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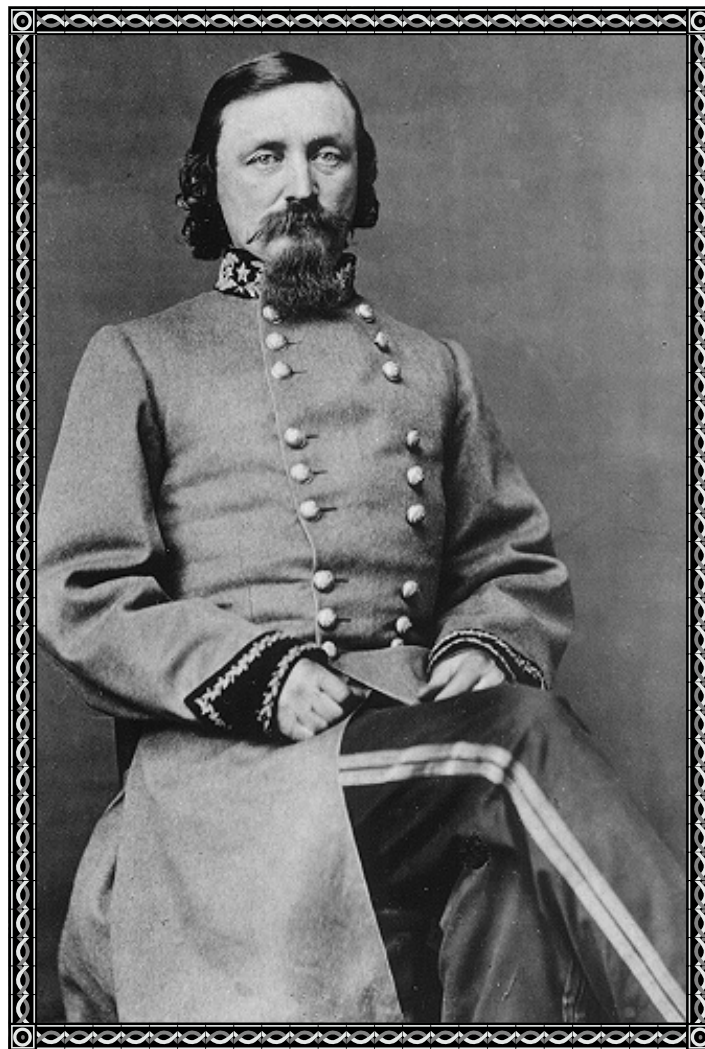
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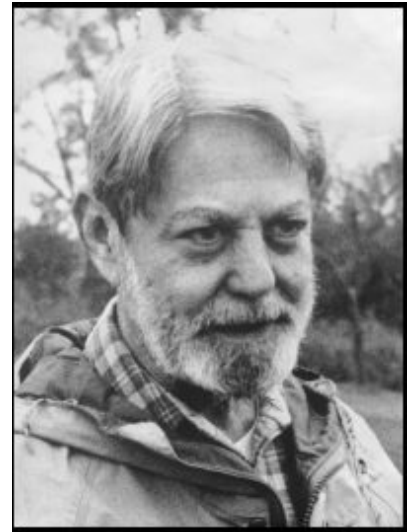
Shelby Foote Dies

Greenville, Mississippi native Shelby Foote passed away on June 27th, 2005 at Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Foote, best known for his three volume publication of the Civil War and his appearance on the PBS series "The Civil War" gave him national fame. Foote's three volume set of the Civil War ranked #15 among the 20th Century's best works of non-fiction by the modern library.

One of the last writers of his style, Foote never used a typewriter or computer when composing his novels and often used an old fashioned quill and ink bottle to write in long hand.

In 2000 Foote was asked in an interview if he considered himself Southern first and American last. He said, *"I'm a Southerner first. There's no need in denying that; I simply am. When I see a list of people killed in an airplane crash, I look for the Southerners on board..."*

Foote was buried with little fanfare on June 30th in Elmwood Cemetery (Memphis, TN) very near to the brother of Nathan Bedford Forrest—William Forrest.



SHELBY FOOTE
1916-2005

On The Cover:

Major General George E. Pickett



Born in Richmond, Virginia in 1825, Pickett graduated from West Point in 1846, last in a class of 59. Two of his classmates who became famous Generals were George B. McClellan and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. During the Mexican War he became a lieutenant and captain for his service in the battle of Vera Cruz and the later advance on Mexico City. After the Mexican War he served in the States of Texas, Virginia, and lastly Washington Territory until 1861, when he resigned the Union Army to enter the Confederate army.

