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February 2019



"Chief" - R.I.P. - 2/10/19

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

## Why Is George There?



# The Great Seal of the Confederacy

A copy of the Great Seal of the Confederacy hangs in the entrance hall of the First White House of the Confederacy. It is very impressive because in the center is – guess who - George Washington! It is deeply symbolic that the Confederate States of America used George Washington as a symbol of the new Country.

### The Great Seal of the Confederacy (continued)

The Confederates believed that it was they who were perpetuating the ideals of



their revolutionary forebears, so in creating their new nation the Confederates essentially duplicated the institutions of the old Union. It was no surprise then that the seal prominently features George Washington on horseback. Both North and South regarded George Washington as the Father of their Country.

In simple terms, the Seal of The Confederate States of America depicts George Washington on horseback, surrounded by the principle crops of The South – tobacco, cotton, rice, sugar cane, corn, and wheat. The outside edge includes the date of the inauguration of Jefferson Davis as

President of the C.S.A., coinciding with the February 22, 1732 birth date of George Washington. At the bottom is the motto Deo Vindice, which is usually translated as God will vindicate. The story behind the Seal is interesting and tells much about life during that period of time. The seal was designed and created by Joseph S. Wyon in London, England. Mr. Wyon's engraving firm was engravers to Queen Victoria and makers of the Great Seal of England. The actual seal is comprised of a set of embossing dies made of silver which must be placed in its embossing press in order to be used. The embossed image is approximately 3.6 inches in diameter. When the Seal was completed, it was delivered to James Mason, a confidential agent of the Confederacy in England. He selected Lieutenant R.T. Chapman of the Confederate Navy to bring it to America. In order to avoid the naval blockade, Lt. Chapman was forced to take a long ad circuitous route. He went from England to Halifax, Nova Scotia, then to the Island of Bermuda and finally to Wilmington, North Carolina. When the Confederate Government evacuated Richmond in April of 1865, Mrs. William J. Bromwell, the wife of an official of the Confederate State Department, smuggled the Seal from the doomed city. Together with an important part of the Confederate archives, the Seal was hidden from Federal forces in a barn near Richmond. It eventually made its way into the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, where it can be seen today.

The text on the case of the seal pictured above says, "Original Confederate Seal" and "For presentation to Confederate Government Officials". This seal is owned by Stephen Clay McGehee. An unknown number of bronze embossings were made from the Confederate Seal. These were embossed onto heavy bronze and then mounted for display. This photo is of one such embossing purchased at an auction. The seal (shown above) was probably never used in any official capacity. The seal plates and the press traveled separately and were never known to have been in the same place at the same time during the Confederate period. The seal that was actually used by the Confederate government was the provisional seal, which consisted of a scroll with the word "Constitution" above, and the word

### The Great Seal of the Confederacy (concluded)

"Liberty" below. After the Confederate government collapsed, Secretary of State, Judah P. Benjamin threw the provisional seal plates into the Savannah River as he fled for England. The embossing press is currently in the custody of the Cox family of Hamilton, Bermuda.

As always, there is more to any story. During the American Revolution a cavalry leader named Henry Lee served under Washington. It would be this Henry Lee who delivered the famous eulogy "first in war, first peace and first I the heart of our countrymen..." Major-General Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee III (January 29, 1756 – March 25, 1818) was an early American Patriot and politician who served as the ninth Governor of Virginia and as the Virginia Representative to the United States Congress. He was also the father of General Robert Edward Lee and likely taught his young son to idolize Washington. He must have done a good job of it because Robert E. Lee married Mary Anna Randolph Custis Lee (October 1, 1808 - November 5, 1873) the great-granddaughter of Martha Washington.

