you be able to combine the original exhibits with the updated text in the attached pdf?

Thank you.

Regards,

Andrew Jones  
(646) 248-2050

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## **SUBMISSION TO RENAME THE SQUARE AT ABERCORN AND EAST WAYNE STREET “CASEY SQUARE”**

Submitted May 11, 2023 by Andrew Jones (Supplemental Information Submitted July 21, 2023)

### **Introduction**

This submission proposes renaming the square after Dr. John Aloysius Casey, a Savannah physician who gave his life to treat the victims of the Yellow Fever Epidemic in 1819-1821.

Dr. Casey’s humanitarianism towards the Savannah community, including its African American population, embodies the ideals that we citizens of Savannah revere. Not only is Dr. Casey the polar opposite of Calhoun, but Dr. Casey also has a specific connection to the burial ground in that the deceased likely include the very people he worked to save.

In the supplemental information at the end of the application, the applicant proposes naming alternatives to recognize both Dr. Casey and his notable granddaughter, Sarah Berrien Casey Morgan, the first woman alderman in Savannah.

### **Submission Requirements**

1. Review of Article E - Completed
2. Name and contact information of applicant:

Andrew Jones  
324 E. Broughton St.  
Savannah, GA 31401  
(646) 248-2050  
[andrewjonesnyc@aol.com](mailto:andrewjonesnyc@aol.com)
3. Support Letter from Detric Leggett (Ex. A)
4. Proposed name: Casey Square
5. Statement of significance with supporting citations

### **Statement of Significance with Supporting Citations**

**Introduction.** This nomination proposes naming the square “Casey Square” after Dr. John Aloysius Casey (1781-1819), a physician who came to Savannah in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and gave his own life in order to save the victims of the yellow fever epidemic, which began in 1819. (Victor H. Bassett, Librarian, Georgia Medical Society, *Two Medical Martyrs of Georgia in 1819-1820, reprinted in Savannah Morning News*, August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 1937)(Exhibits B-1 through B-9).

**Biography:** John Aloysius Casey came to Savannah from Maryland, via Augusta, Georgia prior to 1814. (Ex. B-7, upper left). He married Sarah Lowndes Berrien. (Ex. B-6, lower right), the daughter of Major John Berrien (1760-1815) a Revolutionary War hero who fought at Valley Forge and was later appointed by George Washington as the Inspector of the Port of Savannah. Major John Berrien’s house still stands at 324 E. Broughton St.

John Aloysius Casey practiced medicine with his brother in law, Richard McAllister Berrien. (Ex. B-9, first column). In 1817, Casey, together with other doctors in Savannah, started the raising of funds for the first African American hospital, which ultimately came to fruition as Georgia Infirmary in 1832. (Ex. B-8, top right, Ex. B-5, upper right).

In 1817 Dr. Casey and other physicians interested themselves in collecting funds for the establishment of a hospital and infirmary for negroes. [citation omitted]. A number of years passed before the attempt to found a hospital for the negroes was successful, but the work begun in 1817 was finally successful and the Georgia Infirmary founded in 1832.

(Ex. B-8).

When the deadly yellow fever first struck in 1819, both Casey and Richard Berrien tended to the dying. In doing so, they also succumbed to the disease, Casey in 1819 and Berrien in 1820. (Ex. B-8, right column, B-9, first column).

Casey and Berrien became known as the medical martyrs of Georgia, having sacrificed their lives for the good of others. (Ex. B-1, B-2). They were held in high esteem by the Georgia Medical Society. (Ex. B-5)

Given that there is already a Berrien Street and Berrien Ward named after Richard's half-brother, who was a famous senator, and given that nothing bears the name Casey, the recommendation is simply for Casey Square.

Note that there is a plaque in the Colonial Cemetery referencing the 2 doctors who died, but they are not named. (Ex. C).

### **Application Criteria and Requirements**

Proposed name, Casey Square:

- The name honors and commemorates a noteworthy person associated with the City of Savannah, an individual who sacrificed his life for the good of his fellow citizens.
- It commemorates local history, specifically the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1819-1821, especially poignant after our own experiences with Covid.
- It strengthens neighborhood identity. Approximately half of the victims of the epidemic were African Americans, some possibly buried in the African American cemeteries at or near this site.

The naming request considers the other criteria:

- Residents impacted. The Yellow Fever Epidemic caused extensive fatalities and traumatized the entire City.
- Community Diversity.
  - Casey showed great concern for the health of the African American population, first by helping to raise money for a hospital and then by tending to the victims of the epidemic.
  - Also, Casey was an Irish immigrant. Applicant is not aware of a square named after an Irish immigrant.
- Location significance and appropriateness.



