



# DCV TRAVELLER

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A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTERS IN TEXAS AND SOUTH CAROLINA

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Summer 2021

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**  
**Steve Lucas**



Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,  
I hope all of you are well and that those of you who are able have gotten your vaccine and are getting back out and about. I have not received any word of any of our fellow DCV members or their families being afflicted with Covid and I hope it remains that way. Please do your best to remain safe. Mask up if you feel the need and protect yourselves. We want you all around and healthy for a very long time to come.

I am happy to report that since our last edition of the *Traveller*, we have been successful in our battle to keep both the historical marker in place at the site of the Confederate Women's Home in Austin as well as in the battle to maintain the Landmark status of the site. Had we lost the Landmark status battle, the current property owners had vowed to tear down the former Women's Home and it would have been lost forever. The Texas Historical Commission has voted unanimously to maintain the Landmark status, thereby ensuring that the building(s) at the site will be preserved. It was touch and go for a while during the meeting, as the staff of the Historical Commission put on a presentation designed to give the Commissioners one more chance to vote on the side of the petitioner, including inviting the Executive Director

of the current property owner to appear in person to make a pitch on their behalf. Fortunately, the Executive Director was a no-show. She had previously, by telephone (in public session), blasted the Historical Commission...making an unfounded and spurious accusation that the DCV and I, in particular, had conspired behind the scenes against her and the agency she represents in their petition efforts. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. One of the Commissioners mentioned prior to his vote that the public sentiment in favor of maintaining the Landmark status of the site was influential in his vote. This reinforces what we have been saying all along; that your voice does matter and that your participation is vital in these efforts. Our thanks once again go out to our partners in this momentous effort and victory...Tami Hurley and the Texas UDC were major players and our good friend Martha Hartzog and her network of citizen soldiers were very influential in these efforts. Also, many thanks to all of our fellow DCV members who also took part. To everyone who contributed to the efforts to preserve the historical marker and to preserving the Landmark status – THANK YOU! This couldn't have been done without you.

The Texas Historical Commission has written new rules for removing historical markers and for reviewing/removing the landmark status of a location/property. With this in mind, anyone can file with that agency to move/remove a marker or remove a landmark status, including the agency we just defeated.

That's right, the battle we just won could start all over again at any time. We must remain vigilant, not only for another challenge but to be ready to fight again, and win again, at any moment. This battle took approximately eight months of hard work until final victory and there is no reason to believe the next one will be any less challenging. The Texas Historical Commission is under no obligation to even let us know that a challenge is taking place! We could be defeated without even knowing there was a fight. Take note, ladies and gentlemen...the enemy is at the gate. Don't let them in.

Unfortunately, the bills we were following in the Texas Legislature were not successful this time around and it is unlikely that they will be addressed in any special session called by the Governor. The monument preservation bill that had the best chance of passage made it out of the House but was not acted upon by the Senate. Given the current climate, it actually got farther than expected.

Coming up soon (probably August in Hillsboro) is our mid-year DCV Board meeting. Our plan is to have it in-person once again this year. Any DCV member is welcome to attend and if anyone has a topic they would like the Board to address, please let me or another Board member know. Details will be forthcoming.

I apologize for my allotted space being devoted so predominantly to the topic of the Confederate Women's Home but I see that as a significant victory in this "cancel culture" climate and a major step toward fulfilling the DCV mission. We did not seek that fight but when presented with it our organization did not hesitate to go into battle against a foe considerably larger and better funded than ourselves and we defeated them in a prolonged campaign where the odds were not in our favor. You may all be very proud of yourselves in how you stood up for your ancestors and for yourselves and did what needed to be done. The eyes of General Lee were upon you, as the saying goes, and you did not let him down. Thank you all for what you do every day.

God Save the Southland,  
Steve Lucas  
DCV Board President

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS



As editor of the DCV TRAVELLER it is my duty to report on a wide range of topics that include items of interest from members, chapter and association activities, and subjects I deem relevant and hopefully interesting to the members. I attend every meeting of the Board of Directors and report on the business conducted by that body.

In this edition of the *TRAVELLER* President Lucas in his message to the members appropriately thanked Texas Division UDC President Tami Hurley and Hoods Texas Brigade Association Re-Activated President Martha Hartzog for partnering with the DCV leading the fight to save the State of Texas Confederate Woman's Home and Historical Marker. President Lucas also thanked all who contributed by contacting the Texas Historical Commission with emails supporting the effort to save the home. I'm certain every contribution had an impact.

