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LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

The annual Lee-Jackson Banquet was held Saturday, 21 January 2006 at Nick's Restaurant on South Jefferson. Mr. Ross Moore was on hand to provide a musical program from or relating to the time of the War Between the States. The recipients of the Dillard and Judd awards were announced, with Walter Anderson winning the Dillard Award as Officer of the Year and Jim McKinney winning the Judd Award as camp member.

Several members of the Champ Ferguson (Monterey, TN) Camp served as color guard and stayed for the evening events. Dr. Sam Barnes told of how he came to make a bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest and to offer limited edition bronze castings for sale with proceeds to benefit the Forrest Boyhood Home restoration project. Ed Butler is coordinating the sale of these busts. Steve Marcrom was the master of ceremonies for the evening with Tennessee Division Commander and Dillard-Judd member Ed Butler assisting.

NATIONAL SCV UPDATE

Commander Sweeney has announced the reconstitution of the Oklahoma Division in provisional status. The Oklahoma Division had been disbanded after it fell to only four camps. Dr. Lester Tucker of Edmond, Oklahoma has been appointed temporary Division Commander, with Harold Tydings of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma appointed as Lt. Commander and Kevin Easterling of Norman appointed Adjutant. Commander Tucker has announced goals of restoring 20 camps and 200 members by the end of 2006. He hopes to raise public awareness about the role of the Indian Territory and its people in the War Between the States. Commander Tucker hopes to see the Oklahoma Division return to its proper role of heritage preservation rather than being used as a platform for internal SCV politics.

Commander Sweeney is asking for donations to fund the appeals process in the issue of legal fees being awarded to the coup plotters. Donations can be made to Emergency Reform Fund, c/o Jim Dark, 2030 Minnie Drive, Arlington, TX 76012.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21, 2006-Usual third Tuesday meeting held at The Golden Corral Restaurant on Interstate Drive in Cookeville, TN. Dinner, if you wish, at 6PM. Meeting at 7PM. Richard Walker of Baxter will give the program. Mr. Walker is a WBTS historian and a computer game designer and has merged these two interests.

DOUBLE THE DIVISION- DOUBLE THE DIVISION

OUR HISTORY

This section of the newsletter is dedicated to the history of ancestors of members of this camp. This month, Richard A. (Rick) Abbott provided information about his ancestor, Private Jesse Baldwin of the Tennessee Cavalry, CSA.

John Wesley and Elizabeth Baldwin moved from North Carolina to Tennessee in the 1830's. Their names first appear on the Tennessee census records of 1840. Jesse Baldwin was born to John and Elizabeth on 7 February, 1838. Not much is known of his early life, but Jesse did marry Martha Atkinson on 17 March, 1859. Jesse and Martha had three boys, William, Calvin and Lewis Wesley, with Lewis Wesley Baldwin being born 1 March, 1863. Jesse and Martha lived on the land owned by Jesse's father and Jesse was listed on census records as a tenant farmer.

In August, 1861, Scott Bledsoe raised a company of cavalry in Fentress County. It was mustered into service as Company "F", 4th TN Cavalry Regiment (Murphy's), CSA. Jesse and his two brothers (John Calvin and William) are listed on muster rolls. This unit is later (1863) listed as Company "I", 8th TN Cavalry Regiment (Baxter Smith's), CSA. The names of John Calvin and William appear on the muster rolls of the 8th, but Jesse's name is not listed there.

There was a skirmish in Fentress County in late 1862 or early 1863. A CSA cavalry detail was escorting a medical supply train. They were ambushed by Tinker Dave Beaty's Union irregulars. A man named Baldwin was wounded. This is believed to have been Jesse Baldwin and he is thought to have been furloughed to home to recover from his wounds. Family lore tells us that while at home recovering, Jesse heard rustlers stealing horses from the family farm. He went out to investigate and did not come home. The next morning, family members found Jesse, dead. The family felt that Jesse had confronted the rustlers, who were Union irregulars, and that the rustlers

killed him. Jesse was buried at Norris Cemetery in Banner Springs, Tennessee and according to County records, he was the first person buried there.

Family lore is that the two surviving Baldwin brothers came home and found out who had killed Jesse. They then hunted down and killed at least some of those responsible. Fentress County was run by former Union Army officers for a while after the war. The two surviving Baldwin brothers moved to west Tennessee. Jesse's widow, Martha, remarried. Secret memorial services for the Confederate dead were held in Fentress County during the years of reconstruction.

Jesse's youngest son was Lewis Wesley Baldwin (1863-1948). Richard A. (Rick) Abbott of Dillard-Judd Camp 1828 is the grandson of Lewis and great-grandson of Confederate soldier Jesse Baldwin. Rick plans to dedicate an official Confederate head stone at the grave of Jesse Baldwin in the late spring or early summer, 2006 and would appreciate the support of the men of the Highland Brigade.

KROGER CARDS

Commander Butler reminds us that using our Kroger gift cards is a painless way to support the SCV. Kroger gas is generally very competitively priced and 5% of our gas and grocery purchases these days would bring in a lot of revenue for the organization.

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