

# THE HOWLING DAWG

May 2020

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



*"Present in spirit, sir"*

**AGAINST ALL ODDS** - There was still a "War Days 2020"



"You just can't break old habits." Even with the Corona virus we were able to have a very small rendition of Old Clinton War Days. The pards and I were able to get a little of the quarantined reenactor blues out of us and have a nice photo shoot as we were portraying Joe Browns Pets, Georgia Militia, Army of Tennessee, as well as the Federal soldiers of Sherman's army. Y'all be safe out there." – Corp Brick Lee Nelson



General Walcutt's Union foragers outside of the town of Griswoldville, Georgia November 22, 1864



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

Colonel (Ret.)-Steven L. "Red Bone" Smith-478-951-4863 or 478-956-3858

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

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

Captain Wm. "Rebel" Bradberry, Commanding - 404-242-7213

1st Lt. Noah Sprague - 706-491-9755

2nd Lt. Charles Whitehead - 478-986-8943

Color Sgt. Kevin Sark - 478-731-8796

Adjutant: 5th Corp. "Duke" Dobson 478-731-5531

Treasurer: 6th Corp. Earl Colvin - 478-214-0687

1st. Sgt. (RIP) James "Barefoot" Boyd - 770-219-8302 or 706-344-7588

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

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

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

1st Corp. Brick Lee Nelson - 478-986-1151 or 955-2074

2nd Corp. Matthew Whitehead - 478-607-0235

3rd Corp. Cody Sprague - 478-542-1802

4th Corp. Tommy Shover - 478-230-3483

Lead Chaplain-Joel Whitehead, Jr. - 478-986-8798

Hon. Chaplain Ronnie "Skin" Neal - 478-808 8848

Assistant Chaplain - Charles Hill - 770-845-6878

Musician - Drew Edge - 478-365-1897

Musician - Chance Sprague - 706-491-9755

Musician - Aaron Bradford - 302-668-8029

Musician - Al McGalliard - 478-259-5786

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

## **SCHEDULED & RE-SCHEDULED 2020 EVENTS**

SCV Camp 18 Meetings – Not meeting yet.

SCV Camp 2218 Meetings – Not meeting yet.

Confederate Memorial Day Services at Rose Hill/Macon – No new date set.

June 7-12 - Georgia Confederate Youth Camp 2020 as scheduled.

July 10-11 - Georgia Division SCV Reunion/Macon, GA - Moved from June.

July 21 - Mid-GA Civil War Roundtable at The Cannonball House/Macon.

September 19-20 - Hurricane Shoals Re-enactment

October 17-18 - Manassas (GA) Re-enactment.

November 21 - Griswoldville Battlefield Commemoration





"This was # 39 (years)on the Clinton Event and we are counting it as that. We did do a short Memorial Service, for not only James (Boyd) and the others that we lost this past year, but I also talked about and we paid honors to the troops buried there."

- Colonel J. C. Nobles

# CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY 2020



At the grave of Brigadier General Edward Dorr Tracy, Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, GA on April 26, 2020 are members of Georgia SCV Camps 18 (Macon) and SCV Camp 2218 (Jones County). Left to right: Johnny Mack Nickles, Tom Stevens, Jett Smith, Scott Dooley, Wayne Dobson, Earl Colvin and Mike Waits. (Photo by Judy Smith)

.....

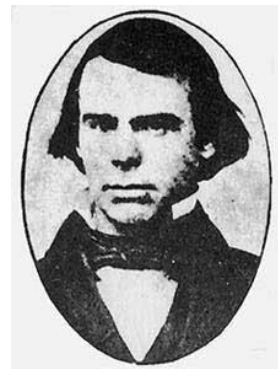


## REMEMBERING THE FIRST TO FALL

### **John Quincy Marr**

(May 27, 1825 – June 1, 1861) was a Virginia militia company captain and the first Confederate soldier killed by a Union soldier in combat during the American Civil War.

Marr was killed at the Battle of Fairfax Court House, Virginia on June 1, 1861. Previously one of Fauquier County's two delegates to the Virginia Secession Convention of 1861, Marr initially opposed his state's secession from the



Union but ultimately supported secession, as did voters shortly before his fatal skirmish. His jacket bears the mark of the fatal wound near the heart.



