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Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy®



President's Message

By Patricia C. Parrish

The Mississippi Division Convention has come and gone. A special appreciation to all who attended.

The hosting Chapter, Beauvoir 621, is to be commended on the arrangements and the graciousness with which the Convention was carried out. We all left with fond memories of a great fellowship with the Daughters of Mississippi.

Awards were given to most deserving Chapters representing the hard work of the membership. Donations by the Division and the Daughters' Clubs were made to the Disaster Relief Fund, the S. D. Lee House in Columbus, and the Confederate Memorial Building in Greenwood.

The McGavock Cemetery funding was overwhelmingly supported by those at the Convention. We realized we can have fun while helping finance a worthwhile project. The ugly hat event certainly proved that.

It is both sobering and inspiring to see the objects of UDC met in ceremonies at Convention. The Memorial Service to our cherished daughters was carried out so beautifully by Division Chaplain Dorothy Herron.

Historical evening began with Joshua Taylor Peoples singing the national anthem in Choctaw. We were inspired by the speaker of the evening, Jim Woodrick of the Department of Archives and History. Two Jefferson Davis medals were awarded to deserving writers and one Jefferson Davis Certificate. Division Historian Sylvia Purvis was in charge of presenting the medals and certificate.

A Convention would not be a Convention without a little fun. Sharon Tallman, Celeste Young, and Karen Chrisman of the Courtesy Committee entertained us with a skit about events during the

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Division Officers

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**MS Division
Wins Big at General Convention!**



President's Message, cont.

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Convention. We were all holding our sides hurting from laughing so hard. If you were not there, you missed the best comedy routine ever. I am still laughing about that skit.

Some serious decisions were made by the membership. We felt we can no longer maintain Rodney Presbyterian Church. The membership voted to sell the church. It is with heartfelt thanks to all who have cared for the church through the years. It was felt we are not up to the task financially or physically to care for the property.

We are looking forward to the next Convention in "the land between Tara and Twelve Oaks" known as Columbus. S. D. Lee Chapter of Columbus will be the host Chapter with other Chapters assisting. We look forward to seeing you in Columbus on September 20-22, 2018.

Soon after Division Convention, a delegation of twelve was off to St. Augustine, Florida, for the General Convention. Mississippi Division was presented with **ten awards!** I am so proud of the members of MS Division. Your hard work was highlighted by the awards won by you.

Go, Mississippi!

Patricia C. Parrish

MS Division President, 2016-2018

United Daughters of the Confederacy

GENERAL CONVENTION 2017 St. Augustine, Florida

AWARDS WON BY MS DIVISION

(In Category C – Division Membership 251-800)

- Best Overall Benevolent Activities
- Best Press Book
- Chapter Bestowing the Greatest Number of Military Service Awards
Gen. M. P. Lowrey 1608
- Bestowing the Greatest Number of Lapel Pins – Military
- Bestowing the Largest Number of Military Service Awards
- Greatest Number of 100 percent Chapters Subscribing to *UDC Magazine*
- Purchased the Greatest Number of Chapter President Pins

(In All Divisions)

- Division with Veterans History Project Report
- Best Overall Report of Preservation of Records of Historical Sites
- Best Division Newsletter





Division Officers

Vice President

Pam Mauldin

Well, cool weather has arrived here up north — that's *north Mississippi!*

We had a wonderful time on the Gulf Coast for Convention. I was so pleased to announce what a fabulous job you ladies did at ordering our insignia. Please get those orders in and keep them coming. It is a treat to wear those names over our heart of our gallant Confederate soldiers and other ancestors. If you need any help with those forms, do not hesitate to give me a call.

I attended General Convention in St. Augustine and will share with you any news on insignia that may have come up. I look forward to receiving those orders, so keep me busy during these cold months ahead.



Historian

Sylvia Purvis

Essay Topics

- Junior High: **"The Battle of Port Gibson"**
- Senior High: **"The Trials and Tribulations of the South during the War Between the States"**
(Survival with No Food)

ESSAY RULES:

Essays must be at least 400 words, typed, and double spaced.

Footnotes citing references must be included.

DO NOT refer to the War as the "Civil War" unless citing a direct quote. Instead, use the term "War Between the States."

The student's name, age, name of school, and grade must be on top of the page.

A Chapter must sponsor the student; however, students do not have to be a members of CofC.

All entries should be mailed to DIVISION HISTORIAN, 2865 Attala Road 5217, Ethel MS 39067.

The deadline to submit essays will be Monday, April 2, 2018.



Ruins of Windsor. 12 miles west of Port Gibson on SH-552. Used as an observation post by the Confederates and a Union hospital after the Battle of Port Gibson

Our Confederate History

RESPECT FOR A CONFEDERATE CAPTAIN AND STATESMAN

John Hollis Bankhead, Sr., was born in 1842 in Alabama. During the War Between the States, he enlisted as a private in Company K, 16th Alabama Infantry. His leadership skills were noted, and he was promoted several times. As a captain, he led the charge at Chickamauga in September 1863 and was wounded. "Part of the Battle of Chickamauga was fought in a sedge field and, as the field was littered with dead and wounded Confederate soldiers, it was set on fire by the Union. The wounded, unable to escape, suffered a horrible death. Captain Bankhead, wounded in his arm, came upon a severely wounded comrade who was unable to walk. With one arm unusable, Captain Bankhead maneuvered the man upon his back and carried him to safety. The two men remained close friends for many years after the War."¹

At the conclusion of the War Between the States, Bankhead returned to his Alabama home and focused on a successful political career. He served in several positions, including Alabama state senator; a representative in the House of Congress; and in 1907, he was elected a United States Senator from Alabama. Bankhead served in that position until his death in 1920.



