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NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 15 AT 7PM.

GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE MRS. DEANNA BRYANT, WHO IS THE STATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY. SHE WILL BE SPEAKING ON THE HISTORY OF THE HERMITAGE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS HOME. BRING A GUEST!

MOUNT PLEASANT BIGBY GRAYS MONUMENT TO BE RENOVATED

In the very near future, the Samuel R. Watkins Camp will be working with a Mr. Graham Reed of Reed Masonry to have the Mt Pleasant Confederate (*Bigby Grays*) Monument renovated.

This graceful and fitting monument was officially dedicated by the *Bigby Grays* UDC Chapter on the 27th of September, 1907 to the 3rd TENN., CO. H - "Bigby Grays".

The monument which stands as a reminder to our local confederate heroes, is now in need of a major cleaning due to years of pollution For many of you who have studied the history of our Camp's namesake, you will remember that Sam Watkins first joined the *Bigby Grays* of the 3rd Tennessee but later transferred to the 1st Tennessee Co. H.

The cost on the professional restoration is going to be at 4,000.00 dollars (four thousand dollars).

The TN Division will be providing a small portion of the funding and hopefully we can procure the rest through donations by our camp and help from the city of Mt. Pleasant.

This project will be brought up at the next meeting on March 15th. Please help out all you can with this. This is a highly important project! Remember that it not only benefits the camp but puts an added boost to the local economy by tourism and giving an increased sense of pride to our Maury County History!

In your spare time, visit the Mt Pleasant Phosphate museum and see the original banner that the *Bigby Grays* carried into war.



"CREST TO CREST THEY BORE OUR BANNER SIDE BY SIDE THEY FELL ASLEEP; HAND TO HAND WE REAR THIS TOKEN, HEART TO HEART WE KNEEL AND WEEP."

"HISTORY HAS ENSHRINED THEM IMMORTAL"

Unveiling of monument at Mt. Pleasant.

By Octavia Zollicoffer Bond.

(the following story was taken from a 1907 CV magazine)

Between the wide-stretched arms of Bigby Creek, in Maury County, lies the "garden spot of Tennessee." For a half century before the war for Southern rights the noted Bigby valley was a seedbed for refinement and culture. The Men who entered life in this surpassingly fertile region were born to wealth, honor, and power. Yet three generations of luxury since the clearing of Bigby canebrakes had not weakened the fiber of their manhood nor dulled the keen edge of their patriotic spirit. Prompt as they were practical in protest against sectional coercion, they were among the earliest to offer the confederate service.

Neither delaying nor holding back the best, Bigby Valley ungrudgingly gave to the cause her sixteen-year-old boys of promise, her choice young men of twenty-five. It was the hope and pride of each Bigby family who hastened in the early spring of 1861 to join the company being then organized in the village of Mt. Pleasant by Captain (afterwards Colonel) Fount Wade under the name of "Bigby Grays," a picked band that was one of the first ten companies of Tennessee volunteers enlisted in the war. At Nashville on May 16 they were mustered in as a Company C of the 3rd Tennessee Infantry.



Photo courtesy of Compatriot Joe Shannon

From Donelson to Bentonville those youthful soldiers bore the hardship of march, bivouac, and battle with the fortitude of Veterans. Under General's John C. Brown, Albert Sidney Johnston, Bragg, Polk, and Hood they were dedicated to Southern Principles in the fires of Chickasaw Bayou, Port Hudson, Chickamauga, and the holocausts around Atlanta. Few came back to the beautiful valley unmaimed or alive except as their memories persist in the heart of their grateful countrymen. In such sense, indeed, they with all good Confederates, still live. Nor shall they die so long as the records of the U.D.C. are preserved, so long as file of the CON-FEDERATE VETERAN is in existence, so long as tongue can tell and ear receive the folk tales of their valor, and so long as there remains a fragment of the monument shown in the accompanying illustration.