**RED BEANS AND RICE** - Wash and soak 2 cups red kidney beans overnight. Drain and put them into an iron pot. Cover with water. Bring to a full boil over high heat. Stir well and let beans settle. Add 1 country ham hock, 1 chopped onion and 3 minced garlic cloves, 2 chopped stalks of celery and 1 chopped green pepper. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium and cook about 3 hours until tender. Adjust seasoning. Slice meat and serve with beans over freshly cooked rice.

### **SUSIE'S BAKED CORN**

1 pint of creamed corn

1/2 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. pepper

Lump of butter

1/3 cup sugar

1/3 to 1/2 cup milk

Splash of vanilla

2-3 eggs

Beat eggs. Add vanilla and milk. Pour over rest of ingredients. Bake at moderate heat (350 degrees) for about an hour, or until done. Enjoy.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **QUOTES**

"They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." - Psalms 83:4

"On the evening of Nov. 15, 1864, Union Lt. Col. Charles Fessenden Morse (2nd Massachusetts) sat on the roof of a house and watched Atlanta burn. It was a 'magnificent and awful spectacle,' he wrote later to his brother Robert. 'For miles around the country was as light as day; the flames shooting up for hundreds of feet into the air.' Earlier, over the roar and crackle of the flames, Morse had heard the 33rd Massachusetts band serenade Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, who ordered the city torched. 'It was like fiddling over the burning of Rome.' The next morning, nothing was left of the city 'except its churches the city hall and the private dwellings. You could hardly find a vestige of the once splendid R.R. Depots, warehouses, &c. It was melancholy,' Morse lamented, 'but it was war, prosecuted in deadly earnest.'"

## In Deepest Sympathy

*"We are prepared to lose some of us, but we are never prepared to lose all of us."*

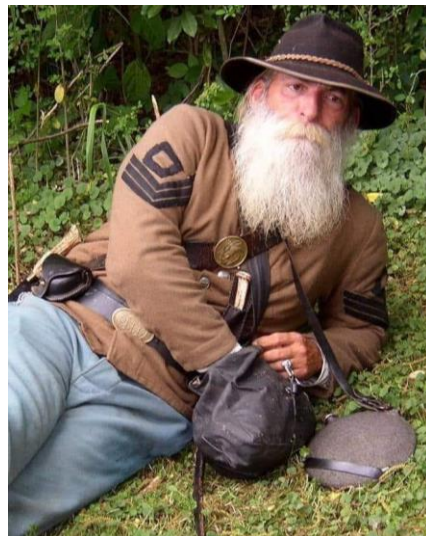
- Gettysburg, 1993

Mr. **James W. "Jim" Carson, Jr.**, 64 of Leesburg, died on Saturday, May 2, 2020 at his residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mr. Carson was born on August 14, 1955 in Albany, GA., to James W. Sr., and Bernice Lora Carson. He had lived in Dougherty and Lee County most of his life and was a self-employed master carpenter.

Mr. Carson enjoyed woodworking, riding his motorcycle, and reenactments of the War Between the States (4<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry), but most importantly spending time with his friends and family.

Survivors include his daughter, Jamie Mask (Thomas) of Monticello, GA.; mother, Bernice Carson of Albany; brother, Andy Carson (Dee) of Lee County; sister, Angela Selewski (Bob) of Midland, MI; nieces, Christie Carson Hart (Rick) and Kim Potter; nephews, Kyle Oneal (Melessa) and Josh Oneal (Missie). Mr. Carson was preceded in death by a son, James Christopher Taylor and his father, James W. Carson, Sr.



**George Eason**, age 67, of Baxley passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at Memorial Health University Medical Center. Mr. Eason was born January 15, 1953 in Jacksonville, Florida to the late William Paul Eason and the late Elizabeth Boynton Eason. He was a retired peer specialist with Pineland Mental Health and member of Christ Community Church. Mr. Eason was a Civil War Historian and Reenactor. Survivors include his wife, Martha Eason of Baxley; daughter, Amanda Lott of Rincon; son, Bryan Herrington of Baxley; sister JoAnn Bragg of Baxley; and brothers Ray Wilcoxon of Nashville, TN and Harvey Eason of Baxley. Three grandchildren, Daisy Lott, Gage Lott, & Alleigh Herrington and several nieces and nephews also survive. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements directed by of Swain Funeral Home.



