



# United Daughters of the Confederacy

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### **T**ennessee Daughters,

My, how time does fly! It is hard to believe the year 2013 has passed and we are already a month into 2014. As I reflect back over my first year as president, I realize the mistakes I made and “beat myself up” over have made me a stronger Daughter of the Confederacy. It has been a learning experience that I will always cherish. Above all, I relish the closeness and stronger friendships I have made with the chapters and their members. That is what life is about, making friends, helping friends, growing together in this great organization of Southern women, and uplifting each other in these troubled times. Life is Great!

In January, we celebrated no finer example of a Southern gentleman and leader as General Robert Edward Lee, as well as, General Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson and Matthew Fontaine Maury. The life of each of these great heroes should inspire us to do our duty as daughters with the same Confederate blood running through our veins. General Robert E. Lee said, “Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less.”

We have the opportunity and duty to show honor to our Southern heroes, ancestors, and the Confederate soldier who fought for the love of their country. We need to also remember the

Southern women who sacrificed and used their talents for the South.

Tennessee Daughters have certainly done their duty in the past year with celebrations, monument dedications, raising money to repair some of our monumental structures across the state, erecting new structures, awarding the Iron Cross, donating to numerous charities, maintaining Southern home landmarks, and assisting our military and their families, as well as remembering our veterans with Military Service Awards. Daughters, remember Tennessee is number one and the reason is you!

As we continue to celebrate the Sesquicentennial, we need to praise and ask the Lord to always guide us. It is so obvious we possess the greatest treasure of a heritage known to man in the history of this world, because so many men and women are working diligently trying to erase it from the annals of history.

So, I challenge each daughter and each chapter to seize each opportunity that arises to take a proud stand as a Southern daughter to remember your Southern and Confederate roots. Daughters, stop and think, if it had not been for the courage and determination of our Confederate ancestors, where would we be today? Always remember, by the Grace of God, you are truly blessed to be Southern.

May God Bless the South,

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### Officer Reports

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Matilda Speck

A new “Under 40” pin was approved at the General Convention in Tulsa. This pin has been ordered and should be available in March. Those eligible to purchase the “Under 40” pin are women who were 40 years of age and younger when they joined the UDC. Proof will be required for this purchase of this pin. Members wishing to purchase this pin should complete a Non Engraved Order Form and submit their approved Membership application. All four (4) pages of the approved application must be submitted.

It was also decided that the “Under 40” pin would be retroactive. Therefore, any member who was 40 years of age and under when they joined the UDC can purchase this pin. The cost of the “Under 40” pin will be \$40. The revised (Jan 2014) Non Engraved Order Form can be found on the UDC website.

The number 32A – 150-Years Remembrance Pin and the number 32B – 150-Commemorative Pin will be retired in 2015. Now is the time to order these pins.

If you have any questions, please contact me at any time.

*Matilda Speck*  
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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Lisa Thomas

Time is drawing near to the deadline for the Division and General Scholarship Applications for the fall of 2014. They must be in my hands before March 15.

I can proudly report that all 5 of our present Division recipients have met the qualifications to continue their scholarship funds for spring 2014. These 5 students are accomplishing so much in their studies toward their degrees. They are amazing. Great Job!!

We are presently working on new Tennessee Division Scholarship pin which can be worn on your UDC ribbon. Once approved, you may purchase the new pin with a certain amount of contribution to the Tennessee Division Scholarship fund. The draft of the design should be ready to be approved at our 2014 Division convention in October.

Last year, all our Tennessee chapters combined donated \$481 to the division scholarship fund. We need \$5000 a year to continue our support for these outstanding students. I greatly urge you to work with your chapter to raise more money for this fund. Plan a fund raiser or maybe a silent auction within your chapter. Any way you can use your creative effort for this very important fund, please do so! Then, tell me on your report what you have accomplished in your chapter to add to the fund. I LOVE giving awards. Make us proud!!!

Lastly, please send me your reports. I only heard from 2/3 of the chapters last year. If you don't have anything to report, which I pray doesn't happen, send it to me anyway and say “HI”.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the district meetings!!