Taking it one step further, this easily could have all been lost with a "too little too late effort". Had it not been for DCV members Steve von Roeder and his wife Lyn driving on a route they normally do not take in order to see the marker they discovered to their horror the marker had been covered with a trash bag. Steve, President of the Austin area Capitol Chapter immediately put the DCV machinery into motion. It was learned the marker had been covered only a few weeks prior to the date of the DCV Board of Directors mid-year meeting. It was a major topic at the meeting.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS cont.

The Board formulated a plan to contact the Texas Historical Commission and identify the DCV as having "skin in the game" due to the DCV sponsoring and installing the marker.

The THC was contacted on August 25, 2020 and informed the DCV was on record as opposing AGE's requests. I began providing President Steve Lucas with emails and documents on file from the marker application process in 2012. I observed every action taken by President Lucas during the eight months AGE's requests were before the THC.

Without question President Lucas is deserving of being singled out and lauded for his monumental (no pun) effort that resulted in the victory. Trust me, AGE was on a path to obtain their desired outcome. President Lucas spent hundreds of hours communicating with THC staff and others, including obtaining through several FOIA requests documents and email exchanges between AGE and the THC regarding both the marker and the home. I dare say President Lucas became more of an expert on THC policy than even the THC staff.

Yes, the effort to save the home was a joint one. To be certain, without the leadership and massive amount of work by President Steve Lucas it is much more than likely AGE would have prevailed.



JOB WELL DONE SIR!

One year ago the DCV TRAVELLER included a "tale" submitted by DCV at-large life member Phillip Thomas. At the time Phillip's story was only partially told. Following a synopsis of that portion of the story, the TRAVELLER is delighted to include in this edition Phillip's "Rest of the Story".

A Grave Tale

Pvt William W. Winburn Co D 21<sup>st</sup>  
South Carolina Infantry  
By Phillip Thomas  
DCV at-large Life Member



I. Researcher and story teller:

My name is Phillip Thomas and I am a life member (at large) of the DCV, Texas Association # 0226. I am a genealogy/family history researcher with over 40 years' experience.

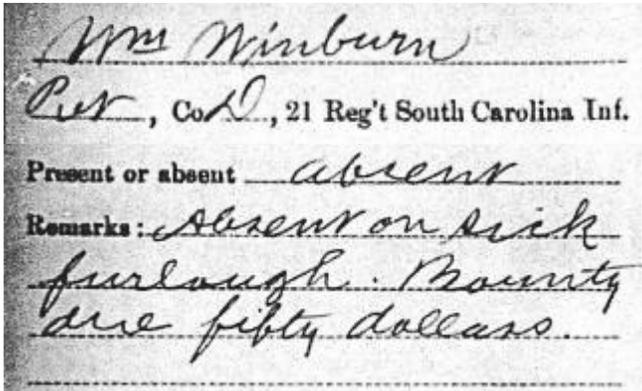
My interest in history and especially my Southern heritage began at an early age. I recall that the annual gathering at the local Confederate memorial in the nearby town of Cheraw was well attended. The last event was in 1959 the year I graduated from high school in that town.

At some point early in my life, I had heard of an event that would eventually lead to the aforementioned Confederate soldier and his stone.

### A GRAVE TALE: THE REST OF THE STORY Cont.

The story was of a widow, who along with two of her slaves made their way from our area to Richmond, Virginia to retrieve her husband's body. I knew the last name was Winburn.

She had learned her husband Pvt William W. Winburn was wounded in May of 1864 at the Battle of Port Walthall Junction and was moved to Chimborazro hospital in Richmond, where he died in August of 1864. With her two slaves she was able to claim his body after paying \$50 in gold.



February 1863 Muster Report

I was intrigued as to how that was possible. The part of her having to pay \$50 in gold for his body was hard to believe.

### **II. How the grave was found:**

After retiring in 2007 genealogy research became my passion. I found William and his wife Rebecca Ousley in my family tree and had found the vague location of where they lived in 1860. He was distantly related to me by marriage.

In 2017 I contacted SCV 1<sup>st</sup> in Secession Camp in Chesterfield County, South Carolina for assistance. A meeting was arranged at the office of the State Forest where we inquired about abandoned graveyards on State land.

