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Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans:

“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 soldiers’ 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,
Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana
April 25, 1906*

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JUNE MEETING

July 16, 2009, 7:00 pm
Sweet Sue’s Family Resturant

SPEAKER: John Garburth
**TOPIC: Railroads During the
Civil War**

From the Commander

With July comes the celebration of our Nation's birth. Let us not forget that many of our ancestors who fought in the War of Northern Aggression had parents and grandparents who fought in the American Revolution. July is a somber month for the Confederacy. The siege of Vicksburg and the Battle of Gettysburg ended on July 4th. For 80 years after the siege of Vicksburg, city officials refused to celebrate Independence Day! As we celebrate Independence Day and enjoy the summer activities of July, take time to remember all of your ancestors who fought for freedom and the life the South so cherishes. From the American Revolution to the sands of Iraq, Southerners have always fought for freedom.

I want to take time to thank everyone who attended the state reunion in Waco. The Douglas Camp had all nine delegates present. Our members attended the business sessions and conducted business in a professional manner. Several members received individual awards, and the Douglas Camp received a five star "Award of Excellence." This is a good camp, and it is because we have good members.

The national reunion is coming up in a few weeks. We will discuss amendments and any national business at our July meeting, so please try to attend

and support your Camp.

I realize that everyone is busy during the summer, but if you have missed some of the meetings, you have missed some great programs. Cliff has really worked hard to bring quality speakers to our camp. Have a safe July. See you the 3rd Thursday at Sweet Sues.

Yours in the Cause,
Dan Horton, Commander
God Bless the South and God Bless Texas

From the 1st Lt. Commander

Wow, June has been one heck of a hot month! Can you imagine what it was like this time of year back in the early 1860's when our guys were marching all over the Southern States? Their physical discomfort was exceeded only by their ire of the Yankees who were trying to annihilate their (and our) beloved homeland. For each drop of blood and for each one who would never return to their loved ones, we owe, as Sons of Confederate Veterans, our never ending devotion to their memory and sacrifices. God bless our South and the souls of those men who fought to preserve its dignity!

The program during our May camp meeting, brought by Dr. James Dailey, MD, was interesting and thought-provoking. We had a good attendance, but I wish ALL of our members could have been there. It was an opportunity to increase our educational level about the War and certain aspects of the War which we seldom have the opportunity to consider. My thanks to compatriot Leland Carter for his assistance in arranging the June.

The program for July 16th will be brought by John Garbuth who is highly informed and an author on "Railroads During the Civil War." Once again we'll have the opportunity to learn things about the War that we don't often think much about but things, never-the-less, that were critical to our conduct of the War. Please mark your calendar, attend and bring a friend and/or potential compatriot.



As I have noted before, the James P. Douglas Camp

of the SCV is well blessed by compatriots who have knowledge about certain aspects of the South and the War. We have already heard, this year, some of those members who shared their knowledge to our benefit. At the August 20th camp meeting, our fellow member and compatriot, Dr. Tom Clinkscale, will present his excellent program on "Flags of the Confederacy." The first time I saw his program at a reenactment, I learned things that I never knew I didn't know. This program will be well appreciated by all compatriots, but especially those who are somewhat new to our membership. So, again, mark your calendars and keep a watchful eye on the "Calendar of Events" each month in this publication....the *Douglas Dispatch*.

As we prepare for and look forward to attending the National SCV Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas, during the third week of July, I look forward to seeing you at our July 16th Tyler Camp meeting!!

God Bless the South and its Heritage,
Cliff Johnson
1st Lt. Commander

From the Adjutant

All current camp members should have received their dues renewal forms in the mail by the time you read this. I received mine on July 6th. This is the second year that the Division has mailed our renewals. In a effort to help with the retention of members, Division made the decision last year to try this. It is viewed as a success because the Texas Division membership grew by 5%. They are also helping to relieve some of the burden formerly placed on your Camp Adjutant.

These statements are sent to all current members, even if you have already paid your dues, and all members who have not renewed their dues in the past two years.

If you do not receive your renewal, then your address at National is probably incorrect. If you let me know, I will correct your address and see that you receive a renewal form.

To save the cost of mailing, anyone can bring their renewals to the camp meeting. Otherwise, please mail it to me.

There are six Optional Giving categories where you can make a donation, if you so chose. Just check the box and add the amount of the donation to the dues you need to pay.

I would like to thank all those in the past who have been Dixie Donors and made donations to help with the cost of publishing this Camp Newsletter. The *Dispatch* still is the largest reoccurring expense we have each year.

If you attended the Texas Division Reunion, I hope you enjoyed the experience. I hope you've made plans to attend the National Confederation in Hot Springs. After all, you can go for the Convention and stay for a vacation!

See you at the meeting on the 16th!

