

THE HOWLING DAWG

Covering the events of March 2019



"Spectator Dawg"

16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company G
"The Jackson Rifles"

Spring Campaign 2019



51th Pennsylvania, Co. F @ Broxton's Bridge in Ehrhardt, South Carolina - March 2 - 3

154th Anniversary of the Battle for Broxton Bridge - 18th Annual Reenactment -

The re-enacted battle took place on the exact same ground where it occurred originally. The breastworks @ Broxton Bridge remain intact and the Salkehatchie Swamp remains a formidable natural formation for anyone to cross. Photos by Heidi Edge



More Broxton Bridge Photos by Heidi Edge



A SPECIAL THANKS

For many years, readers of *The Howling Dawg* have enjoyed the excellent photographic work of Heidi Edge (pictured here). She is the mother of one of our fine young members, Musician Drew Edge, and she and her husband, Scott, are often with the unit at events. They are such a valued and beloved part of all that we are. I just thought you might like to see a picture of the lady behind the lens.



Also, for more than two decades Reverend Joey Young and his family have been faithful to bring the WORD of GOD to our encampments. Only a full-accounting in Glory will measure the true fruits of his devoted labors. No one in the re-enactment world is more beloved or esteemed.

A LETTER FOR COLTON

Mail-call is sometimes re-enacted at events. Period-style letters are written by volunteers to the soldiers who are commonly in the ranks and distributed at a re-enactment. One such piece of correspondence arrived at Olustee, Florida in February. It could not be delivered to our late and beloved brother, Pvt. Colton King who tragically passed away on January 4. We miss him so much...



Dear brother,

I take another opportunity of writing to you. I know the mail sometimes takes weeks to find you. I am still in the enjoyment of good health and so our mother and father. I pray for you daily. I miss the days when we could sit on the riverbank without a care in the world. I pray that God brings you back safe to your family. As the war drags on month after month, mother worries more and more for you. She thought the whole affair would be over quickly. When times are hard out there remember that God is with you. He will sustain you, and if it so happens that He takes you home, know that you will never be forgotten dear brother. God be with you.

Your sister,

Conny

IN SYMPATHY



Memorial services for **William A. Allen** 73 of Byron, who died Thursday February 28, 2019 in the Macon Medical Center in Macon will be held Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 7 PM in the Chapel of Fisher Funeral Home with Brother Billy Whitmire officiating.

Mr. Allen was born in Bleckley County the son of the late Homer Franklin and Mary Lee Grantham Allen. He has lived in Byron since 1980 moving from Cochran. He was a graduate of Cochran High School Class of 1964 and was a Veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Military Police. He was a Driver with Old Dominion Trucking Co.

Survivors include his wife Gayle Faulk Allen of Byron; two sons: Anthony (Kim) Allen and **Avery (Donna) Allen** both of Warner Robins; five grandchildren; sisters: Faye (Gene) Cannon of Montrose, Carolyn Long and Betty (Roger)

Gurr both of Cochran; brothers Charles (Emily) Allen of Dexter, Billy Ray (Rita) Allen of Lilburn and Tony (Ronda) Allen of Danville . NOTE: The young man in the striped shirt is Pvt. Landon Allen (16th GA).



Marion Francis Bloodworth November 7, 1937 - March 6, 2019 - Marion Francis Bloodworth, 81, of Lizella, Georgia passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2019. A memorial service will be held Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church, 5046 Fulton Mill Road Macon. Born in Byron, Georgia, he was the son of the late Kelsey Bloodworth and Emma Myrtice Dent Bloodworth. He was the husband of the late Claudia Hale Bloodworth. Mr. Bloodworth was a retired dairy farmer with Tidwell Dairy Farm. He was a Korean War veteran serving in the U.S Navy. He is survived by his children, **Cheryl Aultman (Andy)**, James Bloodworth (Michelle), and Regina Mosley (Paul) Brother, Kelsey Lee Bloodworth. Eight Grandchildren and Twelve great grandchildren.

Mrs. Jimmie Couch, 84, of Lula passed away Monday, March 18, 2019 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center following an extended illness. Born on March 25, 1934 in Anderson, SC., she was the daughter of the late Howard and Thelma Tyner Evans. She had lived in Hall County most of her life and was retired from 9th District Opportunity. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Couch is preceded in death by her grandchild, Kelli Nix; brother, James Earl Evans; sisters, Evelyn Evans and Delores Clure. Mrs. Couch is survived by her husband, Ernest Couch of Lula; daughter and son in law Betty and Mark Porter of Lula; son and daughter in law, **Mike and Sandra Couch of Cleveland**; son, Philip Nix of Cornelia; grandchildren, Kevin Nix, Stacia Charpiat (Charlie), Sean Couch (Kristin); 7 great grandchildren; sister and brother in law, Florine and Frank White of Gainesville.

