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CAMP MEETING

April 10, 2017

Speaker: Jimmie Ogle

Topic: The Sultana

**7:00 p.m. at the at the Germantown
Regional History and Genealogy Center**

Don't miss our next meeting!

DID YOU KNOW?

By Beecher Smith

THE SKIRMISH AT ASHLEY'S MILLS



Col. Archibald Dobbins, CSA

This month we will depart slightly from our standard prose format to share with you an original poem I wrote and entered in the 2013 Mid-South Poetry Festival category sponsored by Scott's Plantation in Arkansas, which won Second Place. Although the poet took certain liberties with the speaker's monologue, all the facts are correct and taken from the good Colonel's report to General Sterling Price.

Col. Arch Dobbins Recalls the Skirmish at Ashley's Mills

It all started goin' to Hell for Dixie on the 4th of July, 1863. Lee lost at Gettysburg, Pemberton surrendered Vicksburg, and damn if we didn't get our butts kicked hard failing to retake Helena. That stirred the Yankees up like a nest of angry hornets. My commander, General Walker, blamed General Marmaduke for our loss at Helena. Marmaduke called Walker a coward. They dueled on September 6. Marmaduke killed Walker and got arrested for it. Add pride and vanity to our woes, as if we didn't already have enough problems from the damn Yankees!

I took command of Walker's Division and got orders from General Price to halt the advance of the Union forces under General Steele, who aimed to capture Little Rock. My promotion from brigade to division commander was all well and good, except my men were desperately undermanned, ill supplied, and facing a force five times our size.

We camped at Ashley's Mills, knowing the Yanks had to cross the Arkansas River nearby. General Steele wasn't supposed to be that smart, but the scoundrel outflanked us, driving Col. Newton's volunteers across the river, separating our command. The Yanks faked a crossing at Buck's Ford, south of Terry's Ferry, distracting us while they crossed west of Ashley's Mills and up the river. Then, before we knew it, they were on top of us. Fighting on familiar ground saved us. We had to abandon our camp site, but we kept up a fierce skirmish to slow the blue bellies down for two whole days. We did our best to prevent them from crossing the river. But how do you stop 15,000 of the enemy with less than 3,000 men? Hell, Price's whole command was barely twice mine.

The Yanks took over our former campsite and bivouacked there. Helplessly, we looked on as they assembled in heavy force with infantry, cavalry, and artillery ...

They were throwing out lumber as if they intended on building a bridge at that place. There was *nothing* we could do to prevent their crossing.

Time bought by those two days of fighting and my reconnaissance report enabled General Price to make an orderly withdrawal and regroup.

Little Rock fell on September 11th.

Three Iron Crosses Honoring Confederate Veterans Have Been Stolen from Historic Sheldon Church near Beaufort, S.C.

By Bo Petersen Post and Courier
Mar 6, 2017



YEMASSEE — Three iron crosses honoring Confederate veterans were stolen from the historic Old Sheldon Church ruins, leaving the site's caretakers and state historians aghast.

Authentic "Southern Cross of Honor" markers are a black market collector's item. The theft also could be another example of "protest" vandalism sweeping the country. South Carolina and other states in the region are wrestling with how to balance heritage while placating a rise in anti-Confederate protests after the shootings at Emanuel AME Church and other recent events.

Whatever the case, the crime is a felony and one that disgusts the people who watch over such sites.

The pillared remnants of the church in the woods near Yemassee are an iconic Lowcountry landmark, a treasured destination for historians, photographers and cultural tours. But the site has been vandalized so much in recent years that university and preservation interests are trying to figure out how to protect it.

The crosses had been set in heavy concrete footings.

"Someone dug them up and took the footings. It's a despicable person who wants to desecrate graves," said Bill Sammons, a volunteer with St. Helena Church in Beaufort, who has helped look after the ruins.

"It's just wrong," said Jonathan Leader, state archaeologist. "It would be wrong if it were anybody's cemetery. It would be wrong if it were anybody's grave. It's doubly wrong that it's a veteran's grave."

The ruins of the nation's first church built in a temple form stood quietly in remote woods here for more than a century. But now they are being vandalized by people

trampling over graves, pocketing souvenirs, spray-painting walls or breaking headstones.

Old Sheldon Church is a National Historic Register site, one of the nation's earliest and grandest religious buildings. It was first built between 1745 and 1753, slightly before St. Michael's Church, downtown Charleston's oldest surviving church building.

Each year, the Sheldon church caretakers host a Sunday-after-Easter service and picnic on the grounds that's open to the public, Sammons said.

Leader said he hopes a reward is offered, the markers returned and the violators prosecuted.

"If they damage anybody's history they damage everybody's history," he said. "You can't have this type of behavior."

Civil War Rations & Recipes for the Living Historian (Part 1)

By: Jason Goodnite



**Confederate Army Commissary
General Col L.B. Northrup**

General August V. Kautz wrote in his 1865 manual *Customs of service for Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers*, "The ration allowed the soldier is large enough, and its component parts are sufficiently variable to admit of a great variety of very palatable dishes." While most soldiers in the Civil War would have disagreed with this statement it cannot be argued that both Federal and Confederate governments expended considerable resources to ensure that their armies in the field were well fed. Nor can it be argued that the single biggest day to day concern for any soldier during the war was his next meal and there are hundreds of written accounts documenting what Civil War soldiers ate and how they prepared it.

