



Merry Christmas



DCV TRAVELLER

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Steve Lucas



Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

I hope that all of you remain well and free of Covid. No information has come to me of any member or family member who has been afflicted and I certainly hope that the news remains good. We are of solid Southern stock and I believe that stands us in good stead in this fight. As the Christmas and holiday season is upon us, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season and I hope you all will be blessed with family and friends around you during this time of joy. Even if circumstances are necessitating some of your celebrations be held virtually, please don't hesitate to embrace one another fully and with great enthusiasm. Smile and give thanks for what you have and share it with others, for giving is, indeed, better than receiving and you will be so glad that you did.

In the last newsletter you learned of the battle for the Historical Marker we sponsored at the site of the Confederate Woman's Home in Austin. The Texas Historical Commission held its meetings as scheduled. On day one of the hearings the committee working on the issue voted to recommend to the Commissioners that the Marker be removed. Thanks to the work of Martha Hartzog, President of the Hood's Texas Brigade Association (reactivated), Tami Hurley, President of the Texas UDC, and our own DCV efforts, we were able to convince the Commissioners to reverse this recommendation and vote unanimously to keep the Marker in place.

President's Message Cont.

A definite win for our side! Not so fast on the celebration, however. The THC has decided to give AGE a second chance and has scheduled a second go-around for the February THC meeting so, here we go again. The THC is proposing all new rules for the removal of Markers and for the removal of Historical Designations (like the one under which the Woman's Home is protected) so the protestations of AGE will be getting a second chance. We are still actively involved in defending the Marker and the State Antiquities Landmark designation and are determined to see it through. It is our duty.

The THC posted these new rules in the Texas Register (as required by law) in November, essentially putting in an "express lane" for removals. With this posting comes a 30-day public comment period. The DCV determined it was not best for us to comment as an organization on the new rules, but to save our argument for the hearing. Martha Hartzog took the lead on a campaign to comment on the rules, however, and did a magnificent job. Martha's network of contacts includes historians, descendants, lawyers, County Historical Commissions, etc., and their responses were wonderful and right on point and in agreement with our stance. We were kept up to date every step of the way and we couldn't be happier and we are in Martha's debt. Her campaign was brilliant and we hope it will make the THC rethink their proposed rules. Martha is a great friend and ally and a great Rebel Yell goes out to her.

President's Message Cont.

At the time I am writing this the deadline is just now expiring for the public comment so there has been no response from the THC. The DCV did not file a public comment but I have communicated privately with the THC Executive Director, their Director of History Programs and their Director of the Marker Program regarding some of our concerns. We will just have to await their various responses.

Everyone please watch your e-mails for information on what you can do to support these efforts. Based on our experience with the Commissioner's meeting in October...public input is very important to them, including on the day of their hearing. The meeting will again be virtual. You can call in and be heard. You don't need a web cam or fancy equipment. You can do it on your phone. Information will be coming to you closer to the time of their meeting, currently scheduled for February 2-3, 2021.

I'm sure that's all the space I should use for this article. I apologize for only covering one topic but it is an important one and impacts so many, I'm sure you understand. Thanks to everyone who makes the DCV possible and who keep us going. I am in your eternal debt.

Merry Christmas and please stay safe.

Steve Lucas
DCV Board President



Martha Hartzog
President Hood's Texas Brigade Association

DCV DUES REMINDER

The DCV TRAVELLER typically places the dues reminder at the end of the DCV TRAVELLER Winter edition. Hopefully by placing the reminder at the beginning more folks will see it and take action.

****DUES ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1****

If you are a member of a Chapter you pay both Association dues and Chapter dues to your Chapter Treasurer.

Association dues are \$16 annually. Chapter dues may vary. Your Chapter Treasurer should contact you about submitting your dues.

If you are not a member of a Chapter you are an "At-Large" member and must send your dues to the Association Treasurer. Association Dues are \$16 annually.

Life Members do not pay annual dues to the Association.

At Large Members submit your check payable to:

Descendants of Confederate Veterans

Mail to:

**Samuel Bennett
P.O. BOX 160773
Austin, TX 78716**

Life memberships are available

Age 18-59 years \$ 300.00

Age 60-69 years \$ 200.00

Age 70-79 years \$ 100.00

Age 80 + years \$ 50.00



Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic DCV Chapter activities have been greatly curtailed. Hopefully as conditions improve and our lives return to pre Covid norms the DCV TRAVELLER will again feature Chapter activities.

State of Texas Confederate Woman’s Home

In the President’s message Steve Lucas brought all up to date on the serious heritage issue that is currently before the State of Texas powerful Historical Commission. What is at stake is not just the Historical Marker but the very building itself.