The shaft here pictured was erected by the Mt. Pleasant Chapter, U.D.C., called "Bigby Grays" Chapter. Their purpose of thus crystallizing the affectionate memory in which they hold all Confederate soldiers took solid shape and form largely through the untiring work or this efficient President of the Chapter, Mrs. J.T. Jenkins. Executive ability is Mrs. Jenkins gift; loyalty to the South is her inheritance

through fighting ancestry. It was her day of achievement when on the 27th of September 1907; the monument was unveiled in the now important phosphate city of Mt. Pleasant on the spot where fortyseven years ago the Bigby Grays had made their vows of war and accepted their virgin banner from the hands of a typical Bigby maiden, Miss Matt Dobbins. It was a day of grace for all in the green lands of Big and Little Bigby when Capt. W.W. Jennings, a former commander of the Grays, led a troop of mounted Veterans and sons of Veterans, flying the colors of the State and the Confederacy, on their way to meet the arriving speakers and visitors who had come to honor the occasion.

Thousands of hearts beat "double-quick" when the Fayetteville band emerged from the train to the strains of "Dixie," escorting Senator E.W. Carmack and Judge S.F. Wilson, with Mrs. M.B. Pilcher and other State officers of the U.D.C., to their awaiting carriages; while the Leonidas Polk Bivouac, in full uniform of gray and carrying the banner on which the portrait of their warrior bishop had been painted by Miss A. M. Zollicoffer, fell into line of march, under Sergeant J. N. Meroney, with the home Veterans. These, with numerous decorated vehicles, including a brilliant float

containing thirteen beautiful girls in charge of Mr. Rufus Jackson, formed a procession under the skillful guidance of Dr. C.Y. Clarke, the marshal of the day, which wound through the streets of Mt. Pleasant to the Public Square, where the monument stands.

On a platform at its base a number of children waving national flags at once grouped themselves about the State President and Vice President U.D.C., Mesdames M.B. Pilcher and J.D. Dobbins, and to the accompaniment of the Fayetteville band sang "America." For the remainder of the forenoon programme there were an invocation by Rev. A.S. Allen, addresses of welcome by Hon. Percy S. Chandler on behalf of the citizens and for the Daughters of the Confederacy by Mrs. J.G. Frierson, and a poem, "Remembering," by Mrs. Octavia Zollicoffer Bond. Prof. James a. Bostick's remarks which followed ended with an invitation to all present to partake of the feast spread for them in the Cumberland Presbyterian church, near by.

The delightful function began with choicely worded toast by Miss Matt Dobbins, who passed the loving cup to the old soldiers assembled. It was fitting that she should cheer the twelve, or fewer, surviving members of the Bigby Grays as well as

After the noon recess, the exercises were continued on the handsomely shaded lawn of Dr. Robert Williams's residence. The portico of the ante-bellum home, from which Dr. Williams had started for the war as a Bigby Gray lead in years gone by, now formed the rostrum from which Professor Bostick introduced Judge S. F. Wilson, who spoke in behalf of the old soldiers. Listening to his eloquence. a generous enemy might well have applauded, and old Confederates wept without shame. Senator Carmack's glowing tribute to the Daughters of the Confederacy brought to magnificent close the programme on the lawn.

Immediately afterwards the unveiling took place on the Public Square. While the band played softly the ribbons were drown by the thirteen maidens who had personified on the float the thirteen Confederate States. A shout went up when the parting drapery revealed the stately column surmounted by Darricoat's statue of a Confederate soldier.

The monument, which was made by the Southern Granite and Marble Company, of Dalton, Ga., is a standing testimonial to the conscientious skill of the company.

SC SCV Gets Tag Money

The Senate Transportation Committee of South Carolina approved a bill Wednesday that lets the state collect money for a Sons of Confederate Veterans license tag and give profits to the group.

The panel approved the bill two weeks ago with no discussion. When some members learned what the legislation did, the Senate sent the bill back to the Transportation Committee.

The tag and how it raises money is a sensitive issue for some South Carolinians, Sen. Clementa Pinckney, a black Democrat from Ridgeland, told the committee. "There are many people who feel this is not a good use of state funds," Pinckney said.

He also said that giving up the money the tag raises wouldn't help the state's budget.

But Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence and the Senate Finance Committee's chairman, said losing the \$16,000 the tag raises wouldn't hurt the state's budget.