With the cooperation of Sand Hills State Forrest Management we accompanied an inspection team. In the process we discovered two undocumented abandoned graveyards. I found just by chance the grave of William's wife, Rebecca Ousley, the very woman who had made the trip to Virginia to claim his body. At that moment I knew where William was buried and must admit it was an emotional moment. I promised Rebecca at that time I would do everything in my power to place a CSA stone beside her grave.

### **III. Follow thru and stone placement:**

Upon returning home to Florida I started the paperwork in Nov 2017 to obtain a CSA Marker. After several phone calls to the Veterans Administration and much delay, 2 ¼ years later the stone was finally delivered to Chesterfield, South Carolina. It was that serendipity moment in that long abandoned graveyard when I realized my search was over. It was the highlight of that summer's day in 2017.

### **Successful Conclusion**

Pvt. William Washington Winburn's CSA grave marker was put in place April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 with a good turnout of representatives from the State Forrest Department, the funeral home, and several from the local SCV Camp 1st in Secession Chesterfield Co. SC who provided this DCV member with much appreciated assistance. A special shout out to team leader Mr. Tom Jones of SCV 1<sup>st</sup> in Secession Camp, Chesterfield County, SC who brought this project to a successful conclusion.



Sand Hills State Forest is located between the piedmont and coastal plain of South Carolina in Chesterfield and Darlington Counties.



**Sandhill State Forrest**

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

**1st Lt W.E. James Darlington, SC**

**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**

**8 MAY 2021**

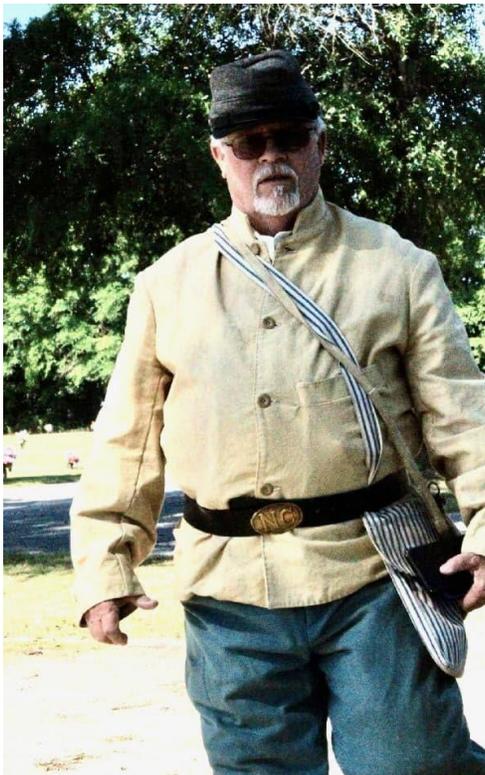
**Mount Hope Cemetery Florence, SC**

**Hosted by the Pee Dee Rifles**

**Camp 1419 SCV Florence, SC**



Chapter members Noah & Zachary Brafford standing by the bell. Zachary rang the bell after Chapter President Bob Jones read each name of the Confederate Veterans buried in the cemetery.



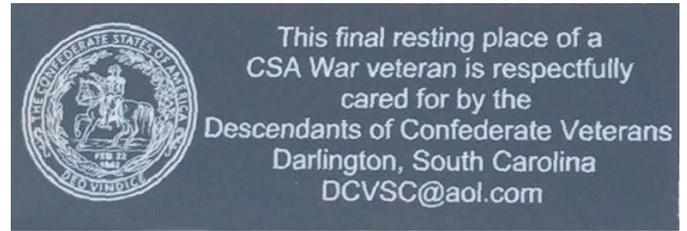
Chapter member Ernie Hales, Noah and Zachary's proud Papa, was also in attendance.

