

FORREST'S ESCORT

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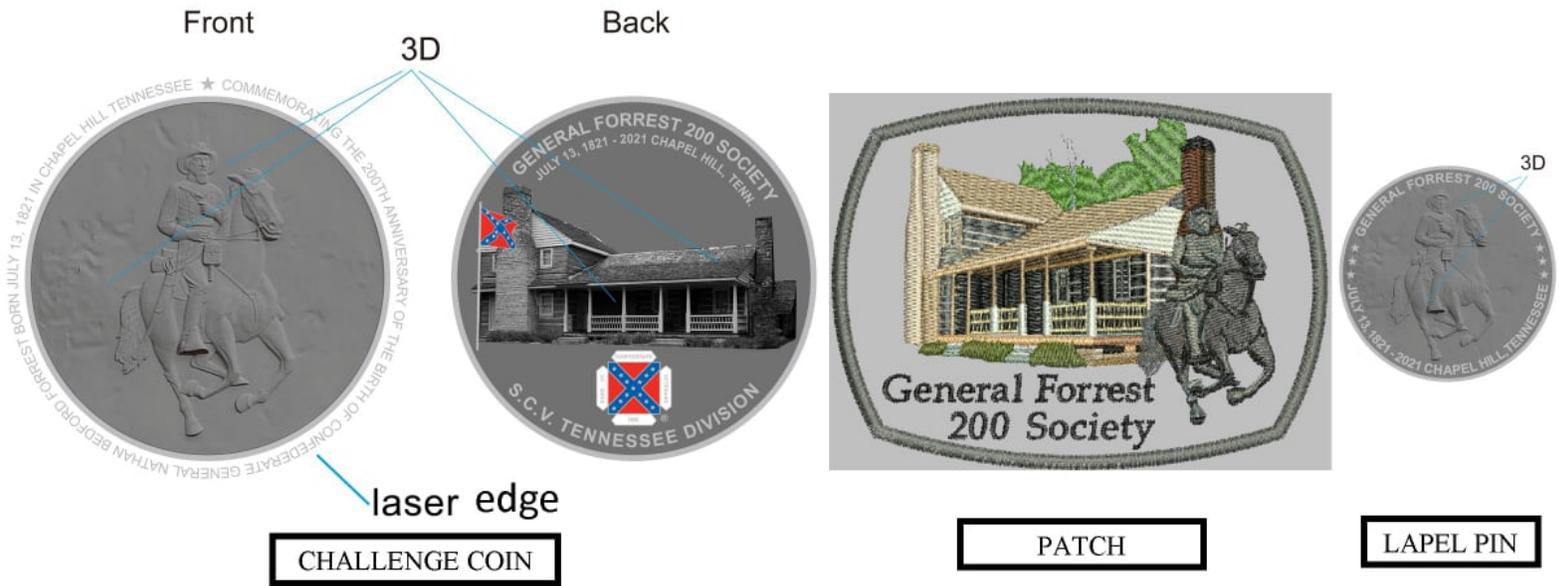
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"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."



Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, UCV Commander General

General Forrest 200 Society



On July 13, 1821 Nathan Bedford Forrest was born in Chapel Hill Tennessee. Forrest would become one of the greatest self made men in the South, plantation owner, businessman and most importantly one of the most feared Generals during the War Between the States. His legacy to this day is larger than any other Tennessean in all the history of the state of Tennessee. There are more monuments, memorials, streets named and historical markers for General Forrest than any other Tennessean. Honorable William A. Collier, Commander Forrest's Calvary Corps wrote on December 19th 1927: "Every Confederate soldier who did his duty measured up to the highest standard of a man. But no body of soldiers in all history possessed more patriotism or exhibited more courage and determination to do or die for their country than the followers of Nathan Bedford Forrest."

To this day Forrest is still honored and remembered around the world because of his "Charge em' Both Ways" and "Be there First with the Most" tactics. A natural born warrior and leader Ole Bedford was known for many battles including his famous Murfreesboro raid on July 13, 1862 which was his 41st birthday, where he defeated the Yankees and liberated the town from Union occupation. His warning was: "I must demand an unconditional surrender of your force as prisoners of war, or I will have every man put to the sword".

This year is the 200th birthday of General Forrest and the SCV Tennessee Division is offering a limited number of memberships in the General Forrest 200 Society which is for those that revere the great General Forrest. Each member will receive a limited edition Challenge coin, patch, lapel pin (which is pictured above), membership certificate and recognition in the Forrest's Escort magazine. Money raised will go to the Forrest Boyhood Home fund for the events building. Individual, Camp and group memberships are welcomed. Join the General Forrest 200 Society today and ride with Forrest!

Membership \$200 _____ Voluntary Donation \$ _____ Total: _____

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In Memoriam



Thomas "Tom" Edward Meadows, age 58 of Murfreesboro, Tennessee died Sunday, August 1, 2021, at St Thomas Rutherford Hospital. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia and was a son of the late Charles Meadows and Nancy Barber who survives him. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Stephen Wayne Meadows.

In addition to his mother, Tom is survived by his wife of 31 years, Dottie Meadows; children, Kortney Brus (Ashton Darnell) of Spring Hill, TN, Sarah Beth Campbell (Wayne) of Whaleyville, MD, and Sean Thomas Meadows of Murfreesboro; grandchildren, Brayden, Parker, Paisley, Cooper, Letcher; and a host of other loving family and friends.

Tom was a retired history teacher of 20 years, a former professional bass fisherman, and a 20-year member of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department of which he served as Chief for six of those years.

Tom was a devout teacher of history through reenacting with the 2nd Company Richmond Howitzers, by being a dedicated lifetime member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; the Mechanized Cavalry, Tennessee Division McLemore Brigade Commander, co-founder of CERT and a strong defender of the Southern Cause.

Visitation will be Wednesday, August 4, 2021, from 2:00 pm until the time of funeral services beginning at 4:00 pm at Woodfin Memorial Chapel, Murfreesboro. Burial will be in the Mountain View Memorial Park in Richwood, West Virginia 2:00 pm Friday, August 6, 2021, under the direction of Simons-Coleman Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be made to CERT (Confederate Emergency Response Team, a group preserving and protecting Confederate monuments) P.O. Box 782, Lebanon, TN 37088. An online guestbook is available for the Meadows family at www.woodfinchapel.com.



Division Commander Joey Nolan

Compatriots,

It is my honor to once again write to you, my brothers in the cause. Tennessee has been busy and not slowing down. It is because of you that the Tennessee Division is growing and forwarding The Charge. Time does not permit me to list all the great work going on in our state, but I will address a few.

I was honored to speak at the Confederate Memorial Day observance at the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery. This was a great event hosted by NB Forrest, Camp 3, who have done an excellent job maintaining

this beautiful cemetery. I also had the privilege to attend the Forrest Picnic hosted by the Highland Brigade. Both of these events were well attended and supported by SCV members.

