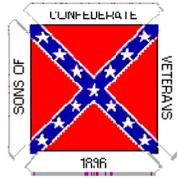
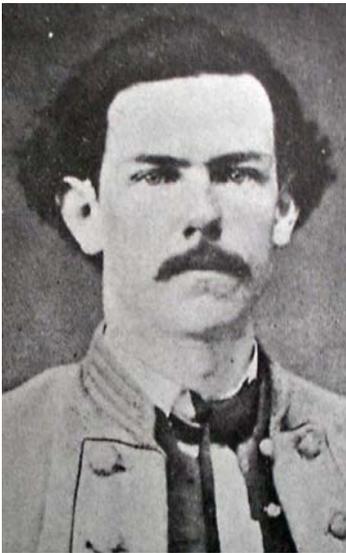
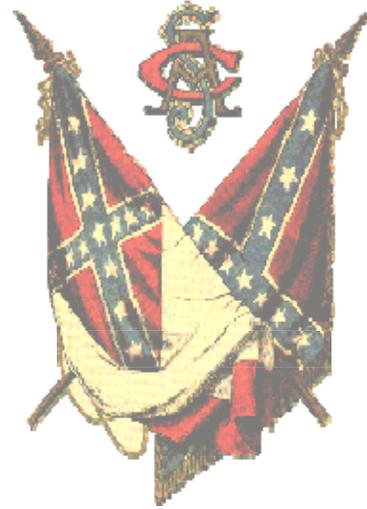

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Site of the lynching in Trenton carried out by an all female lynching party.
Recently recorded by Raymond Evans as a part of a survey project.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Annual Reunion

Mobile, Alabama

Many people attending the event missed the business meeting due to the fact that for some unclear reason it was held on Friday rather than Saturday as usual. All aspects of the session were concluded before lunch on Friday.

The items of greatest concern were the proposed amendments. Their results are as follows:

Amendment 1, removal of veto power of the accused relative to the site of the hearing – this one Passed

Amendment 2, clarifies the procedures and appeals for a member subject to discipline – this one also Passed

Amendment 3, Cadet dues – this one Failed

Amendment 4, to weed out Felons – this one was "tabled" the proponent tried to withdraw after it made it to the floor but could not. Those present say that it is dead and gone.

In other business, there will be a \$10.00 dues increase after next years reunion.



DUES

August 1, 2007 marks the beginning for the fiscal year for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. You can pay your dues for the coming year at this time. While we know that it is very important to recruit new members for the camp we must never lose sight of the fact that it is just as important to retain all of our current members. We should all make every effort now to see to it that our camp has 100% membership retention for the coming year. Now is also the time to consider life membership

We have a number of issues to face during the coming year, and we will need all the members we can get. The August Camp meeting will be an excellent time for you to pay your dues for the coming year. Then, with that responsibility out of the way, you can concentrate on recruiting at least one new member during the next three months.

WAR CRIMINALS

General Sherman declared on January 31, 1864 that "To the petulant and persistent secessionists, why, death is mercy." In a July 31, 1862 letter to his wife he said his goal was "extermination, not of soldiers alone, that is the least part of the trouble, but the people." And so he burned the towns of Randolph, Tennessee, Jackson and Meridian, Mississippi, and Atlanta to the ground after the Confederate army had left; bombarded cities occupied only by civilians in violation of the Geneva Convention of 1863; and boasted in his memoirs of destroying \$100 million in private property and stealing another \$20 million worth. All of this destroyed foodstuffs and left women, children, and the elderly in the cold of winter without shelter or food.

Children in American schools are taught that "Abraham Lincoln was kind And generous." This is an outright lie written by northern historians. If the Confederate States of America had won The War Between the States (Civil War) 1861-1865, Abraham Lincoln, Sherman, and Sheridan would have been tried for war crimes. General Philip Sheridan destroyed the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, burning hundreds of houses to the ground and killing or stealing all livestock and destroying crops long after the Confederate Army had left the valley, just as winter was approaching.

General William T. Sherman burned Atlanta, Georgia and approximately 60 counties east to Savannah. Sherman's New York regiments were filled with big city criminals and foreigners fresh from the jails of Europe. Lincoln recruited the worst of the worst to serve as pillagers and plunderers in Sherman's army. They committed horrible atrocities against the civilian population of Georgia including women and children. They kidnapped approximately 600 women and children from a Roswell, Georgia mill and shipped them north where they were forced to work as slave labor in northern factories.

