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From Our President

Happy new year to all of you! I trust everyone had a safe and happy holiday season.

I hit the ground running this new year and made appointments to be with many of you for Lee-Jackson banquets. Now my April calendar is filling up with plans to attend Confederate memorial services. Keep those invitations coming, as it is my hope to attend a meeting or function for each Chapter in the Division during my term. I so enjoy attending and hearing about the wonderful work being done by the Chapters.



MS Division President
Pamela J. Mauldin

Spring Board is the first weekend in March in Richmond, and the registration form is in the January issue of the *UDC Magazine*. If you can attend, it is a time to get the latest information from the General Officers as well as Committee Chairmen and to tour the beautiful Memorial Building that belongs to all Daughters.

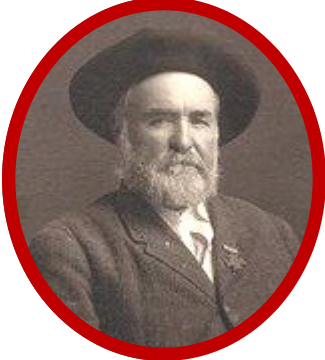
The January issue of *UDC Magazine* arrived in a clear bag after it was stressed at General Convention it would be in an opaque bag. There was an error at the printer. The Organization was not billed for the January bags since it was the printer's error. The February issue is being delivered in the correct bag.

My "Presidential Challenges" are a way of making sure our ladies are documenting the work being done by the Chapters. These are not thrown out to compete for awards; although, it could result in awards for your Chapters. Most are doing great! By completing a challenge, the Chapter President has a record that it was done and can easily include this in the Chapter work in her report. Please report all work done by the Chapter, but don't try to slip in work the Chapter did not do.

Many have asked if I have a President's Project for my term. I have chosen to continue the MS Division Disaster Relief program. I am an American Red Cross volunteer, and I see many ways this relief program helps individuals and families. Also, let me remind you that we do have funds available for those affected by disasters like the recent flooding in the Hattiesburg area. Daughters, use this as a

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William Henry Benton



Where is his Southern Cross of Honor? Read on page nine about this Confederate sergeant who was paroled from a Yankee prison on May 8, 1865.



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way of helping our communities in time of need.

The Division Workshop has been scheduled by the Division Vice President. I hope to see you all in attendance. Remember, since there are no longer Districts, this will be the only time for all of us to come together and hear important information, pick up those important Presidents' packets, get your copies of the Division Minutes, and enjoy the sisterhood we all share. The registration form has been placed on the MS Division website and is included in this newsletter (on page three). The date is March 16 at Lake Tiak O-K'hata in Louisville. The sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the workshop will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Don't be late!

I want to personally congratulate our own Patricia C. Parrish on her election as Recorder General of Military Service Awards. It is such an honor to have an elected General officer in our Division. Please join me in congratulating her. I know she is doing great work, and she makes us all proud.



I am here to serve you, and if I can help you in any way, contact me. I do not have answers to all questions, but I will gladly find information and get back to you with help if needed. Your officer manuals are the first tool to look for answers to questions. Please ladies, follow the chain of command when you have questions or problems. It is not right to sidestep your Chapter or Division officers and contact a General officer. Though many of us know our General officers well and are personal friends, it is not the chain of command. Please follow the rules set forth by our Organization.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Mississippi Division. I look forward to seeing all of you in Louisville! 🇺🇸



Pamela J. Mauldin
MS Division President

President's Project

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION DISASTER RELIEF FUND GUIDELINES

- Disaster Relief Fund is established to ONLY assist in relief of disasters in Mississippi.
- Request in writing by a Chapter or individual for disbursement of funds must be made to the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee will determine amount of funds to be allocated to the disaster area.
- A majority of the Executive Committee must endorse the release of funds.
- Within thirty days of releasing of funds, an after-action report must be submitted by Chapter or individual receiving funds to the Executive Committee describing how funds were used.
- Donations may be made to the Mississippi Division Treasurer earmarked for Disaster Relief Fund. Checks should be made out to "MS Division Disaster Relief Fund."

Division Workshop



MS DIVISION WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Saturday, March 16, 2019
 Lake Tiak-O'Khata
 1290 Smyth Lake Road
 Louisville, MS 39339

Please return this registration form to Lynda McKinney, 1633 Hwy 51 North, Winona, MS 38967.
 If you prefer, you may *email* it to Lynda at her email address: mslyn1204@gmail.com
PLEASE NOTE: Deadline to email or mail the form is February 28, 2019!

MEMBER INFORMATION

Name _____ Chapter _____

Chapter Office _____ Division Office _____

Division Committee Chairman _____

Registration Fee is \$2.00 per person. Lunch is \$13.50 per person, and includes drink, tax, and gratuity.
 No outside food or drink is allowed in meeting room or restaurant. Pre-pay please; ticket given at sign in.
Please make checks payable to Lynda McKinney.

Registration fee _____ Lunch fee _____ Total Sent _____ Check or Money order # _____

Workshop registration in the Flamingo Room will begin at **8:30 am** and workshop promptly at **9:00 am**.

Anyone who wishes to arrive on Friday the 15th, we have a block of rooms. Please ask for UDC block. Room rates are \$89.00 plus tax, for a total of **\$97.01**. You may request a room with a king or double beds. Call hotel directly to reserve a room at 662-773-7853 or toll free at 888-845-6151. Check-in is at 4 pm and check-out is at 11 am. Internet is available in all motel rooms, main restaurant, and lobby area.

Please let Lynda know your plans by February 28, as she must give Lake Tiak-O'Khata a final number.

Will you be having lunch? Yes _____ No _____

NOTE:

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Division Officers

HISTORIAN Bunnie Tisdale



Jefferson Davis Gold Medal

JEFFERSON DAVIS GOLD MEDAL

Thank you to each of you that have sent in paperwork for the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal. Please keep up the good work! The more we do, the better our reports will be at General Convention.

Jefferson Davis Gold Medal -- General Information

- A recipient may only receive one medal or award for the same work.
- If a recipient is deserving of additional recognition at a later date, another medal is not given but instead an additional certificate may be presented. The application process is the same.
- The award ceremony should be a special occasion. The proposed bestowal date chosen should allow ample time for processing of the application.
- The medal may be worn at all worthy functions. Recipients are encouraged to wear it often. For UDC recipients, refer to the UDC Handbook.
- It is awarded through the office of the Historian General to adults for excellence in history, essay writing, declamation, and other points of special achievement in keeping with the historical aims and purposes of the Organization. It is processed through Chapter and Division historians and through the Historian General. Proof must be documented and submitted with your application.
- The recipient does not have to be a member of UDC.

