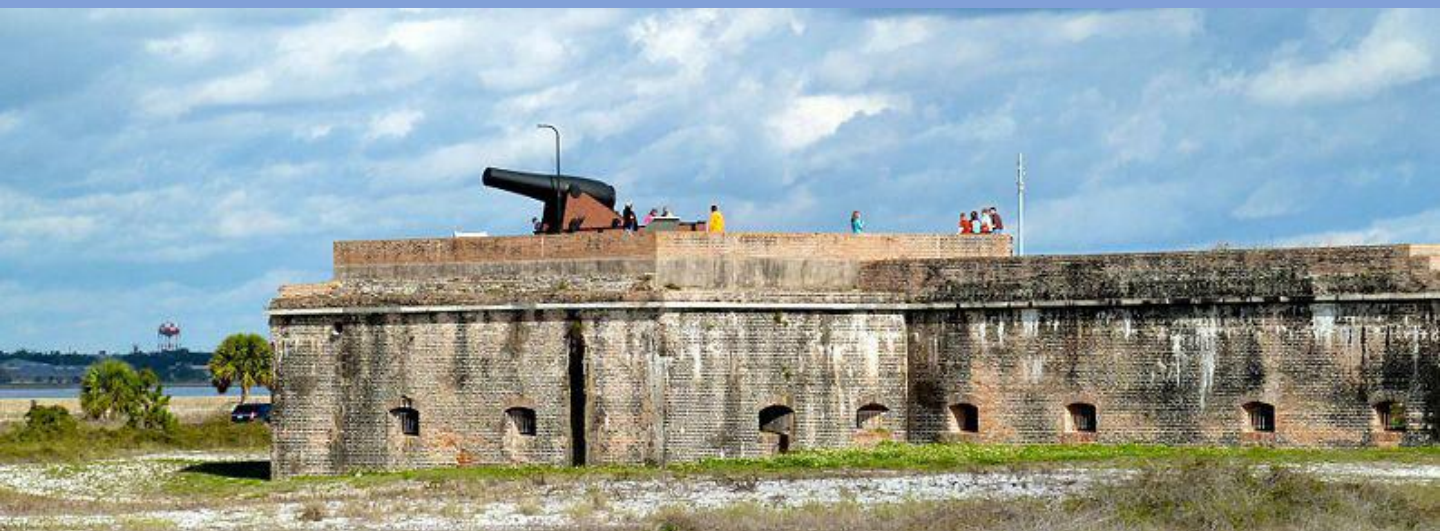




Col. E. W. Taylor Camp No. 1777
Sons of Confederate Veterans
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Join us on Thursday evening, June 29 at The Catfish and Company Restaurant as our friend, Kip Wright, presents to us the story of Fort Pickens, Florida, in the bay near Pensacola.

It has an interesting history, having stayed in Union hands throughout the WBTS, and was not decommissioned until 1947.

Now that the days are getting a little longer you can escape some of the afternoon heat by joining your SCV comrades for some hot fish and cool drinks.



Let's welcome Mr. Wright by turning out to hear his presentation. This editor believes it may be the first one on this subject presented to this camp. Join us, y'all!

Confederate Lives Still Matter

Thanks to Compatriot Joe Wade & Co. for a memorable May program at his “museum”



Joe Wade (left), one of our most active and supportive members, welcomed 35 of us (9 Taylor members, 6 M. T. Johnson members, 5 Friends of the SCV, and 15 guests) to his amazing museum of historical items he and his wife, Linda, have collected across the years.

At this meeting we also swore in a new member, Cody Sheppard, second from left below. He was sworn in by (l-r) Commander Rich McCook, Compatriot Sheppard, First Lt. Clay Fitzhugh, and Adjutant James Alderman. At right in the red

pants is Compatriot Terry Theiss' wife, Pat. We welcome Compatriot Sheppard, who lives in Weatherford.



More photos from our May meeting at Joe's place



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Best-ever Memorial Day at Mt. Gilead



This year's observance, sponsored by the Mt. Gilead Cemetery Association, the Keller Rotary Club, and the Golden Triangle Rotary Club was attended by a estimated 400 people. We had ***fourteen*** people in the firing line !

They included men portraying Colonial Militia, the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Texas Revolution, both Confederate and Union soldiers in the WBTS, WWI, WWII/Korea, and the Vietnam War, representing several local heritage groups.

The men participating included Ron Turner, Dan Hamilton, Mike Fairchild, Kevin Shellman, Van Cunnningham, Drake Peddie, Jim Young, Robert Gresham, Joe Wade, Paul Porter, James Alderman, Jake Behringer, Mark Parkinson and Gerry Geiger.

If we can get our hands on some photos of the firing line showing faces we'll try to run them next month. At any rate we'll let you know next month who portrayed what war and era.

Mt. Gilead on Memorial Day is always made special by the Frontier Brigade Band...



...two integral parts of which are E. W. Taylor members Rich McCook, below left, and Terry Theiss, below right. Good job!



