

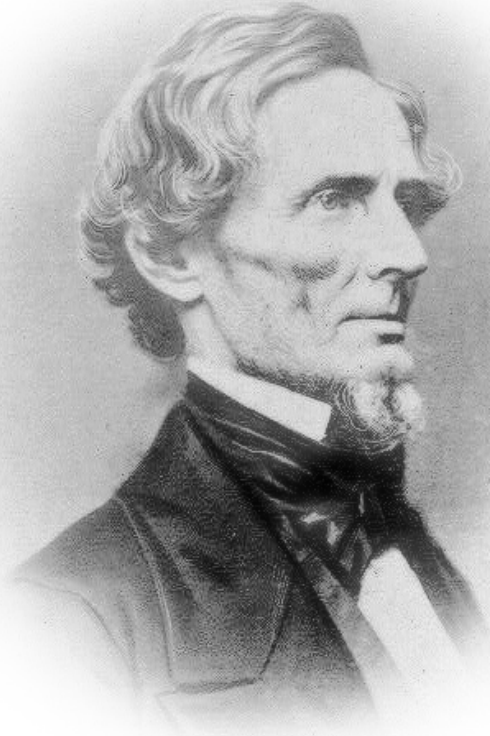
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Official Organ Of The
Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29
Sons of Confederate Veterans



President Jefferson Davis

June 3rd, 1808—December 6, 1889

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Headquarters of the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29
COLUMBIA, TENN.

Dear Camp,

I am sorry that I missed my writings in the newsletter last month, I was in Nashville helping to get some laws passed for police officers on a state wide level. Nevertheless, we had a good turnout at our last May meeting, lets all try to make our June meeting.

The camp has spent a lot of time and money on the Liberty Church of Christ cemetery situation, read the minutes for that update. We still need around \$2800, just to bring the attorney fees up to date.

Come and help us plan the 100 anniversary of the re-dedication of the Bigby Grays monument in Mt. Pleasant in September. We are discussing a Commemorative pin limited to 100 pieces to sell at the celebration.

We are also looking into raising money for the camp by participating in the Bikes, Blues & Barbecue this fall. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting in June 19.

Come and join us, this is YOUR camp.

Kenneth Lovett,
Commander

Capps pleads guilty to defacing Confederate monument—6/12/07

A local Portsmouth, VA hoodlum by the name of Troy Allen Capps pleaded guilty Tuesday in connection with painting black the faces on the city's Confederate monument. Capps admitted in Portsmouth Circuit Court to the defacing and will be serving 2 years of probation and 50 hours of community service. The judge has yet to determine how much restitution Capps should pay.

The 56-foot-tall memorial features four figures representing different branches of the Confederate forces--a sailor, a cavalryman, an infantryman and an artillery man is one of a kind and was erected in 1893. It is on the National register of historic places.

Forrest Homecoming Celebration on Saturday June 23, 2007

Silent auction and monetary donations are requested & appreciated.

Call Bryan Sharp at GHQ to donate items for the silent auction.

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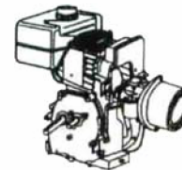
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Chapter XIV— Jonesboro,



"WHAT IS THIS REBEL DOING HERE?"

I would go up to the Yankee outpost, and if some popinjay of a tacky officer didn't come along, we would have a good time. One morning I was sitting down to eat a good breakfast with the Yankee outpost. They were cavalry, and they were mighty clever and pleasant fellows. I looked down the road toward Atlanta, and not fifty yards from the outpost, I saw a body of infantry approaching. I don't know why I didn't run. I ought to have done so, but didn't. I stayed there until this body of infantry came up. They had come to relieve the cavalry. It was a detail of Negro soldiers, headed by the meanest looking white man as their captain, I ever saw.