- The naming is appropriate given the location of an African American cemetery at or close to the site. It certainly is possible that Casey tended to one of the deceased buried there.
- The naming is also appropriate in that Casey's humanitarian efforts draw a stark contrast to Calhoun's attitudes. They were contemporaries, with Calhoun having been born just one year after Casey. Renaming the square as Casey Square stands for the proposition that there were individuals living in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century who embodied Savannah's humanitarian values rather than the values of Calhoun, a South Carolina Nullificationist.
- When the square was named in the 1850s, Dr. Casey was already deceased and would have been a worthy person to have named the square after. Thus, renaming the square Casey Square reflects a choice the City should have considered at that time.

#### Natural Person Naming Request consideration

- The proposed honoree is deceased.
- The proposed candidate exerted efforts of significance locally, providing humanitarian efforts and ultimately sacrificing his life doing so.
- Casey contributed to the humanitarian movement to better the lives of African Americans. His fundraising efforts were part of a campaign that beneficially changed the lives of African Americans through the founding of the Georgia Infirmary.
- His achievement was in the field of medicine, and he was held in high esteem by the Georgia Medical Society.



**DR. JOHN ALOYSIUS CASEY**

### **Supplemental Information – Sarah Berrien Casey Morgan (1851-1931)**

The name Casey Square also pays homage to other members of the Casey family who made contributions to Savannah and the State of Georgia.

Of particular significance is Dr. Casey's granddaughter Sarah Berrien Casey Morgan, who, among other accomplishments, was the first woman registered in Chatham County to vote and Savannah's first woman alderman. Given her significance, this application offers alternatives to the main proposal:

- Name the square Casey Square in honor of both Dr. Casey and his granddaughter
- Name the square Casey Square in honor of Sarah Berrien Casey (using her maiden name). Note that she meets the requirements for square naming on her own (see below). Also honor her grandfather Dr. Casey in the related plaque.
- Name the square Morgan Square (using her married name) and honor her grandfather Dr. Casey in the related plaque.

### **Biography and Accomplishments** (excerpted from the City of Savannah, Amazing Savannah Women Series, December 3, 2020)

- Founding member of the Savannah Federation of Women's Organizations and the Savannah Branch of the Equal Suffrage Party, she was at the forefront of Savannah's suffrage movement.
- After the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified, local suffrage leaders gave her the honor of being the first woman to register to vote in Chatham County.
- 1922 was not only the first year women were allowed to vote in Georgia, but also the first year women could run for office. In Savannah, three women were on the ballot for City Council, including Morgan.
- During her campaign, she vowed to "be fair and square in political office" and when discussing the topic of women as City employees said, "Women as women should not be denied office. Fitness to perform the duties of an office should alone be the controlling factor in the appointment."
- on January 18, 1923, the last City Council meeting of Mayor Stewart's administration, Alderman George White resigned and in an honorary move Council appointed Morgan to fill the unexpired term.
- Morgan died on June 28, 1931. On the day of her funeral, the flag over Savannah's City Hall flew at half-staff, the first time in the City's history that it had been lowered in honor of a woman.

### **Sources:**

City of Savannah, Amazing Savannah Women Series, Sarah Berrien Casey Morgan, December 3, 2020 (Ex. B)

Padgett, Evelyn P., "Sarah Berrien Casey Morgan" (1987). Savannah Biographies. 176.

<https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1192&context=sav-bios-lane>

### **Sarah Berrien Casey Morgan Meets the Criteria in Her Own Right**

Proposed name, Casey Square or alternatively Morgan Square:

- The name honors and commemorates a noteworthy person associated with the City of Savannah, a leader in women's rights.
- It commemorates local history, specifically the right of women to vote under the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

The naming request considers the other criteria:

- Community Diversity: Sarah Casey Morgan was the first woman registered to vote in Chatham County and Savannah's first female alderman, breaking the glass ceiling for women in local politics.

Natural person naming request consideration

- The proposed honoree is deceased.
- The proposed candidate exerted efforts of significance locally, as the founding member of the Savannah Branch of the Equal Suffrage Party.
- Her efforts have benefitted Savannah by permanently enfranchising the female population.
- Her achievement was in the field of politics and voting rights.