Lincoln used the war to "remove the constraints that Southern senators and congressmen, standing in the Jeffersonian tradition, placed in the way of centralized federal power, high tariffs, and subsidies to Northern industries." Indeed, Lincoln's 28-year political career prior to becoming president was devoted almost exclusively to this end. Even Lincoln idolater Mark Neely, Jr., in *The Fate of Liberty*, noted that as early as the 1840s, Lincoln exhibited a "gruff and belittling impatience" with constitutional arguments against his cherished Whig economic agenda of protectionist tariffs, corporate welfare for the railroad and road building industries, and a federal government monopolization of the money supply. Once he was in power, Lincoln appointed himself "constitutional dictator" and immediately pushed through this mercantilist economic agenda – an agenda that had been vetoed by president after president beginning with Jefferson.

Far from saving the Union, Lincoln utterly destroyed the Union achieved by the Founding Fathers and the U.S. Constitution. The original Union was a voluntary association of states. By holding it together at gunpoint Lincoln may have "saved" the Union in a geographic sense, but he destroyed it in a philosophical sense.

THE SLAVE WHO WAS A SOLDIER: DAUGHTER SEARCHES FOR TRUTH

Memorial will honor man who fought for Confederate Army
Cliff Harrington

The Charlotte (NC) *Observer*

Wary Clyburn is a local Civil War hero I bet many of you don't know about. He's a former slave who fought for the Confederate Army from 1863 to 1865. He was born in Lancaster County but moved to Union. Many of his descendants live in the Wingate area, and they're planning to honor his memory next month.

Pension documents confirm that Clyburn was a former slave and a Civil War veteran. The documents say he volunteered for the Confederacy with Capt. Frank Clyburn, who was the son of the man who owned Wary Clyburn (Note: The documents spelled his first name several ways: Werry, Weary and Wary. His daughter says the correct spelling is Wary). According to the pension documents, Wary Clyburn served as the bodyguard for Frank Clyburn in Company E of the 12th regiment. Wary carried Frank on his shoulders to rescue him during intense fighting. Wary also served as a special aid to Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Monday morning I met Mattie Clyburn Rice of High Point; she's the daughter of Wary Clyburn. She had come to the Heritage Room at the Old Monroe Courthouse to get information about her father. She already had a good bit of documentation. That's where I saw the documents that had been filed when Wary wanted to get pension payments as a Civil War veteran. Clyburn did get his pension in 1926, and after that many other former slaves also got pensions, according to his daughter.

Mattie Clyburn Rice was born in 1922 and her father died in 1930. Rice said her father spent a lot of time telling her about his life. He was too old to work in the fields. "He would send my brothers to the fields and he would stay with me," she said.

"He would tell me about his life and I didn't have any computers or anything, so I had to remember all of this. I kept it in my head and I've been looking and searching." When she became an adult, she left Union County but continued to look for information about her father, including a search for the site where he was buried.

Mattie Clyburn Rice said she found her father's grave about 10 years ago. It's in what we now know as Hillcrest Cemetery. She didn't have time to show me the exact spot Monday.

However, when the discussion turned to her father, a big smile lit her face. She loved her father and that has driven her to gather information. Even now, she wants to know more.

There is a photo of Wary Clyburn, but his daughter didn't have it with her. She had a photocopy. It showed a man with a grand smile, seated with what appeared to be his Confederate military jacket on. He was holding a fiddle.

Mattie Clyburn Rice said when she was small, her parents took her to First Church of God on Morgan Mill Road. In her search for information, she again has found the church and that's where the family plans to honor Mr. Clyburn on Aug. 26. There will be a family reunion.

The obvious question is this: Why would a slave volunteer to fight on the side of people who held him in bondage?

That's a question that only Mr. Clyburn can answer.

Too often when it comes to the Civil War and slavery, we hear versions of the truth that are woven from conjecture and narrow perspectives. It's refreshing when you find the truth.

This is it.

Wary Clyburn was a brave and loyal hero. And he deserves to be honored by all of us. IN MY OPINION

The Memorial

Wary Clyburn will be honored Aug. 26 during a reunion of his descendants. The ceremony will be at First Church of God, 301 Morgan Mill Road.

