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

~ Luke 2: 11

The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Thomas Marsh Forman Camp #485 file Lawsuit Against the City of Brunswick and the Mayor / City Commissioners individually for violation of Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 50-3-1.

On November 18, 2020, the Mayor and three City Commissioners voted to violate Georgia Law (Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 50-3-1). With only one dissenting vote, The City Commission voted (only Commissioner Jonny Cason dissenting) to remove the Glynn County's Confederate Veterans' Monument from Hanover Park that was erected in 1902 by the Ladies Memorial Association of Brunswick.

Mayor Cornell Harvey admitted earlier that the vote would be in violation of Georgia law saying: "I think

we'll get dragged into a courtroom," he said. "It's going against state law."

Apparently pandering to the "cancel culture" mob was more important than obeying Georgia law. So, Mayor Harvey and the other Commissioners will be in court and spending taxpayers' money to defend their illegal action.

On November 24, 2020, The Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Thomas Marsh Forman Camp #485 filed a lawsuit and a request for a Temporary Restraining Order. The lawsuit names the Mayor a n d

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[Monument in
Hanover Park;
Brunswick, Georgia]



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CORRECTION: This photo was mislabeled by the Editor in the Sep/Oct issue. editor Camp Chaplain Brett Martin (left), Commander Ralph Mills (center), presenting membership certificate to new Compatriot Bill Powers (right). Camp#1404, Gainesville, GA.



Bronze monument available for a prominent, highly visible location in your community.



UMC Mechanics Minister and Camp Adjutant Jim Davis sponsored the donation of a much-needed vehicle to Emma Givens. Maj Gen A.R. Wright Camp 1914 See Page 21



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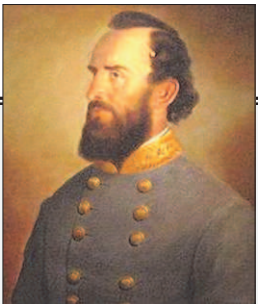
[L] Commander Nicholas Henley [R] inducts member, David Lovering[L] into Lt. Lovett Allen Tully Camp #2071. [R] Dr. Russ Henley speaks to Lt. Lovett Allen Tully Camp #2071 on Lincoln's Ties to Karl Marx.



Rod Bryan presented a program to Lt Lovett Allen Tully Camp #2017 on Army organization.



Commander Nicholas Henley inducts newest members [L to R] Rod Bryan, Rodney Bryan, and Joe McLendon. Lt Lovett Allen Tully Camp 2071, Colquitt, GA



"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

Commander's Report

Gentlemen,

The Christmas Holidays are upon us, the time to remember the birth of our Savior. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed new year.

I have to admit that 2020 has been a very challenging year. We had to endure through this chinese virus, out right attacks on our Confederate and American history and memorials, along with disappointing election results. We all have seen some events in 2020 that I thought I would never see as an American citizen. Along with most of you I'm very concerned about the direction this Country is heading.

It would appear the communist/socialist takeover of our educational system has produced the desired results of anarchy that the Bolsheviks would be very proud of. It seems we have lost at least three generations of our youth, from the 1980s and maybe sooner. I guess we all would hope that they may come around to their senses in their later years, but I'm afraid they will destroy our Country in the process. I am very concerned for my two 15 year old daughters and the America they will be living in the next twenty years.

Somehow we have got to turn this around. I heard a statistic the other day that the most untapped voters in this Country are blue collar White males. Young men who are out working hard on job-sites, in the factories and on the road. Being a construction manager I have seen this. Many young men on my jobsites who are supporters of ours tell me they don't vote. Of course I try to convince them otherwise, that their votes do matter, that it is a sacred right that our Forefathers gave us.

An initiative we should all take up is having voter registration forms with us at all times, in our

vehicles, at our booths and events. Call the Georgia Secretary of State Office at 404-656-2881 and have them mail you a batch. You can also go on line to <https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov> to register to vote on line. We have got to get these young men voting and being concerned about the direction the Country is heading.

There is some promising news: The "blue wave" never hit the Georgia Assembly. Both the Georgia State House and Senate are still firmly in the conservatives hands. So we shouldn't see any crazy anti-Confederate Legislation getting much attention for the next couple of years. But, we can't let our guard down. We know how well some of these so called conservatives are quick to sell their base supporters out.

Also it seems that the fury of liberal Cities and Counties who felt they could blatantly violate State Law 50-3-1 and remove our Veterans Monuments have settled down. With the 100s of legal letters we have issued and the multiple lawsuits we have on-going, most of these municipalities now know they are going to have a fight on their hands. We are not backing down. The latest bunch of law breakers is the Mayor and 3 of the City Commissioners of Brunswick. When they voted to remove the Confederate monument that was erected in 1902 on November 18, the Marsh Forman Camp and Georgia Division filed a law suit on November 23 against the City and the Mayor and Commissioners individually.

Below is an update on our legal fights:

Henry County:

Division filed the motion to amend our lawsuit adding the Commissioners that voted to remove the monument to the lawsuit.

Lawsuit still pending in Henry County Superior Court.

City of Columbus:

Division filed the motion to amend our lawsuit adding the Commissioners that voted to remove the monument to the lawsuit.

Lawsuit still pending in Muscogee County Superior Court.

Athens / Clarke County:

Division filed the motion to amend our lawsuit adding the Commissioners that voted to remove the monument to the lawsuit.

Lawsuit still pending in Athens/Clarke County Superior Court.

Gwinnett County:

A motion to intervene has been filed by the Division to add us as defendants along with Gwinnett County to the law suit claiming the monument is a public nuisance filed by the County Solicitor.

Currently Gwinnett County has filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by the County Solicitor, that is pending.

City of Brunswick:

The Georgia Division and Marsh Forman Camp #485 has filed a lawsuit for violation of 50-3-1 and are asking for a temporary restraining order.

City of Alpharetta:

Moving forward with the required mediation by the 11th District US Court of Appeals.

Newton County:

Currently waiting to be assigned a Court date in the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Rockdale County:

Currently waiting to be assigned a Court date in the Georgia Court of Appeals.

Cottriss Case:

Awaiting a judgment from the 11th District US Court of Appeals.

At the last Executive Council meeting on October 10th we voted to proceed with hiring a marketing/public relations firm to prepare a professional presentation/film emphasizing the positive benefits of having more War Between the States themes, ac-



tivities, and educational experiences at Stone Mountain Memorial Park.

What prompted this motion was a couple of recent developments: A professional well-funded group called the Stone Mountain Action Coalition (SMAC) has been allowed to make professional presentations to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) with the agenda (in short) to remove all Confederate references at the Memorial Park. Go to <https://stonemountainaction.org/> for more information on the SMAC. They also have some local DeKalb & Fulton County State Representatives supporting their efforts.

The Silver Dollar City Company that has the lease to run the commercial activities at the Park since 1998, has announced they are terminating their lease in 2022.

In short, there could be some major changes on the horizon and we need to be proactive to fight off the "cancel culture" changes and promote what we consider positive changes.

We have hired Mathews Film Company that was used by SCV National to produce the recent recruitment videos. Mathews Films will be doing some discovery research on Stone Mountain Memorial Park that entails an assessment of the current operations and along with a production plan of action. Then provide the Division an executive summary of their observations, recommendations, and a proposal to prepare the video documentary and a written presentation.

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Sons of Confederate Veterans

Georgia Division



Executive Council Meeting 10 Oct., 2020

Macon, Ga.

Executive Council Members Present

Cmdr. Tim Pilgrim	Present
Lt. Cmdr., N. George Crawford	Present
Lt. Cmdr., S. Chuck Griffin	Present
Adj. Richard Straut	Present
J.A. Dan Coleman	Present
C.O.S. Tim Hawkins	Present
Past Cmdr. Scott Gilbert	Absent
1st Brig. Wendell Bruce	Absent
2nd Brig. Michael Dean	Present
3rd Brig. Eric Cleveland	Present
4th Brig. Kim Beck	Present
5th Brig. Thomas Miller	Absent
6th Brig. Don Newman	Absent
7th Brig. James Carter	Absent
8th Brig. Hershell Smith	Absent
9th Brig. Ken Arvin	Present
10th Brig. Al Medcalf	Present
11th Brig. Ted Thomas	Absent
12th Brig. Michael Reither	Absent
13th Brig. Tony Pilgrim	Absent

law suits brought against them. Ask your Camps to get the word out to Vote YES on proposed constitutional amendment #2

Our web master Barry Colbaugh will be adding a Statewide Facebook ad on the sovereign immunity amendment to get the word out to everyone

The Political Action Committee, the Veterans Memorial Coalition has made substantial contributions to pro-Veterans State legislators to help them with their re-election efforts. The Veterans Memorial

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Commander Tim Pilgrim at 10:30

Invocation and given by 4th Brigade Commander Kim Beck

Flag Pledge and Salutes led by Deputy Sergeant at Arms David Aderhold.

