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Georgia Division Historian C. Mark Pollard passed away, Wednesday, December 4, 2019

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Georgia's
Old Governor's Mansion
120 South Clarke Street
Milledgeville, GA 31061



Antebellum Christmas at the Mansion transforms the mansion into a Christmas wonderland. Take a step back in time and see how the elite of Georgia celebrated this holiday.

Tours begin Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019, and are held on the hour, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. until Dec. 22. The mansion will be closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 25-29. Candlelight tours also take place December 7, 14 and 17, 2019, at 6 and 7 p.m. Normal admission rates apply.

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The Old Governor's Mansion is located in Milledgeville, the state's capital from 1807 to 1868.

In 1835 the Georgia legislature resolved to construct the first official residence for the governor. Construction on the Old Governor's Mansion began in 1836 and was completed in 1838 or 1839. The mansion, designed by the Irish architect Charles B. Cluskey, was erected in the Greek revival style, one of the most significant architectural styles from the early Victorian period of architecture in America. It is considered one of the finest examples of that style in the nation. The building, a three-story stucco-over-brick structure, features a central rotunda and a massive Ionic portico. The supervising builder was Timothy Porter of Farmington, Connecticut.

The mansion served as the home of ten governors and their families, until the removal of the capital to Atlanta in 1868. Governor George R. Gilmer was the first to oc-

cupy the house, in 1839, near the end of his second term. Two of the more notable governors were Howell Cobb (1851-53) and Joseph E. Brown (1857-65). Other governors who resided there were Charles McDonald (1839-43), George W. Crawford (1843-47), George W. Towns (1847-51), Herschel Johnson (1853-57), Provisional Governor James Johnson (June-November 1865), Charles Jones Jenkins (1865-68), and Provisional Governor General Thomas Ruger (January-July 1868).

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★ Georgia Division ★

Sons of Confederate Veterans



Annual General Robert E. Lee

Birthday Celebration

Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 11:00 am

Jefferson Davis Memorial Park

338 Jeff Davis Park Rd, Fitzgerald, GA 31750

Robert Edward Lee ~

b. January 19, 1807 ~ d. October 12, 1870

Event Agenda:

Welcome Dan Coleman

Honor Guard Host Camp Jefferson Davis Cowboys # 682

Opening prayer Kim Beck

Salute to Confederate Flag/Pledges Richard Straut

Introduce speaker Al Perry

General Robert E. Lee a Christian Soldier Jack Cowart

Commander's thanks Tim Pilgrim

Announcements Tim Hawkins

Closing remarks Dan Coleman

Benediction Kim Beck

Salute: muskets & artillery

After the Event:

~ BBQ Dinner provided by Ga. Division Pit Master Ken Arvin

• \$5 per BBQ plate including sides and drink. (all proceeds fund the following year BBQ) Children 12 and under plates are free.

~ Executive Council Meeting

☞ Col. Thomas Wirz, son of Col. Heinrich Wirz by the Wirz Monument in Andersonville

☞ L to R: John Carroll; GGson Robert Watkins; James Gaston; Speaker Dr. Albert Winkler; GGNephew Heinrich Wirz Nov. 11th, 2019

October 26, 2019

The re-dedication of the Screven County Confederate Veterans Memorial at the local Cemetery was held today.

The Veterans Memorial was maliciously destroyed by historically ignorant criminals a year ago. With improved video surveillance and locked cemetery gates at night, the memorial hopefully will remain unmolested in the future.

~ Arnold M. Huskins

☞ UDC Rep. Brenda Lackman welcomes all at the re-dedication of the Screven County Monument, October 26th; ☞ Honor Guard;

☞ Div. Cmdr. Tim Pilgrim congratulates Black Creek Vol. for a job well done as C.I.C. Paul Gramling looks on.

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Executive Council Meeting Schedule:

January 18, 2020 (Lee
Event in Irwinville; Jefferson
Davis Memorial Park)



Charles Mark Pollard Georgia Division Historian

C. Mark Pollard, age 64, of McDonough, died Wednesday, December 4, 2019. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Jesse Paul Pollard and Doris Allene Pollard.

Mark was one of thirteen brothers and sisters and grew up in Lakewood. He was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for at least 30 years, an avid relic hunter and collector, and a leader in the preservation of Nash Farm Battlefield.

Mark served as Camp Commander, Lieutenant Commander in the SCV Zachary Camp. He spent many, many hours researching, and documenting the events that took place in and around Nash Farm Battlefield Park. Mark appeared many times at the hearings presenting the historical facts and with the help of many others, prevailed in convincing the local government to preserve the Park.

As Division Historian, Mark documented the history of the Georgia Division in the March/April, 2016 issue of *The Georgia Confederate* continuing through 21 issues from our beginning up to 1944. One of my memories of Mark's hard work was the issue which documented the UCV members attending the Grand Premier of *Gone With The Wind* in 1939 at the Loews Grand in Atlanta, and Clark Gable sat with the aged Veterans to watch the movie.

Mark's contributions to the Georgia Division are beyond measure.

"To a Brave Foe Who Was in Heart, a Friend" By Mike Bowen

Two of my 3rd great uncles, Doctor L. Elder of Co. K, 66th GA Inf. And Tyra Plyant, Co. K 2nd South Carolina {heavy} Artillery both spent their final years and died at the Confederate Soldiers' Home in Atlanta. During their time at the Home an unlikely donor in the person of Sgt. Alexander Harry Wray of New York assisted the Home's residents.

Sgt. Wray had served in the Union Army with the 13th NY {heavy} Artillery during the War. He survived the War and began receiving his war service pension in 1907. For the next 23 years until his death, Wray sent his monthly pension to the Home on Confederate Avenue in SE Atlanta. This Christian man, in total, gave over \$5,000.00 for the benefit of the aged Confederate Veterans. In today's value it probably amounts to over one hundred thousand dollars.

Sgt. Wray, a very successful businessman, decided he did not need his pension and chose a worthy cause to support. The former Federal artilleryman stated, "...as the boys in blue are well provided for, the money can be put to better use by the boys in gray."

After Wray's death in early 1931, his former employer – Commercial Union Group of Insurance Companies, South Department – desired to place a plaque at the Confederate Soldiers' Home honoring their former manager. The plaque remained at the Home until it was transmitted in 1961 {Prior to the demolition of the Confederate Soldiers' Home} to Mr. Wray's 2nd great niece. It remains today in possession of the family, a treasured keep-sake. ❖

~ Mike Bowen, SCV Life Member

[See plaque ➡]

Dates January 3-5, 2020 Historic Charleston Tour

Planned Events

Friday - Travel from Colquitt, Ga. to Charleston, S.C. Hotel in Charleston, S.C.

