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Sons of Confederate Veterans

"...I would sooner die a thousand deaths before I would betray a friend or be false to duty."



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Camp Calendar

THERE WILL BE NO
MEETING
FOR JUNE 9th
Due to the
Reunion

June 13-17
Cadet Camp
At Beauvoir
8 am-Noon
Hosted by the Sam Davis
Camp

July 14—Meeting—7 PM

Site to be announced

August 11—7 PM

Site to be announced

September 8—7 PM

Site to be announced



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History week
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Military Drill,
Artillery, Medical
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Demonstrations

CADET CAMP

June 13th - 17th, 2011

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8-13

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boys 8-13 years old.
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Commander's Comments

Compatriots:

Well it is officially summer now and the heat is definitely on, please be safe out there. As I write this, I have the privilege of being home for the first time in 3 months. I got to spend much needed time with my family and friends, not to mention tending to many things around the house that needed fixing. I am also looking forward to attend this coming weekend's Convention, where we have the privilege to relish in our great heritage. And I hope I have the privilege to see many of you there.

I speak of my privileges to remind you that we have many privileges and we often take them for granted. We have our families, our friends and comfortable homes, cars and boats, all the things that we cherish.

I would like to take time to remind you, that none of this would be possible without your ancestors, who gave you the life in your veins.

Our Confederate ancestors also had privileges much like us; they had loving families, friends and comfortable homes, which they chose to fight to defend. They had the privilege to defend, through much difficulty, what they knew to be right as Southerners.

They had the privilege of being away from family and home for 4 horrible years of war. The privilege of endure all natural and un-natural hardships of war. The privilege of see friends and compatriots killed and mangle in all manners. They had the privilege to know of the hardships that their loved ones were enduring at home in their absences. The privilege to lose that war and be branded a rebel, a traitor to the country that his ancestors fought to establish. He even had the privilege to come home to whatever home was left, and endure many years of reconstruction under the military watch. He had the privilege to endure all this and much more and never ever lost sight of the privilege that he held highest, being a Southerner.

I have included an article from the Hon. A.G. Hawkins of Huntington, Tennessee, October, 1895 Confederate Veteran, page 313.

We Were Right and Have Not Changed Our Minds:

"We were outnumbered by over 2-1/4 millions. To put it another way they had 4-2/3 men to our one. Of the millions against us were 494,000 men were foreigners. This number only fell short of our entire number 110,000, and was more than made up by the 186,017 colored soldiers enlisted in the Federal army.

So my comrades, it will be seen that we were outnumbered by foreign and colored soldiers, and had to contend against a surplus of 2,203,215 loyal patriotic soldiers of our own country. New York, Iowa and Connecticut furnished more men than were in our entire army. They had an army, a navy and ordinance to begin with, while we had neither. They had money and credit abroad, but we had none. And yet, in spite of all these things, it took four long years for the North to overpower the brave South.

History presents no grander page than written by the Confederate soldier. We have the right to point our children and the young people of today to the sanguinary conflict which we have passed through, and teach them that their fathers were not traitors, but brave patriotic soldiers.

The Confederate went to battle at the call of his State; he recognized its authority as supreme. We believed we were right and have not changed our minds, you believed you were right, and are of the same opinion still. We cannot agree on this question, but since the close of the war the Confederate soldier has been true to that starry flag, and is ready to follow it with the same patriotic heroism which he followed that one with its stars and bars, which flag was ours. We stained it with our blood, we upheld it as long as we could; we love it yet (and) we love the memories that cluster around it..."

Our ancestors also had the Privilege to start the United Confederate Veterans, to insure the good name of the confederate soldier. This privilege and trust was past on to the Sons, pasted on to you. Remember they never lost sight of the Privilege of being a Southerner, Will you?

Deo Vindice,
Troy Savoie

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Our Next Meeting

Will Be On

Thursday

July 14th

7 PM

Site will be Announced in
the July Newsletter

From The Editor

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Items From The Past

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on September 26, 1917



SECOND WEDDING HELD AT BEAUVOIR

Baptist Minister and Lady Two Times Married Become Husband and Wife at Soldiers' Home.

Beauvoir, Miss., Sept. 25.

Wedding bells rang again yesterday At the Jefferson Davis Soldiers' Home at Beauvoir, the bride for the third time in her life linking her destiny with a confederate Veteran Soldier as a husband.

A Confederate soldier made her a good husband in her early life, another veteran of the "lost cause" made her a kind husband in her middle life, and she has ever reason to believe that the Confederate veteran whom she gave her hand in marriage to yesterday, will make her old age, days of contentment and happiness. The veteran with which she marched with yesterday to the marriage altar is also a Baptist minister.

