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Official Organ of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



Bigby Grays Confederate Monument - Mount Pleasant, Tennessee

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY MAY 17TH AT 7PM!

Past Commander Billy Jackson To Speak On Our Part In The Upcoming National Reunion.

MOUNT PLEASANT *BIGBY GRAYS* DONATIONS NEEDED NOW!

May 1, 2005

As of May 1st, very few donations have come into the camp for the Bigby Grays Monument renovation other than what has been raised from the Tennessee Division and what the camp account has allotted.

For those of you who have recently joined the camp, we are working on a very important project to have the Mount Pleasant, Tennessee "Bigby Grays" monument renovated. Our goal is to have the monument in the condition it was in when it was first erected in 1907.

Since that time, pollution and weather have given the monument a hazed over look and much of the original seal of the CSA and flag cannot be read or seen very well. Also, the pedestal at the top has been saturated with rust from a wire that was put up at some unknown point in time.

The camp is pleased to announce that we have been privileged enough to have received \$1,200.00 (one thousand two hundred dollars) from the Tennessee Division of the SCV!

There are two minor repairs to be made and of course a professional cleaning to be done. In all, it will take four days time to have the monument completed. We are aiming for the Middle of May to have this done.

The camp has looked over the top professionals in the State and have found a Mr. Graham Reed of Reed Masonry. Mr. Reed is a certified English Stonemason and has over 40 years experience with such matters. Mr. Reed is credited with the renovation of the Tennessee Capitol building and to a lesser extent, the McGavock Cemetery at Franklin.

The cost of the renovation by Mr. Reed will be \$4,000.00. He will also be removing the built up soil and mulch at the base of the monument that was put up by the city sometime in the past. The soil and bushes planted takes away from the monument's beauty and hides a lot of the inscriptions.

Camp 29, we need donations now! We are well on our way to completion, but of course without your help it will not get done.

The City of Mt. Pleasant is aware of our endeavor and

haven't shown any negativity towards the project. This is a prime opportunity to show the county what we are all about.

If you will and if your budget allows you to do so, please donate five, twenty or more dollars to this endeavor. If every camp member donates something to this project, we should be well over the needed funds.

Please make your donations made out to the

Sam Watkins Camp #29

**C/O GREG ATWELL
2328 HUCKABY RD
COLUMBIA, TN
38401-7400**

If you are interested in becoming a benefactor to the project, remember that we are a tax deductible organization.

All considerable donations come with a receipt from the camp. Receipts for smaller donations can be made for you as well.

Please call 931-379-7104 for more information!

**Don't Delay
Contribute Now!**



Co. Aytch, Excerpt of Chapter X / By Samuel R. Watkins

MISSIONARY RIDGE

After retreating from Chickamauga, the Yankees attempted to reform their broken lines on Missionary Ridge. We advanced to attack them, but they soon fell back to Chattanooga. We knew they were in an impregnable position. We had built those breastworks and forts, and knew whereof we spoke.

We stopped on Missionary Ridge, and gnashed our teeth at Chattanooga. I do not know what our generals thought; I do not know what the authorities at Richmond thought, but I can tell you what the privates thought. But here we were on Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain, looking right down into Chattanooga. We had but to watch and wait. We would starve them out.

The Federal army had

accomplished their purpose. They wanted Chattanooga. They laughed at our triumph, and mocked at our victory. They got Chattanooga. "Now, where are you, Johnny Reb? What are you going to do about it? You've got the dry grins, arn't you? We've got the key; when the proper time comes we'll unlock your doors and go in. You are going to starve us out, eh? We are not very hungry at present, and we don't want any more pie. When we starve out we'll call on you for rations, but at present we are not starving, by a jug full; but if you want any whisky or tobacco, send over and we'll give you some. We've got all we wanted, and assure you we are satisfied."

The above remarks are the supposed colloquy that took place between the two armies. Bragg, in trying to starve the Yankees out, was starved out himself. Ask any old Rebel as to our bill of fare at Missionary Ridge.

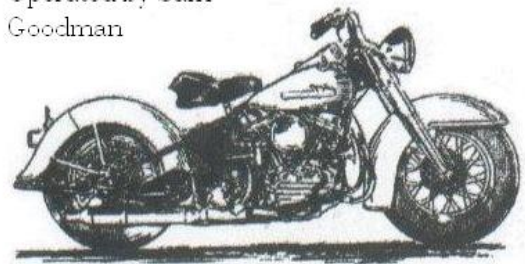
In all the history of the war, I cannot remember of more privations and hardships than we went through at Missionary Ridge. And when in the very acme of our privations and hunger, when the army was most dissatisfied and unhappy, we were ordered into line of battle to be reviewed by Honorable Jefferson Davis. When he passed by us, with his great retinue of staff officers and play-outs at full gallop, cheers greeted them, with the words, "Send us something to eat, Massa Jeff. Give us something to eat, Massa Jeff. I'm hungry! I'm hungry!"