At the SCV National Reunion in Kenner, LA the Tennessee Division was honored with two awards. One, we received the General A. P. Hill Award for the greatest gain in new camps. Then to top it off, Samuel R. Watkins, Camp 29 received the General Nathan Bedford Forrest Award for the greatest gain in membership. Congratulations to Tennessee for a job well done. It was an honor to share the CERT program, which is growing weekly across the Confederation, and the results of the membership challenge issued on June 4th. This was to achieve a membership goal of 2,500 members by July 31st, which we actually reached by June 30th. While in Kenner at the Reunion, the newly reintroduced Tennessee Division Flag, which is the Secession Flag, was displayed. There is no doubt this flag is growing in popularity, especially with the increasing attacks on not just Southern heritage, but on our beloved freedoms in Tennessee.



If you did not attend the 19th Annual Forrest Homecoming at the Forrest Boyhood Home you missed out. This event has been said to be the largest attended to date. Along with that we raised the largest funds for the event to date. We were blessed with excellent weather, capacity involvement of vendors and reenactors, along with an event more like a family reunion. Thanks go out especially to Marshall Rangers, Camp 297, and the ladies of the Tennessee Society OCR for helping with the concessions throughout the day. To add to this great event, the divisions of Alabama and Tennessee came together in completion of a statue to General Forrest and his men. This statue was erected along the driveway leading up to the Forrest Boyhood Home. The dedication ceremony was held, with an estimated one hundred plus attendees. It was my privilege to take part in this dedication with Carl Jones, James Patterson and Mike McMurry, whose hard work made this possible.

The fundraising campaigns of the General Forrest 200 Society and Friends of the Forrest Boyhood Home are in full swing. Not only in Tennessee, but Southern minded folks from all across the Confederation are stepping up to be a part of these efforts. With 2021 being deemed "The Year of Forrest", these are perfect ways for you to honor the general who just celebrated his 200th birthday. If you have not joined one of these, please do so now.

"Get A Tag, Save A Flag" "Let Your Rider, Show Your Southern Pride" Either way you call it, support the SCV Tennessee license plate today. whether on your motorcycle or in your vehicle, you can use this plate to promote the SCV, and thus Southern heritage. We have been blessed to not only have the license plate, but keep it as well. Every time they come after it, we step up to fight for it. Let's keep up the fight and keep this tag on the highways.

Of all the positive things going on in Tennessee, and the positives far outweigh the negatives, we were dealt a harsh blow. The governor of Tennessee, who had originally stated he would protect all of our history, turned on his supporters, and had the Forrest Bust removed from the state capitol. Although we fought hard earlier this year to get legislation passed to protect it, we were unsuccessful. Not only the governor, but there were others, who once stood with us, but now have turned on us. However, we need to thank and show our appreciation to the many men and women who did take a stand and fought for the preservation of the Forrest, Farragut and Gleaves busts. But we will NOT be deterred from standing up for true history and against "wokeness."

We are getting closer to one of, if not the, most historic events to take place in our lifetime. The re-interment of General Forrest and his wife will take place on Saturday September 18, 2021. Visitation will be held at Elm Springs in Columbia, TN on Friday September 17. The General and his wife will also be taken to the Forrest Boyhood Home in Chapel Hill, TN for visitation on Thursday September 16. To attend these historic events attendees MUST pre-register by August 31, 2021 at each of the following.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/forrest-boyhood-home-visitation-tickets-165367712279>

cicscv76.wixsite.com/forrestfuneral

Any individuals who would like to help at the FBH in preparation for the visitation are encouraged to do so. To find out how you may help, contact the following.

Gene Andrews at 615-833-2930 or genecsmc@gmail.com

Ronnie Headley at 205-230-3578 ronnie.nbforrestboyhoodhomecamp@gmail.com

Lee Millar at 901-5505772 or scvforrest7@yahoo.com

Ed Phillips at 615-400-2282 or scvtjnag@gmail.com

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as Tennessee Division Commander. That being said, I would like to announce I will be seeking reelection at the 2022 Tennessee Division Reunion in Chapel Hill, TN. Together, much has been accomplished, with greater things to come. I humbly ask for your support for reelection as Commander of the Tennessee Division.

In closing, thank you again to each of you who work hard to preserve and promote our Southern heritage. We must move forward and never be idle in keeping the memory of our ancestors alive. It is my honor to serve as your Tennessee Division Commander. I am always ready and willing to help you in any way I possibly can. I firmly believe Tennessee is the hardest working Division in the SCV, and will continue to do so. If we do not do it, who will? If we do not do so now, then when will we do it? The time is NOW for US to control the narrative and live The Charge.

Thank you for all you do. God bless.

Joey Nolan, Commander, TN Div.
TN Div./SCV Life Member
Camp 386, Tracy City



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1st Lt. Commander G. Frank Heathman

Greetings Compatriots!

It's been a long hard road but General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest are finally going to be able to rest in peace. The date for the reinterment of the

Forrest remains is September 18 at Elm Springs. There will be two visitations. The first will be at The Forrest Boyhood Home on Thursday September 16th and the second at Elm Springs Friday September 17th. You must register for these events online to attend! This is very important! The deadline to register is August 31. For the events at Elm Springs go to [cicscv76.wixsite.com/forrestfuneral](https://www.cicscv76.wixsite.com/forrestfuneral) For the event at The Boyhood Home go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/forrest-boyhood-home-visitation-tickets-165367712279>

Thanks to our scalawag governor Bill Lee the Forrest Bust has been moved from the Capitol to The Tennessee State Museum. We were lied to and double crossed by Lee who, in the beginning, promised to preserve Tennessee History. The Dixiecrats of recent memory are long gone and we are left with hardly anyone who will preserve history. One man who has stood firm for preservation is The Honorable Randy McNally, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Tennessee. Reach out to Randy McNally at (615) 741-6806 and thank him for being a supporter of preserving Tennessee History and especially standing against the moving of The Forrest Bust from the Tennessee State Capitol.

I will close by remembering the Great Seal of The Confederacy with President George Washington resplendent in military uniform with the words Deo Vindice, literally With God As Our Defender.

G. Frank Heathman, 1st Lieutenant Commander, Tennessee Division



2nd Lt. Commander John Blankenship

Greetings Compatriots,

I want to start my brief article by saying first, God Bless the South and her Sons. We have continued to stand up for our Ancestors and the Cause. It has been a challenging few years with the constant attack on everything Southern. We have lost battles and won some as well. We are still standing strong and must continue to do so. It is an honor to serve with you in the fight to preserve our heritage and history.

Again, I would like to thank each one of you and your families for attending the Tennessee Division Reunion this past April in Humboldt. Our camp, Col. R.M. Russell Camp 209, was honored to be able to host the

Reunion in Humboldt. The events were all well attended and I believe a good time was had by all. We look forward to hosting the Division Reunion again in 2025.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your 2nd Lt. Commander of the Division. I have been honored to talk and meet with many of you over the past year. I hope to continue to assist in making the Tennessee Division a strong defender of our Confederate Ancestors. I humbly ask for your continued support as I seek reelection in April of 2022.

We have many projects and battles ahead of us, stand firm and strong, Brothers.

If I can be of assistance to you or your camp, please feel free to reach out to me.