HISTORICAL PROGRAMS

Our monthly historical programs for February and March are:

- “*Elizabeth Avery Meriwether*”
- “*Final Farewell to the Daughter of the Confederacy*”

ESSAY CONTEST

Remember our contest essays are due to me April 1st. The contest titles are:

- Seventh through ninth grade - “*The Boys’ War*”
- Tenth through twelfth grade - “*The Life of Johnny Reb*”



Elizabeth Avery Meriwether

CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

Reminder: Chapters with newsletters, please send me hard copies. I receive some now, but I know there are others out there somewhere. My mailing address is 8993 Chapel Road, Meridian, MS 39305.

TO DO LIST

- Take pictures of historical markers.
- Submit essays for the Division Essay Contest for seventh through twelfth-grade students.
- Present the monthly historical program at your meetings.



Division Officers

RECORDER OF MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS Sallie Roberts

As a friendly reminder, April is a popular month for bestowing Crosses of Military Service Awards. It is Southern Heritage Month. Crosses take eight weeks to process. If your Chapter is planning to bestow a Cross of Military Service on a worthy person who served in the military, keep this in mind. Our military men and women answered their nation's call to service. As members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, we need to honor those who served.

EDITOR Sharon Tallman

I remember when I was a kid using tin cans and a string to talk to other kids. I never did get that to work very well. My goodness, how our methods of communication have improved! Be that as it may, sometimes I cannot get any of *them* to work very well, either.

In MS Division UDC we use "snail mail," land lines, cell phones, texts, emails, an emailing list, the *Our Heritage* newsletter, our MS Division website, and the UDC General website to "talk" to each other. It's a blessing and a curse. They are wonderful when they work and a source of utter misery when they don't. If you are having difficulty using any of these methods of communicating with your UDC sisters, I'll help if I can. I flounder and struggle myself some days, but I'd be glad to do what I can to assist you. If all else fails, I have a goodly collection of tin cans and plenty of string.



Communication
works for those
who work at it.

TREASURER Sylvia Purvis

I am happy to say that ALL Chapters have turned in their Per Capita reports! Thank you for submitting them in a timely fashion.

On a personal note, thank you to those who have called, texted, and emailed me while I'm recuperating from *knee surgery*. I'm doing great!



Thanks once again for your wonderful, inspiring, and fascinating submissions for this issue of *Our Heritage*. ☺



Division Officers

CHAPLAIN
Sherrell Lynn Ray

Remember



OUR SISTERS

Please keep in your prayers the families of our UDC sisters who have passed away during the month of January. Brent Rifles 2137 Chapter is mourning the loss of their member **Kellon Lazelle Chisham Tarver**, and there are two UDC General sisters who also passed away during this time. Will you also please keep **Linda McGan**, who is the Ex-President of Varina Howell Davis 2559 Chapter in Horn Lake, in your thoughts and prayers as she sadly lost her beloved husband and faithful SCV member Sam McGan during January.

Betty Faye Lewis

Honorary President of General Betty Faye Lewis of Arkansas Division passed away on January 2, 2019.

Kellon Lazelle Chisham Tarver

Kellon Lazelle Chisham Tarver (Mrs. Lonnie) of Brent Rifles Chapter passed away on January 19, 2019. She was born November 18, 1946, and had been a member of Brent Rifles 2137 Chapter since December 2016. Her Confederate ancestor was Duncan McIntyre, Co. D, 33rd Regiment, MS Infantry, CSA.

Hilda Kelly Bell

Ex-President General Hilda Kelly Bell passed away on January 22, 2019.

THOSE IN NEED

In addition to keeping the above sisters in our prayers, please also remember to pray for and send cards to all those of our MS Division who are grieving, sick, or in need of an uplifting message.

DECEASED MEMBER FORM

There is a form on the UDC General website (www.hqudc.org) in the Members Only area (*and in this newsletter on page 8*) that you should fill out and mail to me in the unfortunate event that you lose a member of your Chapter. Please remember to complete one of these forms for each daughter in your Chapter who passes away. Return the form to me immediately so they may be acknowledged and included in our Division memorial service during Division Convention in September. I will report all deaths to the Chaplain of General, the *UDC Magazine*, and our Division Editor for placement into the *Our Heritage* newsletter. Let me know if you need help filling out the form.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ~Proverbs 3:5-6

United Daughters of the Confederacy®

DECEASED MEMBER FORM

Period September 1 until August 31

Please complete this for each daughter in your Chapter who passed away between September 1 and August 31. Return the form to the Division Chaplain immediately so they may be acknowledged and included in the Division Memorial Service. The Division Chaplain will report all deaths to the Chaplain of General and the UDC Magazine.

Full Name: _____

Husband's Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

Chapter Name/#: _____

Chapter City/State: _____

Division or Chapter Where No Division: _____

Chapter President: _____

Status at Time of Death:

- _____ Real Daughter
- _____ Honorary President of General
- _____ Honorary President of Division
- _____ General Officer, current or past, years of term, _____
- _____ Division President or Officer, years of term, _____
- _____ Chapter Officer or Member, years of term, _____

Name of Confederate Ancestor: _____

Ancestor's Company or Assignment: _____

Name of Next of Kin: _____

Address: _____

Relation to Member: _____

Send to: **Division or CWND Chaplain**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