### **QUOTES**

I will never understand why anyone has to tear down my heritage to advance theirs. - Duke

We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive. - c. S. Lewis

When there is not an inch of space on earth left where it is safe to be a Christian, the LORD will come. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I don't want to call it a conspiracy to ignore the role of Blacks both above and below the Mason-Dixon line, but it was definitely a tendency, which began around 1910. - National Park Service historian, Ed Bearrs



### A NEW BOARD MEMBER

AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE

In 2018 we were happy to announce that the fine staff of The Jarrell Plantation had added Derek Jackson. In early 2019 we were equally pleased to learn that he had become a member of the Board of Directors of The Cannonball House Macon, Georgia.

### The Tent Graves of Tennessee

Mar 30, 2018 Terri Likens



When moonlit nights or misty mornings work their magic, some older cemeteries in parts of Tennessee could pass for Civil War encampments. Unusual pup-tent-style graves stand in tidy rows, generally surrounded by more typical tombstones. Called tent or "comb" graves for their A-frame shape, they are constructed in ways that historians can analyze to a certain extent. They can only guess, however, as to why they were built. The biggest concentrations of these burial anomalies, more than 3,000, are found on a swath near the Highland Rim and the western Cumberland Plateau regions of Middle Tennessee. Hundreds more are to the north near Albany, Kentucky. Smaller numbers are scattered around northern Arkansas, northern Alabama, and north Georgia. The oldest dates on the graves are from the 1820s; their numbers trickled to a halt around the middle 1900s.



Material for the slabs can range from sheet metal to marble. Many about the graves have been put forth. Some folks theorize that the stone caps kept water from the grave, keeping the coffin intact, for at least a little longer. The more superstitious might have believed that the slaps kept restless spirits from wandering.

(Sent our way by Sherrie' Raleigh)

### 150 Years Ago

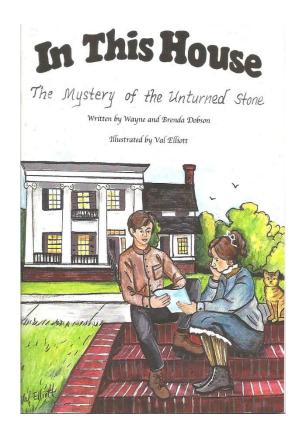
By Larry Upthegrove

**February 9, 1869:** In Atlanta, GA, the State Legislature has defeated a request from the Ladies Memorial Association for financial aid in burying the Confederate soldiers still left on the battlefields. There are many people urging the group to develop another tour of concerts by the same performers that did it several months ago.

**February 11, 1869:** In Atlanta, GA., today's "Daily Intelligencer" has this news of a northern neighbor: "Change of Name in Post Office.—The post office on the line of the Western & Atlanta Railroad, 27 miles from Atlanta, hitherto known as 'Big Shanty,' is now named 'Kennesaw'.

**February 13, 1869:** In Atlanta, GA, today's "Intelligencer" has this: "The Weather.—We had a beautiful, as well as Spring day on yesterday, there were a good many persons on the streets, business though, does not appear very lively this week. We are afraid it is too warm for the fruit, and are afraid that the blossoms will not be kept in until the reign of frost is over. The soft air and genial warmth will not hold back the buds until they can grow lustily, without danger of stint and decay."

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ON SALE AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE - Macon, Georgia

### THE 16<sup>TH</sup> GEORGIA CO. G - "The Jackson Rifles"

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### **SCHEDULE OF 2019 EVENTS**

MARCH 1-3 - BATTLE OF BROXTON BRIDGE, SC MARCH 15-17 - BATTLE OF MANASSAS, GA APRIL 27 - CONFEERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES MAY 3-5 - OLD CLINTON WAR DAYS, GRAY, GA

"The Nash Farm event will be held April 12-14, 2019. It will be the 155th Anniversary of the battles of Nash Farm and Jonesboro, Georgia. It will be hosted by the 30th Georgia Infantry regiment and the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans."Tim Knight 30th Georgia / June 23, 2018

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**The Battle of Olustee** or Battle of Ocean Pond was fought in Baker County, Florida on February 20, 1864, during the American Civil War. It was the only major battle fought in Florida during the war. Union General Truman Seymour had landed troops at Jacksonville, aiming chiefly to disrupt Confederate food supply. Meeting little resistance, he proceeded towards the state capital of Tallahassee, against orders, assuming that he would face only the small Florida militia. It was faithfully reenacted on the weekend of February 15-17, 2019. We hope to have some pictures of that event in our next issue.