Mr. **Jimmie "Skip" Allen Howard**, 72, of Lula passed away suddenly on Friday, May 8, 2020.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 in the chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home with Pastor Al Lopez and Rev. Jim Welborn officiating. Interment is in Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery on Pea Ridge Rd. The family received friends at the funeral home on Tuesday May 12, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Due to the current pandemic this was a drop in visitation with a maximum of 10 people in the parlor at any time.

Born on December 17, 1947 in Chamblee, he was the son of the late James Vance and Vita Deloris Raulerson Howard. Mr. Howard graduated high school at Cross Keys. He

worked at General Motors Company for over thirty years and retired. He was a member of the 42nd GA Reenactors and Past Commander of the 27th GA Regiment Camp 1404, Sons of the Confederate Veterans. He was a member of the Olive Tree Congregation. Mr. Howard was a fan of the Georgia Bulldogs and looked forward to college football every year. He was a son of Abraham walking in the footsteps of Yeshua and a lover of Israel. He wanted all to come into the knowledge of the true word of GOD! He was a man of honor and loyal to his Messiah, wife, work and many friends. In addition to his parents, Mr. Howard is preceded in death by sister, Lavern Killingsworth. Mr. Howard is survived by his wife, Kelly Howard of Lula; step son, Neal McDougal of Gainesville; nieces and nephews, Cindi and Wayne White, Vicky and Chris Nardone, Jamey Killingsworth, David and Jennifer Killingsworth, Amy Killingsworth; brother in law, Jim Killingsworth; extended family, Michelle Myers, Russ Myers, Kip Burt and Mauri Burt. Memorial Park Funeral Home, 2030 Memorial Park Road, Gainesville, GA 30504 was in charge of arrangements. Send online condolences to [www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com](http://www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com).

Representing the respects of the 16th GA Infantry and Camp 2218 SCV, Colonel J.C. Nobles wrote: *"God Speed and Fare Thee Well Skip, we look forward to meeting you on the other side. So many times we all stood shoulder to shoulder on the field of Honor. With you on Provost, maybe you can help put in the good word with the Keeper of the Gate. A true Brother in Christ and a Brother to our Beloved Southland, you will be sorely missed. May God's Peace bring His Comfort to us all as we mourn our loss. Save me a spot Brother, I'll see you again."*

# *CATHY'S CLOWN*

## *The Humor of Kenny Stancil*



Here are some jokes for May's issue...

A city kid went to his grandpa's farm for the weekend. He tagged along as Pa did what had to be done around the place, taking it all in. Then Grandpa came across a cow having trouble calving. He didn't know how the whole process would be taken in by the six-year-old, but had no option but to get on with the job of assisting the birth. When the calf had been 'pulled' and the cow was happily cleaning it up, Pa asked the boy if he had any questions about what he had just seen. At first the kid seemed overwhelmed by the experience, but finally asked, "Just how fast was that calf going when it hit the cow's behind?"

After weeks of getting the cold shoulder from his wife, the unhappy husband finally confronted her: "Admit it, Linda. The only reason you married me is because my grandfather left me \$10 million." "Don't be ridiculous," she replied. "I don't care who left it to you."

Did you hear about the dentist who joined the army? They made him a drill sergeant.

*Love y'all,      Kenny*

## **STILL PRAYING - AND GOD IS STILL ANSWERING**

Probably no one living can recall more perilous times. Just a few months ago, life seemed so normal, so easy even full of promise. It is not just the threat of COVID-19 but personal tragedies, illness, accidents and evil running rampant. We have obituaries for these of our re-enactor brethren in this issue, alone.

Start early and stay at it with prayer. In between, be sure and listen to what GOD will say to you and remember HE often speaks through HIS WORD.

