

# THE HOWLING DAWG

February 2018



"Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make **WAR.**" - Proverbs 20:18

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

*THE CAMPAIGN OF 2018 BEGINS*

# OLUSTEE

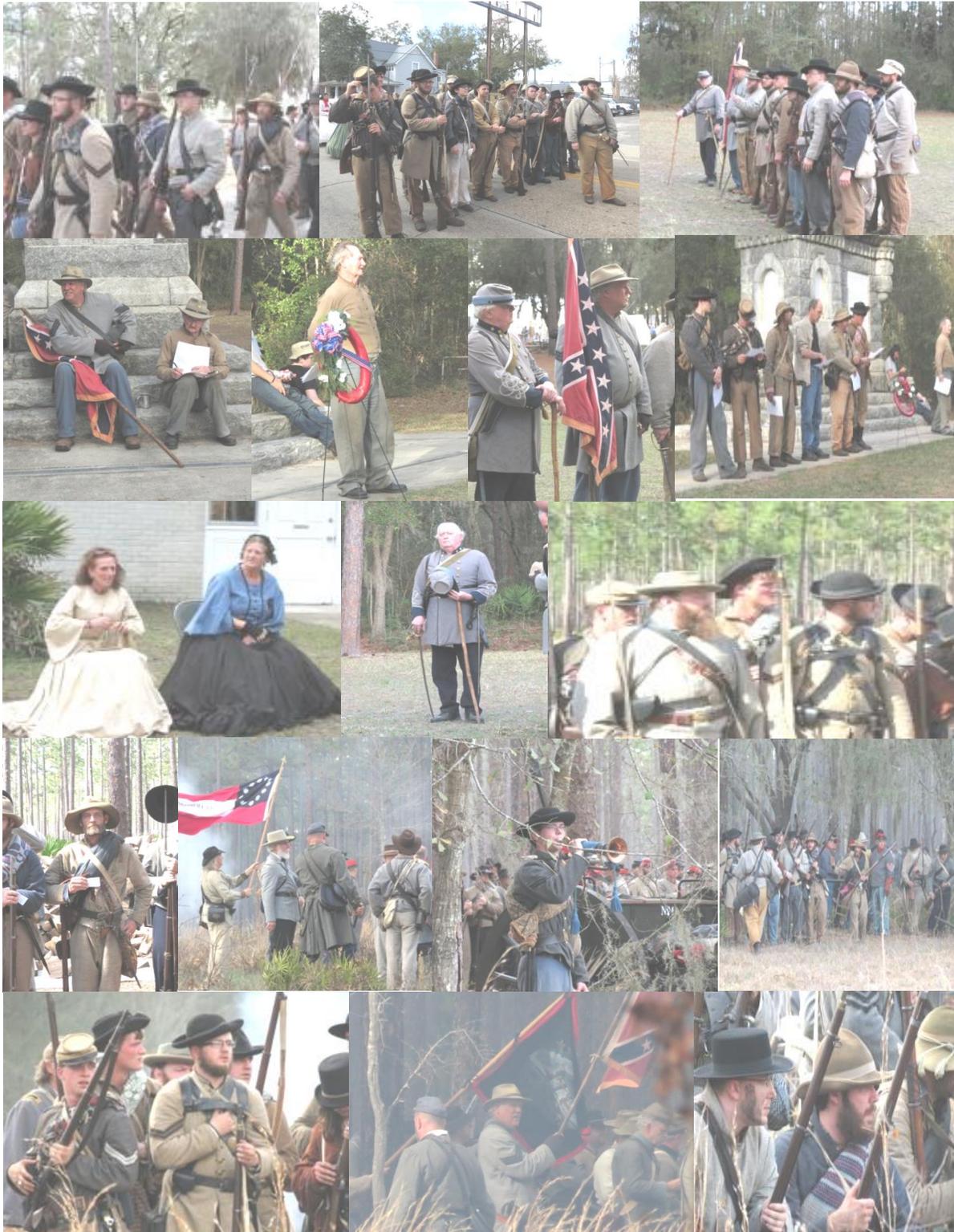


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## The 16th Georgia Advances at Ocean Pond

February 16-18, 2018 marked the 42nd Annual Olustee Battle Reenactment near Sanderson, Florida, the hallowed ground of Florida's largest War Between the States Battle and the leading such event in the southeastern United States. For more than three decades the 16th Georgia, Co. G, has faithfully served there – their presence is felt there still .....

OLUSTEE 2018 By Heidi Edge



## **THE 16<sup>TH</sup> GEORGIA CO. G – “The Jackson Rifles”**

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

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### **SCHEDULE OF 2018 EVENTS**

MARCH 2-4 – BATTLE OF BROXTON BRIDGE, SC  
MARCH 15 – SCV CAMP 2218 – REGULAR MEETING – MIKE MCALPIN  
MARCH 16-17 – BATTLE OF MANASSAS, GA  
APRIL 19 – SCV CAMP 2218 – REGULAR MEETING – RACHAEL HOLLAND  
APRIL 21 – CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE @ ROSE ILL, MACON.  
MAY 17 – SCV CAMP 2218 – REGULAR MEETING – STEVE SMITH

### ***Praying for you Ty***

Our, brother, long-time 16<sup>th</sup> GA Dawg Soldier, Ty Burnsed has been having some grievous health issues. We are grateful to God to see him on the field, still at his post, still doing his duty.....



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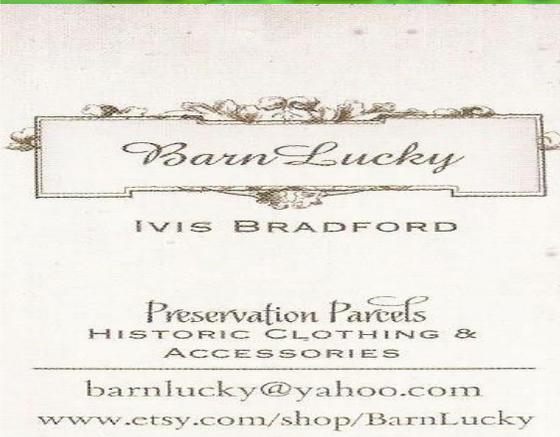
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Ivis Bradford whose business card appears (above) in this newsletter writes: "I finally updated my Etsy store with new sleeping caps. A few other things are in the works to be added in the near future. Perhaps there are some in need of a cap for the 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>

## ALL PRAYER REQUESTS ARE URGENT

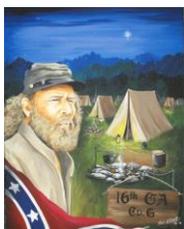
*You may not recognize many of the names on this page, but does that really matter? They represent real people - genuine needs. Just because you do not know them personally nor the nature of their circumstance does not mean that you cannot bow your heart and head for a moment - just a moment - and ask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



**Urgent  
Prayer Needs**

**James Boyd Ty Burnsed KievThomason Harold Buchanan  
Rev. Joey Young and family Charlie Ed & Val Elliott Judi Powers Marsha Herrin  
Steve Galegor Ben (Cooter) Jones Roy and Dana Myers Alan Farley Gale Red  
Gary Banks Bill Cameron Barbara Garnto Mrs. & Mrs. Burns Richard Durham  
Mike Cook & family Kasey Wright Larson Kim Beck Hunter Shipman & family  
Chuck & Diana Layman C.S.A., U.S.A., Israel, Law Enforcement, Paramedics &  
Firefighters, Judges Political Leaders, Missionaries, Our Compatriots, Ministers,  
Travelers, The lonely, bereaved families, Our enemies ... Me & You, that we may  
boldly witness, risking awkwardness and seeming to be foolish. And, *please*, do let me  
know of others.**

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



### James Boyd

James continues to do well as – let's stay in touch with him at:  
15 Meredith Drive Murrayville, Georgia 30564 - 706-344-7588.