THE 16TH GEORGIA CO. G - "The Jackson Rifles"

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Honorary Colonel J. C. Nobles - 478-718-3201

Rev. Joey Young – Honorary Member - 678-978-7213

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1st Sgt. Alan "Cookie" Richards - 478-308-9739

2nd Sgt. Nathan Sprague – 478-320-8748

Corp. (Ret.) Mike "Beezer" Banks – 770-467-8123

1st Corp. Brick Lee Nelson - 478-986-1151

2nd Corp. Tommy Shover - 478-230-3483

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Musician – Chance Sprague – 706-491-9755

Musician - Aaron Bradford – 302-668-8029

Musician - Al McGalliard - 478-259-5786

ON FACEBOOK: "JACKSON RIFLES". And @ scv2218.com, thanks to Al McGalliard



SCHEDULE OF 2019 EVENTS

APRIL 6 – OLD CLINTON WORK DAY, GRAY, GA

APRIL 12-14 – NASH FARM LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

*APRIL 14 – **PALM SUNDAY***

APRIL 18 – CAMP 2218 SCV MEETING – EARL COLVIN

APRIL 20 – OLD CLINTON WORK DAY, GRAY, GA

APRIL 26 – DUBLIN CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

See Page 23 or Contact John Hall: jchjrcpa@bellsouth.net

APRIL 27 – CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Cotton Ave., Rose Hill, Woodward, Byron, & Ft. Valley

MAY 3-5 – OLD CLINTON WAR DAYS, GRAY, GA

MAY 16 – CAMP 2218 SCV MEETING – DAVID DUNNING

*APRIL 21 – **EASTER***

MAY 31 - JUNE 1 – SUMMER DRILL AT SKUNK HOLLOW, GA

JUNE 1 – ALMA, GA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL – 1 DAY ONLY

JUNE 20 – CAMP 2218 SCV MEETING – SHERRIE' RALEIGH

Pray
hardest
when it is
hardest to
pray.

You may not recognize many of the names on this page, but does that really matter? They represent real people – genuine needs. Just because you do not know them personally nor the nature of their circumstance does not mean that you cannot bow your heart and head for a moment – just a moment - and ask God to meet these needs – ALL OF THEM - according to HIS will ...

**Billy Stancil Emory Thompson Gary Banks
Ricky & Steve Smith & family James Boyd**

**Brenda Dobson J.C. Nobles Elaine Wallace Al McGalliard Cathy Wheeler
Reba Aultman Kasey Larson Harold Buchanan Gale Red Bill Cameron
Rev. Joey Young and family Ben (Cooter) Jones Dale & Becky Rankin
Roy and Dana Myers Alan Farley Mrs. & Mrs. Burns Jake & Rachael
Ethan & Crystal Richard Durham James Morgan as well as, those who preach &
teach The WORD, UDC, C.S.A., U.S.A., Israel, Law Enforcement, Paramedics &
Firefighters, Judges Political Leaders, Missionaries, Our Compatriots, Ministers,
Travelers, The lonely, bereaved families, The Cannonball House Staff Our
enemies ... And for Me & You, that we witness boldly, risking awkwardness and
seeming to be foolish. Please, let me know of others that should be on this list.
(For privacy, in some cases, I do not publish the details but will share if you contact me**



RESURRECTION MORN by Hong Min Zou



CATHY'S CLOWN

- The Humor of Kenny Stancil

A cop pulls over a car full of nuns. The cop says, "Sister, the speed limit on this highway is 55 mph. Why are you going so slow?" Sister replies, "I saw a lot of signs that said 41, not 55." The cop says, "Sister, that's the name of the highway, not the speed limit." "Silly me," the embarrassed nun says. "Thanks for letting me know. I'll be more careful." But then the cop glances in the back seat where the other nuns are quaking with fear. He asks, "Excuse me, Sister, what's wrong with your friends?" Sister says, "Oh, we just got off Highway 101."

The new army recruit was given guard duty at 2 a.m. He did his best for a while, but at about 4 a.m. he went to sleep. He awakened to find the officer of the day standing before him. Remembering the heavy penalty for being asleep on guard duty, this smart young man kept his head bowed for another moment and looked upward and reverently said, "A-a-a-men!"

As her Gramma frantically waved away a pesky fly with a white dishtowel, the granddaughter observed, "Maybe he thinks you're surrendering."

