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Tennessee Daughters,

As the Christmas holiday draws near, one can only reminisce of memorable Christmases long ago. Christmas in the Southland is a time when our families and our friends socialize to celebrate the holidays. It is a time when our childhood memories surface to bring joy and gladness to our hearts. Most of all, it is a time to reflect back to the first Christmas night when a baby who was born in a stable surrounded by lowly means came to save the world. Christmas is also a time to reflect back on our ancestors who brought all traditions we have at this festive time with them from when they came to the New World.

Looking back through my own childhood, I can remember my Dad entering the living room with the new sawed cedar Christmas tree, I can remember the smells from Mom baking cookies and cakes from the kitchen, I can remember the thrill of arranging the Nativity just right on the living room table, I can remember the special decorations we would hang each year on the outside to greet our friends and our neighbors to the house, I can remember the fun in decorating the tree (except for those horrid icicles Mom would STRONGLY encourage us in placing one at a time on the branches!!) and the cedar smell that would fill the room, I can remember all the presents wrapped and strategically hidden underneath the tree, and I can remember the

fragrances of cedar, pine, holly, and cinnamon along with the aroma of peppermint drifting throughout the house. These treasured customs and traditions which have been handed down to us by our ancestors, had their beginning in our beloved Southland. I would like to share some of the wonderful traditions of a Southern Christmas.

In the South, benne seeds (sesame seeds) are a common ingredient for cookies and candies as well as cocktail biscuits.

“Wes hal” meaning “Be whole!” is a toast for health and good fortune dating back to the Anglo-Saxons. Traditionally garnished with cored, roasted apples, hot, spiced Christmas Wassail is sometimes called “Lambs’ Wood,” for the puffed up, burst apples take on the appearance of fluffy white fleece. The basic Wassail recipe was poetically rendered in seventeenth-century England by Robert Herrick in his *Twelfth Night*.

*Next crowne the bowle full
With gentle Lamb's Wool.
Add sugar, nutmeg, and ginger;
With store of ale too;
And thus ye must doe
To make the Wassail a swinger.*

The “nog” in eggnog is short for “noggin,” a small cup carved from a piece of birch. Tavern keepers used noggin for table service in contrast to the

large tankards reserved for patrons sitting by the fire.

Punch sparkingly bright and cold, or spiced and steamy, is a mainstay of Christmas buffets, but its origin was simple and somewhat lowly. A favorite of seventeenth-century sailing men, punch originally consisted of only tea, water, sugar, lemon, and arrack highly alcoholic Eastern liquor similar to rum in taste and distilled from the fermented juice of coconut palm or from rice and molasses. Rum soon supplanted arrack as the spirit of choice.

Small wonder that roasting chestnuts by an open fire is a favorite Christmas pastime; the rich, soft meat is well worth the small effort involved. Some people serve them with sweet butter and coarsely ground salt as an accompaniment to Glogg, a Swedish Christmas beverage.

Also known as Steig Wellington, Beef Wellington is an Irish recipe which was a favorite of the Duke of Wellington, who was born in Ireland. It makes a splendid old-fashioned dish for a Christmas celebration.

The Southland had the first Christmas tree in 1842. Charles Minnegerode, a German-born teacher at William & Mary College in Williamsburg, asked for permission from his friend Judge Nathaniel Beverly Tucker to prepare a Christmas tree for the Tucker children. The tradition of decorating the tree was born in the South. Southerners made decorations from real fruit, flowers, pine cones, nuts, ribbon, dried apple rings, and paper.

Our Cavalier ancestors brought many Merry Olde customs with them. The Yule Log, Wassail, caroling, stockings by the fireplace, Father Christmas, plum pudding, and of course, many, many thanks to our Celtic ancestors for the Mistletoe.

During the Christmas Season, we should be thankful for the freedom we have, the Christmas

traditions we enjoy, and the many ways God has blessed us. In these days when being a TRUE Southerner is unpopular and politically incorrect, remember your Southern roots and the gallant Confederate soldier who spent his Christmas in the ranks defending our heritage during the four years of the War. And so....

Merry Christmas – Southland
Froehlich Weihnachten – Austria
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Nodlaig Nait Cugat – Ireland

MERRY CHRISTMAS and
MAY GOD BLESS THE SOUTHLAND!

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Officer Reports

1st Vice President – Matilda Speck

Tennessee Division insignia orders are down this year. There has only been 29 engraved and 9 non-engraved insignia orders processed this UDC year. Please encourage your chapter members to order insignia. Chapters are doing a great job using the revised insignia order forms.