*Lisa Thomas*  
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Eleanor Satterfield

Hello to all! Staying warm in all this cold weather is a must! I really wanted to tell everyone how happy I was at Convention. Three of our outstanding Children of the Confederacy were present. They were Danielle Cain, President General CofC and Tennessee Division President CofC, Tapanga Satterfield, Tennessee Division Vice President CofC, and Dylan Moya, Past Tennessee Division President CofC. These three are working to make Tennessee shine.

Our Tennessee Division CofC Convention will be held in Nashville on June 21, 2014 at Hillsboro Church of Christ, 5800 Hillsboro Road, 37215.

More information to come in time for the District Meetings.

*Eleanor Satterfield*  
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### Registrar – Cindy Waters

Dear TN Registrars,

I have a few reminders about the papers you are sending in:

- Please make sure they are on the 2013 forms. These new forms are on the General website and can be downloaded.
- If husband, parents, grandparents, etc. are living, then this must be noted as Living with the location such as Mount Juliet, Wilson County, TN noted.
- If you place a date and location on the application or supplemental, then there must be a proof for each date and location.
- Don't forget to redline your proofs with a red pencil, please.

- In general, the papers that I am receiving are messy. Please take a last look at what you are sending me and make sure that you review the paper line by line before you send them. This will save time on both ends because I won't have to ask for additional information and hold up the approval of the papers.
- If you do not have a new 2013 Registrar's manual for your chapter, please order one. They are only \$10 from General.

Thanks so much!

*Cindy R. Waters*  
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### Secretary – Rebecca Sardella

Hello ladies of the Tennessee Division!

The submission deadline for the 2014 President's Packets is quickly approaching. All information should be submitted to me no later than Friday, February 7.

Here are a couple of reminders:

- I have electronic copies of all the reporting forms for last year's packet. If \*nothing\* has changed and you want to use the exact same form for this year, please let me know by the deadline of February 7.
- If there is a new reporting form or you need to make changes, you will need to submit a new form – either electronically ([rksardella@aol.com](mailto:rksardella@aol.com)) or by mailing it to me. Please do not email me and ask me to download your committee's reporting form off the UDC General website, and add the contact information. I do not have the time to create or personalize committee reporting forms.

\*\* When submitting your committee's reporting form or confirming reuse of the previous year's form, please confirm if you are okay with your name and email address being listed on the Tennessee Division, UDC's website under the "Members Only" section.\*\*

Remember, if I do not hear from you regarding your committee's reporting form, then that form will not be included in the 2014 President's Packet.

Remember, the submission deadline is Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Spring District Meetings!

God Bless you and God Save the South!

*Rebecca Sardella*  
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#### Historian – Dore Dorris

We have received a new statistical report from the Historian General that should simplify the report process. It has clarifications listed under each question so that you can know how to answer the questions. Please remember that the work reported must have been performed from September 1, 2013 until August 31, 2014.

One question that has been a mystery is found under Additional Data question #1. Mrs. Jackson states that Confederate reminiscences would be articles written by soldiers or women of the era that have never been published. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming District Meetings and will be available to answer any questions you have.

Yours in Southern Heritage,

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

This is a reminder about the upcoming Tennessee Division Convention. Chapters, especially those in West Tennessee, we need to locate several military persons willing to travel to Jackson for the bestowal of these awards. We want to honor those men and women who presently serve or have served our country.

World War I Crosses are still available. The proof for the applicant is not a DD 214. This document did not come into effect until World War II. For proof you may use an obituary that mentions his service, a cemetery monument with the WWI inscription, newspapers, etc. This was a world wide conflict, thus the individual will receive a cross. World War I dates of service are April 5, 1917 through November 11, 1918.

*Jeanell Kutterer*

#### Webmaster – Rebekah Lemley

Dear Daughters,

It is with much anticipation that I share with you the new Tennessee Division website. Below you will find a listing of features that I hope are helpful and informative. The biggest change is the web address. So please bookmark [www.tnudc.org](http://www.tnudc.org) for the future.