You may not recognize many of the names on this page, but does that really matter? They represent real people – genuine needs. Just because you do not know them personally nor the nature of their circumstance does not mean that you cannot pray for them. Bow your heart and head for a moment – just a moment –

and ask GOD to meet these needs – ALL OF THEM – according to HIS will ... **The**

**"Jim" Carson family - George Eason's family - "Skip" Howard's**

**family - Steve Smith - Jimmy Bohler - Kyle, Kole & Jolynn**

**Wilkinson - Brenda Dobson - Sammy Hankey - Shelley Berryhill -**

**Serena Welch - Madeline Sanders - Rev. Gary Berrier - Voncille**

**Sark - Bob Holloway - J.C. Nobles - Evie Stancil & family - Lee**

**Murdock - Rev. Joey Young and family - Ricky Smith & family -**

**James & Kellie Morgan and Maddie - Savannah Sprague - Ben**

**(Cooter) Jones Mark "Watch Dog" Thompson - Cathy Wheeler -**

**Reba Aultman - Kasey Larson - Matt Whitehead - Will Butler - Val**

**& Ed Elliott - Tommy Wright - Gale Red - Ethan & Crystal**

**Bloodworth - Tom & Ruth Stevens - Ty & Gina Burnsed - Harold &**

**Toni Buchanan - Dale & Becky Rankin - Kay Busbee - Roy and**

**Dana Myers - Rev. Alan Farley - Ed Bearss - Mrs. & Mrs. Burns -**

**Richard Durham .... as well as, those who have lost loved ones to**

**the virus, those who preach & teach The WORD, UDC, C.S.A.,**

**U.S.A., Israel, Law Enforcement, Paramedics & Firefighters,**

**Judges Political Leaders, Missionaries, Our Compatriots, Ministers,**

**Travelers, The lonely, bereaved families, The Cannonball House**

**Staff, Our enemies ... And for Me & You, that we witness boldly,**

**risking awkwardness and seeming to be foolish. Those infected with**

**COVID-19 and fighting for their lives and those faithfully**

**ministering help to them.**

**Please, let me know of others that should be on this list.**

## Update on Zack Mobbs' Ft. Hawkins/Eagle Scout Project

The shed has been delivered and set up. We really appreciate Mr. Keys paying for the delivery. A ramp to the storage shed may be made since it sits a few inches off the ground. Bars for the shed window will be donated.



Zack needs to get lumber and hardware for 3 picnic tables and the plants for the landscaping. Some of the picnic tables have been built. The rest of the tables and the plantings will be done when he is able to raise more money and social distancing is lifted to the point he can have some of the Scouts help him.



The picnic shelter is still a work in progress. The concrete slab was donated and there was enough money for the lumber to build it. A donation is possibly coming for the roofing. (Peggy Dunning)

## ONE MAN'S OPINION:

### Trump is No Lincoln and we are Grateful

*"If you want to please everyone, don't be a leader ..."*

The Bloomberg Opinion condescendingly reported that President Donald Trump wanted the Lincoln Memorial used as a backdrop for a Made-for-Fox-News event to portray him as a leader like Lincoln.

Maybe that was his motivation and maybe it was not – I will not pretend to read his mind; that is the preoccupation of the media. Thank God he is not like Lincoln.

Historians generally play follow-the-leader in considering Lincoln one of the best examples of what a president should be. We were taught this way in school, too, until we learned to read the truth.

There exists a breed of people, who masquerade as historians but conceal the fact they are they mere political activists with a constant South-suppressing agenda.

Such writers claim Lincoln presided over a nation broken in two, when, in fact, he did a lot to divide it. The facts are that U.S. President Lincoln "crossed the Rubicon" by sending armed forces to invade his own Country. Yes, "his own Country" because he never acknowledged the Confederate States of America.

Dr. Phillip Magness wrote a book on "Lincoln's true, way-more-complicated, post-emancipation relationship with slavery. While it's not commonly conceded that Lincoln attempted to re-colonize the freed slaves at any point, so-called scholars generally believe that he considered and then dismissed the idea before emancipation. Magness took it a step further, digging into historical documents and finding that Lincoln actively pursued a re-colonization well after signing the Emancipation Proclamation."

Myth is what such Northern-biased writers call the facts of Southern history. It is an easy, disarming word for that which you cannot readily disprove. Even a mere handful out of the multitude of Lincoln revelations, alone, should change much of what we were brain-washed to believe about "Honest Abe." Humanity has a disastrous habit of gobbling up whatever they are told without checking it out — no surprise there. So, in those moments when you are so sure that the South started that unholy and uncalled for War that we are still paying for – remember. Take time to well remember the truth spoken by Alexander H. Stephens, saying, that the true aggressor is "the first who renders force necessary."