Saturday - Breakfast 8-9 White Point Gardens, Charleston Harbor, Armaments, and Monuments. Calhoun Mansion, Gen. PGT Beauregard Headquarters. 94 Church Street / Nullification Crisis.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Washington Square Park, Institute Hall/Secession Convention Site; UDC Confederate Museum

Lunch (Independent Time)

1 – 5pm CSS Hunley Museum, Battle area Secessionville/Fort Lamar Visit, Group Dinner - Hotel

Sunday - 9 -10 am Magnolia Cemetery Special Service of Honor for the 3 Hunley Crews

11 am Ft. Sumter and Charleston Boat Tour Depart for Home Via Camp Davis, Guyton GA.

PRICE 1 Adult \$489 Couples \$910,

Child 1 per adult 7 and under \$50, 8-16 \$240 Deposit \$100 per adult by Oct 15th, \$50 per child or youth Non-Refundable

(Unless the trip is cancelled).

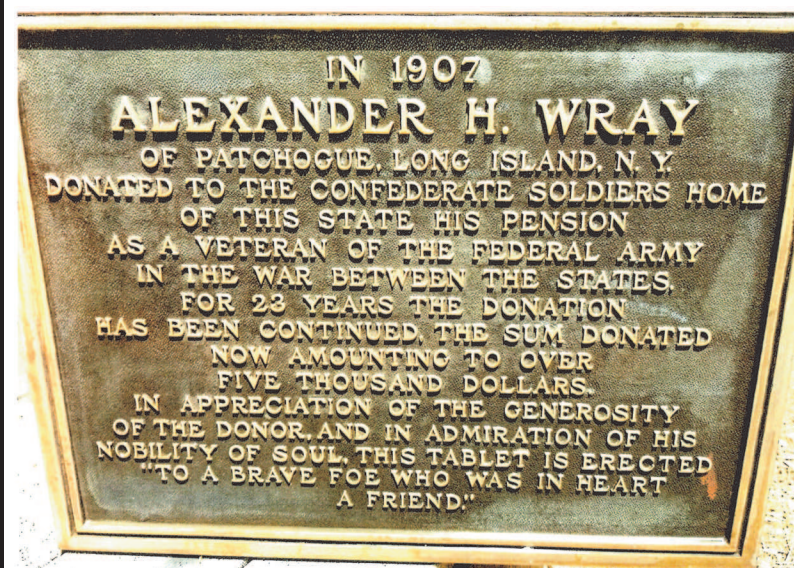
Included: Round trip Transportation from Colquitt, Lodging (Double Occupancy) Breakfast (Saturday and Sunday) Supper Saturday Night, All Museum Tickets, Walking Tour Guide, Tour Permits.

Not included: Meals and concessions en route, Saturday Independent Meal, Gratuities, Tips

Coach leaves Colquitt, Ga. at 10:00 am

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❖ Commander's Report ❖

Gentlemen,

The Holiday Season is upon us and I'm wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Reflecting back on 2019 we as a Division and Sons of Confederate Veterans have a great deal to be proud of. We all were part of strengthening Georgia's monument protection laws, living our Charge to protect and preserve the memory of our Confederate Soldiers and all our Veterans monuments. We have also taken on three major legal battles that challenge our 1st Amendment rights and our monument protection laws.

We are on solid grounds with these legal battles. We have a good defense and if justice and the letter of the law prevail, we will win the day and have some good legal precedent to fall back on if needed. By the time you receive this issue of the Georgia Confederate the Linwood Cemetery law suit should be filed and started to move forward. One of the biggest messages we send to these liberal municipalities and the haters of our Confederate heritage is that we are going to fight and defend the honor of the Confederate Veterans and our Southern Heritage. That's our duty and that's what we do as Sons of Confederate Veterans.

We also pay homage and reflect on the memory of our Compatriots who cross over the river to rest in the shade of the trees this year. I learned a couple of days ago that our long time Division Historian Mark Pollard passed on unexpectedly with an advance stage of cancer. Mark was one of the most pleasant Southern Gentlemen that I have ever known and one of the most knowledgeable historians in our Division. Many of you may have been reading his well researched articles in the Georgia Confederate on the history of the



Georgia Division. He will be missed by this Division and his home Camp the Col. Charles T. Zachary Camp # 108 and the many Camps in his area of the 13th and 11th Brigades, where he was well known and respected.

In 2018 long serving Commander Tommy Wallace of the Tattnall Invincibles Camp # 154 passed on in September. Tommy was an icon through-out South Georgia and beloved by all that knew him. He sponsored many reenactments on his property and was an ardent supporter of our history and heritage, respected by all. He will be missed, but his memory lives on.

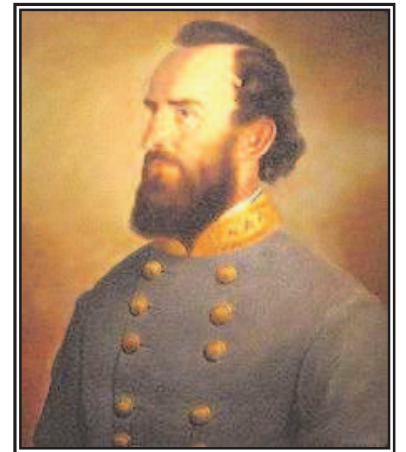
We have a new year ahead of us and will have many challenges to face. There is no question about it, those who would destroy our Confederate Heritage will continue their efforts. We must stand our ground and fight them with all we've got. To win that fight we must fight together as a unified Confederation of men of Southern blood with a focused objective. Never give in, never give up.

Always at your service,
Tim Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander



"I myself see in this war, if the North triumph, a dissolution of the bonds of all society. It is not alone the destruction of our property, but the prelude to anarchy, infidelity and the ultimate loss of free responsible government on this continent."

~ Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson



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Gen. Ambrose Ransom Wright Camp #1914

Monthly Meeting of Sons of Confederate Veterans General Ambrose Ransom Wright Camp 1914 26November2019, our last meeting of the year as we do not meet in December. Jim Davis, our Adjutant lined up another great speaker to end the year, Erick D. Montgomery, Executive Director of Historic Augusta Inc., President of our genealogical society, and ex-

pert on Woodrow Wilson. Erick also recently aided in restoration of a Confederate site at Magnolia Cemetery. Cmdr. Carl T. Miller presented our speaker with a Stainless Banner Christmas ornament.

The Meeting was held at Big Daddy's at 6pm to eat, meeting started at 7pm 26November2019

General Ambrose Ransom Wright SCV Camp #1914
Cmdr. Carl T. Miller Jr.