"In 1917, the United Confederate Veterans held a reunion in Washington, D.C. Bankhead arrived at the Senate in the gray uniform of the Confederacy, worn by soldiers 50 years before. *Upon his entrance, the whole body rose to its feet out of respect for the Confederate Captain and statesman, and to the glorious valor of the Southern army.*

"As soon as order was restored, Captain Bankhead rose and said, 'Today the shattered remnants of the army of Lee and Jackson, and the navy of the Confederacy, are in Washington, and with their sons will march in review before the President of the United States.... Today, marching with feeble body and faltering step, on a mission of peace and love, not of hatred and bloodshed, in a spirit of resolute reconciliation and absolute loyalty to our flag, they voice in vibrant tones to all the world the indissoluble union of the United States.'

"The Senate then adjourned out of respect to the Confederate veterans holding their reunion in the city."²



Senator John Hollis Bankhead, Sr.
Confederate Reunion, Washington, D.C.,
with granddaughters Tallulah (left) and Eugenia (right).
1917 by photographer Harris and Ewing

¹ UDC Magazine, November 1995, page 19

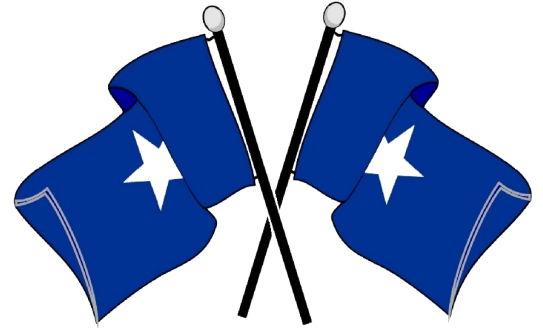
² Ibid., 20.



Division Officers

Editor
Sharon Tallman

The first time I played basketball on a team in junior high, I realized I was not gifted with a competitive spirit. I was more ready to cheer for my team rather than fight for the ball from the opposing players. Frankly, it opened my eyes to yet another chink in my 13-year-old armor. However, it also taught me to respect and be thankful for others who were willing to get in there and “mix it up” to score for our side.



Our Chapter treasurer, Pat Hass, recently presented a program for one of our Chapter meetings and played a recording of “*The Bonnie Blue Flag*” with all seven verses. The first time I heard that song was at a meeting of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and they sang it like it was their life’s blood. I remember feeling awed. As I listened to the song again during our Chapter meeting, it renewed my pride in our Southern ancestors and veterans of all wars. I feel so grateful for the gumption they had to enter a fight for a cause which they were ready and willing to lay down their lives. They were willing to do what it took to score for our side, no matter what.

I’m in a unique position to see all the wonderful things our MS Division members do to honor our veterans. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do to accomplish that important objective. You are doing a fantastic job — and doing it many times in a very quiet way. **HURRAH for you!**

UDC General Convention of Yesteryear

DO YOU KNOW?

What year was this photo taken?

Where was the meeting held?

What are the names of all the beautiful UDC ladies in this photo?





Bonnie Blue Flag

In May 1862, Union forces entered New Orleans and the city became one of the first occupied territories in the South during the War Between the States. Under orders from Union General Benjamin Butler, "Any person who has in his possession...any property of any kind or description whatever, of the so-called Confederate States...shall be liable to imprisonment and to have his property

confiscated." Thereafter, owning or even singing one of the most popular songs of the period became an act of treason. "Arrest records from New Orleans papers reveal that men and women were regularly arrested for singing 'Bonnie Blue Flag,' and were charged with a range of penalties, from a fine to time in the workhouse to a full pardon."

<http://neworleanshistorical.org/items/show/806>

We are a band of brothers and native to the soil
Fighting for our liberty, with treasure, blood and toil
And when our rights were threatened, the cry rose near and far
Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star!

Chorus

Hurrah! Hurrah!

For Southern rights, hurrah!

Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.

As long as the Union was faithful to her trust
Like friends and like brethren, kind we were, and just
But now, when Northern treachery attempts our rights to mar
We hoist on high the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.

Chorus

First gallant **South Carolina** nobly made the stand
Then came **Alabama** and took her by the hand
Next, quickly **Mississippi, Georgia,** and **Florida**
All raised on high the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.

Chorus

Ye men of valor gather round the banner of the right
Texas and fair **Louisiana** join us in the fight
Davis, our loved President, and Stephens statesmen rare
Now rally round the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.

Chorus

Now here's to brave **Virginia**, the old Dominion State,
With the young Confederacy at length has linked her fate,
Impelled by her example, now other states prepare
To hoist high the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.