Sen. Danny Verdin, R-Laurens, sponsored the bill. Verdin, 40, has been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans since he was 16. He says the group should be treated, as about 30 other private groups are that keep money from tag sale profits.

Pinckney and Sen. Gerald Malloy, D-Hartsville, voted against sending the bill back to the floor. Pinckney said he will try to derail it later.

Moving the bill to the Senate floor was fair, said Robert Slimp, chaplain for the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp. "To discriminate against the Sons of Confederate Veterans is very wrong," he said.

Not just whistlin' Dixie

The U.S. Civil War played big up here

Toronto Star - 02/06/05

Canadians and Americans have as much history in common as they do geography. But we rarely experience these shared memories the same way.

You can start with the American Revolution in 1776. Their traitors became our United Empire Loyalists. Some 80 years later, in 1861, as civil war tore the United States in half, the seceding southerners were, to the Union side, rebels and traitors. In Canada, these same southerners were seen as engaged in a heroic struggle for independence.

The contrariness in our relations with our neighbour is one theme in Claire Hoy's *Canadians in the Civil War*. The book is a well-researched, eminently readable look at how the war between 1861 and 1865 was a continent-shaking event. America emerged as the "United States" in 1865 and we ended up a Dominion of Canada just two years later in 1867.

The veteran journalist Hoy notes that when war broke out in 1861, public opinion here was for the South, in large part because Canadians were able to set the slavery debate to one side and view the conflict as more bullying by the aggressive, industrial North. British Canadians understood Yankee aggression all too well. So we sympathized with the South — but were against slavery. On the other hand, while we were anti-Yankee, we yearned for closer economic ties with New England.

The war was a huge economic benefit to Canada, even as we decried the slaughter. It created markets for our manufactured goods and agricultural products. In 1864, several new banks opened in Halifax to finance the lucrative blockade-running trade. In a sign of things to come, draft dodgers, known as

skedaddlers, made Toronto their home.

In spring of 1864, the Confederate States sent commissioners to Canada to interfere with Abraham Lincoln's plans for re-election. These agents created enormous mischief along the frontier and eventually caused public opinion to shift. Their actions included the firebombing of New York City and an act of piracy on Lake Erie that included an attempt to capture the *USS Michigan*, anchored in Sandusky, Ohio.

In October that year, Montrealbased raiders descended on St. Albans, Vermont, to rob banks and burn down a few buildings before retreating across the border. Congress imposed passport laws and tight border controls. Some wanted to invade us.

Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, visited Montreal in the fall of 1864, where he met with the Confederate agents. This helps explain the belief that the plot to kill Lincoln was hatched in Canada, although the evidence is far from conclusive.

The war was a difficult time for Canadians and brought into focus the many reasons for Confederation. Ottawa and the provinces share power as they do today in order to avoid the struggle that triggered the Civil War. Britain's parliamentary democracy was our choice, in part to avoid the weaknesses of Republican government.

As Hoy notes, the Civil War years aren't much appreciated in Canada, except by a select group of academics. Here's applause for one more attempt to revive those heady days, so pivotal to our own future as well.



Excerpt of Co. Aytch, Chapter 1 — Retrospective / By Samuel R. Watkins

"THE DEATH WATCH"

One more scene I can remember. Kind friendsyou that know nothing of a soldier's life—I ask you in all candor not to doubt the following lines in this sketch. You have no doubt read of the old Roman soldier found amid the ruins of Pompeii, who had stood there for sixteen hundred vears, and when he was excavated was found at his post with his gun clasped in his skeleton hands. You believe this because it is written in history. I have heard politicians tell it. I have heard it told from the sacred desk. It is true; no one doubts it. Now, were I to tell something that happened in this nineteenth century exactly similar, you would hardly believe it. But whether you believe it or not, it is for you to say. At a little village called Hampshire Crossing, our regiment was ordered to go to a little stream called St. John's Run, to relieve the 14th Georgia Regiment and the 3rd Arkansas. I cannot tell the facts as I desire to. In fact, my hand trembles so, and my feelings are so overcome, that it is hard for me to write at all. But we went to the place that we were ordered to go to, and when we arrived there we found the quard sure enough. If I remember correctly, there were just eleven of them. Some were sitting down and some were lying down; but each and every one was as cold and as hard frozen as the icicles that hung from their hands and faces and clothing— dead! They had died at their post of duty. Two of them, a little in advance of the others, were standing with their guns in their hands, as cold and as hard frozen as a monument of marblestanding sentinel with loaded guns in their frozen hands! The tale is told. Were they true men? Does He who noteth the sparrow's fall, and numbers the hairs of our heads, have any interest in one like ourselves? Yes; He doeth all things well. Not a sparrow falls to the ground without His consent.

