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**DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTERS IN TEXAS & SOUTH CAROLINA**

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Spring 2022

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
J.D. Boydston**



Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

I offer my thanks to the Board of Directors for the confidence they have shown in me by my election as their President for the coming year and promise to them as well as to the entire association membership that I will do my very best to validate their trust and confidence in me. I shall also strive to help every person in our organization to do their best and be their best. I know we cannot all be great leaders or famous personalities, but we can all do our very best according to our own station in life. If we do that, then we all benefit and there can be no regrets.

Now I will do what I always do which is something I believe we sometimes do not do enough, and that is to thank the membership for their support. Be it financial or spiritual, please know how much it is appreciated. We are a small organization, but we can often cast a very long shadow and exert a wide impact on the things we focus our attention on. Our recent experience with the Confederate Woman's Home in Austin proves that statement is true.

From our South Carolina contingent, Bob Jones has invited me to come visit the 1st Lieutenant W. E. James Chapter in Darlington, South Carolina, and I am going to take him up on his offer during the first half of my one-year term as president.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont.

I was there about 10 years ago shortly after they were chartered and still have many fond memories of my visit. My trip will coincide with their monthly meeting, and I will present a program on the Battle of Pea Ridge (also known as the Battle of Elkhorn Tavern) which took place in Arkansas very early in the war in March of 1862. I am looking forward to seeing some old friends as well as all the new faces.

In accordance with DCV constitutional limitations, my term in office will end after one year and my message to you is also short this time. Normalcy is returning slowly after the pandemic, and we stand ready to go forward and do the work that we believe in and enjoy doing to honor and respect our Confederate ancestors for their service and sacrifice during the War Between the States 1861-1865. They shall not be forgotten, and their legacy will never be erased or cancelled as long as we remain vigilant and true to their memory.

Deo Vindice.

J. D. Boydston
President Board of Directors
DCV



1st Lt. W.E. JAMES CHAPTER

The chapter had a very eventful last quarter. A big thank you to the members for sharing their many activities with the DCV TRAVELLER.



Ernie Hales was elected by acclamation to serve as President of the 1st Lt. W.E. James chapter for the 2022 term.

Chapter President Ernie Hales presents DCV Membership Certificates to new members



Tony Heape President Ernie Hales

1st Lt. W.E. JAMES CHAPTER cont.



Heather Heape President Ernie Hales



President Ernie Hales Haley Heape



President Ernie Hales Lynn Nesmith

1st Lt. W.E. JAMES CHAPTER cont.



President Ernie Hales presents a 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter Member Certificate to Dr. John E. Owens



13 Members of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans attended the Lee/Jackson Banquet in Cheraw, South Carolina on 19 February 2022.

The DCV James Chapter took a field trip to Camden, SC on Saturday 26 February 2022. Sites seen were the Mary Chestnut and General Joseph Kershaw homes. Made stops at the Camden Archives & Museum, Quaker Cemetery, and the Revolutionary War Exhibits at the multi-million dollar Visitor's Center. Photos by Debbie Hales.

1st Lt. W.E. JAMES CHAPTER cont.



Ernie Hales Bob Jones Joseph Matheson Zach Brafford Noah Brafford Brian Gandy Dr. John Owens



Joseph Matheson Zach Brafford Noah Brafford



Tour Guide Joseph Matheson stands in front of Sgt. Richard Rowland Kirkland's grave. Kirkland's humanitarian efforts at the Battle of Fredericksburg on December 14 1862 are well documented. Sgt. Kirkland known as the Angel of Marye's Heights went over the wall to give water and aid to injured and dying Federal soldiers.

1st Lt. W.E. JAMES CHAPTER cont.

Ten members of the chapter attended the Groundbreaking at the Historical Commission on Wednesday March 2nd. Brian Gandy is Director of the Historical Commission and introduced speakers and various volunteers.



Dr. John Owens filmed the event



Tom Reed applied the graphics on the shovels

1st Lt. W.E. JAMES CHAPTER cont.