Ten years ago this month in this newsletter

OUR ANCESTORS LIVED IN SOME FRIGHTENING TIMES



Dr. Robert Liston

Who among us has not daydreamed about going into battle? Would we be brave? Would we be scared out of our wits? What if we were wounded? Would it have been better to be killed outright?

Medicine generally, and surgery specifically, must have been horrifying to contemplate. Even though most WBTS amputations on both sides were done under anesthetics it hadn't been that long since anesthetics, hygiene, and the germ theory were unheard of.

One of the most famous surgeons in the pre-WBTS world was a Scot named Robert Liston (1794-1847). He is certainly not to be confused with another famous doctor named Lister who was among the pioneers of

using hygiene to reduce mortality in patients. Liston's most famous case seems almost impossible to believe.

Speed was considered to be of the essence, in amputations especially. Most serious cases were not expected to survive anyway, and doctors were often callous.

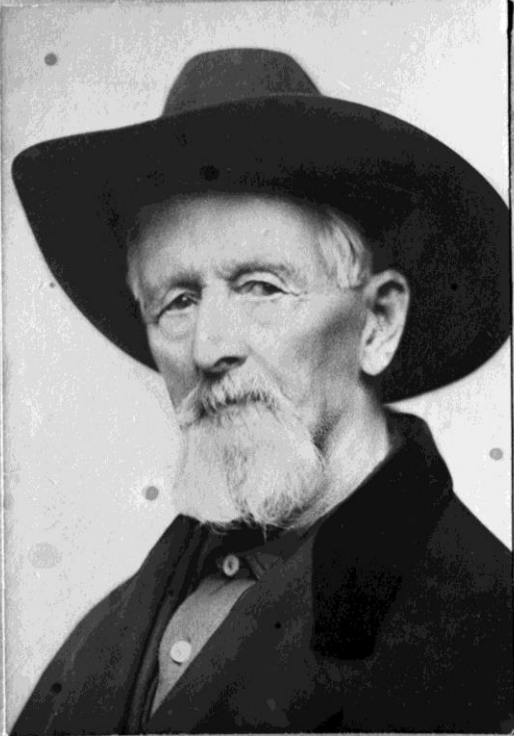
Liston was widely-known and disliked as a show-off. In his most famous case he managed to amputate the leg of a patient in just under two and one-half minutes. The patient died afterwards in a hospital ward from gangrene, as usually happened.

During that same hurried operation, he also accidentally amputated the fingers of his young assistant, who died afterwards of gangrene in the same hospital. He also slashed through the coat of a distinguished surgical spectator, who thought his own vitals had been cut and who dropped dead from fright on the spot.

We can't help but laugh at this distance in time. In addition to setting a speed record which still stands to this day, Liston managed also to have completed the first operation in history with a 300-per-cent mortality rate.

Pioneer Observes 85th Birthday by Aiding Red Cross

W. L. HURST.



Original used for newspaper photo.

W. L. Hurst—Pioneer Texan—celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday Saturday afternoon at his home near Hurst Lake by raising about \$100 for the benefit of the Red Cross. About 250 of his friends who attended the annual birthday festivities partook of a barbecue and donated various sums to the Red Cross fund.

Representing the Red Cross, Captain Godolphin of the One Hundred and Forty-first Infantry, City School Superintendent M. H. Moore and Mrs. G. Frank Coffey addressed the guests. A large number of candidates made short talks. They were introduced by Dr. W. M. Trimble.

105 years ago this month in the Startlegram— June 2, 1918

Long before the first train steamed into Tarrant county, W. L. Hurst, in 1870, came "across the trail" overland and settled within a mile of his present home. Hurst station was named for him. He came to this country in a two-horse wagon—driving from East Tennessee, the place of his birth.

Before he started on his tedious journey to this part of the country, Hurst was married to Miss Mary Ann Lynch in Kentucky, who died here six years ago.

The Tarrant county pioneer boasts of 100 grand children, the majority living in or near Tarrant county. He is the father of thirteen children, four being dead. His sons are M. S., N. R., James H., E. E., W. T. and W. C. Hurst. His daughters are Miss Eva H. Hurst, Mrs. Missouri Ann Huffman and Mrs. America Dell Souder.

In 1862, Hurst enlisted in the Confederate army under General Vaughn. Shortly after the battle of Gettysburg, where he was taken prisoner, he refused to take the oath of allegiance to the North. His refusal cost him sixteen months' liberty as he was confined in jail for this period of time.

For fifteen years the annual picnics have been held on June 1. Because of the United States being at war, a cost was put on the dinner which was served Saturday, the entire proceeds going to the Red Cross.

About 45 years ago your editor interviewed lots of Mr. Hurst's surviving grandkids and wrote a biography of him with lots of human-interest reminiscences; done entirely pre-computer. It can be found online at https://sites.rootsweb.com/~txtarran/citizens/william_letchworth-2.pdf

He died in 1922 and is buried at Bedford.

Remember to hold down CTRL and roll the top of mouse button away from you.

Say Hello to another NE Tarrant County Confederate !

CIVIL WAR ERA WAGON HIGHLY PRIZED HERE

On a grassy knoll near a farmhouse two miles northeast of Smithfield stands a wagon—an odd appearing, weatherbeaten old vehicle, that somehow seems strangely out of place even among the few that the motor driven tractors have not replaced on the modern farm.