George Disney, Orphan Brigade, at Rocky Face By Barry Colbaugh

It's February 24th, 1864. General Johnston is using soldiers from the Kentucky Orphan Brigade as a human telegraph line. This line stretched from the top of the ridge to the valley below giving them full view of the enemy. These men had to rest at their posts. An Englishman, by the name of George Disney rose early this morning and may have attempted to yawn when a bullet passed through his head. His fellow soldiers saw him lay back down and were not aware he was killed 'til about an hour later when they tried to arouse him from his sleep. George Disney was a resident of Owensboro, Kentucky and he enlisted in the First Kentucky Infantry. He served the first year in Virginia until the unit was disbanded. Later he became a member of the Fourth Kentucky Infantry that was part of the Orphan Brigade. He served at Vicksburg, Baton Rouge, Stones River, Jackson, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge. He was killed between Dalton and Tunnel Hill to become a casualty at Rocky Face and was buried where he fell.

Years go by and in a lone grave located some three miles above Dalton at one of the highest points of Rocky Face, George Disney rests peacefully. He is mentioned in the Dalton Citizen on March 13, 1873. A poplar head board bears his name and unit. It is plainly marked. The entrenchments are well preserved and visible to any passerby. In March of 1912 a local Dalton Troop of Boy Scouts placed an order for a marble head stone. It was noted the grave occupies a picturesque position on the south spur of the gap. The scout leader W.M Sapp

procured horses and about a dozen scouts headed to the site. The original wooden marker said he was in the 10th Kentucky and the new marble marker corrected that.

On May 16, 1912 the Dalton Citizen reported the tribute ceremony for the new marker. By horseback Scoutmaster Sapp and 25 Boy Scouts went to the site accompanied by Miss Amanda Ware of Kentucky as a state sponsor and Miss Marie Hamilton and Miss Hattie Springfield. Also in attendance was Jay Wood, Henry Quinn, Sim Hasler and William Glaze. The grave was hollowed out and the cavity was filled with concrete. The marker was placed in and the concrete allowed to harden. The ceremony began with an invocation, the song, "America", a short talk by Scout Master Sapp, the song, "Columbia", a bugle call with "Taps" and the ceremony ended. The article goes on to say this memorial will stand for all time. The marker itself was also monogrammed with D.B.S for the Dalton Boy Scouts. And said the following.

In memory of
George Disney
Company "K," 4th Kentucky In-
fantry
Killed February 24, 1864
Erected by
Dalton Boy Scouts
1912

In 1954 the Georgia State Historical Commission installed a marker on Hwy 41 at Mill Creek Gap stating; "*GEORGE DISNEY'S GRAVE, High up on Rocky Face, S. of gap, is the lone grave of English-born George Disney, Co. K., 4th Ky. Inft., Lewis' 'Orphan Brigade', Bate's div., Hindman's Corps*

[CSA]. The 4th Ky. was deployed to form a living telegraph line from base to summit of the ridge at the point where the view commanded Federal movements in open valley N.W. Disney, atop the ridge, was killed by a random bullet, Feb. 25, 1864; he was buried where he fell. Dalton Boy Scouts, on a hike, found the grave, & directed by Scout Master Wm. M. Sapp, Sr., replaced the inscribed heart-pine board with a marble marker, May 13, 1912."

In the late 1990s, the George Disney Trail is erected. This steep trail is the most challenging trail in northwest Georgia, and the most challenging short trail in the state.

We fast forward to today. Recently Mike Aaron with the McDaniel Curtis Camp reported a friend Frank Hanson was hiking on the Disney Trail last Saturday, October 12 and found the tombstone had been demolished. He reported his findings to Timothy Pilgrim who in turn shared with the Georgia Monument Guards. Randy Vaughn and B J Dawson travelled to the scene on October 17 to survey the damage despite the difficult and arduous hike. Randy Vaughn reports Lt. A. Lowery said the Whitfield County Public Works Department maintains the trail. B. J. Dawson returned to the site and recovered the remains of Disney's marker only to find bits and pieces tossed about. He could not find all of the remains so another marker will have to be installed. Remember for all involved this is a 2.4 mile long trail straight up. The remaining pieces could not be found.

Compatriot Steve Hall is looking to order a granite marker from the VA. The Dalton Civil War Round Table and Whitfield County are aware. Wendell



Bruce, First Brigade Commander, has been made aware. Searching for alternate methods to get to the site will be needed, as the hike there is bad enough without the weight of a 230 pound marker and materials to set the stone. The task will be daunting. We will need all the help we can get. The vandals will stop at nothing to keep destroying things. We need to replace everything they destroy. They must leave our treasured veterans alone.

Sincerely Submitted
Barry Colbaugh

References

North Georgia Citizen March 13, 1873
North Georgia Citizen January 25, 1900
North Georgia Citizen May 16, 1912
North Georgia Citizen May 07, 1912
North Georgia Citizen April 01, 1915

ON FAME'S ETERNAL
CAMPING GROUND,
THEIR SILENT TENTS
ARE SPREAD,
AND GLORY GUARDS
WITH SOLEMN
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OUAC OF THE DEAD.
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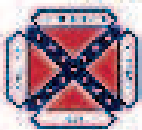


**"Do your duty, in all things.
You cannot do more, you
should never wish to do less"**

..... General Robert E. Lee

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"Our duty under God is to give honor to whom honor is due. Therefore, we must accurately recall the past so as to insure that those in the future will receive a proper understanding and encouragement from their forefathers!"
~ H. Rondel Rumburg

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Contact Al or Hu.



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January 18, 2020, Georgia Division's Annual General Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration at 11:00 am

Join us at the annual General Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration at the Jefferson Davis Memorial Park. There will be fellowship, keynote speaker, honor guard salute and a BBQ dinner afterwards.

April 4, 2020, 19th Annual National Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Park 12:00 Noon

Service will be held on the Memorial Plaza in front of the Carvings at Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Park 12:00 Noon, the service will begin at 12:30 pm with our Keystone Speaker following by a

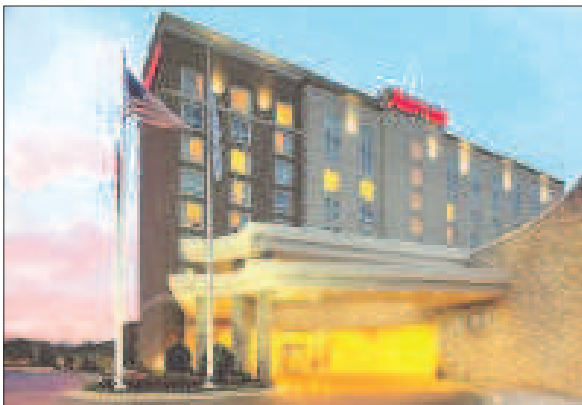
cannon and honor guard salute. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day at the world's largest Confederate Memorial.