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**1st Lt W.E. James Darlington, SC Cont.**

**Reed/Odum Cemetery Cleanup in Blackville, SC.**

Confederate Veterans buried there are the ancestors of chapter member Tom Reed



On the graves of Confederate Veterans where the chapter provides perpetual care a DCV plate/tag is placed



Cleanup crew pictured are Elaine Frye, Bob Jones, Tom Reed, and Teresa Reed



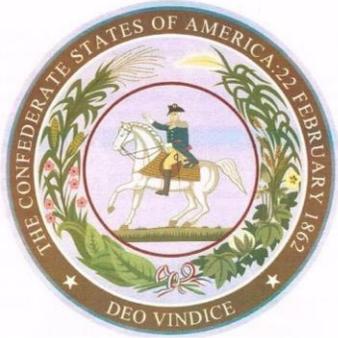
A proud accomplishment

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**1st Lt W.E. James Darlington, SC Cont.**

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

*Honoring Darlington County's  
"Iron Scouts"*



*Saturday, April 17, 2021  
Welsh Neck Baptist Church Graveyard  
Society Hill, South Carolina  
10:00 AM*

Fifteen members of the chapter attended and participated in a memorial service for:

**Private Leighton Wilson Lide, Company A and Sergeant John Calhoun Sparks, Company K, 2nd South Carolina Cavalry, General Wade Hampton's Iron Scouts.**

The service was sponsored by the Darlington County Historical Society and Museum and the DCV 1st Lt. W.E. James, Chapter.



Guest Speaker Michael Thomas

Michael Thomas is a lifelong student of southern history, with special emphasis on the War Between the States. He holds a BA in history from The Citadel and is a U.S. Navy veteran of Vietnam. He spent several years as a volunteer with the Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia doing research on Chesterfield County Confederate soldiers. He spent many years as a WBTS reenactor. He is retired in his home state of South Carolina.

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**1st Lt W.E. James Darlington, SC Cont.**

Serving from late 1862 to the war's end, Wade Hampton's Scouts were a key component of the comprehensive intelligence network designed by General Robert E. Lee, J.E.B. Stuart, and Wade Hampton. The Scouts were stationed behind enemy lines on a permanent basis and provided critical military intelligence to their Generals.



They became proficient in "unconventional" warfare and emerged unscathed in so many close combat actions that their foes grudgingly dubbed them Hampton's "Iron Scouts."



Preparing to fire a musket volley followed by a salute from a 24 lb. Coehorn Mortar Model 1841



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Private Leighton Wilson Lide  
Company A  
2nd South Carolina Cavalry  
General Wade Hampton's Iron Scouts

Sergeant John Calhoun Sparks  
Company K  
2nd South Carolina Cavalry  
General Wade Hampton's Iron Scouts

Pvt Leighton Wilson Lide

Sgt John Calhoun Sparks



Natalia Penkowska has been a 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James chapter associate member for a number of years. She has a strong interest in Confederate history. Natalia lives in Neftejugansk, Siberia, Russia where she teaches English. Member Joseph Matheson corresponds with her often.



Chapter members Elaine Frye, Noah & Zachary Brafford



The flag on the garage door was put there by people in the area where she lives.



Outstanding turnout for the memorial service

## East Texas Chapter

The East Texas Chapter reports they have resumed their monthly second Thursday in-person meetings after a year of caution due to COVID. They recently met with 11 in attendance at the Bodacious restaurant in Tatum, Texas, their regular meeting/eating establishment. The main topic of discussion was to initiate a plan to place a DCV Marker at the Winterfield Cemetery in Longview. The marker will have the names of Confederates buried there. They had previously planned to include Winterfield Cemetery in their plaque program but pulled off in favor of the East Mountain Cemetery. It's now full steam ahead for Winterfield. If my count is correct this will be the 6<sup>th</sup> DCV Cemetery marker the East Texas Chapter will place in local cemeteries.

That is OUTSTANDING



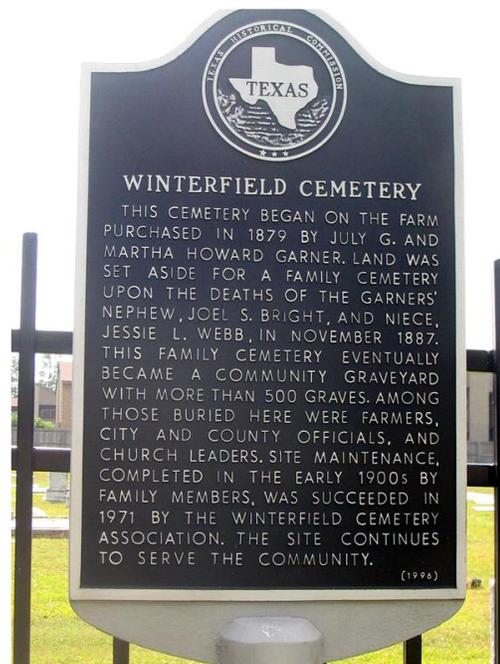
J. D. and Roseana Denton enjoying a meal  
J.D. currently serves on the DCV Board of Directors

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## East Texas Chapter cont.



