

THE HOWLING DAWG

AUGUST 2016



... *Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?* - Numbers 32:6

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

A FIGHT AT TOBESOFKEE CREEK



Colonel Minty's Federal Cavalry

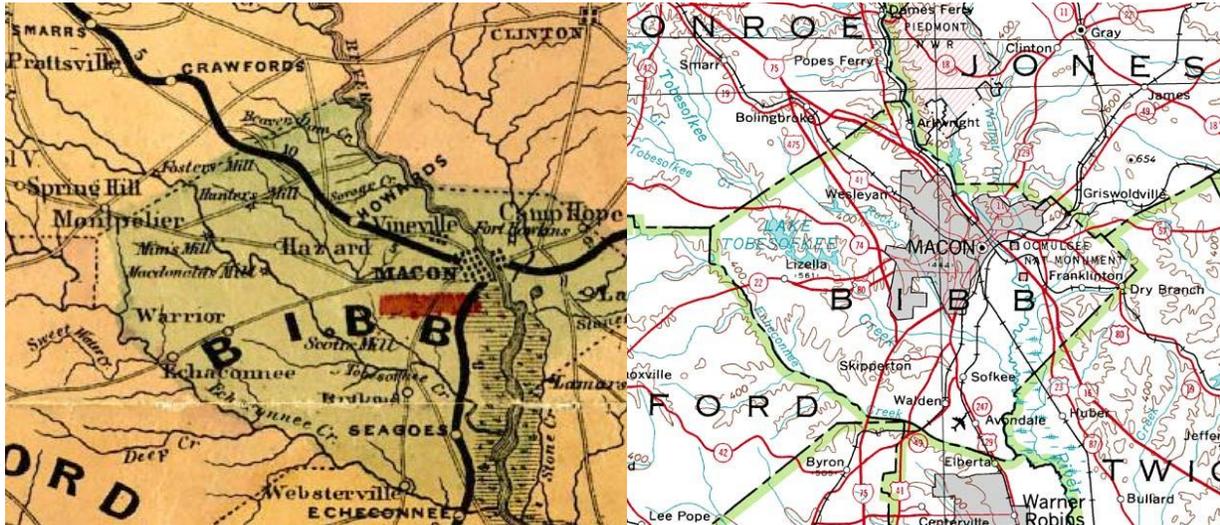
Tobesofkee Creek is a little stream, about sixty miles long which rises in the central part of Lamar County, near Barnesville, Georgia, travels into Monroe County; flows southeast into Bibb County and finally empties into the Ocmulgee River a few miles below Macon.

When the War started, Union soldier John T. Wilder was determined to form his own artillery battery, so he cast two cannons in his foundry. However, his application was turned down because the state of Indiana had already met its quota of artillery batteries. Undaunted, Wilder joined the 17th Indiana Infantry as a captain and was quickly appointed

lieutenant colonel. As an infantry unit, the 17th Indiana constantly skirmished with Confederate cavalry. One day, frustrated because there was not enough Union cavalry to protect the infantry, Wilder ordered his men to mount the mules used to pull the regiment's supply wagons. The mules were not used to being ridden and did not take kindly to the foot soldiers' attempts to ride them. As fast as the men mounted the mules, they were thrown off, much to the amusement of the men from other units who had gathered to watch. Wilder, however, was convinced that his men should be mounted, and he requested permission to do so. On February 12, 1863, permission was granted.

General James Wilson's 13,480 man cavalry raid across Alabama and into Georgia was well under way during March and April of 1865. Forrest's Confederate cavalry simply could not stem this large and sweeping tide and had to pull away from the onslaught after the heavy casualties at Selma. As Wilson moved into Columbus, Georgia, General Lee had already surrendered, Lincoln had been assassinated and Jeff Davis had escaped Richmond. Wilson's advance under Colonel Robert Minty was ordered to move through Thomaston and on to Macon. As part of this vanguard, Lt. Colonel Frank White's cavalry was moving toward Macon on April 20th, 1865 and the mounted 17th Indiana was among them. He recalled:

Comparing an 1864 map (left) to a current one it appears that Mimm's Mill is now in Lake Tobesofkee



"We rested near Spring Hill about an hour and then moved on. Near Montpelier Springs we, again, met the enemy, and charged up to and through a strong barricade of rails and brush across the road. Driving them from it, we captured about a dozen men, three officers and a few horses. Resting a minute, we again moved forward at a fast trot, in order to be in time to save the bridge over the Tobesofkee Creek at Mimms' Mills. Here we found the enemy in line about three hundred strong, and attacked them. Our advance charged the burning bridge until stopped by the planking being torn up; then dismounted, the two advance companies, E and H, double-quickd across the bridge. After a sharp fight of about five minutes we drove the enemy off. In the mean time parts of the other companies were at work extinguishing the fire on the bridge; the men carrying the water in their hats, caps, and everything else available. As we drove the enemy from the bridge two companies were sent across a ford below the bridge (I and G) to pursue the enemy with the dismounted men. The road after crossing the bridge makes a bend, and the enemy had to retreat around this bend, whilst our dismounted men double-quickd across the bend had the enemy under fire for about two hundred yards, and took good advantage of it, firing very

rapidly, demoralizing the enemy, causing them to throw away guns (over one hundred), blankets, haversacks, &c., and fly as for their lives. The fire on the bridge was sufficiently suppressed in about fifteen minutes to admit horsemen crossing, and, leaving men still at work against the flames, the command crossed and pushed on. About two miles from the bridge, and about thirteen from Macon, I was met by a flag of truce under the rebel Brigadier-General Robertson. The force we were pursuing passed the flag of truce and thus saved themselves. I sent word to Colonel Minty, commanding Second division, and awaited orders. The flag of truce detained us about half an hour. I then received orders from Colonel Minty to give them five minutes to get out of the way, and then to drive everything before me, and save the bridge over at Bailey's Mill. I placed Adjutant W.



