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GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS
HERITAGE HALL

Address:

401 LARRY WALKER PKWY.,
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REUNION AGENDA:

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st

- REGISTRATION 7-9 AM AT HERITAGE HALL
- REUNION BUSINESS MEETING - STARTS AT 9:30 AM PROMPTLY
- DIVISION ELECTIONS
- SATURDAY DINNER & AWARD PRESENTATION

Remember this is an election year.

All Division-wide Officer positions are open to elections



GOODBYE KITTY

To My GA Division Family,

After seven wonderful years as the GA Division Secretary, I have decided that it is time to retire. It is with mixed feelings that I leave this job that I enjoyed so much. I will surely miss my many interactions with all of you. (The best part of the job!)

Please know that I consider it an honor and privilege to have worked alongside you during this time. I have noticed the many great achievements that all of you have accomplished with your diligence, perseverance and team work. I hold all of you in high esteem and I will keep all of you, my friends, in my prayers.

Keep up the good work!

Most sincerely, Kitty Dortey

**Welcome Rosie Price, Our New Georgia
Division Secretary - See Page 3....**

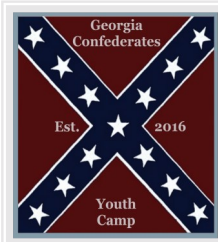


CHANGES MADE TO GEORGIA CONFEDERATES' YOUTH CAMP

I'm pleased to announce some positive changes made to the Georgia Confederates' Youth Camp.

We have dissolved the Georgia Confederates' Youth Camp, C Corporation and have established a new Non-profit Corporation and changed the name to the Georgia Confederates' Christian Youth Camp (GCCYC). We have applied with the IRS for 501c3 status and that could take a few months to finalize.

Currently the GCCYC is registered with the IRS and the State of Georgia as a non-profit organization and any revenue is non-taxable.



See page 6, for full details



21st Annual Stone Mountain Memorial Service was a great success. Approximately 500 compatriots attended the service and NO protesters showed. Guess they figured out that this is our Park and we are not going anywhere. *See Page 19 for photos*

The Charge to the Georgia Division

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

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

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New Compatriots, Inductions, and Awards



William Reither (left) was inducted into Kennesaw Battlefield #700 by Cdr. Michael Reither. William's ancestor was Pvt. James Rowell (6th Regt. SC Cavalry).



Adjutant Evan Nolan and Colonel Charles T. Zachry Camp 108 welcomes Harmon Davis as he transfers from State Camp.



At the March meeting of Camp 91 Thomson Guards a new SCV member was inducted. Mr. Wade Matthews (R) was sworn in by Compatriot David Moore (L) and is seen receiving his certificate & pin from Lt. Cdr. Jimmy Crawley



Since the new SCV fiscal year which began July 1, Camp 91 had four men join the SCV for the first time: Shown in the photo, are: Adjutant David Butler, Chuck Spradling, Carl Tommy Miller Jr, Ben Faulkner, Bubba Hunt, Phil Garrett, Damon Davis, and Lt. Commander Jimmy Crawley.



Commander George Crawford inducts new member Andrew Meeks into the John B Gordon Memorial Camp #1449 at the Stone Mountain Memorial Service Event.



Cdr. Josh Bailey (Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926, Hartwell, GA) presented the H.L. Hunley medal, certificate and \$250 scholarship to Cadet 1st Lt. Caleb Madden (Elbert County High School JROTC, Elberton, GA)



Gen. William J. Hardee #1397/Cdr. Wayne Willingham (left) presents Fred Walters with 25 year membership medal (March 2024).



Congratulations to the Chartering of the Oconee River Greys Camp #2349
Division Commander Tim Pilgrim presents the Charter to Camp Commander Mark Martin

Sons of Confederate Veterans 129th Annual Reunion

The Georgia Division 2023/24 Annual Report, Charleston, SC

Greeting s from the Georgia Division,

I'm pleased to report the Georgia Division is stronger than ever. The Georgia Division remains the largest Division in our Confederation, serving over 3,200 members in 101 active Camps that are located throughout the largest State East of the Mississippi River.

We contribute much of our strength through our communications efforts. Keeping our Division membership informed is one of our primary objectives. We issue email notifications and press releases through our constant contact account, our web-page and social media accounts are up-dated regularly. Our quarterly Division Newsletter the Georgia Confederate is sent to our membership.

We are still at the forefront protecting our Confederate Monuments. In April we filed a lawsuit against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) for relocating the Memorial Flag Terrace to a lessor prominent location that is in violation of 50-3-1. Also filed another lawsuit against the SMMA for placing woke exhibits in the museum in Memorial Hall that is a violation of their Legislative Mandate to maintain Stone Mountain Memorial Park as a Memorial to the Confederacy. We still have our lawsuits pending in Superior Courts in Muscogee, Henry, Rockdale, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Richmond, and Glynn counties.

It has been (6) six years since the Georgia Division created a separate 501c4 organization that allows the 501c4 organization to engage in funding unlimited lobbyist and legislative activities without involving the SCV's 501c3 status. A separate 527 Political Action Committee has been created called the Veterans Memorial Coalition, Inc. to help support candidates that support Veterans monuments.

As of date the Georgia Division has allocated approximately \$684,000 from our specialty tag funds to help our Camps fund local Heritage projects and Division wide projects. Currently (3) acres in Dahlonga, Ga. has been donated to the Division that we are looking to development it to move the home of Confederate Captain McDonald of the Blue Ridge Rifles to this property and build a pavilion for our members, and guest who want to visit the Captain McDonald House.

Other exciting news the General Robert Toombs Camp #932 in Montgomery County is erecting a grand monument at the corner of Hwy 280 and Hwy 15 in a highly travelled and visible area. On top of the monument will be one of the Georgia Division's bronze Confederate Soldiers. The Toombs Camp is hoping to have the monument completed by May 2024.

With continued pressure placed on the City of Rome the Confederate Soldier that was vandalized on the Myrtle Hill Confederate Monument and repaired with Sons of Confederate Veterans donation funds has been placed back on top of the monument in its place of glory standing guard over the Confederate Section.

The Georgia Division is pleased to announce the creation of the Georgia Division Guardian Program. The Guardian program is an opportunity for our members to adopt a Confederate Veteran(s) grave site, to be the official caretaker of that Veteran or Veterans final resting place. A Guardian will be responsible for documenting the grave(s), along with the cleaning, restoration, and caretaking of the grave(s) site to bring dignity back to

the grave(s) site and maintaining an honorable final resting place for that Veteran. The Division continues its out-reach effort to new and existing JROTC High School programs to make available the H. L. Hunley Awards that we have in stock for our Camps at our Division HQ Office. The Division also continues to provide a \$250 scholarship to every H.L. Hunley award recipient.