Van Mathews, Carl Hedges and Abbye Funderburk.  
Van serves as Treasurer for the East Texas Chapter  
and is an avid reenactor.



Thanks to the East Texas Chapter the State of Texas  
Historical Marker will soon have a companion DCV  
Marker with the names of Confederates buried in  
the cemetery.

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## Capitol Chapter

The longest running and most rewarding activity the Capitol Chapter participates in is the sponsorship of the Robert E. Lee Leadership Award. It is presented to a high school Cadet enrolled in the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program. The program is conducted at accredited secondary schools, and taught by instructors who are retired Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel.

President of the Capitol Chapter Steve von Roeder presents the award to the Cadet chosen by the program administrator. The Robert E. Lee Leadership Award consists of a certificate and a fine replica of the sword carried by General Joseph Orville "Jo" Shelby.

In 2006 Seguin High School was the first to adopt the DCV sponsored Robert E. Lee Leadership Award into its JNROTC program. The award was an instant success and became highly sought after by the Cadets. The word soon spread regarding the popularity of the award and other schools sought to include the award in their programs.

In 2019 the DCV Robert E. Lee Leadership Award was included in five JNROTC programs in the central Texas area. In 2020 the COVID pandemic severely disrupted the programs. One school dropped the program due to lack of enough students enrolled. The remaining four award ceremonies were cancelled due to the closing of schools during the shutdown.

Chapter President Steve von Roeder was only able to present one award in person to Captain Chris Fletcher, USN (Ret.), Senior Naval Science Instructor at Bastrop High School.

With some students back on campus in 2021 two schools, Seguin High School and Bastrop High School had their award ceremonies on campus.

Steve von Roeder was in attendance at the Bastrop Ceremony and presented the award to the deserving Cadet. Unfortunately no photos are available of the presentation.

## Capitol Chapter cont.

### Seguin High School JNROTC Awards Ceremony



Cadet Lieutenant Commander Cydney Littlefield



Steve von Roeder presenting the prized sword to Cadet Lieutenant Commander Cydney Littlefield



Cadet Lieutenant Commander Cydney Littlefield  
DCV Founder & Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder



**UDC Confederate Memorial Day**

United Daughters of the Confederacy L. A. Turner Chapter sponsored a Confederate Memorial Day event honoring 15 Confederate Veterans buried in the Upper & Lower Cedar Creek Cemeteries. The cemeteries are over 150 years old.

DCV Capitol Chapter member Lyn von Roeder, a many year member of the UDC recently transferred her membership to the L. A. Turner Chapter to be closer to their new home in Cedar Creek, Texas.



Lyn von Roeder and Gracie



Lyn von Roeder & Gracie UDC member Eva Long  
Honoring:  
John Frederick DeBardleben & Josiah Johnston

**UDC Confederate Memorial Day cont.**



Proudly waving the Stars and Bars  
Capitol Chapter President Steve von Roeder

**Confederate Veterans**

**Upper Cedar Creek cemetery:**

- John Frederick DeBardleben, MD** – Co. B 17<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry
- J.S. Dyer** Co. B 17<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry
- Samuel Fielding Glass** Co. F 4<sup>th</sup> Texas Cav.
- William S. Glass** Co. B 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry
- William Edward Kelly** Co. B 1 Tennessee Cavalry
- Albert M McAfee Sr.** Teamster Pointe Coupe Artillery, Louisiana
- Peter Murchison** 18<sup>th</sup> Texas Cav Cavalry
- Ephram O. Randle**, Col, 20<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry
- Benjamin P. Simmons** Bugler Co. K 6<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry

**Confederate Veterans**

**Lower Cedar Creek cemetery:**

- Samuel Wesley Bryan** Co D 4<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry
- Gordon Deas** Pvt 21<sup>st</sup> Texas Cavalry
- Kenneth Murchison** Co. B Col RTP Allen's Regiment
- Norman Stokes Slaton** Sgt Co D Baylor's Regiment Texas Cavalry
- Charles (C.F.) Steiner** Pvt 6<sup>th</sup> Light Field Battery
- Charles Lafayette Summers**, Co C 4<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry

## From Pretty Women to Pretty Flowers



COLUMNS  
Bernard  
Stubbs

The following column by Bernard Stubbs is a reprint of an article previously published in 2003 in the Cheraw, SC Chronicle. It was sent to the DCV TRAVELLER by DCV Life Member Phillip Thomas.