June 5 & 6, 2020, 123rd Annual Georgia Division Reunion in Macon

The 123rd Annual Georgia Division Reunion in Macon at the Edgar H. Wilson Convention Center connected to the Marriott City Center Hotel. We have set up different Reunion packages where you can purchase directly with a credit card through the Division Store at www.gascv.org or you can download the registration form and mail it in directly.

NOTE: IF YOU WANT AN EVENT LISTED ON THE GEORGIA DIVISION CALENDAR,
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123rd GEORGIA DIVISION REUNION, JUNE 5th & 6th, 2020 THE MACON MARRIOTT CITY CENTER 240 COLISEUM DRIVE, MACON, GEORGIA



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- ★ Tag Fund Projects
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Effingham County H.S. Cadet Destiny Baylor received the Hunley Award presented by Camp Davis member Jim Cavanah assisted by Lt. Col. Andrew Wichers. See Page 15

The David W. Payne Camp #1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Blairsville, mans its informational booth at the annual Sorghum Festival, October 20, 2019, in Blairsville. Camp Commander Mike Pettus (left) and treasurer Pete White (right) are joined by Miss Emma Pittman.



This is 5 year old Tuff Summerville at the grave of his 4th Great Grandfather, James Marion Phillips who was a Pvt. In Co. B, 32nd Georgia . Tuff is the Grandson of Roy Butts, Commander of the LaFayette McLaws Camp #79 in Fayetteville.



Bronze monument available through the Georgia Division. See your **Brigade Commander**.



November 14, 2019, Jon Paul Reinhardt (center) was sworn in as the newest member of David W. Payne Camp #1633, in Blairsville. Flanking Compatriot Reinhardt is Camp Commander Mike Pettus (L); and Camp Adjutant Jessie Pinson (R). Submitted by Greg C. White, Camp Publicist



General Ambrose Ransom Wright SCV Camp 1914 and CSRA Squad SCVMC making a difference at the Warrenton, Georgia Sportsmen Festival. Daddy back Living the Charge! C.T.Miller, Jr. Carl Tommy Miller, Sr. in red jacket had a brush with a health issue Oct. 26th at the Screven re-dedication



Pine Barrens Vol. Camp 2039,Clinchs Crew placing a new Southern Cross of Honor and new grave flag for Tony Crumley (Rattlecan) Ancestor Private James Cox. Cmdr. Corey Harrelson

Tell ye your children of it,
and let your children tell their children,
and their children another generation. ~ Joel 1: 3



☞ Clement A. Evans Camp 64, recently set up a education and recruiting table at the Southern Forest World 'Yard sale under the Pines' event in Waycross, GA. Members at the event were Will Griffin (L-R), Mike Griffin, Dennis Evans, and Mike Lee. Not pictured Steve McCarthy, Chuck Griffin, and Jeffrey McCarthy.



☞ George Disney, Co. K, 4th KY Inf.: Mike Aaron with the McDaniel Curtis Camp reported a friend Frank Hanson was hiking on the Disney Trail and found the tombstone had been demolished [See Page 6]



☞ Joshua Vinnacombe (left) and Samuel Graham (right) were inducted into General William J. Hardee Camp #1397 during a meeting on October 28.



☞ Clement A. Evans Camp 64 Waycross, GA, installed a new display case and bookshelf in the Okefenokee Heritage Center. L to R Lt. Commander Dennis Evans Jeffrey McCarthy, Mike Griffin, Adjutant Chuck Griffin, Steve McCarthy, Will Griffin, and Mike Lee. [See Page 15]

Peace?

On July 17, 1864, Lincoln sent a messenger to ask President Davis to make peace:
“Withdraw your armies from our territory, and peace will come of itself. We do not seek to subjugate you. We are not waging an offensive war . . . Let us alone and peace will come at once.” was Davis’ reply.



☞ Joshua’s Confederate veteran was Private William “Bill” A. Dishner (Company B, 63rd Virginia Infantry Regiment). Samuel’s veteran was 2nd Lieutenant Samuel Edward Williams (Company K, Floyd’s Legion, Georgia; State Guards).
~Reported by 12th Brigade Commander Michael Reither





👉 **L.** New SCV compatriot Kenneth Parrot (left) stands next to Camp Commander/Lamon Smith (right) after being inducted into Camp McDonald during a regular meeting on November 12th. Compatriot Parrot's ancestor was Private William J. Parrott (Company D, 1st Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters). **R.** On November 12th, 12th Brigade Commander Michael Reither visited with Camp McDonald #1552 at their monthly meeting in Marietta. Brigade Commander Reither spoke about his goals for the 12th Brigade over the next year and presented a very interesting video on the Confederate Memorial Hall Civil War Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. Sincerely, David Beam Adjutant Camp McDonald #1552

👉 Habersham Guard Camp 716, Clarkesville, Ga-- Chaplain Bill Chandler swears in Camp 716's newest member Woodrow Free.
👉 Habersham Guard Camp 716, Clarkesville, Ga.--At our November meeting, Commander Michael Dale presented Jennifer Stein a check for \$500. Jennifer is the Executive Director for the Family Resource Center of Northeast Georgia. This outstanding organization provides educational programs, guidance, supervised visitation, therapeutic counseling and links to community resources as families strive to be more competent and self-sufficient.



👉 General Ambrose Ransom Wright, SCV Camp 1914 places a commemorative wreath at Magnolia Cemetery. CT Miller

702 3rd Street
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Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta is one of the most historic burial grounds in Georgia.
Although it was not officially designated as a cemetery until 1818, the oldest marked grave at Magnolia is that of J. Hartford Montgomery who died on December 24, 1800. Seven noted Confederate Generals rest there in addition to veterans of the American Revolution, War of 1812, Seminole, Mexican and Civil Wars.
The land where Magnolia Cemetery is located was at one time part of a plantation. The Academy of Richmond County owned the first two blocks which they sold to the City Council of Augusta for \$800 in 1817.
The cemetery contains over 60 acres. In the cemetery, you will find five Jewish cemeteries and one Greek cemetery. There is also a Masonic Lodge section and several church sections located within this one cemetery.



Magnolia Cemetery

Est. 1817





Camp Payne lost an old friend.