VIRGINIA, FAREWELL

After having served through all the valley campaign, and marched through all the wonders of Northwest Virginia, and being associated with the army of Virginia, it was with sorrow and regret that we bade farewell to "Old Virginia's shore," to go to other fields of blood and carnage and death. We had learned to

love Virginia; we love her now. The people were kind and good to us. They divided their last crust of bread and rasher of bacon with us. We loved Lee. we loved Jackson: we loved the name, association and people of Virginia. Hatton, Forbes, Anderson, Gilliam, Govan, Loring, Ashby and Schumaker were names with which we had been long associated. We hated to leave all our old comrades behind us. We felt that we were proving recreant to the instincts of our own manhood, and that we were leaving those who had stood by us on the march and battlefield when they most needed our help. We knew the 7th and 14th Tennessee regiments; we knew the 3rd Arkansas, the 14th Georgia, and 42nd Virginia regiments. Their names were as familiar as household words. We were about to leave the bones of Joe Bynum and Gus Allen and Patrick Hanly. We were about to bid farewell to every tender association that we had formed with the good people of Virginia, and to our old associates among the soldiers of the Grand Army of Virginia. Virginia, farewell! Away back yonder, in good old Tennessee, our homes and loved ones are being robbed and insulted, our fields laid waste, our cities sacked, and our people slain. Duty as well as patriotism calls us back to our native home, to try and defend it, as best we can, against an invading army of our then enemies; and, Virginia, once more we bid you a long farewell!



FEBRUARY 15TH MINUTES

February 15th marked the 2nd meeting of the '05 year for the Sam Watkins Camp #29.

7:05PM– Meeting began with prayer led by Adjutant Jack Taylor. After prayer the Pledge of Allegiance was said to the United States Flag and the honorary salute to the Confederate Camp flag was given

7:08PM—Lt. Commander, James Looney acting in place of Commander Greg Atwell, asked Taylor to give a run of the last meeting's minutes. After minutes were given, Looney proceeded with the topics of the night's meeting. He began by informing the camp that the missing stone for Captain A.M. Looney's wife is in the process of being replaced. Compatriot Fred Gillham interjected that he remembered the stone when he resided at Elm Springs but could not give the whereabouts or reason for it not being in the cemetery.

7:17PM—Looney introduces to the camp Division Commander, Edward Butler and turns the meeting over to him. Butler began by first introducing Mr. Ralph Richardson who is in the present process of resorting a historic Cemetery in Overton County.

Mr. Richardson who is an African-American family research specialist spoke briefly on the topic of said cemetery and expressed to the camp that in order for the project to be completed, that it could not be done without help and support. He also iterated that those who would help should always keep their

"hearts and minds open..."

Lastly, Richardson let the camp know that he has a sincere desire to help and support the SCV.

From 7:27PM-8:20PM Butler spoke to the camp on the current state of affairs in the Tennessee Division. He used personal and often humorous family stories to express the point he was giving in regards to Southern Heritage.

During his talk to the camp, Butler expressed how much the division has grown the in the past two years. He also mentioned that the SCV auto license plates that were approved a year ago has given the division much needed funds to use to our benefit. He noted that 15,000 dollars of this division money would be used for giving to small town/rural radio stations for SCV advertisements. He noted that just under 3000 plates had been sold.

Butler went on to say that all division members will soon be receiving letters from the division regarding the Kroger Grocery store gift cards. By purchasing one of these cards, the Tennessee division would be receiving 5% of every sale and that every member should strive to purchase one.