Full text from the City of Savannah, Amazing Savannah Women Series, December 3, 2020:

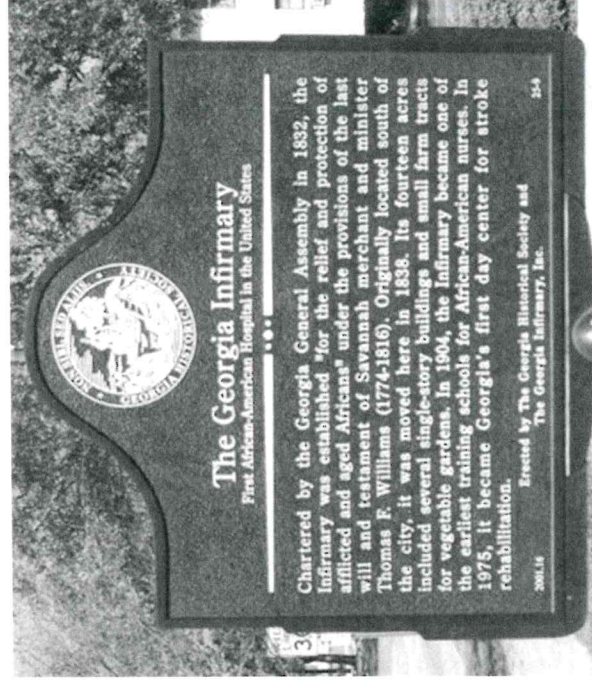
**Thursday December 3: Sarah Berrien Casey Morgan**

As 2020 rapidly comes to an end, and so many wonderful Savannah women left to highlight as part of our **#AmazingSavannahWomen** series, throughout December we will be spotlighting the many accomplishments of women in the history of Savannah's government each week. To kick the month off, we focus on Sarah Berrien Casey Morgan, pioneering suffragette and Savannah's first female alderwoman. Morgan was born in Augusta and moved to Savannah with her husband, Captain Thomas Morgan. As early as 1912, she was leading women in local civics by teaching classes on Parliamentary law. As a founding member of the Savannah Federation of Women's Organizations and the Savannah Branch of the Equal Suffrage Party, she was at the forefront of Savannah's suffrage movement. After the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified, local suffrage leaders gave her the honor of being the first woman to register to vote in Chatham County. 1922 was not only the first year women were allowed to vote in Georgia, but also the first year women could run for office. In Savannah, three women were on the ballot for City Council, including Morgan. During her campaign, she vowed to "be fair and square in political office" and when discussing the topic of women as City employees said, "Women as women should not be denied office. Fitness to perform the duties of an office should alone be the controlling factor in the appointment." Morgan did not secure enough votes to be elected. However, on January 18, 1923, the last City Council meeting of Mayor Stewart's administration, Alderman George White resigned and in an honorary move Council appointed Morgan to fill the unexpired term. Morgan held the position for barely four days until the new administration took the oath of office. Alderman Cabell said it had been a "privilege to work with Mrs. Morgan during the last few weeks in a close association which has given her opportunity to prove her zeal as a worker and her capacity as a leader, and that he considered that in offering her the nomination they were not conferring an honor, but were honored in having her serve." Morgan took the oath of office in the presence of nearly 200 people, many women she had worked with. Morgan died on June 28, 1931. On the day of her funeral, the flag over Savannah's City Hall flew at half-staff, the first time in the City's history that it had been lowered in honor of a woman.

Dr. John Aloysius Casey



Dr. Casey's work in Savannah included helping to raise funds for what became the Georgia Infirmary, the oldest hospital for African Americans in the United States.



Dr. Casey treated and comforted the victims of yellow fever in 1819, many of whom are buried east of Calhoun Square.

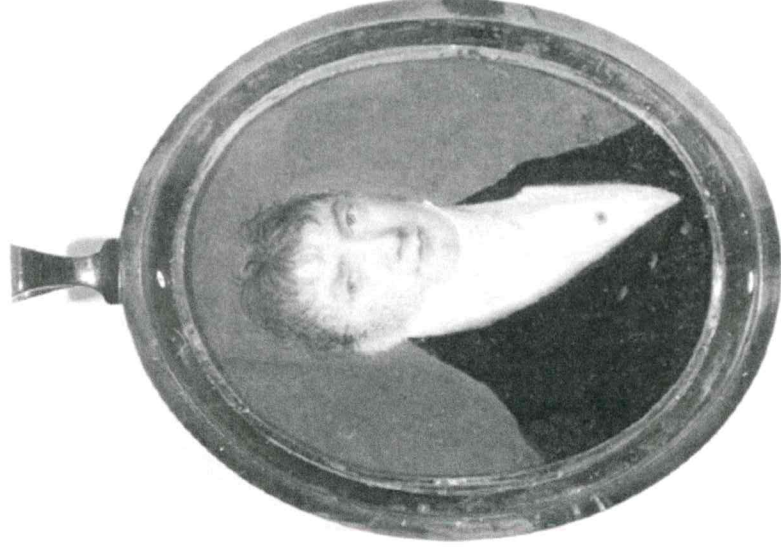
Arial View



Formerly  
Calhoun  
Square

Burial Ground  
(after 1818)

Whitefield  
Square



### **Sarah Casey Morgan (granddaughter)**

- Suffragette
- First woman registered to vote in Georgia
- First woman who served as a City of Savannah alderman, breaking the glass ceiling to allow women to serve in Savannah's local city government.