45<sup>th</sup> President Donald Trump is often characterized as being unrepentantly dishonest. That is the sure conclusion when his every utterance is media-twisted. The fact is, he is so in-your-face straightforward that a coddled society cannot believe their ears when the truth hits them. The best measure of the man and his Presidency may lie in the tally of those he so upsets. For sure, Trump is no Lincoln and we are grateful. – John Wayne Dobson



## 150 Years Ago *By Larry Upthegrove*

**May 1, 1870:** On a Sunday in Atlanta, Ga, Sam Richards writes in his diary: "A nice rain has refreshed the earth and every green thing is greener still. We had a small mess of strawberries today from our garden. On Friday I set out my eggplants and early tomatoes, raised under glass.

In Atlanta, GA, yesterday's "Intelligencer" has this: "Pat Cleburne —The last remains of the noble Cleburne—as gallant a spirit as the sun ever shone upon—were escorted to the depot at Columbia Tennessee on the 27<sup>th</sup> instant, to be transported to their final resting place at his home in Texas. The escort was composed of the Masonic fraternity of that place, and a large concourse of citizens from the Episcopal Church, where they lay that night. **One noticeable feature was the presence of old "Bragg," the colored servant of Gen. Braxton Bragg, following in the procession....**Green be the turf above these honored remains!".....Major General Cleburne was killed in the fighting at Franklin, Tennessee in November of 1864. He was first buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia, Tennessee. He was moved to the churchyard of St. John's Episcopal Church near Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee. Today, he is moving again, this time to his hometown of Helena, Arkansas, with much fanfare, and will be buried in the Confederate Section of Maple Hill Cemetery overlooking the Mississippi.

**May 2, 1870:** Today is Monday, so no newspapers today, but there is interesting news from Cartersville, Georgia, happenings of last week. Last Thursday's edition of the "Atlanta Constitution" had this tragic news: "Cartersville, GA, April 27—9 A.M.....All the buildings on the square on the west side of the Depot are totally destroyed. ....From Atlanta, April 30, 1870 has this: "A meeting of the citizens of Cartersville is to be held, for the purpose of securing a fire engine and organizing a fire company."

**May 5, 1870:** In Georgia, General Lee has begun a leisurely movement back towards his home in Virginia, stopping for a few days in Charleston. The Atlanta Intelligencer of this week says: "General Lee in Charleston. This brave old soldier, says the Charleston Courier of Wednesday last, was made the recipient of a serenade on Monday night by the Post Band, accompanied by a number of citizens. Yesterday a delegation waited on him and requested him to hold a reception at one of the hotels in order to give his friends a chance to see him, but the General, with that reticence which has always characterized him, respectfully begged to be excused. He was called upon yesterday at the residence of Mr. Bennett by personal friends."

**May 8, 1870:** In Atlanta, on this Sunday, there is good attendance to the area churches, a reflection on the dry, warm weather.

**May 12, 1870:** In Atlanta, Ga this week, the "Constitution" has this: "Gen. John B. Gordon, a few days since, received from the North a package containing books, valued by him for their antiquity and personal associations, with the following note, without date or signature: 'These things were taken from General Gordon's house in war times, as plunder, for private use, and are now restored as the only return for it.'".....

# REBUILDING



Atlanta, Georgia - 1864

"Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast."

- Psalm 57:1

*"Atlanta a few days after General Lee's surrender was little more than the blackened ruins that Sherman had left on his war path. Only five years later [1870] it had been rebuilt to a larger and more beautiful city than it was ten years ago. The bustling city was more astir than anyone would have ever have thought possible in these hard times. Houses were springing up as if by magic along the already crowded streets; and more than a score of trains and a thousand vehicles were passing incessantly. Atlanta was doing a tremendous business, and destined to out distance every city in the South. It is a triumphant proof of Southern courage and perseverance"* (Larry Upthegrove)

With the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we may have paused to wonder what society and the world will look like when this crisis ends. For those who have lost loved ones, the world will never be the same again – even for those who recovered. The world we personally knew may be only faded photographs. Like people, "some businesses are just not going to survive. "Small" companies comprise 90% of the business world and employ 60-70% of the workforce". Personal finances will need to recover. Economics is a simple equation. If dollars are not in the wallet of the consumer, purchases will not be made and no one prospers. Some churches will have disappeared by the time COVID-19 has been brought under control, as well as non-government schools. On-line instruction may become an even more-engrained method of education. There are, of course, other changes that we cannot even foresee.