I'm proud to say this is the 9th year the Georgia Division Headquarters Office has been in operation. We are sad to report that our Division Secretary, Mrs. Kitty Dorety has decided to retire after seven years of service but will be working with the Division on some special projects and our Reunions. We are proud that Ms. Rosie Price has accepted the position of our new Division Secretary, Rosie is a member of the Sidney Lanier UDC Camp in Macon and loves her Heritage and doing genealogy research.

Maintaining a Division HQ Office has been a key element in taking our Division to the next level of growth. The Division has decided to get into the used book business by selling used books that has been donated to the Division (tax deductible). These books are being sold through an on-line book broker AbeBooks.com, and all proceeds are used to help make our Division office operations self supporting. We continue to operate an on-line store making available Confederate Flags, Tags, Stick Flags, lapel pins, and historical literature and CDs. Please visit our Division's web-site at www.gascv.org to see the store items we have to offer.

Our Camps are aggressively recruiting new members through advertisement initiatives like our recruiting road side signs, the implementation of our associate membership program, having a Division Genealogist on staff and having a Division Head-Quarters Camp for new members who are looking for a home Camp. The Division has implemented a DocuSign membership application on our Division web-page that allows potential members fill out the SCV application and pay at the

same time, thus making the new membership process convenience for the new members once their Confederate Ancestor has been verified.



The Georgia Division with help from the Montgomery County Sharpshooters Camp 2164 and the Pine Barren Volunteers Camp 2039 has erected another large flagpole off Hwy 441 near McRea, Georgia. The Georgia Division's Flags Across Georgia program is going strong. We now have 13 large Division Flag poles across the State of Georgia. The Division purchases these oversize Battle Flags for these Division poles and distributes them to the local Camps that maintain these poles.

As of Date the Georgia Division has distributed over 320,000 "Truth Concerning the Confederate Battle Flag" CDs by Pastor John Weaver throughout the Confederation and the Country. These CDs are distributed by the Division at our bulk purchase cost of .35 cents each which makes our minimum order of 100 CDs for \$35 plus shipping very affordable for individuals and Camps to distribute to folks who need a history lesson and all they have to do is listen. These CD are available at our Division store.

The Georgia Division fully supports the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp and congratulates the Youth Camp on their 9th year of successful operations. The Division continues to support the Youth Camp through Georgia Division Camp donations and Mechanized Calvary Benefit Rides to help these young Campers attend a full week of Southern /Confederate Heritage education curriculum.

In conclusion, the Georgia Division is the largest and most proactive Divisions in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Our membership is comprised of some of the most dedicated Confederates in our Confederation. We will continue to lead and to do what we do best, to honor our Confederate Heroes.

Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander

Welcome Rosie Price

Our New Georgia Division Secretary

Hello,

My name is Rosie. I am the new Secretary of the SCV. However, I am not new to the cause. My grandmother and great aunt were presidents of the the Thomas Hardeman chapter of the UDC in Macon. My mother Dixie Lee. I currently have my paperwork in the works for UDC as we speak. I am an avid genealogist.

I love history. My family were part of the 36th Virginia, 45th Virginia where a few of my ancestors fought in the same company, My 4th grandpa was a doctor in Monroe County during the war of Northern aggression. My ggg grandpa President of Wesleyan and also served. My step fathers gg grandmother was part of the Rome mill workers and his ggg grandmother passed in 1864 as a casualty

Some of you know me and know I will talk your ear off about history lol. Any way. I am happy to be here and I hope we can work together.

Thank you, Rosie Price, Georgia Division Secretary



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Executive Council
Meeting Schedule:
June 1, 2024
Following the Reunion

**BE
INFORMED
AND GET
CONNECTED**

**Sign up to be on the
Georgia Division
E-mail Notification
List!**

- **Get Updates on Division, Brigade and Camp Events.**
- **Get Notified on Division Announcements and Calls for Action.**
- **Be the First to Receive Division and National Press Releases.**

Its easy just send our Division Secretary “Rosie” an e-mail at

Secretary@gascv.org And ask her to add you to our Division E-mail notification list (include your Camp #).

Camp Commanders and Adjutants please Send Kitty your Camp’s e-mail list and she can up-date the Division rosters for these Division notifications.



Georgia Confederates Christian Youth Camp

Our Christian/Southern Heritage:
“Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ”,
And protecting the good name of the Confederate Veteran.

NEXT CAMP
June 24, 2024 - June 28, 2024
Douglas Gospel Assembly, 1060 Jowers Rd, Broxton, Ga.
Deadline to sign up: June 14, 2024
Camper tuition: = \$150
For more information and to register contact:
Pastor John Weaver at freedom308@windstream.net or
Hershell Smith at hershellsmith1861@gmail.com

- Daily outdoor activities
 - Daily Programs
 - Oratory contest with prizes
 - Period dance classes
 - Gala banquet and ball
 - A genealogy workshop

Campers from other States are welcome and camper parents don't have to be SCV members.

Campers can be boys and girls ages 12 to 17 years old.



Please consider sponsoring a Camper for \$150. Send donations to:
GCYC, P.O. Box 447, Fitzgerald, GA 31750 (payable GCYC)
ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

GEORGE CRAWFORD for LT. DIVISION COMMANDER NORTH.

Gentlemen, for the past six years, it has been both my honor and privilege to serve as your Georgia Division Lieutenant Commander North. During my tenure, our Division has become a beacon of hope and promise for the entire Confederation, shining the light of true Heritage Defense for all therein to emulate.

Our formal media training program and later appointment of division, brigade, and camp spokesmen has established a consistent public message Division-wide when dealing with a hostile press. By insisting upon following the established chain of command, we have been able to empower our Brigade Commanders to better serve & support our camp officers & membership through them. And by rallying our membership to bombard our elected officials with letters, emails, texts, and phone calls, we have demonstrated the political clout our Division possesses to those in the State House and in Washington that seek to silence us. Our legal team has taken our monument fight all the way to the GA Supreme Court, where we prevailed to establish standing to sue the local municipalities that wrongfully removed them in the first place. However, the most rewarding experience for me continues to be visiting camps around the GA Division to speak at their Camp Meetings, Memorial Services, and gatherings.

The Georgia Division continues to need strong leadership that will take a firm stand against all enemies who are determined to erase our Heritage and our History. I believe that as Division Officers, we must provide consistent, steady support to meet the needs of our camps and membership. We must not be silent or absent when issues arise that may attempt to eradicate our monuments, our flags, or our voice. Our Brigade Commanders and individual Camps need a Division Lt. Commander that is willing to stand with them on the local front line, if necessary. As we continue to face attacks on our Southern Heritage, I pledge to continue to take the fight to our common enemy. As I have said before, it is my belief that compromise is simply surrender on the installment plan, and by that, I cannot abide. I believe my experience and steadfastness will continue to lead the membership of our beloved Division to the forefront of Heritage Offense, and humbly ask for your continued support for my candidacy.