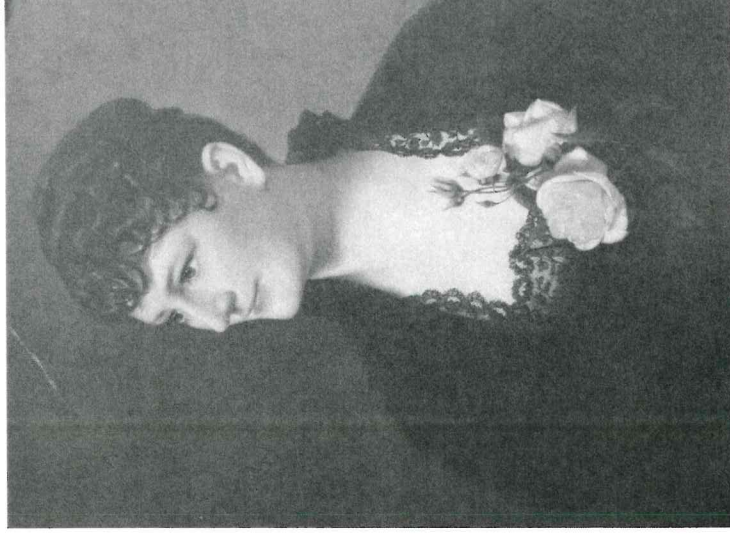


### **Frances Casey Meldrim (granddaughter)**

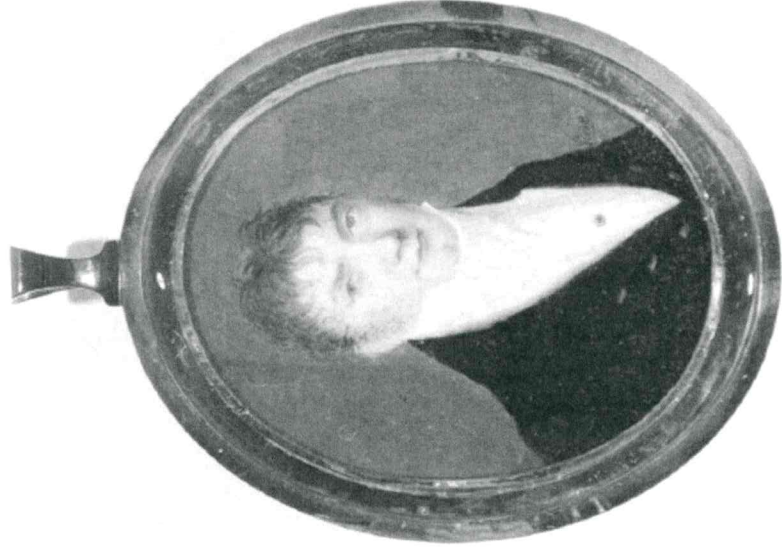
Another granddaughter, Frances Casey Meldrim, was an early historic preservationist.

Her husband, Judge Meldrim, a Mayor of Savannah,

- Was Chairman of the Georgia state commission on the education of African Americans
- Helped establish the predecessor to Savannah State in 1891
- Built Meldrim Row, a row of affordable homes for African American workers.



# Dr. John Aloysius Casey



Please honor the brave Dr. Casey and his family legacy of charity, humanitarianism and progressive thinking.

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**From:** Lara Sexton <larak.sexton@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2023 2:44 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Square Naming

I vote for Creek Square. How many times can I do this?

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**From:** Paige Byrne <paigepbyrne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2023 7:29 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Voting for Square

Thank you for posting the applications to review. My decisions are based on contribution, diversity and being from Savannah.

1. Creek Square
2. Deveaux Square
3. Seven Sisters Square

Thank you and Good Luck!

Paige

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Paige Byrne



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**From:** Pat Bray <patbray132@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:20 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Renaming Calhoun Square

I vote for W. W. Law Square

Patricia Bray, 132 E. 52 Street, 31405-3307

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**From:** ANNE WESTBROOK <awwestbrook@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2023 9:07 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] New name for square

I vote for WW Law. Second choice: Mary Musgrove (in case there is any need to break a tie or for ranked voting).