Proof is required on many of the pins. Please check the order carefully and attach proof when required. If the proof is not received, this slows down the processing of the insignia order. **Do not** staple proof and insignia orders together. If multiple orders are mailed, please paper clip each order together.

You may purchase a Tennessee Division pin by contacting me at my email below. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Be sure and see the Information for Members section of the State website to view all the awards won by Tennessee Chapters at Convention!

Wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Matilda Speck
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2nd Vice President – Lisa Thomas

I hope everyone is having a wonderful fall. With us deep into the school year, it is time for the seniors and college students to apply for our UDC scholarships. The deadline for the application to be mailed to me is February 15. I have plenty of packets that can be mailed out. Just contact me with the name and address of the applicant and I will get it to them ASAP. I am available for any questions you may have.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Lisa Thomas
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Registrar – Cindy Waters

Dear TN Sisters,

I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration and a blessed Christmas holiday season.

Thanks to all the Tennessee Registrars for all the hard work you do all year long.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cindy R. Waters
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Historian – Dore Dorris

Don't forget that the deadline for new essays is December 31st. Please think about sponsoring one for the 2013-2014 year. As we rush through the holiday, please take a moment to remember those who gave us the right to celebrate Christmas.

Yours in Southern History,

Dore Dorris
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**Recorder of Military Service Awards –
Jeanell Kutterer**

I sincerely thank the individuals and chapters who made the Bestowal Service of Military Service Awards a success. Not only do I want to recognize those who had a large participation, but those of you who greeted the recipients and thanked them for their service.

While at the General Convention in Tulsa, I attended the workshop presented by Jane Hampton, Recorder General. It is her desire to honor World War I patriots although all are deceased. There are only 90 Crosses available and I have only submitted one application for the Tennessee Division. This is important information. If the WWI patriot is a lineal descendant of a Confederate soldier or sailor, the recipient may be either a lineal or collateral relative receiving the Cross. Preferably a daughter, granddaughter, sister, or niece, if there is no other living family.

On October 26, the Franklin Chapter 14, under the guidance of President Cynda Ferguson, hosted the bestowal of a WWII Cross of Military Service at the Williamson County Archives to Richard Thomas Spencer, Jr. UDC members participating in the program were Kathryn Spencer (daughter of the honoree), Kathy Arth (President of the Maryland Division), Linda Fritz (President of the Tennessee Division), and Jeanell Kutterer (Tennessee Division Recorder). Mary Loyd Reneau and Troop #137, Boy Scouts of America provided the flag service and the posting of the colors.

Jeanell Kutterer

Committee Reports

Veterans Administration Volunteer Service – Jeanell Kutterer

I am looking forward to your chapter activities in support of Veterans, the only service or activities you submit to this chairman are those sanctioned by the Veterans Administration. For instance, if you provided a luncheon for WWII Veterans in your area, this activity would be placed on the Patriotic Chairman Report. When donating items or money to the VA, I must have a letter from the facility showing what the chapter donated. I suggest that at the time of your visit to the facility, you make a list with the number and value of the items for the VA and for your records. The VA will respond with a letter of appreciation. Do not wait until May to make the donations as the VA is slow to get their letters out and I need a copy when you submit your report at the end of June.

Jeanell Kutterer
Chairman

Shirley Thompson

Dore Dorris

Phyllis Wilson

Children of the Confederacy

In October, the CofC Convention was held in Knoxville. Danielle Cain, President General, CofC, and Tennessee Division President, wishes to thank the Tennessee Division UDC ladies for their contributions to her President General Project.



Pictured from left to right, Tapanga Satterfield, Tennessee Division CofC Vice President; Dylan Moya, past CofC Tennessee Division President and CofC General Patriotic Activities Chairman; and Danielle Cain, President General, CofC and Tennessee Division President.

Sharon Cain

Chairman

Chapter Reports

Tellico Ironworks 2636

Due to the many requests for the recipe for the cookie served at Convention, here is the recipe for everyone to enjoy:

Convention Cookies

Oven: 375 degrees

1 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp vanilla
3 Tbsp milk
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all purpose flour
1 tsp baking soda
 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp salt
4 cups Old Fashioned oatmeal
1 cup white chocolate chips or chunks

1 cup slivered almonds
1 cup raisins (dried cranberries)

Directions:

In a large bowl, cream shortening and sugars. Add eggs, vanilla, and milk and beat until well blended. Combine flour, salt, and soda well, then mix with shortening mixture. Stir in oats, chips, almonds, and raisins.

Drop by rounded tablespoons full onto ungreased baking sheet. Bake 12-15 minutes. (Do not over bake or they will become hard.) Place cookies on wire rack to cool. (I just put them on wax paper.) Store in tightly closed container. YUM YUM!