To most of those who observe it, the vehicle is just another old wagon; to G. W. (Uncle Wash) Pemberton, however, it is his life's most treasured possession. The wheels that today support the sagging frame are the same that carried the 80-year-old veteran from Kaufman to Tarrant County 55 years ago as he cracked his bullhide whip over the tugging backs of a yoke of red oxen.

Constructed in 1863.

Built in 1863, nine years before "Uncle Wash" made the trek to settle on the little farm near Smithfield where he has lived continuously for more than 40 years, the old wagon has somehow hauled a defiance to wind, snow and sunshine, and is being used daily by the pioneer citizen to haul wood and corn about his farm. It is the oldest vehicle in Tarrant County and is believed to have been built in an old-time woodworking shop before any other now actually in use in the State.

In 1915, "Uncle Wash" was approached by a prospective customer who wished to buy the wagon and take it to the Panama-California Exposition in San Diego.

"Uncle Wash" refused the offer.

"I couldn't buy one today as good as it is," he declared.

Built in Dallas County.

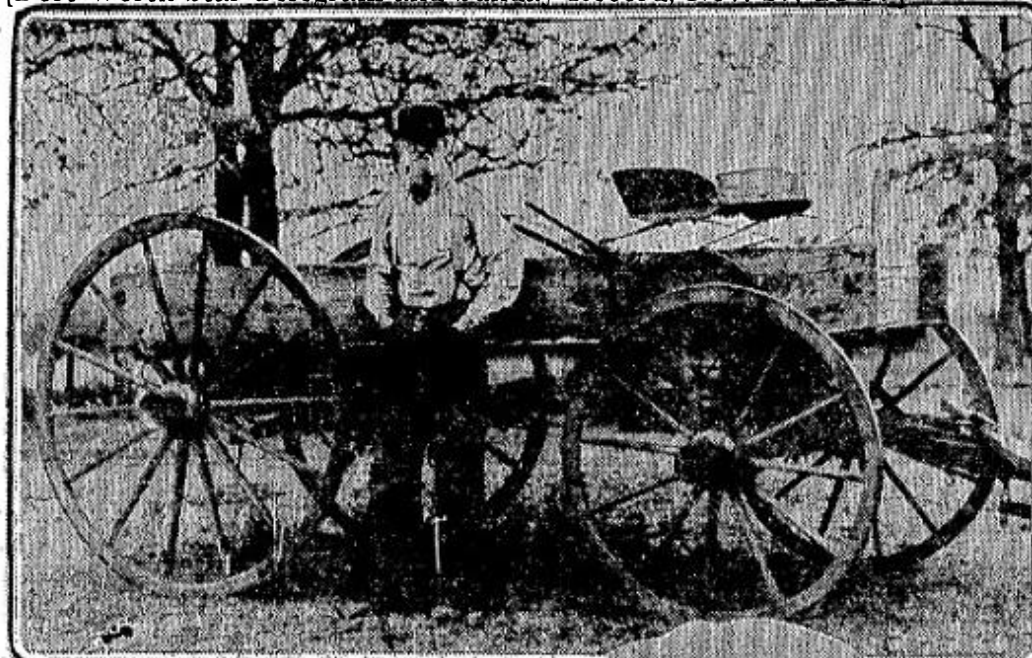
The old conveyance had its origin in a woodworking shop in Dallas County, where the County Orphan's Home now stands. Gideon Pemberton, father of "Uncle Wash," cut the bois d'arc in the East Fork River bottom in 1851, and after having the timber split and the folios saved out with a whipsaw, he soaked the wood in water for 12 months. Becoming ill, Gideon Pemberton sold the material he had assembled to Daniel Boone Badgley, who had been in his employ.

The Civil War had broken out and, after Badgley had constructed two of the wheels, he postponed his task of building the wagon, fearful that it would be seized and confiscated by the hard-pressed Confederate army. He later decided, however, to finish the job. Sixteen-year-old G. W. hauled wood in the wagon in '63 before he was mustered into army service.

"I remember it almost as if it happened yesterday," "Uncle Wash" recalled as he leaned against one of the wheels. "I drove two stores—Chalk and Brandy."

Wagon in Service for Half Century

[Fort Worth Star-Telegram and Sunday Record, Nov. 27, 1927]



—Star-Telegram Photo.

A wagon owned by "Uncle Wash" Pemberton, Smithfield pioneer, which is still being used on the aged man's farm though it has been in continuous service since 1863. Below, "Uncle Wash," who hitched a yoke of oxen to the vehicle and came to Tarrant County a half century ago.

Purchased for \$150.

After the war had ended "Uncle Wash" purchased the vehicle from the man who made it for \$150 in gold. Since then he has had numerous offers, but always turned them down.

"I could have bought one of them Northern kind, painted with striped paint, cheaper, but I knew when I laid eyes on this one that it was exactly what I wanted," he said.

Six tongues have been worn but in the long service to which it has been subjected and the bed and one wheel have been replaced, but other than these changes the vehicle remains exactly as it was when it was fashioned by hand 64 years ago.