RELECT - TIM PILGRIM for GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER

Brothers,
I humbly ask for your support to continue as your Division Commander.

I have given it a great deal of thought and prayer. I have a full life with daughters who are starting college this year and working a full time job with a great deal of responsibility where I travel to multiple job sites regularly. I take my duties as your Division Commander very Seriously.

I want to assure you it's not my intentions to continue to be your Division Commander over the next few years. I believe it's good to get new blood in our leadership, to get new ideals, new outlooks and new incentives moving forward.



But, as you know we have fought some hard battles over the last few years to defend our Confederate Veteran's monuments and their good name. Our perseverance has paid off, we have got some major legislation passed in the General Assembly that strengthen our monument protection laws. We have taken on the woke municipalities and counties that have taken down our Veterans Monuments and have won a major victory in the Georgia Supreme court, confirming our right to sue. I am proud to say that since that ruling on October 25, 2022 that not one attempt has been made to remove a Confederate Monument.

Therefore, I believe it would be counter productive to change Division leadership in the middle of our fight.

That's why I feel we still need to press on, we have assembled a top notch legal team that knows more about our monument protection laws than any city or county attorney and firms. We have (7) seven pending law-suits on-going with our Glynn County case going to the Georgia Court of Appeals and new lawsuit against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association that should be filed by the end of this month.

My goals for the next two years is to continue to fight the good legal fights protecting our Confederate Monuments. Continue to keep our lobbyist representing our interest at the State Capitol and get our monument protection house cleaning Bill passed to continue to strengthen our monument protection laws. I want to get our new Division Secretary trained to continue to provide services to our Camps and find our Division a permanent Division Office that we own. Continue to modernize our Division's web-page, recruitment initiatives and build our communications abilities.

Gentlemen you'll hear it from our SCV National Officers that the Georgia Division is the most proactive and strongest Division in the Confederation and for the last 20 twenty years the Georgia Division has maintained its ranking as the largest Division in the Confederation. We have great deal to be proud of, we are the tip of the bayonet in this fight and must remain focus on our charge, continue to be determined and press on.

Together we can continue to hold the line, I'm ready, willing and able to continue to serve as your Division Commander and maintain our noble fight with your support.

Always at your Service,
Tim Pilgrim, Georgia Division Commander.



127th GEORGIA DIVISION CONVENTION/REUNION



REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, JUNE 1st, 2024

The Georgia National Fairgrounds

Heritage Hall

401 Larry Walker Pkwy.

Perry, Ga. 31069



Hosted by: The Georgia Division

Name: _____ & Title: _____

To be used on name badge

Camp Name _____ Camp # _____

Phone # _____ email address: _____

- Registration Fee each (Only Georgia Division members)..... \$30 _____
- Late Registration Fee after May 27, 2024 (only Georgia Division members)..... \$40 _____

Saturday, June 1st, Convention Starts at 9:30, Registration 7-9am , Heritage Hall

Saturday Award Luncheon at business meeting \$25 each Qty. _____ (x) \$25 _____

(Fincher’s BBQ with all the fixings, dessert & Tea)

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To:

Georgia Division, SCV

Return this form with Payment to:

Georgia Division, SCV, P.O. Box 1081, Macon, Ga. 31202

Any Questions or Additional Information Contact:

Division Secretary Kitty Dortey at secretary@gascv.org or 478.305.7862

CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA CONFEDERATE YOUTH CAMP

Continued cover page.....

When the Youth Camp was established by Compatriot Al Perry in 2016 it was established as a standard C Corporation and any income remaining after the Camp expenses were paid was taxable.

Currently the GCCYC is registered with the IRS and the State of Georgia as a non-profit organization and any revenue is non-taxable.

8th Brigade Commander Hershell Smith has agreed to serve as the Youth Camp CEO, Pastor John Weaver will be serving as the CFO and I will be serving as the Secretary.

The next Camp date is still scheduled for June 24 to June 28, 2024 at the Douglas Gospel Assembly in Broxton, Georgia.

Commander Hershell Smith is asking for anyone that has a historical program they can present to the Campers to please contact him, they still have some spaces open and need some help.

Hershellsmith1861@gmail.com or (229) 425-2966

I would ask all Camps if they would provide a Camper or sponsor a Camper. Tuition for a week of Southern learning and fund is only \$150.00.

Please send any donations to GCCYC, P.O. Box 447, Fitzgerald, Ga. 31750

ATTENTION!

THE GEORGIA CONEDFERATES’ CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP NEEDS YOUR HELP.

The Youth Camp needs speakers with a historical program to present to the Campers during Camp week June 24th to 28th.

The Camp also needs Camp Counselors during Camp week.

If you can help, please contact Commander Hershell Smith at:

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Benefit Ride & Fundraiser

Presented by GA Mechanized Cavalry

TROOP - 3

SCVMC 3rd Battalion Company B

June 22, 2024

Where: Jefferson Davis State Park, 338 Jeff Davis Park Rd,
Fitzgerald GA

Time: Gates open @ 8 AM

Registration: 10 AM – 11 AM

\$20.00 Per Rider/Driver & \$5.00 Per Passenger

50/50 Drawing
5 for \$10

Door Prize Raffle
Tickets
\$1 ea or 6 for \$5

- RIDE STARTS: 11 AM
- RETURN TO: Jefferson Davis State Park
- TOTAL RIDE TIME: 1 – 2 hours round trip
- LUNCH: 1:30 PM – Backwoods BBQ will be the food vendor for the event

All donations from SCVMC, Troops, SCVMC Platoons, & OCR need to be turned in to 2nd LT. Big Bubba Bradshaw no later than 2 PM day of the event.

SCVMC Troops & Platoons are welcome to setup merchandise tents.

All SCVMC, OCR, friends, family, kids, and guests are welcome!

A GOOD TIME FOR ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

“Grand Prize Drawing is a Benelli Nova 20ga Pump Shot Gun”



HWY. 441 CONFEDERATE FLAG
SITE EVENT
JUNE 8TH, 2024
603 US HWY 441 MCRAE-HELENA GA 31037
PRESENTED BY
Sons Of Confederate Veterans
GA Mechanized Cavalry
Troop-3 Troop-5
STARTS AT 11:00 am
Changing of the Flag Ceremony. Food will be Hamburgers 🍔 Hotdogs 🌭
French Fries, and Cowboy Beans \$10.00 per person under 14 eat Free

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SCV 9th Brigade Heritage Ball
Jack Cowert, See photos on page 12

It is not often a group of 100 or more can get together and have a great time, enjoy a delicious meal, and honor their ancestors in an environment that children are allowed. That is exactly what we enjoyed a few weeks ago in Arlington, Georgia. Rod Bryan and the Lt. Lovett Allen Tully Camp #2071 of Miller County Georgia worked hard to organize, set the stage, make the arrangements, and host the Georgia Division Ninth Brigade Heritage Ball. What a wonderful event which was held at the old train depot in Arlington, Georgia.