Motion made Commander Pilgrim for the Chief of Staff Tim Hawkins to document meeting minutes; motion passed

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to adopt previous meeting minutes of July 11, 2020. Motion Passed

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to the adopt the agenda as the order of business, motion passed

Division Commanders Report:

A Constitutional amendment, number 2 on the State ballot, will repeal sovereign immunity. This means that cities and counties cannot effectively claim they have sovereign immunity against

Coalition is a separate organization from the Georgia Division, but their mission to protect Veteran's monuments is the same as the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Our lobbyist John Poole has retired. We are aggressively looking for a replacement for John. The Lobbyist committee is working to find the right person or group

Division Office going strong.

Georgia membership is growing, many new members utilizing the website for membership, by applying and paying for membership directly on line. The updated website is paying off and reaching the like minded

There are 195 members in the Georgia Division Headquarters Camp. We need to find these members a local Camp to join so that they can become active supporting the SCV. Each Camp should review the HQ roster and contact members who are in your area. The Division Secretary can work with National to transfer the

member to your local Camp. Contributions to Heritage Defense have been good but more is needed to cover our legal fees. We have already spent \$54,000.00 on legal fees defending our monuments.

Division Spokesman Martin O'Toole

The Division is continuing litigation on 7 cases

Gwinnett County monument Newton County monument lawsuit. This action has received support from Jon Snider from the Dukes of Hazzard

Henry County lawsuit pending

Athens Clark County lawsuit is in appeal

Rockdale County lawsuit pending.

City of Columbus lawsuit is pending.

City of Alpharetta lawsuit is being filed to the US court of appeals

The Division is forming a confederation of attorneys to review cases. This will provide more insight into the law and better ways to approach the many different litigations the Division is faced with.

Continue to look for local attorneys in your area. No one knows the local environment better than someone from the local area.

Division Secretary Kitty Dorety

Presently working on dues as the deadline has been extended for payment.

Presently working on filing the 990N's for each camp. When completed, the Adjutant of the Camp will be sent a copy for their files and a copy is retained in the office.

Thank You packets have been mailed to those who donated to our Division Heritage Defense Fund.

Thank You packets will be mailed out to anyone donating to the V.M.C. once we have all supplies needed.

Increased call volume due to all the unrest, many seeking to become members.

Applicants applying through our GA Division website will have their member certificates read as a member of the GA Division Headquarters Camp.

Three new store items:

Surveillance signs

Smaller GA Division lapel pins

Veteran Memorial Coalition lapel pins

We have 2020 Reunion medals available at the office, cost is \$15.00. They will also be sold at the 2021 Reunion.

Remember if you call the office to leave a message, Kitty will return your call.

Adjutant Report Richard Straut

Books are balanced and bills are paid. Adjutant Straut went over the written report with the Executive Council. A motion was made and passed to accept the Adjutants report.

Adjutant Straut noted the computer used to maintain the Divisions financial records is beginning to fail. A motion was made to replace the computer, motion passed.

Lt Commander North, George Crawford

Speaking Appearances:

On Saturday, August 29, 2020, I addressed the assemblage gathered to commemorate the Battle of Jonesboro held at the General Patrick R. Cleburne Cemetery in Jonesboro, GA. Several reenactor militia units were in attendance and were combined to salute the heroic dead interned there. Members of the Macon UDC and Children of the Confederacy also made the trip for the ceremony. My remarks were why we continue to gather to honor our Confederate Heroes and why we should continue to do so. Specifically, I sought to define the Charge given to the Sons of Confederate Veterans by General Stephen Dill Lee as it relates to issues today.

Commander Dan McCloud, who was in attendance, asked me to speak at the regular meeting of

Minutes: Continued The Barnesville Blues Camp #2137 on Thursday, November 5, 2020. The subject of my presentation will be the contributions of West Pointers in Georgia during the War.

Heritage Issues

Our Heritage continues to be attacked by those who wish to rewrite history and erase the heritage of our brave ancestors. I continue to monitor these as they arise and follow the progress of battles already undertaken. I want the Brigade Commanders under my Charge to know I am available to assist in any capacity needed, so please reach out if you require help. Camps have begun to meet again, some in person and others digitally.

Mechanized Calvary

I attended a meeting for Troop-3 under command of Lt. Jerry “Lt. Dan” Bridges in Bonaire, GA on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

I attended a meeting of my squad, Mid-State Defenders in Yatesville, GA on Saturday, August 22, 2020. We rode down to Captain James “Bo” Hall’s pawn shop in Warner Robbins and promoted Kevin “K-Nine” Swails to Corporal at the cookout he hosted at his house. Kevin has been very active with The Mechanized Calvary as well as with our Camp, General John B. Gordon Memorial #1449. I wanted to officially congratulate him and thank him for his service to our organization.

I attended the 3rd Battalion Company B Quarterly Meeting in Demorest, GA on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Nominations were made for State Captain.

12) Lt Commander South, Chuck Griffin

First off, I want to thank all Brigade Commanders who have showed up today. I know things come up, but we have only four EC meetings a year and you are the representative for each one of the Camps within your Brigade. It is very important that you are here to represent them.

I want to Thank Martin O’Toole for all the work he has been doing for the Georgia Division. I want to also Thank Adjutant Straut and Commander Pilgrim for all their efforts in keeping the Division running smoothly. Lastly a big Thanks goes out to Ms. Kitty for all she does at Division Headquarters. If you have any problems give her a call or send her an email, make sure you leave a message, and she will get back in touch with you soon.

7th Brigade Commander James Carter was in a bad car accident the first of this week. He is doing ok just whiplash and really sore from the impact.

The Brunswick Camp has joined the fight to save the UDC Monument in downtown Brunswick. They are ready for a legal battle, if need be, along with the 7th Brigade Attorney and the Division Spokesperson. Even though they are spending time with this issue they are still recruiting new members to the Camp and members for the Order of the Confederate Rose. The Waycross Camp has also been recruiting several new members during these times of chaos, around twenty-five new members since June. Let’s make sure we are recruiting in our areas, so we can keep fighting these battles and one day win this war.

13) Division Judge Advocate Dan Coleman

Main duty to resolve disputes within organization and, happily, there are none presently. Re-activated law license in order to offer assistance with ongoing lawsuits.

14) Georgia Confederate Editor Al Perry

Moved to a new printer for the Georgia Confederate; old printer pulled their support not wanting to do business with the SCV. New printer is the Florida Sun Printing Company; Callahan, Florida. Georgia Confederate Youth

Camp going strong. Campers sending out Thank You letters to Camps and individuals that sponsored them

15) Executive Director Tom Stevens:

Success of July Reunion at the Marriott. Additional vendors very successful

16) Chief of Staff Tim Hawkins:

Canvas billboard (12' X 25') available for someone to use in a prominent place, should last another year.

Has recruitment signs available. Out of the yard signs, may not order more.

17) Brigade/Committee Reports:

1st Brigade Commander Wendell Bruce

1st Brigade has had a few changes this past year.

Camp 2209 has a new commander named Eric Fowler.

Camp 669 has merged with Camp 469. Terry Swanson is the new Commander and will keep the Nathan B Forrest name and number.

Camp 938 is in the process of being resurrected with a new interim Camp Commander Eric Greene.

The statue discussion in Dalton is basically on hold by the City. The UDC has agreed to move it to the front lawn in the historic district but will not pay to move nor will the City. So basically, it is in limbo.

The statue in Rome the city council deferred to do anything and said they would follow the law as of now.

The Cassville Cemetery, according to Commander Dale Black is receiving a new fence around the property.

Camp 1859 has erected a new recruitment sign beside the I 75 flag for all to see.

The Resaca Cemetery, after a flag trampling incident has been all quiet as of late.

2nd Brigade Commander Report Michael Dean

Alpharetta Parade – No ruling to date in re the Reconsideration filing with the Federal court. My guess is that the ruling will be delayed until after the upcoming elections.

Camp Visits – Have visited two of the nine Brigade camps since the last EC meeting. All camps but Cumming suspended activities for a period of time due to Covid concerns. All camps are now back having meetings except for Tiger.

Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642 (Cumming) / Bell Research Center – The Bell Research Center (BRC) and Camp 1642 have enjoyed a rent-free hosting from the City of Cumming for some years. The City contacted the BRC and requested a review of the value we add to the community, and of our current lease. The review was held in the first week of October. We were told that the two other 501c3 organizations previously hosted rent-free by the City were also under review.

The City has had a third-party appraiser determine the market value of the building we are housed in. As parking is limited, the value was not as much as other downtown locations. The monthly rent is valued at \$1600. In closed session last Tuesday night, the City decided that we did not add enough value to offset the rent. The BRC will now have to begin paying the City \$1600 per month, starting in January. We can do so (at least for the immediate future), but it will substantially impact our operations.

Further, we will receive a revised lease in the next few weeks, which we will need to review very carefully.

Heritage Violations – I have not heard of any recent issues in the 2nd Brigade.

3rd Brigade Commander Report Eric Cleveland

Brigade Camps actively recruiting and growing

Minutes: Continued

4th Brigade Commander Report
Kim Beck

The Fourth Brigade continues to battle against those who wish to destroy our heritage. Currently, the Macon Confederate monument being moved to Rose Hill Cemetery area has been blocked and awaits hearing. The monument was vandalized during earlier rioting. Other monuments that have been protested by BLM include Perry, Hawkinsville, Cochran, Eastman, Dublin, Milledgeville and Sparta. Representatives of the 4th Brigade have covered each protest. Eastman and Dublin have been the hot spots after the Macon vandalism.