Blessings,

John A. Blankenship

2nd Lt. Commander, TN Division

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**Sons of Confederate Veterans
Tennessee Division Reunion
April 15-16 2022
Chapel Hill, Tennessee**



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Friday Evening Social at Nathan B. Forrest Boyhood Home \$15	No. of persons _____	Total \$ _____
Saturday Lunch Henry Horton State Park \$20	No. of persons _____	Total \$ _____
Saturday Historical Tour (Drive on your own)	No. of persons _____	
Saturday Awards Banquet Horton State Park \$35	No. of persons _____	Total \$ _____
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Come to the boyhood home of Gen. Nathan B. Forrest and Henry Horton State Park for our 2022 Division Reunion

Host hotel: Henry Horton State Park Lodge
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 Chapel Hill TN 37034

Make checks payable and mail to: SCV Camp #297, 2160 Paradise Drive Lewisburg TN 37091 (memo 2022 TN Reunion)
 Questions: call 256-565-6304

Host Camp Marshall Rangers Camp 297



Reverend Abraham Ford

submitted by Dale Welch

To preach the gospel to the lost and dying world was the life's-passion of Rev. Abraham Ford. Not only did he lead people to Christ, but to better health as a mountain doctor and to battle as a Confederate captain.

Abraham Ford was born on Jan. 3, 1821, in North Carolina. He was the third of around 13 children born to John Franklin and Nancy Wilson Ford. His father was from Amelia County, VA; and his mother was a native of North Carolina. They came with other family to Tennessee around 1830. When the Ford's made it to Grassy Cove, now in Cumberland County, a cousin named John F. and whom was also married to a Nancy, had made it their home. Abraham's parents moved to around Cannon County. That's where Abraham met and married his own Nancy. She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Womack. The Womack's had come from Rutherford County, NC some years earlier.

By 1850, Abraham's young family and his parents had moved back near the other Ford family, in Grassy Cove. Shortly before 1860, Abraham finally settled in at Sand Springs, in the new county of Putnam. The home was built on what is now the eastbound lane of Interstate 40, just east of the Rocky Point Rd. overpass.

As they were building their home, Abraham, Nancy and their 10 children began clearing new ground for planting. Being a Baptist preacher, he took appointments and pastored at several area churches and help conduct revivals and camp meetings. While he had been in Grassy Cove, he had helped his cousin, Dr. John Ford enough that he felt comfortable helping out neighbors and congregation members with their medical needs.

All the folks in the eastern end of Putnam County were getting ground ready for planting when the national winds of war began blowing strong. There was talk about Abraham Lincoln being elected president; talk about slavery and states' rights; talk about troops being sent here and there. None of families on the eastern end of the county had slaves, but like the Ford family, most had a workforce of several children.

When Tennessee finally seceded from the Union, Rev. Ford and his neighbors got together to protect their families and farms from a northern invasion. Rev. Abraham Ford was listed as 40- years old when he was mustered into service, in Tullahoma, TN, along with many neighbors. The 25th Tennessee Infantry Regiment, under Col. Sidney Smith Stanton finished organizing at Camp Zollicoffer, in Overton County. During the organization, soldiers were allowed to elect their officers. Rev. Ford was elected as captain of Co. K. Samuel Johnson was elected as 1st Lieutenant; Sherrod Horn, and Roysden Roberson, 2nd Lieutenants.



The regiment moved to Camp Myers, which was their camp of instruction and also in Overton County. They were there with Capt. Bledsoe's and Capt. Saunders' cavalry units and Col. John P. Murray's 28th Tennessee Infantry regiment. They were mustered into Confederate service on Oct. 1, 1861.

On Oct. 13, the 25th Infantry was ordered to Bowling Green, KY. Folks in Overton County weren't really liking that order. They were still having to deal with Union guerrilla groups and Federal troops roaming in the area, doing a lot of stealing and killing. The regiment was ordered to take care of the problem first.

On Nov. 15, the 25th Infantry, a Texas cavalry regiment and Spencer's and Harper's Artillery Batteries were in Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston's Army, held in reserve. Brigadier Gen. Felix Zollicoffer complained that Col. Stanton wouldn't take orders from anyone except Johnston and something had to be done. Gen. Zollicoffer was told that the regiment was under his command. Stanton's regiment wasn't under Zollicoffer very long. The general was killed in confusion on the battlefield when he rode up on federal troops, thinking it was some of his own on Jan. 9, 1862. The battle of Mill Springs, Ky was disastrous for the Confederate army from the start.

During encampments and between battles, Rev. Ford and other ministers would hold camp meetings. Thousands of soldiers were pointed the only way to life eternal through Christ. Many were encouraged and many heard their last sermons.

On May 10, 1862, the 25th Infantry was reorganized at Corinth, MS. Since Abraham Ford was over 40 years old, he was discharged. His son, Thomas Henderson Ford, being underage was also discharged. Charles B. Slater was elected the new captain of Co. K.

Rev. Ford and his son came back home, but the war was long from being over. Young Thomas was forced into service by the Union army. Another of Ford's sons, John died in a Yankee prison, in 1863. Over in Grassy Cove, his cousin that he learned doctoring from, Dr. John Ford, was killed by a son-in-law because he wouldn't take sides in the war. Dr. Ford was shot while holding two grandchildren in his arms.

Rev. Ford's faith remained strong. He still served in the ministry and provided medical care to the community. This was made more difficult when his horse fell on him while he was traveling at night. After the accident, he was still able to preach seated in a chair in front of the congregation.

He donated land for a church and cemetery when eight-year old granddaughter Halie Davis died after choking on parched corn. On Feb. 2, 1875, she was the first person buried in the Sand Springs Memorial Cemetery.

Rev. Ford applied for a post office to be named F-O-R-D, TN. Washington, DC read it as V-O-I-D. He became the first postmaster of Void, TN, on Sept. 27, 1887. He remained as postmaster until his death on Dec. 4, 1890.

Though buried alongside family and several of his old Company K, Ford left a legacy that remains not only within community, but all across the State.

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Updates Regarding the Reburial Service of General and Mrs. Forrest

Compatriots,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Saturday, September 18, 2021, will be the date for the reinterment of the remains General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife MaryAnn Montgomery Forrest. Please make plans to attend. All reenactors and participants will be required to register for this event and follow the strict guidelines that will be forthcoming.

I want to congratulate Lee Miller and the Recovery Crew, and the members of the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #215 in Memphis, TN and the legal team of H. Edward Phillips III, Charles G. Blackard III, W. J. "Bo" Ladner III, and Jonathan J. Pledger, on a job well done. We also thank the Forrest Family for allowing us to take part in this momentous occasion and organizing the funeral proceedings. Bear in mind that we are grateful for all that has happened up to this point, and we know much more must be done.

As to the human side, the remains of General and Mrs. Forrest are held in an undisclosed location and later will be transported to an undisclosed location in Middle Tennessee. These sites will be kept in secrecy for security reasons as it is our utmost duty to protect the family, the professionals and work crews involved, as well as the SCV and its members.