Kenny

Company Organization of the 16th Regiment

Company A: Madison County men-Madison County Greys

Company B: Jackson County men-Center Hill Guards

Company C: Hart County men-Hartwell infantry

Company D: Madison County men-Danielsville guards

Company E: Habersham County men-Cobb infantry

Company F: Walton County men

Company G: Jackson County men-Jackson County Volunteers/Jackson Rifles, Oconee Volunteers

Company H: Gwinnett County men-Flint Hill Greys

Company I: Gwinnett County men

Company K: Columbia County men-Ramsey Volunteers

LIVING HISTORY AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE

On the last two weekends of march, The Cherry Blossom Festival was in full swing in Macon, Georgia. It provided a fine backdrop for living history program at The Cannonball House. We thank all our guests and volunteers who made it such a success. We have received a new shipment of Cannonball House t-shirts. These are \$15 gray with black lettering and in sizes Small-2XL. Check them out!



COMING APRIL 6TH at The Cannonball House

5th Annual Beards, Bourbon & BBQ event, Saturday April 6th, 6-9pm. 21 & older only- reservations required. \$25 (or \$50 VIP). Call 478.745.5982 for info or to reserve tickets. Limited tickets available. Live Music with Fall Line Rambler Band, BBQ plate with every ticket, bourbon tastings in brick kitchen, beard contests.



THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER #2218 Of Old Clinton, Jones County, GA

Our March meeting was held on the 21st at the usual place and time and featured an outstanding program by Compatriot Chris Faulkner (pictured below), who is a member of our Camp. Chris spoke eloquently of his ancestor's Confederate service with the Thomas Legion of North Carolina. The April program will be courtesy of Commander Earl Colvin and another Camp member, Compatriot David Dunning, will make a May 2019 presentation pertaining to the Confederate Navy. Sherrie' Raleigh visits in June with a program about Illinois Confederates. All 2019 guest speaker slots are filled including our 2019 Griswoldville commemoration which will bring us Tim Pilgrim, current Commander of the Georgia Division SCV. Please apply to Adjutant Dobson if interested in speaking engagements in 2020.

June is just around the corner and so is the 2019 edition of the georgiaconfederatesyouthcamp.weebly.com Campers need to apply asap.

*"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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Division

Questions or special needs please contact:

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ERASED FROM HISTORY

John Hancock, Oprah, Confederate figures are among 60 people cut from Texas history curriculum

Texas has cut about five dozen people from its social studies curriculum to streamline the number of historical figures about whom students will learn.

The State Board of Education voted on these cuts to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, or TEKS, curriculum in November. But a finalized list wasn't available until recently.

For example, Colin Powell and Oprah Winfrey were cut, as were American Civil Liberties Union leader Clarence Darrow and Republican presidential hopeful Barry Goldwater.

Going deeper into our history, Declaration of Independence signatory John Hancock, whom second-graders were required to learn, was also cut. And eighth-graders will no longer need to learn about John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay or Daniel Webster.

Several other men were axed from a recommended list of "significant individuals and events concerning Texas and the Civil War," including Confederate Postmaster General John Reagan and Confederate soldier John Bell Hood of Hood's Texas Brigade, whose likeness adorns a large statute on the state Capitol grounds.

Here is a full list of the historical figures eliminated from the Texas curriculum:

Francis Scott Key Richard Allen John Hancock Robert Fulton Ellen Ochoa John "Danny" Olivas Juan de Onate Juliette Gordon Low Maria Mitchell Mary Kay Ash Milton Hershey Phillis Wheatley Wallace Amos Carlos Espalier John Tower Jose de Escandon Juan Antonio Padilla Sidney Sherman Stanley Marcus Vicente Filisola Charles Pinckney John Wise Nathan Hale Edwin W. Moore Francis Lubbock John Magruder John Reagan John Bell Hood The Populists Thomas Green Bernardo de Galvez Haym Salomon President James Monroe John James Audubon Stonewall Jackson Estee Lauder Lester Maddox Lionel Sosa Phyllis Schlafly Robert Johnson Barry Goldwater Benjamin Rush Charles Carroll Clarence Darrow Francis Willard George Marshall General George Patton Glenn Curtiss Henry Cabot Lodge John Witherspoon Oprah Winfrey John Peter Muhlenberg Jonathan Trumbull Sr. William Jennings Bryan Natan Sharansky Oscar Romero Colin Powell Daniel Webster Henry Clay John C. Calhoun (Dixie Heritage Newsletter)