Anne Westbrook Green

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**From:** Dina Burke <dinacburke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2023 1:07 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] WW Law

My recommendation for former Calhoun Sq. Is WW Law. WW kept the city together during the Civil Rights fight. He is a Uniter, not a divider.

Dina C Burke  
Savannah, GA

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**From:** Sharen Wixom <swixom2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2023 5:01 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Name suggestions

Hello,

Three thoughts have come to mind for renaming Calhoun Square:

Law Square to honor Mr. Westley Wallace "W. W." Law

McKane Square to honor Drs. Alice Woodby McKane and Cornelius McKane

Tomochichi Square

Thank you,

Sharen Wixom

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**From:** Selena <s.staley829@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2023 12:41 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Possible Names of Square

Greetings,  
Suggestions as follows:

WW Law, Civil Rights Leader  
Juliet Low  
Rev. Matthew Southall Brown, Sr.  
Viola Bell  
Mary Musgrove  
Ralph Mark Gilbert  
Johnny Mercer

Just a few..thanks

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**From:** John Stone <cva17bh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2023 3:45 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Square renaming

I propose 2 names:  
W.W. LAW SQUARE  
AND  
JUNETEENTH SQUARE.

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**[Caution - External Email] FW: Attendance not possible**

mannionsm05 &lt;mannionsm05@gmail.com&gt;

Sun 7/16/2023 9:10 AM

To:Squares &lt;square@savannahga.gov&gt;

Good morning-

Please add this email to the list of public comment.

-Sean

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Jack White &lt;blangus1784@gmail.com&gt;

Date: 7/14/23 8:06 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: mannionsm05@gmail.com

Subject: Attendance not possible

I am not able to attend meeting due to scheduling conflicts. I had suggested Aspasia Mirault, who obviously wanted to be a permanent positive citizen of Savannah. I have to say it does show ignorance on our part and lack of knowledge of real history to remove the square's name after 172 years. John Calhoun realized the continuous domination and power that the North was applying to Southern States and reversed course supporting the South. He therefore had to be seen as a 'staunch' advocate for Slavery based on the Victor of the war, which based on conversations he had with citizens, he was not. I suggested Ms Mirault for what I have already mentioned, and also to hopefully generate curiosity to look for pieces of history that are often hidden from us. We need to know about Sgt. William Walker, Orville Browning writings as to who Lincoln really was, Ebenezer Creek, why Black US soldiers refused to fight and laid their guns aside at Beaufort. My family lost a father, 1 son, 2 grandsons, and a mother raped by US soldiers at their farm plus a long list of supplies and livestock taken. Sorry I get carried away but I just could not support giving support to anyone nurse or not that watched the bodies of black soldiers dumped in unmarked graves on Foley Island and then left Savannah because she couldn't make any money at teaching. Again I apologize for carrying on. Let's blame it on my great uncle Harvey Burel who I met when I was a kid in the '50s and he was 105. His mom was raped after he and his siblings were told to get in the house. He told me in the church yard, "..boy don't believe them yank books!" Not sure if 2 minutes for me would be enough time! Again I will not be able to attend. Good day Sir! Jack White [blangus1784@gmail.com](mailto:blangus1784@gmail.com)

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**From:** patty adamcak <padamcak@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 8:16 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Renaming of square

Mud grove

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**From:** L Olson <logm99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2023 8:13 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Input on square naming

I saw the article in the Savannah Morning News about the proposed names for the ex-Calhoun Square. I'd like to cast my "vote" for Musgrove Square. All the names proposed had good rationale, but I like this one because it's for a woman (good balance with other names), because of the link to the native Americans who were here first, and also because of her role in the early founding of Savannah. I think it brings together three important elements. Thank you - I look forward to hearing the final decision.

Regards,  
Lisa Olson

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**From:** margie SHIVER <mrshiver320@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 9:51 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Naming of square

My vote for the new name of Calhoun Square is Musgrove Square.

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**From:** Natalie Deriso <tutuinsav@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2023 4:09 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Musgrove Square

Mary Musgrove(c. 1700-1765)

Mary Musgrove was the daughter of a Native American mother and an English trader. As an interpreter for Oglethorpe and Yamacraw Indian chief Tomochichi, Musgrove was instrumental in the peaceful founding of Savannah, and by extension, the Georgia colony. She was employed by Oglethorpe to secure the peaceful cooperation of the Creeks in land settlements and trade. Mary played a key role in keeping the Creeks on the English side, helping them maintain control over the colony against Spanish invasion.

Because of Mary Musgrove's contributions to the development of colonial Georgia, I agree that the square in question, should be named after this leading figure in early Georgia history. She is someone that everyone could look up to as a person that helped the peaceful settlement of our great city and state.