Pickett is most famous for his brave yet losing charge against the Union center on the third day at the battle of Gettysburg. Under Pickett's charge he lost nearly 1/2 of his forces and a total of fifteen regimental Commanders including six Colonels and two Brig. Generals.

Pickett later fought in battles at Petersburg, New Berne and Five Forks. General Lee relieved him of his command just after Saylor's Creek (AKA Sailor's Creek, Hillsman Farm, or Lockett Farm) on April 6th, 1865, only 3 days before the final surrender at Appomattox.

Following the war Pickett became a life insurance salesman in Richmond, Virginia and died in Norfolk, Virginia July 30, 1875. It is widely accepted among historians that Pickett never forgave General Robert E. Lee for ordering him to make the charge at Gettysburg and held him solely accountable for having his men cut to pieces.

Interesting facts on Pickett:

Following the War, Pickett was wanted by the US government as a war criminal for executing deserters under his command—he was later pardoned.

Pickett eschewed further military service after the war. He turned down a marshalacy from President U.S. Grant and even a Generalship from the Khedive of Egypt. It was said he never forgot that famous blunder at Gettysburg and while overlooking his own mistakes blamed Lee for it all and never forgave him for the order to charge. He once said, "That old man, had my division massacred..." *

*quote taken from the *Civil War Society, Encyclopedia of the Civil War*

MEMO:

NEXT MEETING THIS TUESDAY JULY 19TH AT 7PM - TRY YOUR BEST TO ATTEND!

CONFEDERATE CASH MAY BUY YANKEE LOOT

AP— 07/10/05

More than 140 years after his Confederacy bent to the power of the North, some of the money that the long-gone Southern president had minted is being used to capture Yankee treasure.

And not just any treasure. We're talking goodies that once belonged to the only Yankee whom the rebels might have hated more than Abraham Lincoln. We're talking about William Tecumseh Sherman, he of the March to the Sea, he of the torching of Atlanta.

The Atlanta History Center has had its eye on 52 special field orders that Sherman wrote in 1864 when Yankee troops were smashing Atlanta. Being handwritten artifacts, the field orders are pretty pricey. A broker — a Yankee, from New York, no less — wants \$400,000 for the orders.

That's where Dick Myrick comes in. He found a pile of Confederate dollars and Civil War-era documents in the early 1970s while renovating some buildings in Roswell, Ga. He has offered to donate them to the cause of getting Sherman's orders, though his generosity will pay for only a portion of the collection.

At least the stash of old dollars has a purpose now. As Myrick says, "I've been trying to figure out what to do with them."

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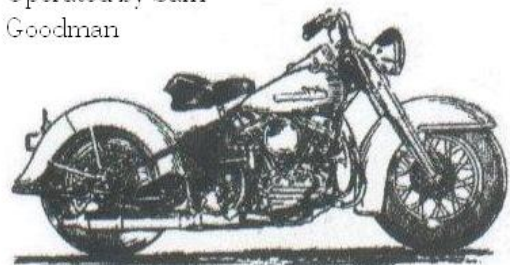
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GIANT BATTLE FLAG ON I-65 CAUSES STIR

AP—06/30/05

A Birmingham Civil Rights activist and radio talk show host says he plans to file a lawsuit to force the Sons of Confederate Veterans to remove a giant Confederate flag from the side of Interstate 65 near Verbena.

The flag is flying above the tree line from a pole on land owned by the Sons of Confederate Veterans on the side of the highway.

The flag was dedicated Sunday and the commander of the Alabama division of the organization, Leonard Wilson, has said the giant banner will become a permanent fixture.

But activist Frank Matthews said the flag violates state law and rules concerning billboards and displays on the side of federal highways. He said he plans to seek a court order to have it taken down. Matthews delivered a letter Thursday to Gov. Bob Riley's office asking the governor to work to have the flag removed.

Riley was out of the state Thursday, but at a news conference Wednesday he said he has no problem with the Sons of Confederate Veterans flying the flag on private property.

"You have a group that's proud of the flag, and I don't see anything wrong with it," Riley said.

Wilson could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Matthews said the Sons of Confederate Veterans property is next to a cemetery where blacks are buried. He also said the flag is too close to the highway, according to state rules for billboards.