GOT INFORMATION?

Mattie Rice Clyburn is still compiling information about her father. If you have information, please write to her: Mattie Rice Clyburn, P.O. Box 1503, High Point, NC 27262.

Cliff Harrington

<http://www.charlotte.com/union/story/211803.html>





Chaplain's Corner

Laughter is medicine for the soul, but sometimes, because of the stresses of the day, we forget to take our medicine. Instead of viewing our world with a mixture of optimism and humor, we allow worries and distractions to rob us of the joy that God intends for our lives.

Even if your circumstances are difficult, you should, to the best of your abilities, approach life with a smile on your lips and hope in your heart. After all, God created laughter for a

reason.....and Father indeed knows best. So laugh!

Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones

Prayer List: Lewis Leach is still fighting for recovery after having a motorcycle accident. Wedge Morrison's granddaughter, Rachel has a very serious illness.

Ronnie Watts requests prayer for his Dad who has health problems. Let us remember all of these in our thoughts and prayers.

May God Bless,

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Confederate Generals Born in August



Lt. General John Clifford Pemberton - 10 Aug. 1814 - Philadelphia, Penn.
Lt. Gen. A.P. Stewart - 30 Aug. 1821 - Rogersville, Tenn.
Maj. General John Horace Forney - 12 Aug. 1829 - Lincolnton, N.C.
Maj. General John Porter McCowan - 19 Aug. 1815 - Servierville, Tenn.
Brig. General William Barksdale - 21 Aug. 1821 - Rutherford Co., Tenn.
Brig. General Theodore Washington Brevard - 26 Aug. 1835 - Tuskegee, Ala.
Brig. General Goode Bryan - 31 Aug. 1811 - Hancock Co., Ga.
Brig. General Thomas Fenwick Drayton - 24 Aug. 1808 - Charleston, S.C.
Brig. General Winfield Scott Featherston - 8 Aug. 1820 - Murfreesboro, Tenn.

General A. P. Stewart

Brig. General Daniel March Frost - 9 Aug. 1823 - Schenectady, N.Y.
Brig. General Maxcy Gregg - 1 Aug. 1814 - Columbia, S.C.
Brig. General Roger Weightman Hanson - 27 Aug. 1827 - Winchester, Ky.
Brig. General Nathaniel Harrison Harris - 22 Aug. 1834 - Natchez, Miss.
Brig. General Benjamin Grubb Humphreys - 24 Aug. 1808 - Claiborne Co., Miss.
Brig. General Evander McIvor Law - Aug. 1836 - Darlington, S.C.
Brig. General Danville Ledbetter - 26 Aug. 1811 - Leeds, Maine
Brig. General Geroge Earl Maney - 24 Aug. 1826 - Franklin, Tenn.
Brig. General William Miller - 3 Aug. 1820 - Ithaca, N.Y.
Brig. General Francis Reddin Tillou Nichols - 20 Aug. 1834 - Donaldsonville, La.
Brig. General Carnot Posey - 5 Aug. 1813 - Wilkinson Co., Miss.
Brig. General William Yarnel Slack - 1 Aug. 1816 - Mason Co., Ky.
Brig. General George Hume Steuart - 24 Aug. 1828 - Baltimore, Md.
Brig. General Clement Hoffman "Rock" Stevens - 14 Aug. 1821 - South Carolina
Brig. General Walter Husted Stevens - 24 Aug. 1827 - Penn Yan, N.Y.
Brig. General Willaim Terry - 14 Aug. 1824 - Amhurst Co., Va.
Brig. General James Alexander Walker - 27 Aug. 1832 - Mt. Sidney, Va.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 21: Camp Meeting: The August 2007 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 in back of the Easy Rental Store on Highway 11 at the south end of Trenton. We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat! Call 657-5000 for directions.
- September 3: Mule Day: On Labor Day Monday, September 3, 2007 the annual Mule day will be celebrated at Ider, Alabama. Our camp will be featured in the parade. If you plan to make the parade, you should be there by 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. Call Jim Fletcher for additional information.
- September 7-9 Battle re-enactment: The annual re-enactment of the Battle of Tunnel Hill will be held on September 7-9, 2007. Call 657-5000 for additional information.



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HONORING OUR CONFEDERATE HERITAGE