For Chaplain Use Only: Date sent to *UDC Magazine* _____

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Committee Activities

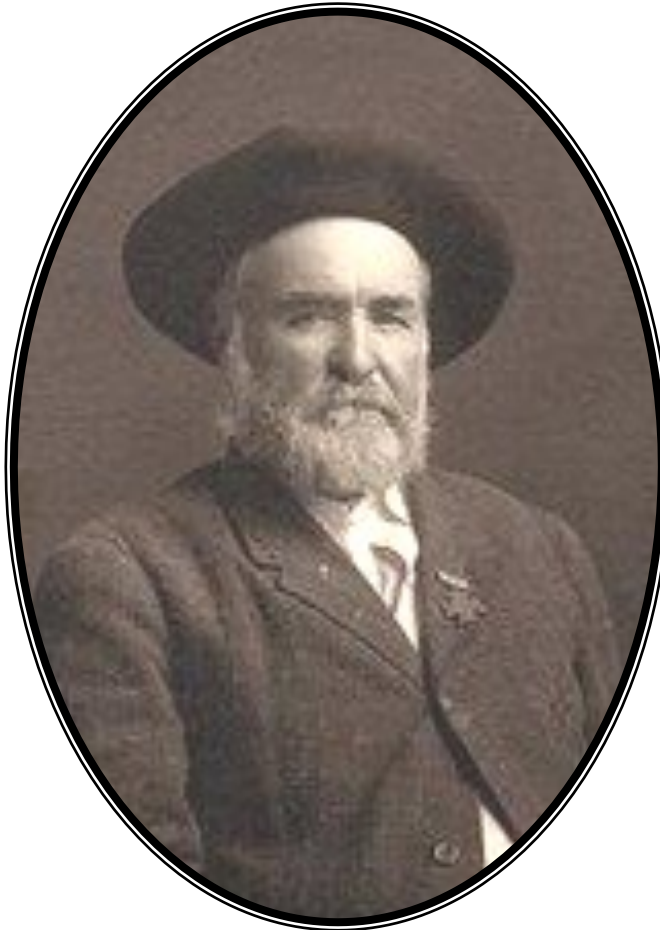
SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR Celeste T. Young, Chairman

Several years ago, Ex-Division President Gloria Adcock gifted me with a box of original applications for the Southern Cross of Honor found at a local estate sale. Since that day, I have become obsessed with the Cross. My first instinct was to donate the papers to the UDC Room, but I decided instead to research each one. Most of these applications were recommended by the now defunct Claiborne County Chapter 223 of Port Gibson. Many of the veterans were members of SCV Camp 167, also of Port Gibson. They were of Jewish, German, French, and American descent. Many of those who returned home became successful businessmen, farmers, and county and state officials.

These documents are very fragile and date back to the late 1890s, and many are signed by the veterans themselves. I turned to the Internet, local history, old newspapers, and early issues of the *Confederate Veteran* to find facts about these men. I plan to share some of them with you during my tenure as Division Chairman of the Southern Cross of Honor Committee. When my research is completed, they will be donated either to the UDC Room or to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

I am writing first about **William Henry Benton** who served as a private in Company H, 10th Mississippi Infantry. He was born on August 16, 1842, in Utica, Mississippi. When completing his Certificate of Eligibility, Benton stated that he had served as a

sergeant in the Beauregard Rifles and that he had been paroled from prison in New Orleans on May 8, 1865. Records indicate that he enlisted at the age of eighteen in Bahala in Copiah County. This small town was once listed as one of the most promising places in Mississippi and was known for the large number of saloons in a town of its size. Benton's company was actually called Bahala Rifles, probably changed by the old gent when completing his certificate, as Bahala was renamed after General P.G.T. Beauregard after the war.



William Henry Benton

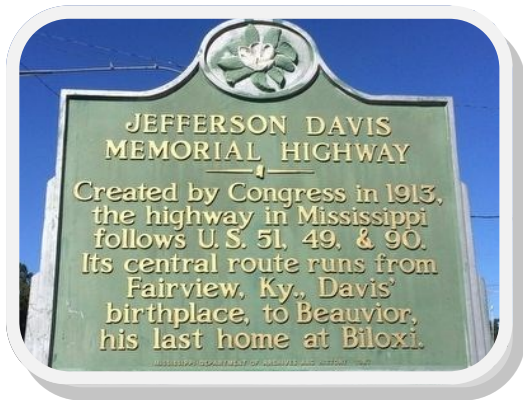
Benton died at the Old Soldiers Home (Beauvoir) in Biloxi on May 3, 1920. His body was carried to Port Gibson by train for burial in Section A, Lot 24 in Wintergreen Cemetery in Port Gibson. He is buried beside his second wife, Martha Emma Surratt. His first wife was Phoebe Martin Jett who predeceased him and is buried in the Beauregard Cemetery in Copiah County. He was the father of six children, Eula D. Benton, John Burnett Benton, and Charles Hamilton Benton, all born to his first wife. Children with Martha were Harmon D. Benton, Dudley Benton, and Ezra Jake Benton.

After much research, the whereabouts of his Cross cannot be found, although he is wearing it in the photograph above. It is known that the Cross was presented by Claiborne County Chapter 223 of Port Gibson on January 9, 1907.

Benton is recorded in the UDC Interments Database as the ancestor of Billie M. Benton Clinton, a member of the now defunct Natchez Chapter 302. She is buried in the Natchez City Cemetery as Billie Benton Mangum Clinton. ☘



Committee Activities



JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY COMMITTEE Bunnie Tisdale, Chairman

I have served on the Jefferson Davis Highway Committee for several years, as many of you probably have also!

It is time for planning those road trips, so let's get busy and plan one for the next beautiful and sunny day. Find and capture those markers for our records. I would appreciate it if you could take "now" pictures of the markers and the surrounding area, including

all sides of each marker. We also need the GPS location of each one.

The Jefferson Davis Highway General Committee Chairman has set a goal to have a Jefferson Davis Highway marker book from every state that documents all the Jefferson Davis Highway markers within that state. The book should include as much information that can possibly be found on each marker.

If you have any questions concerning the information needed, please let me know. As always, I appreciate your help.

MRS. NORMAN V. RANDOLPH RELIEF COMMITTEE Sandy Gaddis, Chairman

I hope everyone has a Happy New Year!

Our Randolph Daughters are doing well. We have six Real Daughters and one Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Fund recipient. If anyone has a Real Daughter or Granddaughter that might qualify for the Fund, please let me know.

Our new General Committee Chairman Mrs. Gail Crosby has revised the Mrs. NVRF Fund form (see next page). It will be available on the General website (hqudc.org) listed under the General Committee Chairman. It will also be included in the Presidents' packets that will be distributed in March at Division Workshop. This form will be easier to fill out, and I think you will like it better. Mrs. Crosby is working on a pamphlet with each Daughter's biography listed in it. When it becomes available, I will let you know.