### Kim Beck

Georgia Division SCV 4th Brigade Commander, Kim Beck's recent surgery went well. No cancer. He thanks everyone for the prayers - please continue.

### Hunter Shipman

So many of you have been faithfully praying for this young man, the most recent member of our 16th GA family. He was born in February with some serious health problems but God is seeing Hunter through it all. Keep praying for him and his parents Kyle and Faith.

**HOPE** - In a broken world, hope can be hard to come by. Each day, we are face to face with tragedy, sickness and death, but it is within this reality of pain that God brings hope. This hope is not founded on our situation or ability; our hope is founded on God. How can we have hope in God? Because He is all powerful, all knowing, never-changing, and He loves us. This means that no matter the pain, God is there. No matter the difficulty, God is guiding us and using that difficulty for our good. If you find yourself in the middle of hard times, do not fear, because the maker of heaven and earth is with you. Draw close to Him, and He will help you to live in hope, not fear. - David McGee



## THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER #2218



We greatly enjoyed our keynote speaker Lt. Col Edward Shelor at our January Lee-Jackson banquet.

In February Camp Commander, Earl Colvin lead a discussion as to how we should diligently and effectively responds to heritage attacks. On same that occasion we inducted new members Greg

Harris and Steve Smith and voted to accept the application of Charles Dreher.



Ltc. Shelor



2018 guest speaker openings are filling up. Mike McAlpin will come in March, Rachel Holland returns in April and Steve Smith visits with us in May. Please apply to Adj. Dobson if interested.

Photo Left: Charles Dreher, Greg Harris, Steve Smith, Earl & Beth Colvin

### The Georgia Confederates Youth Camp

In 2017, we only had Campers from 4 of the 100+ SCV Camps in Georgia. Please consider sending one Camper from your Camp for 2018. We will have room for 40 girls and 40 boys. Will you help us fill the Camp. It is more important today than ever that our young folks learn the TRUTH about their Confederate ancestors. - Al Perry, Director

*"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."*

**ANYTHING FOR THE CAUSE** - Confederates had little trouble finding and harvesting necessary nitrates for the production of gunpowder. They could process the dirt of cave floors containing centuries of bat droppings, which yielded all the nitrates needed. However, as the war progressed and the Union army occupied most of the cave areas in Kentucky, Tennessee and northern Alabama, the Bureau of Nitre and Mining had to look to other places for it, mainly the dirt and manures of barnyards. These soils could be soaked with urine and protected from rainwater dilution until saltpeter would form, producing the necessary nitre. Creating saltpeter to sell to the government led to a small, backyard business for farmers. Ladies were asked to preserve the reserves of their chamber pots as part of the war effort. These "nitre beds" needed a constant soaking of urine to make them work. One of Col. Farrow's agents in Selma, Ala., John Harrelson, advertised the following in the local paper: *"The ladies of Selma are respectfully requested to preserve the chamber lye collected about their premises for the purpose of making nitre. A barrel will be sent around daily to collect it."* As could be imagined, the public – especially the soldiers – had a great laugh over this. -6-

## A SAD START TO 2018



**Sheri Ann Banks**, loving wife, mother, and daughter, entered into eternal rest on the morning of Wednesday, January 24, 2018. She was 43 years old. Sheri was born on April 9, 1974 in Houston, Texas and was of the Christian faith. A 1994 graduate of Riviera High School in Riviera, Texas, Sheri lived most of her life in Texas. She moved to Warner Robins 13 years ago where she met and married her husband, Gary Howard Banks. Sheri retired from Parts Central in Macon. In her free time, she enjoyed needle point, working on Sudoku puzzles, shopping for antiques, and spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her son, Jonathan Banks; her mother, Julie Mittag; and her sister, Vickie Mittag.

Her memory will forever be treasured by her loving husband of 10 years, **Gary Banks** of Warner Robins; daughters, **Jessie Whitehead (Joel)** of Macon, **Jenny Gunn (Ryan)** of Centerville, and **Kellie Morgan (James)** of Warner Robins; granddaughter, Madelyn Morgan; and father and stepmother, Raymond and Bobby Mittag of Riviera, Texas. Visitation was held on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at McCullough Funeral Home and the funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2018 in the chapel of McCullough Funeral Home. Sheri was laid to rest in a graveside service at Riviera Cemetery in Riviera, Texas at 01:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

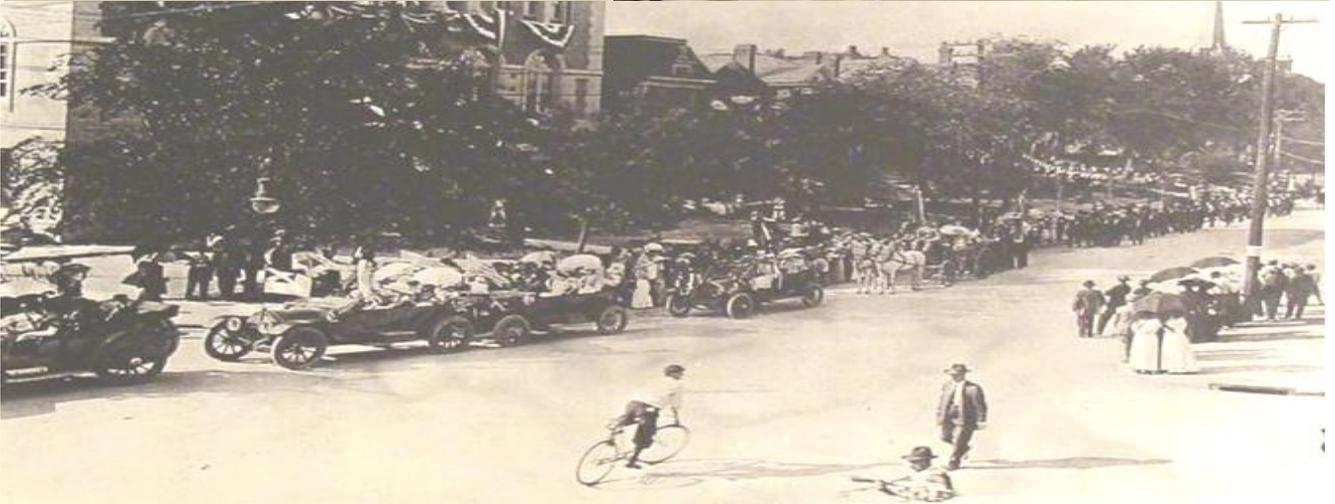


**Robert E. Clayton**, 78, of Plant City, Florida, born in Attalla, Alabama on September 6, 1939, entered into eternal rest on January 24, 2018. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as a Screaming Eagle in the 101st Airborne Division. He enjoyed working, especially on old cars, and watching Bucs and Alabama football. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Judy Clayton; children, Nancy Clayton of Thonotosassa, Sherry Morse (Stephen) of Colquitt, Georgia, **Sherry Robbins (Brian) of Dublin**. Georgia. A graveside service was held Tuesday, January 30 at Noon at Hopewell Memorial Gardens, in Plant City, Florida.