In very abrupt words he told the cavalry that he had come to take their place, and they were ordered to report back to their command. Happening to catch sight of me, he asked, "What is this Rebel doing here?" One of the men spoke up and tried to say something in my favor, but the more he said the more the captain of the blacks would get mad. He started toward me two or three times. He was starting, I could see by the flush of his face, to take hold of me, anyhow. The cavalrymen tried to protest, and said a few cuss words. The captain of the blacks looks back very mad at the cavalry. Here was my opportunity, now or never. Uncle Negro looked on, not seeming to care for the cavalry, captain, or for me. I took up my gun very gently and cocked it. I had the gentleman. I had made up my mind if he advanced one step further, that he was a dead man. When he turned to look again, it was a look of surprise. His face was as red as a scalded beet, but in a moment was as white as a sheet. He was afraid to turn his head to give a command. The cavalry motioned their hands at me, as much as to say, "Run, Johnny, run." The captain of the blacks fell upon his face, and I broke and ran like a quarter-horse. I never saw or heard any more of the captain of the blacks or his guard afterward.

"LOOK OUT, BOYS."

One night, five of us scouts, I thought all strangers to me, put up at an old gentleman's house. I took him for a Catholic priest. His head was shaved and he had on a loose gown like a lady's dress, and a large cord and tassel tied around his waist, from which dangled a large bunch of keys. He treated us very kindly and hospitably, so far as words and politeness went, but we had to eat our own rations and sleep on our own blankets.

At bedtime, he invited us to sleep in a shed in front of his double log cabin. We all went in, lay down, and slept. A little while before day, the old priest came in and woke us up, and said he thought he saw in the moonlight a detachment of cavalry coming down the road from toward the Rebel lines. One of our party jumped up and said there was a company of cavalry coming that way, and then all four broke toward the old priest's room. I jumped up, put on one boot, and holding the other in my hand, I stepped out in the yard, with my hat and coat off--both being left in the room. A Yankee captain stepped up to me and said, "Are you No. 200?"

I answered very huskily, "No, sir, I am not." He then went on in the house, and on looking at the fence, I saw there was at least two hundred Yankee cavalry right at me. I did not know what to do. My hat, coat, gun, cartridge-box, and knapsack were all in the room. I was afraid to stay there, and I was afraid to give the alarm. I soon saw almost every one of the Yankees dismount, and then I determined to give the alarm and run. I hallooed out as loud as I could, "Look out, boys," and broke and run. I had to jump over a garden picket fence, and as I lit on the other side, bang! bang! bang! was fired right after me. They stayed there but a short time, and I went back and got my gun and other accouterments.

April 17th, Minutes

On Tuesday May 16, 2007, the Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29 assembled for the fifth official meeting of the year. Camp meeting mainly focused on the discussion and decision of the continued support the Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery and the upcoming Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. Confederate Monument re-dedication.

7:01PM- meeting called to order by Camp Commander, Kenneth Lovett. Meeting begins with prayer. Following prayer, the Camp says pledges to the U.S. Flag and salute to the Camp Confederate flag.

7:04PM- Lovett makes motion to accept minutes from last meeting as posted in the Webfoot newsletter—no objections made.

Finances and Old Business:

7:05PM- Lovett asks Adjutant, Jack Taylor for the finance report and any old business.

Taylor spoke on the finances and states that the camp account stood at \$648.66. Taylor also went over the current finances with the Friends of Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery and talks on the current situation with the group and the cemetery dilemma. For approximately 25 minutes, the camp discussed the cemetery issue. During this time Taylor stated that the camp simply could no longer financially support the Cemetery issue. Comments were made by Compatriot, Johnny Eskew and Camp Chaplain Michael Bullock. Bullock stated that unless the division was willing to take the issue then the camp should dissolve interest in the matter. Eskew stated that he was supportive of any decision the camp was willing to make.

7:31PM- Lovett spoke to the camp briefly and stated that 'the cemetery is a valid fight' but went on to say that financially we needed to make a decision on the matter.