### CHUCK JOHNSON 678-576-0475



Ivis Bradford whose business card appears (above) in this newsletter writes: "I finally updated my Etsy store with new sleeping caps. A few other things are in the works to be added in the near future. Perhaps there are some in need of a cap for the upcoming cooler events, or I would appreciate everyone's assistance in spreading the word about my business. The best kind of advertising is through people you know and trust!!! I would be indebted to you and the other members for any help with advertisement. I continue to welcome custom sewing projects at this time. Here is the link to the store:" https://www.etsy.com/shop/ BarnLucky



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

William Allen Gary Banks Steve Smith & family James Boyd J.C. Nobles Elaine Wallace Al McGalliard Ty Burnsed Cathy Wheeler Reba Aultman Kasey W. Larson Harold Buchanan Gale Red Bill Cameron Jenny & Ryan Ricky Smith Rev. Joey Young and family Ed & Val Elliott Lee Murdock Steve Galegor Michael Pierpoint Calbeb Brantley Ben (Cooter) Jones Dale & Becky Rankin Roy and Dana Myers Alan Farley Gerald Robbins Richard Durham Sherrie' Raleigh Mrs. & Mrs. Burns James Morgan Kay Busbee Becky Mason & family as well as, those who preach & teach The WORD UDC C.S.A., U.S.A., Israel, Law Enforcement, Paramedics & Firefighters, Judges Political Leaders, Missionaries, Our Compatriots, Ministers, Travelers, The lonely, bereaved families. The Cannonball House Staff Our enemies ... And for Me & You, that we witness boldly, risking awkwardness and seeming to be foolish. And, please, let me know of others that should be on this list.

(For privacy, in some cases, I do not publish the details but will share if you contact me

### CATHY'S CLOWN - The Humor of Kenny Stancil

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire, which hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild blackberries in the woods." The little girl was wideeyed, taking all this in. Then, after pausing to ponder all of this, she told her grandmother, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"



A Mormon acquaintance once pushed Mark Twain into an argument on the issue of polygamy. After long and tedious expositions justifying the practice, the Mormon demanded that Twain cite any passage of scripture expressly forbidding polygamy. "Nothing easier," Twain replied. "No man can serve two masters."

Exercise works best early in the morning, before your brain figures out what you're doing.

\*\*Kenny\*\*





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

Our Lee-Jackson Banquet kicked off 2019 for us in a grand and enjoyable style. Joint speakers were Commander Earl Colvin and Adjutant Wayne Dobson.

Our February meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the usual place and time. Adjutant Dobson will make a presentation based on the service of Colonel John Hill Lamar, commander of the 61<sup>st</sup> Georgia Infantry. Please apply to Adjutant

Dobson if interested in speaking engagements in 2019. Guest speaker slots have been booked through June and we are especially honored to announce that our guest speaker for our 2019 Griswoldville commemoration will be Tim Pilgrim, current Commander of the Georgia Division SCV. June might seem a long way off, but we are planning some special events for the 2019 GCYC, and need to have the Campers sign-up ASAP. Besides the \$200.00 scholarships are available only to the first 30 to apply. Don't wait, please. Go to: georgiaconfederatesyouthcamp.weebly.com and complete your applications. t "To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

### DOING OUR PART FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### BILL YOPP



Slaves of the 1800's rarely ventured far from home during their lifetime, but not Bill Yopp, a native of Laurens County, Georgia. Serving his beloved Southland in The War Between the States, Bill witnessed some of the bloodiest conflicts and some say he was even at Appomattox.

Afterwards, he share cropped, moved to Macon and took a job at the Brown House Hotel where he met influential men of the State. Bill accompanied the owner of the hotel to Connecticut, worked in New York City, then took a position with the Charleston and Savannah Railroad, was employed in California, visited Europe, worked for the president of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad and also the United States Navy.