On the morning of Saturday, January 27, 2018, **Arthur Eugene "Gene" Sullivan, Jr.**, 88, went to be with his Lord and Savior. Gene was a lifelong resident of Houston County, Georgia born to the late Arthur Sr. and Maude Akins Sullivan. He was raised during the Great Depression and as a young boy worked hard on his family's farm. A U.S. Army veteran, Gene proudly served his country during the Korean War receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Still able to fit into his uniform, Gene would wear it on special occasions. With a humble heart, he and his beloved wife would spend every Veterans Day placing flags on the grave of other veterans in local cemeteries. Gene was a very honest, hardworking, faithful, and devoted husband and father. He often worked several jobs to provide for his family while his wife stayed home to raise their children. Following his military service, Gene was a long distance truck driver, driving to 48 states in the United States. He had 33 years of federal service including naval ordinance plant in Macon, Georgia and later at Robins Air Force Base. Being very mechanically inclined, he enjoyed time spent working on his farm. Gene loved tractors and trucks; he proudly drove his 1955 GMC pickup truck that he had bought brand new. He had a passion for animals of all kinds especially his cats; he would even care for and feed wildlife and stray animals. Gene loved being outdoors; however, his greatest joy was found in time spent with his beloved family. He enjoyed picking on and teasing his family and researching his family history. Gene was a longtime faithful member of First Baptist Church of Centerville and the Senior Adult Sunday school class. His memory will forever be treasured by his loving wife of 66 years, **Betty Sullivan** of Warner Robins; children, Betty Jo Wade (Frank) of Byron, Mary Ann Champagne of Warner Robins, Debra Hopkins of Warner Robins, Denise Sullivan of Warner Robins, Alethea Haight (Jeffrey) of Sugar Hill, **Arthur Eugene ("Beau") Sullivan, III (Erin)** of Warner Robins.

The 1912 National United Confederate Reunion in Macon, Georgia



## SHERMAN: "Can we whip the South?"

Sherman was unable to understand that the South was fighting a defensive war to maintain its independence, and had no desire to alter the governance of the Northern States. Sherman wrote the following in late 1863 to his superior, noting that he saw no need for civil compromises to soften the war against the women and children in his path, and that "the South has done her worst [in its struggle for independence], and now is the time for us to pile on blows thick and fast." Sherman could not see the humanity suffering in his midst, only faceless enemies obstructing his employer's will. Bernhard Thuersam, [www.Circa1865.com](http://www.Circa1865.com) The Great American Political Divide

"For such a people, [Sherman wrote], "a civil government now . . . would be simply ridiculous." The interests of the United States "demand the continuance of the simple military rule after all the organized armies of the South are dispersed, conquered and subjugated." The only real issue, he wrote, was, "**Can we whip the South?**" [Sherman continued] "Another great and important natural truth is still in contest, and can only be solved by war. Numerical majorities by vote have always been our great arbiter. The South, though numerically inferior, contend they can whip the Northern superiority of numbers, and therefore by natural law contend that they are not bound to submit. This issue is the only real one . . . War alone can decide it. I would banish all minor questions, assert the broad doctrine that a nation has the right, and also the physical power to penetrate every part of our national domain, and that we will do it – that we will do in our own time and in our own way . . . that we will remove and destroy every obstacle, if need be, take every life, every acre of land . . . that we will not cease till this end is attained . . . I would not coax them or even meet them halfway but make them so sick of war that generations would pass away before they would again appeal to it . . ." From: [bernhard1848@gmail.com](mailto:bernhard1848@gmail.com) (Sherman, Fighting Prophet, Lloyd Lewis, Harcourt, Brace and Company, 1932, excerpts pp. 307-308)

Referring to his prewar employment and residence in Louisiana, the Macon [Georgia] Telegraph called the destructive Sherman "Judas Iscariot, a betrayer, a creature of depravity, a demon of a thousand fiends." As for Sherman's misunderstanding of treason, it is clearly defined in Article III, Section 3 of the United States Constitution as "levying War against them [The United States], or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort." Sherman, by order of his commander, Lincoln, waged war against the United States. From: Bernhard Thuersam, [www.Circa1865.com](http://www.Circa1865.com) The Great American Political Divide

South Carolina is where treason began, and there, Sherman swore, was where it would end. And so, to Sherman's implied commands, the troops responded with a greater vengeance than they had in Georgia. Villages in Sherman's path through the Low Country were virtually obliterated: Hardeeville, Purysburg, Robertville, Lawtonville, Allendale. At least one brigade – often two or more a day – marched through, pillaging and flattening the towns and the lands between mid-January and early February 1865. The forces commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Edward S. Solomon of the 82nd Illinois Infantry of Operations seem to have been particularly effective in razing the hometowns of the Willingham and Lawton families. (Kith and Kin, a Portrait of a Southern Family, Carolyn L. Harrell, Mercer University Press, 1984, excerpts pp. 135-138) From: [bernhard1848@gmail.com](mailto:bernhard1848@gmail.com)

## 150 Years Ago - By Larry Upthegrove

**February 23, 1868:** In Atlanta, GA, City Alderman, Cox, has spoken to the Constitutional Convention to offer the city's proposition to entice the moving of the State Capital to Atlanta. The City offers to tender the use of City Hall for the use of the State Legislature and all buildings necessary for State officers, free of all cost, for the space of five years....The argument goes on, "...in less than five years Georgia can have a Capital whose granite blocks, hewn from her own Stone Mountain, shall rear their magnificent proportions, inscribed with 'Wisdom, Justice, and Moderation,' for the benefit of all" .....

**February 26, 1868:** In Atlanta, GA, there is strong sentiment for removal of the State Capital to this place, an idea that has resulted in failed attempts in 1847 and 1854. Now, the situation is different; there has been tremendous growth in the past few years, and Atlanta has proven to be the center of transportation and business activity during the War. Also, before and since the War, there is a strong Northern presence here. Within the Constitutional Convention, there is also a strong Northern presence and sentiment. Today, Atlanta City Council is in a special meeting to formulate a proposal for the Convention to place the changing of the Capital City from Milledgeville to here. James L. Dunning, from Connecticut, the Fulton County Representative to the Convention, quickly takes the proposal, as a resolution, to the floor of the convention where it is immediately passed. Atlanta will be the Capital of Georgia when the new Constitution is ratified....James L. Dunning, a long-time machine shop owner and mouthy Union Sympathizer, will one day come to rest in Historic Oakland Cemetery, just out of spitting distance from the main entry street.

### QUOTES

*"We should not be entertained by the sins for which Christ died".* - John MacArthur

*"Muslims will likely surpass Jews as the second largest religious group behind U.S. Christians by 2040."*

- Pew Research Center

Armed men are citizens; unarmed men are subjects - Joel Jackson

*"Another birthday of Robert E. Lee's has come & gone while, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's approaches. It is estimated there are over 80 million descendants of Confederate soldiers alive today yet, not a word of these two men in our 'local' media."* - Billy E. Price - Ashville, Alabama

*"If the Union were to undertake to enforce by arms, the allegiance of the Confederate States by military means, it would be in a position very similar to that of England at the time of the War of Independence."*

- Alexis de Tocqueville

**How the States Can Save America** - Check out this video discussing the Convention of States to propose amendments to the Constitution. To date twelve states have passed a bill calling for a Convention of States: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas. Nine states have had the bill pass one house of the legislature: Arkansas, Iowa, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia. Of the remaining states all but four had legislative action in 2017. This a movement that will continue with a growing core of activists working in all fifty states. - Ed Cheney

**NAACP USURPING GEORGIA GOVERNMENT** - Believing that the City of Augusta is not moving quickly enough to remove Confederate monuments, the NAACP has appointed a committee to assume the task. NAACP Vice-President Melvin Ivey, the "Committee" chairman, said the group is working to arrange a series of public forums in March. "We will be hosting the forums to get a feel of what (the public) thinks about the Confederate monument, and to help us come up with solutions." - Dixie Heritage

**Senate Bill 302 and House Bill 650** - Please pay special attention to two upcoming bills in the Georgia General Assembly. Senate Bill 302 and House Bill 650 both deal with taking State Law protection away from monuments, plaques and markers that honor our Confederate Ancestors. Both these bills would give the cities the right to move these monuments or remove them from public view. Please take the time to contact your Representative and Senator and tell them you are against these bills. Please take the time to look these bills up on your computer and contact your Representatives. - Johnny Mack Nickles, Camp 18, Macon, GA

## **Let's Talk About Re-enactors**

by Rachael Holland

Re-enactors are a rare breed of people. They love history, they love teaching, and they LOVE this Country. Many of our re-enactors are military veterans who have sacrificed and served for this Country. Many more of us are military family members who have sacrificed on the home front. But, all in all, whether veteran, family member, or civilian, our re-enactors truly love this Country and are very patriotic.