We almost literally stepped back into time when folks from Georgia, Alabama, and Florida all came together for a wonderful evening. Most were dressed in period clothes of the 1860s, both men and women, and an atmosphere of excitement was on. The evening started with a great meal provided by Brandon Chambless and the folks at “Outlaw Bussin Bar B Que”. I heard nothing but good comments about the food all evening. Then after a few words of welcome the tables were folded up and put away.

Musical entertainment was provided by the well-known Bluegrass group called “Seven Pounds of Bacon a Frying”. The music was wonderful and as folks lined up to start the “Parade of Honor” the level of excitement only grew. Some would call it square dancing others may refer to it as period dancing, those who participated soon found themselves giggling and laughing like kids.

Where else can adults have so much fun? It seemed everyone walked out asking, “How often do you folks do this.” I wished we could do it a lot more. It was mentioned how our ancestors from Miller County, when called up to war in the early 1860s, would ride wagons, or horses, some no doubt walked to Arlington, at that time the rail roads were not extended to Miller County. Once there they would board trains that would take them to sites where they were organized into fighting units. Some would not go back to Colquitt for 3 or 4 years, others would never see their home or loved ones again.

The Ninth Brigade of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has a Facebook page where you can find a listing of these events and more. While you are there, consider taking the time to find out about your ancestry and see who your Confederate Ancestors were. For more information, email jackcsa@yahoo.com.



VETERANS MEMORIAL COALITION
The Veterans Memorial Coalition, Inc. helps elect State and Federal candidates who support our American Veterans from past and present. We also contribute to elected officials who support legislation that protects monuments, memorials, and banners sacred to those Veterans.
www.Vetmc.org vetmc.org/voters-guild/

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GEORGIA DIVISION CAMPS CALL TO ACTION TO GIVE TO OUR LEGAL DEFENSE		
158	Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander	\$ 23,358.30
91	Thomson Guards	\$ 13,459.00
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	\$ 12,495.00
1914	Maj. Gen. Ambrose R. Wright	\$ 10,827.00
1552	Camp McDonald	\$ 7,505.00
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Robert Coleman (left) receives a distinguished service award from Commander Tim Pilgrim.



Thomas Reynolds (Goose) (left) receives a distinguished service award from Division Commander Tim Pilgrim.



The Honor Guard in front of the Jefferson David monument.



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Cannon salute for R. E. Lee in front of the Jefferson Davis Monument

Confederate Memorial Day Services



UDC Kennesaw Chapter 241 President Barbara Gray addresses the crowd.



Commander Pilgrim presents Preston Lewis, Bill Swafford and Brian Maier with SCV Accommodations Awards



The Ladies of UDC Kennesaw Chapter 241.



Mathew T. Nunnally camp 1671 (Monroe,Georgia)flagged 40 Confederate graves in Walton county on April 6. Cdr Dobson, 1st LT Cannon, 2nd LT Kasper, camping Stills, Adjutant Dobbs, compatriots, Collins, Raymond, and Ronnie all involved.



Honor Guard at the Annual Lt. General James Longstreet Event at Alta Vista cemetery in Gainesville.



The Col. Edward Dorr Tracy SCV Camp 18, Macon, and Sidney Lanier 25 United Daughters of the Confederacy service at Rose Hill Cemetery
(Back) Rocky Ferrara, Johnny Mack Nickles, Mike Waits (Camp 18 Commander), Scott Dooley (4th Brigade Commander), Jett Smith (Front) 16th GA Jackson Rifles, Earl Colvin (Camp 2218 Commander), Ethan Brockholter, Ethan Bloodworth, Savannah Bloodworth, and Brick Nelson



Col. Edmond N. Atkinson Camp 680 at the Confederate Monument at the Courthouse in Valdosta



On Friday evening, January 19, The Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade Camp 2102 in Millen held its annual Lee-Jackson Banquet.

Other Confederate Memorial Day Services



The B/G John C. Carter, Camp 207 along with the UDC Margaret Jones Chapter 27 hosted a Confederate Memorial Service on Sunday, April 21, 2024. The ceremony was held at the American Legion Building in Waynesboro., GA. In this photo, compatriot Bernard Martin speaks to the crowd.



These Confederate Memorial Day images are from Col. John H. Baker camp 1705; the speaker was 10th Brigade Cdr. Al Medcalf; the Barnesville Blues were reenactment soldiers.



The Lt. James T. Woodward SCV Camp 1399 left Rose Hill and conducted a memorial service at the Woodward Cemetery. Members placed the battle flag on the grave of their camp's namesake. A 21-gun salute was provided by the 16th and 30th of Georgia.



Compatriot Steven Burnett of the Concord Rangers Camp 2135 being sworn in the Mechanized Cavalry by SAA David Aderhold at the Gen Longstreet Event at Alta Vista Cemetery in Gainesville.

Thomson Guards Confederate Memorial Day (photos below) - article on page 17



Around the Confederacy



👉 Photos from the SCV 9th Brigade Heritage Ball; see the article on page 7.



👉 This year Chaplain Jimmy McDaniel of Camp 91 expanded his flagging efforts at the Harlem City Cemetery in Harlem, GA. He placed a First National flag on the gravesites of 31 Confederate Veterans. Mr. Jimmy is shown here at the grave of Sergeant Oliver Hardy, Sr. The father of the famous comedian was in Captain Robert Joshua Boyd's Ramsey Volunteers, Company K, 16th Georgia Infantry, Wofford's Brigade, McLaws' Division, Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.



👉 Two photos above - the graveyard restoration work by Thomson Guards 91 near Thomson, GA. - the final resting place of Private William Onlett Stanford (Co. F, 10th GA Infantry Volunteers) and 5th Sergeant Jerome J. Stanford (Co. A, 12th Georgia Battalion Light Artillery).



👉 While working in conjunction with the Thomson Cemetery Committee, Thomson Guards Camp 91 Compatriot Ron Awe volunteered to replace 35' of crumbled and fallen brick wall that encloses the plot of a Confederate soldier. Mr. Epp Wilson's fence crew removed the old structure and Compatriots David Moore and Tom Holley cleaned most of the old bricks. Ron poured the concrete foundation and replaced the wall. Because the committee receives no financial support from the county or city for the cemetery, Camp 91's volunteer work has been essential to returning the cemetery to its former glory.