Chorus

Then cheer, boys, cheer, and raise a joyous shout
For **Arkansas** and **North Carolina** now have both gone out,
And let another rousing cheer for **Tennessee** be given,
The single star of the Bonnie Blue Flag has grown to be eleven.

Chorus

Then here's to our Confederacy, strong we are and brave,
Like patriots of old we'll fight, our heritage to save;
And rather than submit to shame, to die we would prefer,
So cheer, cheer for the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.

Chorus (sung twice)





Committee Activities

McGavock Confederate Cemetery Project

Mississippi Daughters have really stepped up and are answering the call to replace the markers for Mississippi dead in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery at Franklin, Tennessee. I am happy to report that only 138 names are available for adoption out of the 424 on the database.

The database is updated periodically, so check to see if there are names available you would like to adopt. (All the "unknowns" have been adopted.) The MS Division McGavock Cemetery Committee thanks each of you for the excellent response.

Ruth Allbritton, Project Committee Chairman

To: Mrs. Parrish, President
Mrs. Allbritton, Committee Chairman
Mississippi Division UDC

From: Louise Beauchamp, Chairman
McGavock Confederate Cemetery Corp.

Following the TN Division president's presentation to the other UDC Division presidents at the spring board meeting in Richmond about our McGavock Confederate Cemetery project, we understand you have taken our request for donations to heart and have set up a MS Division committee and project to get Chapters and individuals to sponsor each of the 424 MS graves in the cemetery. The trustees of the McGavock Confederate Cemetery Corporation are grateful and appreciative of your efforts to help us with funding for the new cornerstones to mark each of the graves of the MS soldiers who fell at the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864.

I wanted to let you know of the progress we have made in placing the cornerstones in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery to date. Our first order for stones was placed in August 2016 for the Tennessee section. This section was completed in January 2017. Since then, the trustees have been fortunate to receive several donations and, along with using some of our funds, we have finished the left side of the cemetery and started on the right side. The

monument company is currently placing stones in the Missouri section. This leaves only the Arkansas and Mississippi sections of the cemetery to finish. Our goal to complete this project is to have the funding in place to order these remaining cornerstones by the end of this year.

What a wonderful job you and the MS Division have done with this project. The trustees appreciate so much your active participation and we will now be able to finish this project by spring. All the visitors to the cemetery really like the new cornerstones and it makes it much easier for them to find the graves of their ancestors.

We updated our web site in July:
mcgavockcemetery.org.

We will update it again in January, and we will be proud to add the MS Division to our list of contributions. Thank you so much for all your hard work in funding these stones. You will receive a thank you letter from our trustees when we receive your check.





Committee Activities

McGavock Confederate Cemetery Project

Ruth Allbritton, Chairman

Lynda McKinney

Celeste Young

Susan Dunn

By Celeste T. Young
Committee Member

THEY ALL HAVE STORIES

Carrie McGavock's yard is full of dead Southern boys identified only by initials on a limestone rock. But each stone in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery carries the story of the man who rests beneath its crumbling edges.

David Frank Anders rests in Section 33, Grave 180. He was an 18-year-old farm laborer living with his family in Amite County when he enlisted. He was wounded at the Battle of Murphreesboro and his family believed him to be dead. A memorial marker at his home church indicates his date of death as 1863; however, he was actually killed almost a year later early in the evening of November 20, 1864, while on picket at the Battle of Franklin. Frank, as he was known, served with Company C, of the 7th Mississippi Regiment.

Stroll on over to Section 23, grave 15 and visit 18-year-old John L. Greenhow who grew up working with his father in a leather shop in Yalobusha County. He is said to have been a fine saddler and boot maker and was detailed to make cavalry equipment for the government in Grenada prior to his battlefield death. The young private served with the 15th Mississippi, Company G.

"Lt E J K" identifies the resting place of Lieutenant Edwin K. Kizer, a 21-year-old graduate of Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia. He was teaching school in Mashulaville, a Choctaw settlement in Noxubee County, when he answered the call and joined Company G of the 20th Mississippi. In a letter to his best friend, whom he had promised to see at the end of the war, he told of snow shoe-mouth deep and the deaths of three friends at Ft. Donaldson where he once slept in a snow filled trench. He was unable to fulfill his promise and rests forever in Section 41, Grave 288.

In Section 22, Grave 6 rests Lieutenant Samuel Brister of Attala County who served with Company D, 40th Mississippi. He was one of four sons who served the Confederacy. Only one survived and is buried in the family cemetery in Attala County.

A man is not forgotten, as long as his name is spoken. As you consider adopting a grave at McGavock, I urge you to seek out his story and speak his name often.