We have one birthday in April, Mrs. Lucyle Bishop Arata. There are two birthdays in May, Mrs. Iva Lee Gainey and Mrs. Reba Bishop Scott. They would love to have cards, stamps, gifts, etc., or anything of remembrance on their birthdays. There is no change on their addresses, but if you need a list please contact me (sandyg2561@gmail.com), and I will email you a copy.



Mrs. Norman V. Randolph

**Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund Report
For Division/CWND and For Chapter Reporting**
(This form can be used for Chapters reporting to Division and Divisions reporting to General)

Division/CWND _____ Number of Members _____

OR

Chapter Name & Number _____ Number of Members _____

Chairman's Name _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone Number: (_____) _____

Use separate sheet or back if additional space is needed

**MRS. NORMAN V. RANDOLPH RELIEF
Recipient Mrs. Sammye Harrison**

Initially those receiving relief from the Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund were widows, sisters, mothers, daughters of Confederate Soldiers or those who had given aid to the Confederate States of America. In 2011, due to the declining number of Real Daughters needing financial assistance, the fund was opened to Granddaughters 72 years-old or older. At the present time, we have one Relief Recipient; Mrs. Sammye Hynds Harrison.

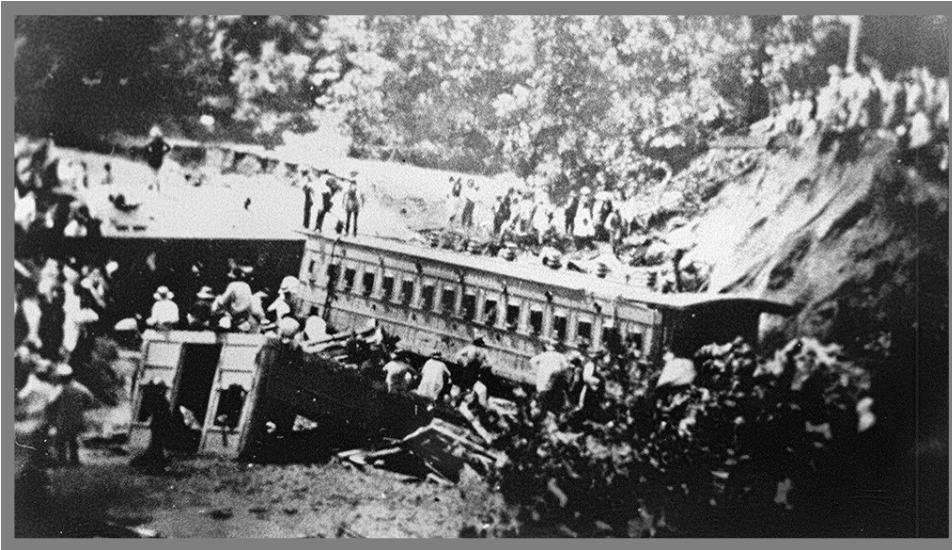
1. Amount sent directly to Randolph Relief Recipient Mrs. Harrison \$ _____
2. Number of cards sent to Mrs. Harrison during the year: _____
3. Number of personal visits to Mrs. Harrison: _____ Explain: _____
4. Gifts sent to Mrs. Harrison during the year; value and description: \$ _____ Describe _____
5. What other things were done for Mrs. Harrison?
6. Did your Chapter discuss or present program(s) at meetings on Randolph Relief Fund and its recipient? Explain _____
7. Describe your Chapter's "Randolph Relief Adoptee" projects: _____

REAL DAUGHTER CONTACT

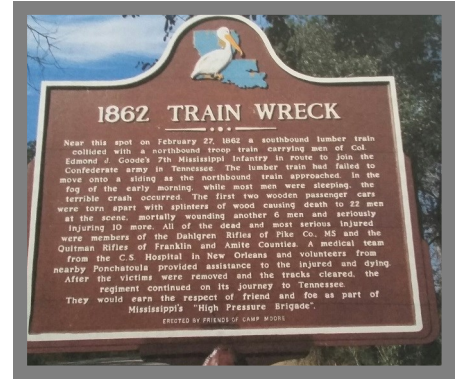
Real Daughters are NOT Relief Recipients; they do not receive financial assistance from the Organization but are daughters of Confederate soldiers; they are special ladies who are remembered by UDC members throughout the year.

8. Number of cards sent to Real Daughters _____ # gifts sent; \$ value and description _____
9. Number of personal visits to Real Daughters: _____ Explain: _____
10. Did you discuss or present programs on Real Daughters at meetings? Yes No
11. Describe things done for Real Daughters including Adoptee projects _____
12. Did your Chapter have a memorial service for deceased Real Daughters during the year? Yes No NA

Our Confederate History



Historical Marker for 1862 Train Wreck in Ponchatoula, Louisiana (Marker missing since 2013)



PONCHATOULA TRAIN WRECK FEBRUARY 27, 1862

Submitted by Sylvia Williams Johnson
Brent Rifles 2137 Chapter Historian

A few years ago, Sylvia Williams Johnson traveled south on Highway 51 about a mile from Ponchatoula, Louisiana, to place a memorial wreath at a spot where a train wreck occurred on February 27, 1862. Friends of Camp Moore paid for a state historical marker to be placed there several years ago. However, in 2013 the marker disappeared and has not been located. Only the pedestal remains.

Sylvia's interest in this wreck is very personal. Her great-grandfather Parham Boyd Williams was the captain of Company H "Dahlgren Rifles" assigned to the 7th Mississippi. He was forty-three years old at the time, and he and his company were being deployed to Tennessee. After taking a barge from Bay St. Louis to New Orleans, the troops spent the night in the city before boarding a northbound train at daybreak.

For unknown reasons, a southbound train was on the same track as the northbound troop train, and the head-on collision on that foggy morning resulted in the worst train wreck in the history of the War Between the States. Coaches in those days were made of wood. When the heavy locomotives crashed together, the first one behind the tender and engine on which Captain Williams and his sharpshooters were traveling

literally exploded, with shards of wood becoming "wooden bayonets." All totaled, there were twenty-eight soldiers killed, including seventeen from the Dahlgren Rifles and eleven from Company K "Quitman Rifles" Captain Huff's Company. Eighteen others were injured, including one from Company E "Franklin Beauregards."