Submitted by Sharon Cain

Confederate Gray Chapter 2681

Attending the Tennessee General Convention were six members of the Confederate Gray Chapter. With 19 members, this is nearly 33% of the total membership. As Chapter President, I am proud of these ladies' love and commitment to UDC.

On November 23rd, chapter members braved the cold wind and temperatures to attend the events at the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna. This event was to remember the capture, trial, and execution of Sam Davis, Boy Hero of the Confederacy. This all day event provided living histories, house and museum tours, music and a Civil War relic show. The most outstanding articles on display were on loan from the Tennessee State Museum. So important were the coat and one boot belonging to Davis when he was hung, that a sentry was on duty at all times. A replica of the Sam Davis stained glass window was also on display.

General Forrest Chapter 1194

October 4-6 was the 150th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Collierville in Collierville, TN and General Forrest Chapter was there. Lee Millar, chapter Honorary Associate Member and President of Battle of Collierville

Association, worked tirelessly to put on a perfect reenactment weekend. He was successful! Other General Forrest Chapter members were present both to participate and to enjoy.

The weekend began on Friday with "Civil War School Day" where over 1,000 school children participated in a living history educational day. Students were able to view civilian and military camps in order to learn how people lived during this era. They learned about field hospitals, cannon firing, cavalry, horses, Johnny Reb, Billy Yank, and much more. Saturday included a Ladies' Tea and the weekend highlight...the reenactment of the Battle of Collierville and a Military Ball on Saturday night. The weekend concluded with a church service on Sunday morning. Thanks to all who helped make this annual event a success.



The 117th Tennessee Division Convention was held in Alcoa, TN near Knoxville on October 11-13. General Forrest Chapter was well represented by President Linda Dinwiddie, First Vice President Audrey Rainey, Chapter and TN Division Treasurer Liz Donnelly, and Secretary Betty Lovelace.

The Convention began with a pre-convention tour of Bleak House and Mabry Hazen historical homes in Knoxville. This was followed by a driving tour of Fort Sanders and a visit to Bethel Cemetery, where over 1600 Confederate soldiers are buried. The Convention officially opened on Friday with the Welcome Evening Banquet and the Bestowal of Military Service Awards. On

Saturday, Committee Reports were given by TN Division Committee Chairmen and outstanding chapters received awards for their achievements. On Saturday evening was the President's Banquet, with reports from Chapter Presidents about their chapter's work during the year. This was followed by the Historical Evening where we were shown the film "Its Memory Alone Remains." This moving film referenced the sesquicentennial of the 1863 siege of Knoxville and provided the theme for the 117th Tennessee Division Convention.



Members of General Forrest Chapter traveled to Brice's Crossroads Battlefield in Baldwyn, MS for the Fall Field Trip on Saturday, November 2. Carpooling together were Pam Hayes , Debbie Lewis, Martha Smylie, Sylvia Harris, Linda Dinwiddie, Betty Lovelace, Liz Donnelly, Audrey Rainey, and Helene Armstrong. Prospective member Samantha Sharp and her cousin, Lizzie, joined us. Cynthia Blalock and her daughter, Catherine Blalock, members of the Bedford Forrest UDC Chapter in Hernando, MS also drove and met us in Baldwyn.

Edwina Carpenter, Director of the Brice's Crossroads Visitor Center, greeted the group and explained the history of the Battlefield Park and Visitor Center. We watched a great film about the battle narrated by Shelby Foote, who emphasized the military genius of Gen. N.B. Forrest facing Union Gen. Sturgis and a much larger force of Union troops. After the brutal battle, the Confederates prevailed and the Union army turned and fled back the way they had come

towards Memphis. Amazingly, General Forrest had approximately 3,200 men, while General Sturgis led a force of about 8,500. The Visitor Center Museum has many interesting exhibits and tour members enjoyed discovering all of the historic information and artifacts on display.



We toured the battlefield sites that included the Bethany ARP Church Cemetery with Park Service Monument and original Civil War cannons. At the back of the cemetery is a Confederate soldier section with tombstones identifying the soldiers killed during the battle. We also visited the Tishomingo Creek Bridge where some of the heaviest fighting took place.

Abner Baker Chapter 1404

The Abner Baker Chapter 1404 recently had a grave marker dedication on October 26. We gathered on a cool autumn morning as the sun rose above the ridges and once again, the colors came alive from the tapestry that Our Lord had touched. As we made our way to Hopewell Cemetery my mind wanted back to the day and time they had laid 2nd Lt. Joseph H. Hynds to rest. Joseph was born 24 June on a hot Tennessee day in the year of 1834 to Judge Robert H. Hynds and Mary Jane Walker. Joseph was raised on the family farm where they raised and traded stock. In the Spring of 1857, he married Mary Gentry near Dandridge and they lived there on her family farm.