Let us always keep in mind that we are honored by the Forrest Family to participate in this solemn occasion. Please do not follow or spread rumors about this event. We will update you as plans are finalized. Fundraising still continues as we raise money for the re-interment of General Forrest and his beloved wife. Please give to make this event happen as we bring one of our heroes' home to be buried on land less than 30 minutes from where he was born. You can send donations to:

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(Put in memo: Forrest Reinterment)

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Columbia, TN 38402

Once the funeral is complete, restoring the plaza and remounting the Forrest Equestrian Statue on the grave will occur. This will not be easy nor quick. Much more work lay ahead of us, however, be certain that we will rededicate this plaza to honor the General and his family.

Please be patient with us as you and the entire membership will be informed once all plans are finalized. A website will be forthcoming with all details and information. For now, let us "walk a little prouder and hold our heads higher" in this great victory! God has truly vindicated us in this effort. Let us remember the charge given to us by General Stephen Dill Lee as we continue to press forward.

Deo Vindice,

Larry McCluney, Jr.

Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Compatriots,

I know many of you plan on attending the reinterment of General and Mrs. Forrest scheduled for September 18th. To help with your travel plans, we have prepared a list of hotels, bed & breakfasts, and RV parks in and around Maury County below.

More information about local events, restaurants, and shops can be found on the Experience Maury tourism site: <https://visitmaury.com/> If you arrive in Columbia before the 18th, I encourage you see what Maury County has to offer. And, when you stay, dine, and shop local, be sure to tell them you are with the Sons of Confederate Veterans—they need to know the positive impact the SCV has on the local economy!

In the weeks ahead, we will be announcing the launch of a reinterment website. This website will contain the registration information required to participate in and attend the reinterment. Please watch for this information to be released via email and social media.

Deo Vindice,
Adam Southern
Executive Director
Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474
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Spring Hill, TN 37174
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Columbia, TN 38401
931-540-1222

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2052 Crossings Blvd.
Spring Hill, TN 37174
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Columbia, TN 38401
931-380-2025

Holiday Inn Express (Spring Hill)

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Spring Hill, TN 37174
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2405 Pulaski Hwy.
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1605 Harley Davidson Blvd.
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931-548-1329

Blythewood Inn Bed & Breakfast

109 Blythewood Drive
Columbia, TN 38401
931-982-0907

Creekview Farm Retreat (Santa Fe)

5177 Leipers Creek Road
Santa Fe, TN 38482
931-446-7993

The Inn at Bigby Creek

1306 Trotwood Avenue
Columbia, TN 38401
931-982-6226

Camper's RV Park

1792 Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, TN 38401
931-381-4112

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Campground Loop Rd.
Chapel Hill, TN 37034
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Lesser Known Fields of Glory

An ongoing series from Division Members to highlight the lesser known battles, skirmishes, and raids of the War for Southern Independence

Forrest's Raid at Lexington by W. Clay Crook from the Lexington Progress

The following article on the Battle of Lexington is from the February 3, 1933 edition of The Lexington Progress, and can also be found on page 67 of Brenda Kirk Fiddler's book, "W.V. Barry's Lexington Progress." The battle occurred on December 18, 1862. I have added some notes or corrections in parenthesis to Barry's article.

The fact that Bee Grissom, local painter, paperhanger, politician, history critic, et cetera, disputes the statement made by Esq. Wyatt Threadgill, that the late Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll of the Federal Army was captured in 1862 by Confederate soldiers, who discovered him under the old wooden building of the Presbyterian Seminary--or more accurately speaking, under the front porch of that building, has caused me to go to Esq. Threadgill for more information.

Threadgill was, at the time of that Civil War incident, a boy of some nine years, and surely there could be no more dependable source of information as Esq. Threadgill remembers distinctly many incidents of that day, among them the fact that on that day he saw both Col. Ingersoll of the U.S. Army and General Nathan Bedford Forrest of the Confederate Army. Esq. Threadgill remembers how frightened his mother was and how his father, George Threadgill, called her Mary and tried to quiet her fears.

Bee Grissom makes the statement that his history and record says that Col. Ingersoll was captured at or possibly under a brick schoolhouse and that the house referred to was on the site of the present residence of Mrs. Lizzie McHaney Lawler.

There was a brick house on that lot, which later was remodeled by the late George Council, but he remembers distinctly that not even a rat hole gave access from the outside to under the building, and the general facts of that memorable day were these." (This is the corner lot at Barnhill Street, which was then called Muse Street, and South Broad Street. The old Lawler house stood until the late 1970's.)

With Col. Bob Ingersoll in command, the late Capt. Sam W. Hawkins had his Federal soldiers lined up just about where

the Perryville Branch Railroad (Climer Street) now crosses Clifton Street (South Main Street), and more Federal soldiers occupied the Pool lands, further to the South, afterward owned by the late Esq. Lemuel A. Stanford, which land belonged to him when the Tennessee Midland railroad was built in 1887, from Memphis to Perryville.

Hawkins had his Federal soldiers lined up just about where the Perryville Branch Railroad now crosses Clifton Street.



The Confederate soldiers, under General Forrest, were coming into Lexington on the Clifton Road, in such numbers that the Yanks fled, Col. Ingersoll and two comrades, on horseback, entering town at about the present Beasley home (where the Toby Stubblefield residence now stands on First Street and Stanford Street), running on through what is known as First Street, crossing then Purdy Street (Monroe Street) at the old Dr. J.H. Howard office, on past the old brick school house, now Mrs. Lizzie Lawler's home and on to the then Tom Muse home, now owned by Col. T.B. Autry and for years known as the Will H. Ross place.

At just about the Muse home, a number of women and children who were frightened by the gun firing on the south and southeast side of town, where they lived, were huddled in a big gully, and among them were Mrs. Pat Dickson, who died in Fort Worth, Texas, and a Mrs. Charles Johnson, a sister of the late Mrs. Robert Kizer, Lexington shoemaker and afterward hotel keeper when I came to Lexington in 1884.

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(Little Acorn, on North Main, is above the north end of this gully which runs from Barnhill Street to North Main Street.)

This Mrs. Johnson's husband was a member of Capt. Sam Hawkins' company (7th Tennessee U.S. Cavalry) and the wife feared that he had been killed until she was assured that he had been transferred to Island No. Ten in the Mississippi River. This Mrs. Johnson was a sister of 'Uncle' Bob Kizer's wife and their family name was McClanahan.

The only casualty of the skirmish was that of a Confederate lieutenant (actually a sergeant), who attempted to take a cannon planted on Clifton Street about where the Decaturville Road turns off (This is the intersection of Franklin Street with South Main Street).

A cannon was planted on Clifton Street about where the Decaturville Road turns off.



Well, the Confederates were so closely pushing Col. Ingersoll and his two comrades that at about the Muse place they dismounted, and the two soldiers ran into the gully occupied by the women and children and one of them stuck his white handkerchief on the end of his gun and held it up, in fear that the Confederates might shoot into the gully and endanger the women and children.