A 1st National Flag was raised Saturday 7 March 2022, at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Darlington County, SC. The cemetery is maintained throughout the year by the James chapter. Members present were Teresa Reed, Tom Reed, Ernie Hales, Carl Hickson, Tom Rhodes, James Nesmith and Bob Jones.



Carl Hickson

The blue sign was made by chapter Chaplain Tom Reed



President Ernie Hales and James Nesmith installed the base. Joseph Matheson donated the flag pole.



Stand up the colors proud boys!
Tom Rhodes Bob Jones Carl Hickson James Nesmith

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Ernie Hales Tom Reed, Bob Jones, Tom Rhodes, Carl Hickson, and James Nesmith



“Stars and Bars”

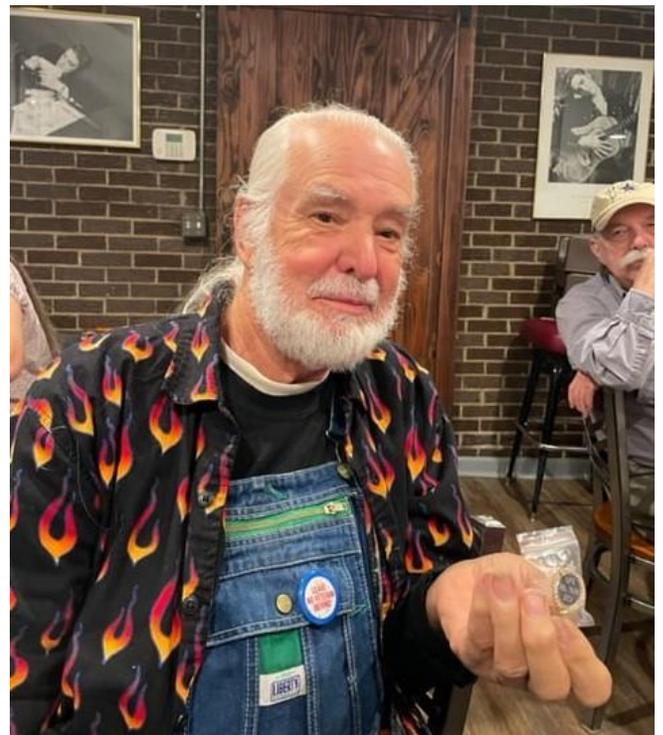
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1st Lt. W.E. JAMES CHAPTER cont.

Three members received their DCV Life Membership pins March 21 2022 that were brought back from the DCV Reunion in Vicksburg, Mississippi earlier this month.



Richard Hubbard



Tom Rhodes

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The March meeting was highlighted with an excellent program on Australia and the American Civil War.

Australia and the American Civil War

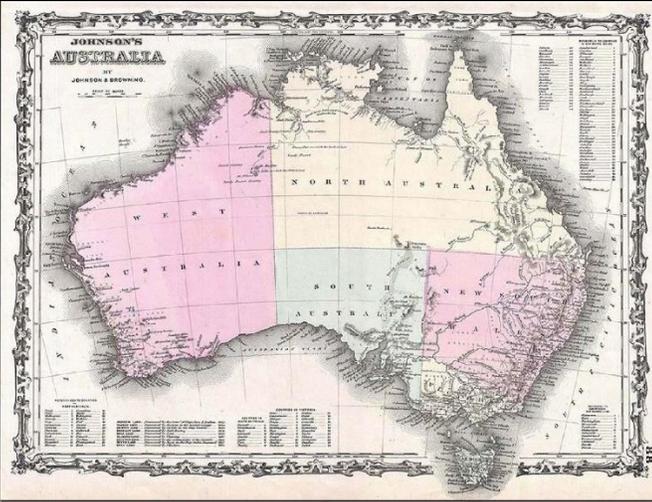
By Joseph A. Matheson, Jr.