The 51st Pennsylvania Infantry was organized in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and mustered in November 16, 1861 for a three-year enlistment under the command of Colonel John F. Hartranft. The regiment was attached to Reno's Brigade, Burnside's North Carolina Expeditionary Corps, to April 1862. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Department of North Carolina, to July 1862. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, IX Corps, Army of the Potomac, to April 1863. Army of the Ohio to June 1863. Army of the Tennessee to August 1863, and Army of the Ohio to April 1864. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, IX Corps, Army of the Potomac, to September 1864. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, IX Corps, to July 1865. The 51st Pennsylvania Infantry mustered out July 27, 1865. Some color Bearers were: Corp. George W. Foote, Co E - 3/14/62; Sgt. Patrick

Kevin, Co. C - Killed 5/6/64; Sgt. Nathan Ramsey, Co. C - Wounded 5/12/64; Corp. James Cameron, Co. I - Captured 5/12/64; Sgt. Isaac E. Filman, Co. A - Listed as bearer, 1866. Pictured are the colors of Co. A.

CONTINUING TO EDUCATE

Drew Edge (16th GA/51th PVV) once again had the recent chance to go to Hubbard Elementary School in Forsyth, GA to talk with the 4th grade students. There were approximately 100 students present. (Photos: Heidi Edge)



Col. J.C. Nobles takes the time to teach at
The Cannonball House living history program
March 23, 2019 - Macon, Georgia

Robert E. Lee,
General Orders, No. 73
Headquarters, Army of Northern Virginia
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

June 27, 1863

The commanding general has observed with marked satisfaction the conduct of the troops on the march, and confidently anticipates results commensurate with the high spirit they have manifested.

No troops could have displayed greater fortitude or better performed the arduous marches of the past ten days. Their conduct in other respects has with few exceptions been in keeping with their character as soldiers, and entitles them to approbation and praise. There have however been instances of forgetfulness on the part of some, that they have in keeping the yet unsullied reputation of the army, and that the duties expected of us by civilization and Christianity are not less obligatory in the country of the enemy than in our own.

The commanding general considers that no greater disgrace could befall the army, and through it our whole people, than the perpetration of the barbarous outrages upon the unarmed, and defenseless and the wanton destruction of private property that have marked the course of the enemy in our own country.

Such proceedings not only degrade the perpetrators and all connected with them, but are subversive of the discipline and efficiency of the army, and destructive of the ends of our present movement.

It must be remembered that we make war only upon armed men, and that we cannot take vengeance for the wrongs our people have suffered without lowering ourselves in the eyes of all whose abhorrence has been excited by the atrocities of our enemies, and offending against Him to whom vengeance belongeth, without whose favor and support our efforts must all prove in vain.

The commanding general therefore earnestly exhorts the troops to abstain with most scrupulous care from unnecessary or wanton injury to private property, and he enjoins upon all officers to arrest and bring to summary punishment all who shall in any way offend against the orders on this subject.

R. E. Lee, General

150 Years Ago

By Larry Upthegrove

March 13, 1869: In Atlanta, last week, the "Daily Intelligencer" had this: "Book Notice.—We have received from the publishing house of J.B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, through Messrs. M. Lynch & Co., booksellers of this city, Mrs. H.B. Stowe's last work, entitled 'Our Charlie, and what to do with Him.' It is a neatly printed work of some 117 pages, designed as a moral lesson for the young. We have not read it, but trust that, unlike 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' it is free from what that book is replete with—misrepresentation of the Southern people, which, in a great degree, caused blood to flow throughout the Southern land.

March 28, 1869: In Atlanta, Ga, our bookseller friend and future Oakland resident, Sam Richards, writes in his diary: "Sunday 28. The fair weather ended with yesterday for this day has been wet and the streets very muddy. Chas Kendrick has put a melodeon into the Sunday School and Dr. Carpenter played on it this morning. If we can have a correct player it may be an assistance, otherwise not....Dr. B(Brantley) preached to a small congregation this morning and we had no choir. Tonight, the rain having ceased there were rather more out to hear Dr. Morgan from England who gave us a good sermon from the text 'Eye hath not seen". Sallie went with me and we had the organ but no lady singers....The preacher gave out two new hymns which were a relief after the old familiar songs that Dr. B persists in having sung. If he gave us no more variety in his sermons than he does in his songs there would be complaint I guess, and I expect the people are tired of the old hymns and tunes.