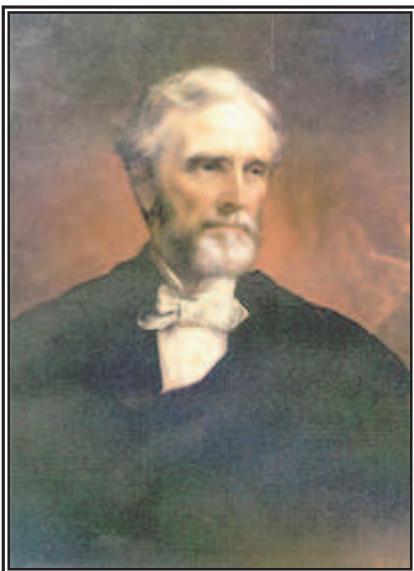
On November 15, 2019 our Camp lost an old friend, Elmer C. Hogue, Jr., at the age of 93. A native of Atlanta, Elmer was a World War II veteran with the U.S. Army Air Corps, and later became an airline pilot with Delta Air Lines, rising to Captain. He had a longtime association with SCV and was a life member of both national and the Georgia division. In 1993 Elmer was an organizer and charter member of David W. Payne Camp #1633. Graveside services were held November 18th at College Park Cemetery in College Park, GA. Survivors include two sons: Ellis Hogue of Hapeville, GA; and Tommy Hogue, of Blairsville, GA. Close friend Tammy King, several cousins and other relatives also survive Compatriot Hogue. Camp #1633 and the local Blairsville community were benefactors of Elmer's considerable knowledge and generosity. He will be missed!

(Submitted by Greg C. White, Camp Publicist, David W. Payne Camp #1633, Blairsville, GA)

HOGUE, Elmer C. Mr. Elmer Costley Hogue Jr. age 93 of Madeline Way Blairsville passed away peacefully on Friday, November 15, 2019. Mr. Hogue was born on Sept. 21, 1926 in Atlanta, GA., the son of the late Elmer C. Hogue Sr. and the late Madeline S. Hogue. He was a veteran of the US Army Air Corps of WWII. He loved all animals especially bird watching and duck hunting. Elmer was a member of the Hapeville Masonic Lodge #F&AM, a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and was an active member of the Historical Society. He was a loving father and friend to many. Surviving Mr. Hogue are two sons, Ellis Hogue of Hapeville, GA, Tommy Hogue of Blairsville, close friend Tammy King, several cousins, and many other relatives also survive. Graveside services will be held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 12:00 pm from the College Park Cemetery in College Park, GA. Flowers are accepted or if you wish, the family requests that donations may be made to the Union County Historical Society or to the American Cancer Society in Mr. Hogue's memory. The family will meet with friends at the funeral home on Sunday evening from 2-6:00 PM. Mountain View Funeral Home of Blairsville is in charge of the arrangements. You may sign the family guest book and send condolences online at

www.mountainviewfuneralhome.com

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Jefferson Finis Davis

Born June 3, 1808

Christian County, Kentucky

Died December 6, 1889

New Orleans, Louisiana

President

Confederate States of America
[1861 ~ 1865]

CANNONBALL HOUSE

DECEMBER 12– Legendary Football Coach, Vince Dooley will be at The Cannonball House from noon until 2pm signing his book “The Legion’s Fighting Bulldog”, which is a collection of the War-time correspondence of William Gaston Delony, Lieutenant Colonel of Cobb's Georgia Legion Cavalry. Admission charge to non members. Please call for more information. (478) 745-5982.



(Macon, GA) – The Friends of the Cannonball House, Inc. is happy to announce the completion of the restoration of the front facade. We would like to thank those who made the restoration a reality: NSDAR, Sheridan, Tony Long, Watson Brown Jr. board. A reception is planned for the near future.

The Cannonball House would like to thank The Old Governor’s Mansion in Milledgeville for their generous donation of an 1850 Weber square grand piano. We are looking forward to hearing its wonderful melodies sing throughout the home.

The Cannonball House, named for damage sustained during the War Between the States, was built in 1853 as a planter’s townhouse. Located in Macon, Georgia, The Cannonball House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is an example of authentic Greek Revival architecture containing fine period furnishings. The house is also the repository for the Founders’ parlors of the Adelphean (ΑΔΠ) and Philomathean (ΦΜ) societies, recreated from Wesleyan College, where they began in 1851 and 1852.

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The Cannonball House
856 Mulberry St
Macon, Georgia 31201

October 17, 1978 President Carter signed a joint resolution of Congress restoring U.S. citizenship to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America.

Mary Henderson Cemetery/ Ashburn, GA

By Barry Colbaugh

Located in Ashburn 3/4 miles northeast from intersection of GA 112 and I-75 along a dirt road is the Mary Henderson Cemetery. Manasseh and Mary E. Henderson are buried here. Manasseh a war veteran and Mary was a caring wife. Together they lived in a humble cottage. They were thrifty and built up their land, stock and wealth. Mary died from smallpox at their home. Charlie was a soldier returning home from Civil War, 21 years old taken ill near home of the Henderson's and cared for at their home, died and was the first person buried in this cemetery. Last name is unknown. Grave is not presently marked and it was thought it had been moved." This would probably have been in the late 1860's.

It was said General John C Breckenridge spent the night at the Henderson home on the eve of the capture of Pres. of the Confederate States, Jeff Davis and his wife. The general was able to escape and returned to KY after the war. Later the son of Breckenridge Arkansas Congressman C. R. Breckinridge wrote to Capt. W. H. Cooper of Malvern, Ark. from Washington, D.C. He refers to current reports about the distribution of Confederate gold and silver to retreating soldiers after the fall of Richmond in 1865. He reports that he only received \$5.00 of his father's (Secretary of War John C. Breckinridge) share when the treasury funds were divided among the troops at Washington, Ga. He adds, "as soon as I got it I went to a blacksmith's shop and cut it up into halves and quarters, it all being in Mexican dollar pieces, so as to make change and make it go as far as possible."

Among the first burials with a marker was that of a child, Rebecca Jane Taylor (1875-1876). The next two were that of Manasseh HENDERSON (1878) and Mary J. HAMAN (1878). Here are some of the veterans buried there.

Benjamin Boles Company I, 32nd Georgia, Upson County GA Woodson Guards, enlisted in Thomaston Georgia October, 1861. Company I 6th Regiment Georgia State Troops and Company I 32nd Georgia May 7, 1862 merged and surrendered in Salisbury North Carolina April 26 1865



George Washington Haman - Muster Roll of Company F, 49th Reg. GA Infantry, Irwin Co, GA Volunteers lists him as 2nd Sergeant March 4, 1862 and appointed 1st Sergeant Feb. 1863. *Roster of the Confederate Soldiers of Georgia 1861-1865 Vol. II p 244*

Robert Monroe Harden enlisted in Battery B, 11th Battalion, GA. Arty., "Sumter Flying Artillery", CSA, on January 1, 1864, as a private. In October 1864, he reported for detached duty with a musket at Fort Gregg on the Petersburg line. Last roll (Jan-Feb 1865) shows him present at Fort Gregg. Captured on April 2, 1865, and taken to City Point, Virginia on April 4, 1865. Subsequently taken to Point Lookout, Maryland and released June 13, 1865.