IF LEE HAD NOT WON THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

By Winston S. Churchill*"If Lee after his triumphal entry into Washington had merely been the soldier, his achievements would have ended on the battlefield. It was his August declaration.... that opened the high roads along which we are now marching so prosperously."*

The quaint conceit of imagining what would have happened if some important or unimportant event had settled itself differently has become so fashionable that I am encouraged to enter upon an absurd speculation. What would have happened if Lee had not won the Battle of Gettysburg?

Once a great victory is won it dominates not only the future but the past. All the chains of consequence clink out as if they never could stop. The hopes that were shattered, the passions that were quelled, the sacrifices that were ineffectual are all swept out of the land of reality. Still it may amuse an idle hour, and perhaps serve as a corrective to undue complacency, if at this moment in the twentieth century -- so rich in assurance and prosperity, so calm and buoyant -- we meditate for a spell upon the debt we owe to those Confederate soldiers who by a deathless feat of arms broke the Union front at Gettysburg and laid open a fair future to the world.

It always amuses historians and philosophers to pick out the tiny things, the sharp agate points, on which the ponderous balance of destiny turns; and certainly, the details of the famous Confederate victory of Gettysburg furnish a fertile theme. There can be at this date no conceivable doubt that Pickett's charge would have been defeated if Stuart with his encircling cavalry had not arrived in the rear of the Union position at the supreme moment. Stuart might have been arrested in his decisive swoop if any one of twenty commonplace incidents had occurred. If, for instance, General Meade had organized his lines of communication with posts for defence against raids, or if he had used his cavalry to scout upon his flanks, he would have received a timely warning. If General Warren had only thought of sending a battalion to hold Little Round Top the rapid advance of the masses of Confederate cavalry must have been detected. If only President Davis's letter to General Lee, captured by Captain Dahlgren, revealing the Confederacy plans had reached Meade a few hours earlier, he might have escaped Lee's clutches.

Anything, we repeat, might have prevented Lee's magnificent combinations from synchronizing and, if so, Pickett's repulse was sure. Gettysburg would have been a great Northern victory. It might have well been a final victory. Lee might, indeed, have made a successful retreat from the field. The Confederacy, with its skillful generals and fierce armies, might have another year, or even two, but once defeated decisively at Gettysburg, its doom was inevitable. The fall of Vicksburg, which happened only two days after Lee's immortal triumph, would in itself by opening the Mississippi to the river fleets of the Union, have cut the Secessionist States almost in half. Without wishing to dogmatize, we feel we are on solid ground in saying that the Southern States could not have survived the loss of a great battle in Pennsylvania and the almost simultaneous bursting open of the Mississippi.

However, all went well. Once again by the narrowest of margins the compulsive pinch of military genius and soldierly valor produced a perfect result. The panic which engulfed the whole left of Meade's massive army has never been made a reproach against the Yankee troops. Everyone knows they were stout fellows. But defeat is defeat, and rout is ruin. Three days only were required after the cannon at Gettysburg had ceased to thunder before General Lee fixed his headquarters in Washington. We need not here dwell upon the ludicrous features of the hurried flight to New York of all the politicians, place hunters, contractors, sentimentalists and their retinues, which was so successfully accomplished. It is more agreeable to remember how Lincoln, 'greatly falling with a falling State', preserved the poise and dignity of a nation. Never did his rugged yet sublime common sense render a finer service to his countrymen. He was never greater than in the hour of fatal defeat.

But, of course, there is no doubt whatever that the mere military victory which Lee gained at Gettysburg would not by itself have altered the history of the world. The loss of Washington would not have affected the immense numerical preponderance of the Union States. The advanced situation of their capital and its fall would have exposed them to a grave injury, would no doubt have considerably prolonged the war; but standing by itself this military episode, dazzling though it may be, could not have prevented the ultimate victory of the North. It is in the political sphere that we have to look to find the explanation of the triumphs begun upon the battlefield.

Curiously enough, Lee furnishes an almost unique example of a regular and professional soldier who achieved the highest excellence both as a general and as a statesman. His ascendancy throughout the Confederate States on the morrow of his Gettysburg victory threw Jefferson Davis and his civil government irresistibly, indeed almost unconsciously, into the shade. The beloved and victorious commander, arriving in the capital of his mighty antagonists, found there the title deeds which enabled him to pronounce the grand decrees of peace. Thus, it happened that the guns of Gettysburg fired virtually the last shots in the American Civil War.

The movement of events then shifted to the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. England - the name by which the British Empire was then commonly described - had been riven morally in twain by the drama of the American struggle. We have always

admired the steadfastness with which the Lancashire cotton operatives, though starved of cotton by the Northern blockade -- our most prosperous county reduced to penury, almost become dependent upon the charity of the rest of England -- nevertheless adhered to the Northern cause. The British working classes on the whole judged the quarrel through the eyes of Disraeli and rested solidly upon the side of the abolition of slavery. Indeed, all Mr. Gladstone's democratic flair and noble eloquence would have failed, even upon the then restricted franchise, to carry England into the Confederate camp as a measure of policy. If Lee, after his triumphal entry into Washington had merely been the soldier, his achievements would have ended on the battlefield. It was his August declaration that the victorious Confederacy would pursue no policy towards the African negroes, which was not in harmony with the moral conceptions of Western Europe, that opened the high roads along which we are now marching so prosperously.

Let us only think what would have happened supposing the liberation of the slaves had been followed by some idiotic assertion of racial equality, and even by attempts to graft white democratic institutions upon the simple, docile, gifted African race belonging to a much earlier chapter in human history. We might have seen the whole of the Southern States invaded by gangs of carpet-bagging politicians exploiting the ignorant and untutored coloured vote against the white inhabitants and bringing the time-honoured forms of parliamentary government into unmerited disrepute. We might have seen the sorry farce of black legislatures attempting to govern their former masters. Upon the rebound from this there must inevitably have been a strong reassertion of local white supremacy. By one device or another the franchises accorded to the negroes would have been taken from them. The constitutional principles of the Republic would have been proclaimed, only to be evaded or subverted; and many a warm-hearted philanthropist would have found his sojourn in the South no better than 'A Fool's Errand'.

But we must return to our main theme and to the procession of tremendous events which followed the Northern defeat at Gettysburg and the surrender of Washington. Lee's declaration abolishing slavery coupled as it was with inflexible resolve to secede from the American Union, opened the way for British intervention.