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VANDERBILT GOES DOWN FOR THE COUNT! "CONFEDERATE" WILL STAY! UDC WINS!

AP-5/05/05

Vanderbilt University would violate a decades-old contract if it stripped the word "Confederate" from the name of a dormitory built with the help of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, a court ruling released Wednesday said.

The heritage group donated a third of the building's cost. In return, the name Confederate Memorial Hall was chiseled into stone over the main entrance.

The state appeals court said Vanderbilt must leave the name intact or pay the group the current value of the \$50,000 given when the building was constructed in 1935. It was not immediately clear what that amount would be in today's dollars.

The ruling overturns a lower court decision that the private liberal arts university had the right to remove the name.

Vanderbilt Chancellor Gordon Gee cited the need to create a welcoming environment and diversity efforts when he announced in 2002 the school's intention to drop the word.

Confederate heritage groups denounced the move, saying the university was trying to rewrite history and reject Southern culture.

Vanderbilt spokesman Michael Schoenfeld said the school has not decided whether to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

He added: "We continue to believe that Vanderbilt did the right thing for the right reasons to put to rest, or attempt to put to rest, a decades-long controversy."

NEW MEMBERS:

The Sam Watkins Camp officially welcomes new members, Jackie Boshers, Everette Ray Doyle, Jimmie C. Goodman, Dane Purtle and Zack Purtle as the latest members to join the camp!

Four of our new members join under an ancestor who served with the 48th Tennessee (Voorhies). The Soldiers are Jason W. Boshers of Co. "B", Ansil Goodman of Co. "C" and William J. Renfro of Co. "E". (*Renfro died at Camp Douglas prison in Chicago.*)

Everette Doyle joins under Private Joseph G. Thomas of the 17th Arkansas Reg. Co. "D"

Let's give them all a big hardy welcome!

Camp Mailing address has changed!

New address:

701 Sugar Bend Drive

Columbia TN 38401-6001

*Conveniently located on Carmack
Blvd next to*

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March 15th Minutes

March 15th marked the 3rd meeting of the year for the Sam Watkins Camp #29. Guest speaker was Mrs. Deanna Bryant, President of the Tennessee United Daughters of the Confederacy.

7:00PM—Meeting begins with prayer. After prayer the pledge to the United States flag was said and honorary salute to the Confederate Camp flag was given.

7:05PM—Adjutant Jack Taylor introduces Deanna Bryant as the speaker for the evening.

President Bryant spoke to the camp for approximately 20 minutes on the Confederate Soldiers home at Hermitage. She gave many facts to the camp in regards to its start and also gave some history on the founding of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. One interesting note she made was that the Confederate Soldiers Home at Hermitage ran for Fifty-Two years and that all records of the home

Were sent to Richmond, Virginia. She noted that the home no longer stands but that it was torn down after it was considered obsolete. The only reminder of the home that remains is the cemetery there that contains the remains of 463 former Confederate Soldiers that once lived there.

President Bryant ended her talk at 7:22PM.

7:24PM—SCV Executive Director, Ben Sewell asked if he could speak to the camp concerning the latest lawsuit action against the Commander in Chief of the SCV and the upcoming “Special Convention” to be held in Concord, North Carolina. Ben began by saying that the SCV has become quite dysfunctional with it’s Board of Directors. He iterate that it was the common consensus that there were far too many men on the board and that the upcoming special convention to be held would be a way of limiting the number of Past Commander’s that are allowed to vote.

He said that the main problem is that the SCV is bound by its Constitution but also is bound primarily under the Mississippi Corporate law. He presented to the camp a formal petition form that after counted would constitute a legal convention and a legal and formal vote to be taken to amend the SCV Constitution.

7:49PM—Adjutant Taylor makes motion that the camp vote on signing the petition.

Atwell seconds motion.

As a show of hands, the camp voted in favor of the resolution.

8:07PM— Commander Greg Atwell spoke to the camp briefly on the Santa Fe Confederate T-shirt dilemma and emphasized to the camp that we recently had been accused of not acting on the event. He iterated that that was untrue and that the camp’s Judge Advocate had personally written the School’s attorney and he (Atwell) had spoken to them.

8:10PM— Adjutant Taylor spoke briefly to the camp in regards to two important events. He made mention that the April meeting would not be held and the graveside service at Rosehill Cemetery on April 16th would take it’s place. He also brought up Executive Director’s Sewell’s request that we meet at Elm Springs on April 23rd to help remove files from the attic and take them over to a storage facility and also help manicure the property.

8:20PM—Meeting Adjourned



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Captain A.M. Looney

Lt. Commander James Looney and his
Father pose with the newly erected stone
for Susan Todd Looney (wife of Captain
A.M. Looney).

Jim and of course his father are the di-
rect descendants of A.M. Looney and
personally delivered and placed down
the stone for their ancestor. Jim was
able to help out Elm Springs with the
cost of the stone and have it made in the
more period fashion.

The Sam Watkins Camp Salutes Jim for
his fantastic service to the camp and to
the SCV!