The DCV has a couple of options that will at least preserve the Historical Marker in the event Austin Groups for the Elderly is granted permission to remove it. The marker can be relocated to a less desirable public location but not destroyed. The larger issue is the building. If Austin Groups for the Elderly is successful in having the Texas Antiquities Landmark designation removed by the Texas Historical Commission the building will be lost.

As President Lucas pointed out in his message to members, please be alert for email messages from the DCV for more information and guidance on what each of us can do to provide input that will convince the Texas Historical Commission the silent majority is silent no more.

THE CORNERSTONE

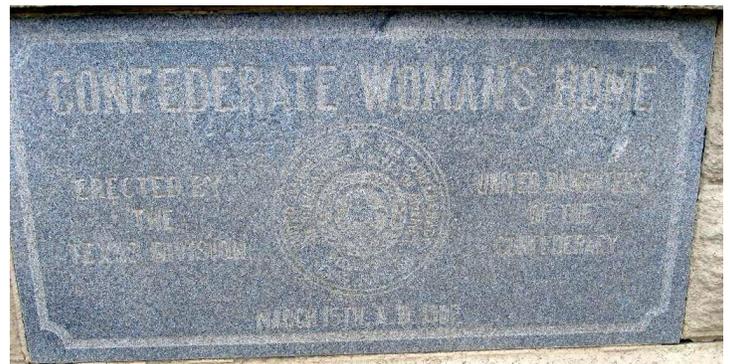
One grand feature of the Confederate Woman’s Home that has not been remodeled, relocated or altered is the cornerstone. It remains intact but is in need of restoration. It is weather worn and very hard to read. I took photos of it and enhanced it for all to see. It is a treasure and no matter what it cannot be allowed to be destroyed.



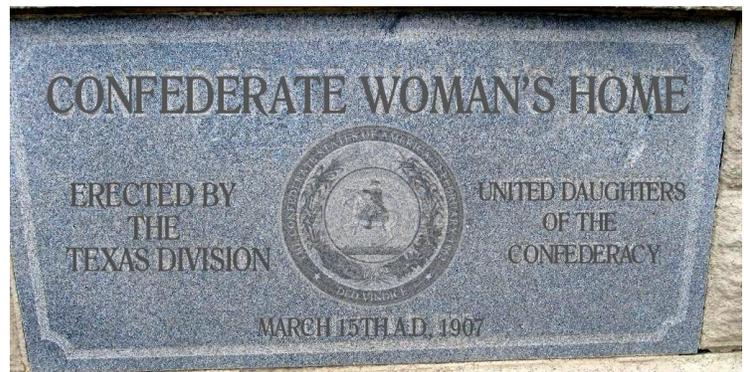
THE CORNERSTONE



Postcard dated 1909. The home opened in 1908



Look closely and you will see the Great Seal of the Confederacy has an addition ring of inscription added to the cornerstone’s seal. I failed to recognize it when I took the photo. I think I see what is written but it is very difficult to determine the exact words. I intend to return and have a closer look and hopefully be able to read the additional inscription.



As noted in the above description the Great Seal appears to have an additional ring of inscription. For clarity I superimposed the traditional image of the Great Seal.



THE CORNERSTONE Cont.



Medal with an equestrian portrait of George Washington, surrounded by a wreath composed of the principal agricultural products of the Confederacy including cotton, tobacco, sugar cane, wheat, and rice. Embossed around the edge, "The Confederate States of America: 22 February, 1862" and the motto Deo Vindice, or "God will vindicate." The medal rests in a wooden box covered in leather and lined in maroon velvet and green simulated watered silk.

The date on the Confederate Seal commemorates the inauguration of Jefferson Davis as president of the Confederate States, and the establishment of the permanent government of the Confederate States of America in Richmond, Virginia.

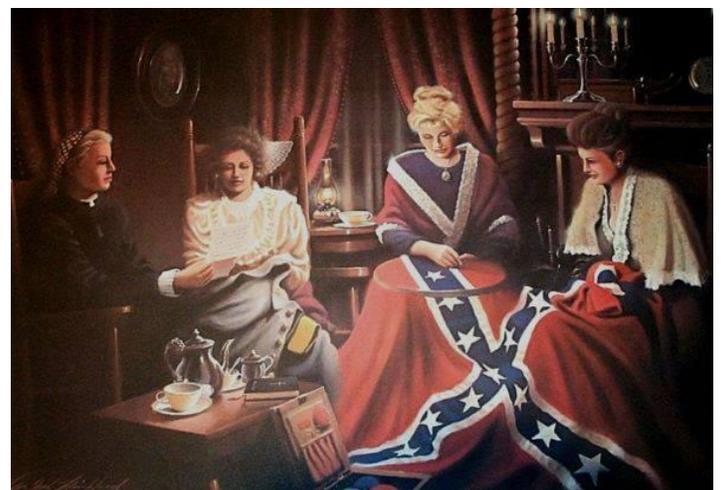
THE CORNERSTONE Cont.