Within a month the formal treaty of alliance between the British Empire and the Confederacy had been signed. The terms of this alliance, being both offensive and defensive, revolutionized the military and naval situation. The Northern blockade could not be maintained even for a day in the face of the immense naval power of Britain. The opening of the Southern ports released the pent-up cotton, restored the finances and replenished the arsenals of the Confederacy. The Northern forces at New Orleans were themselves immediately cut off and forced to capitulate. There could be no doubt of the power of the new allies to clear the Mississippi of Northern vessels throughout the whole of its course through the Confederate States. The prospect of a considerable British army embarking for Canada threatened the Union with a new military front.

But none of these formidable events in the sphere of arms and material force would have daunted the resolution of President Lincoln or weakened the fidelity of the Northern States and armies. It was Lee's declaration abolishing slavery which by a single master-stroke gained the Confederacy an all-powerful ally and spread a moral paralysis far and wide through the ranks of their enemies. The North were waging war against Secession, but as the struggle had proceeded, the moral issue of slavery had first sustained and then dominated the political quarrel. Now that the moral issue was withdrawn, now that the noble cause which inspired the Union armies and the Governments behind them was gained, there was nothing left but a war of reconquest to be waged under circumstances infinitely more difficult and anxious than those which had already led to so much disappointment defeat. Here was the South victorious, reinvigorated, reinforced, offering of her own free will to make a more complete abolition of the servile status the American continent than even Lincoln had himself seen fit to demand. Was the war to continue against what soon must be heavy odds merely to assert the domination of one set of English-speaking people over another; was blood to flow indefinitely in an ever-broadening stream to gratify national pride or martial revenge?

It was this deprivation of the moral issue which undermined the obduracy of the Northern States. Lincoln no longer rejected the Southern appeal for independence. "If," he declared in his famous speech in Madison Square Gardens in New York, "our brothers in the South are willing faithfully to cleanse this continent of negro slavery, and if they will dwell beside us in neighbourly goodwill as an independent but friendly nation, it would not be right to prolong the slaughter on the question of sovereignty alone."

Thus, peace came more swiftly than war had come. The Treaty of Harper's Ferry, which was signed between the Union and Confederate States on 6 September 1863, embodied the two fundamental propositions: that the South was independent, and the slaves were free. If the spirit of old John Brown had revisited the battle-scarred township which had been the scene of his life and death, it would have seen his cause victorious, but at a cost to the United States terrible indeed.

Apart from the loss of blood and treasure, the American Union was riven in twain. Henceforth there would be two Americas in the same northern continent. One of them would have renewed in a modern and embattled form its old ties of kinship and affiliation with the Mother Country across the ocean. It was evident, though peace might be signed, and soldiers furl their flags, profound antagonisms, social, economic and military, underlay the life of the English-speaking world. Still slavery was abolished. As John Bright said, "At last after the smoke of the battlefield has cleared away, the horrid shape which had cast its shadow over the whole continent, had vanished and was gone for ever."

At this date when all seems so simple and clear, one has hardly the patience to chronicle the bitter and lamentable developments which occupied the two succeeding generations. But we may turn aside in our speculation to note how strangely the careers of Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Disraeli would have been altered if Lee had not won the Battle of Gettysburg.....

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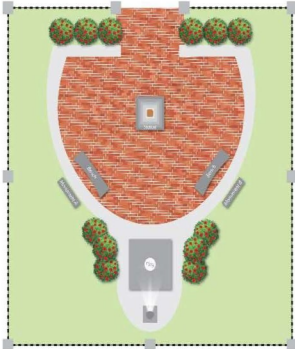
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The Northern Origins of Jim Crow

John M Taylor | Mar 01, 2024

The late Paul Harvey famously said: “Now, for the rest of the story.” “Jim Crow” is a classic example of an incomplete story. Establishment media incessantly blames the South for everything considered “historically bad.” Some modern TV shows and movies will make a sane person want to heave. In reality, when all racial and ethnic groups were in close proximity, segregation was essentially a non-issue in the Old South. Segregation was actually born in the North. Jack Trotter contends that everyone in Southern households typically “considered themselves a part of an extended family...sharing both familial affection and the labor which was essential to flourishing.” Of course, modern know nothings would disagree.

After the South failed to gain its independence, the occupation forces initiated many changes. They intentionally drove wedges within Southern society—often for their own ill-gotten gains. Conversely, most places in the North had distinct factions and “ethnic neighborhoods” virtually from day one.

Corporate media references the “Jim Crow South” but conveniently fails to mention the root of this verbiage. The original “Jim Crow,” Thomas Dartmouth Rice, was a White man born in Manhattan, New York, in 1808. Trained as a woodcarver, Rice became an entertainer, specializing in “blackface.” Describing himself as the “Original Jim Crow,” Rice “performed in a short-waisted blue coat, threadbare gold pants and mismatched shoes, singing, ‘Eb’ry time I wheel about I jump Jim Crow.’” Newspaper editors and letter writers picked up the phrase, routinely accusing politicians of “jumping Jim Crow” for giving up a principle too easily or abandoning their party’s cause.” Rice was extremely popular in the North. New York City was, “one of many of places in the North where working-class whites could see blackface minstrelsy, which was quickly becoming a dominant form of theater and a leading source for popular music in the United States.” (Nat Geo.) Rice’s popularity took him all the way to England. Concurrently, “Jim Crow” seeped into the American vernacular.

Rice was very popular in Massachusetts, with a Black population of perhaps one percent. In that State, we can see classic examples of Jim Crow. For example, in the summer of 1838 the Eastern Rail Road began operations. A large number of individuals boarded three trains in Boston and journeyed 13½ miles to Salem. At day’s end, Eastern’s President, George Peabody, lauded the railroad as a leader in social change, equal rights, and unification. “The next day, though, when Peabody’s railroad officially threw open its doors to the paying public, the ‘standard of Equal Rights’ was nowhere in sight. Instead, the Eastern’s white and black passengers found separate cars awaiting them.” The “Jim Crow Car” was born in the railroad industry.

In 1841, Black abolitionist David Ruggles arrived in Massachusetts for strategic sessions. “Ruggles boarded the steamboat Telegraph in New Bedford’s harbor, bound for Nantucket and a meeting of abolitionists there.” Ruggles discovered there were two fares: The \$2.00 ticket allowed passengers to roam the ship whereas the \$1.50 ticket confined passengers to the “cheap seats on the forward deck.” Ruggles paid the higher fare but the captain rejected it. This led to a fight in which Ruggles lost his hat and relevant papers and he never made it to Nantucket for the meeting.