The Chinese-virus has hampered our regular meetings. Most Camps are back to regular monthly meetings, but check before you attend.

We lost two more good members, William Markus "Watchdog" Thompson passed away August 27th. Mark was former Camp #104, Camp #2039 member, and 16th Georgia Renactor. Samuel Henry Hankey passed on Sept. 30th. Sammy was former Camp #1998 member, Commander of Capt. Ruel W. Anderson Camp #2239 and member of Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp #2039. Confederate memorials were held for both.

A Pro-Confederate Rally was held at the Capt. Hardy B. Smith House in Dublin on Labor Day. About 60 people marched from the Smith House to the sidewalk where the Confederate monument has recently been fenced in. The week before, about 8 BLM protesters were there with lots of press coverage. No press coverage for the Pro-Rally, but lots of positive attention and feedback. The 4th Brigade is sworn to fight to the end to preserve our Confederate memorials.

8th Brigade Commander Report
Hershall Smith

Jefferson Davis Park set to support the Lee Jackson event on 16, Jan 2021

Tag fund project completed; new ice machine installed

9th Brigade Commander Report
Ken Arvin

Getting back to normal supporting Camps in the Brigade. Irwinville BBQ cookout planned for the Lee Jackson event in January

10th Brigade Commander Report
Al Medcalf

Gen. Henry L. Benning Camp is working with several members from the Manchester GA area to get their Camp going again. We will be holding our 1st annual Southern Heritage Christmas Ball in December, exact date to be announced

Barnesville Blues Camp raised \$800 to help pay legal fees

Gen. John B. Gordon Memorial Camp raised \$1000 to help pay legal fees. Had a recruiting sign vandalized in Lamar County, a report was made with to the Sheriff's Office. New signs are up on taller posts that cannot be reached from the ground. A workday is planned for November 14th to upright and repair headstones at the Hendricks Baptist Church Cemetery in Upson County.

12th Brigade Commander Michael Reither

Camp News

The Camps of the 12th Brigade started to hold regular meetings again in August 2020 as shelter-in-place restrictions mandated by the state the Georgia were lifted.

The following camps are meeting at their regular public locations:

Camp McDonald #1552, General William J. Hardee #1397, Kenesaw Battlefield #700, Robert E. Lee #2550, Chattahoochee Guards #1639, General Leonidas Polk #1446.

Roswell Mills #1547 is conducting meetings at the private residences of their camp members while the camp looks for a public meeting place in the Roswell area.

Compatriots of the 12th Brigade were asked to send donations to

Marietta Confederate Cemetery Foundation to support the cemetery maintenance. The Foundation was unable to hold their regular fundraising events at the cemetery due to the Chinese Covid-19 virus and they are in need of donations.

Heritage Issues

There are two petitions on Change.org to rename two local Cobb County high schools (Walton and Wheeler). In August 2020, the Cobb County School District Board approved a recommendation to form a committee to *“review the Cobb County School District’s name of facilities with the goal of being a more inclusive and diverse school district”*. Walton High School was named after George Walton – one of Georgia’s three signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Change.org petition accuses Walton of being a slave owner and white supremacist. Wheeler High School was named after Confederate General Joseph Wheeler. The camps of the 12th Brigade were asked to write the Cobb County School District Board members to voice their support for the current school names.

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution on Sept. 23 to create a special “council” to *“identify opportunities across a broad spectrum to assist in the education and mitigation of systemic, institutional, and structural racism.”* The resolution was drafted by members of the Cobb Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). The bylaws and charter of the council will come before the Board of Commissioners for final approval in January 2021. This special council may pose a future threat to Southern heritage in the Cobb County area regarding the display of Confederate symbols and memorials (ex. Old Marietta Confederate Cemetery, the display of the Confederate flag during the Marietta Independence Day Parade by the GA Division

SCV).

18). Tag Fund Projects

Project 2020-01, Greenwood Cemetery Confederate Monument, Calhoun Rifles Camp #1855. This project should be completed in a couple of weeks with the monument in place

Project 2020-02, Cast aluminum replacement carriage for GMI memorial cannon. This project is in work. Carriage and wheels should be completed soon

Project 2020-03, Bronze Confederate Soldier Monument. This project will be complete soon with the second soldier completion. The mold will remain property of the Georgia Division when the foundry closes.

Project 2020-04, Jefferson Davis Memorial Park pavilion ice machine, Jefferson Davis Cowboys Camp #682. This project is complete, new ice machine has been installed

19). New Business

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim for the Executive Council of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Inc.: Hereby adopts the 4 resolutions read during the October 10, 2020 Executive Council meeting allowing legal counsel to represent the interest of the Georgia Division, SCV in the matters of the removal of the Confederate Monuments. Motion passed unanimously

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to hire a marketing/public relations professional to prepare a professional presentation emphasizing the positive benefits of having more War Between the States themes, activities, and educational experiences at Stone Mountain Park. With the goal to provide park visitors with an enhanced historical experience of the War Between the States, antebellum Georgia and the experiences that the Soldiers went through during that defining period.

The PR program will be pre-

ajc Report on SMMA

By Tyler Estep, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

Memorial association CEO will lead committee to weigh proposals

Activist groups, local politicians and other community members over the past several months have renewed their push to change the Confederate imagery at Stone Mountain Park.

And while there are many unanswered questions and details to be worked out, officials announced Monday that a soon-to-be-formed committee will evaluate those proposals — and, in the coming months, make recommendations about how to “bring Stone Mountain Park into the 21st century.”

Bill Stephens, the CEO of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, will lead the effort.

“There are all kinds of proposals,” Stephens said. “As we vet them, some will make the cut and some won’t. I think in general what the board has been saying is we’re in favor of additions to the park, not subtractions. But that’s to be determined too.”

Plans for the committee were announced during Monday afternoon’s Stone Mountain Memorial Association board meeting, a much-anticipated gathering that had been twice postponed.

Here is a level of progress. Your support makes progress possible. Thank you to everyone working with us to make Stone Mountain Park the beautiful, inclusive place that we all know it's capable of being! pic.twitter.com/U7CMMxCZkM

— Stone Mountain Action Coalition (@StoneMtnAction) November 16, 2020

Groups including the Stone Mountain Action Coalition have been pushing the board hard to make widespread changes at the park, including changing street names, removing Confederate flags that fly at the base of the mountain and, eventually, addressing the massive carving that adorns

the mountain’s north face.

Sheri Lake, a leader of the coalition, said she appreciated that the memorial association wasn’t “just throwing the issue under a rug.” But she was wary of how the committee process might be conducted and potential transparency issues.

Ray Stallings Smith III, the memorial association board chair who directed Stephens to form the committee, said he expected the process to be inclusive. But it was not immediately clear how the committee would be comprised or how it would function.

“When they talk about additions as opposed to change, that continues to concern us,” Lake said.

Stephens, the memorial association CEO, suggested the committee could make recommendations by next April, May or June — in other words, after the upcoming state legislative session.

The Stone Mountain Memorial Association is a state authority tasked, by law, with operating Stone Mountain Park and preserving an appropriate and suitable monument to the Confederacy. Groups like the Stone Mountain Action Coalition have suggested that the law’s wording leaves room for the memorial association to make changes, but the board has thus far avoiding making that argument.

“We take our legal advice from the attorney general’s office, not from anybody else,” Stephens said.

State Rep. Billy Mitchell, D-Stone Mountain, was one of several elected officials who attended Monday’s meeting in support of the Stone Mountain Action Coalition and the removal of Confederate imagery at the park. He said he plans to introduce a bill during the upcoming session that would remove any gray area about the ability for the memorial association to make changes.

“They say the law is ambiguous,” Mitchell said. “Let’s make it unambiguous.” ❖

Division Spokesman Martin O’Toole’s Address to SMMA

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

I also had the opportunity to attend the last special meeting of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association on September 14 and listen to the proposals of the Stone Mountain Action Coalition or “SMAC”. The SMACsters made a number of proposals and regrettably time did not permit a full response to all of them.

Suffice it to say that the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is opposed to any change in the nature of the Park, which, as is well known, is Georgia’s most popular tourist attraction. This success alone is ample testimony to the popularity of the park which includes the world’s largest bas-relief sculpture and is a State-codified memorial to the Confederacy,

The SMACsters in their presentation denied that they desired to destroy that carving by demolition. Apparently, that was bad optics. Instead, this kinder and gentler Taliban and ISIS sought to achieve the same ends by neglect or even use of concrete to cover the sculpture. All other Confederate memorialization was to be done away with.

I guess that the lesson of the Taliban in its demolition of the Buddhas in Afghanistan and the ISIS destruction of such places as Jonah’s tomb in Iraq were recognized as bad PR and more Fabian strategy slyly sought. But their end goal was the same: the destruction of any Confederate memorialization.

While I probably do not need to remind the Board, O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(c) is quite explicit on the duties of the SMMA:

“Any other provision of law notwithstanding, the memorial to the heroes of the Confederate States of America graven upon the face of Stone Mountain shall never be altered, removed, concealed, or obscured in any fashion and shall be preserved and protected for all time as a tribute to the bravery and heroism of the citizens of this state who suffered and died in their cause.”