All through Butlers talk with the camp he reiterated the fact that Southern Heritage is in the midst of cultural war while at the same time demonstrating to the camp that membership can be increased. He used his own personal life that he procrastinated in joining and didn't do so until 1995. He said he would always use the excuse "I just don't have time".

Lastly Butler asked Taylor concerning the Sam Watkins membership. Taylor replied by saying that a total of four members had been lost but double that amount had joined the camp since that time and that one was transferred to headquarters camp.

Lt. Commander Looney then announced to the camp the latest member, Mr. Thomas Coghlan and inducted him into the camp.

8:25PM— Looney makes motion that meeting be adjourned. Taylor seconds motion.

Meeting adjourned...



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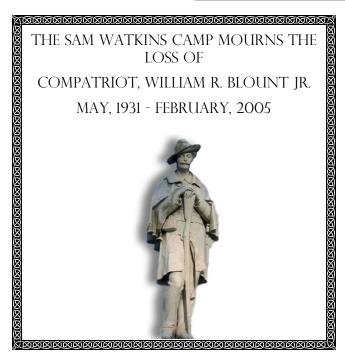
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BERMUDA HUNDRED (VA.): CONFEDERATES HELD OFF UNION SOLDIERS IN A SERIES OF BLOODY AND INCONCLUSIVE BATTLES.

Franklin (Tenn.): Site of one of the worst defeats for the South in the Civil War.

KENNESAW MOUNTAIN (GA.): UNION GENERAL WILLIAM T. SHERMAN SUFFERED ONE OF HIS FEW DEFEATS.

KNOXVILLE (TENN.): ONE OF THE MOST BRUTAL BATTLES OF THE CIVIL WAR.

MANASSAS (VA.): SITE OF TWO MAJOR BATTLES 30 MILES WEST OF THE UNION CAPITAL.

MANSFIELD (LA.): ONE OF THE BLOODIEST BATTLES WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

MORRIS ISLAND (S.C.): SCENE OF THE SIEGE OF CHARLESTON AND WHERE THE 54TH MASSACHUSETTS, A FAMED BLACK REGIMENT, FOUGHT.

RAYMOND (MISS.): MAJOR TURNING POINT IN UNION GEN. ULYSSES S. GRANT'S VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY (VA.): SITE OF FOUR OF THE WAR'S BLOODIEST BATTLES.

WILSON'S CREEK (MO.): FIRST MAJOR BATTLE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

SOURCE: CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST

NEW MEMBERS:

The Sam Watkins Camp officially welcomes new members, Lewis M. Brownlow, Thomas W. Coghlan, James D. Couch, Charles E. Hamilton and Freddie L. Pugh.

Sam Watkins Yahoo Group!

The Sam Watkins camp now has an online Yahoo.com group dedicated for communication between camp members. With this online group you will be able to share ideas, photographs of your ancestor and even have live Internet chat capability including voice. The camp encourages all with e-mail access to subscribe to the group so that we

all can be better acquainted and share ideas! Please visit

http://groups.yahoo.com/groupsamwatkins29/





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On the cover:

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Welcome U.C.V.! Twenty-Ninth Annual Reunion. United Confederate Veterans Atlanta, GA...October 7 TO 11, 1919

Excerpts From The SCV Grayline, February 2005

CV MAGAZINE UPDATE

THE PUBLICATION OF THE Confederate Veteran MAGAZINE CONTINUES TO BE BEHIND SCHEDULE BY THE COVER DATE SHOWN ON THE ISSUE. THE NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2004 EDITION IS IN THE POSTAL SYSTEM NOW AND MEMBERS HAVE AL-READY BEGUN TO RECEIVE THEM. IN SPITE OF THE COVER DATE THE MATERIAL IS CURRENT, AND AN EF-FORT IS BEING MADE TO GET THE MAGAZINE BACK ON THE PUBLICATION DATE SCHEDULE. ANY PHOTO-GRAPHS SUBMITTED TO THE EDITOR IN CHIEF FOR PUB-LICATION IN THE CAMP NEWS SECTION SHOULD BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY, IF POSSIBLE, TO EIC@SCV.ORG OR MAILED DIRECTLY TO Frank. B. Powell III, 9701

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