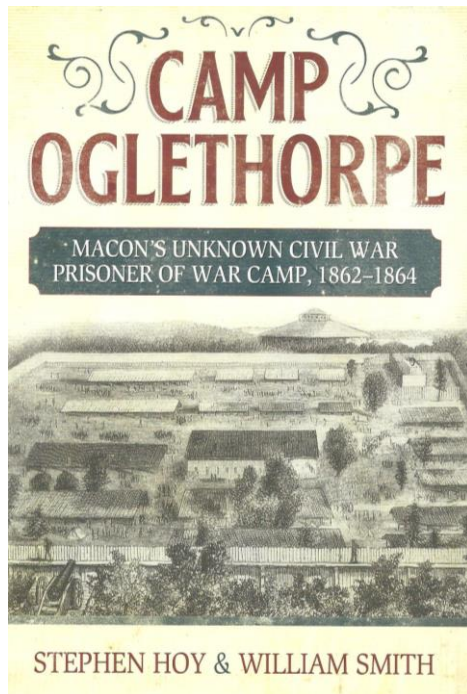
(NOTE: Sam Richard's Diary can be purchased at The Cannonball House Gift Shop)

In Atlanta, the "Constitution" of yesterday had this short mention: "Commissioner of Indian Affairs.—It is settled that Eli Parker, late of General Grant's staff, is to be the new Commissioner of Indian Affairs, it having been decided that, although he is an Indian, he is a citizen.".....Parker is a college-educated civil engineer who also has a law degree, not permitted to take the bar exam because, as an Indian, he was not considered to be a citizen. That is the same reason that his friend, Ulysses Grant, had to pull strings to get him into his army.....In the army he became Grant's right-hand man, performing most of his administrative and secretarial duties. It was Parker who penned the Agreement of Surrender that was signed by Grant and Lee at Appomattox in 1865. He later, will say of Lee, "General Lee stared at me for a moment. He extended his hand and said, 'I am glad to see one real American here.' I shook his hand and said, 'We are all Americans.'.....



Eli Samuel Parker by Mathew Brady (left)

MUCH ANTICIPATED BOOK



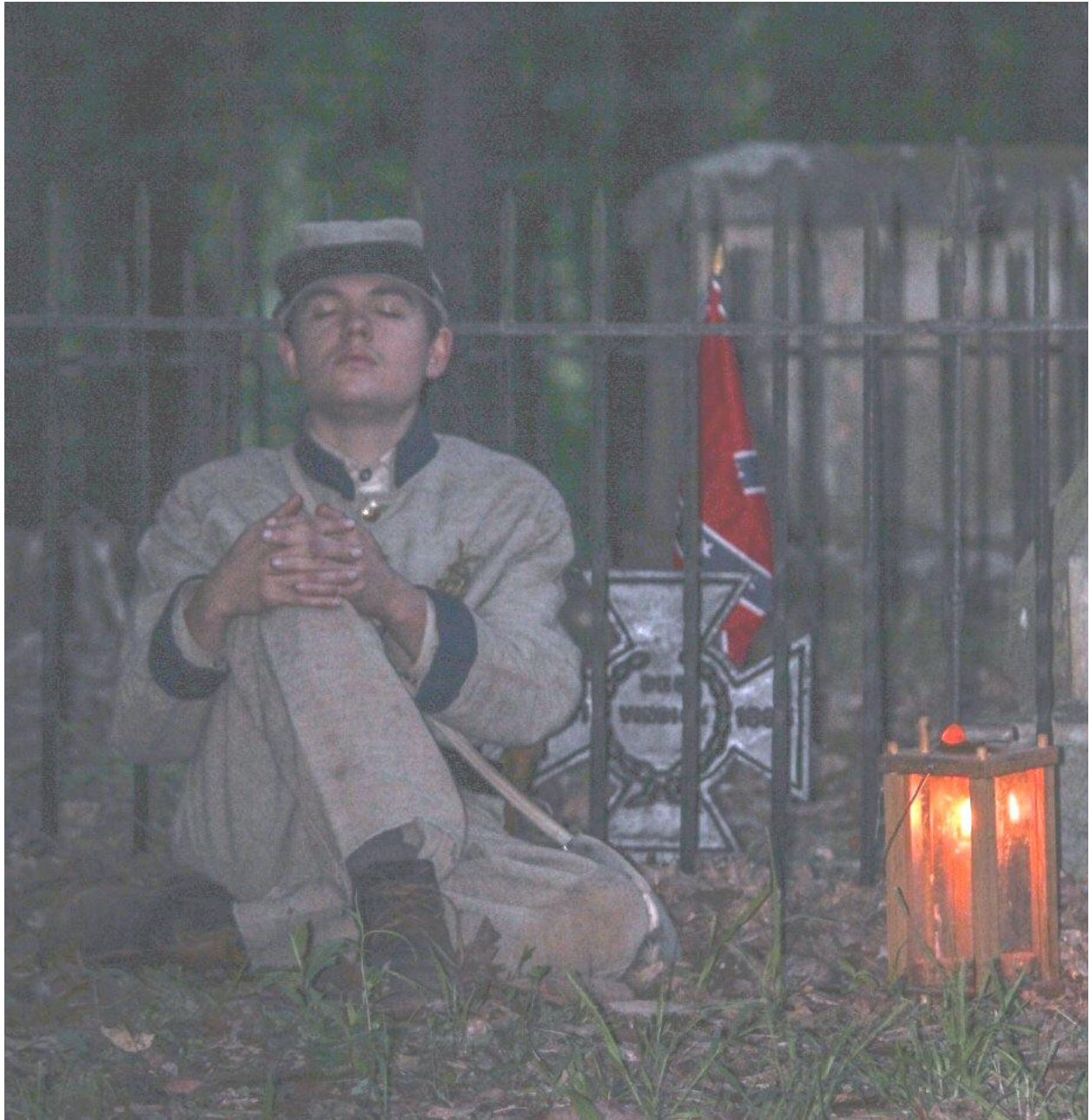
The history of Camp Oglethorpe is largely overshadowed by that of nearby Camp Sumter in Andersonville, Georgia. It exists primarily as a footnote in the telling of Civil War prison narratives. A comprehensive reckoning reveals a saga that brings to light Camp Oglethorpe's decades-long role as a military training ground for Georgia's volunteer regiments and as a venue for national agricultural fairs which drew thousands of visitors to Macon. Its proud heritage, however, attracted the attention of leaders of the Confederate government. To the chagrin of Macon's citizens, the acreage at the foot of Seventh Street was surreptitiously repurposed for brief periods in 1862 and 1864.