The solemn ceremony that made these old people husband and wife took place in the parlors of the Jefferson Davis Mansion at 4 o'clock p.m., Rev. A. H. Clark, a Baptist minister of Biloxi, Miss., said the words that made the two hearts beat as one.

The contracting parties in this unique marriage were Mrs. Robert Whitney, age 67, and Rev. G. H. Duke, age 72, both inmates of the Jefferson Davis Soldiers Home. Notwithstanding their advanced years, both are well preserved, the bride is real good looking and the groom is quite handsome, neither of them in appearance look to be over 60 years of age.

Just over four months ago cupid began to play with this couple, and his arrows flew both ways and hit squarely through the hearts of each of them. They have been as love sick a couple as ever walked Terra Firma and they made a happy looking bride and groom.

This bride of three Confederate soldiers was a Miss Margarite Lawson. She was reared in Itawamba County, Miss. Her first husband was a Mr. Robert Dunbar Sheppard, a bookkeeper of

Okoloma, Miss. She was wedded to Mr. Sheppard in Memphis, Tenn., in 1862. He fought for the Stars and Bars in Company B, Jeff Davis Legion Regiment. As husband and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard entered the Beauvoir Home as inmates on March 16th, 1905.

December 7th, 1907, Mr. Sheppard died at the age of 72 and was buried at Beauvoir Soldier's Cemetery. Mrs. Sheppard was left a widow two years. On a beautiful Christmas Day 1909 she was wedded to a Mr. Robert Whitley. This marriage took place in the parlors of the Jefferson Davis Mansion at Beauvoir. Mr. Whitley, her second husband fought in the Civil War as a member of Company E, Second Mississippi Infantry. Mr. Whitley died at the soldiers home September 20th, 1916, a few days over a year ago at the age of 83. He too sleeps in the Beauvoir Cemetery. The man she was wedded to yesterday, the Rev. G. H. Duke also fought in the Civil War as a member of Company b, 26th Alabama Infantry.

This makes the second marriage at Beauvoir soldiers home in the past week. It marked the second time the bride was married in the parlors of the Jefferson Davis Mansion, which is quite a distinction.

Superintendent Tarff, who is always glad to have the old folks get married fixed them up a nice room in one of the New dormitories where they will spend their honeymoon.

The superintendent of the Home heartily endorses marriages among the old people, saying they make much better inmates and that the newly weds are so much easier to please than the old bachelors, widows and widowers. Cupid is dancing very sprightly around several other widows and widowers and tow more marriages are expected before the wintery winds begin to blow.

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PHOTOS, ARTICLES OR
OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO
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PLEASE SEND TO THE EDITOR**

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Civil War Buffs and Volunteers Enlist in Campaign to Publish Millions of Historic Records Online

SALT LAKE CITY—As the United States marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, people who had ancestors involved in the conflict can access millions of historical records recently published on the familysearch.org website. And millions more records are coming, as Civil War volunteers enlist in an epoch online campaign over the next five years to provide access to the highly desirable historic documents.

FamilySearch announced the release today of hundreds of millions of online records at the National Genealogical Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. The collections include service records for both the Confederate and Union armies, pension records, and more. Some of these records have been available for some time but are now being added to familysearch.org/civilwar as part of this "These records are significant because nearly every family in the United States at that time was impacted either directly or indirectly by the war," FamilySearch project manager Ken Nelson said.

"Each soldier has a story to tell based on what his unique experience was during the war. Each family has their own story to tell. This is the paper trail that tells the stories about that period in our nation's history," Nelson said. Many of the records are specific to the war itself, such as enlistment or pension records. These documents can provide key family data, including age, place of birth, or the name of a spouse. Other collections, such as census records, tell the story of ordinary civilians who lived during that turbulent time. Even a local or state death record far away from the battlefield may contain death information on a soldier that was submitted by a family member back home.

FamilySearch's chief genealogical officer, David Rencher, said many people can benefit from the records.

"With the wealth of records created by the Civil War, I am inspired by the plan laid out by FamilySearch to make a substantial amount of this material available on their website over the next four to five years. This growing collection will be one that will serve the needs of the numerous descendants of the participants on both sides of the conflict," Rencher said.

Timely Quotes

Experience is not what happens to a man; It is what a man does with what happens to him.

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OUR HERTIAGE IS CONSTANTLLY UNDER FIRE

NAACP: "The flag must go!"