Manasseh Henderson enlisted

as a private in the 10th Georgia Battalion, Company B and made his way through the ranks as Sergeant, 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant and eventually Captain and surrendered at Appomattox in 1865. A gallant officer during the war and never asked the men to go where he did not lead. *The Albany News. (Albany, Ga.) 186?-1880, November 06, 1879, Image 4*

William M Massey Company F 27th Georgia, Colquitt's Brigade in the Battle of James Island was wounded in the left arm requiring amputation below the elbow

William Jackson Story Company F 59th Georgia, Anderson's Brigade; On July 2nd 1863 during the Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania wounded in the left hip.

Isaac F Ward born 25 February 1827 enlisted private Company C, 45th Georgia. During the Battle of the Wilderness May 5, 1864, shot in the head above the right eye

There are about 59 memorials listed on find a grave with many pioneer citizens buried there. Many of the graves include infants of many families. Some were still born and many were victims of sickness like typhoid fever and smallpox that also plagued many soldiers. Some are children who died around the age of 10. A search of obituaries in the newspapers did not reveal many obituaries because these were rare in this time. Many of the graves are unmarked and some are in disrepair. Currently the cemetery is overgrown with



many fallen trees. Fences and markers are damaged. Many people have helped clean the cemetery in the past. Members of the Yancey Independents #693 Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans are interested in cleaning up and restoring the cemetery in the fall. If you have an ancestor buried there or are interested in the cemetery restoration please let us know.

Contact Barry Colbaugh
barrycdog@yahoo.com
Stiles Akin Camp #670

<http://filsonhistorical.org/vcc/subject/?n=Breckinridge%2C+J+o+h+n+C.+%28John+Cabell%29%2C+1821-1875>

The Albany news. (Albany, Ga.) 186?-1880, November 06, 1879, Image 4

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/42078487/mary-e-henderson>

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CAMP NEWS

Camp Davis Presents Hunley Award to Cadet Baylor

On Wednesday, October 9, 2019, Georgia Division Chaplain, Rev. Dr. James Cavanah, presented the H.L Hunley Award to Cadet Destiny Baylor of Effingham County High School, Springfield, Georgia. Cadet Baylor was selected from the Corps of Cadets as one who repeatedly and consistently displayed the elements of character, courage, loyalty, and devotion to the core values of the Air Force JROTC program.

The presentation of the Hunley Award was made on behalf of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Camp Davis, Camp #2073, Guyton, Georgia. As-

sisting with the presentation along with Division Chaplain Cavanah is Lt. Col. Andrew Wichers. Chief Master Sergeant Nathaniel Brownlee, who was personally instrumental in contacting the Georgia Division about the Award, was unable to attend the presentation due to a faculty meeting scheduled at the same time.

Division Chaplain Cavanah reported that the leadership and cadet corps of Effingham County High School deeply appreciates the partnership that has been established with the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and looks forward to working us in the future.

Georgia Division Chaplain
Jim Cavanah, Camp Davis
[See photo Page 10]



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Brig. Gen. Watie

Gen. Stand Watie Camp #915

Minutes: October 10, 2019

Members present: John Biddy; Stan Chambers; Max Tomlinson; John Warren; Wesley Houston; David Mitchell; Stephen Chastain; Jerome Silvers.

Adjutant Report: Camp 915 sold souvenirs at the Fair. Thanks to members that worked the event: John Biddy; Stan Chambers; David Mitchell; Jon Hazelwood; David Pendley; John Warren. Camp membership is now 25.

Commander Biddy reported Calvin Crane of Virginia, last known Real Son, died at age 102. The Screven County Confederate Monument has been repaired.

Stand Watie birthday celebration/Christmas party will be December 12th. Dinner will be paid for by the Camp. Army of Tennessee Commander Jason Bosher will be the speaker.

Camp voted to send \$55.00 to the Confederate Museum Fund.

Officer election will be held at the November meeting. Program: Video of 125th Re-enactment of Battle of Chickamauga from Lionheart Films.

Calhoun Rifles Camp #1855

580 Bell Farm Rd. Edison, GA 39846



November 20, 2019

Compatriots,

This month's Camp meeting will be held next Monday November 25, 2019 at the Calhoun County Farm Bureau office in Morgan, GA at 7:00 PM.

Program Chairman David Sullivan recently made a trip to Virginia and will share information on the places he visited and will talk about the Battle at Fredericksburg.

Some of you that are receiving this bulletin have not paid dues for this year. Your support is needed by our Camp as well as the Georgia Division. Even if you are unable to attend the meetings you can give your support by remaining a member. You were able to join SCV because you have an ancestor who fought for the cause and you can honor him by maintaining your membership. Surely he would approve!

Best Regards,
Glenn Sinuefield, Camp Commander

The REAL CHRISTmas

For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2: 11

Clement A. Evans Camp 64

On November 2, 2019, Clement A. Evans Camp 64 Waycross, GA, installed a new display case and bookshelf in the Okefenokee Heritage Center museum located in Waycross, GA. The display case entitled 'Okefenokee in the Confederacy' tells the story of Local Confederates of the area that the Heritage Center serves. The first of its kind since the museum opened in 1975. The project started with discussion at a regular SCV Camp meeting on October 8, 2018. After many discussions and ideas with members of the Camp we went to work. We had the display ready to present to the Board of Directors at their August 2019 meeting where Lt. Commander Dennis Evans and Adjutant Chuck Griffin were present to talk about and answer any questions about the display. The Board of Directors voted to accept the display to be placed in the museum. The story on display will be changed about every 6-8 months, so we can share different Companies

or Individual stories of how they served the Confederate States of America from the Okefenokee area. We are so proud that this project is completed, so we can educate people that visit the museum from all over the world about our Confederate Ancestors. The bookshelf was donated to the museum for them to place books that are for sale in the museum. Members present are Lt. Commander Dennis Evans (L to R) Jeffrey McCarthy, Mike Griffin, Adjutant Chuck Griffin, Steve McCarthy, Will Griffin, and Mike Lee.

Chuck Griffin, Camp Adjutant
Clement A. Evans Camp 64 - SCV

Annual Lee/Jackson

Clement A Evans Camp #64 will hold there annual Lee-Jackson Supper on Saturday, January 11, 2019 at 5pm. The supper will be at Captain Joe's on Plant Avenue in Waycross. Program speaker will be Georgia Division Commander Tim Pilgrim.



