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# The Webfoot

Official Organ of the

Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29,

SONS OF

# Confederate Veterans



*Vaiden, Mississippi Confederate Monument*

**Next Meeting — Tuesday, February 15th at 7pm.**

## Civil War Maps Placed On The Internet AP-1/10/2005

Civil War buffs are getting access to a treasure trove of information — thousands of original maps and diagrams of battles and campaigns between 1861 and 1865, all posted on the Internet.

The Library of Congress is posting 2,240 maps and charts and 76 atlases and sketchbooks, while The Virginia Historical Society and the Library of Virginia are adding about 600 items. Much of the collection is online now; the rest will be by the spring.

The items depict troop positions and movements, as well as fortifications. There also are reconnaissance maps, sketches and coastal charts and theater-of-war maps.

One plan of the Mississippi port of Vicksburg was done in 1863, the year Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant forced its surrender on July 4 in one of the war's most decisive operations. It gave the Union control of the river and cut the Confederacy in two.

It also won the attention of President Lincoln to his most successful commander. Lincoln wrote Grant a letter of congratulation and promoted him to major general.

The Vicksburg map includes fortifications, railways, levees, drainage, vegetation and even the names of a few residents.

The same day Vicksburg fell, more than 900 miles away Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee began retreat-

ing to Virginia from Gettysburg, Pa., following his defeat there.

The National Archives and Records Administration recently drew attention to a map of the Gettysburg campaign in its own collection. It records positions of troops on July 2, 1863, when the South came close to winning the battle.

The agency has been looking at the back of some of its documents since it worked with Walt Disney Pictures on the current film "National Treasure," a fictional story about a map to hidden treasure on the back of the original Declaration of Independence.

The Gettysburg map, which is not online, went with Lee's report on the battle to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. On the back of Lee's 14-page report was written: "Read with satisfaction and returned to War Dept. Jeffer Davis Aug. 6. 1863"

Davis may have been relieved by the failure of Union Gen. George G. Meade to pursue and destroy Lee's retreating forces.

Gettysburg was a decisive defeat for the Confederates after a series of victories. Lee surrendered to Grant nearly two years later, after terrible losses on both sides.

The contribution of the Virginia Historical Society includes maps of Virginia locations, created by Confederate officers. They detail roads, bridges, waterways and buildings, including farms and plantations with the owners' names.

The Virginia society also presents the viewpoint of the Union side in a diary and scrapbook that belonged to Robert K. Sneden, an Army mapmaker. It includes battle plans and fortifications. The society acquired it recently after it had been locked in a bank vault for decades.

The Library of Virginia has maps that went with reports to the governor and field maps of the southwestern part of the state, found in books that belonged to Confederate Gen. William W. Loring.

Visit <http://www.memory.loc.gov>

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## C.S.S. HUNLEY UPDATE

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Scientists preserving the Confederate submarine Hunley have started removing the bench where its crew sat.

Kellen Correia with the Hunley project says the first two sections of the bench have been removed.

Correia says it could take several weeks to remove the final section, which extends to the pump at the rear of the sub.

The Hunley became the first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship when it sank a Union ship in Charleston Harbor in 1864. The sub sank minutes later. It was raised off Sullivan's Island in 2000 and is being preserved at a lab in North Charleston.

Scientists have found three canteens beneath the bench sections already removed. They hope to find other personal belongings of the eight-member crew.

## Co. Aytch - By Samuel R. Watkins

### CHAPTER VII

#### SHELBYVILLE

It is a bad thing for an army to remain too long at one place. The men soon become discontented and unhappy, and we had no diversion or pastime except playing poker and chuck-a-luck. All the money of the regiment had long ago been spent, but grains of corn represented dollars, and with these we would play as earnestly and as zealously as if they were so much money, sure enough.