Family legend has it that two of Captain Williams' daughters traveled to New Orleans to care for their father as he lay mortally wounded, his death coming less than a month later on March 20, 1862. His body was returned to Ruth, Mississippi, where he was buried on a knoll on the home place. ☸



Sylvia Williams Johnson stands at the historical marker pedestal left standing after the disappearance of the marker. A memorial wreath adorns the lone pedestal.



General News & Events

125th Anniversary of UDC

COMMEMORATIVE INSIGNIA PIN

In celebration of our founding 125 years ago, a new General pin is being offered. This very lovely pin is full of symbolism of our Organization.

The pin has "UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY" in gold on a red banner on the top rim. Below that is a red ribbon which symbolizes the meeting between our two founders Mrs. C.M. Goodlett from Nashville, Tennessee, and Mrs. L.H. Raines from Savannah, Georgia. The ladies corresponded for months before meeting in Nashville. When Mrs. Goodlett went to the train station in Nashville to pick up Mrs. Raines, she recognized her by a small bow of red ribbon Mrs. Goodlett had suggested she wear for identification.



Our Organization has been a mighty force for 125 years, and with the fortitude of our membership we will survive another 125 years. All Daughters are encouraged to order this pin and wear it proudly.* When someone asks you about the meaning of the pin, share the story behind it. Let them know that strong Southern women founded our Organization, and that we now carry the torch. ☘

*NOTE: "I will be glad to pick these insignia pins up when I attend Spring Board in Richmond, Virginia, on March 2, 2019, for all who would like me to. Just send me a check payable to "Treasurer General UDC" with Anniversary Pin in the memo line. I will bring them to our MS Division Workshop in March at Louisville on March 16, 2019." ~Pam Mauldin

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE UDC MAGAZINE

Another part of the 125th anniversary celebration of UDC will be a commemorative issue of *UDC Magazine* for September 2019. It will be loaded with historical articles and pictures celebrating our past. All Divisions and Chapters are asked to do their part to support this project.

Each Division is requested to purchase at least \$1,200.00 of advertising. Individual Chapters are encouraged to purchase space as well. Ads honoring your ancestor, your Chapter, your Division, or a specific historical site or monument will be a welcome part of this special issue.

Divisions and Chapters are requested to send photographs of events from their early years. As this will be a "keepsake issue," we want MS Division and our Chapters recognized within it.

If you do not have a subscription to the *UDC Magazine* and will want a copy of this collectors' issue, extra copies can be purchased for \$20.00. (However, an entire year's subscription is also \$20.00, so you can get one issue or an entire year of issues for the same price.)



UDC and War Veterans at Brices Crossroads Battlefield in 1921

All copy and advertising must be received by the Business Office by **June 1st** in order to be included. All orders for extra copies must be received by the Subscription Coordinator by **July 1st**. ☘



Chapter Events

BOONEVILLE

D.T. Beall 1185

Booneville Veterans Day Activity

Several of the members of Booneville's D.T. Beall Chapter 1185 assisted with placing flags on the graves of veterans buried in Booneville Cemetery. With the help of members of the DAR, UDC, and children from Hill's Chapel School, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter placed approximately 550 flags. UDC members Janice Robinson, Barbara Shackelford, and Chapter president Donna Geno are pictured placing flags on the graves of eight unidentified Confederate soldiers.



Christmas Celebration

Members of the D.T. Beall Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Natchez Trace Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution joined together at the George Ed Allen Library for their December meetings to celebrate the Christmas season. A program of Christmas stories and games was led by UDC member Moise Jones.

Pictured (L-R): Janice Robinson, UDC president; Moise Jones, program chairman; Donna Geno and Barbara McCoy, hostesses; and Rebecca West, DAR regent.

October Chapter Meeting

Retired teacher and museum educator, Doug Fleury of Holyoke, Massachusetts, was guest speaker at the October meeting of the D. T. Beall Chapter 1185. A native of Massachusetts, Fleury has ties to the area. In 1978, he worked with Margaret Rogers in Corinth to develop a regional museum centered in Corinth and was involved in establishing tourism promotion efforts. He also worked closely with Prentiss County residents including UDC member Patsy Johnson to promote tourism through the development of the W.M. Browning Fossil Park at Frankstown.

He discussed the significance of the Battle of Blackland and efforts to have Blackland designated a part of the Mississippi Confederate Trail with the placement of a historical designation marker.

Pictured (L-R): Carolyn Sullins, hostess; Patsy Johnson, who worked closely with Fleury on the Fossil Park and the Blackland project; hostess Peggy Wroten; Donna Geno, Chapter President and program chair for the meeting; Fleury; and Chapter Ex-President Janice Robinson





Chapter Events

BLUE MOUNTAIN General M.P. Lowrey 1608

November 9, 2018
Tippah Co. Nursing Home
Ripley, MS



Mr. Joe Smith, US Army WWII,
and Sarah Baker



Veterans
received an
arrangement
of poppies
with a flag
and a
bandana!



Sandra Ford, Sarah Baker, Sue Thomas,
Jo Ann Yale, Ruth Allbritton



Mr. Terry Wilson, US Army
Sarah Baker



17 November 2018
Chapter Meeting
Tippah County Historical Museum, Ripley, MS



Kristy Gaillard, guest Bill Baker,
and Jeanna Wagner



Dr. Brandon Beck and Jo Ann Yale



Chapter Events

CORINTH
Corinth 333

Good Deeds Done!



Corinth 333 has had a busy time of late, but we have had lots of fun and good deeds done. We delivered 594 Christmas cards to five nursing homes and 130 to Mississippi State Veterans Home in Oxford, donated \$150.00 to Pine Vale Children's home, and donated items to an assisted living facility in Myrtle, Mississippi. Regina Brown and Amanda Comer visited Washington, DC.

We held our Christmas party at StoneRidge of Farmington. We even had a visit from Santa, and MS Division President Pam Mauldin talked to Santa about her rain boots! Music was provided for the attendees and residents by Mike Byrd and the Lost Cause band. StoneRidge served a delicious lunch and dessert for the party goers.

Chapter member and MS Division President Pam Mauldin was invited to an SCV Christmas party in Corinth, where she was the speaker and invited guest.