#### New Features:

- Each Granddaughter's Club has a page that includes contacts for the officers.
- The CofC has a page dedicated to their work in the Division.
- There will be a SALE page where Chapters can list items they are selling.
- Upcoming events, including registration forms and Google Maps will be available.

- The President's packet will be available to download in a PDF format this Spring.

Warmest regards,

*Rebekah Lemley*

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## Committee Reports

### Veterans Administration Volunteer Service

Tennessee, with four VA facilities is allowed four representatives and four deputy representatives. This is the fourth year for the representatives to serve in their area posts. During the past month, the General Chairman, Charlotte Clinger has appointed two new Deputy Representatives. Serving the Alvin C. York facility is Mary Ruth Simmons of the Winchester Chapter. From the Gallatin Chapter, Andrea Koons will represent us at the Nashville facility. We welcome these ladies and appreciate their service to our veterans.

When your chapter makes a donation to one of the VA facilities, save the "letter of appreciation". Be aware that it will take 4 to 6 weeks for the letter to arrive. I need a copy of this letter for my records. If you need a copy of the needed items, email and I will get a copy to you.

*Jeanell Kutterer*

Chairman

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### Children of the Confederacy

Hi all East Tennessee Division CofC Members,

On May 3, 2014, there is a "Skirmish at Tsali Notch" presented by the Lost Sea and Tsali Notch Vineyard. The Children of the Confederacy is sponsoring a living history event. This will be the "Heritage Day" project as outlined in my projects and goals for Tennessee.

We will have a booth where we will be playing period games, making candles and churning butter. It will be a great opportunity to let the public know about our great organization and all the things we do to fulfill our five goals of the CofC. We really need the help of all four chapters here in East Tennessee to make "Tennessee Shine" for the CofC. It would be even better if all of the CofC chapters in Tennessee would participate.

Please let me know if you will be there. I will give directions and time later.

*"Heritage - Pass it on"*

Danielle Cain, Division President

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### Nominating Committee

The 2014 Tennessee Division Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for all Tennessee Division Offices for the 2014-2016 term.

For the 2014-2016 term, the rotation of offices is:

President - West Tennessee

Vice President - East Tennessee

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - West Tennessee

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President - Middle Tennessee

Recording Secretary - West Tennessee

Treasurer - Middle Tennessee

Registrar - East Tennessee

Historian - Middle Tennessee

Recorder of Military Service Awards - East Tennessee

**Article IX, Section 5 of the Tennessee Division, UDC Bylaws:**

*"To be eligible for an office, a candidate shall have served at least one term as an officer in the chapter in the Tennessee Division which is endorsing her for office. This written endorsement shall be signed by a minimum of five (5) chapter*

*members, and it shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee no later than July 1 of the year of the election. The candidate shall have attended at least one convention in the Tennessee Division prior to the year in which the election shall be held.*

*No officer shall be eligible for the same office two consecutive terms and no officers shall be eligible for another office until an interval of at least two years, except for the office of Division President."*

Nominations for the above-listed positions from the named district will be accepted until July 1, 2014. After that date, the Nominating Committee will look outside of the named district for eligible candidates.

Copies of all nomination letters should be sent to each member of the Nominating Committee:

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On behalf of the Nominating Committee,

*Rebecca Sardella*  
Chairman

### TN Div. Confederate Photograph Project

Dear Tennessee Daughters,

As we continue to collect photographs of our Confederate ancestors, we wanted to provide you with some additional information regarding the submission process. This information is available on our website, [www.tnudc.org](http://www.tnudc.org), in the Members Only section. Remember, the deadline is April 1, 2014.

Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you.

All our best,

*Marissa Lemley Brown*  
*Jennie Jo Hardison*

### TN Division Executive Committee



*Pictured, from left, seated: Eleanor Satterfield, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President; Linda Stokes Fritz, President; Matilda Speck, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; standing, Lisa Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Karen Emerson-McPeak, Chaplain; Dore Dorris, Historian; Jennie Jo Hardison, Parliamentarian; Elizabeth Donnelly, Treasurer; Cindy Waters, Registrar; and Jeanell Kutterer, Recorder of Military Crosses.*

The Tennessee Executive Committee met recently at Trousdale House in Gallatin, TN. The lovely ladies of the Clark Chapter 13 graciously invited us for the meeting and a delicious lunch. The ladies had also prepared a table of appetizers and coffee and hot tea for our arrival. What a treat for us! Hats off to the ladies of Clark Chapter 13! The Tennessee officers thank you for your charming Southern hospitality!