1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter, DCV,

Darlington, SC

March 15th 2022

1861 Johnson and Browning Map of Australia



Speaker and chapter member Joseph Matheson presented the power point program.



Sixteen members were in attendance at the meeting

**2022 DCV 17th Annual Member Reunion/
Board of Directors Meeting
Old Warren County Courthouse
Vicksburg, Mississippi**



The Old Warren County Courthouse stands prominently on a hill in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Confederate President Jefferson Davis had once practiced law in the courtroom where the meeting was held and that U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt had given two speeches at the Courthouse. It was a symbol of Confederate resistance during the Siege of Vicksburg. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1968.



DCV members gather early at the Warren County Courthouse



DCV President Steve Lucas calls the meeting to order and thanks the East Chapter for hosting the reunion

2022 DCV 17th Annual Member Reunion cont.



Normally, there is a fee for the public to gain admittance to the facility. That fee had been waived for the DCV, and the public had been excluded from the courtroom while the meeting was in session, which consisted of the entire morning.



It was the desire of the DCV members present to “pass the hat” and make a monetary donation for the Old Courthouse Museum. After passing the hat and making a contribution from the DCV treasury, the DCV was pleased to present the Museum with a total of \$476.00, which was given in person by DCV Treasurer (pictured left) Dr. Sam Bennett.



1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter President Ernie Hales gives the members a summary of recent Chapter activities.

2022 DCV 17th Annual Member Reunion cont.



J.D. Boydston gives members a report on the East Texas Chapter. He reported that while the Chapter had not met the previous year due to the pandemic, they were now meeting regularly and were going strong once again.



J.D. reported the chapter had another of their DCV cemetery marker dedications scheduled for April 9, 2022, at Reeves Chapel Cemetery and it would include the local SCV Camp Color Guard and a mountain howitzer cannon.



A Rare Victory!

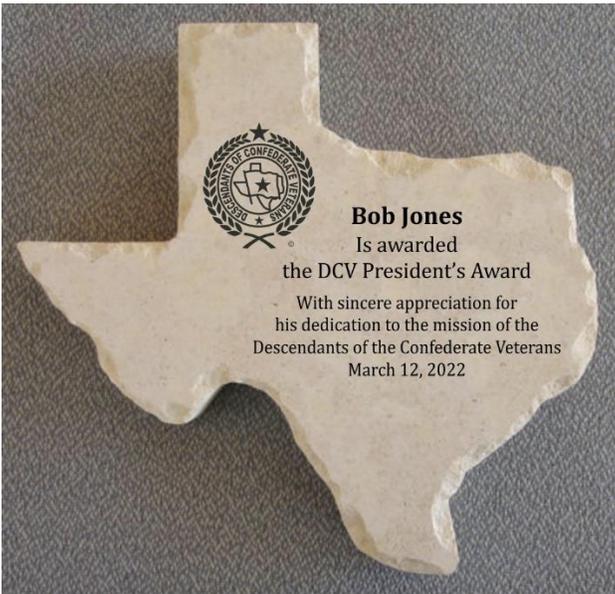
The East Texas Chapter was able to stop the removal/ relocation of the statue to the Confederate soldier which graces the Gregg County, Texas Courthouse lawn. J.D. Boydston testified before the Gregg County Commissioners Court as a representative of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans to advocate retaining the statue as is.

2022 DCV 17th Annual Member Reunion cont.

DCV President's Award and Awards of Appreciation



1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter past President Bob Jones receives a President's Award from DCV President Steve Lucas



President's Award



President Lucas then presented awards of appreciation from himself to the Board of Directors and his staff in the form of 1925 Stone Mountain Half Dollars, for their outstanding service over the past two years.

2022 DCV 17th Annual Member Reunion cont.

DCV Board of Directors

In compliance with the DCV Constitution an election was held to fill positions of Kay Hilburn and Steve Lucas whose terms expired. 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter member Ernie Hales and Capitol Chapter member Terry Ayers were voted into office by acclamation. A well-deserved thank you was offered to Kay Hilburn and Steve Lucas for a job well done. Newly elected Board Officers will be listed on the last page of this newsletter.