CORINTH 333 CALENDAR

April 20, 2019, 11:00 am: Confederate Headstone Dedication for Capt. William J. Tate, CO E 7 TN Cav. at Ripley City Cemetery, Ripley MS

April 28, 2019, 2:00 pm: Corinth Confederate Memorial Service, Corinth MS Interpretive Center

June 22, 2019, (Fourth Saturday in June), 2:00 pm: Corinth 333 Military Service Awards and Memorial Service at Overton Hill Church. Reception to follow.

June 5, 2019, 11:30 am: Jefferson Davis Luncheon, Corinth 333, Dinner Bell Restaurant (Dutch treat)





Chapter Events

GULFPORT Beauvoir 621

Jane K. Sullivan was awarded the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal by Beauvoir Chapter 621 UDC of Gulfport at its Saturday, February 2, 2019, meeting held at the home of Shirley Margaret Godsey. Mrs. Sullivan's certificate reads "for furthering the preservation of Confederate history through years of research and publication of the book Stories On Stone: Beauvoir Memorial Cemetery."

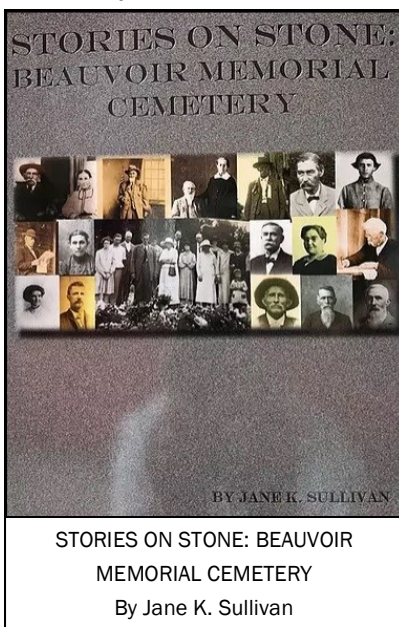
Upon Mrs. Sullivan's retirement in 2012, she began extensive research on those buried in the Cemetery on the grounds of Beauvoir in Biloxi. The 544 page book includes obituaries, pension records, census records, funeral home records, military records, and Beauvoir Archives records on the men and women buried there. A special guest at the meeting was Mrs. Sullivan's husband, Dr. Charles Sullivan, a retired history professor at Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College Perkinston Campus and currently the College Archivist.

Beauvoir Chapter has presented a copy of the book to the UDC Memorial Building Libraries.

The presiding officer, M. Murdock, noted that the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal was adopted by the UDC at its Annual General Convention in Los Angeles, California, in 1941.



Jane K. Sullivan and her husband Dr. Charles Sullivan



It was presented by Mrs. Estelle Buchanan (John L.) Heiss, Historian General, and her committee of Division Historians.

Mrs. Heiss (1880-1979) is of particular interest to Beauvoir Chapter 621 and the Mississippi Division. She first joined UDC in 1903 in the Gen. W. F. Tucker Chapter 649 in Okolona, Mississippi. That Chapter was named for her grandfather, Gen. Tucker, and she joined the UDC on his Confederate military record. Mrs. Heiss moved to Gulfport with her husband John, where he was a lawyer and where they raised their family. She transferred to Beauvoir Chapter 621 in May 1929 and remained a loyal and active member until her death in 1979.

She served the Chapter in many offices, was President of the Mississippi Division, was Historian General, and was named an Honorary President of General.

Beauvoir Chapter is using Mrs. Sullivan's book for programs during the 2018-2020 term with members relating particularly interesting, funny, and poignant information about the men and women documented in the book. Anna Guillot presented the program at this meeting.

Pass the Basket collected \$69.00 for Varina's Gardens and an additional \$100.00 was contributed by the Chapter. The Gardens are in desperate need of tending and replanting, and this Chapter will help both monetarily and with "woman-power." 🌸



Beauvoir Memorial Cemetery



Chapter Events



HORN LAKE

Varina Howell Davis 2559

As always, Varina Howell Davis Chapter 2559 has kept busy in the last few months! In November, we worked at our annual fundraiser at Southern Lights in Southaven.

In December, we participated in the Horn Lake Christmas in the Park Festival. Although we didn't win a trophy, we had a very good response from the community. The highlight of the holiday season for us was our Chapter Christmas party at the Mussacunna Plantation in Hernando on December 15, 2018.

January found us once again assisting the Samuel A. Hughey 1452 SCV hosting the annual Lee-Jackson dinner on January 26, 2019, in Southaven.



L to R – Christine Rhoda, Linda McGan, Cynthia Blalock, and Dorothy Herron



Christmas tree made from an upside down tomato cage in a bucket with greenery branches!



Happy Birthday, Generals Lee & Jackson!

L to R – Dorothy Herron, Linda McGan, Shirley Pruet, Katherine Blalock, Christine Rhoda, and Cynthia Blalock





Chapter Events

JACKSON W.D. Holder 458

Each December on national "Wreaths Across America Day," the mission to *Remember, Honor, and Teach* is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,400 additional locations in all fifty states, at sea, and abroad. The Worcester Wreath Company began donating holiday wreaths in tribute to veterans laid to rest in 2006. Since 1992, they have donated wreaths for gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery.



The W. D. Holder Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy joined with the local DAR organization and donated wreaths to be placed at the National Cemetery in Natchez, Mississippi, on **December 15, 2018**. Beth Herring, representing the W. D. Holder Chapter, attended the ceremony and placed wreaths on veterans' graves. Beth is pictured in the photo on the top right with DAR representative Carol Goldman.



The W. D. Holder Chapter held a new member installation on **November 6, 2018**. New members in the photo to the right are Barbara Dianne Greenlee and Cecilia James. Pictured L to R: Chapter President Debbie Cannon, Barbara Greenlee, and Cecilia James.

MERIDIAN Winnie Davis 24

The year 2019 started out very well for Winnie Davis 24! With our first meeting we had a few sick ones that could not attend, but we hope everyone will be healthy in February. We have no Chapter member birthdays in January, but we do have one to celebrate in February. As with all Chapters, our goal is to add new members!

Bunnie Tisdale
Chapter President



Varina Anne "Winnie" Davis



Chapter Events

KOSCIUSKO
Attala Co. 2592

In honor of Robert E. Lee
and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson



Attala County 2592 members:
Susan Jones, Sylvia Purvis, Patricia Proctor, Division President Pamela Mauldin,
Patricia Parrish, Jeri Jones, and Cherie Joiner



Guest speaker Mr. Brandon Beck.