Col. Ingersoll ran to the gully between the present J.W. Wright property and the present old Jordan place now occupied

by Ellison Kelly and family, both properties for many years after 1884 being a part of the old Barry home at 318 North Main Street (Barry Street, from North Main, led to the Barry home) nor did the afterward famous agnostic lessen his stride until he reached the street, then known as Jackson Street (now North Main Street), crossed it, passed the present Mrs. J.H. Moffitt home, then owned by the late James A. Henry and came to the old Presbyterian Seminary on the lot where now stands the home of Squire Sammy Howard Pearson." (44 N. Main Street, where the Clyde and Bernice Johnson house now stands. This is the area behind the old Post Office / Beech River Museum.)

This school building had on its front a porch which was walled up with rock, but had an opening on the west side and through that hole scooted the gallant Colonel Ingersoll, and there he was found by three Confederate soldiers, who took him in hand and marched him to the Lexington courthouse.

He was carried from Lexington and soon exchanged. As to the location at which Col. Ingersoll was arrested, I myself, heard him admit the story, that I have so often mentioned, and which is vouched for by Wyatt Threadgill.

This Old Presbyterian school lot was then, as now, separated from the J.H. Moffitt home lot, in which dwelling house or present esteemed citizen, Mr. J.A. Henry, in which he lived until ten years of age.

I have in my scrapbook the oft told tale of the capture of Col. Ingersoll and the names of at least two of the soldiers who effected the capture, both of whom were residents of Giles County, Tennessee, and one of whom served as sheriff of that county less than twenty years ago, according to Mr. Joe Moffitt, who was personally acquainted with both of them long after the Civil War.

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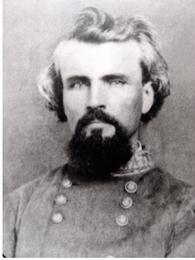
"Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance, our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that was our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again."

Jefferson Davis

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Brigade Commander Reports



Memphis Brigade Commander Lee Miller

Our Brigade's joint Forrest Birthday Celebration on July 10 was a great success. Five of our camps participated in the event, which attracted about 80

people. We were at a new site this time, which was admittedly not easy to get to, and we are appreciative of all the compatriots who made the effort to be there.

Our guest speaker was the renowned Gene Andrews, director of the Forrest Boyhood Home, and he gave a great talk, entitled "If they'd only listened to General Forrest." Thanks to Heritage Chairman Mark Buchanan and UDC's Dore Mancini for assisting with all of the arrangements, and to Cindy Buchanan for the presence of the ice cream truck. Thanks to the 51st Tenn and the 4th Tenn infantries for the musket salute, and the 52nd Regimental String Band for some great music.

The R E Lee Camp of Germantown, following their last meeting of an outdoor tour of Fort Germantown, continued this past month with an outdoor demonstration of Confederate artillery, including firing the gun.

The Forrest Camp's (Memphis) new meeting site at the Masonic Lodge (including a kitchen), has proved a success, with an increase in attendance to not only enjoy the meetings but enjoying the meals too.

The Wigfall Greys (Collierville) held a huge bbq supper & meeting as a fund-raiser, and did quite well, with another large increase in attendance.

The Simonton-Wilcox camp (Covington) likewise held a large bbq supper/meeting and had a big crowd. Guest speakers were Lee Miller and Rick Justice.

We are happy to report that all of our camps have held meetings with increasingly large attendances.

We're also looking forward to the Forrest Reinterment events Sept 15-18.

Lee Miller

Memphis Brigade Commander



Starnes' Brigade Commander Earl Wes Pullen



-Camp 37, The Forrest Boyhood Camp, has been busy maintaining and providing security for functions at the Forrest Boyhood Home.

-Camp 1411, A. P. Stewart Camp, no report.

-Camp 1620, Sumner Cunningham Camp, just started having meetings again and have gained one new member.

-Camp 72, Benjamin Cheatham Camp, is starting to meet again. They had their annual picnic not too long ago.

-Camp 152, John R. Massey hasn't missed a beat. They are still meeting and promoting the Southern way.

-Camp 155, Dr. George Cowan Camp is starting to meet again. They placed Confederate Flags on graves at Oakwood Cemetery in Tullahoma.

-Camp 297, Marshall Rangers Camp, continues to take care of the Farmington Battlefield Cemetery. We paid for and donated the concessions at the Forrest Boyhood Home Festival. Monies made approx. \$2000.00.

-Camp 386, Cumberland Mountain Rifles, Cumberland Mtn. Rifles, Camp 386 has been busy this summer. We have gained new members, and been active in the community. Flags were placed on the graves of Grundy County Confederate soldiers graves, with new one's being identified. Camp 386 participated in two July 4th parades. Both in Monteagle and Tracy City, we received a warm welcome of cheers and encouragement. This also provided an opportunity for recruitment which proved successful. Hosted a CERT training session by Tom Meadows at the Tracy City Cemetery. Not only was this event well attended by Camp members, but non-scv members also attended and offered support. The camp continues to maintain a museum at its meeting location. Items of interest are added monthly to the exhibits.





McLemore's Brigade Commander Tom Meadows

The Benton Smith Camp in Portland Tennessee held their Camp picnic in July.

Attendance and camaraderie was great. This is a yearly event that never ceases to

please. There was also discussion about upcoming activities that will be planned in the future.

The General William Bate Camp in Gallatin held a Confederate Memorial Day service on June 5th . This Camp is very skilled at involving City officials in some of their activities. This year was no exception as they had the local police department assist them in cleaning stones in their Confederate Circle.

The Sam Davis Camp in Brentwood Tennessee hosted a Confederate Memorial Day service on Winstead Hill . They held a small but emotional service that concluded with a bugler playing taps to end the activities. This Camp does an outstanding job as Keeper of the Hill.

General Hatton Camp held a marker dedication at Suggs Creek and a celebration of Confederate Memorial Day on June 5th. They are now preparing themselves to pop their famous caramel popcorn that will be sold if the State Fair.

Murfreesboro Camp 33 held a Confederate Memorial Day service on June 6th at Confederate Circle. Many members of this camp were present at the national reunion in Louisiana. At their last camp meeting, the camp expressed many thanks to James Patterson who stepped down from Camp Adjutant after many many years of service to the camp. Also the camp has brought back the Black eyed pea and sweet potato dinner in in honor of Nathan Bedford Forrest raid in Murfreesboro.

The Joe Johnston Camp #28 in Nashville is putting a great deal of effort to establish a podcast. The work continues on this project.

One of the newest members of our Brigade is The Gainsboro Invincibles. This Camp is now highly motivated again and we are glad to have them as part of our Brigade. They have several upcoming events including one at Baxter. This event will also be assisted in true McLemore Brigade fashion as with one of our other camps, the Benton Smith Camp coming to assist.

The one good thing about our Brigade is that even if their Camp is not having an event, they are very quick to join in with neighboring camps to help support them. It is a beautiful sight to see.

Humbly submitted,

Tom Meadows

McLemore Brigade Commander



Ft. Donelson Brigade Commander Steve Settle

The camps in the Fort Donelson brigade are having a busy summer and working as always to uphold The Charge given to us by Gen. Stephen D. Lee on April 25, 1906. We are trying to plan a Brigade event sometime this

fall, and are still working toward a date that works for everyone. More will be coming on this soon, but input and ideas are welcome from any brigade member.