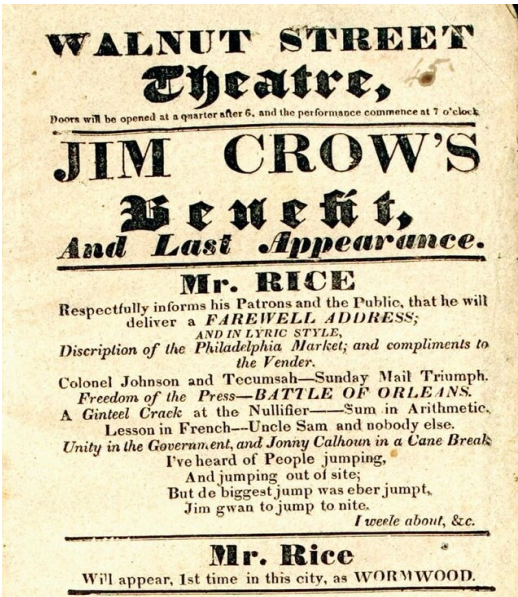
Weeks later, also on the New Bedford & Taunton railway’s service to Boston, Ruggles again bought the \$2.00 ticket and entered the Whites-only car. The New Bedford & Taunton was one of three Massachusetts railroads that used the system of separate cars. The conductor summoned reinforcements to eject Ruggles, who again fought to defend himself. His baggage went on to Boston but Ruggles went to New Bedford to file a formal assault claim against the railroad.

“At a two-day trial before New Bedford police judge Henry H. Crapo, the railroad president testified that the company’s rule benefited everyone because it “separated the drunken, dirty, ragged and colored people from the others.” Crapo contended, “The railroad was entitled,...to make and enforce whatever rules it deemed necessary...The cars are the property of the stockholders, and as such are private property.” Ruggles called the trial “the greatest farce I ever witnessed.”

Another incident involved Frederick Douglas and a White abolitionist named John Collins as they sought to travel together on the Eastern Railroad. Again, a scuffle and ejection ensued, with Douglas proclaiming, “In dragging me out, on this occasion, it must have cost the company twenty-five or thirty dollars, for I tore up seats and all.” At the next stop, his white companions were forced to leave the train.

Examples of Northern racial animus typically fall outside the approved narrative. After The War to Prevent Southern Independence, racial friction worsened in the South. Much of the animosity arose from the backlash created by outsiders interfering where they had no business.

Sources: “The Jim Crow Car,” by Steve Luxenburg, from The Washington Post at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/magazine/wp/2019/02/20/feature/the-forgotten-northern-pre-civil-war-origins-of-jim-crow/> ; “The Strange Career of Segregation,” by Jack Trotter, from the Abbeville Blog, at: <https://www.abbevilleinstitute.org/the-strange-career-of-segregation/>; and “Who was Jim Crow,” from National Geographic at: <https://education.nationalgeographic.org/resource/who-was-jim-crow/>. Quotes other than noted as National Geographic and Jack Trotter came from Luxenburg’s article.



The Confederate Indians

October 1, 2023 | By [John M Taylor](#)

Recently, the Native American Guardians Association (NAGA) lobbied the Washington Commanders football team to bring back the Redskins name. Billy Dieckman, Kiowa Tribe member and NAGA adviser, described Redskins as “a status symbol for elite warriors.” (Fox News) A poll was cited showing 90% of American Indians see it as a positive term. It is also likely that some American Indians do not appreciate being canceled, such as the way Land O Lakes terminated the “Mia” image (some Indians supported this change). Sports nicknames and brand images are generally considered honorary, not derogatory. Who do you think is behind this agenda? Could it be the group Malcom X detested? --“The White liberal is the worst enemy to America and the worst enemy to the Black man...” (Goodreads) This description could certainly encompass other groups these Jacobins want to lord over.

Despite the multiple battles between White settlers and American Indians, there was a degree of regional and cultural commonality that transcended much of the historical acrimony. This is found in the fact that the only “official” allies of the Confederate States were the Indian tribes of the South. Treaties were signed between the Confederate States and the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, Comanche, Caddo, and others. These tribes were promised representation in the Confederate Congress. Anti-secessionist Confederate General Albert Pike arranged many of these agreements. Pike, born in Massachusetts, left that State in 1831 and became involved with fur trapping and trading. “He settled in Arkansas and became a noted poet, author, and teacher. He bought a plantation and operated a newspaper, the Arkansas Advocate.” (History) Pike developed cordial relations with the Indian population and often provided legal representation for those who had disputes with the federal government.

Although many Indians likely felt the South’s quest for independence was not necessarily their fight, the enormity of the event led many to pick a side. Should they align with the Union that had rarely, if ever, honored a treaty or should they side with the Confederacy, which offered recognition of their sovereignty and pledged to respect it? The vast majority sided with the Confederacy despite the fact some Southerners had been part of the 1830-1847 federal removal. Not only had experience shown the dishonesty of the U.S. government, there were other red flags, e.g., William Seward and other Republicans encouraging the distribution of land in Indian Territory to White settlers.

Each Indian Nation provided military support for the Confederacy. Units included the following:

- Cherokee--the 1st Cherokee Mounted Rifles, the 1st Regiment of Cherokee Mounted Volunteers, Cherokee Special Services Battalion, and several more. Plus, the last Confederate General to surrender was Stand Watie, a Cherokee Indian.
- Creek (Muscogee)--the 1st and 2nd Regiment of Creek Volunteers and the 1st Battalion Creek Confederate Cavalry.
- Seminole--the 1st Regiment Seminole Mounted Volunteers and the 1st Battalion Seminole Mounted Volunteers.
- Chickasaw--the 1st Regiment of both Chickasaw Infantry and Cavalry, the 1st Battalion of Chickasaw Cavalry and Shecoe’s Chickasaw Battalion of Mounted Volunteers.
- Choctaw--the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Regiments of Choctaw Mounted

Rifles, Deneale’s Regiment of Choctaw Warriors, and others.

- The Northwest Frontier Command of Indian Territory--the 1st Osage Battalion, Major George Washington’s Frontier Battalion, and Major James W. Cooper’s Battalion.
- Although there were “Native Americans” in Union service, some Yankees did not shy from their disdain for American Indians. For example, William T. Sherman said: “The more Indians we can kill this year the fewer we will need to kill the next, because the more I see of the Indians the more convinced I become that they must either all be killed or be maintained as a species of pauper. Their attempts at civilization is ridiculous....” (Pt. Lookout) Not to be outdone, Union General Phil Sheridan proclaimed: ”the only good Indian I ever saw were dead, as spoken to Tosawi of the Comanches.” (Kibby) Furthermore, seemingly an early advocate of the “replacement” agenda, Sherman said: “To the petulant and persistent secessionists, why death is mercy, and the quicker he or she is disposed of the better. Until we can repopulate Georgia, it is useless to occupy it...” Is there a lower form of humanity than someone who wishes to exterminate a racial or ethnic group?