**NOTE
CORRECTION**

In the September/October, 2019 issue of *The Georgia Confederate* I left out the *Reference* and *Source* for the article:
Page 22

**IN MEMORY OF THOSE
WHO SACRIFICED ALL
AT GRISWOLDVILLE**

Reference: "Joe Brown's Pets", page 318; Author Bill Bragg

Source: Wayne Dobson;

waynedobson51@yahoo.com

The Howling Dawg

TO: Lauren Ritchie---Journalist/Reporter; *Orlando Sentinel* newspaper--Florida

Mrs. Ritchie,

I just read your article in the Orlando Sentinel about the Kirby Smith statue and I consider it extremely biased and it exhibits gross ignorance about the causes of the War For Southern Independence aka Civil War and the reasons Kirby Smith and other Southerners fought against Northern tyranny, despotism, and dictatorship. They fought against Northern Socialism and Communism and to preserve the Constitution and Bill of Rights which were written by Southern statesmen. Slavery was already a dying institution and Southerners were willing to give up all interest in territories including Kansas and Nebraska in order to win independence.

The Republican Party from 1854-1877 was very similar to the modern Democratic Party--Socialist, Communist, Atheist. Karl Marx's Socialist revolution in Europe failed in 1848 and in 1849-1850 he sent about 2000 European Socialist to New York City and they joined with American Socialists to form the Republican Party. 487 of Marx's articles including the Communist Manifesto were printed in the New York Tribune by Horace Greeley and Charles Anderson Dana.
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and their children another generation.

Joel 1: 3

If you will read one of my articles they explain the 10 Causes of Southern Secession in detail.

I can also send you a series of 6 articles titled "The myth of the lost cause".

I had 3 Confederate ancestors from Madison County, Florida who fought for Southern Independence and they did not fight for slavery.

Even the modern historian James McPherson who is no friend to Confederate and Southern history, heritage, and culture had to admit after reading about 30,000 surviving letters and documents written by Confederates that they said they were fighting for independence and not slavery.

James W. King Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) Camp 141

Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelsons Rangers; Albany Georgia

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Mouthpieces for Revisionist History

By Lee Joyner

Oakland - They perished over 150 years ago, many on battlefields stretching from the woods and fields of Chickamauga to the earthen defenses of Atlanta. Some succumbed to wounds in numerous hospitals of the Gate City, others suffered and died, the victims of deadly diseases. Roughly 7,000 of them are buried at Atlanta, Georgia's Oakland Cemetery and nearly half sleep in unknown graves. The Lion of Atlanta guards their final resting place, but like their fellow Confederate comrades in arms in distant places of rest, their battles are only just beginning.

Consider Confederate Rest, a



small section of the city cemetery at Madison, Wisconsin where several hundred former Confederate prisoners who died of disease at nearby Camp Randall are buried. The town mayor, a civil rights advocate and outspoken critic of the U.D.C. and anything remotely associated with the Confederacy, recently convinced the city council members that a nondescript marker containing the names of the prisoners was in fact a monument to the Confederacy. Running roughshod over the objections of the Landmarks Commission the mayor ordered a forklift to remove the marker from the cemetery. Conjuring up images of mistreated slaves, Mayor Paul Soglin had an ax to grind with the United Daughters of the Confederacy, an organiza-

tion he labeled as racist. The women of the U.D.C had in fact solicited funds for the monument, albeit at the behest of local Union army veterans.

Recently, at a Screven County, Georgia cemetery near Augusta, vandals literally demolished the marble statue of a Confederate soldier, leaving pieces of it scattered on the ground. Sledge hammers or similar tools were likely employed in the destruction of the effigy. A reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest of the culprits.

In Rome, Georgia, operating under the cover of darkness, vandals somehow reached the top of a tall Confederate monument in the city cemetery and sawed off the hands of the soldier standing atop the marble shaft. The face of the Southern warrior was also defaced. Thankfully it has now been restored.

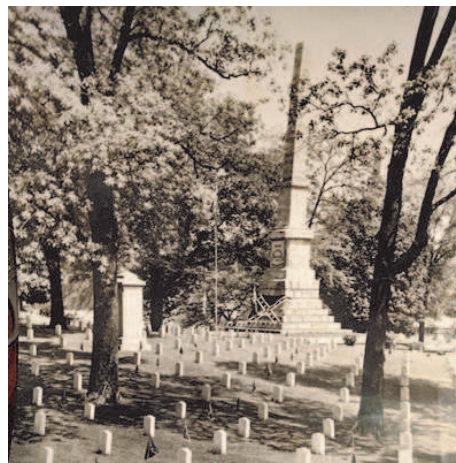
Only legal challenges have prevented the Dallas, Texas City Council from dismantling a sizeable Confederate monument in the cemetery there. An equestrian statue of Robert E. Lee has already been removed and sold at auction.

Thankfully the State of Georgia now has a law aimed at preventing the removal and or desecration of monuments to soldiers of any wars. It has at least stopped Savannah, Georgia politicians from altering the Confederate monument at Forsyth Park and relocating busts of Confederate leaders to a nearby cemetery. A recent poll on the monuments indicates that most Savannah residents are in favor of leaving the monuments in place.

At least temporarily suspending efforts to remove Confederate monuments in Atlanta and Decatur, revisionist forces are on the march and are armed for battle. With the blessings and sup-

port of the Historic Oakland Foundation, The Atlanta History Center, The Atlanta Mayor and City Council, the Smithsonian Institution, Georgia State University, and of course, the Southern Poverty Law Center a new tactic is being employed. "Interpretive" markers are being installed at Oakland Cemetery, the Piedmont Park Peace Monument, the Peachtree Creek Battlefield stone marker, and eventually the Decatur Confederate monument.

The cemetery visitor standing before the wounded Lion of Atlanta monument is struck by the power and simplicity of the inscription beneath the lion,



"Unknown Confederate Dead", surrounded as it is by numerous stone grave markers of the fallen soldiers. No further explanation is needed or desired and certainly not the fabricated historical mumblings of the Southern Poverty Law Center, claiming that Confederate Monuments were erected to enforce "white supremacy" and Jim Crow Laws.

Any article or organization that lends credence to any historically related comment attributed to the SPLC is inherently flawed itself. The Smithsonian and The Atlanta History Center should know better but as of late have become mouthpieces for revisionist history in their quest to remove as well as rewrite history.

In a recent speech on Confederate Monuments, historian Phil Leigh put the aims of the South-

ern Poverty Law Center into its proper perspective. He writes, "The SPLC wants Confederate statues removed. Several years ago they published (a) chart depicting the dates when Confederate statues were erected. ...they attempt to associate the construction of Confederate statues with three eras they claim correlate to white hostility toward blacks. The attempts are as phony as a football bat."