The Isham G. Harris Camp #109 in Paris has been working hard to complete the recharter process they began almost a year ago. They have jumped through more hoops than you would imagine to make this happen but things are swiftly falling into place and they are recruiting daily and planning some great projects to keep the members active and engaged.

The Frank P. Gracey Camp #225 in Clarksville assisted the local SAR Chapter with their July 4 Reading of the Declaration Ceremony by providing the cannon salute. Several camp members are members of both the SCV and SAR and really compliment each other with great support and participation. Camp members continue to honor our ancestor veterans by researching and installing the Southern Cross of Honor on their final resting places. Recent placements include Edwin Cobb of the 14th TN Infantry, KIA at Chancellorsville; Robert Haskins, 49th TN Infantry, POW died at Camp Douglas; and Joseph Staton, 2nd KY Cavalry, KIA near Jackson, TN. As long as we honor them and remember their service and devotion, our veterans are never completely gone. Compatriot Jim Brooks has a few CD's of period music recorded by our deceased compatriot Pat Bauman that are available free of charge to our members, compliments of the Bauman family. Let us know if you would like to have one of these.

The Fort Donelson Camp #249 in Dover is back to holding regular meetings after a prolonged covid break and preparing to resume helping the UDC and other local groups in providing a Civil War Field day for our elementary school students. Recent events supported by camp members include the Dover Memorial day observance of Eagle Fest, providing the artillery salute for the

opening ceremonies as well as cannon firing demonstrations throughout the event. Confederate flags were placed on veterans graves during this time also. In October, Paris Landing State Park will host a living history weekend and always welcome the Camp and SCV participation.

The William McCauley Camp #260 in Charlotte is going strong as ever and has graciously offered to host a brigade event sometime this fall. This camp is blessed with good cooks who specialize in mouth watering BBQ and their own Saint Paul meeting place has plenty of room and is centrally located. Hopefully we can nail down a date for this soon. On Sunday July 25, members of the camp accompanied by the men of Porter's Battery held a Memorial Cannon Salute gravesite service for Robert Moore, former Camp and Brigade Commander and 1st. Sgt. of Battery A, Porter's Artillery; who passed away last December. He was a good man, fine Compatriot, leader and friend; missed by all who knew him.

Camp #270 in Springfield sends this report: Camp 270 is on the move. We have 46 members, 2 new members in the last 2 months and 2 members reactivated and one transfer. We will have 3 additional new members before 1 Jan or bust! On Memorial Day the Camp decorated the graves of our gallant Confederate dead at Greenbrier Cemetery. We've made a couple of contributions to the Museum and will again. Camp 270 meets every last Monday of each month. We meet at the Greenbrier Am Legion Post at 7:pm. We regularly average 25 in attendance.

As brigade commander, I would add that they are a most enthusiastic group of men, dedicated to doing it the right way. They are excellent hosts and if you are in the area on meeting night drop in for a visit.

I am looking forward to meeting with the other brigade camps, #559 in Centerville, #1792 in Adams, and #2034 in Fairview as soon as possible in order to report on their efforts as well.

Steve Settle, Cmdr.

Fort Donelson Brigade



Highland Brigade Commander Mike Williams

Smithville camp's Savage-Goodner # 1513, Marty Smith held a hands on training for the CERT program, cleaning headstones. They also had their booth at the annual Smithville 4th of July celebration.

Gainesboro Invincibles camp 1685 gained permission to leave the Highland Brigade & be transferred to the McLemore Brigade.



Macon County's "SCV Jim Davis Camp 1425" recently replaced a Historical marker for Jim Davis Confederate training camp at Epperson Springs in Macon County located on Hwy 52 W.

Cookeville camp, Dillard-Judd 1828 & the Highland Brigade hosted this year's Decoration Day Ceremony at their Monument with Tn Division's 1st Lt Commander Frank Heathman guest speaker. Compatriot Ed Butler got the Confederate Museum's display cabinets completed & installed. Many from the Brigade participated. The RearGuard supported during the Ceremony & served refreshments after the service.

The Highland Brigade held their annual NB Forrest picnic & weapons competition.

Monterey camp #2014, held a Memorial service for one of compatriot Jack Looper's ancestors who served on both sides during the war.

Livingston's Myers-Zollicoffer camp 1990 decorated all of Overton County's veteran's graves for Memorial Day. They will be hosting their camp picnic later in August.

Crossville's William A. Hamby camp 1750 decorated their Monument's yard with flags for Memorial Day. The Monument is for Union & Confederate veterans of Cumberland County.

Dunlap's Wheeler-Long camp 709 attended & placed in a recent parade, I believe it was 4th of July Parade. Recently they had Lt CIC Jason Boshers as their guest speaker.





Around the Division



Morristown East FFA student, Brandon Edwards, and community member, Rusty Rouse, were awarded the Gen. W.H. Jackson Ag Award from the Col. Bradford-Col. Rose Camp.



Justin Davis, Jackson County High School Senior, has received the 2021 General William Hicks Jackson Agricultural Leadership Award from The Gainesboro Invincibles, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 1685.



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Earl Smith, Commander of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, received the Jefferson Davis Outstanding Member Award at the Tennessee Division Sons of Confederate Veterans' Reunion held in April.



Joshua Cameron, Adjutant of the Bradford-Rose Camp 1638, was honored with the George Ellsworth Camp Website Award, the Tod Carter Newsletter Award, and the Edward Carmack Media Award at the Division Reunion.



Decoration Day at Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville in June. Pictured L-R are Linette Brown of Ellen Renshaw House Chapter 2624 United Daughters of the Confederacy and Commander Earl Smith of Camp 87.



Wreath and flags placed at the Farmington Battlefield for Confederate Memorial Day by members of the Marshall Rangers Camp 297 Lewisburg, TN.



Memorial events from Camp 52 in Bristol at East Hill Cemetery and Cold Springs Cemetery. A Memorial Day Ceremony was held on Saturday May 29th at East Hill Cemetery. Brigade Commander Mike Beck was the guest speaker. Two grave stones were dedicated in memory of soldiers that were found to have been buried there. Their descendants uncovered them and a wreath was set at the Monument of Confederate Veterans. At Cold Springs Cemetery flags were set out and the Camp helped with the Honor Guard to honor all the Veterans from the Revolution War to Present.



Ed Butler & other members (Mike Mitchell & Mike Williams) of Cookeville's Camp 1828 delivered two components, the doors, and connected the 5 components together of the display cabinets that Ed designed and built to donate to the Confederate Museum



Paul Gramling and Carl Jones perform at the Boyhood Homecoming in June.



Members of Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, helped remove a large tree from the grounds of Bleak House (Confederate Memorial Hall) in Knoxville for the Ladies of the UDC in May.



Bryce Provance, from the Dandridge Camp, holds the 3rd National Flag while flagging along Highway 25/70 through Dandridge over the Independence Day weekend.



Camp 52 at the Independence Day Parade in Blountville.

Events from the Forrest Boyhood Homecoming



A joint effort by the Alabama and Tennessee Divisions of the SCV placed this monument at the Forrest Boyhood Home. It started under the administration of Carl Jones as Alabama Division Commander and James Patterson as Tennessee Division Commander and was brought to completion by current Alabama and Tennessee Division Commanders Joey Dale Nolan and Mike McMurry.



