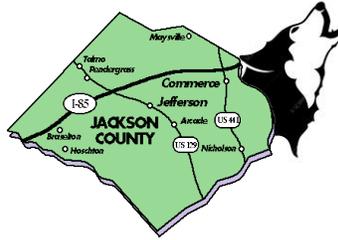


THE HOWLING DAWG

SEPTEMBER 2015



16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company G

"The Jackson Rifles"

HOT FIGHT AT HURRICANE SHOALS

SEPTEMBER 18-20



Photo: Atha Dalton

"The Jackson Rifles" in Jackson County

It was a homecoming to a place many had never been many had never been; the soil from whence the genuine "Jackson Rifles" had sprung 150 years ago. In three decades of service the 16th GA re-enactment Company has formed their ranks from Florida to Pennsylvania – but rarely in the land of our namesake. This was a special event ...

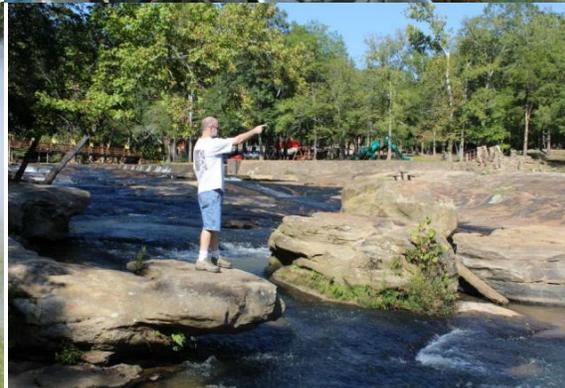
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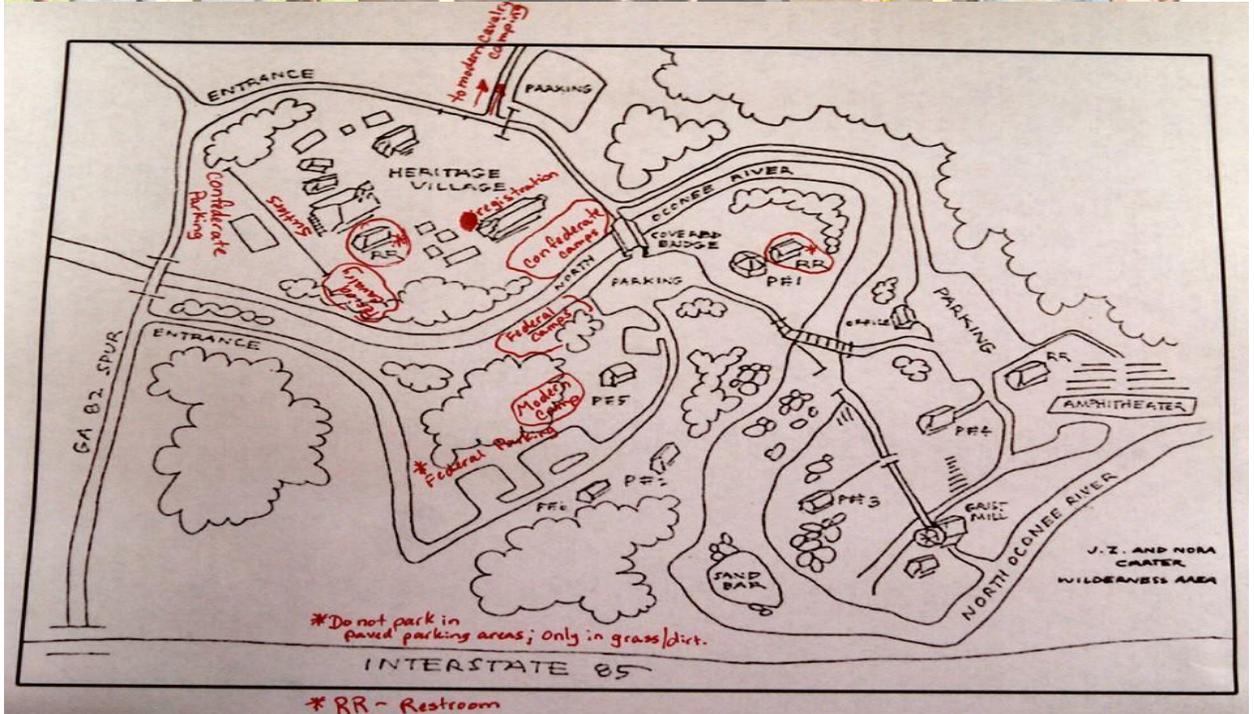


GOOD MEMORIES CAPTURED BY KENNY STANCIL ...









"Brethren We Have Met To Worship..."
At Hurricane Shoals – Sunday, September 20th



THANK YOU

The closing stages of the 150th commemorations left a certain void in the re-enactment world. Almost at the same time, seemingly unparalleled heritage attacks erupted on all sides. This Fall a splendid new event was apparently born at Hurricane Shoals and it goes a long way toward rallying the faithful and wrapping the rank and file in the warm fellowship they thrive on.

Although he would humbly make light of it, Reverend Joey Young and his wife Amanda deserve so much of the credit for this fine new re-enactment. Hopefully, it will continue for many years to come and the couple will find many willing hands to share the workload and responsibility.



Speaking of the Reverend and Mrs. Joey Young, no one in our sphere of historical endeavor is more widely beloved and respected - no one. For over two decades he has been faithfully bringing the Gospel to "his people", the re-enactment community (and beyond) wherever they might spread their tents and kindle their campfires. Affectionately called "the real deal" by so many, they live their faith as much as they preach it and well understand the multitudes they have been called to minister to. There are

just not adequate words to express the gratitude we hold for these Godly servants and our beloved sister and brother in Christ Jesus. May the words "thank you" suffice until they are better paid. jwd

THE PASSING OF THE DRUM

In the early 90's a small used drum was purchased for William Dobson, (about age nine) the second of two drummers that the 16th Georgia carried on its roster at the time. It was hand painted in a 51st PVV design by Val Elliott. At one of the old Jonesboro events, the instrument was nearly damaged beyond repair, being broken into three portions. Steve Smith expertly restored it. Its usage was subsequently passed to Jenny Banks at



age six. William Dobson, Jenny Banks (with drum) and Jessie Banks (Mrs. Joel B. Whitehead, Jr.) are shown in the photo above. When Jenny became a rifleman, the drum was passed on to all who requested it.