When the war came, Joseph joined the Col. William Brazelton's Regiment of the Confederate Cavalry and served in Co. K, and as a Lieutenant during the entire war. He traveled to Atlanta for

lectures and returned to his home that was located on the south side of the French Broad River, where he died March 14, 1863 after a brief illness with his throat.

Sammie Hynds Harrison, great-great niece of Joseph, recited a poem she wrote in 1989. "We Walked Today Where Our Grandfather Walked" was the story about her Grandfather as we walked back in time with her and some tears were shed.

Chapter members in attendance at the ceremony were Rhonda C. Turner, Lisa S. Thomas, Sammie Hynds Harrison, Carol W. Carmichael and Darlene M. Hammond. Three generations of the Hynds family were there to attend the ceremony.



Pictured left to right, UDC members Rhonda Turner, Lisa Thomas, Sammie Harrison, Darlene Hammond and Carol Carmichael.



The Vacant Chair and tombstone of Lt. Joseph H. Hynds.

Clark Chapter 13



Clark Chapter 13 members in attendance at the 200th Birthday Event for Trousdale Place were, from left, Shirley Thompson, Nancy Parker, Dr. Frank Jones (portraying President James Madison), Janet Tidwell, Penne Driver, Maria Campbell, Martha Gann, and Andrea Koons. All are members of Chapter 13 except Janet Tidwell, who is a member of Capt. John S. Donelson Chapter and Dr. Frank Jones of the SAR.



Pictured left to right, UDC members Rhonda Turner, Lisa Thomas, Sammie Harrison, Darlene Hammond and Carol Carmichael; back row, unidentified man, Lynn Hammond; Cameron Thomas (kneeling).



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Paris Chapter 2521

The Paris Chapter 2521 of the UDC marked the grave of Confederate veteran, William Henry Haymes, Jr. 1811-1862, 46th Tennessee Infantry, killed at the Battle of Island #10 on the Mississippi at the Springhill Church Cemetery in Henry County.



Paris Chapter 2521 members in attendance at the grave marking of William Henry Haymes, Jr. 46th TN Infantry were, front row from left, Stephanie Tayloe, Susan Pemberton, Donna Cooley, Sandra Pashcall; back row, Janice Routon, Patricia Boals, Joy Bland, Julie Wilson, Lois Conroy.

President Julie Wilson led the dedication service and descendant Stephanie Routon Tayloe read the Chronicle of William H. Haymes, Jr. The

Haymes family sent 5 sons into the Confederate army with only 3 returning home.

Cake and coffee were enjoyed by the chapter members and descendants at the home of Stephanie Tayloe after the service.

Ten Year old Richard Clay Wilson, g-g-g-great-grandson of Haymes, laid the wreath giving a salute and offered the prayer. He is the son of Andy and Jill Routon Wilson. His part in the service was so sincere and touching, bringing tears to the eyes of most listeners. Carrying on the family legacy, Clay is a Boy Scout earning his Family History Badge. In addition, he has helped to raise \$7,000 for starving children in Sierra Leone, Africa through fundraising and selling lemonade. He accepts donations but he saves all the money he receives for his birthday and Christmas and also donates that. It was a joy to hear him speak with such passion about the children he is helping.



Richard Clay Wilson laid the wreath on the grave of his g-g-g-great-grandfather, William Henry Haymes, Jr.

Old Hickory Chapter 747

Old Hickory Chapter 747 celebrated our 10th Anniversary of our re-chartering on Saturday, November 10 with a meeting that included an add a dish, a short memorial to the ladies that have passed, and 10 year awards of appreciation

to re-chartering members. Dena Sullivan, Mary Lu Swift, and Judy Dawson were presented their 10 year pins. Betty Simms was presented a pin for having the longest membership. Mrs. Simms has been a member of the UDC since 1969. We were so happy to have Alice Blake back with us. She is the beautiful smiling lady in the front row in the middle. She will be celebrating her 90th birthday in December. We ended with singing "Dixie."

Old Hickory 747 wishes all our UDC sisters a very Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year! We look forward to the fellowship in 2014.



Old Hickory Chapter 747 members in attendance at the 10th Anniversary of their re-chartering were, front row from left, Dena Sullivan, Alice Blake, Dorothy Jones; middle row, Mary Lu Swift, Betty Simms, Ann Schlemm, Nancy Jo Bishop, Donna Dillard; back row, Massie Rice, Melanie Harvey, Judy Dawson, and Terri Leonard.