Sketch of the Late General S. Cooper

by Fitzhugh Lee (submitted by Joshua Cameron)

Students of military history cannot fail to be impressed, when war is *au fait accompli*, with the great advantage possessed by those nations who have justly placed a value upon system and organization in the preparation of their armies.

The military genius implanted by nature in a Caesar, a Hannibal, a Wellington, or a Napoleon, might never have burst forth with such overpowering light as to dazzle with its rays a wondering world, had not the human tools with which they worked been so formed, so fashioned, as to be perfectly flexible when placed in their hands by some almost hidden but powerful agent, who, grasping the subject with a master's mind, adapted the various departments of war in such a way as to work harmoniously together, and to be most effective. Strategy and grand tactics are indeed a powerful machine, but to be used to full working strength, requires an exact adjustment of all component parts.

To "set a squadron in the field," there must be arms, subsistence stores, transportation and shelters, clothing and medical supplies. The quartermaster's commissary, ordnance and medical departments, though separate and distinct in their several spheres, must be made conformable with each other, with scrupulous care, by the constitutional commander-in-chief and his ware secretary; and their chief counselor is the soldier at the head of the adjutant-general's department, through whom all official orders are promulgated. An efficient executive leader in that department is felt from

an army corps to a corporal's guard.

Chronicles of the important events in the rise and fall of nations are filled with instructive instances that might be drawn upon in illustration of this fact, whilst the pages of history, where results are summed up and explanatory reasons given for them, abound in examples. To keep this paper within proper limits, I shall only briefly refer to one, viz.: The Franco-Prussian war of 1870.

The French Emperor, it is recollected, declared war because the King of Prussia would not promise that the head of the Catholic branch of the royal family, Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern, should never again be a candidate for the throne of Spain. The great and unquestioned ability of Louis Napoleon was deemed evidence that all things were duly weighed, and that his organization and preparations were at least complete. The French army numbered some 350,000 trained soldiers. The population of France was 38,067,064, in relation to which, says their president of the legislative body to the Emperor, as he was about to depart for the frontier: "Behind you, behind our army accustomed to carry the noble flag of France, stands the whole nation, ready to recruit it." On the other side, Prussia had a population of some twenty-four millions, or, including the North German Confederation (of which she is a part) of some thirty millions. Her standing army numbered less than 400,000. To what was due, then, the astounding results of that conquest, for the

world was prepared for a gigantic and not unequal combat? Why, in the short space of six months, do we witness a Sedan, with capitulation by McMahon of 90,000 men? A Metz, with a surrender of nearly 200,000 by Bazaine? A Strasburg, giving up 17,000 soldiers? And speedily the fall of Paris, with a war indemnity to be paid the victors of five milliards of francs? Why such a series of victories for Germany, such inglorious defeats for France? Why such a rapid fall of the curtain upon such a striking tableau vivant? We trace it to the weakness and inefficiency of the military organization of France, and to the wisdom of the system which gave the preponderating power of the reserves to Germany—the marvelous comprehensive military method that brings, at the tap of the drum, thousands of drilled, disciplined men to the support of the main body, as opposed to conscription or enlistment of raw levies from the population at large.

King William and Von Moltke strongly felt the hand of Shamhorst, who undertook the reorganization of the military resources of Prussia after Jena in 1806—an honor in our war which such leaders as Albert Sydney Johnson, Lee, Johnston, Beauregard and Jackson must share with a Cooper. It is the astute, clear, calm and penetrating minds of Shamhorst and Cooper, whose judgment and masterly ability quietly plan, arrange and direct the machinery which is to put in motion by the brilliant army chieftains, such as I have mentioned,

that wins success. General Samuel Cooper possessed an inheritable right to his enviable eminence.

From Dorsetshire, England, his great grandfather came, and settled in Massachusetts. This paternal ancestor had three sons—John, the grandfather of General Cooper, Samuel and William. Samuel was President of Harvard University during the Revolutionary war, and was proscribed by General Gage of the British army, and a reward offered for his head. The son of John, also called Samuel, was the father of General Cooper. At eighteen years old, we find him at Lexington, forming one of seventy men that "assembled in front of the meeting-house," to whom Major Pitcairn, commanding the British advance, called out "disperse, you rebels, throw down your arms and disperse," on the morning of the 19th April, 1775. Early manifesting such a heroic spirit, it was not surprising that he should have been found upon the night of 16th June marching with Prescott, and working all night upon a redoubt on Breed's Hill (mistaken for Bunker Hill, in the darkness of the night), and obeying sturdy old Putnam's orders on the morning of the 17th, not to fire "till they could see the whites of the eyes of the British."

He afterwards served with distinction in Knox's regiment of artillery, and upon his tombstone appears the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Major Samuel Cooper of the Revolutionary Army, who in the first onset struck for liberty.

He fought at Lexington, Bunker Hill, Brandywine, Monmouth, Germantown, and on other sanguinary fields, and continued to wield the sword in defense of his country until victory crowned her arms."

At the close of the Revolutionary War, Major Cooper married Miss Mary Horton, of Dutchess county, New York. Two sons and six daughters were born from this marriage. George and Samuel (the subject of this memoir) were the sons. The

former graduated at West Point, but afterwards went into the navy.

Adjutant-General Cooper was born in 1798, at New Hackensack on the Judson river, at the family seat of his maternal ancestors, the Hortons. He entered the United States Military Academy at West Point when only fifteen years old, the term of service there then being two years only. His first service was as lieutenant of light artillery. He was promoted a first lieutenant in the Third artillery, and in 1824 was transferred to the Fourth. From 1828 to 1836 he served as aid-de-camp to General Macomb, then commanding the American army, and was promoted to rank as captain 11th June of that year.

Upon the 7th July, 1838, he first entered the War Department as an assistant adjutant-general. During the Florida war he served as chief of staff to General Worth, and was in the action of Pila-Kil-Kaha on the 19th April, 1842. In 1848 he was brevetted colonel for meritorious conduct in the prosecution of his duties in connection with the Mexican war, and on the 15th July, 1852, was appointed the Adjutant-General of the United States army, General Winfield Scott being then its Commander-in-Chief.

Whilst in the United States army, he compiled his work entitled "Tactics for the Militia," a book at one time in almost universal use among the volunteer soldiery, and extensively known as "Cooper's Tactics."

In 1827 General Cooper married a daughter of General John Mason, of Clermont, Fairfax county, Virginia, and a granddaughter of George Mason, of Gunston, "the Solon and the Cato, the law-giver and

the stern patriot of the age in which he lived," and to whose memory the constitution of Virginia and her bill of rights are lasting monuments.

At the head of the Adjutant-General's Department, United States army, General Cooper gave great satisfaction. His qualifications and his ability as an officer, and his private worth as a man, was universally acknowledged by army officers, many of those living to-day giving testimony that he was the best chief of that department the army ever had.