Among them were Pvt. Cody Sprague (cousin of Chance) and Pvt. Landon Allen (nephew of William) who are now "Jackson Riflemen". At Hurricane Shoals the drum was respectfully passed to Pvt. Chance Sprague (six-year-old son of 1st Lt. Noah Sprague). He took to it like a duck to water and is, by now, entertaining his mother by rehearsing with it back home. We know Private Chance Sprague will serve with honor and distinction. jwd



RETURNED DAWG - Pvt. Mark Pentecost was a member of the 16th Georgia, Co. G some time back (90's). We were happy to reunite with him at Hurricane Shoals and hope to see a lot more of him Mark's great great grandfather, Sgt. Matthew Pentecost, was in Company B of the 16th Georgia and was killed at Front Royal, Virginia on August 16, 1864. (see page 12)

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Children of the Confederacy



The Dorothy Blount Lamar Children of the Confederacy in Macon, GA needs help. Right

now, we only have 4 children who attend CofC meetings regularly. We would LOVE for more children to join. Our current CofC director, Peggy Rigby is fantastic with the kids and their meetings are fun and educational. We try to make sure we have a speaker who will engage the children and make history interesting. We have some great chapter projects in the works, including donating toys for needy children and mapping a church cemetery in Lizella. We want children to be involved and learn their heritage, as well as respect our nation and history.

If you have any children (boys or girls) under the age of 18, please consider enrolling them. You can contact Peggy Dunning if you are interested - her email is pjkd@cox.net. Peggy's three grandchildren are all members of this chapter and we welcome anyone with children who would like to visit a meeting. Annual dues are only \$20 per child. Also, you don't have to be a member of the UDC or SCV for your child to join the CofC! You just need an honorable Confederate ancestor, and Peggy Dunning can help you with this part.

We know children have a lot of activities between sports, school, and church these days, so we have planned our calendar a year in advance to make it easier for children and their parents to plan to attend meetings. Our next meeting is Saturday, October 17th at 10:00 AM at the Cannonball House, and the children will be making greeting cards to give to veterans for Veterans Day. Again, we would love any prospective children to visit us that morning to check us out!

Sherrie' Raleigh - President, Sidney Lanier Chapter UDC #25

OUR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2-4 - ANDERSONVILLE (GA)
OCTOBER 23-25 - SANDERSVILLE (GA) REGISTER ON LINE
OCTOBER 31-NOV. 1 - IRWINVILLE (GA) POC Lee Murdock 478-986-5290
NOVEMBER 14-15 - NASH FARM (GA) - Battles of Jonesboro and Nash Farm
NOVEMBER 21- GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL(GA) POC WAYNE DOBSON 478-731-5531.
DECEMBER 5 - OLD TIME CHRISTMAS AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE - 478-745-5982

Brig. Gen. Herbert Burns - 478-668-3598

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

Capt. Wm."Rebel" Bradberry, Cmding.-404-242-7213

1 Lt. Noah Sprague - 706-491-9755

2nd Lt. Kevin Sark - 478-731-8796

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

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

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

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

1st Corp. Chas."Goodtime" Whitehead - 478-986-8943

2nd Corp. Dan Williams - 478-230-7189

3rd Corp. Brick Lee Nelson - 478-986-1151

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

Honorary Chaplain Ronnie "Skin" Neal - 478-808-8848

Assistant Chaplain - Charles Hill - 770-845-6878

Musician - Landon Allen - 478-294-9870

Musician - Aaron Bradford - 302-668-8029

Musician - Oliver Lummus - 302-668-8029

Musician - Al McGalliard - 478-318-7266

Rev. Joey Young - Honorary Life Member

ON FACEBOOK: "JACKSON RIFLES". All issues (2011-present) of The Howling Dawg are available @ scvcamp1399.org & some @ scv2218.com, thanks to Steve Scroggins and Al McGalliard.



16TH GA Co. G. "Jackson Rifles" Staff

Theodore Roosevelt's Tribute to Lee

"No man who is not willing to bear arms and to fight for his rights can give a good reason why he should be entitled to the privilege of living in a free community. The decline of the militant spirit in the Northeast during the first half of this century was much to be regretted.

To it is due more than to any other cause the undoubted average individual inferiority of the Northern compared with the Southern troops - at any rate, at the beginning of the [War].

The Southerners, by their whole mode of living, their habits, and their love of outdoor sports, kept up their warlike spirit, while in the North the so-called upper classes developed along the lines of a wealthy and timid bourgeoisie type, measuring everything by a mercantile standard (a peculiarly debasing one, if taken purely by itself), and submitting to be ruled in local affairs by low, foreign mobs, and in national affairs by their arrogant Southern kinsmen. The militant spirit of these last certainly stood them in good stead in the civil war.

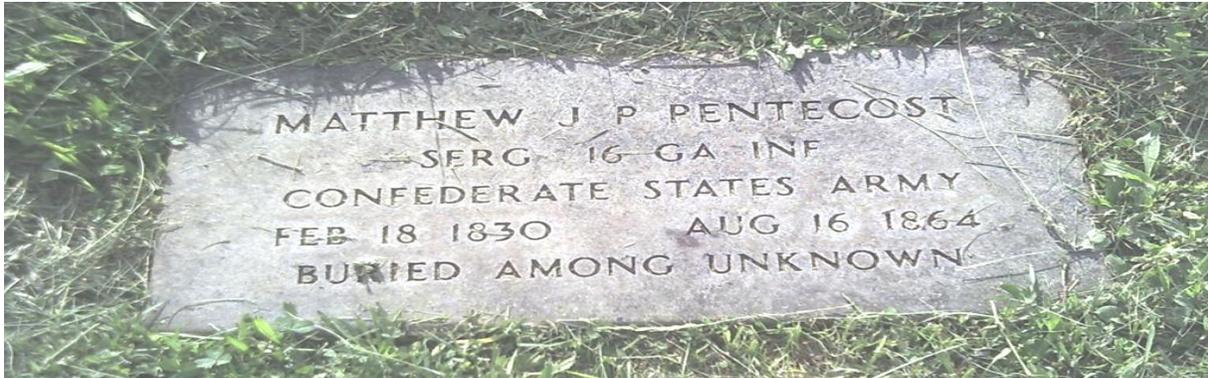
The world has never seen better soldiers than those who followed Lee, and their leader will undoubtedly rank, without any exception, as the very greatest of all the great captains that the English-speaking peoples have brought forth . . ."