"I think it gives travelers on the highway the wrong message about Alabama," Matthews said. "And it's a disrespect to the African Americans buried in the cemetery."

Tony Harris, a spokesman for the Alabama Department of Transportation, said DOT officials do not believe the flag violates state law.

"We are not aware of anything in state law or DOT regulations that give us the authority to regulate the display of a flag on private property," Harris said.

In an earlier interview, Wilson said the flag was put up as a way to show off the state's history and heritage.

"We put the flag up so people could see it," Wilson said. "We are showing off our heritage. The flag is part of our heritage."

State Rep. Alvin Holmes, D-Montgomery, said he agrees with Matthews that the flag is a violation of state law and said it is also possibly a traffic hazard.

"It's a distraction for motorists, and the law prohibits having anything along the interstate highways that would be a distraction," Holmes said. "It should not be up there."



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Alabama Gov.,
Bob Riley

[Sam Watkins Yahoo Group!](#)

The Sam Watkins camp 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/>

CIVIL WAR HATS STOLEN FROM MUSEUMS

AP—07/07/05

Hats worn by Union and Confederate soldiers during the Civil War are missing from two Virginia museums.

A Confederate hat disappeared from the Spotsylvania Museum in late May or early June, museum director Martha Carter said Wednesday. Carter suspects the hat, that once belonged to soldier Cush Hart, was taken from an unlocked glass display case during regular museum hours.

Last week Museum of Culpeper History officials announced that a Union hat was missing from a locked display case.

Zann Miner, director of the Culpeper museum, said the missing hat that belonged to Union soldier Jeremiah Helleck was loaned to the Culpeper museum in 1978. He believes it was taken during regular hours.

"It's a sad thing," said Miner, who suspects the theft involved more than one person.

Culpeper Police Sgt. Richard Brooking said the Spotsylvania and Culpeper cases may be related.

No arrests have been made. Both museums have upgraded their security systems since the thefts.

GETTYSBURG "HAINT" PHOTOGRAPH UP FOR AUCTION

Recently a Pittsburg, PA woman was auctioning off a supposed photograph of a "ghost" taken at Gettysburg, PA.

Maryanne Wegert said she took the photograph in late September on her 56th birthday. She will be taking bids on the original photograph until July 17th on the online auction house, EBAY.

The "picture" on EBay is very blurry and the seller (Wegert)

says that she took a picture of the picture with her digital camera. She claims the original is very clear and shows a Confederate soldier in full dress uniform.

The Battle of Gettysburg was fought from July 1st—3rd of 1863. Many have claimed to have seen "ghosts" walking the battlefield...

CAMP 29 DUES WILL REMAIN THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS

Beginning August 1st, Camp dues will be due for all camp members. The absolute deadline will be November 1st 2005.

A few of you have already given for the 2006 fiscal year and will not have to give again until August of 2006 (2007 fiscal year). Camp dues for the 2006 fiscal year will remain at thirty-seven dollars.

How Dues Work:

Of your 37.00 dollars, 20 of it goes directly to the International Headquarters and Five (5) goes to the Tennessee division. The camp only gets Seventeen. This small amount helps run the camp, without your dues, we simply could not operate or have a camp newsletter.

Since our fiscal year starts in August, now is the

time to recruit new members into the camp. We have experienced a huge growth this past year and we do not expect any less this coming year.

LIFE MEMBERS:

Life members are to give only 17.00 dollars. At present time, the camp does not have a life membership plan set up. You are only a life member of the SCV at large...

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CO. AYCH—EXCERPT OF CHAPTER 6
ROBBING A DEAD YANKEE

In passing over the battlefield, I came across a dead Yankee colonel.

He had on the finest clothes I ever saw, a red sash and fine sword.

I particularly noticed his boots. I needed them, and had made up my mind

to wear them out for him. But I could not bear the thought of wearing

dead men's shoes. I took hold of the foot and raised it up and made one

trial at the boot to get it off. I happened to look up, and the colonel

had his eyes wide open, and seemed to be looking at me. He was stone

dead, but I dropped that foot quick. It was my first and last attempt

to rob a dead Yankee.