There are twenty-two of the original twenty-four squares that remain today in our city. All of these are named after figures of the 1700 and 1800s. I believe that it is important to continue honoring those who came before us and whose shoulders we stand today.

Natalie W. Deriso  
Savannah, Georgia

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**From:** Patrick McDonald <savannahghostwalker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 3:37 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Replacement name for Calhoun Square

Musgrove Square  
For Mary Musgrove

She has historical ties back to the founding of Savannah. She was a Peacemaker and business owner of the first trading post.

All the other submitted names are people with short histories in Savannah.

Also, there are no Squares named to honor Women in Savannah.

Sincerely

Patrick McDonald,  
Owner/Tour Guide  
Savannah Ghostwalker Tour

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**From:** Brad Bowman <[bbowman1865@gmail.com](mailto:bbowman1865@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 4:18 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Musgrove Square

Mary Musgrove is the single most important person in Savannah history and she deserves to have a square dedicated in her honor. You could make the argument that without Mary Musgrove, you wouldn't have the colony of Georgia, Savannah, or the squares that make our city so unique to this day. She is a critical figure in the history of Savannah, and she is often overlooked by men such as Oglethorpe and Tomochichi. History is very clear on the importance of these two men and the friendship that laid the foundation for the founding of Savannah. If Mary Musgrove wasn't there to act as an interpreter for the two men, the story that began in February of 1733 could have had a very different ending. She served as Oglethorpe's principal interpreter for the first two years after the founding of Savannah and she helped foster peace between the British and Creek Indians. Oglethorpe was able to be successful because he had Mary Musgrove at his side. Mary Musgrove didn't come from an upper-class family and she was the daughter of an English trader and Creek Indian. Many Savannah squares are named in honor of prominent figures in history and Mary Musgrove deserves the same recognition. Not only would it be the first square named in honor of a female, but it would be the first square named in honor of a native Savannahian. She was a businesswoman and a diplomat who became successful and gained notoriety in a male dominated society. Musgrove Square would be an inspiration to all women, culturally diverse minorities, entrepreneurs, and future leaders. It's time for Savannah to finally give Mary Musgrove the attention she deserves and change the name of the square in her honor.

Brad Bowman

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**From:** Lane McCulley <lane.mcculley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 7:54 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Former Calhoun Square

I would like to recommend two names for the former Calhoun square.

Tomo-Chi-Chi  
Mary Musgrove

Sincerely,  
Lane McCulley  
478-972-6330

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**From:** Cindy <cindykempwoods@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 2:21 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] 7 sisters square

To whom it may concern.

We love the beauty and charm of Savannah. All the suggested names are some of Savannah's heroes, but after reading of the seven sisters determination to help improve what we all love today, it would be great to see them recognized this way.

Thank you, Cindy Woods

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**From:** Scott Dixon <lewgeneral12@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:46 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Support for renaming of city square

To Whom it May Concern,

This email is in support of renaming the Abercorn and East Wayne city square. New to Savannah, one of the major draws to this beautiful historic city is its architecture and its dedication to maintaining the history through restoration. What better way to recognize this beauty than to rename a square that will live on for decades. This makes the pick to rename quite simple as the designation of The Seven Sisters Square. These wonderful ladies set the stage for what Savannah is today and should forever be recognized for their dedication and commitment to maintain its historic beauty.

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott Dixon & Dr. Jordan Dixon

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**From:** Millicent Quam <sentientbeading@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 1:32 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Support for "Seven Sisters "

I'm writing in support of the name "seven sisters" for the replacement name of Calhoun Square. I think it is essential that somewhere in the city, these women are noted and named. After all, Savannah would not be the city that draws tourists for its beauty, if these women had not worked so hard to restore it.

Please see that the square honors their essential contribution to the known history of Savannah.

Millie Quam (former Savannah Resident)

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**From:** Catherine Daniels <catherinelizdaniels@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 1:36 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Seven Sisters Square

To whom it may concern,

I would like to vote in favor of SEVEN SISTERS SQUARE. Our city would not be what it is today without these ladies' willingness to step out of their comfort zones on behalf of defending the broken beauty of our city. Historic Savannah Foundation was founded out of their successful efforts to save the Davenport House. They saw VALUE and BEAUTY when others called for a wrecking ball. None of the squares are named after women, which is noteworthy as well.