When the seal was completed, it was delivered to James Mason, a confidential agent of the Confederacy in England. He selected Lieutenant R. T. Chapman of the Confederate Navy to bring it to America. In order to avoid the naval blockade, Lt. Chapman was forced to take a long and circuitous route. He went from England to Halifax, Nova Scotia, then to the island of Bermuda, and finally to Wilmington, North Carolina. When the Confederate government evacuated Richmond in April of 1865, Mrs. William J. Bromwell, the wife of an official of the Confederate State Department, smuggled the seal from the doomed city. Together with an important part of the Confederate archives, the seal was hidden from federal forces in a barn near Richmond. It eventually made its way into the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond.

TEXAS CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME



How about this undated artist rendition on a "Penny Post Card"



Women of the Confederacy will keep it flying
God Bless the Confederate Women

THE CITY OF AUSTIN CELEBRATES IN GRAND STYLE
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CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME

Austin Statesman, June 2, 1908.

Everything Now Ready

Tomorrow is to be a red letter day in the calendar of events of this city and Austin is to witness a long-to-be remembered celebration, plans for which were completed yesterday afternoon. The city is to put on its "glad rags" . . . every business house is to be decked out in appropriate flags and bunting. The celebration is to begin at 7 o'clock in the morning with the firing of canon and at 11 o'clock that night with the close of the reception at the capitol. The Confederate Woman's home, the dedication of which is one of the causes for celebration, will be formally opened in the morning, while in the afternoon tribute will be paid to the memory of Jefferson Davis, of whose birth it is the one-hundredth anniversary. . .



Congress Avenue 1905

June 2, 1908

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY
Austin, Texas

Ceremonies in the Celebration
OF THE
Centennial of the Birth of Jefferson Davis
AND THE
Dedication of the Confederate Woman's Home at Austin
Wednesday, June 3rd, 1908
BY
Confederate Soldiers, Daughters of the Confederacy
and Citizens of Austin

The ceremonies will begin by the dedication of the Confederate Woman's Home, at 9 A. M. to 12 M.; a procession to the Capitol, from the Crossing of Fourth Street and Congress Avenue, from 1:40 to 2:15, and the program for the Capitol afternoon and night.

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Morning Program.

- A salute of 11 guns at 7 a. m. Wednesday morning, under supervision of Col. L. T. Rogers, Assistant Quartermaster General, T. N. G.
- Dedication of Confederate Woman's Home, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
- INVOCATION.
Address.....Miss Katie Daffan, State President, U. D. C.
- MUSIC.
Address.....Mrs. J. B. Dibrell.
- MUSIC.
Address.....Mrs. A. R. Howard.
- MUSIC.
Short talk.....Mrs. W. P. Baugh.

Afternoon Program.

- A procession will form on Congress Avenue at the crossing of Fourth street at 1:30 p. m. sharp, and begin its march to the Capitol at 1:45 p. m., under direction of Col. E. M. Phelps, grand marshal of the day, in the following order:
- [A salute of 11 guns during march of the procession by W. A. Tew, member Washington Artillery, C. S. A.]
1. Gen. J. O. Newton with a staff composed of officers of the Texas National Guard will ride at the head of the procession.
 2. Besserer's band will immediately follow.
 3. Carriage No. 1 will be occupied by Governor T. M. Campbell, Chief Justice Gaines, Justice Williams and Major Geo. W. Littlefield, Chairman Executive Committee.
 4. Carriage No. 2 will be occupied by former Governor Jos. D. Sayers, Justice Thos. J. Brown, Major Chas. F. Hume and Rev. W. M. Sears.
 5. Troop C, First Cavalry, Captain Louis H. Younger, commanding, will take position in the rear of Carriage No. 2.