"The SPLC portrays the first twenty-years from 1880 to 1900 as a time when Southern blacks lost voting rights and Jim Crow was enacted. Their case for this period is weak because comparatively few statues were assembled at that time. Similarly, Jim Crow and voting rights issues largely applied only to the second half of the period."

"Many more statues were constructed during the second era from 1900 to 1920, which the SPLC correlates to racial lynchings and a resurgent KKK. In reality, lynchings were steadily declining during the entire period and the KKK was not resurgent until after 1920. At the start of the 1920's, the KKK had only a few thousand members. Five years later, however, membership ranged from two to five million because it had become a national – not regional – organization. Indiana had more members than any state. Oregon, Kansas, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Ohio were other strongholds outside the South. Nonetheless by the start of the 1930's the Klan's numbers had dwindled to insignificance."

1911 Atlanta, Georgia Peace Monument in Piedmont Park. A nearby "interpretive" marker dubs it an artifact of white brotherhood between North and South, while ignoring the plight of African Americans. ~Lee Joyner

"In truth four factors that the SPLC evades caused the building surge during the 1900-1920 inter-

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val. First, since the old soldiers were dying-off, family members wanted to honor them while they were still around. A twenty-one-year-old who went to war in 1861 was sixty years old in 1900 and seventy-five in 1915. Second, the Civil War's semi-centennial commemoration was a major factor motivating statue construction. Nineteen-eleven marked the fiftieth anniversary of the start of the war and 1915 was the fiftieth anniversary of its end. Third, both of the preceding points contributed to a simultaneous surge in the number of statues erected to honor Union veterans. It is only natural that Confederate descendants wanted to follow suit at the same time. Fourth, post-war impoverished Southerners generally did not have enough money to pay for memorials until the turn of the century. Notwithstanding its population growth, the region did not recover to its pre-war economic activity level until after 1900."

Cemeteries are supposed to be peaceful places of rest and reflection, not soapboxes where politicians, revisionist historians, and hate groups vow to indoctrinate visitors through slanted signage.

The long dead Confederate soldiers in Oakland cemetery have suffered enough. Many of their graves were exhumed by Sherman's soldiers during the occupation of Atlanta, the bodies dumped on the ground. Their frames were riven and torn apart by shot and shell, cries of pain echoing down the halls of At-

lanta hospitals. Many died far from home leaving behind grieving parents, widows and orphans. And now, as if to add insult to injury, visitors to the site will read revisionist portrayals of them as unfeeling slave masters resting near monuments to white supremacy. In effect they are portrayed as the bad guys in a bloody war. Whatever happened to rest in peace?

Maybe there should be an interpretive marker explaining that in the thousands of extant Confederate letters and diaries perused by renowned historian James McPherson in his book *For Cause and Comrades*, slavery is seldom mentioned. Victorian values of duty and honor compelled young men on both sides to join up and fight for their country. He writes, "Victorians understood duty to be a binding moral obligation involving reciprocity: one had a duty to defend the flag under whose protection one had lived."

Slavery was indeed a reprehensible practice, but blaming the institution on long dead soldiers, most of whom never owned slaves is not only ill advised but ludicrous. Simply put it is rewriting history. Maybe what one historian has called the shrill intemperate voices of revisionist rhetoric are in need of a large cork.

People don't want or need to be preached to and harangued with hate laced revisionist rhetoric. We all get an ample dose of that every night on the evening news. Let visitors to cemeteries and battlefields think for themselves and make up their own minds. Americans recognize the truth when they see it and can appreciate the sacrifices made by their long dead American relatives, regardless of the color uniform they wore.

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Christmas Night, 1862

**The wintry blast goes wailing by,
the snow is falling overhead;
I hear the lonely sentry's tread,
and distant watch-fires light the sky.**

**Dim forms go flitting through the gloom;
The soldiers cluster round the blaze
To talk of other Christmas days,
And softly speak of home and home**

**My saber swinging overhead,
gleams in the watch-fire's fitful glow,
while fiercely drives the blinding snow,
and memory leads me to the dead.**

**My thoughts go wandering to and fro,
vibrating 'twixt the Now and Then;
I see the low-browed home again,
the old hall wreathed in mistletoe.**

**And sweetly from the far off years
comes borne the laughter faint and low,
the voices of the Long Ago!
My eyes are wet with tender tears.**

**I feel again the mother kiss,
I see again the glad surprise
That lighted up the tranquil eyes
And brimmed them o'er with tears of bliss**

**As, rushing from the old hall-door,
She fondly clasped her wayward boy -
Her face all radiant with the joy
She felt to see him home once more.**

**My saber swinging on the bough
Gleams in the watch-fire's fitful glow,
while fiercely drives the blinding snow
aslant upon my saddened brow.**

**Those cherished faces are all gone!
Asleep within the quiet graves
where lies the snow in drifting waves, -
And I am sitting here alone.**

**There's not a comrade here tonight
but knows that loved ones far away
on bended knees this night will pray:
"God bring our darling from the fight."**

**But there are none to wish me back,
for me no yearning prayers arise
the lips are mute and closed the eyes -
My home is in the bivouac.**

Poem by William Gordon McCabe written while at the Stone's River Battlefield, December, 1862.

Thanks to Editor Bob Green of the E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 newsletter, the Wig Wag for sending this poem.





👉 Habersham Guard, Camp 716, Clarkesville, GA
Camp 716 set up our Heritage Defense Booth at the Big Red Apple Festival in Cornelia, Ga. The camp sold flags and T-shirts, and talked with numerous Dixie supporters and well wishers. Habersham Guard does three of these events per year and presents our donation to the Georgia Division at our Annual Christmas Dinner.

👉 L to R: Angel Honea, Shane Honea, Jim Kelly, Clint Morris, Jason Scoggins, Doug Jarrett (aka "Bones"), Jason Wesley, and color bearer Isaac Kelly. Gen. William J. Hardee #1397



👉 Georgia Confederates Youth Camp 2019: Campers tour Ft. Pulaski and Ft. McAllister. Bottom photo, Com-patriot Cecil Greenwell conducts a class on period clothing.



👉 General Ambrose Ransom Wright SCV Camp monthly meeting. Cmdr. Carl T Miller Jr. formally swore in our newest member Com-patriot Chuck Moore. The meeting was very, very educational. It surely was nice to see a new member join the ranks! I hope everyone will have a blessed Christmas and safe New Year.

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Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

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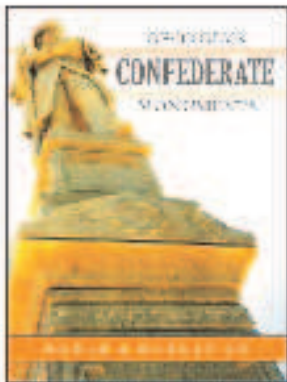
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