Our third annual Lee-Jackson Banquet was held on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at Ethel Baptist Church. This event was co-sponsored by the H.D. Money 350 Chapter of Carrollton. Author, Brandon Beck, was our guest speaker. We held a candle lighting ceremony after our meal to honor our Confederate ancestors.



Lynda McKinney, Division President Pamela Mauldin,
and Susan Dunn. Lynda and Susan are from the H.D.
Money Chapter of Carrollton



Chapter Events

LOUISVILLE Winston Guards 2643

Winston Guards Chapter presented a copy of the book The Real Horse Soldiers, Benjamin Grierson's Epic 1863 Civil War Raid Through Mississippi, written by Timothy B. Smith. Denise Dickerson is mentioned in the acknowledgments for aid in the author's research. There is also a paragraph in the book the author used from an article written by Frances Woodruff in the *Winston County Journal*.

Photo to the right (L to R): Denise Dickerson, assistant librarian; and Frances Woodruff, president of Winston Guards 2643



Winston Guards Chapter UDC and Capt. John M. Bradley Camp SCV celebrated General Robert E. Lee and General Stonewall Jackson birthdays at their annual Lee-Jackson Banquet held at Lake Tiak-O'Khata. The guest speaker was Larry McCluney who appeared as General P. G. T. Beauregard. Accompanying Larry was his wife Annette who portrayed the General's wife, Caroline.

L to R: Franklin Woodruff, Commander of Capt. John M. Bradley Camp 384 SCV; Larry McCluney; Annette McCluney; and Frances Woodruff, Chapter President of Winston Guards 2643 UDC.

Merry Christmas, Winston Guards 2643

December 10, 2018, at Lake Tiak-O'Khata in Louisville





Chapter Events



MACON Noxubee 2221

Operation Christmas Child

Noxubee 2221 Chapter Daughters always have big smiles at the annual November meeting bringing in our packed Operation Christmas Child boxes. This year, the participating members are Nancy Skipper, Ann Ingalls, Jeanne Corbet, Mary Ann Putt, Cindy Kay Heurkamp, Martha Stennis, and on the back row Evelyn McArthur (Our Granddaughter), and Ellenor Fraley. Not pictured is Chapter Vice President Carol Floore, serving as photographer of the day.



Lee-Jackson Banquet



Ann Ingalls and Carol Floore represented Noxubee 2221 at the Lee-Jackson banquet in Meridian on January 8, 2019. Everyone should have attended! It was such an inspiring evening being with like-minded people. Speaker was great, music was enjoyable, and the candlelight ceremony was good for the soul. The cake was absolutely delicious!

Photo at left, L to R: Presley Hutchins (aka General Robert E. Lee), Ann Ingalls, and Carol Floore



Welcome, New Member!

On November 14, 2018, Noxubee 2221 Chapter welcomed into membership Nancy Prince Skipper. Nancy's Confederate ancestor is John E. Prince, Capt. 11th MS Inf. Reg. Co. D.

Photo at right, L to R: Chapter Registrar Martha Stennis, new Chapter member Nancy Skipper, and Chapter President Ann Ingalls



Chapter Events

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Brent Rifles 2137

Brent Rifles Chapter 2137 met at historic Brentwood Memories on December 14, 2018, for our annual Christmas luncheon. Brentwood Memories was built in 1912 and is a beautiful Victorian manor house. For this Christmas activity, it was decorated in vintage Christmas style. The dining room tables were set with fine Christmas china, vintage Christmas tree centerpieces, ornaments, and poinsettias. Lunch began with a strawberry pecan salad with house vinaigrette salad dressing. The main entrée, which is a Brentwood menu favorite, Poppy Seed Chicken Spectacular, was served with sweet potato crunch, green beans, buttered biscuit, and sweet tea. Traditional pecan pie and bread pudding with rum sauce were the choices for dessert.



At this festive event, our oldest member Mildred Fountain, who is ninety-six years young, was recognized as the “Most Senior Member” of Brent Rifles Chapter. Chapter President Connie Lambuth and Mildred (holding her certificate) are in the photo above.

Sylvia Johnson, presented our Christmas program, “Is There a Santa?” The highlight of her program was Sylvia (in photo lower left) sharing a tiny Christmas tree full of memories of vintage family ornaments belonging to her mother. ❁

The group Christmas photo below includes (from left to right) seated: Wanda Lambuth, Patsy Pressler, Chapter President Connie Lambuth, Mildred Fountain, and Betty Penick. Standing (left to right): Tammy Strickland, Gail Spinnato, Sylvia Johnson, Susan Faulkner, Gloria McKenzie, Sonya Johnson, Charlene Ryan, Peggy McCullough, Verna Swinney, Virginia Zeigler, Rita Brister, Kim Edwards, and Barbara Willis.



Merry
Christmas

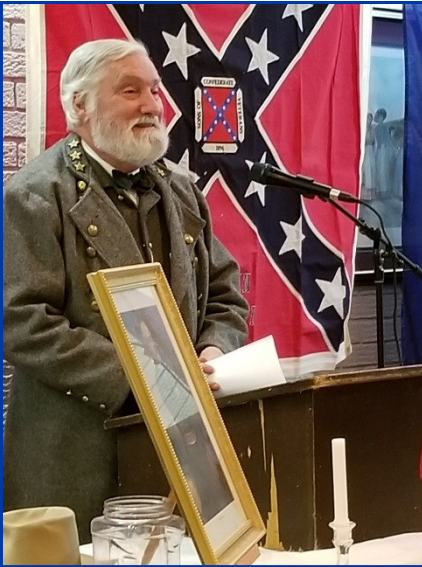


Celebrating in McComb!



Chapter Events

MERIDIAN Robert E. Lee 2561



Our year started off well! In December, we had a good meal at Bridge Street Grill in Enterprise. It was a small crowd, but we enjoyed it.

In January, we had our annual Lee-Jackson Banquet. Several Robert E. Lee 2561 members attended the Lee-Jackson Banquet; along with two Ex-Division Presidents, Janice Strohm and Frances Woodruff; two members from Noxubee 2221 Chapter, President Ann Ingalls and VP Carol Floore; and Bunnie Tisdale and Becky Tomerlin of Winnie Davis 24. Our guest speaker for the evening was Presley Hutchins who portrayed Robert E. Lee.