E. Doyle in charge of the advance guard of fifteen men, giving him instructions and sending him forward at a trot, supporting him closely with the regiment. After going about two miles he came in sight of the flag of truce party covering the rear of a force of about two hundred and fifty men; said to be Blount's battalion. They were moving slowly, and evidently trying to delay us. Seeing this, we charged them, causing the flag of truce to run into the woods, capturing three of the officers that were with it, and driving the rebel cavalry along the road. They kept up a continual fire on us for some time. On getting in sight of the Rocky Creek bridge the

The Route of Wilson's 1865 Raid

enemy were discovered attempting to fire it. The advance drove them off, however, and pursued tearing down a few of the palisades as they passed through and rode up to near the rebel works. Major Weiler and Adjutant Doyle rode up on the works and demanded their surrender, telling them that we had two divisions of our cavalry in their rear. The Rebel Colonel, commanding, not being present, the men believed they were cut off; subordinate officers surrendered their commands, and the soldiery threw down their arms, and as directed marched down to the road. Colonel Cummins, who commanded these forces (one brigade) came down with about five hundred men and surrendered to me. I left two companies (G and I) in charge of prisoners, and moved on towards town with the other companies. At the edge of town I was met by some officers with a flag of truce from General Cobb, asking what terms I would give him if he surrendered the city and forces. My answer was — unconditional surrender, and gave the flag five minutes to get out of my way. After passing into the town the distance of four or five squares, another flag of truce met me stating that General Cobb submitted to my terms, surrendering the city and everything in it. I marched into town and up to General Cobb's headquarters, thus taking formal possession of the city. I placed patrols on duty at once, and camped the regiment on the Court-house square and adjoining street. We captured, in the city and in the works, Major-General Howell Cobb, Brigadier-General Gus Smith, Brigadier-General Mackall, and Brigadier-General Mercer, 3,000 prisoners, among whom were 300 officers below Brigadier General, 5 stands of colors, 60 pieces of artillery, and 3,000 arms."



THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

(2218) of Old Clinton, Jones County, GA held our August 2016 meeting on Thursday, the 18th. We gathered at our usual meeting place of Chevy's Pizza on the Gray Hwy. to eat at 6pm and around 7pm, our guest, newly-elected GA Division SCV Commander, Scott Gilbert spoke and then opened the floor to forthright questions concerning his administration.



Cmdr. Scott Gilbert

Our September 15th program will be a special musical presentation by Brenda Dobson and daughters. For our October 20th meeting we welcome the return of Georgia Division Historian Mark Pollard. On November 19th we meet off site with Right Wing Commander Lt. Col. Steve Walczak, of the Georgia Volunteer Battalion delivering the address at the annual Griswoldville Battlefield Commemoration.

Since we do not assemble in December, our guest speaker openings for Camp 2218 meeting programs in 2016 have all been booked. We are both pleased and proud to announce that Past SCV Camp 1399 Commander, former Georgia Volunteer Battalion Commander and legendary 16th Georgia commander, Steve Smith of Byron, Georgia will be our keynote speaker at our annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on Thursday, January 19th, 2017. Georgia Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim plans to be with us in February of 2017. March 2017 brings us a long-time friend from the Putnam County Camp, Hank Segars who will speak on the topic of "The Civil War in Popular Culture". To schedule meeting programs for 2017, contact Adjutant Wayne Dobson to apply.

GREAT NEWS !!! We no longer have to have a direct relative apply for a marker with the VA. Effective April 1, 2016 - per paragraph 38.600(a)(1)(vi) . . . which allows for "any individual" to apply for a headstone or marker for veterans whose service ended prior to April 6, 1917, or for an individual whose eligibility is based on such service." Here is a link to the VA decision: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-03-02/pdf/2016-04553.pdf> (Kim M. Beck)



Damage (left) to the Confederate Memorial in Milledgeville caused by car accident.

BRUNSWICK, Ga. – Police near Brunswick, GA are investigating the thefts of 70 Confederate flags from the graves of soldiers James Carter said his local Sons of Confederate Veterans group placed the flags in Oak Grove cemetery in April for Confederate Memorial Day, an official holiday in Georgia and other southern states. The flags were reported missing on August 18.

The VA now plans to "amend our policy to make clear that Confederate flags will not be displayed from any permanently fixed flagpole in a national cemetery at any time."