7:34PM- Taylor speaks and proposes a compromise that would allow the Sam Watkins Camp #29 to dissolve all interest in the Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery and all remaining fees would be paid to the camp attorney. Taylor went on to say that since the camp would dissolve it's interest as a single entity, it would allow more freedom of individuals to speak on their own about the matter.

7:37PM—Motion made to accept proposal for the Sam Watkins Camp to dissolve interest in the Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery. Compatriot Howard Roberson 2nds motion. All in favor—motion passed.

New Business:

Yard sale scratched—Bikes, Blues and BBQ vendor sale proposed.

7:41PM- Yard Sale proposal was discussed amongst camp members to raise money for the camp. Camp decides that yard sale should be scratched due to the complexity of the matter. Lovett proposes an idea of taking part in the 'Blues, Bikes and BBQ' event to be held in Columbia, TN on September the 8th, 2007. Camp members agrees the event could be a good fundraiser. Idea was tentatively set.

Bigby Grays Monument

7:55PM- The Mt. Pleasant, TN Confederate monument (Bigby Grays) re-dedication. Camp Sergeant at Arms, Jason Boshers made mention that he was in communication with the city of Mt. Pleasant. He stated that many are 'all for the idea'. Boshers stated that the 23rd or 30th of September would be the optimal time to have such a celebration.

Commander Lovett suggested that the camp have produced a limited number of pins to celebrate the event. All agreed that the proposals were a good idea.

Color Guard Proposal

Boshers proposed to the camp that a 'color guard' of sorts be started up for the camp. He mentioned the dire need for such a group of men and called up any and all who might be interested. He stated that the mane would not be re-enactors per se but only set aside for the purpose of commemorating events such as grave side service. He went on to say that the initial investment could be made for around 400 dollars.

8:14PM—Motion made to adjourn; meeting adjourned.

Tidbits of History on Maury County during the War Between the States*(Continuation from last month)*

June 25, 1862 – Negley sent 1,100 wagons out of the county taking supplies and plunder northward. Local stories say that some of the loot ended up at his home in Pennsylvania.

July 17, 1862—Skirmishing between Mt. Pleasant and Columbia...

July 18, 1862—A railroad accident injures many and kills three Yankee soldiers between Columbia and Culleoka. The Confederate guerillas had removed spikes from the track which caused the train to wreck. About this same time, General Negley reported that guerillas were operating in every direction in Maury County.

August 3, 1862—Negley reports that he has captured and arrested 10 guerillas at the Williamsport area but says there were about 200+ at Kinderbrook.

August 13, 1862—Guerillas continue to harass Negley. Skirmish between them and Negley takes place about 8 miles South of Mt. Pleasant.

August 16, 1862— Jackson College (school where Sam Watkins attended) was burned by the Yankees.

August 17, 1862— through intimidation, Negley makes over 500 Maury citizens take the oath of allegiance.

September 1, 1862— Yankees leave Maury county at daybreak. The following day Confederate troops re-occupy the county seat. Biffle's cavalry was stationed at White's Spring on the Santa Fe Pike.

January 5, 1863—County records were moved for their security.

February 18, 1863— General Earl Van Dorn's army arrives in the County.

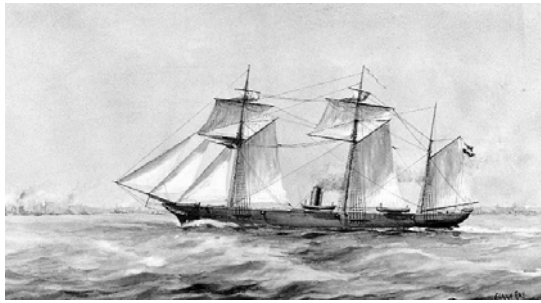
February 20, 1863— Van Dorn personally enters Columbia at dawn with great fanfare with drum beats included. Women swoon over the stylish General...by the latter part of February, Confederate troops number about 30,000 in the county.