An aging Bill Yopp returned to Georgia to work for the Central of Georgia Railroad. During World War I, Bill lived at Camp Wheeler, where he won the admiration of the officers there, who presented him with a gold watch upon his departure. The editor of "The Macon

Telegraph" helped Bill in a 1919 fund raising campaign for the residents of the Confederate Soldier's Home. Bill published book about his life, with all proceeds going to the old soldiers.

Bill's life-long friend Captain Thomas Yopp died in January of 1920, and Bill, in his eighties, gave the eulogy. Bill died after June 3, 1936 and was buried in Marietta, Georgia among many of the men he had served with. His gravestone, provided by the State of Georgia reads:

DRUMMER BILL YOPP, CO. H, 14TH GA. INF., C.S.A.







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### A Note from J.C Nobles on Thursday, February 14, 2019:

A hearty good morning and a most sincere Happy Saint Valentine's Day to all . It is with deep regret that I confirm that I will be unable to join you on the field of Honor at Ocean Pond FL. I deep appreciate the kind offers made to not only transport my broke brain self down there, but to also look after me , and get me back. Miss Cathy still has some concerns about my overall recovery and does not want me to be a burden on anyone. She is not quite ready to take the leash off. I am going to sorely miss being there with my Brothers and Sisters. I know that you will all do our ancestors proud, not only on the Field of Honor but especially during the conducting of The Memorial Service. That is the part that I will miss the most. Please accept my utmost thanks and gratitude for doing your duty in all things. Also, please accept my best wishes for a safe trip down and back, and my hopes that you have a large time during your fellowship together. Do please mention me to all of the folks that me inquire of me and extend my best wishes to them.

I will spend my time playing the same game I've played lately while y'all are on the field and I'm stuck in the recovery zone. I look at the clock and calculate what everyone is doing at that point in time. I will be "Present in Spirit Sir" each step of the way and click of the clock. Thank you for your continued prayers for me, make sure that Shanda's fire is kept lit, and ensure that Brother Colton King's memory is honored with the carrying of our Colors by one of us. God Bless and keep you all. I remain your obedient servant: The Colonel, J.C. Nobles *nsnr* 

### A LOVE STORY







Once upon a time, there was a young couple who fell in love in 1861.

They were very special  $\sim$  their love was inspiring and true and glowed as the sun. She was 17 and the oldest of eight children of a Mobile, Alabama, steamship captain. He was 24 and a steamboat engineer and auxiliary policeman. They called her Elizabeth Queenie "Lizzie" Bennett ~ by her parents was named. He was George E. Dixon ~ a dashing young man as history has claimed. Before George departed for the war, Lizzie gave him a \$20 gold piece for good luck. He was wounded at Shiloh when a minie ball in his leg struck. It was this gold coin that saved his leg and possibly his life, But the impact seriously damaged his femur causing him to limp the rest of his short life. George returned to Mobile to convalesce and see Lizzie, so they spent Christmas 1862 together. Fondly growing closer in spirit and in love with each other. Lizzie was someone who shared her smile, a tear, and a hand. George was someone who cared ~ a heart that could understand. Their love was the long-lasting kind although they were together for only a little while. Their love was for so many things  $\sim$  they shared their voice, their touch, their kiss, their smile. With them, there was nothing to resist  $\sim$  to each they were irresistible, you see. They were drawn in total trust, giving to each other willingly. Until in 1864, the Confederate H. L. Hunley submarine was lost, George perished with his crew and the war their love cost. Their love story continued in the romantic tale of her gold gift Until it was proven true when it was found where George lay in the remains of the ship. Their sweet devotion never failed  $\sim$  they each had a loving heart. Their love, no matter what, had been that way from the start. There were many reasons why their love endured.

Despite their many trials, their love was secure.