I think it was George Bernard Shaw who said that speech ought to be a little wild as it was the assault of thought upon the unthinking. Therefore, what I say next should fit that suggestion.

The loathing of all things Confederate is of rather recent origin. The Confederacy’s acceptance of the continued lawfulness of slavery has always made it sort of the soft underbelly of American history. But in the past year the full hatred of all things American and even pre-American has been fully exposed. While, to the best of my knowledge, the Viking exploration of America had been ignored to date, everything else traditional about America since the arrival of Columbus had been repudiated by our social justice warriors. They are not content with merely the extirpation of the Confederacy but almost all American history does not meet their approval - and to judge by the vandalization and demands almost nothing does - must be deleted.

One alternative means of cancellation has been the proposals to “contextualize” any monuments or memorials that they cannot actually destroy. The French philosopher La Rochefoucauld observed that hypocrisy was the tribute that vice paid to virtue. Such is graphically demonstrated by the social justice warrior demands for context-

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SMMA: Continued tualization and interpretative plaques or displays made commonly today.

Permit me to illustrate this with a proposal made for this very Park: the inclusion of a bell on the summit of Stone Mountain with the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., affixed thereto. Archibald Carey, Jr., used virtually identical language at the 1952 Republican National Convention. Carey and King were in frequent correspondence. Of course, no “woke” journalist I have spoken to has any interest in such contextualization. Nor do they seek to note by contextualization that Dr. King’s doctoral papers have been academically critiqued “a product of his long-established practice” of plagiarism.

Dr. King’s religious thoughts as a Christian minister are available online for Stanford University. In them King denies the virgin birth of Christ, New Testament miracles and, most astonishing of all for a purported Christian minister, the physical resurrection of Christ.

Maybe that is why when Rev. Ralph David Abernathy published his autobiography “*And the Walls Came Tumbling Down*,” he was called a “Judas” by the media and civil rights establishment when he confirmed that the Reverend engaged in flagrant extra-marital affairs and would scan the audiences looking for women that he thought were sexually interested in him. Maybe this was why they were outraged that Abernathy revealed that King was shackled up with women the night before he was slain and topped that off by beating up another paramour that morning. Oopps, where is the “me too” crowd on that episode?

(See Abernathy, Ralph David. *And the Walls Came Tumbling Down*. New York: Harper &

Row, 1989, pgs. 434-436, 470 – 475.)

Bryant Gumbel, for example, angrily stated on television that Abernathy should have just printed the legend.

That concludes my wild part of my message. Permit me to conclude on another note.

Like King, every human being that has ever lived or is alive today is a sinner. We all have faults. “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23.

What is the purpose of monuments and memorials?

In his oration on the Athenian dead, Pericles made the observation that some, motivated by spite and envy, refused to believe the feats of the soldiers who gave their all. Valor, fortitude, and sacrifice should be examples for us all.

Prior to the remodeling of American thought of late the entire nation used to admire the Southern soldiers and their courage, fidelity, sacrifice, and struggle against incredible odds. The Confederacy was thought to be a part of the common legacy of the entire nation. Union and Confederate veterans were largely reconciled after the War. The last Union veteran to serve as President of the United States was William McKinley. President McKinley returned all the Confederate flags held by the Federal government to the Southern states so they might be honored by the descendants of those who bore them in battle. Today those who did not face the gray on the battlefield refuse to accept the judgment of those who did and direct their attacks on inert marble or granite.

This admiration was not limited to Americans only but appear in almost every culture and nation. A friend who used to work

for the Georgia Chamber of Commerce related that foreign businessmen, in particular Japanese businessmen, who came to Atlanta to investigate business possibilities invariably wanted to see Tara and sample the Old South. They were disappointed to learn that Tara was fictional.

Just as we are all defective, so all are capable of greatness. That is what monuments and memorials should be about. They are not to tell us how bad humans can be but rather to encourage us to emulate virtues that others have shown. These virtues, not “micro-aggressions” or contextualizing assaults are what monuments are about. And such is what the Georgia General Assembly has mandated in O.C.G.A. § 12-3-192.1. That is what has been done and should continue to be done at the Stone Mountain Memorial Park.

When I go to the King Center, I do not expect to see King’s dirty laundry washed in public. Neither should we expect a Confederate Memorial to be an assault on the Confederacy. If those who demand such are not hypocrites then they should show us the way by first “contextualizing” the King Center, the Kennedy libraries or the LBJ Ranch. Otherwise we can only conclude they do not “seek truth” but merely use “contextualization” to assault a tradition they despise.

The appropriate role of a Memorial is to uplift and challenge us to be more than we are.

The Stone Mountain Memorial Park has been a success. Millions visit every year.

If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.
Division Spokesman
Martin O’Toole



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City Commissioners individually and in their official capacity as defendants for violation of Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 50-3-1.

The monument honoring the Confederate veterans is located on in Hanover Park off Newcastle Street in Brunswick. The Monument was erected in 1902 to commemorate the Confederate dead in the Southern War for Independence (1861-1865). On top of the Monument is a soldier standing at rest. On the base of the Monument is inscribed:

CONFEDERATE STATES
OF AMERICA
1861 TO 1865

LORD GOD OF HOST
BE WITH US YET.
LEST WE FORGET
LEST WE FORGET.

Commander: Continued My position is we need to be proactive and move forward with this production. I would like to make the same professional presentation to the SMMA, State Legislators, and 3rd party Entertainment Companies interested in assuming the lease to run the commercial activities. Also have both the written presentation and video available on our web-page for public viewing.

Gentlemen our work is never done and there is no end to doing good. We never give up and never give in to our enemies.

There is no compromise.
Remember we have our Annual General Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration on Saturday, January 16 at the Jefferson Davis Memorial Park in Irwinville. We have a great speaker and top of the line BBQ. Come join your Brothers in a day of celebration of one of America's greatest Generals.

Always at your service,
Tim Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander



Marvin Harris DeVane Cuthbert, Georgia
Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson Rangers Camp #141

Thomas Eugene Sidwell Madison, Georgia
Charles W. Baldwin Camp #105

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, October 11 at 3 PM to honor Commander Sammy Hankey of Captain Ruel W. Anderson Camp #2239, Hawkinsville, Georgia. The memorial was held in the sanctuary of Liberty Baptist Church, 1100 Chester Highway, Eastman.

Submitted by Kim Beck



“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.”
~ I Thessalonians 4:14

Gentlemen,

With a heavy heart, I give you notice that Ruth Stevens, wife of Thomas Steven passed away. Below is Mrs. Ruth's Obituary. Please keep Thomas and his family in your prayers.

Ruth M. Stevens

April 12, 1947 - October 24, 2020
Macon, GA- Ruth M. Stevens, 73, of Macon and Jones County, passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2020 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was the daughter of Dr. Frank C. Meisner DVM and Margaret Malone Wooddy Meisner of Atlanta. She was a 1965 graduate of Northside High School in Atlanta and a 1969 graduate of Mercer University.



Mrs. Stevens retired from Star Choices after 40 years. She was formerly a member of the Macon Jaycees, the Macon Association for Retarded Citizens, and was a member of the Sidney Lanier Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy #25. She was also a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Mrs. Stevens is survived by her husband of 52 years, Thomas E. Stevens, and her daughters, Jennifer Stevens (Lee) O'Kelley and Kristen Stevens (Tom) Dorety; her grandchildren, Jordan, Tommy, Brendan, and Emily; one bonus granddaughter, Morgan O'Kelley.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 AM Friday in Riverside Cemetery entering through the Madison Street Gate. Father Patrick Tuttle officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to The Cannonball House 856 Mulberry Street, Macon 31201 or to Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4074 Chambers Road, Macon 31206.

Snow's Memorial Chapel, Bass Road, Macon, GA

Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander

Minutes: Continued sented to the SMMA, legislators and potential 3rd party entertainment firms to influence them to maintain the main purpose of the park as a memorial to the Confederacy. \$5,000 will be allotted to begin the development of the presentation and approval of the Executive Council if more funds are required. Motion passed unanimously

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim for the Executive Council of the Georgia Division to approve the lobbyist contract for the up-coming 2021 legislative session recommended by our Lobbyist Committee. The Lobbyist Committee has identified 3 candidates that may meet our requirements and is close to making the final selection. The contract amount shall not exceed \$15,000 without further approval of the Executive Council. Motion

Passed

Robert E. Lee Event approved for 1/16/2021 and Stone Mountain Memorial approved.

The 127th SCV National Annual Reunion in 2022 to be held in Marietta/Kennesaw with the hosting Camps will be William Hardee Camp #1397 and the Kennesaw Battlefield Camp #700. Contacts are Tim Pilgrim and Wayne Wiltingham.

Meeting concluded with Benediction by Commander Kim Beck. Singing of Dixie to dismiss at 2:25.