(Roosevelt's Tribute to Lee, Rev. J.H. McNeilly; Confederate Veteran, June 1900, page 257)

The Real 16th GEORGIA



Prospect Hill Cemetery, Virginia is the final resting place of 2nd Sgt. Matthew Pentecost, Company B, 16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry. Born in Jackson County on October 19, 1829, he enlisted for Confederate service on July 17, 1861 and was killed at the Battle of Front Royal (Guard Hill or Crooked Run) on August 16, 1864. He is the great great grandfather of Pvt. Mark Pentecost, Co, G, 16th Georgia Infantry, "The Jackson Rifles" .(see page 9)



Synopsis of The he Battle of Guard Hill at Front Royal, Virginia

Confederate General Joseph Kershaw's infantry division and General Fitzhugh Lee's cavalry, under overall command of Lieutenant General Richard Anderson (Army of Northern Virginia, I Corps) were sent from Petersburg to reinforce Lieutenant General Jubal A. Early's Army in the Shenandoah Valley. Union cavalry surprised the Confederates in mid-stream of the Shenandoah River, capturing 300. Confederates rallies and drove the Federals back toward Cedarville. After dark, the Union force withdrew. Estimated casualties 550. 16th Georgia killed in action: August 16, 1864 at

OFFICERS: Capt Whitehead, 2nd Lt. Brannon, Lt. Col Edward Stiles is buried in Winchester, Virginia. He was captured and died in captivity after being wounded and taken prisoner.

N.C.O' S: 2nd Sgt Matthew Pentecost Co B.(buried as unknown), 5th Sgt. G.W. Fowler -Company D

ENLISTED: Pvt. R.M. King - Company B (buried as unknown), Pvt. Willis S. Langley - Company H (buried as unknown), Pvt. Morgan Watts -Company B (buried as unknown) Pvt. C.C. Welch

Also the Regiment suffered over 100 men captured there. Most were sent to Elmira, New York where many died as result of poor conditions and harsh treatment by the Yankees. HONOR THE BRAVE !!!!

SOUTH CAROLINA WITHOUT THE CAPRETBAGGERS'

Wade Hampton's stop at Conwayboro had been the high point of his 1876 gubernatorial campaign. Horry County, for some miraculous reason, had escaped the clutches of the Carpetbaggers and Scalawags. Because of the lack of their influence, the little town had been spared discord between the races. In the crowd at Conwayboro, Hampton had witnessed a better side of life than most South Carolinians had experienced these past twelve years. It confirmed what he had thought all along. If South Carolina had been untouched by the Carpetbaggers, harmony between



the races would have prevailed.

When their Methodist preacher opened the campaign speech, he had everyone recite a Bible verses which supported what seemed to be the town's main theme: *"Go on doing right, be strong and fear not."*

The spirit of brotherly love that prevailed in the crowd had touched Hampton. So touched was General Hampton that he had talked for a full hour, making it the longest speech he delivered during the campaign. That night during supper, a kindly Negro citizen invited him to talk at his church. Hampton immediately left the unfinished meal and walked along to the little church filled with dark faces. For two hours General Hampton delivered a heartfelt speech in front of the congregation. When finished, he invited questions. His answers on state and national issues, as well as race relations, were honest and frank. He was well received by the congregation. If only all of South Carolina was as untouched by the thievish Carpetbaggers and their native filthy Scalawags the future of both races in South Carolina may have been like that little borough. Hampton had a brief glimpse of what life might have been like if they had been spared their influence. But the stone had already been thrown into the pond. The ripples of what the Carpetbaggers and Scalawags had done would haunt the South for many, many years to come. Sent to us by Pvt. Ethan Bloodworth who got it from the *FaceBook* page Defending the Heritage/ Primary Source: Reconstruction in South Carolina by John S. Reynolds, 1905.

THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

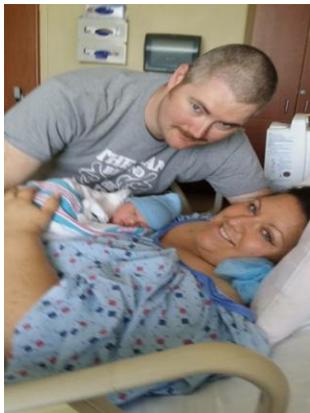


of Old Clinton, Jones County, GA enjoyed a meeting at the new location of Chevy's Pizza, 300 W. Clinton Street, Gray, GA, on Thursday, September 17th. Sherrie' Raleigh of the Sidney Lanier UDC Chapter 25 of Macon, GA UDC 25 was our guest speaker who presented a program entitled "Memoirs of a Confederate Soldier: The Diary of Private William T. Balkcom. This was an original, unpublished diary written by Private William Balkcom of Twiggs County, GA. William was a soldier in Co. C, 4th GA, Doles Brigade, Twiggs Volunteers. Sherrie'

told members about William's family, read excerpts of the diary, and showed images of the diary via Powerpoint. Our congratulations go out to the Sidney Lanier Chapter who won 29 awards at the recent UDC Convention.

In October Joel Whitehead (SCV 2218) will present War-time surgery and medicine. October will also be the occasion of our biennial Camp officer elections, including: Commander, 1st Lt. Commander, 2nd Lt. Commander, Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Treasurer, Chaplain, Surgeon, Sergeant at Arms, Quartermaster, and Historian. If you are currently holding one of these offices and wish to run for re-election, YOU STILL MUST notify the Judge Advocate, just like a first time candidate, in writing by midnight on October 1st to allow sufficient time to prepare a written ballot, if needed. Nominations from the floor, at the October meeting, will be accepted ONLY in the event that no candidate has previously expressed their intention to run for an office. I hope this is clear. If there are questions concerning this, you may contact: Judge Advocate Ethan Bloodworth at blindblood92@gmail.com or 1-478-297-1535. The slate of announced candidates thus far includes: Charles Whitehead for Commander, Brick Lee Nelson for 1st Lt. Commander, Wayne Dobson for Adjutant, Al McGalliard for Treasurer, Joel Whitehead for Chaplain, Bryant Knight, Surgeon, and Ethan Bloodworth, Judge Advocate.

NOTE: Our November meeting will be held on the battlefield after the November 21, 2015 Griswoldville Battlefield Commemoration. Reverend Joey Young is the keynote speaker. There will be no December meeting. Our January 21, 2016 meeting will be our annual Lee-Jackson Banquet., featuring Mark Pollard of Nash Farm as our guest speaker. More details are forthcoming...