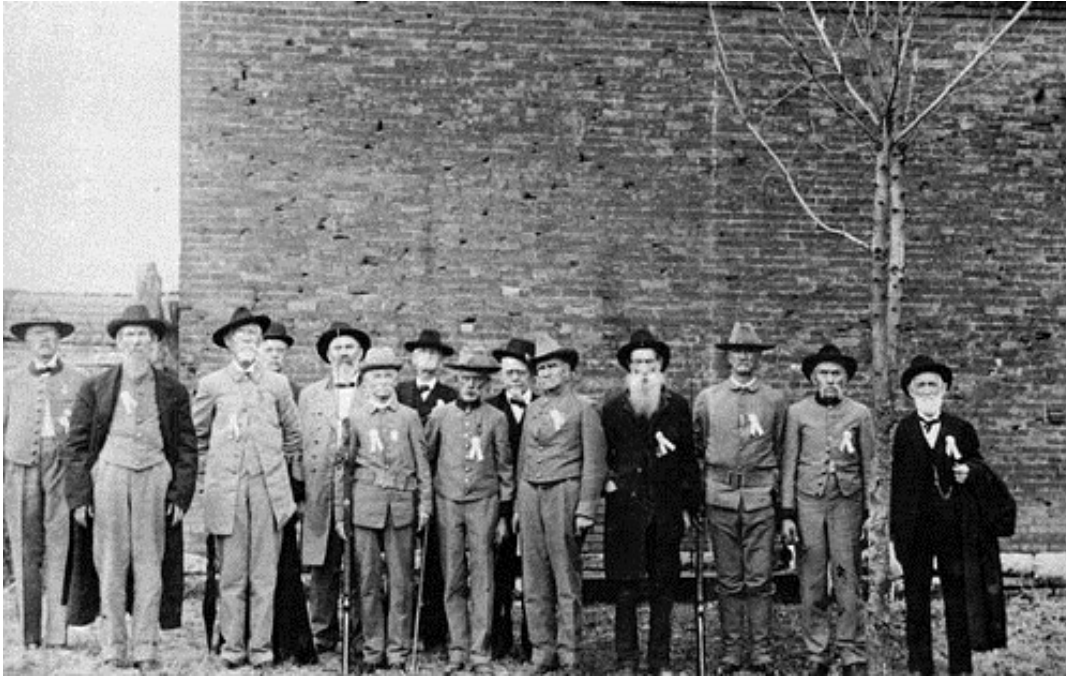
The McGavock Confederate Cemetery database and instructions on adopting graves can be found on our MS Division website at www.msudc.org.



Committee Activities

McGavock Confederate Cemetery Project

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin (1914) was covered by the *Maury Democrat* newspaper. “This was very cordial and pleasant meeting of old time foes – all animosity gone; and all proud of the record of America manhood and glad to know that the wounds of a cruel war are healed and all are brothers again.”



1914 Reunion of Battle of Franklin— veterans from both sides of the conflict, standing in front of the smokehouse wall that still bore the scars and ravages of the battle 50 years prior.



Same wall of the smokehouse, 2010.

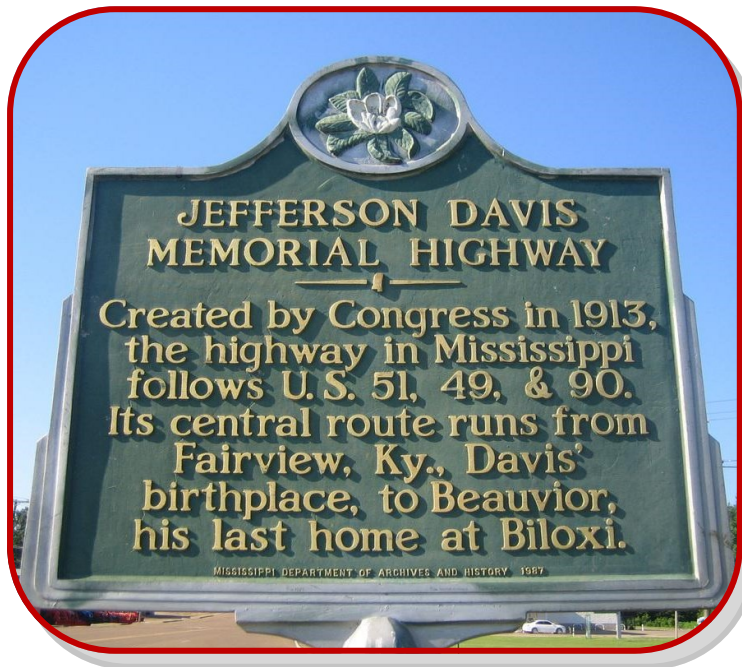
[Williamson County: Civil War Veterans – Their Reunions and Photographs, Warwick: p. 62]
 Website: <https://franklindescendants.wordpress.com/2010/12/10/50th-reunion-of-the-battle-of-franklin/>



Committee Activities

Jefferson Davis Highway Committee

Bunnie Tisdale, Chairman



At Division Convention, a statement was made that Highway 49 south of Jackson was completed and the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker could be replaced.

I have once again contacted the Mississippi Department of Transportation in regard to this. The highway is not completed but is due to be finished sometime in 2018. I have also contacted the Department of Archives about having a dedication ceremony for placing the marker back. I have not heard back from them. I shall continue to contact them. I should have an answer before the highway is completed.

Capt. Samuel J. Ridley 2430, Canton has a granite marker they would like to sell or give away. Please contact Chapter president Pauline Watkins if you are interested.