#### A FOOT RACE

One of those amusing episodes that frequently occur in the army, happened at this place. A big strapping fellow by the name of Tennessee Thompson always carried bigger burdens than any other five men in the army. For example, he carried two quilts, three blankets, one gum oil cloth, one overcoat, one axe, one hatchet, one camp-kettle, one oven and lid, one coffee pot, besides his knapsack, haversack, canteen, gun, cartridge-box, and three days' rations. He was a rare bird, anyhow. Tennessee usually had his hair cut short on one side and left long on the other, so that he could give his head a bow and a toss and throw the long hairs over on the other side, and it would naturally part itself without a comb. Tennessee was the wit and good nature of the company; always in a good humor, and ever ready to do any duty when called upon. In fact, I would sometimes get out of heart and low spirited, and would hunt up Tennessee to have a little fun. His bye-word

was "Bully for Bragg; he's hell on retreat, and will whip the Yankees yet." He was a good and brave soldier, and followed the fortunes of Company H from the beginning to the end.

Well, one day he and Billy Webster bet twenty-five dollars, put up in Bill Martin's hands, as to which could run the faster. John Tucker, Joe Lee, Alf. Horsley and myself were appointed judges. The distance was two hundred yards. The ground was measured off, and the judges stationed. Tennessee undressed himself, even down to his stocking feet, tied a red handkerchief around his head, and another one around his waist, and walked deliberately down the track, eyeing every little rock and stick and removing them off the track. Comes back to the starting point and then goes down the track in half canter; returns again, his eyes flashing, his nostrils dilated, looking the impersonation of the champion courser of the world; makes two or three apparently false starts; turns a somersault by placing his head on the ground and flopping over on his back; gets up and whickers like a horse; goes half-hammered, hop, step, and jump--he says, to loosen up his joints--scratches up the ground with his hands and feet, flops his arms and crows like a rooster, and says, "Bully for Bragg; he's hell on a retreat," and announces his readiness. The drum is tapped, and off they start. Well, Billy Webster beat him one hundred yards in the two hundred, and Tennessee came back and said, "Well, boys, I'm beat; Billy Martin, hand over the stakes to Billy Webster. I'm beat, but hang me if I didn't outrun the whole Yankee army coming out of Kentucky; got away from Lieutenant Lansdown and the whole detail at Chattanooga with half a hog, a fifty pound sack of flour, a jug of Meneese commissary whisky, and a camp-kettle full of

brown sugar. I'm beat. Billy Martin, hand over the stakes. Bully for Bragg; he's hell on a retreat." Tennessee was trying bluff. He couldn't run worth a cent; but there was no braver or truer man ever drew a ramrod or tore a cartridge than Tennessee.

#### EATING MUSSELS

Reader, did you ever eat a mussel? Well, we did, at Shelbyville. We were camped right upon the bank of Duck River, and one day Fred Dornin, Ed Voss, Andy Wilson and I went in the river mussel hunting. Every one of us had a meal sack. We would feel down with our feet until we felt a mussel and then dive for it. We soon filled our sacks with mussels in their shells. When we got to camp we cracked the shells and took out the mussels. We tried frying them, but the longer they fried the tougher they got. They were a little too large to swallow whole. Then we stewed them, and after a while we boiled them, and then we baked them, but every flank movement we would make on those mussels the more invulnerable they would get. We tried cutting them up with a hatchet, but they were so slick and tough the hatchet would not cut them. Well, we cooked them, and buttered them, and salted them, and peppered them, and battered them. They looked good, and smelt good, and tasted good; at least the fixings we put on them did, and we ate the mussels. I went to sleep that night. I dreamed that my stomach was four grindstones, and that they turned in four directions, according to the four corners of the earth. I awoke to hear four men yell out, "O, save, O, save me from eating any more mussels!"



## JANUARY 18TH MINUTES

*January 18th marked the first meeting of the '05 year for the Sam Watkins Camp #29. Meeting was noted as a moderate turnout.*

7:01PM— Meeting began with prayer led by Chaplain Tim Westbrook. After prayer the Pledge of Allegiance was said to the United States Flag and the honorary salute to the Confederate Camp flag was given

7:06PM—Commander Greg Atwell asked Adjutant Jack Taylor to speak on the purpose of the nights meeting and asked that he introduce to the camp the current openings for camp leadership.

Taylor began by stating that the current offices that needed to be filled where the Lt. Commander, 2nd Lt. Commander, Judge Advocate, Camp Surgeon and Sergeant at Arms.

Taylor spoke briefly on the Lt. Commander position being vacant and that the Past Lt. Commander, Ken Kenyon had expressed interest in this since he is a practicing attorney. Camp voted on his acceptance and he was approved. Camp also approved that James Looney to be Lt. Commander since he expressed interest in a position in helping the camp.