"The flag must go!" That was the message the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) relayed at a rally on the front steps of the Dodge County Courthouse in reference to the Confederate battle flag that flies on the courthouse grounds on Tuesday, May 3 at approximately 5:30 p.m., just before a



The Confederate Flag flies on the grounds of the Dodge County, Georgia, Court House in early

board of commissioners meeting was to be held.

Approximately 70 NAACP members came to the rally, most from outside Dodge County. Georgia NAACP President Edward DuBose and Dodge County NAACP President John Battle spoke at the rally. Battle stated, We're here to say to the county commissioners...the flag must go! These commissioners continue to provoke hatred in this county."

Dubose spoke saying, We don't intend to stop this fight until this racist symbol is taken down. This is not about black and

white, it is about a symbol that set this country back. There is nothing good about this flag flying."

The commissioner's meeting was moved to the Dodge County Superior Courtroom inside the courthouse to accommodate the large number of people that attended the meeting. In that meeting, Battle once again asked the commissioners to remove the Confederate battle flag from the courthouse grounds, but stated that he had no problem with it flying one day a year, on Confederate Heritage Day.

Battle went on to say that he had no problem with any residents or businesses flying the flag, because he could opt not to visit those people or stores, but he had to come to the courthouse to pay his taxes or buy his tag.

Dubose addressed the commissioners and said that he differed from Battle and did not believe the flag should be flown at the courthouse at all. He looked at county attorney John Harrington and stated, "You can be legally right sometimes, but morally wrong." He looked back at the commissioners and said, "I shouldn't be in Dodge County because of this issue."

Dubose emphasized to the commissioners to "do what the people want", and take the flag down.

During the meeting, the NAACP threatened to sue the county. Dodge County Commission Chairman Dan McCranie said that they (the commissioners) would probably be sued one way or the other, meaning that if they left the flag flying, the NAACP would sue them, but if they took it down, the Sons of Confederate Veterans would probably sue them..

Later in the meeting, Dodge County Commissioner Archie Dupree made a motion to ask commissioner Terry Niblett to reconsider his motion to fly the flag 365 days a year, which was made at a previous meeting and passed 4-1. Commissioner Niblett said, "We've already visited the issue and there is no new information presented at this time."

A
CONFEDERATE HISTORY
MOMENT

Brigadier General Stand Watie

by Calvin E. Johnson, Jr.

General Stand Watie was the highest ranking Native American serving on either side of the War Between the States.

Watie was born at Oothcaloga in the Cherokee Nation of Georgia, near Rome, Georgia, on December 12, 1806. His Cherokee name was De-ga-ta-ga, which means, "He Stands."

Stand Watie joined the Confederate cause at the outbreak of the War Between the States. He was commissioned a colonel on July 12, 1861, and raised a regiment of Cherokees for service to the Confederacy.

General Stand Watie, or his troops in command, participated in eighteen battles and skirmishes against Union troops during the war that included, Cowskin Prairie, Old Fort Wayne, Webber's Falls, Fort Gibson and Cabin Creek.

Two of Stand Watie's victories were the capture of the Union steam boat J.R. Williams on June 15, 1864 and the seizure of over a million worth of supplies of a Union wagon train at the 2nd Battle of Cabin Creek on Sept. 19, 1864.

Note:

Brigadier General Stand Watie is an ancestor of our Sam Davis camp compatriot Gordon Choate.

JEFFERSON DAVIS DESCENDANT KEEPS FIGHTING SPIRIT ALIVE

By Jeff Gill



Jeff Davis, 81, a descendant of Confederate President Jefferson Davis has been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans since 1956. He now serves as chairman of organization's Media and Public Relations committee.

Nearly eight years ago, Gainesville's Jeff Davis strongly advocated letting voters decide whether they wanted to keep the contentious 1956 Georgia flag, which featured the rebel emblem.

These days, as chairman of the Sons of Confederate Veterans' Media/Public Relations Committee, he is battling what he deems as attacks against Southern heritage, an attitude he likens to "cultural Marxism." It seems that, despite health problems slowing his pace, Davis hasn't lost the fighting spirit of his Confederate ancestors — including the most famous one, distant cousin Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America.

In a recent interview at his apartment off Thompson Bridge Road, the 81-year-old retired broadcaster talked about his extensive forays into politics and service organizations, as well as his keen interest in Civil War history.

He also talked about the North-South conflict's sesquicentennial, a commemoration of Civil War events that began with shots fired on April 12, 1861 at Fort Sumter, S.C.

"Political correctness has really worked on the Sons of Confederate Veterans something terrible," Davis said.

"There have been a lot of terrible untruths. I have wanted to find a way, without being hostile, to correct a lot of the images that have taken place throughout the country."