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals 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." Lt.Gen. Stephen D. Lee, Cmdr Gen., United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, April 25, 1906



*I have been through the valley of weeping, The valley of sorrow and pain;
But the 'God of all comfort' was with me, At hand to uphold and sustain...*

- Mrs. Chas. E. Cowen

Lillian Pollock Ragan - June 13, 1925 - July 29, 2016 Macon, GA- Lillian Pollock Ragan, 91, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. A Celebration of her life was held on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.



in the Chapel of Macon Memorial Park Funeral Home. Burial followed in Macon Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Chip Strickland officiating. The family will greet friends from 10:00 a.m. to service time at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations were requested to be given to Hospice Care Options, 486 New St., Macon GA 31201, Al Sihah Shrine Children's Hospital, c/o Al Sihah Shrine Temple, 222 Mecca Drive, Macon GA 31205 or the donor's favorite charity. Mrs. Ragan was born in Hawkinsville, GA to the late James A. and Susie Elifair Pollock. She was the wife of the late William Charles "Charlie" Ragan and mother of deceased Nancy Ragan Whitten. She was a member of Riverside United Methodist Church. Lillian was past queen of the Daughters of the Nile, and a member of the Shrine sewing club where she made many things for the Shrine Children's Hospital. She was a member of the Macon Motor Boat Club, she was active in the Cherry Blossom Festival as a tour guide for many years. Lillian and Charlie were great entertainers at the Ragan's Park Reunion that they held for a decade. Lillian worked with Charlie and Ronnie at the Macon Coliseum for many years. She is survived by her son, Ronnie Ragan, granddaughter, **Dixie (Lee) Curtis** and grandson, Chuck (Angela) Ragan, great grandchildren, **Whittney Butler, Will Butler, Coby Cromer, and Ragan Curtis**, her sister, Grace Reeves and special niece, Carol Reeves-Bowers.

Edward Eugene Lusk - [Ed or Eddie, as he was known by his family and boyhood friends]



(November 1, 1933 - August 5, 2016) Warner Robins, GA, 82, was born in Birmingham, Alabama and graduated from Fairfield High School in 1951. He attended the University of Alabama before joining the United States Air Force. Mr. Lusk served his country with distinction, flying all around the world on C-141s and was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was a Mason and a member of the Middle Georgia Model Railroad Club, Master Gardeners of Central Georgia, and Second Baptist Church in Warner Robins, Georgia. Mr. Lusk was also a past executive board member of Warner Robins High School Touchdown Club. Ed was preceded in death by his son, Edward Eugene Lusk, Jr. of Marietta; his

parents, Harry and Lucille Lusk of Birmingham, Alabama; and brother, Donald D. Lusk of Birmingham. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, **Joanne Hughes Lusk** and their daughter, **Alline Lusk Kent** (Ronnie), both of Warner Robins; daughter-in-law, Lisa Lusk of Marietta; grandchildren, Ronnie and **Scotty Kent**, both of Warner Robins, and Jamie, Zachary and Mary Helen Lusk, all of Marietta; and sister, Faye Lusk Manasco of Hoover, Alabama. Graveside services were held on Monday, August 8th at 11:00 a.m. CST in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham. Friends were received in the chapel of the cemetery one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the scholarship fund at Tyrian Lodge 111 F&AM, P.O. Box 8217, Warner Robins, GA 31095.



Rachel G. Comer Rachel G. Comer February 01, 1945 - August 11, 2016 Gray, GA- Rachel Anna Gordon Comer departed this life on August 11, 2016. A private burial was held at Plentitude Baptist Church in Gray, Georgia. She is preceded in death by her son Benny Josey, parents, John Thomas Gordon and Fannie Mae Mercer Gordon and by brothers Russell Gordon and Walter Gordon. Mrs. Comer is survived by her husband: Melvin Comer; her Children: Brian (Dianne) Josey, Thomas (Rita) Comer, and **Beth (Earl) Colvin**, all of Gray, GA; grandchildren: Josh and David Josey, Heather Comer (Joey Tant), Brandon (Cayla) Comer, **Amy (Eric) Thompson, Amber (Mark) Roberts; and great-grandchildren: Jacob**

and Jaden Thompson and Charli Grace Comer. She is also survived by her siblings and their families: Tommy (Rachel) Gordon, Virginia (James) Tapley, Dolly (Bill) Elmore, Connie (Walter) Wooten and Vickie Tribble. In Lieu of flowers donation can be made to Plentitude Baptist Church at 145 Plentitude Church Rd, Gray, GA 31032. Arrangements by Bridges Funeral Home in Gray.

"An Affectionate Farewell & Grateful Remembrance " - R.E. Lee
Pvt. Ervin Garnto, 16th GA, Co., G – "The Jackson Rifles"

"(We) sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14



Funeral services for Mr. William Ervin Garnto, who passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at age 73, were held at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, August 21, 2016 at the Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel. Rev. L.T. Logue, Rev. Karl Senn and Rev. James Covington officiated. Interment followed at Poplar Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery. Ervin Garnto was born January 28, 1943 in Adrian, Georgia and preceded in death by his parents, the late William "Bill" Garnto and Oreta Knight Garnto. He was a member of Safe Harbor Worship Center, Laurens County

Sportsman Club, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #1688, 16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry, and the Southern Gun Slingers. He was retired as a truck driver. Ervin is survived by his wife, **Barbara** Fountain Garnto of Adrian, two daughters, **Robin** Williams of Dublin, and **Tina** (Chris) Bracewell of Rentz, a brother, Homer (Glenda) Garnto of Adrian, four grandchildren, Tori (Ethan) Scott, Kristina (Blake) Register, Josh Williams, and Zach Bracewell, and one great-grandchild, Maeleigh Register. The family received friends from 1:00 P.M. until 2:45 P.M. Sunday, August 21, 2016 at the funeral home. Pallbearers were Nathan Garnto, Chuck Brown, Tedford Bland, Garland Donaldson, Delton Lampp and Stanley Wilkes. Honorary Escorts will include Lee Frazier, Tom Herbert, Gene Green, Ricky Fountain, George Kea, Jay Mack, Mark Coursey and James Garnto. Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel was in charge of funeral arrangements.