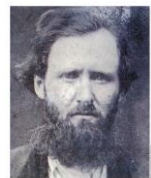
What will finally become of the old vehicle no one knows. "I haven't got much longer to live," the veteran farmer says, despite the fact that he hasn't taken a dose of medicine for years and admits that three people who came to his home to die left after gaining 20 pounds apiece. "I guess I'll leave it to my children so they can remember me by it, or maybe some museum may want it."

And he patted the rough spokes of the wheel almost affectionately.



Remember: Hold down the CTRL key and turn the top of your mouse key away from you.

Your editor was well acquainted with one of Mr. Pemberton's granddaughters, as well as several of her descendants. Mr. Pemberton died in 1929 and lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery. We were not aware of his Confederate service before we read this article a few days ago.



Sure sorry I couldn't make this one !!!



The footage you are about to see is of actual survivors of the 1876 Battle of the Little Bighorn, not of reenactors. In 1926, the survivors of the Battle of the Little Bighorn reunited to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the event. Surviving members of the Cheyenne and Sioux Tribes rode along side representatives of the U. S. Seventh Cavalry to signify an end to hostilities to heal a Nation.

More than 50,000 people attended the event. Sioux Chief White Bull (left) participated in the ceremony; he was 77 years old.

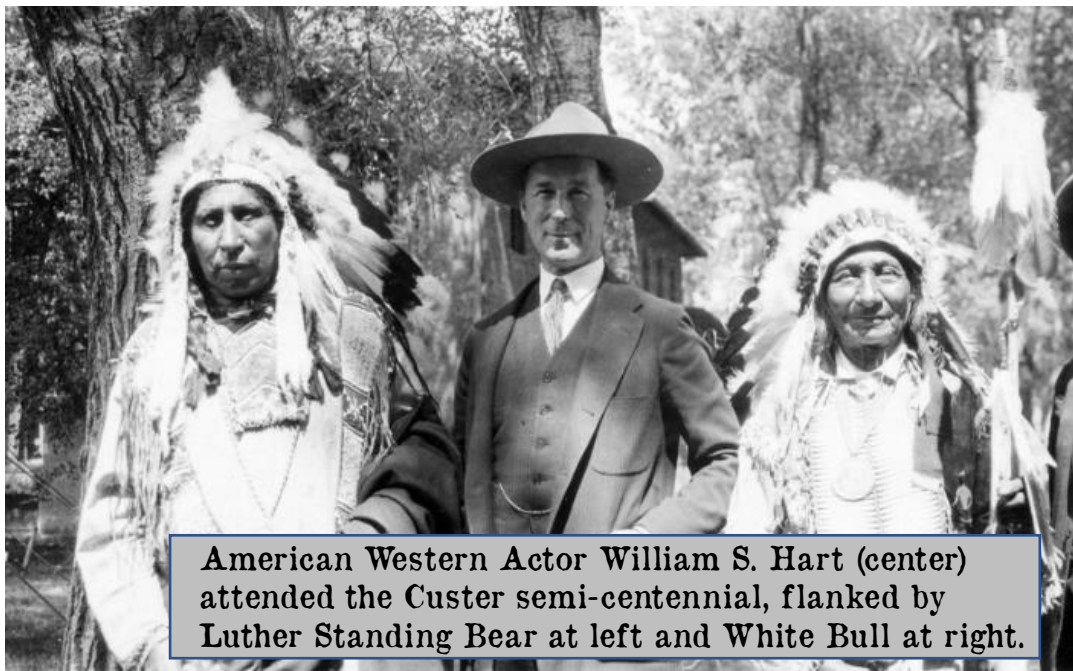


Medal of Honor winner and Army Brigadier General Edward S. Godfrey (above right) also participated at the age of 83. At the end of the ceremony White Bull and Godfrey shook hands as a sign of peace and friendship. This footage is property of the Denver Public Library.

https://www.google.com/search?q=LittleBig+Horn+Reunion&oq=LittleBig+Horn+Reunion&aqs=chrome..69i57j33i10i160.8467j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:93eb67c7,vid:Wld_WJ7oKCC

A Rapid City, SD photographer got some great shots during the construction of Mt. Rushmore, and was also present when the last survivors of the Little Bighorn met in 1948. This is a good way to spend about 6-1/2 minutes:

<https://www.pbs.org/video/photographing-the-last-little-big-horn-survivors-lrntwo/>



American Western Actor William S. Hart (center) attended the Custer semi-centennial, flanked by Luther Standing Bear at left and White Bull at right.

Around the Confederacy

Submitted by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh

Berryville, VA, *Winchester Star*, May 4, 2023

Appeals court denies group's bid for Confederate statue

"The Virginia Court of Appeals has upheld a Clarke County Circuit Court judge's decision to award possession of a Confederate statue in Berryville to the county government."

The court cases building up to this decision argued the ownership of the statue and small circle of land; the statue was erected in July 1900 outside the Clarke County courthouse by the Association of the Survivors of Clarke Cavalry. After the last member of the Association died, the county took over maintenance of the property, and has to this day.