We had about forty-five attendees who honored their ancestors by lighting a candle and speaking their names. There was much love and honor in the room that night. We will continue to have our annual banquet. 🌟



CHAPTER DATES TO REMEMBER!

Thursday, February 21, 2019 (5 p.m.)
Our next regular Chapter meeting

Sunday, April 7, 2019
Annual Confederate Memorial Service at Marion Confederate States Cemetery

Monday, April 29, 2019 (Noon)
Confederate Memorial Day Service at Lauderdale Courthouse





Chapter Events

PURVIS

Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583

On January 21, Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583 honored the service of Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Orla Ozley Roberts, Jr., by presenting the World War II Cross of Military Service to his daughter Sallie Roberts. The following is the story of the honoree's service during the war.

It was December 7, 1941—a day that will live in infamy. Eighteen-year-old Orla Roberts was in a duck blind, knee deep in murky water, hunting ducks in a Louisiana swamp. Arriving home late that evening, he learned that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii—4,000 miles from the sleepy little Louisiana town of St. Francisville. World War II had begun! After a sleepless night, Orla went to Algiers to volunteer for the US Coast Guard. It was his nineteenth birthday.

On December 12th, five days after Pearl Harbor and one day after Germany declared war on the United States, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Admiral Eric Raeder, naval commander-in-chief, decided to send U-boats to raid American commerce. They hoped this would make the U.S. Navy move their ships to the Pacific. Two of their major targets were the Ports of New Orleans and Galveston.



Anna Walters, Chapter President; Pat Parrish, Ex-Division President and current Recorder General of Military Service Awards; Miss Roberts; Celeste Young, Ex-Division President and current Chapter Recorder of Military Service Awards; and Division President Pam Mauldin.

The Coast Guard was activated to control port entrance; move and anchor vessels; fire prevention and fighting; load and store huge amounts of ammunition and explosives; control of radio airwaves; and guarding piers, stored cargo, docked ships, and areas around the port. They were tasked, like any active duty personnel, to insure that identification protocol and personnel accountability were followed. All this, while dealing with commercial vessels and the need and safety of civilians. Sounds hectic, doesn't it? Nineteen-year-old Orla was there, assigned to the Galveston lighthouse itself, gazing at the gulf through binoculars for hours searching for the German U-boats, which did indeed enter the harbor. Twenty-four German U-boats were dispatched during the War. All vessels were accounted for except one—U-boat 166 was found off the coast of Louisiana resting 5,000 feet below water and one mile from its last victim—the passenger ship Robert E. Lee. 🌟



MARCL Benevolent Project

Chaplain and Benevolent Committee Chairman Beth Johnson is pictured with chemo kits MARCL sent to patients undergoing treatment at the Hattiesburg Cancer Center in January. Items included in the tote bags were fluffy blankets and socks, heating pads, lotion, chap stick, books, small games, magazines, note pads, candy, water and other comfort items normally requested by the patients. It was indeed an honor to have guests Division President Pam Mauldin and Ex-Division President and current Recorder General of Military Service Awards Pat Parrish provide donations and join in the packing. The Cancer Center is the primary Benevolent project for this year and the kits will be an ongoing project. The Chapter also met the Division President's challenge of donating to the Disaster Relief Fund. 🌟



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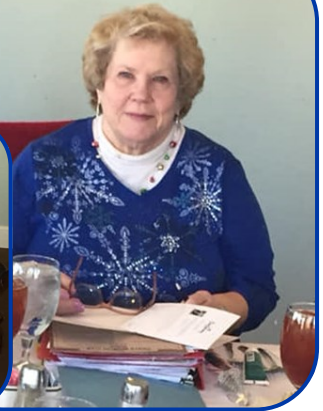
TUPELO

John J. Hart 2443

Yuletide Celebration



John J. Hart Chapter 2443 met for our Christmas meeting on December 4, 2018, at 11:30 A.M. at Tupelo Country Club. Those present included Sharon Tallman, Nancy Moore, Pat Hass, Sandra Knight, Sylvia Thornton, Pat Hood, Ruth Allbritton, and Sherry Ray. After a delicious Dutch treat lunch, we had our pledge and salutes and conducted our meeting business. Our festivities then centered on Christmas of the past, discussing Confederate Christmases, and sharing our fondest childhood Christmas memories. We wrapped up our meeting with a fun gift exchange game called "Roll the Dice!"



Our Confederate Ancestry

On Monday, January 28, 2019, from noon until 2 p.m., John J. Hart Chapter 2443 met at the Family History Center (FHC) on Thomas Street in Tupelo for a Confederate genealogy workshop. The FHC was reserved for our use and not open to the public during that time, and we accomplished a lot! John J. Hart Chapter members attending were Nancy Moore, Sandra Knight, and Sharon Tallman. Betsy Wooten of the General M. P. Lowrey Chapter in Blue Mountain also attended. Library consultants were Mrs. Jennie Trott and Mr. Gene Voyles, who helped a bunch. Sandra Knight (a whiz at researching genealogical records) brought her own laptop and researched UDC records for us, too. The workshop was very successful! Betsy Wooten and Nancy Moore were able to find information on their ancestors. Nancy Moore found two Confederate uncles to submit to UDC! We are already thinking about a repeat workshop sometime to continue research efforts.

Genealogy Tip:
 The 1910 U.S. Census asked whether the person was a survivor of the Union or Confederate army or navy (UA=Union Army, UN=Union Navy, CA=Confederate Army, and CN=Confederate Navy).

Save the Dates!

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	INFORMATION
CofC MS Division Convention	June 14-16	Hattiesburg	Registration form available soon!
UDC General Spring Board	March 2	Richmond, Virginia	Registration form on UDC General website (https://hqudc.org)
MS Division Workshop	March 16	Louisville	Registration form within this newsletter and on MS Division website (www.msudc.org)
UDC General Massing of the Flags	June 1	Richmond, Virginia	
General CofC Convention	July 17-20	Frederick, Maryland	
Celebration of the 125th Anniversary of UDC	September 6-7		Hosted by Tennessee Division. Announcements and registration forms will be posted in <i>UDC Magazine</i> .
MS Division Convention	September 20-21	Vicksburg	Convention Chairman: Mary Landin Registration by: W. D. Holder Chapter
UDC General Convention	November 7-12	Atlanta, Georgia	





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