Slightly under two years into the war, Lincoln exhibited a similarly callous attitude when, on December 26, 1862, he ordered the mass execution of 303 Indians in Mankato, Minnesota, after their questionable convictions by military trials. Concerned about negative European perception, Lincoln reduced the execution number to thirty-eight.

Of course, American Indians were punished during the post-war “Reconstruction” similar to others who fought for Southern Independence.

Do not expect any of this information to show up in any educational institution. It is not part of the “government-approved script.”

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Restoration of a Confederate Graveyard

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In November 2023, Camp 91 Thomson Guards received permission from the landowner to restore a wilderness cemetery located on the original land grant of the historic Wrightsboro Quaker community near Thomson, Georgia. The forest on this property was logged this past fall and the grounds were a mess. There are two UDC marked Confederate soldier’s graves and eight other depressions we believe are graves. One has a brick surface and wall while three others have large rocks as supposed headstones.

The first order of business was to cut seven very large trees growing within the confines of the graves. The stumps have been sprayed with herbicide to kill them. This complete, camp members removed dead logs, limbs, briars and vines before raking leaf mulch off the entire area. It was also necessary to trim several nearby magnolia and oak trees.

The stones have been washed along with crosses of honor and Confederate flags added. Additionally, Compatriot Barrett Smith has signed the paperwork to become the Georgia Guardian.

Six members worked the project including David Butler and Tom Holley. However, special mention should be made of four compatriots who worked untiringly on this project. Thank you Jimmy Crawley, Sammy McCorkle, David Moore and Barrett Smith. Great work fulfilling the “Charge”.

Research results are available on the two soldiers. They were sons of David Porter Stanford and Martha Hill Steed Stanford.

The younger brother was born 12 February 1843. He was William Onlett Stanford who became a private in Company F, 10th GA Infantry Volunteers, Semmes’ Brigade, McLaws’ Division, Longstreet’s Corps, ANV. He died 9 February 1862, of Typhoid Fever while at home on sick furlough.

5th Sergeant Jerome J. Stanford was in Captain Allen’s Company A, 12th Georgia Battalion Light Artillery. He was born in 1834, and died 27 June 1862, while at home in Columbia County (now McDuffie) on sick furlough.

Lest we forget!

Respectfully submitted, Tom Holley, Camp 91 Thomson Guards

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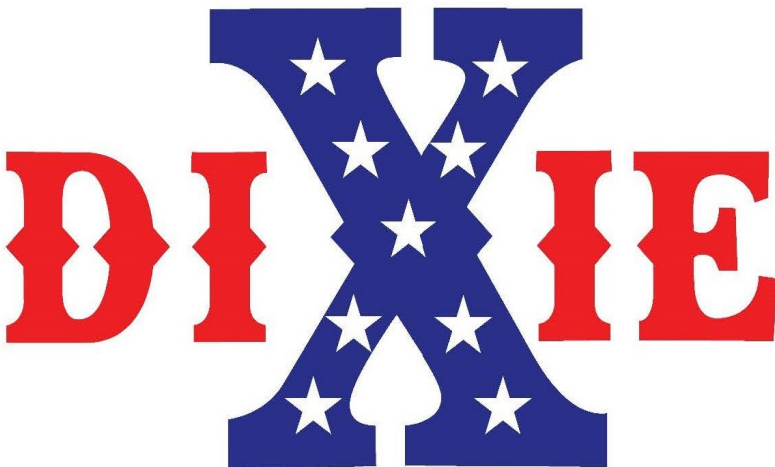
On April 20th, a beautiful Saturday morning, our local Sons of Confederate Veterans camp, The Thomson Guards, met in the Thomson Memorial Cemetery to enjoy another annual observance of Confederate Memorial Day. Surrounded by Old Glory, the Georgia State flag and five different Confederate flags, our speakers enthralled the 90 history-buff attendees who gathered to celebrate the true history of the South and to honor their Southern ancestors. Sons of Confederate Veterans strive to do nothing and say nothing that might bring dishonor to their camps or to their Confederate heroes. All SCV meetings are fully open to the public. Contact our local camp through our commander Tom Holley at thomas3456@aol.com or our website at thomsonguardscamp91gascv.com.

Saturday's outside program at the cemetery began with some beautiful Appalachian and old-time music performed by David Donehoo and his Lincoln County HIT String Band, ten young musicians appropriately named *Hillbillies In Training*. After Tom Holley welcomed us and Jimmy McDaniel said a prayer, we pledged our allegiance to the USA and GA State flags and our affection to the Confederate flags. Mark Cheek, Thomson’s local bagpipe aficionado, played six great songs throughout our service. Karen Holley, a DAR and UDC member and long-time SCV associate, introduced Julie Hardaway, the national Vice President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who spoke to us on the importance of remembering our ancestors and emulating their virtues and principles. After Phil Turner, the Gray Poet, recited two terrific poems (one of Boys in Gray and another of Belles in Dixie), Jimmy Crawley introduced our speaker, history professor David Hollingsworth, PhD of Augusta University.

Dr. Hollingsworth delivered a rousing address that stirred us all. He had recently come upon a battlefield near Bamberg, SC, at River's Bridge where 700 rebels stood their ground against nearly 7,000 troops of William Sherman's army as they pushed towards Columbia. The hero of Dr. Hollingsworth's story was CSA Lt. Simeon S. Kirby. As the Union troops flanked the Confederate right, another Union division crossed several miles downstream to flank the Confederate left. Under a smokescreen created by rapid artillery and rifle volleys, the Southerners withdrew. But before the retreat was accomplished, a Union sharpshooter crawled close to the Confederate cannons and killed Lt. Kirby with a shot through his chest.

One of Kirby’s men, Pvt. W. M. Larke, demanded revenge and grabbed a rifle to shoot the Yankee. “I took aim at the fellow and hol-lered at him,” Larke recalled. “When he looked up, I shot him clear through.” Just like shooting turkeys. Dr. Hollinsworth placed great emphasis on the fact that Lt. Kirby was reading his Bible when he was killed. He read his Bible daily even during a deadly battle. In the midst of our daily battles, that’s what we should also be doing. Final remarks were given by Tom Holley and David Moore, and we adjourned with a closing prayer. It was a great celebration. Thanks to all participants, Lewis Smith, Camp historian.

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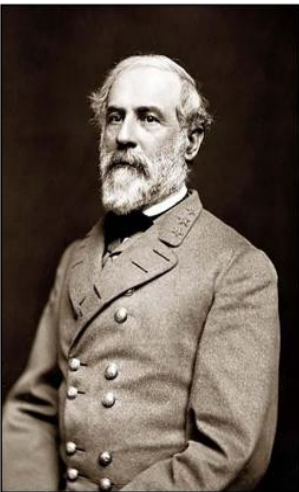
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