Those of us who are serious re-enactors, are historians. We spend countless hours in research, pouring over journals, records, first-hand accounts, other historian's research, maps, troop movements, military manuals, and more. We learn and know the correct clothing designs, materials, and accessories. We know our weapons and how to use them, the equipment of the time, items that would have been used at the time, medical equipment and procedures, troop movements, the manual of arms, actions on the battlefield, we learn skills of the time, and more.

We delve into the thoughts of the time, the motivations behind historic events, the reasons people joined the War (and they were quite varied), the reasons the War took place, the politics leading up to the War, and throughout the War, the complications for the War and the home front - from decisions made, to the impact of the War on the Country as a whole, down to the Northern or Southern housewife. We study the shortages caused by the War and how it affected the people as well as how or if they were able to overcome it. We explore the effects of the War on the countryside from the North and the South. We find out what it was like to watch one's town shelled until it's nothing but empty husks of once majestic buildings, or to see your home, farm, and town burned and destroyed by an invading army. We educate ourselves on the cost of War, from minor skirmishes, to 16,000 men falling in one day, to the long-term effect of losing over 650,000 men in 4 years.

We don't just study these things, we are impassioned by them. One cannot study these things to the point that you feel as though the people about whom you read were one's family members, without being passionate about it. We seek to describe it and portray it from the viewpoint and context of those who were there. Only those who lived through the actual events can give us true perspectives on the issues and time that we portray. Then, we take our passion and use it as the impetus to educate any and all who will listen!

Re-enactors aren't motivated by politics, or the whim of a time. We are motivated by history! We feel our only job is to tell the history of what happened – good, bad, or ugly – and then let the reader or hearer decide where they stand on the issue, and whether or not they would have agreed with those long ago. It is not our job to interpret the issues, only to present them, and let each person decide for themselves.

Re-enactors are like family. We say we have a re-enacting family, and we truly do. Of course, we have the ups and downs, the conflicts and selflessness of any family, blessings and extreme irritations (just like a real family), especially when you have hundreds of passionate people all in one place! But for all of that, we truly get along and support one another. There are times when we may want to knock someone in the head one minute, and will go running to their rescue the next. We watch out for each other, protect each other, sacrifice for each other, and we do it gladly.

Not only do I write this blog, and articles for several publications, but I also travel all over my State here in the South to teach in schools and universities, and give guest lectures to whichever group invites me. I know that there is almost no place in this State, or over the line into other States, where I do not have connections within 1-2 hours, or less, who would drop everything and come to my aid if needed. I have crashed in friend's houses, had friends look at my vehicle when there were issues, or simply say, "pull up a chair and I'll make you a cup of tea" when I show up on their doorstep. These are the type of people I find among re-enactors. They will help you, pray with you, clothe you, feed you,

rescue you, and literally give you the shirt off their back if needed.

Re-enactors are also special, and a rare breed! There are things that make us happy and excited that no one would understand unless you have spent time with us. For instance, seeing what appears to be canvas rolled up with tent poles in the back of someone's truck going down the highway and getting all excited because you're thinking about your tent and being in camp (and very sad when you realize it isn't a tent). Or knowing how to handle and survive in all different types of weather and hardships because you have WILLINGLY gone to events and survived in it before! Or making and putting on clothes that went out of style 140 years ago. Or loving the



smell of your stinking uniform that smells of black powder, sweat, the terrain in which you have fought and camped, campfire smoke, and more, because it reminds you of camp, your family and friends, and all the adventures and stories contained in those few yards of fabric. Or being willing to pack for a full day, to drive between one and thirteen hours to do an event for a few days, just to drive home and have to go straight back to work. Or choosing to go to the field with nothing but an outhouse or port-a-john for days, living with people who, along with you, have not had a shower in days, only to go home, shower, and get comfortable in your house with HVAC, sigh and say, "Okay, when is the next one?" When we are out of the field too long, we miss it. It is currently January, but it's been six weeks since the last event for many of us. Just a few days ago I was speaking to other re-enactors and we were all saying, "I need to get back in the field!" Now we all do not want to be camping in this cold front that's the coldest in 30 years, but we are yearning for the day the next campaign will start and we can roll into camp in our SUVs, trucks and trailers full of gear just to set up camp and live like the 1860s for several days.

For me, not only do I recognize all these things, but also the awesome guys who volunteer to be our patients for the medical demonstrations. They recognize that the War was not just soldiers fighting, but also being wounded and killed. As a medical re-enactor, I couldn't do my role, if it were not for these guys willing to be my patients, and to make it very real. They do their own research, and listen to me and my co-surgeon as we explain the details of the case we have pulled from the records, and what that soldier would have experienced, and then they bring it to life. Boy do they do a good job with it too! Many times, it is so real that people have to leave if they have a squeamish stomach lest they get sick. These boys take it as a challenge to make it more realistic than the previous event with every demonstration we do. Who else but re-enactors would volunteer to have their arm or leg "taken off?"

When I was in college, I wanted to be part of a group, to have my own nickname, to have a family away from home. I didn't realize that would not happen during my education, but that I would find my "tribe" on the barren fields once burned by Sherman. I never had to ask to be included – I was invited. I never asked for nicknames – they were freely given. I never had to ask to be a part of something or ask whether I was allowed – I was adopted. I have never found something in which I felt so much like myself, and yet so much a part of the greater whole, as I did reenacting. Honestly, these are some of the best people I know.

So, to all my adopted siblings, my adopted family, my friends in the GVB, thank you for being incredible, loving, patriotic, passionate, giving people, who strive to keep history alive! I'm looking forward to seeing you all in the campaigns of 2018!

*From Rome to Gettysburg to Sunshine Church to Macon to Little Big Horn*



Myles Walter Keogh (March 25, 1840 – June 25, 1876) was an Irish soldier. serving the armies of the Papal States during a rebellion in Italy, he was recruited into the Union Army during the American Civil War, serving as a cavalry officer, particularly under Brig. Gen. John Buford during the Gettysburg Campaign and the three-day Battle of Gettysburg.

Major Keogh then appointed as aide de camp to General George Stoneman. In July 1864, Stoneman raided to the south and southeast, destroying railroads and industrial works. Their risky raids behind Confederate lines were also designed to free federal prisoners held at Macon, Georgia, and liberate the nearly 30,000 captives at Andersonville prison. Although Stoneman's Union cavalry did destroy the railroads, the onslaught on Macon failed from the beginning and on July 31, 1864, Keogh and Stoneman's command were surrounded during the Battle of Sunshine Church, Georgia. They were captured after both their horses were shot out from under them. Keogh was held for 2½ months as a prisoner of war (probably at Camp Oglethorpe) before being released through Union general William Tecumseh Sherman's efforts. Keogh would later receive a second brevet with promotion to lieutenant colonel for his gallantry with Stoneman at the Battle of Dallas.

After the war, Keogh remained in the regular United States Army as commander of Company I in the 7th Cavalry Regiment under George Armstrong Custer during the Indian Wars, until he was killed along with Custer and all of his men at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876.