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👉 CW, L to R Clement A. Evans Camp members [L to R] Steve McCarthy, Jeffery McCarthy, Eric Oliver, and Kyle McCarthy recently joined 3rd Battalion, Company B, of the Mechanized Cavalry. New members Kenneth Allen [L] and Hamp Tatum are sworn in at October meeting. Compatriot Mike Griffin presents Division Commander Tim Pilgrim with a custom made gavel, for recognition of hard work and great leadership in the Georgia Division. [Front L to R] John Wayne Spradley, Kurt Hickox, [Back L to R] Ricky Crawford, Lamar Hickox, and Steve Howell are sworn in as new members at the November meeting.

👉 SCVmc Troop 3 Mid State Defenders squad repaired Confederate Headstones and cleaning at Hendricks Baptist Church near Thomas-ton, Ga. Thanks to the new Chapter OCR, Fanny’s Blue Roses, members of the John McIntosh Kell Camp 107 and the Col. T. Zach-ary Camp 108 along with Shadow from Eastman, Ga. to put in the work.
See Page 21

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👉👈👉 Chattahoochee: The Camp “CSS Chattahoochee”, Georgia Division’s newest Camp, had an open house in Iron City, Georgia, October 3rd with guests from four states and members from 4 different Camps enjoying the artillery display of Compatriot Carl “Bullet” Rykard.



👉 Commander Jack Cowart of Camp #2314 CSS Chattahoochee in Seminole County, Georgia inducted two new members, Eion McMickle and Lee "Cowboy" Boyett.

👉 At its October 8th meeting, the David W. Payne Camp 1633, Blairsville, Georgia, swore in its latest recruit. (L-R): Chaplain John Fusco; Commander Mike Pettus; newest member Mike L. Cushing, Sr.; and Adjutant Jessie Pinson.

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Sevcmc Troop 3 Clinchs crew Jump Cemetery cleanup for Confederate soldier Thomas Jump.

Sevcmc Troop 3 Clinchs crew places a Southern Cross of honor for Brittany White Confederate Ancestor Private Thomas Jefferson Ryals



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history of the South is presented
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"Do your duty, in all things.
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should never wish to do less"
General Robert E. Lee

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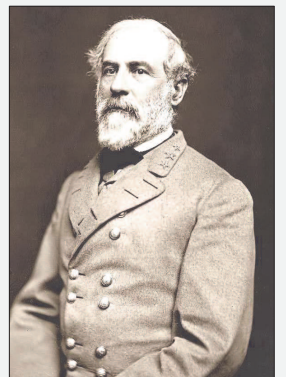
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 The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp # 2102 (Millen), recently cleaned the exterior of Jenkins County's historic Big Buckhead Church. See Page 22



 Bronze monument available for a prominent, highly visible location in your community.



 Habersham Guard, Camp 716, Clarkesville, Ga--Commander Wallace Lewallen swears in new member Cory Merchant. He has recently moved to Georgia from Florida, where his Confederate ancestor entered service for the Confederacy. Cory has jumped in and become an important part of our Fall Turkey Shoot. He is well liked by our members and an asset to our camp. Welcome.



Thank You to the Camps that answered the "Call to Action" to make at least a \$500 donations to help fund our Legal Defense Cost.

Since the July, 2020 Reunion we have spent \$48,500 in legal fees fighting (9) separate law suits. It takes money to fight these legal battles and we have got to stand our ground now. We can't and won't give up.

Please Camps of the Georgia Division give a Camp donation to help fund these legal fights to protect our Confederate Veteran's Monuments and our 1st Amendment rights. It's up to us to take the stand.

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BOUND FOR THE PROMISED LAND

By Hu Daughtry

German native and political cartoonist Thomas Nast invented our present-day image of Santa Claus just in time for the Christmas Season of 1862. Although only in America since the age of six, he was a staunch supporter of The Union and its values. Since “The War” was going poorly for The Armies of Mister Lincoln during this time, Nast, at just 22 years of age, conjured up Santa Claus and his likeness to increase Northern morale and to encourage those who sought to heap death and destruction down upon that newly-formed nation to their immediate South. Nast’s perception of Santa Claus first appeared on the cover of The January 3, 1863 issue of *Harper’s Weekly Magazine*. In addition to being “A Lincoln Man,” Nast was also A Radical Republican. In light of these intriguing, but disappointing morsels of knowledge, one tends to wonder whether Ole Santa Claus and his Reindeer would ever dare venture south of The Mason Dixon Line into what was once known as That Indomitable Land of Cotton? So, sadly enough, one is compelled to draw the tearful conclusion that Ole Santa Claus, even though he is clad in Cheerful Christmas Red, actually possesses a heart of Yankee Blue!

During The Christmas Season of 1862, Private Jordan B. Pitts lay in Confederate General Hospital Number 23 in the Southern Capital of Richmond, Virginia. Research tells us that this infirmary of sorts was once a tobacco warehouse. Needless to say, Thomas Nast’s personal version of Santa Claus did not pay him a December visit. Unfortunately, The Grim Reaper did. So, at the age of 24, Jordan Pitts struck out for The Promised Land. Although not a Christmas Tale with a happy ending, his is nonetheless, one worthy of sharing. The sad and sorrowful yuletide drama of Jordan Pitts begins in the succeeding paragraphs. I pray that I present it as truthfully and accurately as humanly possible. After all, he has no one else to call upon. Hence, we are all in agreement; his tale must be told!

By all known accounts, Jordan Pitts was born in the Northern Telfair

County backwoods in the year of our Lord, 1838. His father may have been a trio of decades older than his mother. Old Man John Pitts entered into eternal rest when Little Jordan was less than five. With the exception of one younger male sibling, he was the youngest child of John Pitts, Sr. and Nancy Horton Pitts. In addition to being supplied with a Biblical name, he was also more than likely the namesake of one of the founders of Old Parkerson Church, established in Southern Pulaski County circa 1831. During the earliest years of his life, he and many members of his immediate and extended families attended monthly church meetings there. After all, their residences on Sugar Creek, as the crow flies, were less than ten miles away from this old Meeting House. As Parkerson Church once sat on the property of Reverend Jacob Parkerson, Swedish-American Patriot and Revolutionary War Soldier, it was quite suitable that it contained his name.

During the mid-1850s, the name “Jordan Pitts” appears on the membership roll of Old Parkerson Church. Little did he know that in less than a decade, a terrible conflict would come and interrupt his simple life as a farm laborer, as well as his recent and blissful marriage. Before it was “half-ended,” its forces would seize him and cast him into “That Great Beyond!” His nearest loved ones would ponder his whereabouts for over thirteen months before they learned the real truths of the disappearance of their young soldier in butternut. However, it was but one miniscule part of God’s Overall Plan.

Although over three score and ten years older than his son, John Pitts, Sr. was also called upon to fight in an ancient war. As a boy in his late teens, he may have ridden with Francis Marion, The Swamp Fox, during the final years of our initial and greatest struggle with The English Crown. Old John, more than likely a North Carolina Native, helped Marion and his band of Rag-Tag Guerrillas dish out punishment after punishment to The British and their assorted allies, who were bound and determined to win back the younger of The Carolina Sisters for their Powerful Male Monarch. Following the war, John and his family are believed to have settled in the Orangeburg County, South Carolina area. Around 1815, they packed up their

meager and motley collection of possessions and headed west across The Savannah River. Their destination was a wilderness known as Telfair County, Georgia. In those days, wild animals and various renegades of all descriptions were known to inhabit this largely-unsettled area. Furthermore, during those times, the lands to the immediate west of Old Telfair were commonly referred to as “Indian Country.” Indeed, right across The Mighty Ocmulgee, to the west, was “Creek Indian Territory.” So, in a nutshell, the newly-formed county of Telfair was, in many ways, a perilous place to live and raise a family. However, Old Man John and his kin did the very best that they could with what little that they had.

According to the 1820 Census, there were three Pitts Households present in Telfair County. The majority of the members living within these respective residences were penciled in by the man employed to conduct this census as “Persons of Color.” Needless to say, these were the people of Jordan Pitts, even though he, himself, did not show up on a census until 1840. He appeared anonymously as a male child below the age of five in the home of Nancy Pitts, who was his mother.

Persons of Color do not have to be of African descent. People of Color are simply individuals who are not white. However, after much research and several DNA studies, it has been documented that John Pitts, Revolutionary Soldier, possessed African ancestors. I am confident of this – because the results “showed up on my very own DNA sample.” As I am a Great X 4 Grandson of Old Man John Pitts, this affects me on a very personal level.

In a much more specific sense, I am descended from The Zulu People, a Bantu Ethnic Group endemic to South Africa. As a probable time of birth for Old John Pitts was circa 1760, it is a certainty that one of his parents hailed from “The Dark Continent of Africa.” Tedious and dogged research has proven that his Negro lineage came from the paternal side of his family. Perhaps, in time, I shall learn more of my “Intriguing African Heritage...” Who knows what I might find? Perhaps, I, too, am descended from African Kings or Warriors???

Conversely, there is a chance that I am also descended from slaves. I

pray that additional research can cast more light on this historically scintillating quest to learn more of the African Patriarchs of John Pitts, Revolutionary Soldier....