Can we truly rebuild after such a tragedy; and if we do, what will our new world look like? How long will it take to recover, if we can at all? Does

the Bible offer answers. The Bible is conspicuous in what it says and what it does not say and may “seem” to have no specific guidelines on the pandemic we are in. Communicable diseases existed since humankind’s hunter-gatherer days, but constant shift to agrarian life created communities that made epidemics – even pandemics - more possible. There is really “nothing new under the sun”, so the Bible does give examples of people who rebuilt after disasters. One of the best ones comes from the story of a man named Nehemiah who returned to Jerusalem 70 years after the Babylonians utterly destroyed it by an intense fire – like Atlanta, Nehemiah did not face a pandemic, but from him we can learn what rebuilding after tragedy is like.

When Nehemiah returned there was not much left of the Holy City - he had to start from square one. Moreover, Israel – just like America - had plenty of enemies that were not too keen about their return. They taunted and threatened and finally came in force causing Nehemiah to use armed workers. Satan likes to tear apart what God is healing or rebuilding. When God restores, expect the devil to make an attempt to deter the progress GOD brought together, but nothing can separate us from HIS care (Mark 10:9).

Undeterred, Nehemiah trusted in the LORD, proceeded with rebuilding Jerusalem and we can learn a great deal from his experience. Nehemiah’s rebuilding took some time even though he remarked that is progressed at surprising speed once they got started. The Israelites were encouraged and reminded of God’s goodness and promises.

However, “healing can be painful. The ancient Israelites wept (Nehemiah 8:9) when they realized just how much they had lost in the destruction of Jerusalem.” Perhaps they thought about all the family members who perished or maybe they wondered what life would not be like if this calamity had not befallen them. The process of rebuilding cannot tolerate too much overthinking – the work must be done. If we want to dwell on anything, let it be something, let it be how much we’ve been healed from and thank GOD for HIS mercy. God restores us, even amidst the pain. There are times for mourning and celebration – “To everything there is a season” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Sometimes those seasons can intermingle.

Some say that the Bible doesn’t answer every problem. It may “seem” to be silent on issues like social media, some relationships, and even COVID-19, since these not did specifically exist during the historical timeline of the Old or New Testament. That does not mean the Bible does not contain examples of people experienced disasters, how they handled their circumstances and how they rebuilt.

“The Bible is living, active, “quick, and powerful” “(Hebrews 4:12). Regardless of when a particular book of the Bible was written it can have relevance for our lives. When we rebuild, we can turn to Scripture for examples, for encouragement, and most importantly, for healing.”

*Jwd 5/10/20 Scriptures KJV - Quotes by: Hope Bolinger and Larry Upthegrove*



Courtesy of Val Elliott

## Middle Georgia Civil War Roundtable

Our initial meeting was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at The Cannonball House, Macon, GA with 19 people in attendance. The name Middle Georgia Civil War Roundtable selected after input from several present. Meetings will be quarterly on the Tuesday of [January, April], July and October, 2020 at 7pm. A time of fellowship was proposed before each meeting (6:30 to 7:00) to be enjoyed by attendees prior to the start of the actual meeting. Light refreshments are suggested with members encouraged to volunteer to bring something small to eat/drink. Emails will be distributed to members at the first of each meeting month to remind everyone to attend.

### Officers elected for a one-year term were:

President, J. Wayne Dobson  
Treasurer, Johnny Mack Nickles  
Secretary, Cheryl B. Aultman

A committee to select speakers for upcoming meetings was comprised of Johnny Mack Nickles, Marsha M. Luttrell and Cheryl Aultman.

Annual dues of \$15 were decided upon but the collection of said dues was not to begin prior to the 3rd meeting in July (that, now, may be subject to revision). Until a treasury is compiled, 'passing the hat' may be used to meet financial needs.