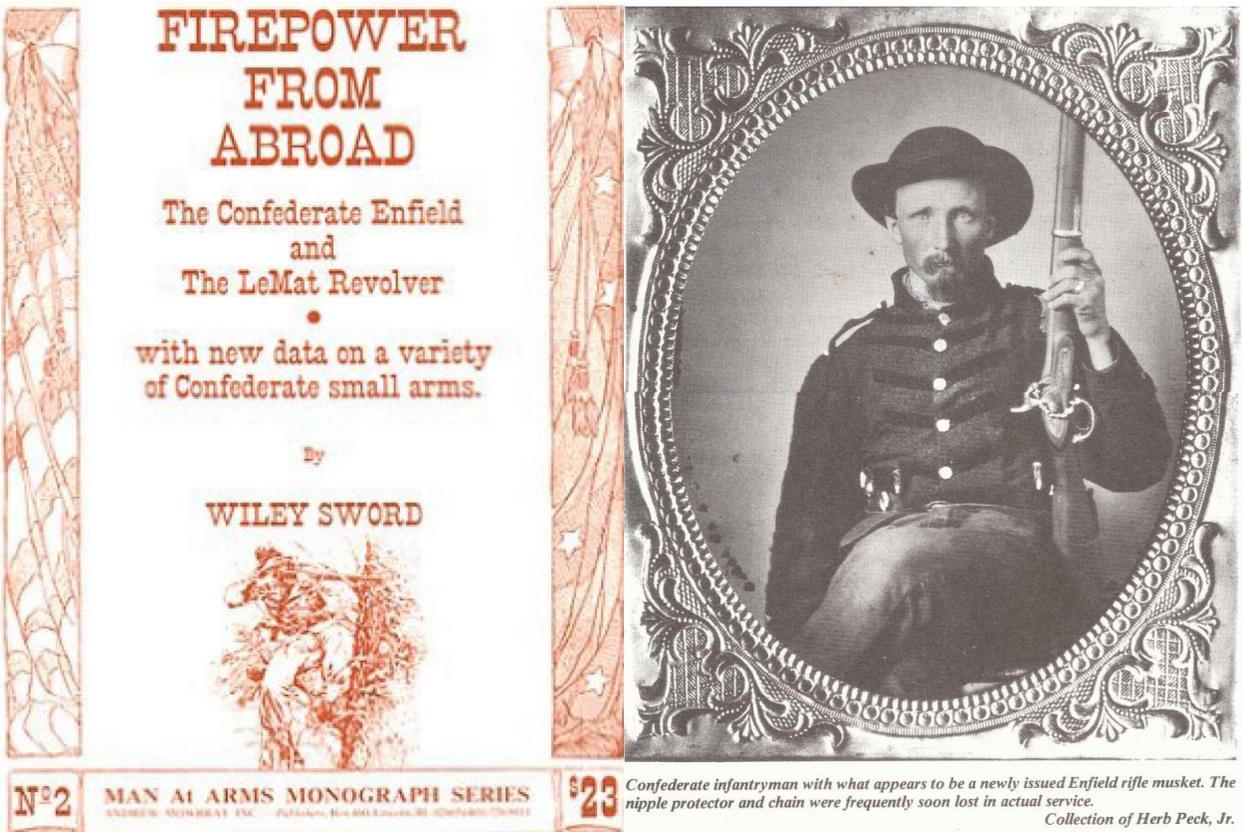
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**SNOW DAY 2018**

On Wednesday, January 17, much of Georgia had snow. Sherrie' Raleigh sent us a photo of the Confederate Monument in Athens and Brenda Dobson sent a couple of views of the 12 pound Napoleon at the Cannonball House in Macon. We sure appreciate their efforts.



## A BOOK TO CONSIDER



### Firepower from Abroad: The Confederate Enfield and the LeMat Revolver by Wiley Sword

The British-made Enfield rifle was so valued by the South during the Civil War that blockade runners cargoed shipments right up to the last days of the War. Another weapon with strong historical attachments to the South was the technically remarkable LeMat revolver. Carefully chronicled is the story of just how these weapons reached the Confederate market. A classic of Confederate arms history and a key guide on this topic. 120 pages 7" x 9.5" Hardcover. The picture (above) of the Confederate Infantryman is from the book.

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

The young boy was spending a Sunday afternoon with his grandpa. Looking at pictures of his grandpa in his military uniform, the boy asked, "Grandpa, did you ever kill anyone in the war?" "No champ, I never did." "That's a good thing." "You're telling me," said Grandpa, "I was the cook!"



For Cathy's birthday, I bought her a refrigerator/freezer. I know it's not much, but you should have seen her face light up when she opened it.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory. (Mostly God's grace.)

# A LOT GOING ON AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE

Macon, Georgia



Historic sites and museums are accessible classrooms for continuing education, relating a time period by displayed artifacts, exhibits and educational opportunities. Educational Services, coordinated by Brenda Dobson, are very important to our endeavors at the Cannonball House. On January 13 our Civil War Class of 2018 was held with ages ranging from Kindergarten to grade 3. A group of seven eager youngsters and their parents (most who had never visited us before) has a grand time, drilling like soldiers, making flags and practicing simulated period medical procedures. It is an inestimable joy, privilege and opportunity. (top two pictures)

On February 10<sup>th</sup> the second annual Jr. Docent Class graduated (left). These exceptional young people have trained to become Cannonball House tour guides. You may see some of them in action on March 24<sup>th</sup> during the Cherry Blossom Festival. Our annual Beards, Bourbon and BBQ will be April 15. Call for tickets beginning March 15.

## And Coming Very Soon ...March 31<sup>st</sup> at The Cannonball House .....



Al is a physical therapist that lives in Madison, Mississippi. He grew up in the Northeast Mississippi region graduating from Shannon High School in 1986. Al lived in the small town of Verona during his youth years. He attended Jackson State University and graduated Magna Cum-Laude from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Physical Therapy in 1991. He came to the knowledge of his Confederate ancestor in 2008. He started to