KEEPING UP WITH THE SMITHS : Ricky "Coonpossum" Smith and Ms. Beverly are grandparents *again* with the recent arrival (Corbin) to their son, Alex Smith and wife. We hear that their daughter, Bonnie and her husband are likewise expecting another child.

In a recent conversation with Steve Smith (co-founder/former commander of the GVB and the 16th GA) he said that his son, Steven (16th GA), is now a Deacon at Hardison Baptist Church in Byron. *"For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."* – 1 Timothy 3:16

BIG ANSWERS TO PRAYER

A phone call on Labor Day from Ervin and Barbara Garnto was heaped with praise for the Good Lord. Ervin's condition has miraculously improved within the last month. Some more needful surgery is scheduled but God has done "exceeding abundantly above all that we (could) ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20)

We heard from John and Linda Tucker, friends from the Olustee event. John writes on September 5: "Well, round three of Chemo and all is well. Had another CT yesterday and awaiting for the results on Tuesday. Expecting God's hand in this. I feel much better than previous bouts with Chemo. Linda is doing GREAT!!!! (Wow I sound like Tony the Tiger). She has NO SIGN OF ANY CANCER returning. Truly she is a miracle from GOD. Again the Doctors were amazed and just cannot believe it. Well one did and that was her surgeon. He KNEW why."

On September 12, Linda wrote: "I am sending out a prayer request to all my prayer warriors. We KNOW how powerful prayer is. My husband has a very good friend, and previous employer, that battled skin cancer years ago and won. Unfortunately, the cancer has returned and has gone into the bone. The doctors, of course, are not giving him a very good outlook. We KNOW and BELIEVE in a higher power and that the doctors don't have the last word. Please add Mike Emmick to your prayer list along with his two sons and wife. He told my husband that he has appreciated and enjoyed life since his first battle. I'm glad he had that opportunity. It's a shame that we have to be faced with death to appreciate life. I am believing that God will have his hands on Mike and will lead him through this valley. Please have a God filled day and THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS!!!!!! In Christian Love"

Please continue to pray for:

John and Linda Tucker
Tommy and Elaine Wallace
Tom and Ruth Stevens
Roy and Dana Myers
Mrs. & Mrs. Herbert Burns
Ervin and Barbara Garnto
Diane Beck
Me & You

And let me know of others

A popular poll found that many of us are very picky about who we will pray for. For instance, the poll revealed that we typically pray for:

- 82% of the time: Family and friends
- 74% of the time: Our own problems and difficulties
- 37% of the time: Our enemies
- 21% of the time: Win the lottery
- 13% of the time: Victory for their favorite sports team [source: *Christianity Today*]

Prayer is how you speak clearly to God. You have access to speak to the God of the Universe today. He longs to hear from you, and he cares about every detail of your life, regardless of who you are or anything you have done or not done – just imagine that!

Are you praying? What are your praying for?

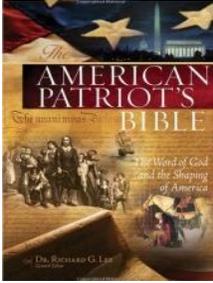
"Mercy Street" - PBS's New Civil War Medical Drama



Nurse Mary Phinney (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) and Jedediah Foster (Josh Radnor) in "Mercy Street,"

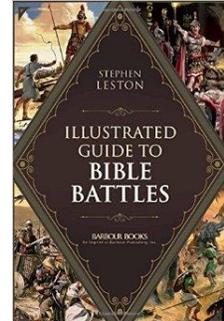
Some of PBS's biggest hits over the past three decades involve the Civil War and period dramas: Ken Burns' nine-part documentary "The Civil War," and British drama import "Downton Abbey," which begins its final season on PBS in January. And on January 17, PBS will launch a new series that mashes up elements of these greatest hits: "Mercy Street," a show set in a Civil War hospital in Alexandria, Virginia hopes to hook "Downton Abbey" and "Call The Midwife" fans on a look inside a Civil War hospital. "The truth of the matter is, the reason most of what we do in the drama space is British, economically, we're only paying a fraction of the cost," PBS chief programming executive Beth Hoppe told me. "We can't do American drama all the time." But Hoppe wants to be able to do several, fact-based historical dramas a year. And while "Mercy Street" "actually started as a docudrama about Civil War medicine...as it developed, it was so rich we kept going with it and said this story is so rich it has the potential to be a full-on drama and engage our audience in ways that documentary just doesn't engage them." Financial constraints contributed to the shift from "Mercy Street" as a docudrama or a story about the staff of a field hospital to the show in its present form. "We came up with a concept that was more of a 'M*A*S*H*' concept," co-creator Lisa Wolfinger said of her early conversations with fellow executive producer and 'E.R.' veteran David Zabel. "It was based in a field hospital and it followed the Army of the Potomac around. It was certainly a Union project at this point...I thought about the practicalities and the budget and the kind of budget that PBS would be able to put together, and i thought this was too ambitious. We would have to see every battle. We're talking about thousands of extras and we just can't go there." But tying "Mercy Street" to Alexandria, Virginia opened up new dramatic and thematic possibilities for the series. "I realized the best way to focus it was probably to focus on a general hospital," Wolfinger told me. "For the first time you have hospitals, general hospitals. Prior to the Civil War, they were hospitals for the indigent, the poor. If you got sick you were treated in your home...As I dug more and more, it just became more and more exciting. Here was a Confederate town, occupied by the Union all four years of the war." The Confederate-leaning family who had their mansion requisitioned by the Union Army to be turned into a hospital insisted on staying, rather than heading behind Confederate lines.

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW ...

Great news!!!!..... My CT showed everything shrinking. Before going into to see the Nurse GOD told me...."I HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU" just as plain as day. The first thing out of the nurse was "I have some good news for you" WOW!!!!!! But I am not surprised for the is how GOD works. When HE talks to you, you know it is him. For me he uses terms and sentence structures that I don't always use in my everyday talk. We are already talking about only doing one or two more Chemos then one more CT, and then based on GODS handy work, ending the treatments. MAN OUR GOD IS GREAT!!!! But again he has a plan for me just as with Linda. I know what it was in Florida and know what it is for me when I return for to beat the winter. It is to spend more time with my church friends out of the church setting. These are REAL friends and I was not a very good friend in return. Not sure what he has for me in Tennessee but once we get there I will find it. As for what in New York. So far it has been the opportunity to be with my family. One that is NOT on a schedule as when you rent a car and come here but one that allows me everyday interaction with them. Linda is doing GREAT. Together GOD has done so much for us and I cannot thank HIM enough and I need to. Still no church home here. The doctrines and churches that I have found are just too liberal after looking into them. I sure miss COWBOY CHURCH. GOD BLESS all of you.