As living historians the wealth of information surrounding the everyday life of soldiers in the Civil War is invaluable. Far too often, living historians become too wrapped up in tactics, weapons, equipment or uniforms,

but the knowledge and evidence of what these men ate is as valuable in portraying and honoring them as the uniforms they wore or the weapons that were in their hands. As Kevin O'Beirne of the Columbia Rifles states, "Rations are a terribly important component of your living history impression, and can either add greatly to your experience or detract from it." Receiving an issue of authentic rations and preparing them with historical methods with your pards around a fire is one of the greatest bonding experiences imaginable. Songs, stories, and laughs will be exchanged and you will grow even closer to these men whom you eat, sleep and campaign with. You take care of each other and become brothers in the process. The boys of 61-65 experienced this and you can too if you only give it a try. However, on the opposite side of the this aspect of living history, nothing will kill such a wonderful experience quicker than a plastic wrapper or Bennie-Weenie can pulled out of a haversack. This not only kills your historical experience (weather you know it or not) but also the experience of everyone else around you, including spectators and visitors.

Why would someone do such a thing? More often than not it is due to a lack of knowledge about what to buy for authentic rations and how to safely store, transport and prepare them.

(To be continued...)

Commanders Corner

The Robert E. Lee
Camp 1640
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Germantown, Tennessee

Annual Camp Report

The Robert E. Lee Camp has an active membership with 81 members of whom 29 are Life Members.

The Robert E. Lee Camp member and Memphis Brigade Commander Mark Buchanan has continued to provide leadership in the campaign to save the Confederate, Jefferson Davis and Forrest Parks in Memphis. Mark received the SCV National Meritorious Service award and National Leadership award for his work to save the historical heritage of the Memphis parks.

The Robert E. Lee Camp has won the Tennessee Division's best newsletter award.

Robert E. Lee Camp members participated in educational exhibits in Bartlett, Tennessee and gave away copies of the Division's comic books to over one thousand elementary, junior high and high school students on November 4, 2016. The reenactment was open to the

public on November 5-6, 2016. The Camp staffed educational exhibits and a SCV booth during the three day event.

The Robert E. Lee Camp co-hosted and its members were instrumental in making the Mid-South Military History and Civil War show a success. This event was on March 4-5, 2017 at the Memphis Agricenter Showplace arena. In 2016, the Camp brought a replica of the Vietnam Veterans memorial wall to be placed in front of the Agricenter during the event.

For the third year, the Robert E. Lee Camp in conjunction with the Civil War Preservation Trust has lead the cleanup and restoration of the Fort Germantown Park. The Fort Germantown Park cleanup was on April 1, 2017.

The Robert E. Lee camp members have been active as reenactors in the Bankhead's Battery (1st Tennessee Light Artillery, Company B). In the past twelve months, members have participated in reenactments of the battles of Holly Springs, Mississippi; Fort Pillow, Tennessee; Sacramento, Kentucky; Memorial Day celebration in Memphis; battle of Manassas, Virginia; Jackson, Tennessee Symphony and battle of Columbus-Belmont, Kentucky. Many of the Robert E. Lee Camp members are participating in the reenactment of the 155th Battle of Shiloh on the weekend of April 6-9, 2017.

For three years, Robert E. Lee Camp has sponsored the Confederate Memorial Day service in honor of the Confederate soldiers buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, in Bartlett, TN. The cemetery contains the unmarked graves of soldiers of General Sterling Price. His troops traveled through Memphis and fought in the battles of Corinth and Iuka, Mississippi.

Bradford Waters - Commander

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14th Tennessee Infantry

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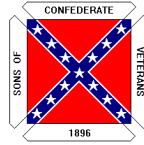
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21. Luncheons _____
22. Concession Stands _____
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24. Flags (& giant CS flag) _____
25. Memorial Srvc (Friday) _____
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AND THE

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Help Save Our Parks



Fight City Hall ?

We ARE !!!

The Forrest Camp 215 and the CTSOP have filed suit against the Memphis City Council for their illegal attempt to change the names of our three Confederate parks. We have been joined by all area camps & many UDC members.

These parks, Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park, are our history, our Confederate heritage, and a lasting tribute to our Confederate ancestors. They must not be destroyed or taken away by mis-guided politicians.

Help us to save our historic parks: Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park.

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Help Save General Forrest



The Memphis City Council has passed a resolution to remove the Forrest Equestrian Statue from Forrest Park and to dig up the graves of General Forrest and his wife MaryAnn from beneath the statue.

The SCV and the Forrest family descendants must raise money to fight the city in this second attack on General Forrest. We need your help.

Help us to save the graves and monument of General Forrest

Can you, or your camp or Division donate \$100, \$500 or \$1000 to the defense ?

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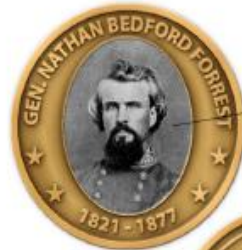
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