IN THE SHADOW OF DIXIE
LOUISVILLE, GEORGIA

“Thousands of slaves were bid off under its shelter and to it were carried directly many a shipload of negroes freshly landed from Africa on the Georgia Coast. Since the abolition of slavery the building has been used for various purposes, and for several years past has been a marketplace for beef and pork instead of human flesh.”

– from “A Famous Old Slave Market” in Leslie’s Weekly on December 30, 1897

This structure was built sometime between 1796 and 1799 while Louisville served as Georgia’s first state capital.

Although local histories and oral traditions have always maintained that this market was used as a meeting point for slave traders at the crossroads of three, well established trails, and the primary location for sheriff sales to settle estate and tax disputes; historical plaques and the official website for Georgia travel and tourism minimize or outright deny its connection to the slave trade.

The Old Market House as it is now called, or Old Slave Market as it was referred to formally, has long been considered a symbol of the town. It has been featured on numerous postcards for nearly 100 years. It is also the central element depicted on the town’s only mural.

The structure was restored in 1923 during an upswing in the construction of commemorative structures and public dedications to the Confederacy. The Old Market House was listed as a monument on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1978 and renovated in 1997.
"They are in effect still stuck in a history which they do not understand; and until they understand it, they cannot be released from it."
Dear Commissioner Spalding,

I am writing to express my concern about the lack of affordable housing in our community. As a resident, I have noticed an increasing number of people living in vehicles and makeshift shelters, which is a clear indication of the growing housing crisis.

Affordable housing is not only a basic human right but also a key factor in improving health, education, and overall quality of life. It is essential to create policies that ensure everyone has access to safe and affordable housing.

I hope that you will take this matter seriously and consider implementing measures to address this pressing issue.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
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"Thus monuments are lasting incentives, to those who view them, to imitate the virtues they commemorate, and attain, by their life and spirit, glory and honor."

– Chief orator at the dedication of the Mary Washington monument at Mount Vernon
Ambrose Burnside

- Railroad executive
- Military leader of dubious reputation
- Inventor of the Burnside Carbine
- U.S. Senator
- Governor
- 1st president of the NRA, sideburn enthusiast
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