John R. Tucker Sr.



I've never asked
for permission
to be
who I am.

I don't think
I'll start now.

For about 3 years I lived in *Lake City, Florida*. During that time I failed to notice the city seal. Even though it was on the town sign, the city vehicles, the police cars, etc. Amazing how you can fail to pay attention to things. So this was really surprising when a reader of this newsletter e-Mailed to ask if I knew what was happening in Lake City. I asked him to share so here is his take on another sad attack on our heritage: Lake City: Very nice town... we live about 25 miles South in O'Brien.... that is where we go to 'big shop' and also some very nice restaurants... as a matter of fact that have had a 'boom' in big name restaurants moving into town, which makes their logic on the flag even more perplexing.

Anyway, with all the universal hoopla about the Confederate Battle Flag, some folks went to the town council and asked that it be removed from the City logo... the flag is about one-fourth of the city logo... after a month ... 2-3 meetings.. the city council voted to remove the flag as part of the logo and are now in the process of having to develop a new logo... change city letterhead, all forms that have the logo; the logo on police cars, fire vehicles, trucks, etc... lots of \$\$\$\$ And all based on lies and "offended parties." One of the arguments was that if they didn't change the logo, new businesses would not come to town... the usual other argument – symbol of racism, hate, discrimination; a few people did speak out in favor of keeping the flag on the logo using the truth, all of which are in your book... it looked like (for a week or two) the council was going to leave it as is, but in the end, they caved to the pressure. I am from Pennsylvania, and even though raised in Florida, I consider myself a Northerner and even I know that the Civil War was a war of money ... or, for money; Lincoln simply couldn't keep the country economically going without Southern Money.... so, like so many government officials today, when there is a serious economic problem, a good war will solve it... (sarcastic? I suppose, or cynical); Anyway, truth be told it is probably our fault; when they started hiring all the liberals in the universities and we allowed them to remove the 'true' History of Western Civilization out of the High Schools and Colleges, we should have stopped them.

Darlington Raceway will give out American flags to those who want to turn in a Confederate flag, continuing an initiative that began in Daytona soon after nine people were killed at a church in
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: YES, we are still giving a FREE eBook (PDF) copy of the book *The Truth About the Confederate Flag* to everyone who visits the website – so tell your friends – and your enemies!
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150 YEARS AGO

September 13, 1865:In Washington City, the trial of Henry Wirz goes on, in the courtroom and in the media. Yesterday the "New York Times" reported the testimony of a Confederate nurse who stated that she knew that Wirz had burned prisoners alive. The testimony today, is much more gruesome. Felix De La Baume begins his testimony with a description of his first day as a captive at Andersonville when he and others were kept standing for a long time. He says the guards were under orders to not allow any of the prisoners to go for water, but one of them had an epileptic fit, and the guards gave permission for several of the prisoners to fetch water for the man, but in doing so they were shot by Captain Wirz. De La Baume states that "I heard a shot without seeing who fired it. After hearing that shot fired, I looked down to the left, and I saw Captain Wirz fire two more shots, wounding two men." De La Baume claims that after the incident, Wirz had the guard that had allowed the men to go to the water tied up by his thumbs for over two hours. De La Baume goes on to tell of other horrible acts by Wirz. All of them are lies. De La Baume is not even real; he is a deserter and was never at Andersonville. The lies will come forth weeks after Wirz is dead, and De La Baume has a nice government job, his reward for his part in Wirz's conviction.

September 25, 1865: In Georgia, the main transportation artery for North Georgia, the Western and Atlantic Railroad is returned today to the State by the U.S. Military Railroad who has been in control of it since the visit of US General Sherman last year. The road was built, beginning in 1837, under the supervision of Stephen Harriman Long, possibly the Nation's most accomplished Civil Engineer of the times. For various reasons, mostly related to the struggling US economy, by 1840, the State lost confidence in Long, terminated him, and hired Charles Fenton Mercer Garnett in 1842 to be Chief Engineer. It was he that pushed for the name "Marthasville" for the fledgling community arising in the forest with the connection of the steel ribbons.

September 27, 1865: In New York State, today, the last Confederate prisoners are removed from Elmira prison camp. For the past 15 months the army training camp, known as Camp Rathbun, has been used as a prison for Confederate captured. Of the 12,100 Southerners held here, 2,963 have died of poor nourishment, poor medical treatment, and exposure to the harsh winter with nothing but a tent for shelter and warmth. There are wooden barracks, but only enough for about half the prisoner occupation. The water is contaminated and the source of much of the disease. In an area untouched by the war and easily supplied by the rails just outside the walls, the starvations and shelter deficiencies can only be deliberate and punishment for participation in the war opposing the United States. Twenty -five



percent of the prisoners brought here have died. Andersonville was worse, with twenty-nine percent death rate, but the resources of the administration were far less than this camp in the land of plenty. Camp commander, Col. Hoffman, will be exonerated in the Northern Press for his retaliatory measures, therefore infamy will be denied him. (Thanks to Larry Uptegrove)

Thieves Steal Sign



Yankee soldiers are not suspected. But the scoundrel who made off with the sign outside Macon’s tourist-attracting Cannonball House might be less than welcome at the renowned Georgia Avenue home. An out-of-town visitor informed workers in the house Wednesday that the square, painted-metal sign that usually hangs on hooks near an ornate iron fence along the sidewalk out front was missing. The 2-foot-by-2-foot sign, valued at about \$500, reads “The Cannonball House ... Gift Shop & Confederate Museum.” Nicole Thurston, the house’s executive director, figures the culprit took the sign either to cash in on the metal at a scrap yard or as a prank. She also wondered if it might have been “a target” because of its Confederate connections. “I can’t say,” Thurston said. “You can come up with any number of different scenarios.” Either way, she doesn’t expect to get the sign back. “It’s unfortunate when you think of the travelers coming through,” she said. “We’re hoping (people) will plug our address into GPS to find us.” The Cannonball House name is a misnomer as it was struck during the Civil War by a Union artillery shell, not a cannonball. The shell slammed into a porch column and tore up other parts of the home. On Thursday, Thurston was just glad the sign thief didn’t do any damage. “We have sustained enough,” she said.