"Mr. Ervin was a long-time member of the 16th GA Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles", and as they used to say back then, "he was as good a man as ever tore a cartridge." Probably a decade ago, he and his wife, Barbara, initiated what they called "Old Soldier's Day" which was held annually at his home in Scott, GA, on the Memorial Day weekend. This day and time was set aside to honor the re-enactor, SCV, UDC and other friends we had served with and who had passed on. Our list of the deceased was well over 100. The attendees were largely the same devoted Confederates who honored him as he was laid to rest, namely (SCV Camps 1399, 2218, 1998, 1688 & 932) Ervin Garnto's 16th GA is a special "family" group. There is a bond of unity there that you find in few other organizations. Ervin was one of us, a beloved and treasured brother, who always greeted us warmly in good times and bad times with his trademark smile. It was our honor to know and serve with him. He was a true son of the South, constantly devoted to his family, his homeland and his God until his last day. He served and did his duty well. We loved him so much and he loved us. We WILL meet again.

- John Wayne Dobson, Adjutant

*Barbara Garnto can be contacted at: 59 Dogwood Circle Adrian, GA 31002/478-668-4115
478- 290-6946 or bjgarnto@hotmail.com*



Pvt. Ervin Garnto, 16th GA, Co., G – “The Jackson Rifles” (concluded from page 6)



“ Dear Wayne, Please give Ervin's family the most sincere condolences from the Edgerton family. God bless you ALL ! Your brother, HK”

OUR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 3 – CANNONBALL HOUSE BLOGGING CLASS 9-11:30am – **Reservations \$25**
SEPTEMBER 9-11 – TUNNEL HILL (GA)
SEPTEMBER 15 – SCV CAMP 2218 MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17-18 – HURRICANE SHOALS (Rev. Joey Young @ 678-978-7213)
OCTOBER 1-2 – ANDERSONVILLE (Lee Murdock @ 478-986-5290)
OCTOBER 7-9 – BATTLE OF PERRYVILLE, KY – **REGISTRATION \$20 BY 9/22**
OCTOBER 15 – FEDERAL ARMY @ JARRELL PLANTATION (Wayne Dobson 478-731-5531)
OCTOBER 20 – SCV CAMP 2218 MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 4-6 – IRWINVILLE (Lee Murdock @ 478-986-5290)
NOVEMBER 11-13 – NASH FARM – HAMPTON, GA
NOVEMBER 19 – GRISWOLDVILLE COMMEMORATION (2218 MONTHLY MEETING)
DECEMBER – NO SCV CAMP 2218 MONTHLY MEETING

THE 16TH GEORGIA, CO. G – “The Jackson Rifles”

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2nd Corp. Brick Lee Nelson - 478-986-1151
3rd Corp. Avery Allen - 478-662-3732
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Musician - Aaron Bradford – 302-668-8029
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ON FACEBOOK: "JACKSON RIFLES". And @ scv2218.com, thanks to Al McGalliard.

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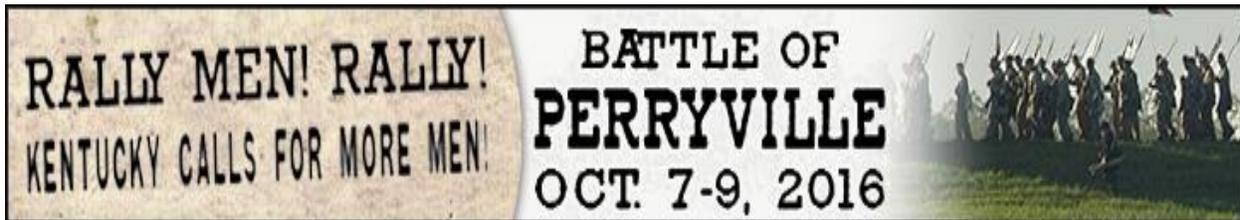
WELCOMING HEIDI

"...children are an heritage of the Lord..." Psalm 127:3

Heidi Ruth Young, 6lbs., 5 oz. was born on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 12:57pm, to Reverend Joey and Sister Amanda Young.

Note: As this newsletter was released, we understand that little Heidi is now home with her family.

"Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow..."



REGISTRATION DEADLINE 9/22/16 \$20 PER PERSON

www.perryvillebattlefield.org

"We will register as the Ga. Volunteer Battalion and camp military..." – 1st Lt. Noah Sprague – 16th GA, Co. G

PRAYER ~~CHANGES~~ THINGS

ME



Rev. Joey and Amanda Young and Heidi
 Tommy and Elaine Wallace
 Dixie's family
 Earl & Beth's family
 The Lusk family
 Roy and Dana Myers
 Mrs. & Mrs. Herbert Burns
 Barbara Garnto and family
 James "Bo" Hall & family
 Perry Harrelson
 Ben Jones
 Chris and Shelby Faulkner
 Ethan and Crystal



Richard Durham
 Charles and Marie Hill
 Judi Powers
 Edna Fowler
 Paul Jerram

U.S.A. & Israel
 Law Enforcement Officers
 Paramedics & Firefighters
 Our political leaders, judges & voters
 Me & You ... And let me know of others

(For privacy, in some cases, I do not publish the details of these requests but will share them if you contact me.)