J.D. Denton J.D. Boydston Steve Lucas
Ernie Hales David Routh



J.D. Denton (seated) J.D. Boydston Rosanna Denton
Heather Heape Haley Heape Noah Brafford Ernie Hales
Elaine Frye Bob Jones Joseph Matheson Robbin Hedrick
Sam Bennett Tony Heape Zach Brafford Steve Lucas
Carl Hedges Terry Hedrick Joe Reynolds David Routh



1st Lt. W.E James Chapter
Haley Heape Heather Heape Noah Brafford Tony Heape
Ernie Hales Zach Brafford Bon Jones Elaine Frye
Joseph Matheson

VICKSBURG SITES

The remainder of the DCV TRAVELLER is a collection of photos submitted by members who attended the 2022 Reunion. The Editor of the DCV TRAVELLER was unable to attend. The photos may have a brief description. There were visits to many points of interest where members of the East Texas Chapter Terry and Robbin Hedrick, J.D. Boydston, and Carl Hedges provided in depth knowledge of each site. Those of us not in attendance are encouraged to do additional research on the sites that were visited.



Warren County Visitors Center



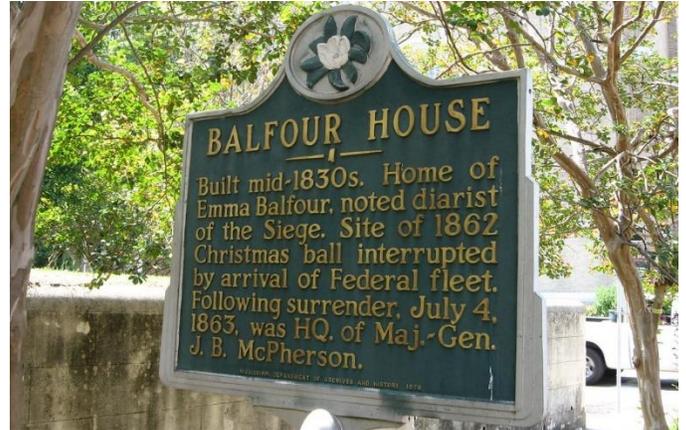
Site of the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou. From this position the Confederate cannons wreaked havoc and death upon Sherman's advancing Union forces in their failed attempt to assault Vicksburg. The battle which raged here was undoubtedly the worst defeat of his military career, ending in retreat and humiliation.



Site of the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou

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Balfour House



Coker Home



Coker Home

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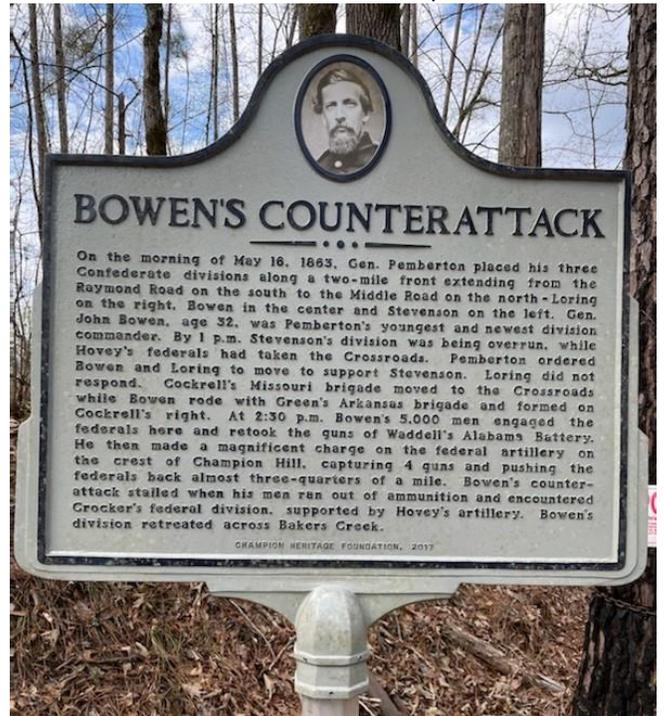
East Texas Chapter member and sites tour guide Terry Hedrick (far right) provides the group with the history of the Coker Home and its historical connection to the Battle of Champion Hill.