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A TIMELY SCRIPTURE

“...call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.” - Matthew 23:9

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A LOT OLDER AND A LITTLE WISER - As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$300.00 or \$30.00 watch, they both tell the same time... Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30.00 wallet/handbag, the amount of money _inside is the same; Whether we drink a bottle of \$30 or \$3.00 wine, the effect is the same; Whether the house we live in is 3000 or 300 sq.m., the loneliness is the same. Hopefully, one day you will realize, your true inner happiness does not come-from the material things of this world. Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down, you go down with it... Therefore , I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven & earth, That is true happiness!! There are five Undeniable Facts of Life:

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be Happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of things not the price .
2. Best awarded words in London ..."Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise you have to eat medicines as your food"
3. The One who loves you will never leave you because even if there are 100 reasons to give up they will find one reason to hold on.
4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it.
5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage...! If you just want to Walk Fast, Walk Alone..! But if you want to Walk Far, Walk Together...! Six Best Doctors in the World: 1. Sunlight 2. Rest 3. Exercise 4. Diet 5. Self Confidence 6. Friends Maintain them in all stages of Life and enjoy a healthy life.

Sent with smiles and affection, *Earlene Hamilton*



"NIGHT" in America

As retirement stalks nearer ... finances seem destined to end what health has not. I recall that *Bayless Conley* once advised: "Anger erodes relationships. If you have a hot temper, get it under control, or the devil will control you through it. If you do not master your temper, it will master you. And it will not only decay and destroy a marriage relationship, it will harm every other meaningful relationship you have in life."

"Every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night."- (Song of Solomon 3:8). It is, INDEED "NIGHT" in America, now. Spiritual darkness covers much of where we live. There is little good news any more except that the

Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, is likely to be here right soon. In the meantime we might be a little less rabid about prophecy we cannot control and a lot more concerned about our own wicked hearts for which there is a sure remedy. Duke

(Photo: Kellie Banks)

BLUE & GRAY BASEBALL



"Modern baseball had been born in the brain of an American soldier. It received its baptism in the bloody days of our Nation's direst danger. It had its early evolution when soldiers, North and South, were striving to forget their foes by cultivating, through this grand game, fraternal friendship with comrades in arms." - Albert Spalding

Private Alpheris B. Parker of the 10th Massachusetts wrote:

The parade ground has been a busy place for a week or so past, ball-playing having become a mania in camp. Officer and men forget, for a time, the differences in rank and indulge in the invigorating sport with a schoolboy's ardor.

Another Private, writing home from Virginia recalled:

It is astonishing how indifferent a person can become to danger. The report of musketry is heard but a very little distance from us...yet over there on the other side of the road most of our company, playing bat ball and perhaps in less than half an hour, they may be called to play a Ball game of a more serious nature.

Sometimes, games would be interrupted by the call of battle. George Putnam, a Union soldier humorously wrote of a game that was "called-early" due to the surprise attack on their camp by Confederate infantry:

Suddenly there was a scattering of fire, which three outfielders caught the brunt; the centerfield was hit and was captured, left and right field managed to get back to our lines. The attack...was repelled without serious difficulty, but we had lost not only our centerfield, but...our only baseball.

Colonel Hartranft of the 51st Pennsylvania sometimes played ball with his men. In 1862 men in the training camps of the 51st Pennsylvania and the 13th Massachusetts challenged each other to a game. Soldiers from the two sides played against each other awaiting the printing of paroles at Appomattox.

Today, over a century later, baseball is still a popular American institution and remains a testament to both "Billy Yank" AND "Johnny Reb" who laid down their muskets to pick up a ball and help establish a National Pastime.

WHO ARE GOD'S PEOPLE?



" If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

- II Chronicles 7:14

Let us take a closer look at the text...

"If MY people" ... just who are HIS people? Certainly, the church are "HIS people . "

***Which are called by MY NAME*". The NAME of our Lord and Savior is JESUS CHRIST. The name which we the church adopted is Christian. "Shall humble themselves"... To make ourselves to be less and God to be magnified.**

***"Pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways"...* All God wants is for us is to talk with Him and seek Him. Have a relationship with Him...to stop doing the sins in our lives and to repent.**

***"Then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* He is waiting for us to do our part so He can do His.**

Most churches you hear about today are proud, noble, and strong. To be an effective church you need to be kind, loving and humble. Knowing that no single sin is beneath God's power to change for His glory. Race, skin color and other miscellaneous things people see are not what God looks at. He looks at the heart and changes us from the inside out.

What He asks of us is simple, however it is the most difficult for our flesh to contend with. We like to be powerful, yet God's power is stronger in our weakness than when we let pride say "yes we can". Pray... Seek Him. Turn from your wicked ways. Praying takes time and most are too busy to speak to their Savior. They use the same excuse for not doing Bible study; most saying in tired. If you seek Him first He will give you rest.

The hardest task to do is turning from your wicked ways. Why is it so hard? The answer is simple - we like sin because we are sinful flesh. When we are saved we are a new creation. As a new creature we can't continue to be in sin or else what Jesus did for us does not matter.

But if we do these simple things He will "hear our prayer, forgive our sins and heal our land." These three promises are more than worth the time and energy to be obedient to the Lord. Will you humble yourself, seek His face and turn from your wicked ways? - Chaplain Joel B. Whitehead, Jr. - 16th GA /Camp 2218

TRUE BLUE INTEGRITY

Southern commanders like James Longstreet expected their Northern counterparts to embrace the conviction that enemies, no less than comrades merited honorable treatment, from officers down to enlisted men. To encourage a Southern soldier to desert was unthinkable; A letter from a Southern woman in 1862 stated that *"the black title of Tory and deserter will cling to them, disgracing their children's children."* From: bernhard1848@gmail.com

Letter from General Longstreet to General [J.G.] Foster:

"Headquarters, Confederate Forces, East Tennessee, Jan. 3, 1864:

To the Commanding General, United States Forces, East Tennessee:

Sir – I find the proclamation of President Lincoln, of the 8th of December last, in circulation in handbills among our soldiers. The immediate object of this proclamation seems to be to induce our soldiers to quit our ranks and take the oath of allegiance to the United States government. I presume, however, that the great object and end in view is to hasten the day of peace. I respectfully suggest, for your consideration, the propriety of communicating any views that your government may have upon this subject through me, rather than by handbills circulated amongst our soldiers. The few men who may desert under the promise held out in the proclamation, cannot be men of character or standing. If they desert their cause, they disgrace themselves in the eyes of God and man. They can do your cause no good, nor can they injure ours. As a great nation, you can accept none but an honorable peace. As a noble people, you could have us accept nothing less. I submit, therefore, whether the mode that I suggest would not be more likely to lead to an honorable end than such a circulation of a partial promise of pardon. I am, sir, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

J. Longstreet, Lieutenant-General, Commanding

(Lee and His Generals, Profiles of Robert E. Lee and Seventeen other Generals of the Confederacy, Captain William P. Snow, Gramercy Books, 1867/1996, pp. 333-334)

The occupation troops of Northern General Ambrose Burnside at New Bern in mid-1862 not only loaded their empty transports with furniture, carpets and jewelry for the return trip North, but also found New Bern cemeteries full of coffins to appropriate. Even Lincoln's hand-picked proconsul, Edward Stanly, who was appointed "governor" of North Carolina, resigned in disgust after observing the looting by Northern soldiers. From: bernhard1848@gmail.com

Richard Dobbs Spaight (1796-1850), son of a Revolutionary War veteran who was also a member of the North Carolina Legislature, United States Congressman and delegate to the 1787 Constitutional Convention, served as governor of The Old North State from 1835 to 1837. He was born in New Bern, and prior to being governor, he served in the State Legislature from 1819 to 1822, and again from 1825 to 1834. Spaight was the last governor to be elected by the legislature, and was a member of the 1837 Constitutional Convention which transferred the gubernatorial election to popular vote. During the War Between the States, Northern occupation troops used the Stevenson House (corner Pollock & George Streets) in New Bern as a hospital for wounded soldiers. In a truly unbelievable act of barbarism, "the body of Governor Spaight was dug up by Northern soldiers, the skull placed on a gate post, and the metal coffin used to send the body of a federal soldier back North."

(A New Geography of North Carolina, Bill Sharpe, Sharpe's Publishing Company 1961, page 1232)



With the war nearly over and nothing to gain from destroying private homes and property, Lincoln's Grand Army added salt to the wounds in a State which was rightly driven from the Union four years earlier by his inability to compromise and avoid war. In 1865 began reconstruction and twelve years of misrule, robbery and outrage in the American South. Bernhard Thuersam

"Glen Burnie, [North Carolina] March 21, 1865

My Dear Cousin,

Well Pattie, I have seen the Yankees at last, and I earnestly pray that I may never see them again. The 9th of March will ever be remembered by me. The vagabonds appeared here early that morning, we had no idea they were within fifty miles of here . . . There was a hundred fifty men in the first squad that came here, and such a yell as they gave when they rode in the gate, mortal never heard. Papa ran to the swamp as soon as he saw them coming, and they were almost frantic with rage when they found he had left and started in the woods to find him and swore by all the saints in heaven that they would kill him if they found him. The rascals all came in, and in less than ten minutes the house was stripped of almost everything. Pa had the night before fortunately concealed his two watches and your jewelry in a very nice place . . . One of them came to me to know where they were, I of course refused to tell, he then immediately presented a pistol to my



head and swore he would take my life if I did not tell him . . ." They carried off every earthly thing we had to eat, did not leave a grain of corn or coffee, or anything that would sustain life one day, and they found all our silver and took every knife, fork and spoon we had in the world. They set the Piney Woods on fire all around us. Tell Aunt Jenny they set on fire all the rosin she saw, and turned day into night. They carried off a great many of our clothes, have not left me a cloak or shawl of any kind,

tore the silk you gave Jenny all to flinders, and carried off my best dresses, and two of Mama's silks. Have not one blanket in the house, have only a half dozen quilts. The Yankees burned our barn and swore they would burn our house over our heads, but Providence saved it. I can't tell you how. Well Pat, I must close by telling you that the Yanks never caught Papa and that we are not quite starved to death, though we came very near it, we went five days without a mouthful of bread. You will excuse the paper I know as it is all the Yankees left in the house, and 'tis a wonder they left this. Oh how I do hate the very name of Yankee! May the chilling blight of heaven fall on their dark and doomed souls. May all the powers of earth and heaven combine to destroy them, may their land be one vast scene of ruin and desolation as ours is. This is the blessing of the innocent and injured one. I forgive them? May heaven never! Nellie"

(A Goodly Heritage, Emma Woodward MacMillan, Wilmington Printing Company, 1961, pg. 65)

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of the men who followed Lee and other Southern generals was their steadfast determination in the face of overwhelming odds. Rarely after mid-1863 were there even odds and most often Lee fought successfully against foes two or three times his own number.

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"It is quite a mistaken idea that the Yankees were poor soldiers and easily whipped. Any Confederate soldier who met them often in battle will testify that they were hard and tenacious fighters, especially those from the Great North

West. The Confederates could claim very little credit for holding at bay such a mighty host armed with the most improved weapons and devices of warfare for four long, dreary years, and defeating them so often and disastrously, with odds often greatly against them, had the Northern army been merely a disorganized mob and rabble. Yes, the Northern army was a fine one, well equipped and well officered, with all the resources at hand that could be desired for great and



aggressive warfare; but it had to meet an army of Southern troops composed of the grandest soldiers that ever marched to martial music, or fought in defense of country! Just to think, that the Southern army of six hundred thousand men, poorly armed and equipped, ridiculously clad and meagerly fed, without tents, without medicine, without pay, checkmating, baffling, repulsing and often humiliating and disastrously defeating the Northern army of 2,778,304 men armed with the

most improved engines of warfare, well paid, well fed, abundantly clothed; backed by all the resources of a great nation, for four long, dreary years, staggers the credulity of man to contemplate.

In a letter to General [Juba] Early shortly after the close of the war, General Robert E. Lee wrote: "It will be difficult to get the world to understand the odds against which we fought." From the number drawing pensions from the United States government today, 50 years since the close of hostilities, there might have been a million more soldiers in the Union Army than in the figures named above."