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6. Officers of the Texas Division, U. C. V., Daughters of the Confederacy and distinguished guests will follow in carriages.
 7. Confederate soldiers under the command of Capt. John B. Reagan, Sons of Veterans and civic societies that desire to participate will follow in the order hereafter named.
 8. Company D, separate battalion, T. N. G., under command of Capt. D. A. Lane, will close the procession.
- Formation will be broken on reaching the Capitol, and those taking part in the procession will proceed to the Hall of Representatives.
9. Former Governor Jos. D. Sayers, Governor T. M. Campbell, Chief Justice Gaines, Justices Brown and Williams, Rev. W. M. Sears, and Major Geo. W. Littlefield will occupy seats on the rostrum.
 10. The officers of the U. C. V., members of the different committees and distinguished guests, including Gen. J. O. Newton and staff, will have seats reserved to the right front.
 11. Immediately in rear seats will be reserved for the two military commands.
 12. Similar arrangements will be made for reserved seats on the left of the rostrum for officers of Division U. D. C., Daughters of the Confederacy and Confederate Veterans of the Home.

AT 2:30 P. M.

Invocation.....Rev. W. M. Sears.
 Music by the Band.
 Governor Sayers, master of ceremonies, will introduce the orators of the day.
 Address.....Governor T. M. Campbell.
 MUSIC.
 Eulogy of Jefferson Davis.....Major F. Chas. Hume.
 MUSIC.
 The Confederate Woman.....Judge Thos. J. Brown.

BENEDICTION.
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Evening Program.

From 8 p. m. to 11 p. m. a promenade reception will be held in the Hall of Representatives and the Senate Chamber, under the supervision of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, with songs and music.

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Committees.

The following is the formation of the several committees:

- EXECUTIVE.**—George W. Littlefield, chairman; Joel H. B. Miller, secretary. (This committee is composed of the members of the following committees):
- FINANCE.**—Walter Tips, chairman; Z. T. Fulmore, W. B. Walker, W. H. Richardson, L. J. Storey.
- SECURING SPEAKERS.**—Joseph D. Sayers, chairman; John Orr, J. H. B. Miller.
- ARRANGEMENTS.**—George W. Littlefield, chairman; W. R. Hamby, W. H. Caldwell, Edwin Wilson, W. T. Wroe, Charles Rogan.
- PUBLICATION.**—W. R. Hamby, chairman; W. T. Wroe, W. M. Imboden, Charles Rogan.
- PROGRAM.**—E. M. Phelps, chairman; D. M. Wilson, John Orr.
- INVITATION.**—E. A. Bolmes, chairman; F. M. Maddox, W. R. Davie, Ham Metz.
- DECORATION.**—Joseph G. Booth, chairman; E. M. Scarbrough, W. H. Caldwell, W. C. Day, Al Musgrove.
- TRANSPORTATION.**—J. A. Hooper, chairman; E. M. Scarbrough, W. R. Davie.
- RECEPTION.**—All members of the Executive Committee.

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Austin, Texas**

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POINTS OF INTEREST
(Confederate Women's
Home)

Austin Statesman, March 16, 1909, Vol. 40, No. 75.

Yesterday, the day set apart by the Daughters of the Confederacy as "Heroes' Day," was most delightfully celebrated by the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter at the Confederate woman's home. The old ladies there were given a most excellent dinner, prepared and served by the management of the home, and supplemented the fruits, nuts, candies, cake, ice cream and punch. In the afternoon from 4 to 6 a musical program was rendered to the pleasure of the old ladies and the Daughters of the Confederacy present... The anniversary committee . . . , arranged the celebration most satisfactorily and it will long be the occasion of pleasant remembrance (sic) to those for whom it was specially designed to please, (sic) the old ladies of the Confederate Woman's Home.

March 16, 1909

The Austin Statesman, March 4, 1923, Vol. 51, No. 265

CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME

Beautifully situated near Hyde Park . . . is the Confederate woman's home which has a capacity for approximately 100 women who are the wives or widows of the gallant Confederate soldiers who represented Texas and the South during the Civil War in the sixties. . . . who became residents of Texas prior to 1860. . .

The Confederate Woman's Home is a monument to the Daughters of the Confederacy
Opened in 1908

The original Confederate Woman's Home, corner of Thirty-eighth and Cedar streets erected by the Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy. . . June 8, 1908, . . . 1912 the law having become effective that the state should maintain a home for the wives and widows of Confederate soldiers. . . December 6, 1922, the Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, . . . gave their entire home property to the state. . . All legal action recorded in state and Travis county records.

At the time . . . there were eighteen old ladies in their care . . . Miss Kate Daffan was the first superintendent and was appointed by Governor Colquitt. . . . About three years ago the home was renovated. . . Seven rooms were added upstairs and the walls of the lower floor were done over.

March 4, 1923

Wednesday, August 6, 1952

THIS DAY
IN TEXAS

AUGUST 6

The people of Texas voted on this day in 1907 to establish a home for the widows of Confederate veterans.

The haven was not limited to the widows of Texas veterans. Widows who had moved to Texas before 1880 and who had never remarried were also admitted.