## Great Granddaughters Club

Presently, the yearly dues for the Great Granddaughters Club is \$3. At the recent convention, the members voted to raise the dues to \$4 next year. Two dollars will be sent to the General GGD Club and the other two dollars will remain in Tennessee for TN Division projects. Please send a list of chapter members belonging to this club along with the yearly dues. The Treasurer is:

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New member and pin applications are available on the General website under Clubs.

*Jeanell Kutterer*  
President

## Chapter Reports

### Gayoso Chapter 2423

Members of Gayoso Chapter provided refreshments for 35 veterans at the December meeting of the Barlett World War II Veterans Group meeting. The men meet every month in Barlett, TN. They usually have a speaker and always enjoy fellowship at their meetings. Gayoso likes to make them something special at Christmas to add to the meeting. After we shared with them the objectives of the UDC, many of them proudly told us about their own Confederate ancestors.

In February, we will be helping them with a fundraiser. They are raising money for the Forever Young Senior Wish Organization, which is taking a group of veterans to Normandy for the anniversary of the invasion.



*Pictured, left to right, Nancy Todd, Carol White, and Gaynell Perry of Gayoso Chapter 2423*

On January 18, the Memphis & Shelby County Council sponsored the annual Lee-Jackson-Maury luncheon. This year, Gayoso Chapter 2423 was the hostess chapter. The luncheon was held at Chickasaw County Club in Memphis. All chapters from Memphis, as well as the Cleburne-Forrest Chapter from Arkansas and 2 SCV camps had members attend. Tables were decorated with beautiful Gone With The Wind music box figurines. Paula and Fred Lincoln were special guest speakers, and they portrayed Gen. William Hardee and Mrs. Felicia Shover in period dress. Their interesting relationship kept the audience spellbound. Paula Lincoln is a member of Gayoso Chapter.



*Pictured, from left, Dore Dorris, TN Div. Historian, Jeaninne Dillard, Janet Johnson, Paula Lincoln, Fred Lincoln, Nancy Todd, and Stacie Shelton.*

### Confederate Gray Chapter 2681

During the month of January, chapter members honored the birthdays of Lee, Jackson, and Maury by attending a luncheon at Brentwood Country Club. This luncheon was hosted by the Nashville Affiliated Chapters. Nine members of the Confederate Gray Chapter attended. Chapter member Jeanell Kutterer was invited to lead the flag service. Speaking on Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was Douglas E. Jones.

The Confederate Gray Chapter is the recipient of a Museum Set of Military Crosses and Medals. This shadow box display will be placed in the Memorial Hall to Veterans in Hohenwald. Earlier this year the chapter and chapter members made monetary donations in support of this project.



*Pictured with Division President Linda Fritz, were Renee McEndarfer, Katie Thornton, President Fritz, Laura Hayes, Rosemary Hinson. On the stairs (l to r) Johnnia Elkins, Katherine Kozlinski, Elizabeth Bouldin-Payor, Jeanell Kutterer, and Joyce Hildenbrant.*

### Paris Chapter 2521

On January 18, the Paris Chapter 2521 hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lee Jackson Dinner at Fresh Market Restaurant in Paris. There were 28 attendees. The featured speaker for the evening was Mr. Jan Ketron from Eaton, OH. He presented a program entitled "Freemasons in the War Between the States." Mr. Ketron regaled us with stories about how this brotherhood assisted one

another on the battlefields and in the prisoner of war camps without regard to color of uniform.

After the program, chapter president Julie Wilson recognized the chapter members whose fundraising efforts have allowed the chapter to purchase a grave marker for a Black Confederate soldier. The members that made the purchase possible are: Joy Bland, Pat Boals, Emily Conroy, Stephanie Tayloe, Susan Pemberton, Virginia Jones, and Christine Barr. The grave marker is slated to be dedicated in February, 2014.