Thank you,  
Catherine Daniels

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**From:** Catherine Dennis <dennis9371@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 1:47 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Seven Sisters Square

The seven sisters had a large impact on our historic district's charm and I hope they are recognized for it. Thank you  
Catherine

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**From:** Katherine Cornell <katherinemcornell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 7:23 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] 7 sisters

Hello-

As a citizen who loves & values Savannah, I hope you are realistically considering renaming the square after the seven ladies who worked so hard to save the architecture of historic downtown.

Thank you-

Katherine Cornell

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**From:** Jo Anne Keck <joannekeck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 9:02 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Cc:** bill keck  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Naming square

I am sending a letter to support the name the square seven sisters

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Jo Anne Keck

917.657.7045

[joannekeck@gmail.com](mailto:joannekeck@gmail.com)

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**From:** amyahorton@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 9:57 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email]

I would like to vote for Seven Sisters for the new name for Calhoun Square.  
Thank you,  
Amy Horton

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**From:** Cheryl Norris <cherfn@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 10:12 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email]

Hi. I'm writing about the renaming of Calhoun Square. I would like to vote in renaming it the 7 Sisters Square in honor of 7 ladies who saved the Davenport house & other historic landmarks from being destroyed a long time ago. W/o their efforts, Sav would not be the charming city it is today.

Thank you  
Cher Norris

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**From:** Meredith Merriman <memerriman@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 5, 2023 10:24 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Naming of the Square

I vote for the Seven Sisters. The story of these women preserving so many historical sites in Savannah is very inspiring. I hope this will inspire other Savannah locals to preserve what is left of our city with as much historical accuracy as possible.

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**From:** Samantha Woodward <samanthaw@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 4, 2023 2:45 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Square Naming / Seven Sisters Square

First, I think all the names are great and worthy of recognition. After some research, it appears these 7 sisters are not recognized like some of the others suggested. I hope our great city elects to recognize as many as possible and show appreciation to all that felt led to contribute in such a big way to our beautiful historic city. Thank you, Samantha Woodward

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**From:** Meg Welch <mcewch@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 3, 2023 12:54 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] 7 Sisters Square

Dear City Council Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to share this recommendation with you. I would like to recommend that the city of Savannah rename Calhoun Square The Seven Sisters Square and see many benefits to this...

1. These 7 ladies saw VALUE and POTENTIAL BEAUTY when others saw ruins prime for destruction. Isn't this ultimately all of our stories? We are ourselves like these ruins, with the potential for beauty and glory, and often need someone else to see our inner value, our innate dignity. We need others to believe in us and come alongside us to be the best version of ourselves.
2. They WORKED TOGETHER with a common goal and vision in mind. These qualities of collaboration and teamwork toward a common goal are inspiring and motivating.
3. Our city would not be what it is today if not for these 7 determined ladies who worked together climbing uphill together.
4. How amazing to honor WOMEN--and 7 of them at that--with this naming.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We live in the most beautiful city, and I am grateful to have grown in awareness and appreciation for the change that these ladies made.

Meg Welch

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**From:** Jerilyn Roy <jerilynroy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2023 1:02 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email]

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I vote for renaming Calhoun Square to Seven Sisters Square. Thank you.

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**From:** M Gordon <sloscout64@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 25, 2023 11:04 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Voting on Square Name

As a Savannah native and son of writer Arthur Gordon, I vote for Seven Sisters OR W.W. Law Square.

Good luck,

MCGUIRE GORDON

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**From:** Katherine Cornell <katherinemcornell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2023 11:01 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Seven Sisters

Does each emailed message count as a vote? If so, please count this one.

Thankful for the seven women who initiated the rescue of historic Savannah architecture!

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**From:** Beth Hendrix <bethhendrix77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 8:34 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Seven Sisters

I vote for the Seven Sisters Square.

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**From:** Katherine Cornell <katherinemcornell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 17, 2023 9:13 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Seven Sisters

This name is my favorite...to honor the hard-working women who sacrificed time and money to initiate the preservation of the unique, historic architecture of downtown Savannah.

Because of them, the city has an elegant and charming personality like no other in our country!

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**From:** Beth Hendrix <bethhendrix77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 8:52 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Calhoun Square

Hi,  
My mom, Sandy Everette, used to be a tour guide with Historic Savannah. She told me recently how there were 7 ladies from Historic Savannah who kept many historic buildings (like the Davenport house) from being torn down. She has a lot of respect for these 7 ladies for helping to keep Savannah historic and beautiful. She and my Dad came up with a suggestion for the renaming of Calhoun Square. They came up with the name, Seven Sisters. I think this would be a great name for the square, especially since these 7 ladies were responsible in a big way for keeping this square and others in Savannah charming and beautiful. So I just wanted to submit my vote for the "Seven Sisters" square.  
Thank you,  
Beth Hendrix

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**From:** Judy DeShea <judydeshea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2023 2:12 PM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] SUSIE KING TAYLOR SQUARE

I would like to vote in favor of naming formally known square Calhoun to SUSIE KING TAYLOR.