According to the volume of the American Guide Series prepared on Texas the home was first begun by the daughters of the Confederacy and then control taken over by the state. The home is located in Austin at 3710 Cedar Street. The Main Building and the Memorial Hospital, the two principal units, are of concrete blocks and limestone.

Over a decade before Texas had made provision for the care of aged Confederate veterans. An imposing home was erected in 1891, on West Sixth Street in Austin. Originally the hospital was devoted entirely to the care of the men who followed "the Bonnie Blue Flag" but as the Grey ranks grew thinner and thinner the institution was converted to the hospitalization of the aged senile men transferred from state hospitals.

The Texas Confederate Home for Men is valued at an even million dollars (and probably is worth more) and the Texas Confederate Woman's Home at \$215,950.

Both were originally located on the outskirts of the capital city but have been enveloped in its growth.

CURTIS BISHOP.

August 6, 1952

CONFEDERATE WOMAN'S HOME IN THE NEWS

Costs \$105 Daily for 3

Confederate Widows Care Studied

By MARJ WIGHTMAN
Three little old ladies in the Confederate Women's Home are costing the State of Texas \$105 a day — and officials are still looking for a way out.
Attorney General Waggoner Carr ruled Tuesday that the three women cannot be given private nursing care under present laws, and the daily tab seemed bigger than ever.
However, there may be an alternative.
The three women may be eligible for the Vendor Medical Care plan authorized by the Kerr-Mills Bill and administered by the State Welfare Department.
"If they are eligible — and we're checking to make sure — these ladies will be eligible for

private nursing home care," Raymond Vowell, executive director of the State Board of Hospitals and Special Schools explains.
Later this week, Vowell will meet with Mrs. R. W. Widener of Houston, state president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The UDC originally deeded the home at 38th and Cedar to the state for the care of Confederate widows.
The last three are now living in the rear wing on Cedar Street, one bedridden and in a coma, one in a wheel chair, and the third up and about. The front wing is being used as a Nurses Home for the Austin State Hospital.
"Right now we have three patients and 11 employees to

care for them, including round-the-clock nursing service," Vowell explains.
"A survey of Austin nursing homes shows that we could give them better care at less cost in a private facility."
The State Board for Hospitals and Special Schools requested the opinion from Carr. Under the present law, Carr said, the home must be maintained.
"I think the three women would qualify for Kerr-Mills aid," Vowell said. "If they do, and if the UDC agrees, we can give them more care at less cost in a private nursing home."
The present Confederate Women's Home would continue as a nurses' home, Vowell added.

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November 20, 1963

Waterloo Scrapbook

Mrs. Smith, 104, Last Widow At Old Confederate Home

By KATHERINE HART
An article in the paper this week reports the 104th birthday of Mrs. Mattie Smith. Mrs. Smith is remarkable not only for her age, but she has the distinction of being the last Confederate widow to have lived in the Confederate Woman's Home here in Austin. In 1964, when there were only three of the ladies left in the Home, the State, for reasons of economy, moved them to a nursing home. The other two have since died.
The Confederate Home for Men had been opened in 1891 to care for the veterans of the Civil War, and a need was felt for a similar facility to house the wives and widows of Confederate veterans. The Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy bought a half-block of land at the corner of 38th and Cedar Streets and had built there an imposing structure of cement blocks, with two crenelated towers, that gave it a "faintly Medieval air." The Home was dedicated on the morning of June 3rd, 1908, as part of the "Ceremonies in the Celebration of the Centennial of the Birth of Jefferson Davis. . . By Confederate

Soldiers, Daughters of the Confederacy and Citizens of Austin."
The program at the dedication of the Woman's Home was comparatively simple, as in addition to an invocation and three musical selections, it was composed of only three addresses and a "short talk." (Luckily the short talk came last). One of the addresses was by Miss Katie Daffan, State President of the UDC, and first superintendent of the Home. The afternoon celebration which was the tribute proper to Jefferson Davis, consisted of a parade (complete with Besserer's Band) up Congress Avenue from 4th Street to the Capitol, where the procession disbanded and reassembled in the House of Representatives to hear Governor Sayers, Master of Ceremonies, introduce "the orators of the day." Even in this predominantly masculine atmosphere, the ladies were not forgotten, for the oration that preceded the Benediction was "The Confederate Woman" by Judge Thos. J. Brown.
In 1911 the State of Texas took over the administration of

the Confederate Woman's Home and in 1912 the property was deeded to the State by the U.D.C. As the residents grew older, health problems became more acute. In 1916, the Fannie Ferguson Memorial Hospital was built to connect with the original structure. It was named for the mother of the then Governor, James E. Ferguson. Later an Annex was built and in 1940, there were 77 ladies in the Home. Throughout the years, the U.D.C. continued to provide comforts and pleasures for the aging group.
At the present time, the original part of the Home is empty, but the south, or more modern, part is used for headquarters for the Austin group of Roadrunners. These dedicated volunteers collect clothing to distribute to old people in nursing homes, furnish transportation to and from the doctor's office, and provide bus tours and other pleasurable outings. So the good work of the U.D.C. ladies goes on!
Mrs. Hart is director of the Austin-Travis County Collection in the Austin Public Library.

