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Milford must lay Quick's myth, hatred to rest

What happens next in Milford is not a mystery.

First, Tom Quick's commemorative obelisk will be reinstalled in the middle of the street. Then, just about the time everyone thinks things are settling down, it will be vandalized. Again. And a monument that was unwelcome by much of the community when it was first erected in 1889 will again become the focus of unwelcome attention.

Tom Quick, the Lenape killer — except maybe it's all a fairy tale concocted by politicians of the 19th century who were looking for a hero to put at the spearpoint of their ideology. Those beliefs — unpalatable to some in the nation even when they were more widely held — include the unshakable conviction that Anglo-Saxon Christians have God's support in their mission to civilize all the other races of the world. One need look no further than the speeches made on the day the monument was dedicated in 1889 for affirmation that these beliefs were the driving force behind the resurrection of a man widely regarded in the community as a killer and a thug.

The Lenape are understandably frosted by the determination of Milford officials to re-establish the monument. Arguments that it is good for tourism really shouldn't be expected to make much of a dent. The argument that "It's just history, we can't change it," flies in the face of history's manipulation in 1889.

What about the argument that this is a gravesite? No, Tom Quick's grave was in the cemetery. His grave was desecrated in 1889 and his bones were stuck in a glass bottle and reburied in the middle of the street under the monument. The monument builders of 1889 are the grave despoilers.

Were Tom Quick revered in Milford before 1889, when a descendant and some politicians decided he would be a hero for their cause, this would be a different story. The clash of beliefs, the clash of civilizations — these struggles produce people who are representative, who take on heroic aspects. Hector and Achilles — Custer and Crazy Horse. Sometimes, as at the Little Big Horn Battlefield National Monument, all who struggle earn memorials.

But that's not what's involved in Milford. Tom Quick was a man who represented, to his contemporaries, a less than admirable set of values. Let's put him back in the cemetery where he can rest in peace. Let's move all the other stuff buried with him, along with the monument, over to the Pike County museum. That's the difference between preserving and explaining history and giving a 21st Century blessing to the bankrupt ideology of bigots.

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