God Bless Dixie!
Cooper Goodson, Jr.
Adjutant

Brigade News

Compatriots:

As many as you know the SCV National Reunion is this month in Hot Springs, Arkansas. There will be several things on the agenda that will be voted on. Several of these appear to be "house keeping" stuff, but some appear more important.

1. The question of making the Commander's term a three-year term. The various Army Commanders' remain at two years. I do not like this since it would seem to preclude any army officers from moving up unless they wait a year. I see no real use for this.
2. Make the minimum of fifteen members to start a camp. I am very against this. As many of you know, it is hard enough to get seven members to start a camp, let alone fifteen. Camps could fall below fifteen after chartering and still be a camp.
3. Allowing each Army Commander to place a member on the Disciplinary Committee to preclude the CIC from being able to "stack" the Committee. I am in favor of this.

If you have comments on these, please let me know. I hope to see some of you at Hot Springs.

It has been great to see the many things that camps are doing this summer. In the past, the heat has caused a slow down in activities, but that does not seem to be the case this year. Keep up the good work and stay cool.

I look forward to visiting each Brigade Camps over the next months. I have been out of town and busy around here so I have been slow getting started. I will get up to speed soon. Please feel free to contact me at anytime for any reason. I am very proud to be

your Brigade Commander and look forward to growing this Brigade. I know the EAST TEXAS BRIGADE will continue to be the best and most active in the state.

Respectfully,
JOHNNIE HOLLEY
Commander
East Texas Brigade

The Richard B Hubbard Chapter



Military Order of Stars and Bars

We are looking for new members.

If you have an ancestor that was an officer or served in the Confederate Government,
contact

Dan Horton, dhorton383@hotmail.com, or
Tom Clinkscales, tomclink@hotmail.com,
about membership.



The James M. Keller Camp #648 of Hot Springs,
Arkansas
~ Invites you to ~

The 2009 Sons of Confederate Veterans National
Reunion!

July 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th
Come for a Reunion, Stay for a Vacation!

For further information, please go to
www.scv2009reunion.com/

Report on the 2009 Texas Division Reunion

The 2009 Texas Division Reunion is now history.
We were well represented with 9 delegates present.

New officers were elected as follows:

Comander Ray James
1st Lt Granvel Block
2nd Lt Mark Vogl
3rd Lt David Moore
Adjutant Ray Wainner

New officers were elected for the Brigades. The new officers for our East Texas Brigade are as follows:

Commander Johnnie Holley
1st Lt Jim Bentley
2nd Lt Dale Roberts

Here are a few pictures from your convention. Hope you enjoy!



More pictures can be accessed at the Division website

http://web.mac.com/ausborn4/Southern_Legacy/Texas_Division_Reunion_2009.html#grid

Calendar of Events

- Jul 16 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: John Garbuth
TOPIC: Railroads During the Civil War
- Jul 22-25 2009 SCV Confederation Reunion**
Hot Springs, Arkansas <http://www.scv2009reunion.com/>
- Aug 20 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: Compatriot Dr. Tom Clinkscales
TOPIC: Flags of the Confederacy
- Sep 17 Capt James P Douglas Meeting – 7:00 pm**
Sweet Sue's Restaurant SPEAKER: Dr. Jerry Hopkins
TOPIC: "Great Revival During the Civil Wat" - Robert E Lee & Stonewall Jackson

Emma Sansom OCR Chapter News



CONGRATULATIONS EMMA SANSOM MEMBERS! We received recognition for all the work we do! Thanks to each of you! Without everyone working, we would not have received the TSOCR Gold Leaf Award! The Gold Leaf Award is awarded to an OCR chapter in good standing, who has worked

the hardest or done the most for Heritage Defense. In other words, Ladies and Gentlemen, Emma Sansom was the most outstanding OCR chapter in the State of Texas. If anyone would like to read the report I sent in, please email me and I'll send you a copy!

Again, I am so PROUD of our chapter! Now everyone get to work! Keep a record of all you do during the year so when I put out the call for your report worksheet next May, it won't be a difficult task!

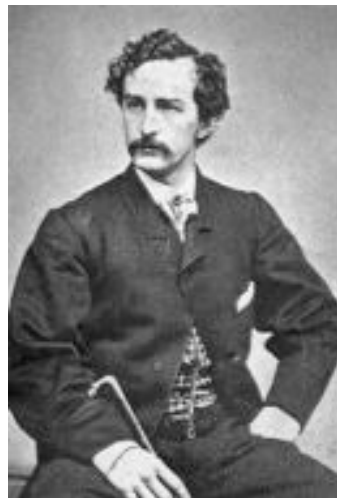
Congratulations AGAIN!

BTW Please put Sunday, September 13, on your calendar as the next meeting!