"My mother, Carolyn Hall, passed away August 21st at 10:47pm with her children by her side. She is now able to dance across the stars with Dad... After the first heart attack on Aug. 6th, she was holding her hand in the air in the ICU room. She later told us that she was dreaming Dad was standing in his Uniform holding out his hand asking her to dance. Mom and Dad had been married 55 years when he passed in 2012. Dad was a paraplegic for 48 of those years. May they now dance forever. Please pray for our family, that God will bring us strength, comfort, and peace."

Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Warner Robins had charge of arrangements for Carolyn R. Hall (January 9, 1941 - August 21, 2016) of Warner Robins, GA. She was 75. Services were held on Saturday, August 27, 2016, 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Father Fred Nijem will officiating, and burial followed in Magnolia Park Cemetery. Mrs. Hall was born on January 9, 1941 in Fulton County, GA, to the late Randall and Vesta Carnes. A Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she volunteered as a Librarian at the school for 25 years. Carolyn was a former President of the ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus as well as a former President of the Elks Auxiliary. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt who will be greatly missed by all. She is preceded in death by her husband, James H. Hall Sr. She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Domingue, Kansas; Victoria "Kitty" (Mark) Stolle, Forsyth; one son, James (Sonya) Hall Jr., Warner Robins; nine grandchildren, Ashley, Tanya, Ronnie, Alicia, Christopher, Morgan, Mariel, Jimmy, Adrian; one great grandchild, Evan; several nieces and nephews.

James (Bo) H Hall, Jr.

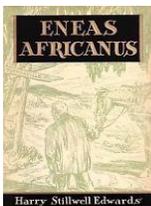
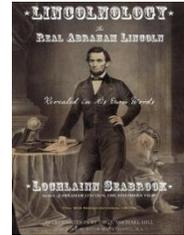
Capt. I.H.Q. Mechanized Cavalry Chief Webmaster/Communications Officer Georgia Division Mechanized Cavalry #1786 / Adjutant James T. Woodward camp # 1399 SCV

"Dear Wayne: Sorry to hear the news from Compatriot Hall. Please give him my personal condolences if you talk to him in person. I will email him as well. I am copying our Division Chaplain, Jack Wray of Savannah, and our Deputy Chaplain John Maxey of Conyers. I know you needed their info, and please know that they are both fine men and stand at your service in this time of need for both families. Sincerely, Cmdr. Scott Gilbert, GA Div SCV

A FEW GOOD BOOKS

LINCOLNOLOGY: The Real Abraham Lincoln in His Own Words – by *Lochlainn Seabrook*

There are two Abraham Lincolns: Lincoln the political celebrity, whose image has been carefully crafted by Lincoln scholars, biographers, and mythographers, and the true Lincoln, whose actual words are almost completely unknown to the general public. Why are they not known? Because they have been concealed, ignored, or destroyed. Lincoln's business associates, family members, and personal friends, for example, intentionally burned many of his writings. What is it that Lincoln devotees are so afraid of, and why have they been so careful to bury all traces of the real man? The reason is simple. Exposing the hidden but authentic Lincoln would uncover both his felonious behavior and the illegalities of his war on the South in 1861. In this 1,050-page work, Seabrook seeks to replace these pages torn from our American history books.



ENEAS AFRICANUS - Perhaps the most popular story in United States' history. Published by *Harry Stillwell Edwards* (1855-1938) in 1919, this tract's claimed astronomical sales are indicative of the story's enormous popularity. At least 45 editions were published between 1920-2007; they include one Spanish translation (New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1920) and a Canadian edition (Toronto: McClellan & Stewart, 1937). Edwards' story is one of a faithful slave who searches for his old master for years during the Reconstruction period, uninterested in freedom and concerned only to serve his master.

HERBAL MEDICINES OF THE CIVIL WAR – by *Jim Long* - Civil War doctors were not all surgeons. Many were local country doctors and folk healers who were brought into the war to help with the wounded. Herbs and plants played an enormous part in medicine of the 1800s and this is a look at the plants that were used for healing the sick and wounded. You will find a listing of medicinal plants used during the Civil War, along with terms and information related to treatments. This is a valuable reference for anyone interested in historical plant medicines.



TIME LINE OF ADVANCES IN MEDICINE

1831 - Chloroform Introduced

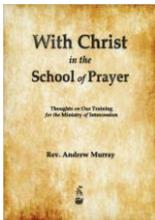
1832 - Quinine Introduced

1842 - Ether first used but not generally used until near the end of the War

1845 - Band aids invented but not generally used until after the War

1854 - 1st local anesthetic administered with the hypodermic needle

During the War 690,00 soldiers died. 160,000 died on the battlefield, 60,000 died later of wounds. 40,000 died of accidents, and 425,000m died of illness and disease. To deal with this were only 3,000 Confederate and 11,000 Union doctors. [Source: Herbal Medicines of the Civil War by Jim Long](#)



WITH CHRIST IN THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER – by *Rev. Andrew Murray* –

This comes highly recommended by Amanda Young (Rev. Joey Young) Includes chapters: Thoughts on Our Training for the Ministry of Intercession, ' to Include: Lord, Teach Us to Pray - In Spirit & Truth - Pray To Thy Father, Which Is In Secret - After This Manner Pray - Ask, & It Shall be Given You - How Much More? - How Much More the Holy Spirit - Because of His Importunity - Pray the Lord of the Harvest - What Wilt Thou? ... and many others.