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January 31, 1970



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THE MODEL AND THE MOTTO

Submitted by DCV President Steve Lucas

MINUTES
— OF THE —
SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
And REUNION
— OF THE —
United Confederate Veterans

HELD IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND, VA.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 30th & July 1st & 2d, 1896.

J. B. GORDON, General Commanding.
GEO. MOORMAN, Adjutant General and Chief of Staff.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.
Hopkins' Printing Office, 20 Commercial Place,
1897.

THE MODEL AND THE MOTTO.

Participating in the enthusiastic sentiment which pervades the South, demanding that Southern pens shall vindicate Southern history and recognizing the growing sentiment throughout the United States, demanding a just and truthful record, your committee believe that they can see in the signs of the times a coming corps of vigorous Southern historians. We expect from them eloquence, candor, patriotism, philosophy, wisdom. Trusting into their hands the vindication of the South and of the Confederate soldier, we commend to them a model and a motto.

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The model is, ***THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER.***

The motto is, ***LET HIM LIVE IN HISTORY, AS HE WAS IN WAR, AND AS HE IS IN PEACE.***

After the Confederate soldier had fought the war to the end, and had displayed fidelity, courage and skill, which have never been surpassed, he yielded when further resistance would have been folly and crime. When admiration for his valor and confidence in his honor led his antagonists to offer honorable terms, he accepted them in the same magnanimous spirit in which they were offered. He surrendered as the brave surrender. His surrender meant peace and conciliation. He obeyed the order to "ground arms." His tears and his musket fell together to the ground. The war was over.

He had fought with honor; he surrendered with honor, and he has abided the issue with honor. He returned to the Union as an equal, and he has remained in the Union as a friend, with no humble apologies, no unmanly servility, no petty spirit, no sullen treachery; he is a cheerful, frank citizen of the United States, accepting the present, trusting the future, and proud of the past.

He has built the New South—for there is a new New South. But this New South is the legitimate offspring of the Old South. It is not a galvanized corpse worked into life by batteries without. It is a healthy expansion of forces from within. The New South is the work of the Confederate soldier, as the Old South was the work of his father. The Confederate soldier loves both.

The New South, in material development, will rise above the Old South. We shall have a denser population, larger cities, more stately buildings, more ample revenues, more widely diffused intelligence, richer men, wealthier corporations; but we shall never have a higher social order, nobler sentiments, purer aspirations, grander men, or more devoted or truer women than the men and the women of the Old South.

The Confederate soldier feels this; and he laments the Old South as a parent that has passed away. He turns to the New South as to his child, and with affectionate solicitude he devotes his life to rear and protect it.

He knows the South is a part of the United States. He sees that its best interests demand peace and conciliation. In the language of the eloquent Georgian, "He is in the house of his fathers, and he has come to stay." He is a patriot by nature; he has never ceased to be a patriot.

THE STARS IN THE FLAG.

He must love some country, and he has no other country to love. He sees the Stars and Stripes float over the land. He gazes upon that flag, and counts its stars. Who placed them there? He traces the thirteen Stars that represent the original States, and all the glorious history of the Revolution passes before his mind. He looks at the brilliant constellation that answers to the States formed from western lands ceded by Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia. Who placed those stars in that firmament? His fathers. What venerated image comes before him when he gazes on that constellation which answers to the States formed out of the province of Louisiana? Thomas Jefferson. The stars that answer to the States formed from Florida and Oregon recall James Monroe. The lone Star of Texas and the stars which glitter for golden California and the Mexican cessions bring up the memories of John Tyler and James K. Polk. While these shining witnesses bear their silent testimony, the territorial growth of the United States expands before his vision, and the Confederate soldier honors the flag which cannot wave without testifying to this great work of the South, while it proclaims alike the glory of the American Union. He learned to love that flag when he was a boy. He loved it even when he fought it. Every impulse of his generous nature prompts him to love Dixie and the Star Spangled Banner.