The Turner Ashby SCV camp based in Winchester tried to assert ownership, based upon the fact that the SCV engages in activities very similar to those of the Survivors.

"Clarke County is currently working with consultants to develop a new way to interpret the courthouse grounds where the Confederate statue stands. A draft plan submitted in November includes new benches and a panel interpreting the monument's history and purpose. It also calls for a new memorial that highlights the county's African-American history."

https://www.winchesterstar.com/winchester_star/appeals-court-denies-groups-bid-for-confederate-statue/article_24d8d3b0-6fe0-5db3-a630-94c60c76edda.html



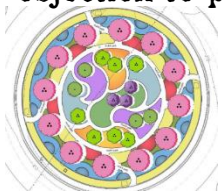
Richmond, VA, *6 News Richmond*, May 3, 2023

Richmond updates plan for what used to be Lee circle

The magnificent Lee statue which for decades stood at 1700 Monument Avenue in Richmond will be replaced with ornamental plantings this summer; unless some group with an

objection to plants and flowers emerges from the left, of course.

<https://www.wtvr.com/news/local-news/lee-circle-update-may-3-2023>



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Jackson, MSP, *Clarion Ledger*, May 8, 2023

Confederate monuments remain 'politically charged' in MS as forum tackles issue

This article tries to be fair and not take sides. But the sides are there at every meeting, and not likely to change in the face of things said and done in the recent past.

"The Mississippi state flag has changed, no longer bearing the Confederate battle flag. That doesn't mean, however, that symbols of the Confederacy aren't a controversial topic to many across the state.

An event held Thursday evening at two museums in Jackson tried to tackle the issue, discussing the symbolism and importance of public monuments in society. Experts called historical monuments, especially in the South, "politically charged."

<https://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2023/05/08/confederate-monuments-remain-politically-charged-in-mississippi-two-museums-forum-panel/70188386007/>

Jacksonville, FL, *Florida Times-Union*, May 8, 2023

All options remain for Confederate monuments after state bill dies in committee

Legislators have an option at their disposal which we as private citizens often use: ignoring the problem facing them for a while. I just watched another video about the decision to drop the bomb on Hiroshima. The Japanese in 1945 replied to one of our surrender demands by ignoring it; they killed it with silence, using the word "mokusatsu."

The Japanese people paid dearly for what was actually a mistranslation, but the damage was done.

Incalculable damage is being done to entire cultures which had evolved in the Southern Confederacy during the WBTS. Instead of trying to tell both sides accurately, one side is trying to completely erase the other as if it never happened. They are doing so by totally destroying, in many cases, memorials to people who are in most cases morally superior to the destroyers. Putting off decisions on hard questions isn't going to make it easier later.



<https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/local/2023/05/05/florida-wont-prevent-cities-from-removing-confederate-monuments/70184046007/>

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Submitted by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh

Gettysburg, PA, *witf+LNP*, April 26, 2023

Want to spend the night on the Gettysburg Battlefield? You might be able to very soon.

The NPS will make four historic houses available essentially as an Airbnb rental and is looking for private businesses or people to manage the sites.

This is a very interesting article which has lots of excellent photographs and details about the battle itself. This seems like a very common-sense and workable program to help preserve the landmarks and use them for education.

<https://www.witf.org/2023/04/26/want-to-spend-the-night-on-the-gettysburg-battlefield-you-might-be-able-to-very-soon/>



Fort Hood, TX, *Fox News*, May 10, 2023

Fort Hood in Texas officially changes name to Fort Cavazos to remove Confederacy reference

No matter how many times you retell the story and how many spins you put on it, it's still a disgraceful insult to some brave Americans who were willing to put their lives on the line for our rights under the Constitution.

General Hood (right) is named only once in the article. Most of it is devoted to singing the praises of the first Hispanic to reach the rank of 4-star general in our Army. This editor respects his honorable service, but this whole process needed to be done without dishonoring so many brave and good men by renaming the bases which had borne their names for so long.



<https://www.foxnews.com/us/fort-hood-texas-officially-changes-name-fort-cavazos-remove-confederacy-reference>

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Fort Lee, VA, *whro Public Media*, May 9, 2023

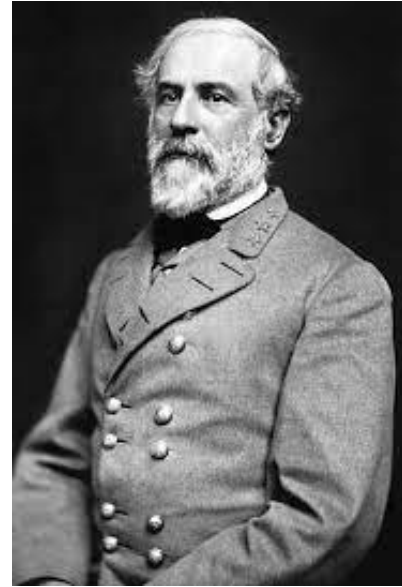
At 95, retired Black Army officer sees his name replace Robert E. Lee's at Petersburg base

Another story with a different slant about perhaps the greatest dishonor done in this whole renaming business. With every day that passes, General Robert E. Lee's stock goes up with real Americans who have some knowledge of history.