Mary June Goodson President
Emma Sansom OCR Chapter #31

The Untold Story of John Wilkes Booth

A video can be found on YouTube where a descendant of John Wilkes Booth shares the oral family history and research from his book, *The Curse of Cain*, dealing with the escape of Lincoln's assassin. He has some interesting theories about Lincoln's murder and Booth's involvement. You can purchase the book at your local book store or at Amazon.com. The video can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcozhHMq3U&feature=related>



You can find other videos about this on the same page.

Confederate Veterans Convention -- 1914!!

The website below contains a silent, black and white film that was produced with titles. It shows the meeting of 40,000 Confederate war veterans in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1914. They dance to fiddle music. Many cars, horses, bands and flags are shown. The veterans are shown dining together in a mess tent. An electric street car goes by during a section titled 'Sons of Confederate Veterans Parade.' An African-American loyal to the

Confederacy is shown, as well as the 'youngest vet.' Produced by Mackey and Coutant Film Co.; sponsored by Florida Commercial Sound Films of Jacksonville. (WARNING The site does take several minutes - even with high speed internet - to download, but is well worth the time.)

<http://www.floridamemory.com/PhotographicCollection/video/video.cfm?VID=2>

In Honor of Independence Day

Found some SUPER videos on YouTube about our *Star Spangled Banner* and its history. The documentaries are set to a video of pictures and lecture. Very educational!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDKfw8nysLA&NR=1>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsGVre6MhJs&NR=1>

and MANY more are available!!

PS Just key in a search for *Dixie* and listen to all the numerous videos of this and other Southern songs!



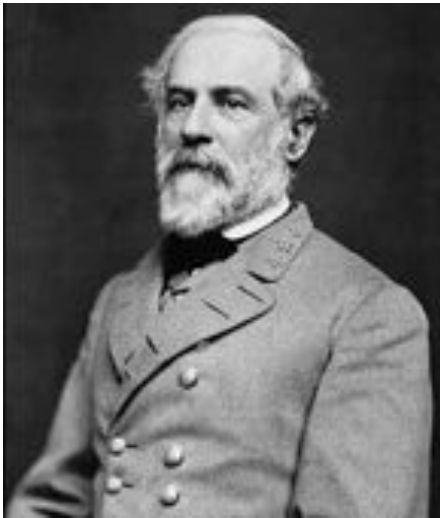
One of two Original 1812 Broadside

Civil War Surrender Letter Donated to AU

Auburn University has acquired an extremely rare artifact from the Civil War era; General Robert E. Lee's letter of surrender.

The University says it accepted the document as a donation from a very generous donor on April 10, 2009. That donor was identified as James L. Starr, a 1971 Auburn graduate.

"Something as historically important as this should be preserved for future generations," Starr said. "I knew Auburn's collection was the best place for it. Now it can be enjoyed by students, scholars and



the general public." The hand-written letter, dated April 9, 1865 was delivered on the same day as Lee's meeting with Ulysses S. Grant. The location: Appomattox Court House in northern Virginia.

Grant wrote a letter to Lee that same day outlining his terms of surrender: The surrender of all artillery and other weapons and an order of parole for all officers and enlisted men in Lee's army (a promise the prisoners of war wouldn't try to take up arms again.) Grant also sent Lee's officers and men home "not to be disturbed" as long as they didn't violate their parole.

The following day Grant apparently made a handwritten copy of the April 9 letter for posterity's sake, dating it April 10. That letter is also held in AU's possession. It's in the Special Collections room on the ground floor of the Ralph Draughon Library.

"Before the days of copy machines, it was common practice to produce more than one handwritten copy of important documents," said Dwayne Cox, head of Auburn Libraries Special Collections. "In 30 years as an archivist, I have never received an item of greater significance."

Many historians believe Grant's last provision was an attempt to prevent treason trials.

Kenneth W. Noe, professor of history at Auburn and an authority on the Civil War, called Starr's donation "a welcome addition to the university's holdings of letters, diaries and rare books" related to the conflict. Bonnie MacEwan, dean of libraries, commented that "gifts like Mr. Starr's give the Auburn University Libraries its distinct personality, making our collection unique."

Auburn University plans to put the Grant letter in the University's digital library along with many other Civil War manuscripts. That will probably take place near 2011 - The Civil War's sesquicentennial.

<http://www.wsfa.com/global/story.asp?s=10526034&ClientType=Printable>



"My Dear Sue"

Letters of Frontier Lawyer, John Jay Good

By accessing the website below, you will find some interesting insight into John Good who organized the Good Battery in Dallas which was destined to become our Douglas Battery.