Images, he believes, that began in the 1970s, years after the Civil War's centennial, when there was more of national movement to remember the "tragic event" that led to more than 625,000 war deaths. These days, Davis believes, the accepted notion is that the South's refusal to budge from slavery triggered the war.

"The biggest thing is to say the South was the leading advocate of slavery in the entire world, that the war was fought over slavery and nothing else," he said. "That's the biggest lie that has been pushed."

The SCV doesn't deny slavery wasn't an issue, but there is so much more to the story, he said.

"Anybody who looks at the first two years of the war and what (President Abraham) Lincoln and his cabinet said — they all said 'South, come back into the country. We don't want to disrupt slavery. That's not our purpose.

Our purpose is to preserve the Union."

Also, slavery began as an enterprise of Northern entrepreneurs.

"Slavery was a terrible thing, for all of us, and we all should ought share our responsibilities for whatever it was we did, but don't lay it all on the South, because we didn't start it," Davis said.

With his name well-known among Confederacy buffs, Davis also has spent much of his life re-searching his heritage.

The West Virginia native, born John Albert Davis, earned the nickname "Jeff" from friends and then his mother, making it stick for good. He'd go on to become "something of an expert" on his ancestor, including picking up on lesser-known facts, such as Davis adopting a black boy during his days leading the Confederacy.

Also, Jefferson Davis "was probably the best military mind in the country at the time the war was approaching," he said.

He was secretary of war under President Franklin Pierce between terms in Congress.

"He kind of did himself in, modernizing the U.S. Army in the 1850s," said Davis, whose grandfather also served in the prestigious "Stonewall Brigade," a group of raw recruits turned into a fighting machine by Confederate Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Davis attended Gordon Military College in Barnesville before moving into a career that included journalism and politics.

In the 1950s, he befriended Vice President Richard Nixon, who later tapped him to lead his Georgia presidential campaign against the Democratic candidate and eventual victor, John Kennedy.

Active in civic affairs, Davis would go on to head the Georgia Jaycees and then serve as vice president at the Jaycees' national and world levels.

In 2003, he helped form the Georgia Heritage Council "to pursue reform" of state government. The group came out advocating "strict enforcement of existing illegal immigration laws by state agencies" and opposition to "ethnic cleansing" of America's religious heritage.

One of the most polarizing issues at the time, however, was Georgia's flag, which had been changed in 2001 to incorporate a smaller design of the former flag that featured the battle flag of the Confederacy. In a 2004 referendum, voters were given a choice between the 2001 flag and a new design that excluded the Confederate emblem. At the time, as today, many decried the rebel flag as a symbol of hate and racism.

The Georgia Heritage Council pushed for the 1956 flag, which featured the emblem, to be included on the state referendum.

"Southern Heritage is an integral part of both our country's and Georgia's Heritage," Davis said in a Sept. 30, 2003, news release.

Davis does believe there has been some respect given the Confederacy in recent times.

Last Memorial Day, President Barack Obama sent a wreath to the Confederate Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

"He was asked not to by a number of leading Americans," Davis said.

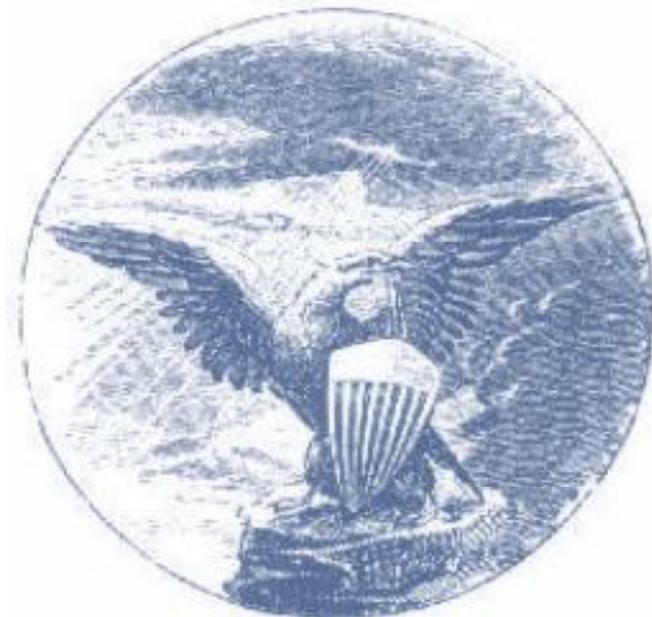
Also, "there is no more hospitable and cordial relationship between two organizations" than the one that exists between the Sons of the Union Veterans and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans.

"It is something (they have) in common: Their forebears did what they thought what was right and they were part of Americana, whether they were North or South," he said.



Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12

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