*Pictured are, seated L-R, Joy Bland, Pat Boals, Susan Pemberton; standing, Jan Ketron, Julie Wilson, Kelly Brisendine, Emily Conroy, Lois Conroy, Donna Cooley, and Sandra Paschall.*

### Gen. A. P. Stewart Chapter 81

The Gen. A. P. Stewart Chapter 81 is off to a good start. We began with the Lee-Jackson-Maury luncheon on January 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Missionary Ridge Chapter. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jo Hill and Nancy Henderson donated "The Library of Congress Complete Book of the Civil War" to Boyd Buchanan Middle School and East Ridge Middle School in Chattanooga. We are also welcoming 3 new members to our chapter.

### Old Hickory Chapter 747

Members of the Old Hickory Chapter 747 attended the Lee-Jackson-Maury luncheon in Brentwood on January 18<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed the meal, the speakers, the music, and the fellowship with our UDC sisters.

## Editorial



*Pictured, left to right, Linda Fritz, TN Division President, Ann Schlemm, Massie Rice, Melanie Harvey, & Misty Johnson.*

### Murfreesboro Chapter 91

On October 22, 2013, Murfreesboro Chapter 91 dedicated an Iron Cross for member Sandra Snow's ancestor, Pvt. A. D. Turner. Our chapter was honored to have Tennessee Division President Linda Stokes Fritz, who participated in the ceremony with us. Also in attendance was Tennessee Division Vice President, Matilda Speck of the Capt. Sally Tompkins Chapter 2123 and Tennessee Division Marshall and President of the William Wesley Elam Chapter 2557, Mary Loyd Reneau.



*Pictured from left, Martha Polny, Marjorie Hernandez, Carlene Henderson, Lynda Logan, President, Sandra Snow, Blanche Pearson, Rosemarie Shipley; back row, Roseanne Jacobs and Katie Harvey*

The Elizabeth Bate Williams Chapter 1911 has an update from the Confederate heritage preservation non-profit group, Citizens to Save Our Parks, on the lawsuit against the Memphis City Council for illegally removing the names of Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park and removing the Forrest granite marker approved by the park services.

EBW's chapter treasurer, Becky Muska, serves on the CTSOP board and reported that CTSOP, N.B. Forrest SCV Camp #215, and concerned Memphis residents who are the plaintiffs won the first round in court in December, 2013. The court is now awaiting a reply from the city attorney, which is late as usual, and the setting of a court date. May 2014 will be one year since the lawsuit was filed. They desperately need donations as their attorney expenses continue to accrue while Memphis uses taxpayers' funds to pay their attorneys.

Sir William Wallace said in 1281 A.D. – “Any society which suppresses the heritage of its conquered minorities, prevents their history, and denies them their symbols, has sown the seed of its own destruction.”

The United Daughters of the Confederacy is not a conquered minority ... yet. If we allow this destruction of our heritage to continue, we will live to see our demise. It has to stop now!

Citizens to Save Our Parks, P.O. Box 241875, Memphis, TN 38124.

## SAM DAVIS

## BOY HERO OF THE CONFEDERACY

### 2<sup>nd</sup> installment

It has been said that on 19 November 1863 Sam spent the night at Campbellsville at the home of Bob English. He was captured 20 November 1863 fifteen miles south of Pulaski on Lamb's Ferry Road just below Minor Hill, Tennessee. Two Yankee soldiers dress in Confederate uniforms approached Sam and told him they were conscripting. Sam

told them he was already a Confederate soldier and showed them his pass. Young Sam was dressed in his Confederate uniform.

He was then taken to Pulaski and jailed in the old Hunter-Smith building, which was the Giles County jail at the time. It was located on the northwest corner of Pulaski's square. After searching Sam, the Yankees found the papers in the sole of his boots and in his saddle. General Granville M. Dodge was in direct charge of Sam. Dodge became convinced that Sam knew the real identity of the elusive Coleman. He accused young Sam of being a spy, threatening him with a court-martial and to be hung if Sam didn't tell him who gave him the papers. Because of the information in the papers and their accuracy, Dodge thought that Coleman must have been someone on his own staff or nearby.