Although conditions at Camp Oglethorpe never approached the appalling state experienced by POWs at Andersonville, its proximity to and association with Camp Sumter cast a specter-haunted pall over the site. As Central Georgia recovered from the tangible vestiges of war, bitter memories minimized interest in restoring the property to any of its previous incarnations. The deafening sounds of the rail commerce that would eventually be situated there were inadequate to drown out the distressful noise of raw silence.

The story of Camp Oglethorpe is predominantly remembered by its association with the atrocities of war as reflected in prisoner-of-war narratives. Indeed, the cries of those who demand to be heard haunt its memory. Smith and Hoy tell this story not only as an admonition to the consciences of humanity, but to illuminate history and paint a more complete recollection of the encampment at the foot of Seventh Street.

The Cannonball House of Macon, GA was honored to host a book signing during the last week of March. The writers are available for SCV program or other occasions. This book has been published by Mercer University Press.

OLD CLINTON WAR DAYS
Near Gray, GA
May 3-5, 2019



Blacks and the Confederacy

By Walter E. Williams - January 20, 2016



Last July, Anthony Hervey, an outspoken black advocate for the Confederate flag, was killed in a car crash. Arlene Barnum, a surviving passenger in the vehicle, told authorities and the media that they had been forced off the road by a carload of "angry young black men" after Hervey, while wearing his Confederate kepi, stopped at a convenience store en route to his home in Oxford, Mississippi. His death was in no small part caused by the gross level of ignorance, organized deceit and anger about the War of 1861. Much of the ignorance stems from the fact that most Americans believe the war was initiated to free slaves, when in truth, freeing slaves was little more than an afterthought. I want to lay out a few quotations and ask what you make of them.

During the "Civil War," ex-slave Frederick Douglass observed, "There are at the present moment many colored men in the Confederate army doing duty not only as cooks, servants and laborers, but as real soldiers, having muskets on their shoulders, and bullets in their pockets, ready to shoot down loyal troops, and do all that soldiers may to destroy the Federal Government and build up that of the traitors and rebels" (Douglass' Monthly, Sept. 1861).

"For more than two years, negroes had been extensively employed in belligerent operations by the Confederacy. They had been embodied and drilled as Rebel soldiers, and had paraded with White troops at a time when this would not have been tolerated in the armies of the Union." (Horace Greeley, in his book, "The American Conflict").

"Over 3,000 negroes must be included in this number (of Confederate troops). These were clad in all kinds of uniforms, not only in cast-off or captured United States uniforms, but in coats with Southern buttons, State buttons, etc. These were shabby, but not shabbier or seedier than those worn by white men in rebel ranks. Most of the negroes had arms, rifles, muskets, sabres, bowie-knives, dirks, etc. They were supplied, in many instances, with knapsacks, haversacks, canteens, etc., and were manifestly an integral portion of the Southern Confederacy Army. They were seen riding on horses and mules, driving wagons, riding on caissons, in ambulances, with the staff of Generals, and promiscuously mixed up with all the rebel horde" (report by Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, chief inspector of the U.S. Sanitary Commission).