March 14, 1863— James Guest's livery stable on South Main Street was burned by a Northern sympathizer. Many of Van Dorn's horses were killed in the blaze.

April 27, 1863—General Frank C. Armstrong marries Columbia native Maria P. Walker at Rally Hill, Home of James Walker—this festive wedding was attended by many Confederate officers.

May 7, 1863—General Van Dorn was killed in Spring Hill by Dr. George B. Peters after he catches his wife swooning over Van Dorn a little too much

June 13, 1863— General Nathan B. Forrest and LT. A.W. Gould engage in a fight in downtown Columbia. Forrest survives the fight but Gould dies on June 26.



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Interment Services for Crew Member of the CSS Alabama

Raphael Semmes Camp 11, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will conduct funeral services for an unknown Confederate Crew Member of the CSS Alabama. He died, going down with his ship, on June 19, 1864, in a sea battle off Cherbourg, France.

His remains were recovered during salvage operations and are being conveyed to Camp 11 from the Navy Historic Center through the gracious services of the CSS Alabama Association.

Ceremonies will consist of a Memorial Service, Wake, Funeral Procession, and Interment in Confederate Rest of Mobile's Magnolia Cemetery.

His Memorial Service will be conducted July 26, 2007, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile, Alabama.

His Wake will be in the home of Admiral Raphael Semmes on Government Street, on July 28, 2007.

The Funeral Procession, route yet to be finalized, will take place July 28, 2007, culminating at Confederate Rest in Mobile's Magnolia Cemetery, wherein this patriot's remains will be interred among approximately 1100 of his fellow Confederate war dead.

Sons of Confederate Veterans
Public Relations and Media Committee
Elm Springs, TN

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sons of Confederate Veterans Respond To United Methodist Resolution

Elm Springs, Tennessee. June 12, 2007

The following statement was released today by Christopher M. Sullivan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans headquartered in Elm Springs, Tennessee:

"We, of the Sons of Confederate Veterans are distressed to learn of the passage by a divided and narrow margin, a resolution by the South Carolina United Methodist Conference regarding the removal of flags at the South Carolina Statehouse grounds.

"Many members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans are also members of the Methodist Church.

"Because of their loyalty to local Methodist affiliations in localities throughout South Carolina, they have not until now, spoken out regarding the divisive leftward slant the church has taken in recent years.

"We are hearing their protests at the headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and are compelled to address their concerns.

"A large segment of the membership of the United Methodist Church in South Carolina is made up of generations of families who proudly proclaim Confederate veterans in their ancestry. Many of the local church cemeteries are the final resting place for loyal church members and their families, who served the Confederacy.

"As devoted as their love and honor of their ancestors is, they do not believe the church is the place to advance a partisan political agenda. The course described in the controversial resolution advanced by a leftist group at the South Carolina United Methodist Conference is purely a partisan political issue designed to actively campaign toward changing South Carolina law regarding memorials and flags on the Statehouse grounds. These very same type memorials and flags that are seen on an individual basis in Methodist and other church cemeteries throughout South Carolina and are also similar to the memorials found in practically every county in South Carolina.

"It seems incongruous that this small group of liberal-minded activists would find any pleasure in placing a cloud of hatred over the overwhelming loyal parishioners who seek no more than the peace and love of Christian fellowship. It is understandable why United Methodists are disenchanted and feel the church of their fathers has deserted them. Many communicate to us their disdain for the recent changes in direction perpetrated by a few who seem more interested in substituting the holy gospel in favor of their own Utopian visions toward social change."

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ON THE COVER:

In honor of President Davis it would behoove any and all to contribute to the restoration of 'Beauvoir' located in Biloxi. Almost 2 years after Katrina, it is in desperate need of funding for its restoration.

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Fall of 2007

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THIS WILL BE A HUGE EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Event hosted by numerous local groups. Keep checking back with the Sam Watkins camp to stay informed on the event. Times and events are still tentative and in the planning stages. YOUR help is appreciated!

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