After the battle was over at Murfreesboro, that night, John Tucker and myself thought that we would investigate the contents of a fine brick

mansion in our immediate front, but between our lines and the Yankees',

and even in advance of our videts. Before we arrived at the house we saw

a body of Yankees approaching, and as we started to run back they fired

upon us. Our pickets had run in and reported a night attack. We ran

forward, expecting that our men would recognize us, but they opened fire

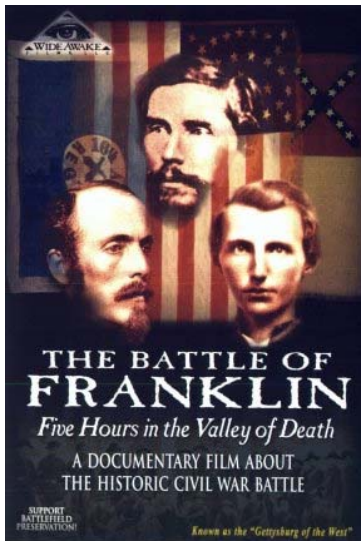
upon us. I never was as bad scared in all my whole life, and if any

poor devil ever prayed with fervency and true piety, I did it on that

occasion. I thought, "I am between two fires." I do not think that a

flounder or pancake was half as flat as I was that night; yea, it might

be called in music, low flat.



THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN:

FIVE HOURS IN THE VALLEY OF DEATH

Created from over 100 hours of footage, this 70-minute documentary was three years in the making. From footage gathered at the Franklin 140th anniversary reenactment and highly-crafted specialty shots, this program highlights thousands of soldiers in a variety of media formats, from the crystal-clear look of high-definition to the gritty realness of archival-looking film.

This film will premiere at the 2005 SCV National Reunion at Nashville.

7:30 - 9:00P.M. FRIDAY JULY 22, 2005



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JUNE 21ST MINUTES

June 21st marked the 5th official meeting of the year for the Sam Watkins Camp #29. Meeting was held by Commander Greg Atwell and no special speaker was scheduled.

7:00PM—Meeting begins with prayer led by Chaplain, Timothy B. Westbrook. After prayer the pledge to the US flag was said and the honorary salute to the camp confederate battle flag was given.

7:05PM— Commander, Greg Atwell starts the meeting by announcing to the camp that the Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee Confederate (*Bigby Grays*) Monument has been completed. The topic other than the statue was the concern that the bushes at the base of the monument had been damaged to an extent from the chemicals being applied to the statue for its cleaning. Motion was made that the bushes be replaced with identical ones—motion was 2nd and passed.

7:16PM—Lt. Commander, James Looney was given the floor to speak on the upcoming National SCV Reunion to be held at Nashville and the camp's participation in it. Looney began by saying that those who were participating in helping

with the tour needed to assemble and do a practice run. Looney asked Adjutant Jack Taylor who all were participating. Taylor replied with individual names and their parts in the tour. Looney went on to present a practice date of July 16th at 9PM so that those who were participating could set a time for their talk and make sure that things run smoothly—time and date was accepted by those present.

Atwell asked Looney how many had signed up for the reunion as of June 21st. Looney replied that he had a number of twenty-nine individuals but that of course would change with the reunion date being so close.

7:23PM— Looney finishes his talk on the reunion and Atwell asked the SCV Executive Director, Ben Sewell if the headquarters still needed the boxes removed from the attic and placed in storage. Sewell replied that due to the nature of the storage problem in the attic, no definite date was set and that it would more than likely be set for the end of the Summer.

7:28PM— Camp Surgeon, Ron Shelton interjected to the camp an incident that many in the camp or general public were unaware of. Shelton went on to

say that someone had vandalized the N.B. Forrest Statue on Interstate 65 North. He said that someone had cut through half of the back legs of the horse likeness that the likeness of Forrest sat upon and that they (the vandals) in turn tied a rope to the legs and then stretched the rope across the rail-road tracks in hopes of pulling the statue down. He iterated that it was not in the news *per se* and was curious as to why such an act wasn't known to the general public.

7:34PM— Sewell spoke to the camp briefly in regards to mailings that all would be receiving. He said that there would be a few amendments that were being brought up and that there were some changes to the SCV constitution that may become permanent in the following year. He also went over briefly about how some things would be proposed at the upcoming convention/reunion.

7:40PM—Camp leadership goes over regarding the bushes at the Mt. Pleasant monument and importance of replacing them. Taylor said he would set a date to have them re-planted and that it would be done as soon as possible.

7:48PM—Meeting adjourns.

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