During the late winter of 1858, Jordan, who was now believed to have been in his twentieth year, moved with his family across The Mighty Ocmulgee into the county of Dooly. This can be further evidenced by Telfair Court records which indicate that his mother, Nancy Horton Pitts, sold her land to one Sarah (Sally) Bailey, who may very well have been one of her daughters. Unsurprisingly, before too much time had elapsed, several members of The Bailey family had also relocated to Dooly. On the nineteenth day of April, of the annum of 1860, Jordan B. Pitts married Diadem(m)a Brown. She was one of the daughters of Irvin (sometimes seen as Ervin or Irwin) and Martha (Patsy)



**Frances Diadema Brown Pitts
Wife / Widow of Private Jordan Pitts,
CSA**

From *Pictorial Collections Of The Author*

Brown. Like the Pitts folk, Irvin Brown was far from being labeled a wealthy planter or slaveholder. Essentially, he owned his own place, which probably consisted of nothing more than a few acres in cultivation. The rest was strictly wilderness. However, Dooly County was home to over 4,000 slaves – as reflected in its 1860 Slave Schedule. Of the nearly 9,000 humans who comprised the entire population of Dooly that year, approximately 46% were held in bondage. Hence, the free population of Dooly exceeded those considered to be African Chattel by nearly 800.

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So, slavery was indeed practiced on a large scale in the county of Dooly. Here, on The Flint River, cotton was definitely King!

Since a diadem is a crown of sorts, the Christian name Diadema infers some degree of royalty upon its owner. Having said this, there is little doubt that young Diadema was nothing less than a tiny princess to Irvin and Martha Brown, her parents. Approximately 51 weeks before the hostilities at Fort Sumter, she would acquire the surname of Pitts. Therefore, in a strange sort of way, she also became known as “The Queen of Jordan.” Unfortunately, their union would be terminated by “Mister Lincoln’s War to Save another Union.” Needless to say, this son of John and Nancy wanted no part of this fight. As the song would explain, over a century later, Jordan Pitts was just “A Simple Man.” But his once-simplistic pattern of life would suddenly become incredibly complicated when The Confederate States Of America invoked the very first draft in American History in April of 1862. Ironically, his second wedding anniversary would roll around just a trio of days later. Of course, by this time, several of his blood relatives had already enlisted in the armed forces of their new nation. Conversely, most of the male members of The Pitts Clan chose not to enlist. However, that aforementioned devil known as “Conscription” changed all of that. Before the arrival of the summer of 1862, feeling that they had no other choice, most had already been “mustered into service.” Quite frankly, they had chosen to volunteer before the long arm of Conscription had an opportunity to come and snatch them rudely away from their homes and families. Furthermore, there were monetary incentives, such as a sizeable bounty for those volunteering, which also factored into this equation. As might be expected, no bounty or signing bonus was awarded to “conscripts.” Company G of The 60th Georgia Infantry Regiment, one of the local units which hailed from the county of Dooly, soon became inundated with men and boys between the ages of eighteen and thirty five who had ties to “The Pitts Clan.” But... Jordan was not among them; perhaps he had his reasons for not doing so.

Ole Jeff Davis was more than serious about raising enough troops to at least put up a respectable scrap against those slithering Yankee invaders from The Northland. The quest for Southern Independence was definitely underway!

Unsurprisingly, conscription was enforced both aggressively and vigorously. Apparently, Jordan managed to dodge the draft until late August of 1862. Then, according to his compiled service records, he became a conscript in Company G of The 60th Georgia. He was actually mustered in at Calhoun, Georgia and was soon en route to join his unit in Northern Virginia. On the very first day of September, he arrived via train at his destination. The monumental Southern victory at Second Manassas “still hung in the air!”

At some point during the late summer or early autumn of 1862, Private Pitts was admitted to one of the hospitals in Winchester, Virginia. His available records fail to tell us if he was engaged in combat at Boonsboro Gap and Sharpsburg (commonly referred to by The Federals as South Mountain and Antietam, respectively) on September 14th and 17th of the aforementioned year. At any rate, he was attacked rather ferociously by one or more of the fevers associated with the army life of the 1860s. Quite often, the gathering together of thousands of men produced an ideal environment for the plethora of infectious and contagious diseases that have plagued mankind since the days of The Old Testament. Furthermore, there was also a smallpox epidemic in Winchester during this time. So, in short, the exact identity / identities of the malady / maladies responsible for the infirmities of Jordan Pitts were never actually learned.

During That War for Southern Independence, the Northern Virginia township of Winchester may have changed hands as many as 96 times. Situated at a strategic locale, it was highly sought after by those in both blue and gray. At the northern end of the upper Shenandoah Valley, it actually extended farther north than did Washington D. C., the capital city of what was left of “The Union.” Hence, the gathering of Confederate troops here always posed a serious threat to the headquarters of President Lincoln and his political associates. As alluded to earlier, the town-

ship of Winchester represented a key strategic position to the armies of The Secessionist Government during its unsuccessful four year struggle to retain its own identity. In fact, it served as a base of military operations for several of the major Confederate invasions (two culminated in The Battles of Sharpsburg and Gettysburg) of The North. Additionally, it was a central point for Rebel troops assigned to conduct raids against The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and other routes located in The Potomac River Valley. As part of a never-ending effort to eliminate any form of enemy communication, the Southern destruction of Northern telegraph paths in these areas was almost constantly ongoing. Following the bloodshed and heavy casualties sustained at Antietam, Lee’s retreating Army of Northern Virginia made Winchester its center of medical operations. Since Company G of The 60th Georgia was a part of Lee’s forces, Jordan Pitts, ill with fever of undetermined origins, occupied a bed in one of the General Hospitals in Winchester. He remained here until late November of 1862. That was when Lee ordered Stonewall Jackson’s Corps out of Winchester. Longstreet’s Corps had pulled out nearly a month earlier. There was a threat to Richmond; The Illinois Baboon (President of The United States as well as Commander-In-Chief of The Union Army) had fired McClellan and appointed Burnside as the new commander in charge of his Army of the Potomac. Burnside’s goal was Richmond and he was gearing-up to head in that direction. Lee was maneuvering his troops to thwart Burnside’s offensive move(s). The end result would be a December 13th victory for The Southrons at a place called Fredericksburg. As 1862 drew to a close, morale was unusually high for the boys who marched and fought beneath “Saint Andrew’s Cross!”

Although it would be impossible to know for sure, it is believed that Jordan Pitts, infirmed with pathogens, may have arrived at General Hospital Number 23 in Richmond by late November of 1862. According to reliable sources, by the opening days of December, there were no Confederate Troops remaining in Winchester. At this point, one would have to assume that the sick and wounded would have been evacuated

to a safer place – as well. Soon, The Yankees would once again control Winchester.

For some reason, Private Jordan Pitts was sent south in December of 1862. Perhaps another wretched soul, clad in Rebel Gray, was in need of his hospital spot. It is more than a certainty that The December 13, 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg created thousands of new casualties; those who were still residents of the land of the living were in dire need of immediate medical care. Therefore, an unknown warrior in gray became the recipient of what had once been the sick bed of Jordan Pitts. The intended destination of Jordan Pitts will never be known. Perhaps he received a Christmas furlough to Dooly County to spend time with his family and his beloved Diadema. But, then again, he may have been en route to another hospital closer to home – within his native state. In any event, he never got there. He was tragically killed on the railroad near Greensboro, North Carolina on the Saturday before Christmas. The exact date was December 20, 1862. His compiled service records tell us so.

Back during That Late Unpleasantness Of The 1860s, travel via railroad was often a perilous undertaking. Train wrecks were abundant and commonplace. Southern newspapers from that time period are inundated with the gory details of railroad accidents. Many resulted in fatalities. As one might suppose, the causes were quite varied in nature. In those days, most southern locomotives were wood-burning. Therefore, they thrived on cord wood. They required rather large volumes of wood to travel small distances. So, fires on the railroads of The Southland were nearly routine occurrences.

The blockade of the major Confederate seaport cities also factored into the equation. The scarcity of iron, secondary to General Winfield Scott’s strangling Anaconda Plan, was also a direct cause of train wrecks and other rail car accidents. By the second year or so of The Hostilities, many of the tracks were flatly “worn out.” As previously mentioned, The Secessionist Government was simply unable to import a sufficient quantity of iron from abroad. Of course, The Yankees also did their part in disrupting and ultimately a n n i -

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hilating the Rebel Railroads of America. In many instances, accidents were quite unavoidable because the Federals had already succeeding in destroying the Confederate telegraph lines. With no suitable and timely methods of communication, an engineer was apt to drive his locomotive directly into a disaster area such as a burned out bridge over a gorge. The results were horrific, to say the very least. Unfortunately, catastrophic events such as these happened more than infrequently.

As there was a manpower shortage in general, with respect to The Confederacy, there was, likewise, inadequate staffing of The Southern Railroads. Extrapolating this out a little further, many of the wealthy planters also refused to lend / rent their bondsmen out “to perform railroad work of any nature.” Hence, it comes as no surprise that a ride on a Confederate train of the 1860s differed very little from facing the enemy in a combat situation!