In April 1861, a Petersburg, Virginia, newspaper proposed "three cheers for the patriotic free Negroes of Lynchburg" after 70 blacks offered "to act in whatever capacity" had been "assigned to them" in defense of Virginia.

Those are but a few examples of the important role that blacks served as soldiers, freemen and slaves on the side of the Confederacy. The flap over the Confederate flag is not quite so simple as the nation's race "experts" make it. They want us to believe the flag is a symbol of racism. Yes, racists have used the Confederate flag as their symbol, but racists have also marched behind the U.S. flag and have used the Bible. Would anyone suggest banning the U.S. flag from state buildings and references to the Bible?

Black civil rights activists, their white liberal supporters and historically ignorant Americans who attack the Confederate flag have committed a deep, despicable dishonor to our patriotic Southern black ancestors who marched, fought and died not to protect slavery but to protect their homeland from Northern aggression. They don't deserve the dishonor. Dr. Leonard Haynes, a black professor at Southern University, stated, "When you eliminate the black Confederate soldier, you've eliminated the history of the South."

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MORE LIGHT - LESS NOISE

"...the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of CHRIST, who is the image of GOD, should shine unto them."

- 2 Corinthians 4:4

On a camping trip many years ago a man walked in the woods and was suddenly caught in a bad storm. It was pitch dark, and the only light he had was from the flashes of lightning which were followed by deafening thunder. Trying to find his way back to his tent, he silently prayed, "LORD, if it will be all right with you, please give me more light and less noise."

That is a good comparison to a Christian making their way through this world. In 2 Corinthians 4:4, the phrase "god of this world" indicates that Satan is the major influence on the ideals, opinions, goals, hopes and views of the majority of people. His influence



encompasses the world's philosophies, education, and commerce. The thoughts, ideas, speculations and false religions of the world are under his control and have sprung from his lies and deceptions.

"More light and less noise" should be the standard prayer of believers as they journey through this world. There is probably no better place for Satan to ambush believers than in the dark, stormy woods of religious controversy. Arising arguments often

generate more noise and less light. "Mankind is made in the image of GOD (Genesis 1:27) but with a great capacity for variety. Each person has an individuality that they can develop for the glory of GOD. This means that people – even Christian people - will differ in their likes and dislikes; in their tastes and interests; in their personalities, and everything ... GOD did not design us to be a herd of cattle or flock of sheep." (Glenn Pease)

Being different is a great blessing, for sure, but it can lead to conflicting opinions. Some folks think everyone should be just like them, while others have a more "live and let live" attitude. Differences are impossible to escape, and unless people learn to accept them, they simply cannot live in association with each other.

"There is an old story of the three monks who lived in the woods and seldom spoke. One day a knight came riding through the woods past them. Six months later one monk said, 'That was a beautiful black horse that knight was riding.' Six months after that another monk said, 'That was no black horse, it was white.' Months after that the third monk headed for the door with his belongings in a bag, saying, 'If you two are going to argue, I'm getting out of here.'" (Glenn Pease)

Like these monks, some people have such a dislike for disagreement they go through life alone. A marriage, for example, cannot be a happy one without acceptance. Differences between two people, who love each other, are so common that it is a mystery why anyone would ever expect everyone to have the exact same views within the BODY OF CHRIST. There is no organization on earth that includes a greater variety of people than the church. This means acceptance of differences is a must for Christians.

No one is wise but GOD and only HE is totally good. This makes it foolish for the Christian to expect a unity of belief or action from people who are both ignorant and sinful when compared to the GOD they seek to be like. Paul said that at best we know in part (I Corinthians 13:9-12), and this means every Christian is ignorant about many things, and imperfect in all ways. Humility and honesty demands that Christians be tolerant of differing views among themselves.

Scriptural doctrine is not to be compromised, but in other matters it is not so simple as who is right and who is wrong. We can be wrong even if we are right if our attitude is wrong. Intolerance is prideful and makes it seem as if we have reached perfection - which we know we have not. Even if we were perfect, and we reject those who are not like us, we are not being CHRIST-like at all. This means that if we cannot accept those who have different opinions than ours, we are worldly. In fact, Christians who are interested in only those who agree with them are practicing worldliness at its worst, because they have not surrendered the inner man where CHRIST alone is to reign as LORD.