Absolutely no disrepute is being aimed at the distinguished soldier and gentleman the WOKE left has chosen as the namesake for this base, but there are other things in the US military establishment which could just as well have been named for him. Ditto for the other black officer, a woman, whose name will be beside his on the base's name.

The new man whose name will be on the sign at Fort Lee said of him, "...Lee had been a West Point graduate and was considered a capable army officer early on in his career." The rest of the article is a retelling of the new man's army career.

<https://whro.org/news/local-news/38164-retired-african-american-general-speaks-out-on-replacing-lee>



Lexington County, SC, *Cola CD Daily*, May 9, 2023

State, some county offices closed Wednesday in observance of Confederate Memorial Day

"Residents heading down to State and Lexington County offices on Wednesday will find locked doors in observance of Confederate Memorial Day. The holiday is observed every year on May 10, and South Carolina is among a handful of states in

the South with such an official holiday. South Carolina chose May 10 because it was the day Confederate Gen. Thomas' Stonewall' Jackson died in 1863 after his troops wounded him and also the day Union soldiers captured fleeing Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Georgia in 1865." This is the entire article.

https://www.coladaily.com/communities/batesburg_leesville/state-some-county-offices-closed-wednesday-in-observance-of-confederate-memorial-day/article_9faba0d4-ee93-11ed-a5e6-9be7298d9ff5.html

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Richmond, VA, *abc8NEWS*, May 18, 2023

Black-owned Richmond company chosen to revitalize former site of Robert E. Lee statue on Monument Avenue

"The company has also announced a project timeline for when the space will be reopened to the public." Realistic expectations are that the new project could have an economic impact on the community reaching into the double digits (more than \$9.99).

<https://www.wric.com/news/local-news/richmond/black-owned-richmond-company-chosen-to-revitalize-former-site-of-robert-e-lee-statue-on-monument-avenue/>



Collier Co., FL, *The Daily Beast*, May 19, 2023

Pro-Confederacy Teacher Complains About School District's Probe

Jonathan Papanikolaou, the teacher referenced in this article, seems to be an intelligent, well-rounded, teacher with lots of pre-education experience. He is the type of person we need to slowly start rebuilding/erasing the revisionist history which has been pushed and taught in recent years. We only wish he had a wider viewership than a middle-school.



<https://www.thedailybeast.com/pro-confederacy-manatee-teacher-files-counter-complaint-against-school-district?ref=scroll>



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Teacher will not be disciplined for "Confederate History" vi...

While it's common for teachers to show videos during class, thi...

Union and Confederate States



THE NATIONAL CRISIS.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTH.

Florida Secedes from the Union.

SECESSION TRIUMPHANT IN LOUISIANA.

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Collier Co., FL. *WINK*, May 18, 2023

Manatee Middle School investigation into Confederate video has ended

Overall, the school board has reached a correct decision in deciding not to discipline Mr. Papanikolaou for making and presenting his video to his middle-school audience as a part of the morning announcements. Interestingly, the teacher in question is not even named in this article, even though he was in an article the next day in a different publication. One resident seems to actually believe "*history has changed*" and that new presentations should reflect those changes.

<https://winknews.com/2023/05/17/confederate-history-month-video-investigation-at-manatee-middle-school-ends/>

Career Opportunities: Next time you hear a young person complaining about not being able to find an interesting job, share this link with him. Good pay.

https://www.instagram.com/p/Csj9aWcgzxZ/?img_index=1

Around the Confederacy

Submitted by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh

Knoxville, TN, *Knoxville News Sentinel*, May 12, 2023

This Navy place of honor now bears Farragut's name after the Confederate one was stripped

In the latest act of disregard and dishonor toward members of the Confederate Army and government, the name of Confederate Admiral Franklin Buchanan (1800-1874) (at right) has been stripped from the Superintendent's Quarters at the U. S. Naval Academy. Now, the U.S. Navy has honored a Knoxville, [Tennessee] native, stripping away the name of



Buchanan from the Superintendent's Quarters and renaming it after Admiral David Farragut, one of the Yankees' naval heroes during the WBTS. Predictably, the last paragraph of the story blames all these changes on the killing of an eight-times convicted felon in 2020 by police in Minnesota

<https://www.knoxnews.com/story/news/local/2023/05/12/naval-academy-home-renamed-admiral-david-farragut/70204902007/>



Richmond, VA, abc8NEWS/May 15, 2023

Civil War structures found underneath CoStar construction site

"According to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the tunnel-like structure is identified in the Virginia Cultural Resource database as an archaeological resource that was part of the old Confederate Arsenal and Armory in Richmond."

Ironically, Mr. Florance, who is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of CoStar Group, said..."it is exciting when you discover something like that tunnel, and it just brings that rich history of Richmond to life."

So did all the monuments in Richmond on Monument Avenue, and all the other Confederate memorials and monuments in Richmond which were visible in places of honor. That is, of course, before the City of Richmond systematically destroyed them, aided by the media which glorified and gave lots of publicity to all those acts of defamation and destruction.