Private Jordan Pitts may have departed from Richmond, Virginia in mid-December of 1862. Since (during this time) there were several rail routes out of Richmond, it is not known as to exactly which one that he actually took. In December of 1862, The Richmond Danville Railroad ended at Danville. There was a 48 mile gap between Danville, Virginia and Greensboro, North Carolina. One would have to hypothesize that he took another southern route out of The Capital City. Perhaps his train chugged south to the North Carolina city of Weldon (hitting The Weldon Wilmington Railroad), on down to the important junction of Goldsboro, and then west to Greensboro. From Goldsboro westward was The North Carolina Railroad. Jordan met his demise on this rail route. He was either east or south of Greensboro when his time ran out. Once past Greensboro, The North Carolina Railroad headed due south. Its next major stop was the infamous Confederate Military Prison at Salisbury. In addition to Union prisoners of war, it also held numerous Confederate Soldiers who had been sentenced to various terms of incarceration as a result of General or other Court Martial Proceedings. Political prisoners were also housed there. But Jordan wasn’t destined for Salisbury; he was en route to “The Prom-

ised Land!”

It would be impossible to know exactly what happened to Private Pitts on that final Saturday before The Christmas of 1862. One can only speculate as to exactly what the dire circumstances were. Did the locomotive “jump the track?” Did one or more of its wheels fall off? Was a cow or a horse in the path of that southbound locomotive? Was a tree blocking the track? Or maybe there was a fire; maybe a spark from the locomotive or from the burning cordwood spread out of control and metastasized down the line to the passengers. As Jordon was sick or maybe even delirious with “The Fever,” perhaps he was easily and rapidly consumed by its flamboyant flames. But, it could have been The Yankees. Those dastardly forces from the North could have perpetuated this catastrophic accident. Unfortunately, the absolute truths of what really happened to Private Jordan Pitts vanished right before That Christmas of 1862. Perhaps it would be safe to say that they have been smoldering in the annals of history for over 145 years. Therefore, all evidence has been taken from us by the elements of nature. We are merely left to ponder what that statement “killed on the railroad” really means?

As his widow, Diadema managed to collect what The Confederate Government owed Private Jordan Pitts in February of 1864. Her old father, Irvin Brown, served as a witness for her during her quest to obtain his back pay. He had to swear that he knew her and was sure that she was, indeed, the widow of the decedent, Private Jordan B. Pitts. By inspecting this old document, we learn that both father and daughter were pitifully illiterate. Neither was capable of penning a signature on this form. Some four months later, she would marry another Confederate soldier who may also have served in the same Dooly County Company as did her Jordan. On the nineteenth day of October, of the very same year, there is a possibility that he was also killed in action. Ironically, it was in close proximity to Winchester, Virginia; the place where Jordan Pitts was first hospitalized with “The Fever.”

I have tried unsuccessfully to track Diadema after her marriage to Private James Goings. It seems that

she just “disappeared into thin air.” As far as I can tell, she fails to appear on any 1870 Census Sheets. Furthermore, there are no traces of her on any subsequent census enumerations – as well.

Irvin Brown died during the midst of Reconstruction. The circumstances of his death were quite quaint and interesting enough to be newsworthy. In addition to appearing in “The Hawkinsville Dispatch,” the details were also printed in “The Albany Patriot.” Irvin Brown went to “meet his maker” on a winter day in mid-February of 1871. He was somewhere in the middle of his seventh decade on earth. One of his obituaries describes him as being “a very old and respected citizen of Dooly (County).” While en route to the township of Hawkinsville, to do some trading, he learned that the bridge over Big Creek was impassable. As might be anticipated, he elected to return home to his farm until such time that he was able to cross the bridge and complete the initial leg of his journey. Upon doing so, he “ran up with a party of friends.” He tarried with them until very late into the night. Following a sufficient time of fun and enjoyment, he headed home. For some unknown reasons, he never arrived at his humble abode. When daylight appeared on the scene, one of his acquaintances spotted him lying prostrate (face down) in the dirt road. He was enveloped in blood and gore. He was, at best, semi-conscious. After being transported to his domicile, a Doctor Stovall was sent for. Upon examination, it was determined that there was a small cut directly above one of his eyes. Three or four days later, he was pronounced dead. Although a coroner’s inquest was called for and performed, the exact cause of the strange death of Mister Irvin Brown was never determined.

According to at least one of the witnesses who were present on that February night so long ago, a young man by the name of Hiram Cobb was there. Although several of the accounts are quite contradictory in nature, some relate that Cobb and Irvin Brown actually engaged in a fight on the night in question. Cobb, at 28, was much younger than Old Irvin. When questioned by the authorities, Cobb admitted that he and Mister Brown had been drinking together that night, but denied any knowledge

of any violence or bloodshed between the two. Quite succinctly, Cobb was cleared of any wrong doing in the untimely death of Irvin Brown. Shortly after young Hiram arrived home, he took his own life. It seems that the events of that hideous week during the late winter of 1871 shall forever remain unknown to those of use who can accurately be classified as “posterity.” Thomas Cobb, father of Hiram, was a former slave holder and much more opulent than Irvin Brown. The 1860 Slave Schedule of Dooly County reveals that he once held a total of fifty males and females of African descent in human bondage. But, despite these economic barriers, their families had gotten along well through the years. Young Cobb was the only living son of his parents at the time of his self-inflicted demise. He was also a former Confederate Soldier. From August of 1863 until February of 1864, he served in Company E of The Fifth Georgia Infantry Battalion (State Guards). Although raised by Governor Joseph E. Brown, these state guard units actually belonged to The Confederate Government and were under the command of General Howell Cobb. The Fifth Battalion was assigned to the southwest quadrant of Georgia. Of course, as a home guard unit of sorts, its primary purpose was to keep the southwest Georgia area safe from hostile forces of any nature. This included, but wasn’t limited to Yankee Invaders, Rebel deserters and draft dodgers, runaway or hostile slaves, outlaws or renegades, or any other threats to Confederate Georgia.

Now, generations later, Jordan, Diadema, Old Irvin, Hiram, and the many others of their place and time have all crossed over the river to the other side. A well known hymn, written by The English Reverend Samuel Stennett, probably describes it best. Stennett penned these words long before the birth of any of the aforementioned characters. If my memory serves me correctly, it commences with the words: “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand.....” All of these folks did, indeed, “stand on Jordan’s Stormy Banks.” All had ties with the young man who hated and dreaded so much to march off to war and leave all that he had behind. Without a doubt, the banks around Jordan Pitts were quite stormy and t u -

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The hymn comes to a close with the end of the refrain: “I’m bound for the Promised Land.” Just as Jordan did on That North Carolina Railroad on that grim December day, all mentioned in this tale have now reached The Promised Land. I pray that all are resting in peace – especially Jordan and Diadema. Furthermore, may they be reunited in blissful marriage – once and for all!

*On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I stand,
And cast a wistful eye;
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.....*

Somehow, I can picture a febrile Private Jordan Pitts on that North Carolina Railroad, in the final seconds of his natural life. I believe that he was looking southward toward Old Dooly, his Canaan, where his most prized possession, his Queen Diadema, did indeed lie.

POST SCRIPT: The stanza included above represents the beginning of the aforementioned hymn: “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks,” authored by Reverend Samuel Stennett, circa 1787.

WRITTEN BY HU DAUGHTRY
ON JANUARY 9, 2008



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*True humility is not
thinking less of yourself;
it is thinking of yourself less.
C.S. Lewis*

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“Our Confederate Heritage”

The Yancy Independents Camp 693 of Sylvester, Georgia has produced a book by **George Ray Houston: Book number 11, “Our Confederate Heritage”**. George Ray Houston is the Georgia Division Poet Laureate. The book is poems and essays by the author. All proceeds from the book go to our camp’s Flag Project. The camp will erect a flag on Highway US 82 between Sylvester and Tifton.

The books are \$15 each.

Contact Commander Bo Slack at
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WANT MORE MEMBERS ?

There are 195 members in the Georgia Division Headquarters Camp. We need to find these members a local Camp to join so that they can become active supporting the SCV. Each Camp should review the HQ roster and contact members who are in your area. The Division Secretary can work with National to transfer the member to your local Camp.

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**YANCY INDEPENDENTS
 CAMP #693 SYLVESTER, GA
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 Location: Worth County Courthouse,
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Camp #693 held their annual service on Sunday, November 8th.

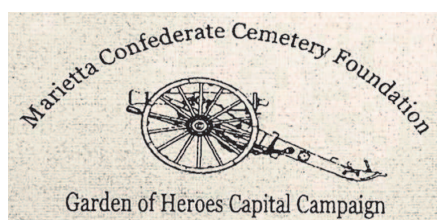
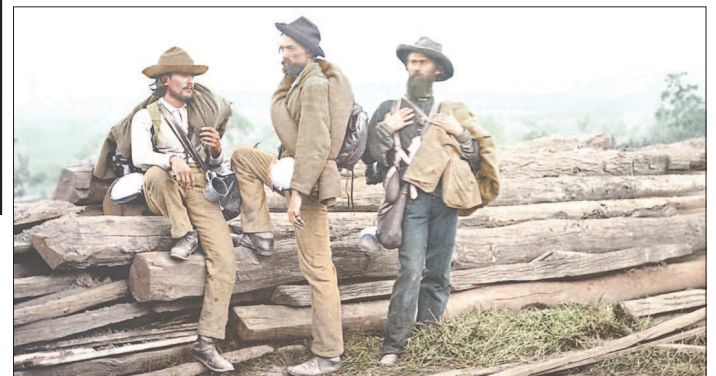
General Robert E. Lee’s Farewell Address to the Army of Northern Virginia was read by Camp J.A. Charles Rodney Hutchinson.