A short by-law document will be drafted by Johnny Mack Nickles.

A sign-up sheet (suggested by Earl Colvin) will be available at future meetings. It will include a column for the individual's name & their email so we are able to let them know of upcoming meetings.

## THE NEXT MEETING of Mid-GA-CWRT

Due to the considerations precipitated by COVID-19, the previously-scheduled meeting for Tuesday evening April 21, 2020 at 7pm at The Cannonball House, 856 Mulberry Street in Macon, GA has been postponed to

## Tuesday evening, July 21, 2020 at 7pm

(Any applicable meeting safety guidelines and instructions will follow in the June issue)

Our guest speaker **will still** be Stephen Davis author of a new book, Texas Brigadier to the Fall of Atlanta: John Bell Hood, from Mercer University Press. Stephen Davis is a nationally-known author and recognized expert on the Atlanta Campaign of 1864. This is his seventh book on the subject. He has also written hundreds of articles for both scholarly and popular publications. He is a graduate of Emory University, where he studied under the renowned Bell Wiley and from which he earned his Ph.D. Now retired, he resides in Cumming, Georgia.

### SPECIAL OFFER

Due to the April 21 rescheduling, (to July 21) Mercer University Press would like to offer our 1st speaker, Steve Davis' new book Texas Brigadier to the Fall of Atlanta: John Bell Hood to the Mid-GA-CWRT at a special 20% discount and free USA-USPS media mail shipping.

Texas Brigadier to the Fall of Atlanta: John Bell Hood Price: ~~\$35.00~~ \$28.00 +tax

<https://www.mupress.org/Texas-Brigadier-to-the-Fall-of-Atlanta-John-Bell-Hood-P1025.aspx>

We also have Steve's previous publication available in paperback.

What the Yankees Did to Us: Sherman's Bombardment and Wrecking of Atlanta

Price: ~~\$30.00~~ \$24.00 +tax

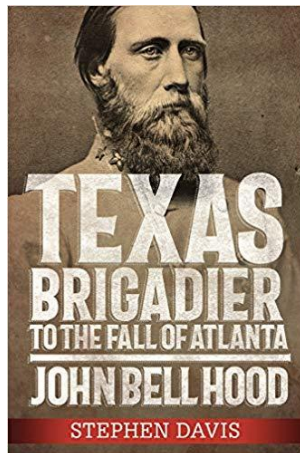
<https://www.mupress.org/What-the-Yankees-Did-to-Us-Shermans-Bombardment-and-Wrecking-of-Atlanta-P957.aspx>

We have featured Steve's books, but, we will honor the 20% discount on any of our titles. We have an extensive Civil War List: <https://www.mupress.org/Civil-War-C2055.aspx>

We are here, taking orders, and shipping daily and are fortunate that this office is in a house on Orange Street (on the Mercer Law School campus). Wherever you are, stay safe and when you need something to do, order a book(s). We are still shipping! Give us a call at 478-301-2880 or 1-866-895-1472. – *Marshal Luttrell*

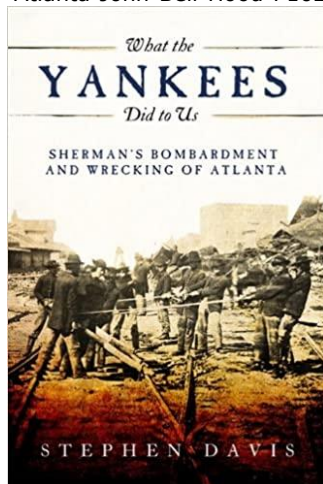
**NOTE:** We are so pleased and honored to have three members of Mercer University Press as esteemed members of The Middle Georgia Civil War Roundtable. They are Dr. Marc Jolly, Marshall Luttrell and Jenny Toole. Each has been so supportive and instrumental in getting the Round Table established. Their support is simply beyond estimate and is typified by the gracious book offers (above) that they have so graciously extended to Round Table Members. *Wayne Dobson, President Mid-GA-CWRT*

## BOOKS BY STEVEN DAVIS



"Late in life, writing his memoirs, John Bell Hood wrote, "no man is justly entitled to be considered a great General, unless he has won his spurs." Hood did not explain how an officer earned his spurs, but he didn't need to. One may assume that such an accomplishment came about when a soldier conscientiously performed his duty, and gave his all in attempting to meet his country's expectations of him. In this work, the first of two volumes, Hood's rise in rank is chronicled. In three years, 1861-1864, Hood rose from lieutenant to full general in the Confederate army. Davis emphasizes Hood's fatal flaw: ambition. Hood constantly sought promotion, even after he had found his highest level of competence as division commander in Robert E. Lee's army.