The Confederate soldier is a patriot of the highest type. He was a soldier because he was a patriot. He is a peaceful citizen, because he is a patriot. He has forgiven the war with its attendant injustice of invasion and reconstruction. He has risen above the humiliation of surrender. From the hero of war he has grown to be the hero of peace. In this character he deserved to be painted by history.

MODEL FOR THE HISTORIAN.

Then let the Confederate historian be like his model, the Confederate soldier. He must be patriotic, for he is representing the cause of patriots. He must be candid, for a partisan work will not live in history, and will fail to convince the world. He must be accurate, for even slight inaccuracies would be detected, and would cast suspicion on his work. He must be patient in research, for much of his material is scattered and difficult of access, and he must make no assertion that is not sustained by evidence. He must be philosophical; calm and logical treatment is essential to the discussion of the social, economic and political problems of the great confederated republic, the conflict of whose centrifugal and centripetal forces has baffled the philosophy of the Old World. He must be enthusiastic, but his enthusiasm must be restrained by judgment; this enthusiasm must be both sectional and national, and this judgment must be both minute and comprehensive. He must be bold and fearless, but always liberal. He must be eloquent, for he is dealing with a lofty theme—the most gigantic internal struggle which history records—the grandest contribution which the nineteenth century has made to human greatness. America's proudest title to martial glory. He is painting for future ages the picture of that eventful epoch, whose memories are the joint heritage of all Americans, and which is destined to occupy in American history the pathetic place which the war of the roses now occupies in the annals of England and in the hearts of Englishmen.

In the foreground of this historic picture your committee would place a noble pile of Parian marble, pure and chaste, strong and enduring, on whose high summit there shall kneel the figure of the Southern woman, the guardian angel of the Confederacy, with eyes turned to Heaven, and sacred hands extended in unceasing blessings on the heads and hearts of the fathers, husbands, brothers and sons of our Southland.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN D. LEE, Chairman.

W. R. GARRETT,

J. N. STUBBS,

CLEMENT A. EVANS,

ELLISON CAPERS,

S. G. FRENCH,

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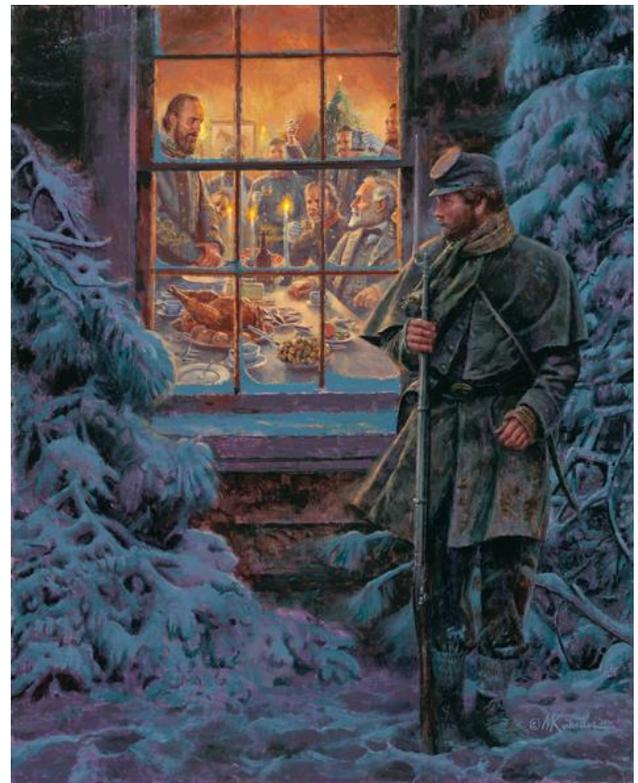
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W. Q. LOWD.

Historical Committee – ed.



Painting by Mort Kunstler

Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more; you should never wish to do less.

Robert E. Lee

DISCLAIMER FROM THE EDITOR

It is with total disgust, anger, and sadness that I post the following information taken from Herald-Mail Media, an internet news source.

12-10-20 WASHINGTON — An effort to remove a controversial statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee at Antietam National Battlefield won approval Thursday in the U.S. House.

House Resolution 970 was passed on a voice vote Thursday morning during a floor session of the U.S. House of Representatives, and will now head to the U.S. Senate for possible consideration.

U.S. Rep. Anthony Brown, D-4th, sponsored the resolution and spoke on the House floor prior to the vote about why the statue should be removed. "On this federal land stands a 20-foot statue of Gen. Lee and it was commissioned with the explicit intent of honoring the Confederacy and glorifies the Confederacy — its leaders, the cause of slavery and open rebellion against the United States," Brown said.