<https://www.wric.com/news/local-news/richmond/civil-war-structures-found-underneath-costar-construction-site/>

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Gettysburg, PA, *LIVE SCIENCE*,
reprint of an earlier published story

Archeologists find unexploded artillery shell under Gettysburg battlefield

This interesting relic was found at the Little Round Top site where thousands of men from both sides died on July 2, 1863. The National Park Service is currently re-landscaping the area, doing archeological work,

adding signage, and scanning the area with metal detectors.

This shell, about 7 inches long and weighing about 10 pounds, could conceivably still explode. Not long ago a loaded flintlock pistol was found at Jamestown and the restorers were able to extract the two lead balls and remnants of the black powder from it. Sadly, the Army's 55th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company was called to remove the shell and destroy it safely. Interesting article with lots of ancillary info.

<https://www.livescience.com/archaeologists-find-unexploded-artillery-shell-under-gettysburg-battlefield>

Rock Island, Illinois, *Military Times/Observation Post*, May 24, 2023

Revolver of Confederacy's Jefferson Davis fetches \$470K at auction

This is a very interesting article with lots of details about the federals' capture of Jeff Davis in Georgia on May 10, 1865. It references and quotes several of the men who were there and took part in the action themselves. The handgun's ownership history is detailed and includes the story of the man who actually took it from Davis' and owned it for just a few moments.

This silver-plated pistol, and a whole slew of authenticating paperwork, probably will wind up being the subject of a book on its own. The auction of militaria, of which it was part, fetched \$22 million in revenue, and included items from several wars, time periods, and countries in addition to the Confederate States of America.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/off-duty/military-culture/2023/05/25/revolver-of-confederacys-jefferson-davis-fetches-470k-at-auction/>



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Three articles about a species long thought extinct, but well-known to our Confederate ancestors who lived in its historic range.

Coincidentally, a handful of these birds have recently been “re-discovered” in the old Confederacy, in old-growth river bottom forests in Louisiana and Arkansas. Your editor thinks he remembers that the Dallas Museum of Natural History has one or more specimens collected decades ago in the Trinity bottoms in Dallas County. The only similar species, also crow-sized, is the pileated woodpecker, which is seen fairly often in the wooded areas east of Dallas and on across the South to the Atlantic.

The first article is more general in nature and is to be found at:

<https://explorersweb.com/ivory-billed-woodpecker/> Two articles dealing with recent sightings which seem to be reliable may be seen at: <https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2023/05/18/ivory-billed-woodpecker-not-extinct-national-aviary-pittsburgh/stories/202305170136> and https://news.yahoo.com/iconic-bird-feared-extinct-decades-164405962.html?soc_src=yahooapp

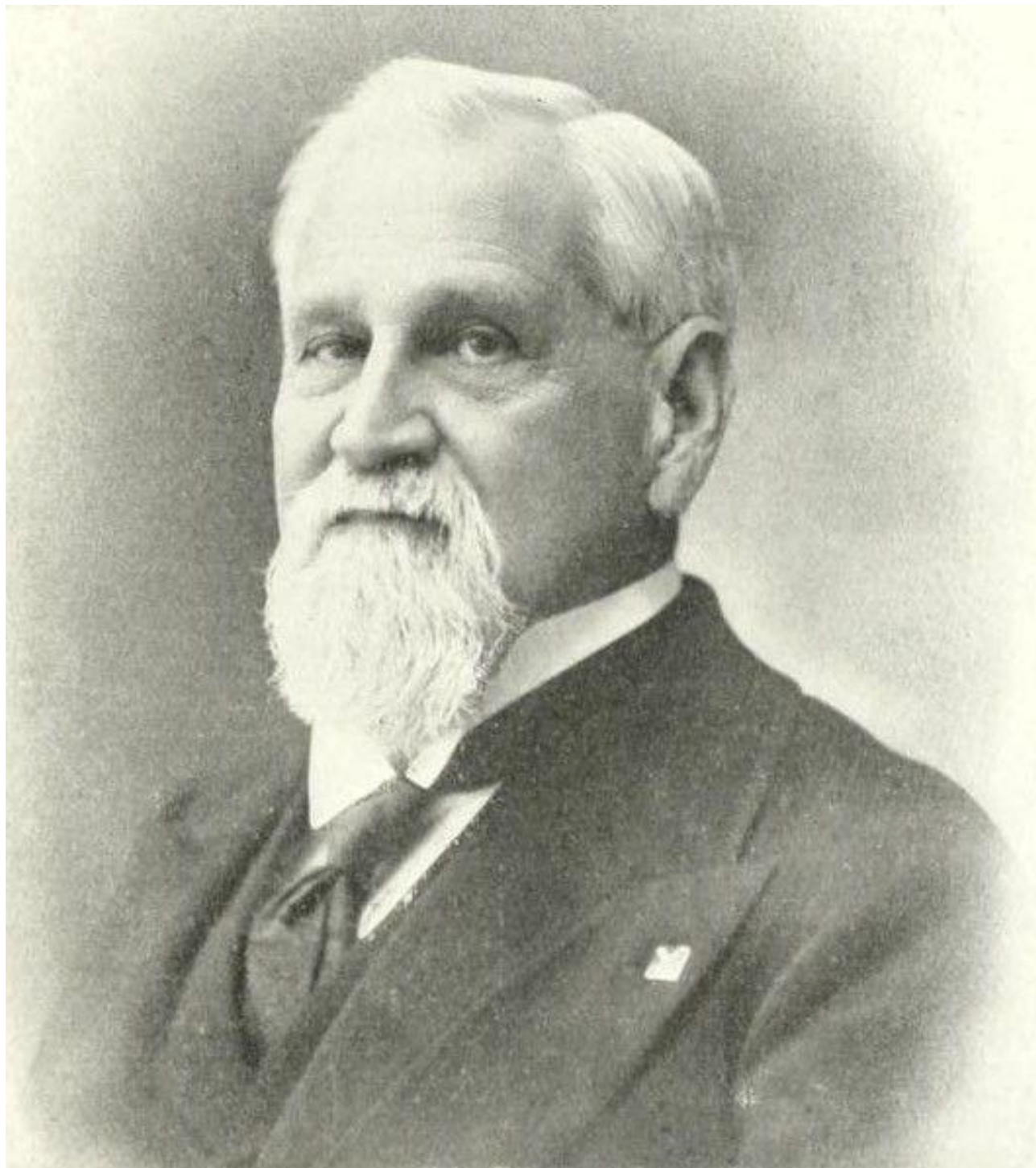
Another part of the natural world which was of paramount importance to our Confederate ancestors was the American chestnut tree. About 99 per cent of them died as a result of an introduced blight.