What we are really talking about is Christian liberty and the strong Christian has a lot of Biblical freedom as long as sound doctrine is maintained. We are to love and not despise even those believers who seem to obstruct our Christian independence. We can eat pork and love it even if a Jewish person gets squeamish at the very thought. We can eat it on Friday too, even if it makes a Catholic nervous. People are at liberty to eat as they please without feeling obligated to any law. In Romans 14:2 Paul actually says that the "weak" Christian eats only vegetables, yet, Paul was so sensitive about being an obstacle to other believers that he was open to giving up eating meat, too. That sounds like a noble sacrifice, and it is, but it is no virtue to be fussy about something when GOD is not.

When Martin Luther was a Catholic priest, he wrote, "Nobody cares whether perjury, lies, or slander are committed, even on holidays. But if somebody eats meat or eggs on the sixth day of the week people are stunned. Luther was among the strong believers of his day, but he feared that in his strength he would despise those who were weak. It is natural for the strong to do so, but the Christian is not to live as a natural man (I Corinthians 2:14).

To give up something that GOD does not forbid is to add laws to our life which hinder our liberty in CHRIST. People who do this may have a weakness in their faith, and depend upon the law as a crutch. It is easier to live under law than under grace. Freedom and liberty in CHRIST demand a great deal of soul searching and mature decision making. The person who depends upon laws to regulate their life has their mind made up by rules that simply must be followed. The weak feel they have Scripture (Exodus 34:15) on their side, and may feel that GOD's "lesser children" do not deserve to be in HIS family. Paul fought this evil. "Weak is the man who allows himself to be pushed into a position from which he judges others." (Karl Barth) Paul warned us to leave judgment to GOD. We should "give those who differ with us the same degree of sincerity that we claim for ourselves." (Walter Van Kirk).

"Paul was the Apostle of liberty, (II Corinthians 3:17) but he did not want his life to be bound up by other people's superstitions and hang ups (I Corinthians 10:29). He knew he was right, but Paul always placed the love for souls above his right to personal liberty. The mind of CHRIST (Philippians 2:5), which we seek to have, always distinguishes between the sinner and the sin. A Christian may despise the position of a weak believer, but not the person holding it; otherwise, they lose the advantage of their own liberty. We must love all of them in CHRIST. Jwd 3/31/19

"Look up to few men - look down on none"

COLD, COLD GROUND

(Sgt. MacKenzie)

Lay me down in the cold, cold ground

Where before many more have gone

Lay me down in the cold, cold ground

Where before many more have gone

When they come I will stand my ground

Stand my ground I'll not be afraid

Thoughts of home take away my fear

Sweat and blood hide my veil of tears

Once a year say a prayer for me

Close your eyes and remember me

Never more shall I see the sun

For I fell to a Yankee's gun.

Lay me down in the cold, cold ground

Where before many more have gone

Lay me down in the cold, cold ground

Where before many more have gone

Where before many more have gone

In memory of Sgt. Charles Stuart MacKenzie, Seaforth Highlanders, who along with many others gave up his life so that we can live free. We will remember them...

From: Captain Hardy B. Smith SCV Camp #104

Dear Compatriots: You are invited to the Captain Hardy Smith Camp's Confederate Memorial Day celebration this year on April 26, 2019. This will be our 3rd annual event. After our celebration last year the Mayor of Dublin and the local NAACP made the following comments:

NAACP head of Dublin and Laurens County

"The NAACP believes the Confederate Flag stands for fear, intimidation, bad treatment and the majority of the city was offended." We would like the city to denounce this type of behavior"

The Mayor of Dublin, Phil Best

"Anything we can do to prevent it from happening we want to try and do." "I don't like it and don't condone it."

Our plan this year is to hold an open house at the Captain Hardy Smith House from 12 noon to 5 o'clock. There will be a festive atmosphere and the celebration of this special day.

We plan on marching to the monument and placing a wreath at the Dublin Confederate Monument from the Captain Smith home once we have a large crowd. We will then return to the Hardy House for the rest of the day. All attendees are encouraged to bring your Confederate Battle Flag. We will be passing out small Confederate Battle Flags to those that attend the celebration and do not have one.

We are planning on doing radio ads playing Dixie and advertising in the Courier Herald like we did last year. The cost of the event is as follows:

Radio ads for a week before the event \$500, Newspaper ad in CH 1/2 page \$441 and Food est. \$200 for a total of approx. \$1,200.

Please donate to our camp to help cover the cost of our celebration by mailing a check to the address below.

John C. Hall, Jr. CPA, Commander #104

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