"It's also historically inaccurate. The monument depicts Gen. Lee riding up to the battlefield on horseback while evidence shows that the general actually traveled to a different part of the battlefield in an ambulance due to a broken wrist," he said. Lee was a "brutal slave owner" and the Confederacy also defended the "savage institution of slavery," Brown said.

The statue was installed by a private citizen in 2003, and was later acquired by the U.S. National Park Service, he said.

"But instead of teaching us the dark lessons of our history, this statue sanitizes the actions of men who fought a war to keep Black Americans in chains," Brown said.

"There is no reason why any of our nation's public spaces should have monuments celebrating those who betrayed their country," he said.

Brown originally introduced a resolution calling for the statue's removal in 2017, following a deadly gathering of extremists and counter-protesters in Charlottesville, Va. The bill stalled in the House.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 970: Remove statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee at Antietam National Battlefield

Speaking after the vote, Christian Unkenholz, Brown's press secretary, said the National Park Service has already taken some action with regard to the statue.

"The National Park Service recognizes that the inscription on it isn't necessarily accurate, and that's why they have installed a wayside (marker) to explain more about the statue," Unkenholz said in a telephone interview following the vote.

U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-8th, who co-sponsored the resolution with David Trone, D-6th, agreed the statue is inappropriate and should be removed because the Confederate cause was "neither noble nor heroic."

"I can not find a single case of any other country on earth where monuments and memorials are put up to honor the generals of enemy forces in a civil war, or any other war," Raskin, said while speaking on the House floor. "There's something freakishly unusual about this practice," Raskin said.

Trone, whose district includes Washington County and the battlefield, did not speak during the floor session.

The statue, along Md. 34 near the Newcomer House just outside of Sharpsburg, has been vandalized at least twice since June.



Gen. Robert E. Lee & Traveller at Antietam

DCV Members, **House Resolution 970** will now move to the U.S. Senate for possible consideration. Each of us has two U.S. Senators. Make your opinion known!

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Following a recent anonymous single donation of \$125 to the DCV through Network for Good, Dr. Samuel Bennett, DCV Treasurer and current Board of Directors member researched the possibility of creating a DCV Heritage Defense Fund using the popular GoFundMe website. Non-Profits such as the DCV are accepted on the GoFundMe Charity platform.

Below is a clickable link to the DCV GoFundMe page created by Dr. Bennett. There is "Donate" button and a "Share to Facebook" button.

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STAR OF WONDER, STAR OF NIGHT

The DCV TRAVELLER is sent quarterly on the day of each season's solstice. It is one day early this quarter to allow members an extra day to remember to look at the sky tomorrow December 21st after sunset, and observe the "Christmas Star".

Earth will be treated to a celestial wonder that hasn't been seen so clearly since 1226, the "Christmas Star."

The rare phenomenon occurs when Jupiter and Saturn get very close and appear to nearly collide, giving the impression of a double planet when viewed from Earth.

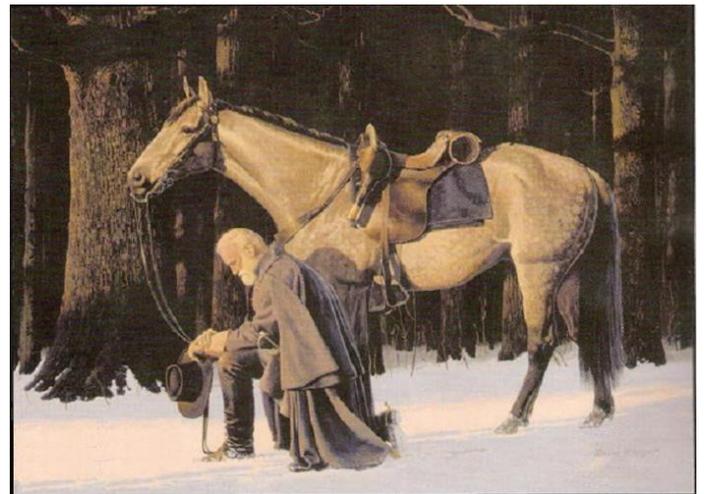
Some astronomers believe that the "Star of Bethlehem" in the Nativity story was a conjunction of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

"Alignments between these two planets are rather rare, occurring once every 20 years or so, but this conjunction is exceptionally rare because of how close the planets will appear to be to one another.

STAR OF WONDER, STAR OF NIGHT



The Christmas Star will be brighter than it's been in almost 800 years. Could it have been in the winter of 62 when travelling through Fauquier County, Virginia the Christmas Star would lead the way home for the Black Horse Troop a moment of Peace on Earth.



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