At the turn of the 20th century all this began to change when a deadly blight was introduced in the US, and within about 50 years nearly all of them were gone. The chestnuts now sold here are introduced European or Asian species or imports.

It's not extinct. The blight can't kill the underground root systems. Old stumps still grow vigorous shoots, but the blight inevitably gets them. Very interesting tree we'll deal with in a later article. Some experts consider it “functionally extinct.”

This month's Word Search



On the next page you will find a grid containing 25 key words which appear in General Stephen Dill Lee's 1906 Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Make yourself a copy of the next page, and see how many of them you can find without looking at the word list on the last page of this newsletter.



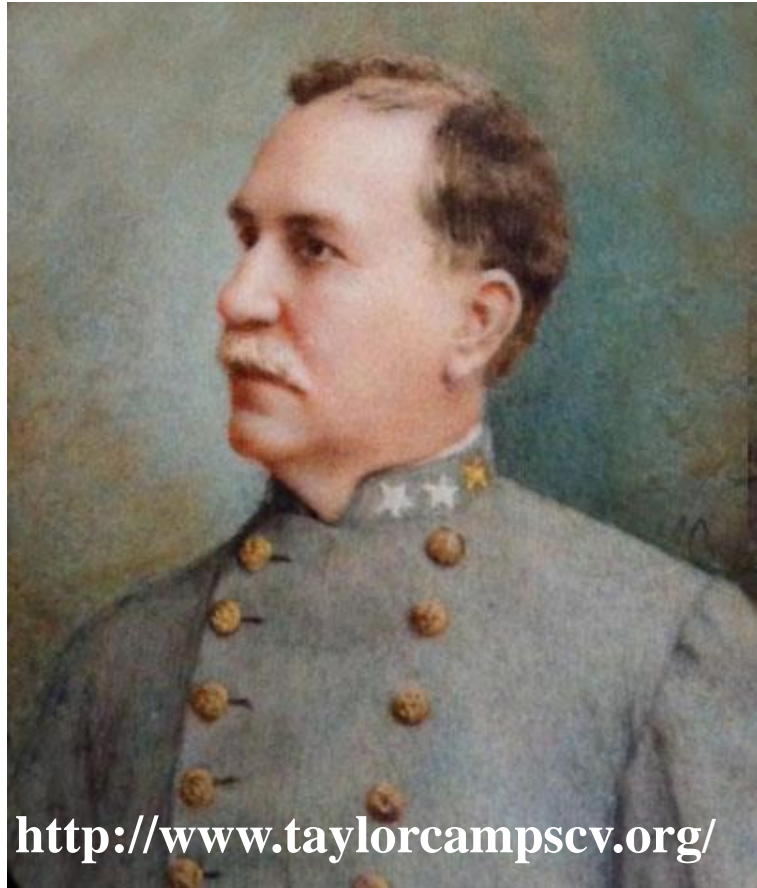
Print yourself a copy of this page in which are hidden 25 key words in General S. D. Lee's Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. See how many you can find without looking at the list on the back page of this Newsletter. Good exercise for us both.

Who are we? We are the Col. Ennis Ward Taylor Camp #1777

Our meetings are on the last Thursday of each month, except November and December when we don't meet because it would always conflict with the holidays. We eat at 6:30, meet at 7:00, and adjourn by 8:30.

Each month's program announcement is always on the first page of this newsletter.

We meet at the Catfish and Company restaurant in Hurst, Texas, along the north side of the Airport Freeway and on the access road west of Precinct Line Road.



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