The poem “Dixie Rising” was recited by Georgia Division Poem Laureate George Ray Houston.

The main speaker was Rev. Bobby Joe Brown, Camp #693 2nd Lt. Commander.

Reading of Confederate Soldiers names of Worth County men who died in the war was read before the firing salute by Firing Detail....Members of the 4th Georgia Re-enactors Tommy Paramore and SCV McNeill Camp of Moultrie Commander Pete Cowart, Jim Graham and Jesse McMullen.

The memorial wreath was laid by Mrs. Bobby Joe Brown.



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AN URGENT FUND-RAISING APPEAL

We wish to bring to your attention a very urgent matter. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to conduct our annual public walking tour which in recent years raised the funds necessary for the proper maintenance and preservation of our historic Confederate Cemetery.

We have only been successful over the years because of concerned people like you who appreciate this hallowed ground and its historical significance. Please don’t miss this important opportunity to invest in our cemetery’s maintenance and preservation! Past fund-raising efforts have provided benches with sculptures for the walking tours. Several statues and granite walls have been erected that list the names of the known dead who lie in the Confederate Cemetery. And your financial support helps us correct the loss of topsoil and erosion in various areas since some soldiers were hastily buried and were not very deeply placed under the soil. Over the years, as the soil had washed away and bodies had decayed, we have to regularly work to preserve the integrity of the grave sites.

THIS IS URGENT! WE NEED YOUR HELP

to be able to continue our work to help preserve this cemetery and honor the soldiers buried there. Your contribution no matter how large or small can help us.

PLEASE MAKE A GENEROUS GIFT OF \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or more so we can keep our gates open, tell the story of the cemetery and of the 3,000 “Men in Gray” buried there.

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CAMP NEWS

Maj Gen A. R. Wright Camp #1914

Through the Wesley UMC on N. Belair Rd., a gift was given to a very deserving individual. Emma Wommer Givens is a widowed veteran who has had a string of vehicles that have broken down, with immense repair bills or non-repairable at all. The work of the Mechanics Ministry is to obtain donated vehicles, make sure they are dependable, and then find recipients who are truly in need.

The car has the nickname "Lulu"!

Yes, Our Adj. Jim Davis applied to the Ministry. He is a member of the Church. Emma attends all our meetings, she is a re-enactor. She needed transportation to attend several camp meetings as she also attends all of Camp#158's meetings. She is a military (Army) Vet.. She would be proud to be in our paper. Her husband was a long-time member of the SCV, he has passed. She holds a great Memorial Day Service at the Hepzibah, Georgia cemetery every year in late April. Hepzibah had an SCV camp, now defunct. Emma took over and has held Confederate Memorial Day services every year since the Camp went under.



Image of "Bread Riots" in Southern cities



TRR Cobb, Camp #97 Sons of Confederate Veterans Historical Presentations Series

"Reconstruction" of the Southern States

by Ray Herren, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus
Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education,
and Communication The University of Georgia

The program for the **November 12 (2020)** regular meeting of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, TRR Cobb Camp #97, will be provided by the above historian.

As the confederate armies surrendered and laid their weapons down, the Federal government was nowhere near agreement as what to do. The south lay in ruins as almost all of their industry was destroyed as well as a large portion of the homes that lay in the path of the invading Federal armies. The civil governments were in disarray with little way to recover since the economic structures of the region were destroyed. This led to chaos and lawlessness and the rise of vigilante groups. Arguing factions in Washington disagreed as how to handle the defeated states. Lincoln was dead and his plans for reunification died with him. In his place was his former vice president that was disliked by practically everyone.

The faction that won out later became known as the radical republicans whose idea was that the south should be punished. The plan put into place dealt harshly with the southern people. This strategy, combined with widespread corruption, left poverty and suffering throughout the south. *Modern revisionists have begun to argue* that "Reconstruction" was the right path and helped the south. Facts from the period show otherwise and instead of helping, led to punishment and poverty that lasted well into the 20th century.

The meeting is open to the public. This presentation is part of the Sons Confederate Veterans Camp #97 monthly series of historical talks about the South, the War Between the States, the Confederacy, and other historical aspects of the era, and is provided as a public service. The talks are presented by authors, historians, and researchers. The meeting is held at 7:00 pm, the second Thursday of each month, at the Smith House, 1760 Old Epps Bridge Road, Athens, 30605. Because we have many members in the 'at-risk' group, in regards to the corona-virus, social distancing will be practiced and masks are strongly encouraged. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the door.



For more information, please contact Lowry Harper
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John B. Gordon Memorial Camp #1449

I would like to thank all who attended our work day at Hendricks Baptist church today.

Members of the MSD Squad of troop 3, who are mostly members of the John B. Gordon Memorial Camp 1449, teamed up with members of the John McIntosh Kell Camp 107 and the Col. T. Zachary Camp 108 along with Shadow from Eastman, Ga. to put in the work.

The church is a small congregation of about 10-15 mostly elderly and almost 2 years ago someone came in and kicked over some headstones. The John B. Gordon camp took on the project back in may planning and coordinating with the church.

Today we up-righted and repaired headstones and was fed well by the ladies of the church.

I would also like to mention also the new chapter of the OCR Fanny's Blue Roses that was in attendance as well and working hard.

We also swore in 2 new Mechanized Cavalry members today.

Joshua Thayer "TANK"

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After the War, Capt. Wirz was taken to Washington and tried before a Military Tribunal. He was found guilty of murdering Yankee prisoners (no body NOR no prisoner name was ever given), and hung on November 10, 1865. Many historians have called the trial a national disgrace, and the most unfair trial ever held in the United States.



We friends of the Wirz family have set a target of raising \$ 8,500.00 to cover these expenses and any others that may come up. Thus far, a total of \$ 2,000.00 has been donated by the Americus Camp and one individual.

If you see fit to donate towards the expenses involved in the Presidential Pardon Request, please make the check out to "Capt. Wirz Book Account" and mail to James Gaston, 2220 GA Hwy. 30 West, Americus, GA 31719. Those making a donation of \$ 50.00 or more will receive a copy of the booklet "Andersonville Prison and Capt. Henry Wirz Trial."

James Gaston, Chairman of the annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service (held in Andersonville) for the past 20 years. For more information, call or text me at 229-938-9115 or email gaston7460@bellsouth.net

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HELP MAKE HISTORY LIVE !

Corporal Earl Colvin of the 16th Georgia, Jackson Rifles is compiling information for the purpose of writing a history of the 32nd Regiment Georgia Infantry and would appreciate any information that you may be able to contribute concerning personal accounts, photos and diaries from the men who served in this regiment. Earl may be contacted at ebcolvin77@yahoo.com, or by phone at 478-214-0687, or by mail at Earl Colvin, 129 Gladys Place, Gray, Georgia 31032.



A Confederate Christmas

By: George Ray Houston

Poet Laureate Georgia Division SCV
Charter Member, Camp 693, Sylvester, GA

Upon the fields of honor our heroes die,
Their distorted bodies beneath the sky,
After broken legs and severed arms
Throughout the country sides and farms
Upon the bloody fields they lie;
Never again to his family place
Will he enter his home in special grace,
Christmas time in the ranks bestow
Misery suffered in the sleet and snow.
The gallant charge from yesterday
As victory upheld for another day;
Dirt and stones o'er our dead
And silent prayers above their head;
Without a granite stone they lie
The dead soldiers' spirits cry;
The sacrifice our heroes made
With enemy blood upon their blade;
The families unite this time of year,
Without their loved ones who wear the gray;
The star of Bethlehem so large and bright
Is vividly seen throughout the night;
The friends and neighbors with Christmas cheer
Hide their feelings with love and care;
Their home and fireside so far away
Praising our Jesus born this day;
Their plighted cause never ends;
The soldiers' honored valor depends
On the sons of the South to resolve the course,
While their enemy kills without remorse;
The savage way to loot and steal
Gives our enemy an absolute thrill;
On this evening of Christmas Eve
Our heroes' upbringing in Christian creed
And their thoughts of home so far away
With Baby Jesus born this day,
Wrapped for warmth and lying in the hay.
Let us pause for our "Lost Cause",
Their dreams hidden in defeated dread,
We honor forever our Confederate dead;
Soldiers commend their souls' release
To our Heavenly Father; "Deo Vindice".



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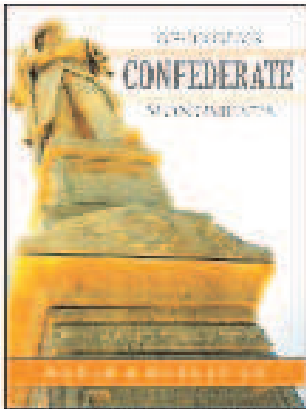
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