As corps commander in the Army of Tennessee, his performance was good, but no better. Promoted to succeed Johnston, Hood did his utmost to defend Atlanta against Sherman. In this latter effort he failed. But he had won his spurs, even if he had been denied greatness as a general. <https://www.mupress.org/Texas-Brigadier-to-the-Fall-of-Atlanta-John-Bell-Hood-P1025.aspx>



Like Chicago from Mrs. O Leary's cow, or San Francisco from the earthquake of 1906, Atlanta has earned distinction as one of the most burned cities in American history. During the Civil War, Atlanta was wrecked, but not by burning alone. Longtime Atlantan Stephen Davis tells the story of what the Yankees did to his city. General William T. Sherman's Union forces had invested the city by late July 1864. Northern artillerymen, on Sherman's direct orders, began shelling the interior of Atlanta on 20 July, knowing that civilians still lived there and continued despite their knowledge that women and children were being killed and wounded. Countless buildings were damaged by Northern missiles and the fires they caused. Davis provides the most extensive account of the Federal shelling of Atlanta, relying on contemporary

newspaper accounts more than any previous scholar. The Yankees took Atlanta in early September by cutting its last railroad, which caused Confederate forces to evacuate and allowed Sherman's troops to march in the next day. The Federal army's two and a half-month occupation of the city is rarely covered in books on the Atlanta campaign. Davis makes a point that Sherman's wrecking continued during the occupation when Northern soldiers stripped houses and tore other structures down for wood to build their shanties and huts. Before setting out on his march to the sea, Sherman directed his engineers to demolish the city's railroad complex and what remained of its industrial plant. He cautioned them not to use fire until the day before the army was to set out on its march. Yet fires began the night of 11 November deliberate arson committed against orders by Northern soldiers. Davis details the burning of Atlanta, and studies those accounts that attempt to estimate the extent of destruction in the city.

# Crossing the Bar

ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson wrote *Crossing the Bar* in 1889, three years before he died. The poem itself is a metaphor for death and it begins with the speaker describing the atmosphere. He says it is sunset and the evening star can be seen in the sky. 'Sunset and Evening star' represent the end of the day. Just as the day is about to end, the speaker says that his life is drawing to an end as well. 'Crossing the Bar' could be interpreted to mean "crossing the sandbar" out into sea, transitioning from life into the death of a mariner. The phrase has its origin in the fact that most rivers and bays develop a sandbar across their entrances, and 'crossing the bar' meant leaving the safety of the harbor for the unknown. Tennyson uses the metaphor of a sand bar to describe the barrier between life and death. A sandbar is a ridge of sand built up by currents along a shore. The extended metaphor of *crossing the bar* represents travelling serenely and securely from life through death. The Pilot is a metaphor for God, whom the speaker hopes to meet face to face.

So sorry to hear about all Ms. Cathy has been going through but SO VERY glad for the results you reported. Praying for you, always, too, my brother – I know the days are long and difficult. I saw Steve and he is in good spirits (for now) as he will soon begin 18 months of cancer treatments.

We continue to work at CBH 2-3 days per week even though we are closed – tons of Archive work to do, always. Thankful for it. Hope you can get moved to Elizabeth Place soon.

Brenda continues to try to keep her spirits up but she is naturally very disappointed. She goes back to the doc on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

I thought 39 was right for Clinton. I got some pictures for the newsletter but did not know about the memorial service. Will check with Charlie. We are sure losing folks – will check my sad tally soon and get with you.

I understand about the family re-union and vacation. Brenda wanted to go to Washington real bad but there is, of course, no way.

We will sure stay in touch during these troubled time and you are Cathy are so loved and appreciated by us. Despite all, so far we are fine.

Duke & Brenda