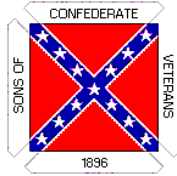
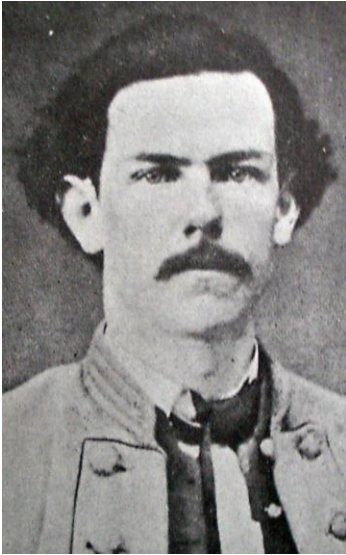
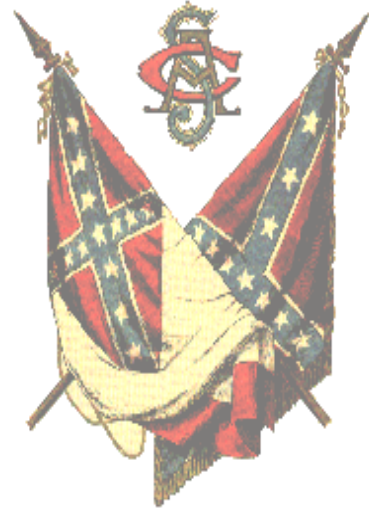




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Ruins of Atlanta Depot after the battle.

British Trade of Inhumanity

Bernhard Thuersam, Chairman

North Carolina War Between the States Sesquicentennial Commission

During the recent royal wedding the press avoided mention of the royal family's (and England's) past association with African slavery. This trade of inhumanity was chartered and encouraged by Queen Elizabeth, and the Duke of York was head of the Royal African Company, a slave trade concern. British slavers were only surpassed in efficiency by slavers of Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

“On the 1st of April, 1772 the [Virginia] House of Burgesses addressed a hot petition to the crown, “imploing his Majesty’s paternal assistance in averting a calamity of a most alarming nature.” It proceeds: “The importation of slaves into the colonies from the coast of Africa hath long been considered as a trade of inhumanity, and under its present encouragement we have too much reason to fear will endanger the very existence of your Majesty’s American dominions. We are sensible that some of your Majesty’s subjects may reap emoluments from this sort of traffic...we most humbly beseech your Majesty to remove all those restraints on your Majesty’s governors of the colony which inhibit their assenting to such House of Burgesses] laws as might check so very pernicious a traffic. When the vote was taken in the Federal Congress on the resolution to postpone the prohibition of the [slave] trade to the year 1808, Virginia used all her influence to defeat the postponement, and it was carried by New Hampshire, Massachusetts, the Carolinas, and Georgia. The final prohibition of the slave trade by act of Congress was brought about through the influence of President Jefferson and by the active efforts of Virginians. And greatly to the labors of the representatives from Virginia was due the final extinction of the vile traffic [of England and New England] through the act of Congress declaring it to be piracy, five years before Great Britain took similar action with regard to her subjects. Such is the actual record of the much-vilified South relating to the African slave trade, taken from official records. The gradual system of emancipation adopted at the North had undoubtedly led to many of the slaves being shipped off to the South and sold. When, therefore, after this “abolition,” the movement, from being confined to the comparatively small band of liberators who were actuated by pure principle, extended to those who had been their persecutors, it aroused suspicion at the South which blinded it to a just judgment of the case.

The statutory laws relating to slavery at the South are held up as proof of the brutality with which they were treated even under the law. But these laws were not more cruel than the laws of England at the period they were enacted...and, at least, Southerners never tolerated wholesale burning at the stake as a legal punishment, as was done in New York as late as 1741, when fourteen Negroes were burnt at the stake on the flimsy testimony of a half-crazed servant girl; and as was done in Massachusetts as late as 1755, when a Negro was burnt for murder.”