District Events



There was considerable discussion at Division Convention held September 2017 in Gulfport, Mississippi, regarding changes to Division bylaws. One change in the bylaws that was proposed was the elimination of the three Districts within the Division. After significant discourse on the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal, a vote was taken, and it was decided by the majority of those attending to dissolve Districts. This change in the bylaws will take effect at the conclusion of the current 2017-2018 UDC year.



Committee Activities

Mrs. NVR Fund Sandy Gaddis, Chairman

Our Real Daughters and Mrs. NVR Fund lady will have their stories told in *UDC Magazine* from

August 2017 thru May 2018 by Mrs. Vial who is the Mrs. NVR Fund General Committee Chairman. The October issue had a biography about Real Daughter Mrs. Iris Gay Jordan who died in August 2017. (Please see page 12.)

Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey, Real Daughter, has a story about her life in the November issue on page 9. At age eleven, she was sent to the Methodist orphanage in Raleigh, North Carolina. Why did this happen? Read her story in the magazine to find out.

Real Daughter Mrs. Myrtice Sims Powell had a 100th year birthday on October 1! Send her a belated birthday card or a small gift. Her address is Mrs. Myrtice Sims Powell, c/o Hilda Jordan, 3211 Dunaway Lane, Pensacola, FL 32526-9325.

Mrs. Willie C. Aiken's birthday was October 2. Her mailing address is 3590 Rivers End Place, Buford, GA 30519.

I'm sorry to report the loss of Real Daughter Mrs. Leontine Duplessis on October 18. (See page 13 of this newsletter.) Please remember her family in your prayers.

Our Real Daughters have no birthdays in November and December, but we do have Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays coming up. You could send a holiday card or small gift to our ladies. They do appreciate it.

Thank you for your love and caring for them. Some members have asked who their Confederate father/grandfather is, so I included their names. If you need an updated list on the Daughters, please let me know.



Happy Thanksgiving
and Merry Christmas!

Varina Davis and daughter Winnie



Real Daughters' Birthdays by Month

April

15 Mrs. Lucyle Bishop Arata (Father: John Bishop, Co F 1st Hagood's Regt. NC)

May

09 Mrs. Iva Lee Benson Gainey (Father: Charles H. Benson, Co I 24th Regt Inf NC)

26 Mrs. Reba Bishop Scott (Father: John Bishop, Co F 1st Hagood's Regt NC)

August

02 Mrs. Rachel South (Father: John Bailey Blackwell, 5th Batt Lt Artillery, VA)

September

23 Mrs. Sammy Harrison (Grandfather: Robert Henry Hynds II, Co E 31st Inf TN)
Ms. Harrison is our only Mrs. NVR Fund recipient.

October

01 Mrs. Myrtice Sims Powell (Father: Isaac Sims, Co F Inf FL)

02 Mrs. Willie Ruth Aiken (Father: John B. Chapman Co E 19th Regt Inf AL)



Remembering Real Daughter Mrs. Iris Lee Gay Jordan



Lewis F. Gay, Confederate Veteran



Lewis F. Gay and daughter Iris

Iris Gay Jordan

passed away August 20, 2017, in Ormond Beach, Florida, surrounded by close family and friends. Iris was born Oct. 20, 1922, in Providence, Florida, to Confederate Veteran Lewis F. Gay and Minnie Lee McLeod Nesmith Gay. At the time of her birth, her father was 82 years old. He served in Company F, 4th Regiment, Florida Infantry, CSA. She was nine when her father died in 1931. Iris Gay Jordan's recollections of her Confederate father:

"She can still picture him sitting on the front porch with neighbors, passing a Sunday with tales of his days with the Confederate Army of Tennessee. Her earliest memory of her father was on crutches. The "rheumatism" that had begun during the War had gotten progressively worse over the years. For the last 18 months of his life he was bedridden, and Iris Lee kept him company while the rest of the family worked the farm. What she remembers of his stories of the

War Between the States are what she heard him tell family and friends. He told of the long marches and how tired and hungry they would be when they camped for the night. How they would crawl under the houses to get out of the rain in bad weather, and how some of the men who were wounded and could not keep up, fell by the wayside. He talked about being taken prisoner and sent to Fort Delaware. She recalls that he was not bitter, but only said that the Union soldiers were just like those in the South—lonely, away from home and fighting for a cause."

Iris was passionate about her Confederate heritage, and was a member of Atlanta Chapter 18, United Daughters of the Confederacy®, for over 50 years. She was laid to rest in Old Providence Baptist Church Cemetery, Providence, Florida.

In Memory of...

Real Daughter, Mrs. Leontine Duplessis



Leontine Lavigne Duplessis, passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2017, in her home surrounded by loved ones. She was 103 and a resident of Gonzales, Louisiana.

Leontine first married Harry Joseph Kling, Sr., in 1929 and together they had 2 children. He was electrocuted in 1932.



Leontine was born on April 21, 1914 in Gonzales, Louisiana, to

George Augustine Lavigne and Eugenie Leblanc. She was the youngest of 9 siblings.