*Note\* Looney nor Kenyon were present at the meeting but had relayed messages for their nominations.*

7:10PM—Taylor then asks Commander Atwell to go over the rest of the nominations.

Atwell began by saying that if anyone was interested in the position of Commander

that they should make their nomination known. After no individual expressed interest in the position, Atwell moved on to the position of 2nd Lt. Commander.

James “Jay” Smith was present and accepted his 2nd term nomination as 2nd Lt. Commander. No vote was taken on this since it was appointed by Atwell.

Atwell then gave Kenneth Lovett the assignment as Sergeant at Arms. Lovett accepted the position and all present were in favor of it.

Atwell introduced Ron Shelton and nominated him for the position of Cam Surgeon due to his experience in the medical field. Shelton accepted the assignment.

Lastly Atwell went over the need for a Ways and Means Committee and/or the need for fundraising. Atwell asked Taylor concerning the latest update on the creation of T-shirts for the camp. Taylor said that no definite design had been made yet but many ideas and sketches were being drawn up.

After some discussion on fundraising, Atwell moved on to the need for a genealogy and recruitment committee. After some discussion, Timothy Westbrook, Michael Bullock and Jay Smith volunteered for the committee.

After elections were held and appointments were given, Atwell officially introduced to the camp the latest members to join. Mr. Terry Garland and Mr. Ron Shelton were officially inducted as the latest members to join the camp. All other members

who joined within the last 6 months also took part in the induction ceremony which was conducted by Chaplain Westbrook and Commander Atwell.

After the official induction, *Brigade Commander Jason Goodrich asked to be allowed to speak briefly on some topics he felt needed to be said.*

From 7:45—7:55PM Goodrich spoke to the camp on various topics. He began by telling the camp that they needed to focus on getting the Confederate Monument in Mt. Pleasant professionally cleaned. He went on to say that the camp had numerous ways of soliciting monies needed and that the “Order of the Southern Cross” would be one avenue to take.

Taylor interjected that Past Division Commander Skip Earle said that funding would be given to the Sam Watkins Camp for the monument and asked what the camp needed to do to obtain it. Goodrich replied that the camp should speak directly with the current Division Commander Edward Butler to see what needed to be done.

Goodrich went on to talk some on getting together with other camps and working more as a team. After his talk with the camp, Atwell concluded the meeting and asked Chaplain Westbrook to dismiss in prayer.

8:02PM—Meeting Adjourns



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**SCV WORKS WITH BLACK COMMUNITY TO RESTORE CEMETERY** AP-01/27/05

Descendants of slaves and Confederate soldiers are working together in Henderson County, North Carolina to spruce up a cemetery where free blacks were buried before the Civil War.

The local Sons of Confederate Veterans camp began visiting old family and church cemeteries to try to find

Confederate veterans. They soon discovered many of the historic cemeteries were endangered by development and neglect. Some of the cemeteries had houses built on top of them and others were plowed under.

Louis Dunbar, who represents blacks on the county Cemetery Advisory Committee, also discovered that Mill Pond Cemetery was in

bad shape and asked for some help.

Workers are facing seven-foot-tall pampas grass, small trees, stumps and fallen logs.

Norman Miller of the Sons of Confederate Veterans said the cleanup would take hours of work with many volunteers wielding machetes, bush axes and swing blades to clear out the grass.

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### [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

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**General Orders No. 14 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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The following resolution represents the position by the National Organization of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War as adopted on August 19, 2000 at the 119th National Encampment held in Lansing, Michigan.


**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

DISPLAY OF BATTLE FLAGS OF THE CONFEDERACY

119TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

LANSING, MICHIGAN

August 19, 2000

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condemn the use of the confederate battle flag, as well as the flag of

the United States, by any and all hate groups, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

support the flying of the confederate battle flag as a historical piece of this nation's history, and

WHEREAS, we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

oppose the removal of any Confederate monuments or markers to those gallant soldiers in the former Confederate States, and strongly oppose the re-

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 119th Annual National Encampment hereby adopt this resolution. Dated in Lansing, Michigan, on this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord Two thousand.

By order of: Attest:

Danny L. Wheeler Todd A. Shillington

Commander-in-Chief National Secretary