Adjutant Gale and Lady Sharon Red

The article entitled "A Love Story", on page 12, was borrowed by kind permission from the February 2019 edition of The Dixon Blue Light published by The Lt. George E. Dixon Camp #1962 of Belleville, Illinois; just east of St. Louis, Missouri. This camp was chartered on January 1, 2002 and we made their acquaintance through J.C. Nobles (SCV 2218) who met Gale Red some years back. Gale is the former (twice) Illinois SCV Division Commander and has been the Camp #1962 Adjutant since they were formed in 2002. Gale was also on the National SCV Genealogy Committee for 14 years and was the Committee Chairman for eight years. He is a retired Air Force officer, father of five, grandfather of 13, and great grandfather of 3. His lovely wife, Sharon, (pictured above) is their newsletter editor and does a bang up great job of it. I am sure they would be glad to add you to the subscription list if you contact them at galered@yahoo.com.

## Mr. McBeevee

"HE (JESUS) came unto HIS own, and HIS own received HIM not...neither did his brethren believe in HIM."

- John 1:11 & 7:5

The old Andy Griffith Show may be an odd place to find Bible truth but GOD knows how to get in touch with us with what HE wants to say. Many folks remember the episode (first aired October 1, 1962) when Barney Fife (played by Don

Knotts) was embarrassed when he mistook Opie's (played by Ronnie Howard) imaginary horse, Blackie, for real. Later Opie tells his father (played by Andy Griffith) and Barney about a man he met in the woods, wearing a big, shiny silver hat. They assume this man is imaginary, too, especially when Opie says that the man walks in the tree tops, jingles when he moves about and even blows smoke from his ears. Andy has a real problem with all of this, however, when Opie starts bringing home gifts from his supposed imaginary friend. Even after being threatened with punishment, Opie refuses to deny that Mr. McBeevee (played by Karl Swenson) is real. Andy and Barney just do not believe Opie.

Finally Andy confronts Opie about Mr. McBeevee, alone, in Opie's room. With tears in his eyes Opie asks Andy, "don't you believe me, Pa, don't you, Pa." Andy says quietly, "I believe you." Downstairs Barney and Aunt Bee (played by Francis Bavier) wait to hear how Andy punished Opie for lying. When Barney, asks if Andy spanked Opie or just made him stay in his room, Andy says, neither, adding that he believed Opie and he explained like this: Andy: "Well, a whole lot of times I've asked him to believe things that, to his mind, must have seemed just as impossible."

Barney: Oh, but, Andy ... the silver hat, and the jingling, and the smoke from his ears - what about all that?

Andy: Oh, I don't know. I guess it's just times like this when you're asked to believe something that just does not seem possible. That's the moment that decides whether you have faith in somebody or not.

Barney: Yeah, but how can you explain it all?

Andy: I can't.

Barney: So you do believe in Mr. McBeevee?

Andy: ... I DO believe in Opie.

Later, of course, Andy finds Mr. McBeevee in the woods and he is a real person exactly like Opie described.

Have you ever had trouble believing the Bible, GOD's WORD? You don't want to say GOD is lying about the Red Sea or the Ark or that the Cross, Heaven and hell are just some made up story. However, you do have a hard time wrapping your mind around it all. Nicodemus once asked JESUS, "how can these things be?" (John 3:9) It was not that he disbelieved what JESUS was telling him, so much as it was just hard for the mind of Nicodemus to grasp it all. There is much that we just do not know about GOD and the way HE deals with mankind. Also, some of what we think we know is sometimes hard to understand. That is when we must decide whether we have faith in the author of the Bible or not.

For example, what really happens when we close our eyes in death? Some believe we are instantly in the LORD's presence. After all JESUS told the dying thief on the cross, today you will be with ME in paradise(Luke 23:43). The Apostle Paul wrote that he was "willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8) and that when "we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord." (2 Corinthians 5:6) More than three dozen times the Bible refers to death as "sleep." Daniel wrote (12:2) "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

There are some things we know from the WORD of GOD and some others we will just

have to wait to find out. That does not mean GOD's WORD is not true. We do not understand how an invisible gas like oxygen keeps us alive but we are sure it does. Andy told Barney and Aunt Bee that even though he did not understand about Mr. McBeevee, that he did "believe in Opie". Even so, we do not have to understand how our existence in this body, on this earth will one day end and a new and eternal body and life will be ours. However, we can sure believe the ONE who told us about it. It is all a matter of whether you have faith in GOD or not. GOD can even use an old



television rerun to reassure our often troubled hearts and minds.