As a frontier attorney, future Dallas District Court judge and mayor John Jay Good forded creeks on horseback, slept on the ground and in a smokehouse, was ambushed by fleas and bedbugs, and successfully used an insanity defense in an 1860 trial. This portrait of Good emerges from a small but extraordinary



collection of letters he wrote his new bride from September 19, 1854, through April 15, 1861. The collection, which recently surfaced in Arkansas, is housed at The University of Texas at Arlington Library Special Collections. Written home to his sweetheart,

the bulk of the letters details his travels through North Central Texas as he tended to his legal practice. Penned in widely varied locales the letters provide insightful descriptions of the personal and business affairs of a lawyer following the circuit of the District Court. They also divulge primitive conditions encountered on the frontier, the uncertain schedule of a frontier lawyer, and the heartache of long separations from loved ones.

Check out the copies of the actual letters and the remainder of the article by Brenda S. McClurkon at this site <http://texashistory.unt.edu/permalink/meta-pt-35087:6>

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The Difference Between the North and the South

The difference between the North and the South - at last, clearly explained....

The North has Bloomingdale's;
The South has Dollar General.

The North has coffee houses;
The South has Waffle Houses.

The North has dating services;
The South has family reunions.

The North has switchblade knives;
The South has Lee Press-on Nails.

The North has double last names;
The South has double first names.

The North has Indy car races;
The South has stock car races.

The North has Cream of Wheat;
The South has grits.

The North has green salads;
The South has collard greens.

The North has lobsters;
The South has crawfish.

The North has the rust belt;
The South has the Bible Belt.

FOR NORTHERNERS MOVING SOUTH.....In the South:

If you run your car into a ditch, don't panic. Four men in a four-wheel drive pickup truck with a tow chain will be along shortly. Don't try to help them, just stay out of their way. This is what they live for.

Don't be surprised to find movie rentals and bait in the same store..... PS Do not buy food at this store.

Remember, 'Y'all' is singular, 'all y'all' is plural, and 'all y'all's' is plural possessive.

Get used to hearing, 'You ain't from round here, are ya?'

Save all manner of bacon grease. You will be instructed later on how to use it.

Don't be worried at not understanding what people are saying. They can't understand you either.

The first Southern statement to creep into a transplanted Northerner's vocabulary is the adjective 'big ol' truck or "big ol' boy. Most Northerners begin their Southern-influenced dialect this way. All of them are in denial about it.

The proper pronunciation you learned in school is no longer proper ...

Be advised that "He needed killin'" is a valid defense here.

If you hear a Southerner exclaim, "Hey, y'all watch this," you should stay out of the way. These are likely to be the last words he'll ever say.

If there is the prediction of the slightest chance of even the smallest accumulation of snow, your presence is required at the local grocery store. It doesn't matter whether you need anything or not. You just have to go there.

Do not be surprised to find that 10-year olds own their own shotguns. They are proficient marksmen, and their mammas taught them how to aim.

In the South, we have found that the best way to grow a lush green lawn is to pour gravel on it and call it a driveway.

AND REMEMBER: If you do settle in the South and bear children, don't think we will accept them as Southerners. After all, if the cat had kittens in the oven, we ain't gonna call 'em biscuits!



LONG LIVE THE SOUTH!!!

GOD BLESS AND KEEP YA'LL!!!

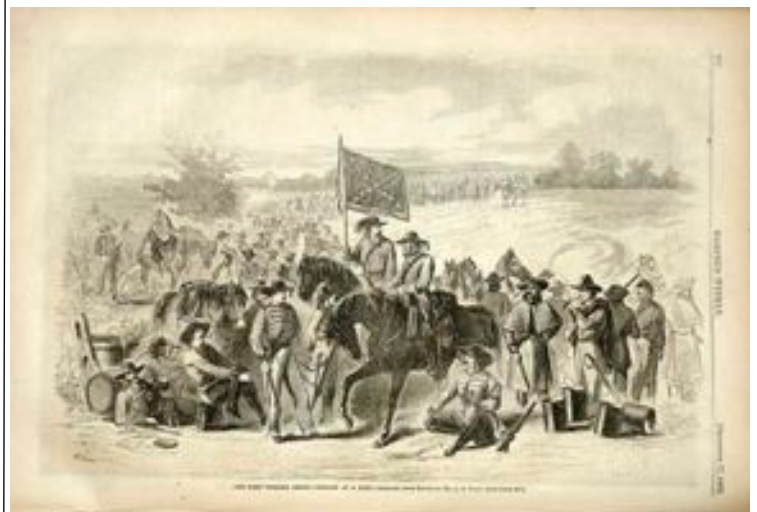


Image from the original September 27, 1862, edition of *Harper's Weekly* captioned, "The First Virginia (Rebel) Cavalry at a Halt."

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June 1, 2008-May 31, 2009

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The Public is Invited!