She secondly married Sabas Oreal Duplessis, Sr., in 1938. Together they had 14 children. They lived and farmed on Black Bayou Road in the Duckroost area. She was a Real Daughter and member of Joanna Waddill Chapter 294, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Leontine is survived by 12 children, 35 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren, and 25 great-great-grandchildren (with 2 on the way). In her long life, she loved her family (a total of 193 with spouses), for which they were all so grateful. She lived her life for her children and grandchildren.



Chapter Events

KOSCIUSKO Attala County 2592

Attala County 2592 started the year off with a bang! We are working on several possible new members. Patricia Parrish and Sylvia Purvis attended Division Convention in Gulfport, as well as General Convention in St. Augustine, Florida, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Lots of laughs!

We presented Patricia Parrish with a supplemental ancestor certificate for James K. Coleman, Co. I, 27th Regiment, MS Infantry, C.S.A. Sylvia Purvis was presented with supplemental ancestor certificates for Richard Asbury Bryan, Co. F, 3rd Regiment, GA Reserves, C.S.A., and Henry Plyler, Co. E, 48th Regiment, NC Infantry, C.S.A.

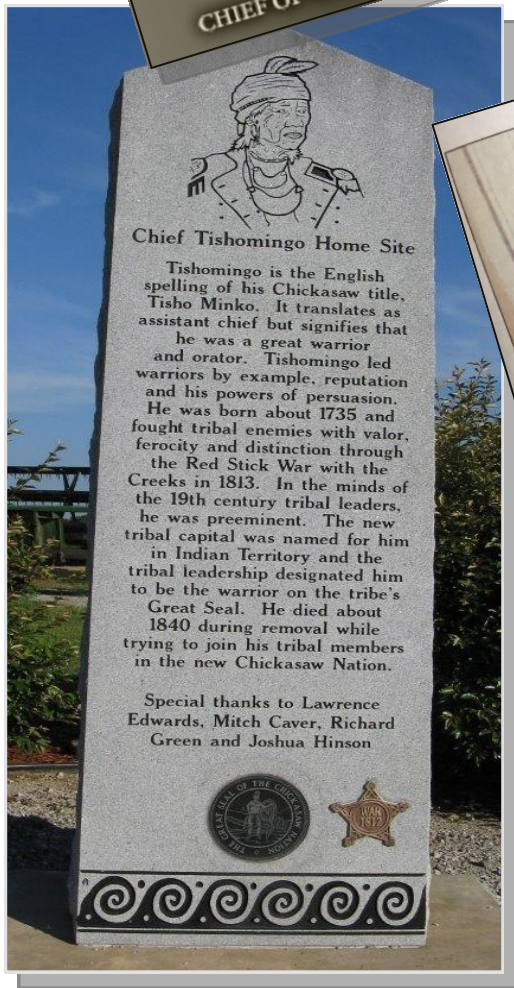
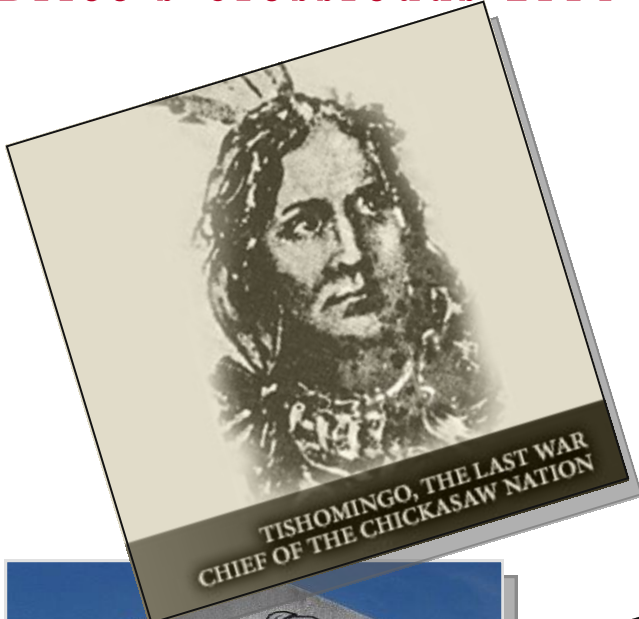




Chapter Events

BALDWIN

Brice's Crossroads 2714



Brice's Crossroads Chapter 2714 member, Carmon Edwards Horner, was featured in the local newspaper recently. It has been proven that her parents' home is located on the historic site of Chief Tishomingo's home place. Carmon has researched more on the life of Tishomingo since that discovery, and she shares her knowledge with others who would like to learn more.



Chapter Events

BILOXI

Biloxi Beauvoir 623

We've been very busy since the start of September! We had several members attend the 121st MS Division Convention in Gulfport on September 29 and 30, including Chair of Pages Tina B. Johnston; Susan B. Easter who acted as page; Janice Strohm, Ex-Division president; Cassandra Griswold, acting as chairman of Benevolent; Donna Cox; and Mary Boles. Our newest member, high school senior Sidney Brown, attended Presidents' Night.



On October 24th, Tina was privileged to portray Lauraine Barbour Power, a charter member of Biloxi Little Theatre in the 11th Annual Old Biloxi Cemetery (Theme: Entertainment and Tourism). While there, she visited the graves of Jefferson Davis' family member CSA Brigadier General Joseph Robert Davis and Pleasant Reed.