(Sketch of the War Record of the Edisto Rifles, William V. Izlar, The State Company, 1914, pp. 98-100)

Southern President Jefferson Davis describing Bismarck's Prussians as the "arrogant robbing Yankees of Europe" who appropriated their small sister states into a centralized and oppressive regime. By 1864, fully 25% of Lincoln's war machine was comprised of German soldiers and US war bonds found many subscribers in the Fatherland. From: bernhard1848@gmail.com

". . . Southerners insisted that slavery was not a cause of the war in the sense of being a source of an irrepressible conflict between North and South. They ascribed [Northern attacks on slavery] . . . not to any humanitarian or ideological considerations which indicated divergent opinions on the morality of slavery, but to the desires of ambitious politicians and selfish manufacturers for political power and economic gain. They charged that Northern majorities in Congress had passed legislation for the benefit of their section's commercial and manufacturing interests and at the expense of the Southern States. The Yankees had become grasping and aggressive, and Jefferson Davis, drawing a parallel to the contemporary Franco-Prussian War, compared the Yankees of the 1850's to the Prussians of the 1870's . . ."

"Not slavery, but the North's unjustifiable assaults upon the Southern States had caused secession and war, in the view of Confederates . . . the primary reasons for the North's hostility to the Southern States lay in the fact that the Northern and Southern States had differing, antagonistic and competing ways of life. The Southern way of life was generally defined by former Confederates in terms of an agricultural economy, locally controlled and conservative in its social and political customs. [They] emphasized in particular that the ante-bellum South had differed from the North in that its civilization had been essentially conservative. It was conservative, they asserted, in its concept of constitutional liberty, centering

around the sovereignty of States, and opposed both to national centralization and to extreme doctrines of the "natural rights" of individuals. It was conservative also, they stated, in its aristocratic principles, opposing mere majority rule, opposing what the former Confederate Secretary of State, R.M.T. Hunter called the "despotic majority of numbers" in the North."



D.H. Hill, A.T. Bledsoe, and R.L. Dabney took the lead in describing the antagonism between Southern "conservatism" and Northern "radicalism." The North, they declared, had abandoned the system of government prescribed in the Constitution and had adopted radical, democratic, European "isms," based upon principles of equal rights for all individuals and rule by the majority. These doctrines stemmed from the

French Revolution; they were held, implied General Jubal Early, by the men who had crucified Jesus Christ. Against Northern Jacobinism the Confederacy had fought the whole world's battle; the South, asserted [Gen. Daniel H.] Hill, was the Vendee of the United States and had waged a similar fight for "conservatism against lawlessness, infidelity, irreverence towards God and man, radicalism."

(Americans Interpret Their Civil War, Thomas J. Presley, Princeton University Press, 1954, pp. 119-121)

The following editorial in the Confederate Veteran magazine of January 1907 presents the view of the American race problem common of that time. A later submission to that journal asked the question: "How does it happen that blacks who took care of the helpless women and children during the war cannot now be trusted to live in the same town?" That writer observed that the carpetbag element after 1865 "created between the races a strong propulsive force to drive them apart, placing on the defensive the white . . ." and on the part of the black, "arousing an envy and hatred inevitably born of a feeling that in being debarred from social equality by the native whites he was being deprived of something to which he was entitled by right." The author also reveals the reason behind "Jim Crow" railroad accommodations. From: bernhard1848@gmail.com

"The Veteran has been silent on this most important question; but every phase of it has been considered constantly and diligently, especially from the standpoint of friendship for that thriftless but most amiable race. Antagonisms exist as they never did before, and the neglect of white people in behalf of these issues has been greatly to their discredit. We all like the old Negroes, and those of the fast-decaying remnant of ex-slaves are still faithful and loyal to the families of their former masters. The same instincts are much more prevalent among their offspring than is generally realized. While the Associated Press flashes a horrible account of a fiendish deed of one Negro, ten thousand others are going quietly about their business as law-abiding and worthy of consideration as could be expected of them. It seems that education has been a curse rather than a blessing to them. The editor of the Veteran soon after attaining his majority, early after the close of the war, took an active part in behalf of their education. He antagonized some of his people as editor of a country newspaper in advocacy of public schools, which required that as good facilities be given to blacks as he whites. He attended a venerable divine, President of the Davidson County School Board, who, when the movement was quite unpopular, canvassed his native county of

Bedford in their behalf from purely benevolent motives, making the one argument that all men should learn to read the Bible. It seems, however, that when a Negro has learned to read he ceases to work, and his idleness begets mischief, and often of the worst kind. There is not sufficient cooperation of the two races. Besides, many whites are not justly considerate of Negroes. White people should confer with the better classes of blacks for the common good, and they should cooperate cordially. The separate [railroad] car laws are proper, and became a necessity because of the insolent presumption of the Negroes. It was quite the rule for them to string out the length of the cars, so as to compel whites to sit among them, and



every act toward social equality has proven a tendency of insolence [toward white people]. The Negroes made this isolation a necessity, and they may expect its perpetuity. With these laws in force the whites should be very considerate and see that no injustice is done the Negroes. Again, there is a sore lack of consideration for Negroes in conversation with white people. The Negro is not to blame for his color . . . and inasmuch as we declare his inferiority, we should be diligent that

justice be done him. Often are remarks made in the presence of Negroes that instinctively create hatred not only toward those who are inconsiderate but against the white race. Every white person should be on guard to avoid giving offense in this manner.

At the first annual dinner of the Alabama Society (of one hundred and fifty members) in New York near Christmas day the Hon. Seth Low, of that great city, was a special guest. This race question was the theme of the evening, and Mr. Low, with exquisite deference, suggested that the white people of the South consider these unhappy disturbances as fairly as possible, looking at the situation from the standpoint of the Negro.

"The condition confronts us, and the sooner we grapple it the better. White people intend to control, and the Negro will be the great sufferer in the end for all disturbances, so that both races should do all in their power for the friendliest relations possible. No more Negroes should be admitted to the army, and the amendment to the Constitution giving Negroes the ballot should be repealed. This ballot is the luring one in social as well as political strife. In compelling the Negro to keep his place the highest instincts of life should be exercised to treat him kindly and justly in every way. Let us confront the problem honestly. The Negro did not come among us of his own accord, and they can't all get away. If tact were exercised, it would be quite sufficient. Let the white people of the South revive the old rule of kindness, and never, anyhow in their presence, speak ill of the Negro race."

(Problem of the Negroes, S.A. Cunningham, Editor, Confederate Veteran, January 1907, page 8)

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