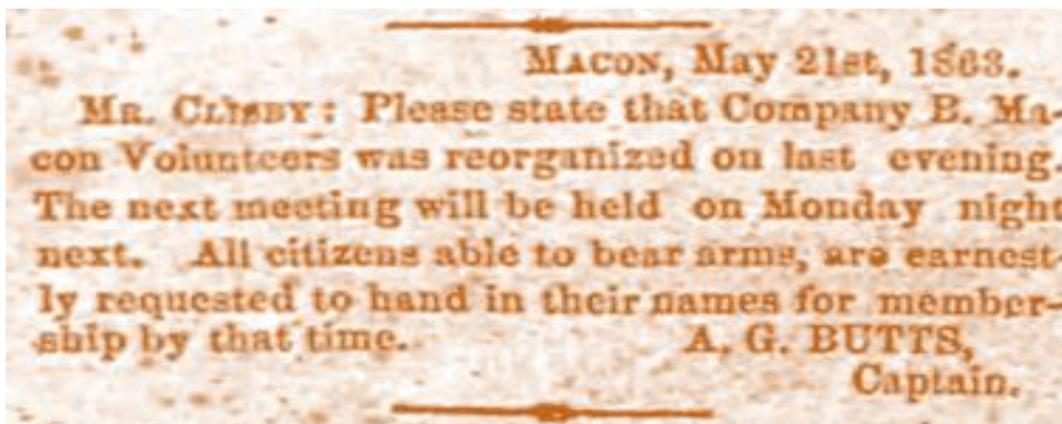
THE "New" ROBERT E. LEE "Natural" MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Our roving reporter, 2nd Sgt. Nathan Sprague, discovered that a new addition now embellishes the vicinity where we enjoyed our 2016 Summer Drill. I hear tell that Richmond has copied the idea and there is apparently one near Mayberry, North Carolina, too, because Brisco Darley, once giving Sheriff Andy Taylor directions to his mountain home, explained, "*It gets kinda rough after you cross the Robert E. Lee Natural Bridge.*" Andy said he didn't recall ever hearing of such a bridge. Brisco replied "it's where a tree fell across the creek."

ENDANGERED ARTIFACTS

The Virginia Association of Museums has released its annual nominations list for the top 20 endangered artifacts from large and small museums across the state. Voting by the public will narrow it to 10. The goal of the annual popularity contest is to bring the public's attention to 20 historic artifacts in need of conservation and help the sometimes obscure museums that own them raise funds to protect them. Through Aug. 31, the public is invited to vote for the artifacts most deserving of conservation and to help fund that work by contributing to the individual museums. On Sept. 27, the museum association will name the top 10 honorees based on the number of votes cast for each artifact and input from an independent review panel of collections and conservation experts.

Three of the 20 artifacts include a three-piece wool sack suit — coat, vest and trousers — that once belonged to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee and is now owned by Washington & Lee University in Lexington. The suit is in poor condition with hundreds of moth holes and several large damaged areas.



Macon Daily Telegraph, May 22, 1863-pg. 2

150 Years Ago

August 5, 1866: In Missouri, Union General Frank Blair Jr., who helped Grant win the siege of Vicksburg and commanded a Corps in Sherman's Atlanta Campaign, the March to the Sea, and the invasion of the Carolinas speaks today, supporting the President's Reconstruction policies. From the New York Daily News: "General F. P. Blair, in a late Union speech, after complimenting the courage and endurance, the sincerity and loyalty of the Southern men, asked what foreign nation is there on earth that would not be proud and happy to receive these people and give them all the rights of citizenship enjoyed by any of their citizens? Would not France be eager to do it? Would not Great Britain be too proud to extend her dominion over that proud country, sharing her Government with those gallant, noble men who have vindicated their right to manhood in this contest unparalleled in the history of war? Would not any foreign nation on the face of the earth be willing to receive this people? Not receive them on degrading terms, but in open arms upon an equality with their other citizens."

August 14, 1866: In Nashville, Tennessee, the "Nashville Banner" quotes Governor Harris in telling this story about the unsophisticated bluntness of Nathan B Forrest: "Forrest, got to Atlanta, and was soon after waited on by a body of citizens, headed by George Adair, to ask his acceptance of a charger, which they had provided. It was a huge bay stallion, mounted by a set of Morrow's best trappings, and mortal man, particularly mortal cavalryman, could not be expected to decline it. The necessary consent was therefore given, a day set for the ceremony, and arrangements entered upon for a grand display. The appointed time arrived, and the crowd—a regular Atlanta crowd. There were all sorts of people clad in all sorts of garments—speculators, contractors, commissary clerks, editors, and exempts of various classes, including a very considerable sprinkling of Joe Brown pets, and a very limited representation of the actual fighting element. Forrest came out on the curb in front of the Trout House, and received the huzza with complacent resignation, whilst he praised the horse, and expressed his obligations to the committee. Unluckily, just as he was about to retire, someone called for a speech. He stopped, cast his eyes over the motley assembly, and said: 'Fellow citizens, I'm really obliged to all of you that have had a hand in presenting me this nag. I promise to ride him to the front, an' I wish I could take some of you with me. Too many of you are wearing citizens' clothes—black coats and boiled shirts. That's what's ruinin' of us, an' I must say—though I don't want to hurt nobody's feelins'—that as for the men who shirk the fight, and refuse to bear their honest part in it, hoss or no hoss, I've no self-respect for 'em whatever.'...The company, concludes Governor Harris, gave the sentiment three long, loud cheers, ad dispersed to its several avocations, as unconscious of the rebuke as Forrest of his blunder.