(The Old South, Essays Social and Political, Thomas Nelson Page, Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1896, pp. 29-32)

ANNUAL DUES

Dues payable August 1 of each year and are delinquent November 1 of each year.

Anyone who joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans before August 1 (by the new rules passed at the 2005 convention) has owed dues as of August the first.

Please note that there is a \$10.00 increase in national dues this year.

I will be sending in DUES the last week of October

DUES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Sons of Confederate Veterans	\$30.00 per year
Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans	\$12.00 per year
State of Dade Camp #707	\$ 5.00 per year
TOTAL	\$47.00 per year

If dues are sent to me after 1 November 2011 the Sons of Confederate Veterans will add a \$5.00 re-instatement fee for a total of \$52.00.

You may pay me at the meeting or mail your DUES to:

Larry D. Wheeler (Adjutant)
639 Canyon Park Dr.
Trenton, Georgia 30752-2640

Thank you for being a Son of the South. The South needs the support of all of her Sons. Please continue your membership and support THE CAUSE.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Yours in Service to the South,

Larry W. Wheeler, Adjutant

Remembering the Battle of Atlanta

By Calvin E. Johnson Jr.

July marks the 148th Anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta that marked the beginning of the end of the Southern people's quest for independence.

Are today's children taught about the War Between the States battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Jonesboro, Fredericksburg, Pea Ridge, Vicksburg, Kennesaw Mountain, Nashville and Atlanta that ultimately led to Gen. William T. Sherman's March to the Sea?

Did you know that Confederate Brigadier Gen. Stand Watie, an American Indian, held the highest rank on either side, Union or Confederate, or that Black Confederates helped defend Atlanta and are buried on the grounds of a famous Atlanta Black University?

In July, 1864, a free-black man, Soloman (Sam) Luckie, was leaning against a gas lamp post in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta barber was talking to a group of businessmen when a cannon shell burst wounded him. The white businessmen took him to their surgeon where he died from the wounds. Luckie may have been one of the first casualties of General Sherman's assault on Atlanta. A street was later named in his memory.



Ruins of Atlanta after the Battle.

This gas lamp that proved unlucky for Sam Luckie was one of 50 gas lamps erected by the Atlanta Gas Light Company in 1856 and the only one to survive the War Between the States. This famous lamp was relit on December 15, 1939, in conjunction with the World Premiere of the movie "Gone with the Wind" in Atlanta, Georgia. It stood

for many years on the corner of Whitehall (now Peachtree) and Mitchell Street. It was moved to Underground Atlanta when construction began on the Five Points MARTA Rail Station.

One hundred sixteen years after the War Between the States Battle of Atlanta, a memorial event took place at the Neiman Marcus Department Store at Atlanta, Georgia's Lenox Square Shopping Mall. A special Battle of Atlanta Tea was held here starting in 1980. The programs for this occasion included speeches by noted historians; Mr. Virlyn Moore, Mr. Judson Ward and the late great Mr. Franklin M. Garrett. Garrett was the official Historian for the City of Atlanta and served as Director of the Atlanta Historical Society. History is always alive in Atlanta, Ga. Check the many events at: www.AtlantaHistoryCenter.com

The Battle of Atlanta Tea, held through the early 1980s, was a big success due to the efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth Edmondson, Mrs. Sally White of Nieman Marcus, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. www.scv.org

Atlanta's historic "Cyclorama", <http://www.webguide.com/cyclorama.html>, located at Grant Park, is a jewel of a painting depicting the Battle of Atlanta. A short distance from here is Historic Oakland Cemetery, <http://www.oaklandcemetery.com>. that is the final resting place to many Confederate soldiers some of whom died during the Battle of Atlanta.