Jwd

1/20/19

I can only imagine what it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine
Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for you Jesus?
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence?
Or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing Hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine
(MercyMe)

### Dr. Derden to Conduct Sherman's March Tour

Dr. John K. Derden, Professor Emeritus of History at East Georgia State College, will conduct his annual tour of sites associated with Sherman's March through East Central Georgia on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019. The tour will also include a visit to the site of Camp Lawton, the Confederate prisoner- of-war Camp located on the grounds of Magnolia Springs State Park North of Millen.

Dr. Derden is the author of a recent book (*The Largest Prison in the World: The Story of Camp Lawton*, Mercer University Press, 2012) on the history of the prison. This activity is offered through the Office of Institutional Advancement at East Georgia State College. Participants will gather at 9 a.m. for a pre-trip orientation at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on EGSC's Swainsboro campus. Lunch and transportation will be provided for the day.

Dr. Derden, who has conducted the tour since the 125th anniversary of the March in 1989, commented on the significance of the event, which so heavily impacted this part of the state: "The sesquicentennial of the American Civil War brought to the forefront the significance of that conflict and of the central issues with which it dealt. Fought on American soil from Pennsylvania to New Mexico, from Missouri to Florida, and on the high seas, the war pockmarked the map of the U.S. with the sites of the conflict's skirmishes and battles. Virtually every U.S. family was affected by it, and its memory persists as is revealed by the fact that more books have been written on the fratricidal war than on any other aspect of the American past, and many more American soldiers died in the Civil War than in any other U.S. war. One of the major campaigns that hastened the war's end, Sherman's March to the Sea in the Fall of 1864 targeted the civilian population along its path, opening a continuing controversy about its morality. The main units of Sherman's 60,000-man force marched through East Central Georgia on their way to Savannah. As they marched, they passed through what are now Jenkins, Burke and Emanuel counties, and they were on the road from November 15 until the first week of December 1864, when they approached Savannah. Many of the roads, some of the houses, and a goodly number of descendants of the original families are still there."

Join Dr. Derden and fellow enthusiasts on this fun and fact-filled day tour of sites associated with the March to the Sea in Emanuel, Jenkins and Burke counties. Along the way, the group will visit Birdsville Plantation, locate some of the places where General Sherman spent the night, retell stories told by families who lived along Sherman's route, visit the Old Buckhead Church where Kilpatrick's Union cavalry and Wheeler's Confederate cavalry skirmished, walk the site of the "largest prison in the world" (Camp Lawton), and see some of the recent archaeological finds related to it, and travel on some of the actual roads Sherman's forces used. Each participant will also receive a packet of informational material related to the march.

Sponsored by the Office of Institutional Advancement at East Georgia State College, the tour fee, which includes all expenses, is \$80 per person. Registration deadline is February 20. If interested, please call EGC Office of Institutional Advancement at 478-289-2133 to reserve a seat.

# Nash Farm Henry County Battlefield & Park

### Simply Southern Jubilee and Battle of Nash Farm April 12, 13, 14 2019 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Battle Reenactment/Living History & Arts and Crafts fair

100 Babbs Mill Road, Hampton Ga 30228

Sponsored by: 30<sup>th</sup> Ga Company E & Sons of Confederate Veterans, Georgia Division

Experience the battle of Jonesboro on Saturday, and the desperate charge of Kilpatrick's cavalry on Sunday as they attack Nash Farm and its defenders to escape defeat. Enjoy the afternoon battles on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be sutlers, a ladies' tea, and a period ball Saturday night. Please go online and register for the event. There is a \$10.00 fee for early registration, or \$20 at the event. Children 15 and under are free with their parents. Please forward this information to interested reenactors.