Capt. Sally Tompkins Chapter 2123

Education of our children in the correct history of the War Between the States is an important objective of Capt. Sally Tompkins Chapter 2123. One way in which our chapter members achieve this is by assisting with school programs.

On November 15, at BonDeCroft Elementary School in White County, 5th grade students presented a play on the War Between the States. The students researched their characters, wrote essays about them, and then presented them in period costumes. The program was presented to the student body in the morning and then again to parents in the evening.



Pictured with the students are Capt. Sally Tompkins 2123 members Pamela Wood, Betty Ledbetter, Cathy Sullivan, Carolyn Carr, and Matilda Speck. Present but not pictured is Chapter President Donna Hamilton.

Fort Donelson Chapter 1582

The members of the Fort Donelson Chapter 1582 have Christmas ornaments for sale, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter, depicting the UDC emblem in full color surrounded by a frame of brass.

Our emblem is a cotton boll superimposed on a five-point star with one word of the motto (Live, Love, Dare, Think, Pray) inside each of the five points. This design was adopted in 1901 as an inspiration to the Daughters as they strive to achieve our goals.

The ornaments can be purchased from the Chapter for \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. Shipping and handling will be \$3 for the first ornament and \$1 for each additional ornament in the shipment.

Mail orders to:

Nelma Crutcher
407 Blue Road
Dickson, TN 37055

These will make wonderful gifts for your members or for a speaker or guest. All profit from the sales goes to UDC projects.



SAM DAVIS

BOY HERO OF THE CONFEDERACY

27 November 1863 was a dark day for the citizens of Pulaski and Giles County, Tennessee as well as the Confederacy and yes, even the Union Army. This was the vivid recollection of Mrs. Samuel Orr while attending the Tennessee United Daughters of the Confederacy in Nashville, TN in May 1902.

“Never did there rest over a people a darker, heavier gloom that spread over the day. The doors and windows of every house were closed. All hearts sad and all eyes were weeping. Well, I do remember lying down on the bed and covering up my head with a pillow to try to shut out the sound of the fife and drum by which they were marching to the gallows,” Mrs. Orr remembered. “Many of the common soldiers and officers had stigmatized it as a murder. In the afternoon after the execution in the morning, General Sweeney made a visit to Reverend Caldwell of the First Presbyterian Church. He walked the floor with his fist clenched and denounced it in the strongest language saying it ‘was an outrage, an everlasting stigma on the United States.’ He also said ‘you talk about martyrs and heroes, this is the greatest martyr and the grandest hero, the bravest man that ever died.’”

6 October 1842 Samuel Davis was born to Charles Louis Davis and Jane Simmons Davis in Rutherford County, Smyrna, Tennessee. Sam was a student at Western Military Institute in Nashville, when the War Between the States began. At the age of 19, Sam returned home to Rutherford County and joined the Confederate Army, “The Rutherford Rifles”, which soon became Co. I, Tennessee Volunteer Infantry, Army of Tennessee as a private.

By April 1862, Sam had already served under four of the greatest leaders that the War would produce, Generals Albert Sidney Johnston, P.G.T. Beauregard, Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson, and Robert E. Lee. He was

making his mark in the Confederate Army as a great soldier. Because of his reputation he selected to be a member of an elite, close knit group of men known as “Coleman Scouts.” This group of men would operate behind enemy lines, as we know the Yankee lines, gathering vital information for Braxton Bragg’s Army. There was one time that Sam was in Federal-occupied Nashville, where he was seated in the dining room of the St. Cloud Hotel at the same table as Federal General William S. Rosecrans. Sam was listening to the plans of the Yankee General. There were many times that the Coleman Scouts proudly wore their Confederate gray trousers and butternut jackets behind Yankee lines, which made their presence even more dangerous.

In November of 1863, Sam made his way home to Smyrna, which was Yankee occupied territory. While he was home, his mother gave him an old U.S. Army overcoat that she had dyed with walnut hulls. This was the coat that Sam was wearing when he was captured. After taking a peek at the children sleeping, Sam rode away from his family and home for the last time.

He left Smyrna and went to Nashville, then south where he met up with Coleman. They decided that each would go south to North Alabama and then head east toward the Confederate lines at Chattanooga, TN where they would give the information they had to General Bragg. It was at this meeting that Coleman, who was really Capt. Henry Shaw, gave Sam the papers for General Bragg which was to cost him his life within little more than a week.

TO BE CONTINUED



2014 District Meetings

- 15 March East District
Green Meadows
Country Club
Maryville, TN
- 22 March Middle District
Smyrna Town Center
Smyrna, TN
- 29 March West District
Location TBD