VICKSBURG SITES



Site of the Battle of Champion Hill



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The Texas Memorial, constructed of Texas red granite has eleven steps in honor of Texas' sister states in the Confederacy.

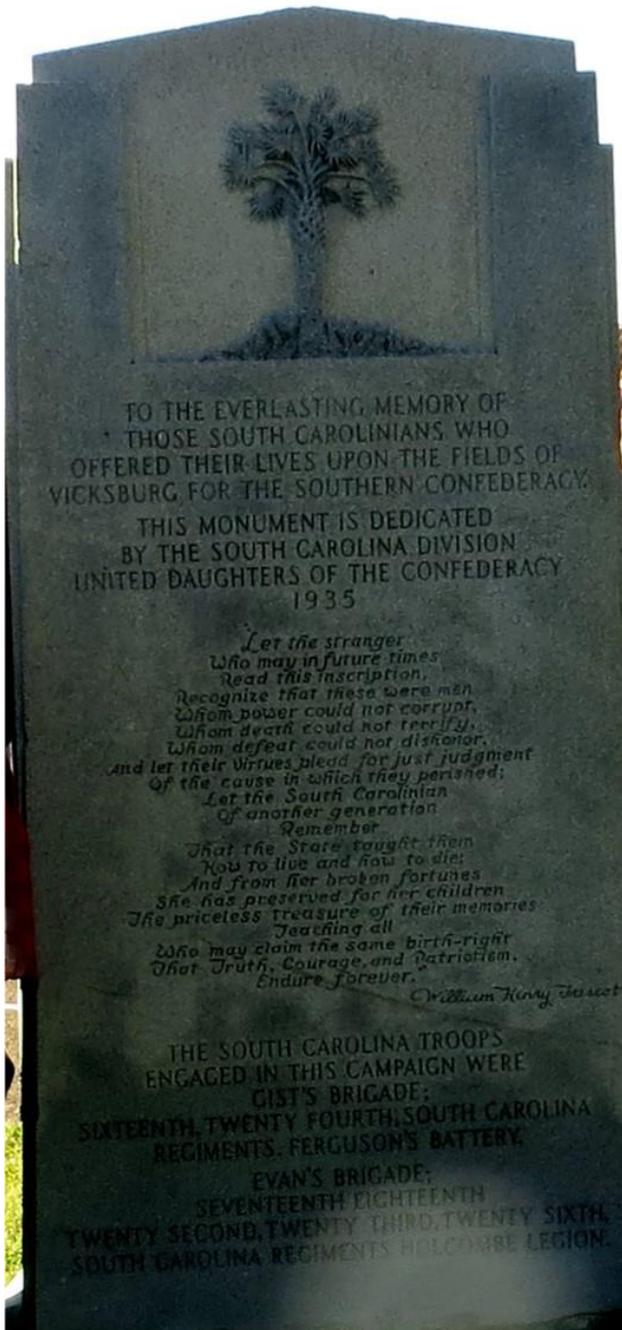


Site of the Battle of Champion Hill

VICKSBURG SITES



The 1st Lt. W.E. James Chapter members at the South Carolina Memorial to the men who fought and died on the battlefield at Vicksburg.



VICKSBURG FINE DINING



Friday Night meet & greet dinner at Walnut Hills Restaurant



Saturday Night dining at Vicksburg's GUMBO POT Restaurant



Dr. Sam Bennett is known for his exotic choices off the menu



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To establish and maintain an honorable, non-racist Southern heritage and history organization dedicated to perpetuation of the memory and spirit of the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors who served their country during the War Between the States, 1861-1865.

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