Questions or special needs please contact:

Tim Knight, Event coordinator at <a href="mailto:knight30thcoe@yahoo.com">knight30thcoe@yahoo.com</a>
770 910-0307

Re-enactor Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/2T7aFJC">https://bit.ly/2T7aFJC</a>

Vendor Registration link: <a href="https://bit.ly/2S1gQ4A">https://bit.ly/2S1gQ4A</a>

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Please forward to all reenactors.



Gentlemen, the following comes our way from Compatriot Daryl Hutchinson of The A.H. Stephens Camp 78, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp of Americus, GA:

"I was informed that Dr. Leland Madison Park of Davidson, NC passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 13. His funeral will be at 4:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church at Davidson College. Dr. Park was the director of the library there at the college for 31 years. He was the son of the founder (Mr. Arthur H. Park

of Orlando, FL) of our annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service in Andersonville, beginning in 1976. Leland was a dear friend of our SCV Camp, and had attended several of the Memorial Services after his father died. He was unable to attend in 2018 due to health reasons, but he told me he hoped to attend in 2019. He was a true Southern gentleman. Leland's grandfather, Lemuel Madison Park, was a Confederate officer under Capt. Wirz at Andersonville Prison Camp. L. M. Park was chairman of the Advisory Board to the UDC in the planning and erecting the monument to Capt. Wirz in Andersonville. Leland's cousin, William Freeman, an active member of the John B. Gordon SCV Camp in Atlanta, has attended our Wirz Service, and hopes to attend this November. Let's keep the Park family in our prayers. To read the obituary go to Cavin Cook Funeral Home in Mooresville, NC www.cavin-cook.com (James Gaston)

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Dear Friends & Family of the 16th
Thank you for the donations
to Clinton United Methodist Church
mode in honor (memory of both
of Drews grandmothers.
We appreciate you remembering
works this special way we are
thankful for your continued
provers and proventions

Love, Scott, Beidi Chrystle, Christian & Drew Hallmark

### Confederate Soldier's Letter

Jefferson Smith, Charlottesville - December 6, 2010



Having read the "apology" from a Confederate soldier (Daily Progress letter to the editor, Nov. 25), I would like to offer thoughts from another Confederate soldier:

"I am 82 years of age. My grandfather served the Confederacy under North Carolina Gen. J. Johnston Pettigrew. He died at the Battle of Gettysburg. I will allow his thoughts, written to my grandmother just a couple of weeks prior to that battle, to speak for themselves."

"My lovely wife. I do so miss you, and the life we have there on the small plot of land God has given us. More and more, it seems that my thoughts are drifting back there to reside with you. Yet, as badly as I desire to be back home, it is for home for which I deem it best for my presence here with these other men. The proclamation by the Lincoln administration six months prior may appear noble. Were I here in these conditions, simply to keep another man in bondage, I would most certainly walk away into the night and return unto you. God knows my heart, and the hearts of others here amongst me. We know what is at stake

here, and the true reason for this contest that requires the spilling of the blood of fellow citizens. Our collective fear is nearly universal. This war, if it is lost, will see ripples carry forward for five, six, seven or more generations. I scruple not to believe, as do the others, that the very nature of this country will be forever disspirited. That one day, our great great grandchildren will be bridled with a federal bit, that will deem how and if they may apply the gospel of Christ to themselves, their families and their communities. Whether or not the land of their forefathers may be deceitfully taken from them through taxation and coercion. A day where only the interests of the northern wealthy will be shouldered by the broken and destitute bodies of the southern poor. This my darling wife, is what keeps me here in this arena of destruction and death."

EDIOR'S NOTE: The photo of The Confederate Monument in Hawkinsville, Georgia was taken recently by Sherrie' Raleigh and sent to us. Our dear brother E.E. Cheney sent the Confederate letter to us and I must say it is probably the most touching one I have ever had the privilege to read. As my Daddy used to say, "they don't make men like that anymore..." – Duke

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