August 20, 1866: The "Chicago Tribune" prints the following story about four destitute Confederates that walked up to the Commanding officer of the Petersburg post yesterday and surrendered. They have been hiding all these months in a make-shift shelter on the Appomattox River. "A more ragged set of mortals had never appeared before the Colonel during all the dealing he has ever had with the 'ragged rebels' of Lee's army. Allan Tewksberry, 43rd Louisiana, was a sort of walking illustration of original patchwork. His clothing had been tied and sewed and stuck together with string and thread and thorns until there did not appear a solitary square inch upon it which had not been tied up, sewed up, or stuck up in some way or other."

According to the article, the others were not as shabbily dressed, having partial Yankee uniforms replacing their worn out Confederate duds. Supposedly, the four had found themselves cut off from the Army of Northern Virginia, surrounded by Federal forces and gone into hiding. They fed themselves by fishing, hunting, and stealing from the fields of farmers nearby. Upon learning that the War was over from an old Negro man who discovered them, they determined to try to surrender under the terms of Lee's surrender and were so treated.

August 27, 1866: In Texas, Elizabeth Bishop Carter **Sprague** Fitzpatrick is going home today. Last November 2, Colonel Jesse H Leavenworth, with Jesse Chisholm and Britt Johnson found her, in captivity, and rescued her from the Kiowa where she was held in slavery for over a year, repeatedly raped, starved and beaten. Although she is only forty years old, she has outlived two husbands, three if you count **Sprague** who disappeared without a trace. 1866 Texas is a rough country, but she is a tough lady – a true pioneer woman.



Elizabeth
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Nathan Bedford Forrest - Civil Rights Advocate

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Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877) was a renowned Southern military leader and strategist during the War Between the States. During the War, Forrest's Confederate cavalry wrecked havoc among Union forces throughout the mid-South. He gained worldwide fame from his many battlefield successes, but the wartime heroics have overshadowed his post-war work as a community leader and civil rights advocate. He fought fiercely on the battlefield, yet was a compassionate man off the field. After the war, Forrest worked tirelessly to build the New South and to promote employment for black Southerners. Forrest was known near and far as a great general, and was a well-respected citizen by both blacks and whites alike. The Independent Order of Pole-Bearers Association (predecessor to the NAACP) was organized by Southern blacks after the war to promote black voting rights, etc. One of their early conventions was held in Memphis and Mr. Forrest was invited to be the guest speaker, the first white man ever to be invited to speak to the Association. After the Civil War, General Forrest made a speech to the Memphis City Council (then called the Board of Aldermen). In this speech he said that there was no reason that the black man could not be doctors, store clerks, bankers, or any other job equal to whites. They were part of our community and should be involved and employed as such just like anyone else. In another speech to Federal authorities, Forrest said that many of the ex-slaves were skilled artisans and needed to be employed and that those skills needed to be taught to the younger workers. If not, then the next generation of blacks would have no skills and could not succeed and would become dependent on the welfare of society. Forrest's words went unheeded. The Memphis & Selma Railroad was organized by Forrest after the war to help rebuild the South's transportation and to build the 'new South'. Forrest took it upon himself to hire blacks as architects, construction engineers and foremen, train engineers and conductors, and other high level jobs. In the North, blacks were prohibited from holding such jobs. When the War began, Forrest offered freedom to 44 of his slaves if they would serve with him in the Confederate army. All 44 agreed. One later deserted; the other 43 served faithfully until the end of the war. Though they had many chances to leave, they chose to remain loyal to the South and to Forrest. Part of General Forrest's command included his own Escort Company, his "Green Berets", made up of the very best soldiers available. This unit, which varied in size from 40-90 men, was the elite of the cavalry. Eight of these picked men were black soldiers and all served gallantly and bravely throughout the war. All were armed with at least 2 pistols and a rifle. Most also carried two additional pistols in saddle holsters. At war's end, when Forrest's cavalry surrendered in May 1865, there were 65 black troopers on the muster roll. Of the soldiers who served under him, Forrest said of the black troops: "*Finer Confederates never fought.*" Forrest was a brilliant cavalryman and courageous soldier. Ironically, his social attitudes may well have changed farther in the direction of racial enlightenment over the span of his lifetime than those of most American historical figures. When Forrest died in 1877 it is noteworthy that his funeral in Memphis was attended not only by a throng of thousands of whites but by hundreds of blacks as well. The funeral procession was over two miles long and was attended by over 10,000 area residents, including 3000 black citizens paying their respects. (Jack Hurst) Forrest's made a speech to the Independent Order of Pole-Bearers Association July 5, 1875. This was the first invitation granted to a white man to speak at this gathering. The invitation's purpose, one of the leaders said, was to extend peace, joy, and union, and following a brief welcoming address a Miss Lou Lewis, daughter of an officer of the Pole-Bearers, brought forward flowers and assurances that she conveyed them as a token of good will. After Miss Lewis handed him the flowers, General Forrest responded with a short speech and accepted the flowers as a memento of reconciliation between the white and colored races of the southern states. Forrest added, "I came here with the jeers of some white people, who think that I am doing wrong. I believe I can exert some influence, and do much to assist the people in strengthening fraternal relations, and shall do all in my power to elevate every man to depress none. I want to elevate you to take positions in law offices, in stores, on farms, and wherever you are capable of going. I have not said anything about politics today. I don't propose to say anything about politics. You have a right to elect whom you please; vote for the man you think best, and I think, when that is done, you and I are freemen..." We may differ in color, but not in sentiment Many things have been said about me which are wrong, and which white and black persons here, who stood by me through the war, can contradict. Go to work, be industrious, live honestly and act truly, and when you are oppressed I'll come to your relief. I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for this opportunity you have afforded me to be with you, and to assure you that I am with you in heart and in hand. " Forrest again thanked Miss Lewis for the bouquet and gave her a kiss on the cheek.