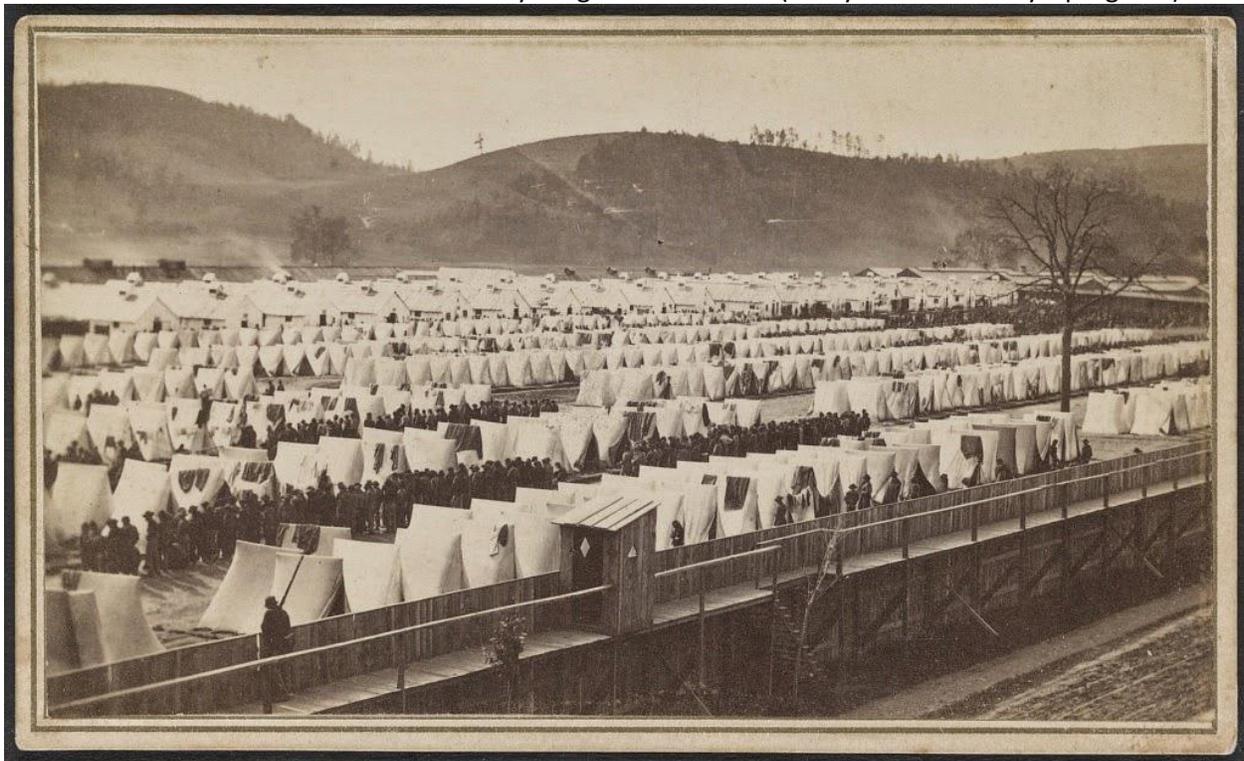
search for an understanding of why, how, what and when did his great-great grandfather serve during the Civil War. His journey has led him to embrace his Confederate heritage and the roles of slaves in the Civil War. He is a member of the Civil War Roundtable in Jackson, MS. He has a desire to see more African Americans study the Civil War and their connections to this vital part of America's history. To this aim, he has written this book. He believes the Civil War history is Black history. Al loves Bluegrass and Country music - a country boy who loves backyard gardening, cooking, squirrel hunting, studying the Civil War, Church history and old people. For more details, call The Cannonball House at 478-745-5982.

## Al Arnold



## THE TALE OF TWO PRISONS: ELMIRA & ANDERSONVILLE

On January 17, 1868, in Atlanta, the “Daily Opinion” newspaper had this: In the Northern States, the newspapers have vilified the South with the result that the Radical Republicans are now able to treat the South as a colony without popular protest. Here is one Northern voice speaking out against that vilification. In New York City, printed by “The New York Tribune”, this letter to the editor: “Sir: You have heretofore declared that you desire to see every offender against the laws and usages of civilized warfare bought to answer for their crimes, and punished according to their deserts, whether belonging to the South or North. Now you know that the ‘Horrors of Andersonville’ have been blazoned in every journal in the land, have been the theme of male and female orators; every political preacher, every father and mother and child of a Republican family has shuddered at the recital of cruelties unequalled in the catalogue of crimes against their fellows, inflicted by monsters in human shape; Congress has exhausted the vocabulary of horrors, and the Courts have condemned to death in deference to public opinion one miserable man—I fear unjustly. I now call upon you, as a simple act of justice, to give to your readers the facts as exhibited by the record of deaths at Elmira, among the Southern prisoners confined there. The “Elmira Gazette” is the authority for the following: In the four months of February, March, April, and May 1865, out of the 5,027 prisoners confined there, 1,311 died, showing a death-rate of 6½ percent, against less than 3 percent at Andersonville...It must also be taken into consideration that in the South our armies formed a barrier against the introduction of both food and medicine, while in our case there was an abundance of everything.”..... (Many thanks to Larry Upthgrove)



Elmira Prison partial view—of the 12,000 population, there was only barracks space for 5,000. The remainder weathered the New York winter in canvas tents.

## JUST THE FACTS

We have discontinued the trivia section of the newsletter, primarily because no one responded. Instead, we will just list a few facts with each issue:

**VERMONT SECESSION** - The colonies wrote the Declaration of Independence in 1776. A year later, Vermont declared its independence from New York! On July 8, 1777, a group of delegates met in Windsor to sign the Constitution of Vermont. The Constitution said that Vermont was an independent state. On October 13, 1864 twenty-one cavalymen, organized by Confederate agent George Sanders and led by Lieutenant Bennett Young, arrived from Canada by twos and threes over a period of nine days and took over St. Albans, Vermont in what was to go down in history as the northernmost engagement of the War. With his gun drawn, Young mounted the steps of a hotel and shouted: "This city is now in the possession of the Confederate States of America!"



St. Albans bank tellers being forced to pledge allegiance to the Confederacy

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### ILL-FATED BROTHERS.

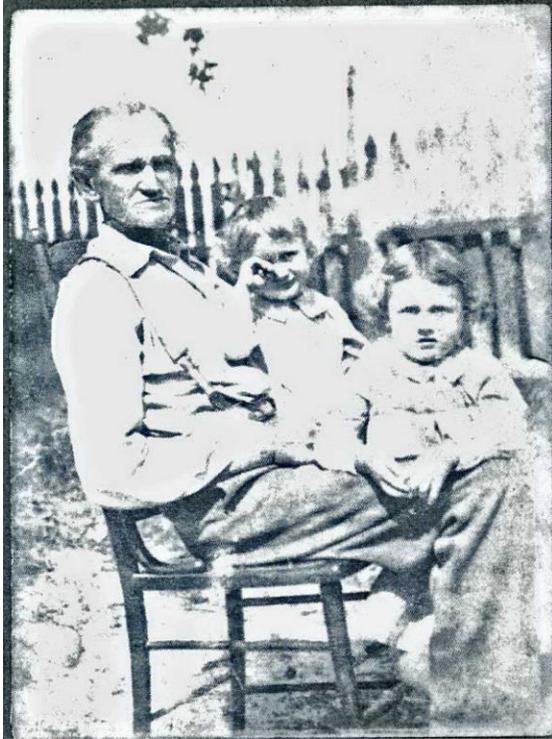
**Three Killed in Railroad Accidents, and All Buried in Macon.**

MACON, Ga., January 23.—[Special.]—THE CONSTITUTION yesterday contained an account of the killing of Engineer Walter Raleigh, on Tuesday morning, near Gordon, on the Alabama Midland road. His remains reached Macon last night, and were buried this morning from St. Barnabas Episcopal church. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and many others attended the services.

The Raleigh brothers seem to have been very ill-fated. About eight years ago Al. Raleigh, a fireman, was killed in an accident on the Southwestern railroad, and about four years ago Gus Raleigh, a conductor on the East Tennessee road, was killed at Lumber City in a difficulty with a negro. The negro struck him on the head with a piece of wood. Conductor Raleigh was knocked down, and his head fell under the wheels of a moving freight train, and he was crushed to death. The negro immediately escaped, and has never been caught.

Now the third brother, Walter Raleigh, was killed in a railway accident on Tuesday. The three brothers are buried in Macon.

Sent to Us By: Sherrie' Raleigh



## THE MEN OF GRISWOLDVILLE

### **Samuel H. Causey**

Born October 22, 1822 in Crawford County  
Married Charity Ann Frances Burnett on Jan. 11, 1848  
Company A, 8th Regiment, Third Brigade Georgia  
Militia, Crawford & Fannin Counties  
Enlisted at Knoxville, GA July 7, 1863 as a Private  
Last Date of Known Service: November 22, 1864 at  
Griswoldville, GA

He originally joined (Joined Company B, 8th Battalion  
Georgia Cavalry (State Guards) as a private, but was  
discharged due to health reasons. The two children in  
the 1905 photo with him are his grandchildren, Joe and  
Ola. Samuel died in 1908. The 1864 Census for  
Reorganizing the Militia lists him as a postmaster in  
Jones County. Samuel is the GGGG-Uncle of Sherrie'  
Raleigh His older brother is her GGG-Grandfather.