On the 17th March, 1861, he resigned his commission as an officer, having served the United States with a steady faithfulness and a firm adherence to all of her interests for forty-six years. In view of the fact of General Cooper's Northern birth, this step has been the subject of much comment, and some adverse criticism. His Northern friends profess to see no reason why a soldier born in their section, holding a high office of trust for life, honored and respected, should, after forty-six years' service, and in the sixty-third year of his life, relinquish a position in which he would not be called upon for field service, and cast his fortunes and tender his services to the Confederate Government. It has been said by them that he was more guided by the counsels of his friend, the Hon. Jefferson Davis, and his brother-in-law, Hon. James M. Mason, than by his native and natural opinion and belief. To those holding such sentiments, it may be truly said they did not indeed know their man. General Cooper, upon such an important issue as the one he was called upon to meet in his own person, allowed no dictation

and asked no advice. That he should have cast aside the personal possession of comfort and plenty to the end of his days, and embarked with his family and household gods upon an unknown sea, over which the storm clouds were riding and the winds of war were blowing, and upon which many perils were to be encountered, many difficulties surmounted, many dangers contested, before the waters grew calm or the voyage prosperous, is, in the estimation of his Southern admirers, the strongest proof of the pure and conscientious character of the old hero. "*Fiat justitia ruat coelum,*" we can almost hear him exclaim, as he dared to follow his convictions of right, and permit self-interest to be taken prisoner by conscience and duty.

The new Confederacy of States, in the act of breathing life into its corporal substance, and staggering at the amount of organization to be performed to perpetuate national existence, warmly welcomed Adjutant-General Cooper's offer of services, because they found in such a proposal the master mind, the perfect knowledge and vast experience, necessary to put the intricate machinery into successful operation. The President of the Confederate States had served as Secretary of War in Pearce's Cabinet, and was thus brought into close official relations with General Cooper in the discharge of the latter's duties as Adjutant-General in the United States army. No one knew better than he did the character and qualifications of the soldier who joined him at Montgomery, Alabama. His clear conception of this fact was at once manifested by placing him at the head of the Adjutant and Inspector-

General's Department, and afterwards making him a full general-the first on the list of five-the remaining four being Generals Albert Sydney Johnston, Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston and Beauregard, holding respective rank in the order named.

During the four long years in the life of the Confederacy, General Cooper fully discharged the onerous duties confided to him with a fidelity, an exactness, a loyalty and an honesty, which, whilst perfectly consistent with his conscientiousness and ability, gave great satisfaction to the army and the country.

It is indeed difficult to place a proper estimate upon the value of his service during that trying period, so great was his capacity for work.

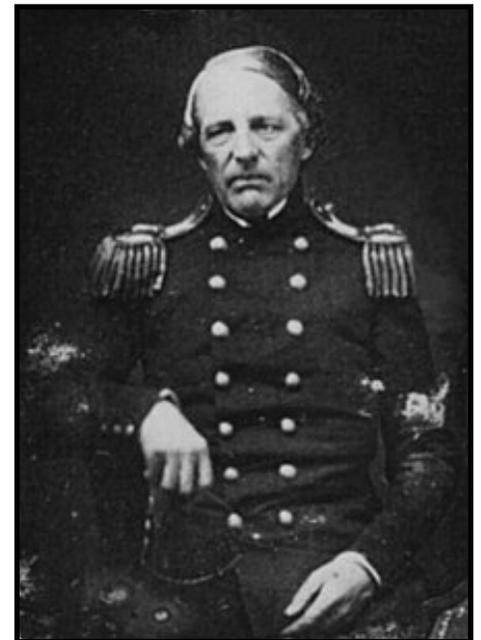
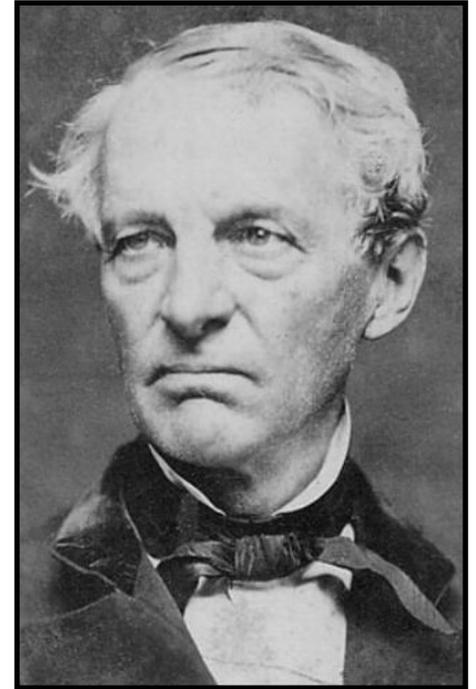
Punctiliously and unceasingly he daily discharged the great duties of his office, and at night, when others sought relaxation and rest, in a room in his private residence, his work was steadily carried forward. At the termination of the war, General Cooper returned to his country seat near Alexandria, Virginia, to find his home in ruins.

His house had been torn down and destroyed by the Federal troops, and upon the eminence, in its stead, a Federal fort had been erected.

Adding to another house, which before the war had been his manager's, the remaining years of the old hero were quietly and peacefully passed.

General Cooper died upon the 3rd of December, 1876, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord." For many years before his death he

was a conscientious and consistent communicant of the Episcopal church. His bereaved family can indeed find consolation, in their irreparable loss, in the belief: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."





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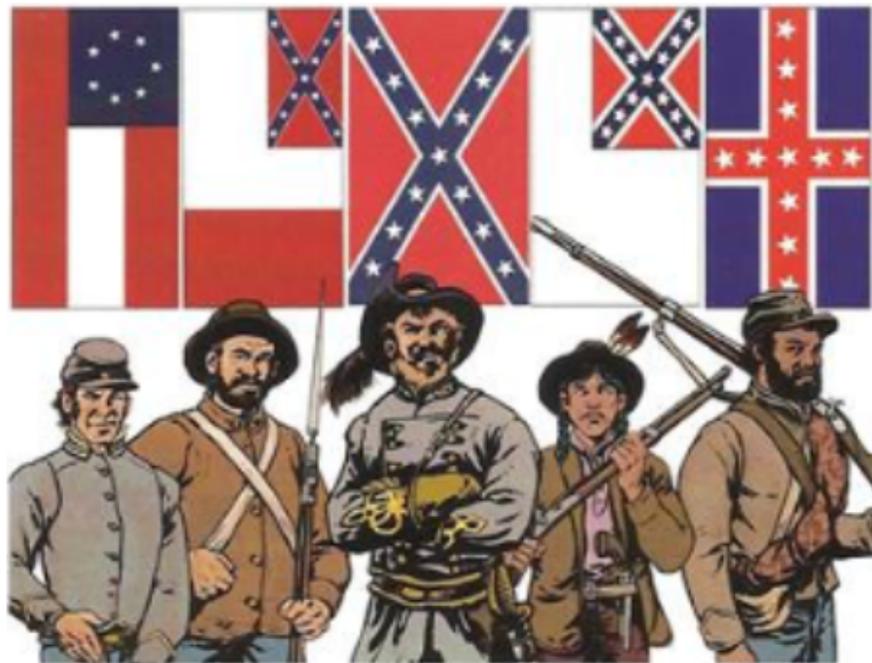


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