If you don't know, we have some of the most beautiful women in "Hee-Haw" of any where in the world, and I'm afflicted with womanitis. This is not sexual, by the way. At 77, I remember that was years ago. It's mainly visual.

Years ago my friend Jack Baker gave me the name "De Duk Mon", a mythical hunter in a boat in the Low Country, being guided by an old Gullah. I loved it and not only hunted ducks but also carved them. Jack also bought the first ones I carved.

The slopping around in the mud when duck hunting and walking on top of the ice is kind of like sex. I vaguely remember something about it.

I haven't shot a duck in five years but still do a little carving and have changed my name to the "Flower Man" because of one flower. The Confederate rose.

After 40 years as an undertaker, I hated flowers. In my funeral arrangements, I have asked for no flowers. Memorials are to go to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. One of my grandchildren, Bun's second son has cerebral palsy.

Now I do love flowers, any kind not in funeral arrangements. I like honeysuckle, sweet peas, pansies, tulips, etc., and most of all Confederate roses.

A Confederate rose is not a rose but Hibiscus Mutabilis- whatever that is. I had never seen nor heard of one until 15 years ago. We were visiting our daughter in Walterboro. Bushes 4 or 5 feet in diameter, 5 to 7 feet tall were everywhere. Those in her yard, I inspected closely. There were white, pink, and red blooms. She explained to me that before the blooms, there were white buds. When they opened. They become 4- to 6-inch white blooms.

Shortly after, the white blooms start turning a pink from the base up. Soon the whole white flower turns pink. Then light pink turns red and swells up, dropping off in the next day or two. The whole process takes between 36 and 48 hours and happens only in late September or early October.

## From Pretty Women to Pretty Flowers cont.

It's a marvelous process itself. The blooms have very little smell. Every lady I give one to smells them at first.



The name Confederate came from the fact that the Confederacy started out pure white, shortly began to bleed, and then hemorrhaging it bled to death.

It was a valuable plant to the Confederate troops. They had no source of Vitamin C or citric acid, but they noticed this plant produced hips, like rosehips and ate them or brewed them into tea. It was their daily source of Vitamin C.

We are told on the internet - which I don't have along with any of the damn dot coms - that it started on Oak Island, but I've been told that the Confederate rose came from the Orient to Myrtle Beach. Regardless, its name came from the South.

You don't find them in stores, but they are easy to propagate from 12-inch cuttings that grow 12 feet tall and 10 feet in diameter. I have given away about 100 cuttings and have 52 - all promised - in water now. One jar of cuttings has small green leaves but no roots yet. The roots will come soon. At that time I'll plant them in individual jars in potting soil in a sunny area. Around the first of May, I'll plant them. They don't take much cold. They need to be in full sun and well drained areas.

About October 15, drive into my backyard and see what I'm talking about. Remind me and I'll get you a cutting.

*Bernard Stubbs*  
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R.I.P.

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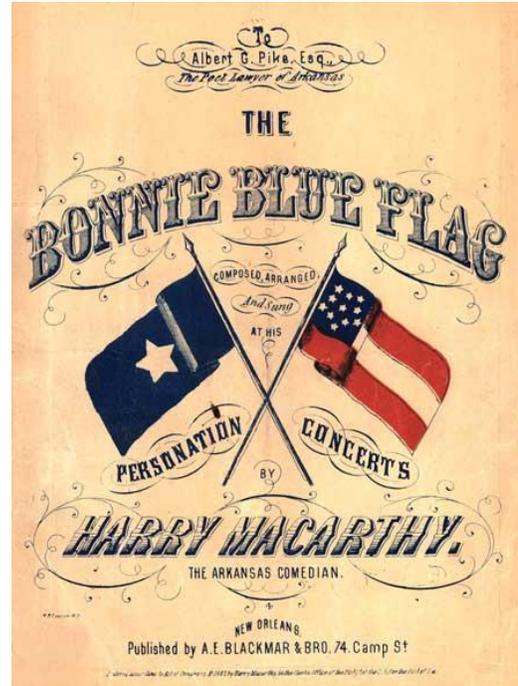
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