### **P.H. Carter**

Co. F, 12th Regiment  
4th Brigade, 1st Division, Georgia Militia  
BURIAL: Rose Hill Cemetery Macon, Bibb  
County, Georgia, USA

PLOT: Soldier's Square

Wounded in the shoulder at the Battle of  
Griswoldville.

Sherrie' Raleigh writes: I maintain this memorial  
on Find a Grave. A gentleman by the name of  
Charles Corbin has been researching soldiers in  
this square and occasionally sends me edits.

### ***Our Honored Dead .....***

The Sidney Lanier 25 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Macon, GA, dedicated these markers on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2017: Pvt. William P. Carlos is buried in the Taylor Road Cemetery in South Bibb County. Pvt. Zachary T. Vinson's grave is located in the Minshew-Vinson Cemetery in South Bibb County. (Thanks to Peggy Dunning for sending this our way)



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ALL ABOUT BUNTING.—The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial who has been examining the museum of captured flags, says 386 Confederate flags were captured by the Federal troops during the war, and 250 Federal flags were taken by the Confederates.

## You Will Never Get A Better Offer

You may have heard this all before but , please consider it once more: God isn't out there somewhere waiting to judge you after you mess up. God isn't waiting to condemn you. He's waiting to receive you with mercy, with love, with open arms, and forgive all your sins. Will you come to Him? Will you turn from your sin and allow Him to live through you? He can transform your life—and you can look forward to a guaranteed eternity with Him in Heaven, "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9) and "as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name." (John 1:12) Don't dare delay – don't wait until you think you are good enough – no one can be – ever; besides, who is assured of even living another day. I did not come to Jesus because I was good enough; rather it was because I was bad enough – I was just too weak and wicked to do it by myself and I am not ashamed to admit it. I don't look for a sign or wait on a feeling – I stand upon the Word of GOD who cannot lie – He cannot! There is nothing you can do to earn God's forgiveness; it is possible only by the gift of His grace, through faith and even that faith is His gift to you as well. You will never get a better offer – it is not my offer, but God's. God is a loving God and wants to forgive you. He wants to welcome you into His family. You can be a child of God today. "What must I do to be saved? Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." (Acts 16:30, 31)

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17) Do you believe in that Jesus died on a cross for YOU – we are not talking about the whole world right now; the question is do you believe He gave His life specifically for YOU? We have all done, thought or said bad things – some that we do not even want to so much as think about ever again, much less mention - the Bible calls this "sin." The Bible says, all of us have sinned and fallen short (Romans 3:23) and the only way we can pay for OUR sins is to be put to death. The good news is that God sent His Son to die in our place for our sins! Our debt, that we could not pay, is paid in full if we will only accept it – or you can walk away from it. Jesus died in our place so we could have a relationship with God and be with Him forever. Jesus did for you and for me what we could not do for ourselves. The Lord Jesus Christ died for us.(Romans 5:8) But it didn't end with His death on the cross. Jesus rose again and still lives as the only way to God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

How about it? The Bible says that he who has Jesus has life and if you do not have Him then you don't – simple as that (1 John 5:12). Would you like to receive God's forgiveness? Remember we cannot earn God's forgiveness – we can't earn salvation. If you believe you are a sinner, then you are off to a good start. If you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, then ask for His forgiveness. You can be sure He will not turn you away – no matter what you have been or what you have done. Turn from your sins— they are not worth hanging on to anyway – some of them are just hanging onto you. Jesus knows all about you and loves you anyway. He wants your heart. If He has that, well, He has it all.

I consider all read this as my friends. What kind of a friend would I be if I withheld the best I have from you? Here it is –the very best I have. Take a moment, get alone, by yourself, right now – don't delay and pray this simple prayer. – Love ya'll, Duke

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.

I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son. I believe that He died  
for my sin and that you raised Him to life.

I want to trust Him as my Savior and follow Him as Lord, from this day forward.

Guide my life and help me to do your will.

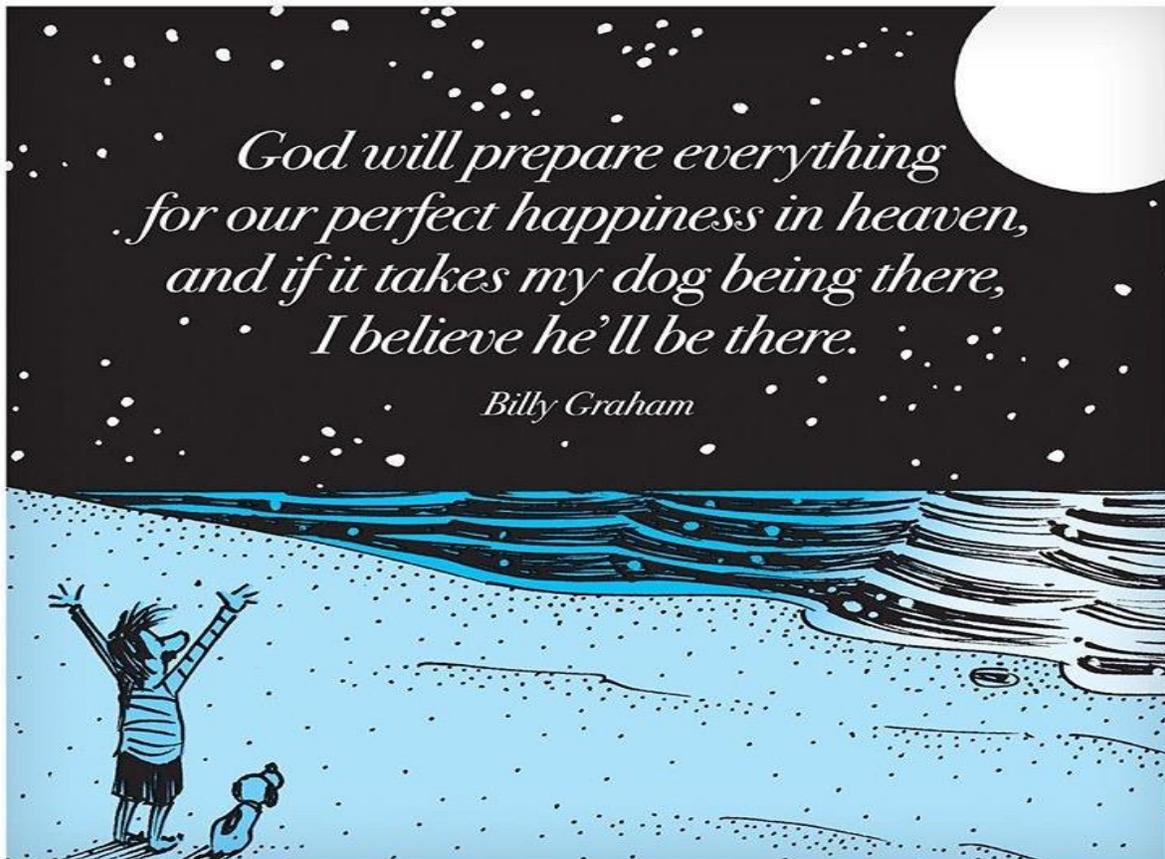
I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen."

FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In Great Barrington, Massachusetts, is born today, William Edward Burghardt Du Bois of mixed race. He will grow up to be educated in a tolerant environment and have excellent educational opportunities, of which he will readily avail himself, including degree from Fisk University, another degree from Harvard, and the University of Berlin for graduate work. He will have many accomplishments in his lifetime. He will serve on the faculty of Atlanta University for two extended periods of time. He will be the primary founder of the NAACP where he will edit the journal, "The Crisis". His European education will cause him to lean toward pacifism and **socialism**. His leadership in the Black community will be strong in demands for equal rights. His own philosophy will differ from Frederick Douglas' wishes for the Blacks to integrate the Whites' world and differ from the teachings of Booker T. Washington, who felt the Blacks should accept segregation but be given equal education and civil laws....Du Bois will lean toward **Communism**, then away from it, toward **Socialism**, then toward the **Democrats**, then toward the **Republicans**, whichever of these groups will make commitments to stop the lynchings that will be sweeping the Nation. DuBois will have many accomplishments in the United States, but will move to Ghana in 1961 at the age of 93 where he will work on the "Encyclopedia Africana" for the remainder of his days, ending on August 27, 1863. His body will remain in Accra, Ghana. (Courtesy of Larry Upthegrove)



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Shared by Sherrie' Raleigh

## WHO FIRED THAT SHOT?

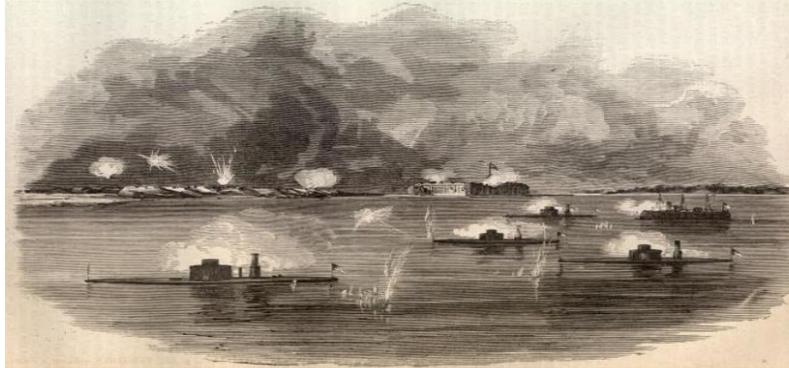


ASA HOLT/ CANNONBALL HOUSE MACON, GA - Circa 1885



George Stoneman Jr. was born on August 8, 1822 at Busti, NY (later incorporated as the village of Lakewood). He was trained, as a U.S. Army cavalry officer, at West Point, where his roommate was "Stonewall Jackson". The 24th Indiana Battery Light Artillery was organized at Indianapolis, Indiana and mustered in November 29, 1862, for a 3-year enlistment. On July 1, 1864 they were transferred to General Stoneman's Cavalry Division, serving at Nickajack Creek July 2-5, the Chattahoochie River July 5-17 and at Clinton, GA where they were part of Stoneman's Raid on Macon, GA July 30 (firing on The Asa Holt/Cannonball House) before most of the regiment was captured at Hillsboro, GA during the July 31 Battle of Sunshine Church. Commanders were Captain Joseph A. Sims and 1st Lieutenant Hiram Allen.

# Battery Wagner Gateway to Charleston



To be presented at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of The Camp of The Unknown Soldier

by

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# WARDAYS

**The Battles of Sunshine Church and Griswoldville**

**MAY 5-6, 2018**

Old Clinton Historical Society - 16thGVI - Camp of the Unknown Soldier SCV 2218

Adults - \$5.00

Ages 6 to 18 - \$3.00

Under Age 6 - Free

## ~ SCHEDULE of EVENTS ~

Saturday May 5 and Sunday May 6

9:05 a.m. - Morning Colors Formation

10:05 a.m. - Camps are Open

12:35 p.m. - Kids Mock Battle

2:05 p.m. Reenactment Battle

8:05 p.m. - Saturday Night Memorial Service at Clinton Methodist Church

11:05 a.m. - Sunday In Camp Church Service

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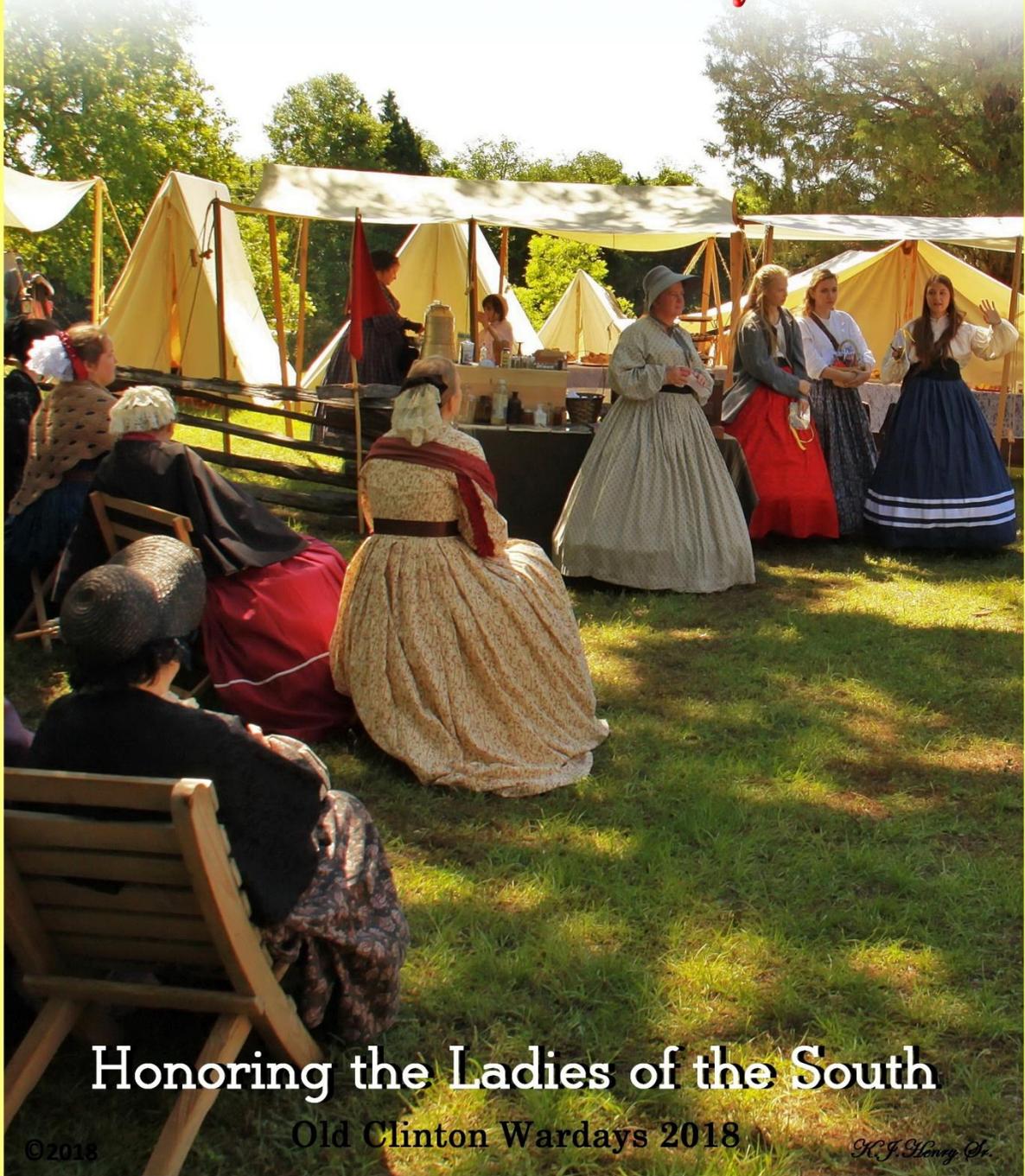
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# ~LADIES TEA~

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11:05 a.m. Saturday



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