Photo left above, our Chapter member Susan Easter's mother-in-law Jeanette Easter is pictured with Fred Haise, **astronaut of Apollo XIII**, cutting the cake at the Marine Corps birthday on 11/10/17, AFRH, in Gulfport. Photo on the right shows Susan Easter in 2nd row between Jeanette and Mr. Haise. Jeanette served in the Marine Corps during WWII and is 94 years old!





Chapter Events

BOONEVILLE D. T. Beall 1185



The Battle of Booneville

July 1, 1862



Our sincerest condolences to D. T. Beall 1185 Chapter President Janice Cox Robinson on the passing of her dear husband, Mr. Virgil Wayne Robinson. Mr. Robinson passed away Wednesday, August 23, 2017. He was an avid enthusiast of the War Between the States, particularly as it related to Booneville¹, and gave many presentations throughout the area. Our love and prayers are with Janice, the Robinson family, and their many friends.

1. <http://www.virrob.home.dixie-net.com/battle.htm>

CORINTH Corinth 333



On Sunday, October 29, Corinth 333 Chapter members assisted in dedicating a headstone to the unknown Confederates buried in Chesterfield Cemetery. Also dedicated there was the flag pole that flies the Confederate battle flag the soldiers fought under. Pictured at right is Chapter member Patty Young.





Chapter Events

HERNANDO

Varina Howell Davis 2559

September proved to be a busy month for our Chapter! Four members attended the 121st MS Division Convention in Gulfport. That same weekend, 4 members attended the 2nd Annual Civil War and Heritage Festival at Cedar Hill Farms in Hernando, Mississippi.

We have a busy holiday season planned, beginning on November 18 with a field trip to Brice's Crossroads to visit the museum and take a tour of the battlefield, ending with lunch with UDC sisters from two local UDC Chapters.



L to R – Susanna Jones, JoAnn Smith, Shirley Pruett, And Christine Rhoda



L to R – Cynthia Blalock, Katherine Blalock, Linda McGan, Dorothy Herron. Taken at MS Division Convention on 9/30/2017.

Other activities involve: Fundraiser at Southern Lights in Southaven, participating in the Horn Lake Christmas in the Park Festival, District II Christmas Gathering in Batesville, Chapter Christmas Party at the Mussacunna Plantation in Hernando. In addition to all of the festivities, we will take time to volunteer at our Chapter Benevolent project – **Project Package** for the MS National Guard. This is an important time of the year for our soldiers as we prepare to send care packages to active soldiers stationed overseas.

We are looking forward to another great year learning and sharing our history and heritage with all!



LEFT PHOTO

L to R:
Susanna Jones,
Linda McGan, and
Connie
Williamson.

RIGHT PHOTO

Volunteers at
Project Package
sort through
mounds of boxes
of donated items
for the Soldiers.





Chapter Events

**LOUISVILLE
Winston Guards 2643**



*Military
Service
Awards
Ceremony*



Honorees and attendees of this year's annual Military Service Awards Ceremony were inspired and uplifted by the beautiful ceremony that Winston Guards 2643 held on August 26, 2017, at Flower Ridge United Methodist Church in Louisville. Honorees were: Mr. Ronald Shane Howell, Mr. Neal Hunter Smith, Mr. Jessie Hubert Riggs, Sr., Mrs. Ruth Ann Quick Riggs, and Mr. John L. Hemphill. A beautifully decorated cake made by Sherry Ray of John J. Hart Chapter 2443 was served following the ceremony.





Chapter Events

MERIDIAN

Winnie Davis 24

September was the start of our new year, but health issues caused several members not to be able to come. October was much better with all but two attending.

At the end of September, our Chapter was represented by Tonya Mott and Bunnie Tisdale at Division Convention in Gulfport. Our Chapter won 15 award certificates. We were very proud of ourselves. Now we are beginning our new year and learning as we go.



The South

Night, and beneath star-blazoned summer skies
Behold the Spirit of the musky South,
A creole with still-burning, languid eyes,

Voluptuous limbs and incense-breathing mouth:
Swathed in spun gauze is she,
From fibres of her own anana tree....

Her wealth, her beauty, and the blight on these,—
Of all she is aware: luxuriant woods,
Fresh, living, sunlit, in her dream she sees;
And ever midst those verdant solitudes
The soldier's wooden cross,
O'ergrown by creeping tendrils and rank moss.

Was hers a dream of empire? was it sin?
And is it well that all was borne in vain?
She knows no more than one who slow doth win,
After fierce fever, conscious life again,

Too tired, too weak, too sad,
By the new light to be or stirred or glad....

Yet now how listless and how still she lies,
Like some half-savage, dusky Indian queen,
Rocked in her hammock 'neath her native skies,
With the pathetic, passive, broken mien
Of one who, sorely proved,
Great-souled, hath suffered much and much hath loved!

But look! along the wide-branched, dewy glade
Glimmers the dawn: the light palmetto trees
And cypresses reissue from the shade,
And she hath wakened. Through clear air she sees
The pledge, the brightening ray,
And leaps from dreams to hail the coming day.