Sam refused to divulge any information saying, "I know I will have to die. You are doing your duty as a soldier and I am doing mine. If I have to die, I will do so feeling that I am doing my duty to God and my country. If I had a thousand lives, I would give them all here before I would betray a friend or the confidence of my informer."

Dodge offered Sam a horse and safe passage through the lines and to save himself from the gallows if he would identify who passed him the information and identify Coleman. Dodge thought Sam would grab the offer, but 21 year old Sam very quickly and firmly refused to do it.

Dodge held a hasty court-martial where all the soldiers in the arresting group testified that Sam was dressed as a Confederate soldier when he was captured, evidence that he was not a spy. The commission sentenced Sam to be hung as a spy on Friday 27 November 1863.

Sam was asked numerous times to reveal Coleman, but the answer was always the same. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, three other scouts were also arrested and placed in the same jail as Sam, in adjacent cells. They were Joshua Brown, W. L. Moore, and the most ironic of all, none other than Captain Henry Shaw, alias Coleman. The man General Dodge was looking for was there in his jail, and he didn't know it. It would have been very easy for Sam to point out Shaw to save his own life but Sam wouldn't.

News of the verdict spread through Pulaski quickly. Mrs. John A. Jackson appealed to General Dodge for leniency. The most pathetic appeal came from Coleman Davis Smith, Sam Davis' personal servant. Two years younger than Sam, Coleman had been "given to Sam as a play fellow" while still a boy. When Sam joined the "Cause", so did Coleman. They slept anywhere and ate anywhere. Coleman was captured with his Master. He was locked in the county jail, and when Sam received the bad news, Coleman was there.

Coleman begged Sam to "Tell what the Yankees wanted him to tell," but Sam shook his head. He would not tell the identity of his leader. The slave, desperate to save his lifelong friend, then asked if he, Coleman, might not tell, but Sam said no again. No one must tell; never would he permit the sacrifice of a friend and both men knew why; unknown to General Dodge, Capt. Shaw, "The Chief of the Coleman Scouts" was in an adjacent cell.

The day before his execution, Sam wrote this letter to his family:

*Pulaski, Giles County, Tenn. Nov. 26, 1863*

*Dear Mother: Oh, how painful it is to write you! I have got to die tomorrow morning – to be hanged by the Federals. Mother, do not grieve for me. I must bid you good-bye forevermore. Mother, I do not fear to die. Give my love to all. Your son, Samuel Davis*

*Mother and Father, do not forget me. Think of me when I am dead, but do not grieve for me. It will not do any good. Father you can send after my remains if you want to do so. They will be at Pulaski, Tenn. I will leave some things, too, with the hotel keeper for you. Pulaski is in Giles County, Tenn., south of Columbia. S.D.*

Sam left his personal items with Reverend Lawrence to see that his family received them.

Because of Sam's firm determination many Yankees came to admire him. They would visit him often in his cell and they begged him to save himself from such a useless death. Sam replied that life was so sweet and that he did so much want to live, but he could not betray a friend and would rather die a thousand deaths. Giles County citizens would visit him often. Chaplain James Young of the 81<sup>st</sup> Ohio Infantry was so touched by Sam's plight that he spent the final day and night with him even though Chaplain Young's health was failing. He prayed with him to the end. At Sam's request the night before his execution, Chaplain Young sang with Sam "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" which was Sam's favorite hymn.

At 10 a.m. November 27<sup>th</sup>, Sam was led from his cell with his hands tied behind him and his legs shackled. Slowly he climbed into the wagon. He stood for a moment looking around the crowd, then faced the Court House. His coffin was his seat for his last ride. He sat down in discomfort as the shackles were tight. Chaplain Young cut Sam's boots at the ankles to relieve the pressure. The wagon rolled toward the gallows built on East Hill, which overlooked the town, while being guarded by a sea of armed soldiers. At 10:05 a.m. the wagon entered the hollow square of soldiers – four deep – that surrounded the gallows.

**TO BE CONTINUED**