Many people supported the Battle of Atlanta Tea in the 1980s. A reception room was set up with food and refreshment and the walls were adorned with Confederate and United States flags. The women wore ante-bellum attire and men wore Confederate uniforms. Confederate re-enactors, with replica black powder period rifles, stood guard at store entrances and escalators to give directions and tell stories from the past. Can you imagine such an event happening today? Our school bands no longer play "Dixie" but Dixie was played during the Battle of Atlanta Commemorations.

The Battle of Atlanta took place south of the Carter Center, down to the intersection of Moreland Avenue and Interstate 20 and around Glenwood Avenue, Memorial Drive and Clay Street.

During the Battle of Atlanta the Confederate forces were first commanded by General Joseph E. Johnston and later by General John Bell Hood. The Union Forces were under command of General William Tecumseh Sherman. The main Union force was the Army of the Tennessee under Major General James B. McPherson who was killed during the Atlanta battle.

2011 will mark the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States. Let's Not Forget!!

Lincoln Uber Alles: Dictatorship Comes to America

By John Avery Emison

List Price: \$24.95

SHNV/SWR Price: \$16.47

<http://astore.amazon.com/souhernewvie-20/detail/1589806921>

In his provocative book, John Avery Emison sets the record straight on the legality of Southern secession. He laments the unnecessary loss of 620,000 lives, the burning of cities, and mass devastation to the South, wreaked between the years of 1861 and 1865, by the North. A close examination of the true causes of the Civil War reveals the fight was not one for racial justice, but rather a battle over the economic disparities between the North and the South. By illustrating how Abraham Lincoln's tyrannical presidency paved the way for today's bloated "Leviathan" government, Emison brings his subject into the twenty-first century and puts forth his fear for the future.

Contrary to contemporary assumptions, secession was--and still is--within the rights of all states. The concept of sovereignty grants such powers to the states, not the

federal government. Emison explains the list of violations that Lincoln committed in an effort to prevent the South's peaceful exit from the Union. These atrocious actions include the blockading of ports, arresting innocent citizens, suspending habeas corpus, suppressing newspapers, and, most notably, ordering a gruesome war without consent from Congress.



President Abraham Lincoln.

While presenting a historical backdrop, the author credits the events and political figures that contributed to Lincoln's election. He references significant Supreme Court doctrines and delves into the depths of the U.S. Constitution. Emison's arguments are backed by the expert analysis of notable legal historians, such as Kenneth Stampp and Carl Wittke.

Chaplain's Corner



Through the woods Robin Hood and his merry men went with bows and arrows , often in search of food to last out the coming winter months. Something glamorous lingers about the bow and arrow, and many turn to it for hunting and as a hobby and recreational sport. Once the arrow leaves the bow, it does not return. This is true of words spoken in deceit or anger. They cannot be called back, and often they hit their mark or kill as does the arrow from the bow.

God, let us shoot the arrows of compassion from a bow which is bent with love and good intentions in behalf of others.

Jeremiah 9:8 *Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit.*

Prayer List: Sonny Ballew was at our last meeting. He has improved since his operation a few months ago. Let us continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

May God Bless,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 10-11 Battle re-enactment: The annual re-enactment of the Battle of Tunnel Hill will be held on September 10-11, 2011. All re-enactors are urged to attend. Call (423) 298-4544 for additional information.
- September 17: The annual War Between the States Day event will be held on the grounds of the Gordon Lee Mansion at Chickamauga, Georgia. There will be all forms of period living history and a big barbeque Contest
- September 20: Camp Meeting: The September 2011 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton. We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat! Call (423) 298-4544 for directions.
- October 15-16: New Salem Art Show: The annual New Salem Art Show will be held on Lookout Mountain on Saturday and Sunday October 15-16, 2011. The Camp 707 sales booth will be set up and this is our last sales event of the year. This is always a relaxed and fun event. It is hoped that all State of Dade members can plan to come and spend the one or both days with us. We need help on Saturday.



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