By Ella Lazarus (1849-1887)



Chapter Events

PURVIS

Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583



(L-R, seated) Geri Jefcoat, Jean Hyatt, Sallie Roberts, and Pat Smith.

(L-R, standing) Carol Smith, Karen Mims, Beth Johnson, Anna Walters, Barbara Lott, Paula Benfield, Yolanda Walters, Celeste Young, and Lynda Hudson.

Members of Mary Ann Randolph Custis Lee 2583, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Purvis, Mississippi, are pictured above displaying only a few of the cans of beef ravioli representing their September donation to the Lamar County Baptist Mission. The Chapter coordinates with the Mission Center to provide needed items each month. Five years ago, with benevolence at the forefront of its community involvement, the organization chose to donate nonperishable food items to the Mission Center.

They surpassed their 1,000-pound goal that year by over 300 pounds. Each year since then, the Chapter has chosen the Mission Center as their primary benevolent project, and as of October 1, 2017, they have donated 5,419 pounds of food to help feed families in need.

The organization has again coordinated with Association Director of Missions Danny Henderson to adopt the Mission Center as its 2018 benevolent project. Once again the goal is 1,000 pounds.

5,419 pounds!





Chapter Events

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September Division Convention in Gulfport was attended by Pat Hass, Sharon Tallman, Sherry Ray, and Associate Chapter Member Ruth Allbritton. Division Convention tour of the Maritime Museum in Biloxi on the first day of Convention was lots of fun and very informative.



Our Chapter put together 20 happy bags to give out to other UDC sisters at Convention, and they were very well received.



We were pleased to receive 4 Certificates of Award at Convention, one of them being for Superior Chapter. John J. Hart Chapter ladies have the BEST time working together on the objects of UDC.

OCTOBER 3, 2017



October 3 Chapter meeting at Tupelo Country Club was hostessed by Pat Hass, with a historian program by Sandra Knight. Pat presented a beautiful music program "The Bonnie Blue Flag."



September 19 Chapter meeting at Tupelo Country Club was a planning meeting. Hostess was Sharon Tallman.



The Division Convention Memorial Service was held at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Gulfport, and it was beautiful and uplifting.

MS Division Convention



Military Service Awards Ceremony
Pat Parrish, Harry Anton Speaker III, Robert Kendal Sessions, and Cynthia Blaylock



Trying on the Ugly Hat?
Lynda McKinney & Celeste Young



Afternoon Business Meeting
Ex-MS Division Presidents' Row



MS Division President
Patricia C. Parrish



Beautiful UDC Cousins
Lynda McKinney & Susan Jones



Courtesy Committee Skit Starring...
Karen Chrisman, Celeste, and Sharon Tallman



Vice President General
Frances Woodruff

Gulfport September 2017

MS Division Convention



Pat Parrish and cousin Robert Kendal Sessions and his wife Linda



Von Coombs and Susan Easter



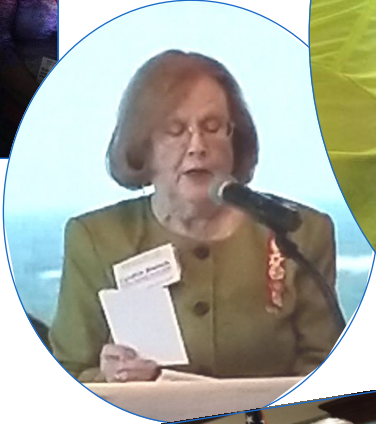
The "ugly hat" on a real beauty – Rita Brister!

You can dress 'em up purty, but you can't make 'em behave!
Sherry Ray & Pat Hass



The wheels on the [Division Convention tour] bus go round and round...

Cynthia Blalock



Frances Woodruff giving one of her famous hugs to Pat Parrish



Donna Cox



Janice Strohm, Kathy Eubank, and Judy Corro



Pat Parrish, Jim Woodrick, and Sylvia Purvis



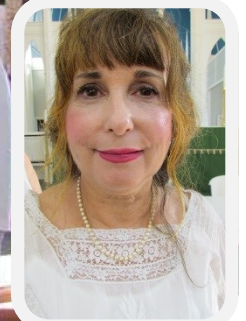
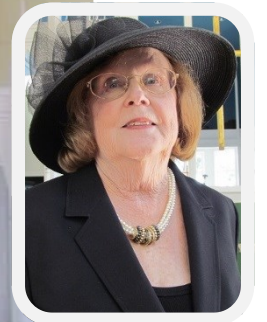
Katherine Blalock

Gulfport September 2017

St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

MS Division Memorial Service

Gulfport, September 2017



UDC General Convention



Pres Gen Pat Bryson and VP Gen Frances Woodruff



Ex-MS Div Pres Janice Strohm Memorial for Division Presidents at the Memorial Service



MS Div Pres Pat Parrish and MS Div Historian Sylvia Purvis



Sylvia Purvis received this pin as a "first time attendee" at General Convention



World Golf Village Renaissance St Augustine Resort



Ex-VP General Ruth Allbritton with her cousin Nancy Todd



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