THE GHOSTS OF PERRYVILLE

Considered one of the most well-preserved battlefields in the nation, the Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site is a place where thousands of young soldiers lost their lives on October 8, 1862. In the battle that decided the fate of the entire state, 7,600 men were dead, wounded, or missing in a matter of hours, the local Chaplin River turning red with the blood of the fallen as a result. While the Union looked after their dead, Confederate soldiers were left to the elements, only to be unceremoniously buried in mass graves, or haphazardly in unmarked plots on the battlefield. Considering the amount of pain, fear and suffering bestowed upon one place, it probably comes as no surprise that countless visitors have reported seeing phantom figures wandering the grassy fields, sometimes in complete daylight. *"Long before investigations began at the Perryville Battlefield, locals, visitors and re-enactors spoke of claims of ghostly activity,"* Lee Kirkland, founder of the Spirit Hunters of Central Kentucky, told me.

"Today, there have full bodied apparitions seen still marching, several have heard the deep percussion of heavy artillery and cannon fire echoing across the rolling hills, and disembodied voices are caught on digital recorders that give intelligent responses to questions that were indicative to 1862."



The Dye House

In fact, the strange activity on the grounds caught the attention of Travel Channel's Ghost Adventures, who visited the battlefield not once, but twice, capturing some of their best paranormal evidence in the process. But while the Perryville Battlefield might receive most of the spotlight when it comes to bumps in the night, it is the nearby Dye House that really gets the ghost hunters clutching their flashlights. After all, the former makeshift medical facility saw hundreds of emergency

surgeries, amputations, and gruesome, painful deaths. So much blood was spilled in the house that it's proved impossible to remove, and to this day, the remnants of Civil War surgeries still stain the floors. *"There have been many EVP's captured in the Dye House,"* Kirkland says. *"On one occasion, a group heard on their digital recorder, 'Who's in there?', when no one else was talking. Immediately following, the same voice came through saying 'Hide! They're here!'"* Among the evidence he and his team have personally witnessed at the Dye House are the sounds of disembodied footsteps descending the stairs, doors opening and closing on their own accord, and even recordings of ghostly voices that claimed to be Civil War doctors. *"The investigator asked, 'What do you do here?'"* The reply was from two different voices saying, *"I'm the doctor,"* and the second voice said louder and more aggressively, *"I'M THE DOCTOR!"* Even those who aren't looking for ghosts seem to find them, like Joni House, the park's preservation and program coordinator. *"I'm in my office and I hear people talking to me and there's nobody else in this building,"* she told Kentucky Living. *"Or I come in here and see things that have happened in the museum. There's no real explanation for why a mannequin's head has been pulled off and is now in the middle of the floor."* Now, one of the founding members of Ghost Adventures is returning to the Battlefield, and he's inviting curious adventure seekers along with him for an overnight investigation. Not only is the opportunity to chase phantoms with Nick Groff rare, so is the location. When it comes to properties like battlefields, typically owned by the state or national government, there's usually a pretty strict rule against night-time paranormal investigations. At Perryville, Kirkland and his fellow Nick Groff Tour managers have managed to open up the grounds for public ghost hunts.

Lincoln Turns the Trick

Lincoln purposely withheld news of military disasters so as not to discourage enlistments. To satisfy the endless levies for troops, Secretary of State William Seward scoured Europe for mercenaries, Lincoln allowed Northern governors to count captured slaves against State quotas, and generous enlistment bounties put many men in blue who would not otherwise fight. After McClellan's defeat at Gaines's Mill, the Comte de Paris related that "Far from letting the [Northern] people know what was taking place around Richmond, the Secretary of War [Seward] . . . gave out that the Army of the Potomac had undertaken a strategic movement which would result in the capture of Richmond."

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16TH GA FOLKS IN THE NEWS



Our own Drew Edge, musician, 16th GA, Co. G, is the captain of the Mary Persons High School Band. He appeared in the Monroe County Reporter recently and was also was interviewed by 13WMAZ for their band segment. The band was also shown on Fox South on Thursday night as part of the half-time show for the 1st Corky Kell Classic game held at Mercer University.

Note: Great hat – reminds me of J.E.B. Stuart ! - jwd

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Tell me, again, how there was no such thing as a black Confederate...!

WHO CAN YOU TRUST?

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

- 2 Timothy 1:12

Why should I trust Jesus more than man? Because man is a sinful creature is the complete opposite of what Jesus is. Consider: Man loves himself not others. He is naturally selfish and rude and will forsake those he has claimed to have loved. Man is deceitful and not trust worthy.

Why would Jesus sacrifice HIMSELF for us? Because HE loves us and will never leaves us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). He was there at the beginning and he will be there at the end (Revelation 1:8). He proved His love for us when he went to the cross and died for us (Mark 2:17). Three days later He arose from the grave Savior and Lord the first born of the dead (Colossians 1:8). His love, loyalty, devotion and sacrifice are the major reasons to trust Jesus more than man.

What the Bible says about Jesus is true. He was a man with no deceit. Jesus is the king of kings and Lord of lords. More powerful than any human king or president because He is Lord of all.

Please don't miss Jesus' free gift of salvation. Remember that Jesus loves you. Will you trust him today?

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

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