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**From:** Daniel Snyder <daniel.e.snyder.iii@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2023 8:53 AM  
**To:** Squares; Jamie Maury  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Naming the Square

To the City of Savannah:

We live just around the corner from the square. We encourage you to name our square after Susie King Taylor. She was an unparalleled voice at a time when truth was repressed. An enslaved person, living and educated in Savannah, when only 5 percent of Georgia Black persons were literate, she escaped her Confederate masters and joined the Federal army. There she worked without pay, as a nurse, cook, laundress, and teacher, all in the cause of freedom. Later, she wrote her memoir *Reminiscences of My Life In Camp*. It is a story of slavery, liberation, nursing, and teaching. Its themes are the value of education, caring for each other, and freedom. According to renowned American Historian Catherine Clinton, "Taylor's book is distinctive and singular because *it remains the only published account by a black woman serving with the military during the Civil War* [emphasis added]." Utterly unique in the annals of the history of the United States, it is the only written account from this singular perspective: as a formerly enslaved, African American, woman.

As we continue to work at the truth and reconciliation of our history of racial and gender injustices, it is imperative that we hear the whole truth. Susie King Taylor provides that repressed truth from that marginalized perspective. Moreover she embodies the highest values of humankind. For these reasons we encourage you to name the square for her.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jamie Maury  
Dan Snyder  
216 East Gaston Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

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## Luciana Spracher

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**From:** Barbara Ringham <barbararingham@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2023 10:58 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Susie King Taylor

I support renaming Calhoun Square in honor of Susie King Taylor!

Sent from my iPad

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## Luciana Spracher

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**From:** christiana turner <turner00@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 2, 2023 6:35 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Susie King Taylor

ATTN:

- Park and Tree Commission
- Historic Sites and Monuments Commission
- Savannah City Council

As a homeowner on Formerly Calhoun Square, I would encourage you to follow through on the years of work by the Jubilee Coalition and friends and neighbors of the Square by renaming our Square "Taylor Square" in honor of

SUSIE KING TAYLOR

Sincerely,

Christiana Turner  
115 East Gordon Street  
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Phil Starks <pstarks129@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 2, 2023 6:48 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Susie King Taylor

My name is Phil Starks

1615 E Henry St

31404

I am in full support of renaming the square to "Susie King Taylor"

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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**From:** Carol Pine <pineandpartners@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 2, 2023 7:33 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Suzie King Taylor

I am a Savannah resident and I wish to support naming the former Calhoun Square after Suzie King Taylor. She was a woman of color ahead of her time who served both as an educator for children without access to a decent education and she became a nurse during the Civil War and treated the wounded on both sides of the battle. She wrote her own memoir when this was not done by women of color and she has inspired MANY who have come to learn of her story, including myself.

Thank you.

Carol Pine

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**From:** Thomas McAtee <bearmcatee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 2, 2023 11:32 AM  
**To:** Squares  
**Subject:** [Caution - External Email] Rename Calhoun Square to Taylor Square

Dear Mayor, City Council, and Commissioners,

I have signed below to give my support of the submitted application of the former “Coalition to Rename Calhoun Square,” now renamed the “Coalition to Name Taylor Square.” We believe that naming the square for this extraordinary daughter of Savannah would be an excellent choice for the city and, indeed, for all of Georgia. Naming the square honors Susie King Taylor’s bravery, strength, and determination.

1. She spent much of her childhood in Savannah with her grandmother and learned to read as well as her teachers under threat and danger in clandestine schools with other enslaved individuals.

2. When the Civil War broke out, Susie King Taylor at the age of 14 escaped with her uncle and his family to St. Simon’s Island and served in the 33rd U.S. Colored Troops Infantry Regiment.

3. She served in many capacities with this regiment: she became a teacher for the children and adults in the camp, a laundress when needed, the first African American nurse to serve in the Civil War, and a Civil War veteran who started schools for African American children in Savannah after the war..

4. "Susie King-Taylor is one of the few established authors who wrote about the African American experience in that era. Taylor wrote one such narrative in 1902, titled *Reminiscences of My Life in Camp*. The 83-page memoir depicts her life as a slave, a freed woman, an educator, a nurse,[ a Civil War veteran], and a Black woman living in the post Civil War South."

Savannah attracts many visitors nationally and from around the world. Naming our square "Taylor Square" honors our city’s name as The Hostess City of the South.

***Thomas P. McAtee***

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