



Our Heritage

Division Members = 630
Newsletters Mailed = 10
Newsletters Emailed = 620

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**THIS ISSUE IS
DEDICATED TO THE
UNIVERSITY GREYS**



"May 10, 1906, was a red-letter day in the annals of Oxford, Mississippi, as on that day there was unveiled a monument to the memory of the Confederate dead... Six hundred sleep under the shade of the trees a short distance west of the university."

Written by Mrs. N.D. Deupree
Ole Miss professor's wife in 1906



**MS Division President
Pamela Maudlin**

From Our President

The 123rd Annual MS Division Convention has come and gone, and I think it was a good Convention. It was not perfect, mistakes were made, but I have been attending Division Conventions for many years and none of them have been perfect. I thank each of the ladies that were in attendance and I so enjoyed hearing all the hard work being done by the Chapters. I came away with some ideas of some new things the Chapters can do, and I am sure most of you did as well. I want to give a huge thank you to the ladies of the Vicksburg 77 Chapter for all the hard work that they put into the Convention. The handmade goodies for the ditty bags were so neat, and I am sure enjoying mine. The Douglas cookies and cake were delicious!

We were able to raise almost \$2,500 for Soldiers Rest from the silent auction and donations, and we also raised \$400 for our Disaster Relief Fund. The Division made several donations during Convention. A \$500 donation went to the Stephen D. Lee Museum and Home in Columbus. A \$500 donation was made to the upkeep of Lauderdale Springs Cemetery in Lauderdale, Mississippi. A \$1000 donation was made to the fund for the Children of the Confederacy General Convention which will be held in Gulfport in July 2020. Job well done, ladies! Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

Chapter Presidents were given the challenge in October of each Chapter donating at least twenty dollars to the Disaster Relief Fund. A donation was made this month to the disaster relief efforts in the Mississippi Delta from the flooding. You will hear more about that coming soon. If your members gave at least twenty dollars toward this fund at Convention, let me know. It does count toward October's challenge for your Chapter. At Division Convention, many ladies had the opportunity to wear Lynda McKinney's "beautifully decorated" hat, but most chose to donate to the fund rather than put it on! We even had some of our guys get in on the hat wearing. Mr. Lee Jackson was a lovely hat model and a good sport!

We were so happy to have President General Nelma Crutcher and her mother Mrs. Bonnie Crutcher in attendance at MS Division Convention in Vicksburg. Thank

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you, ladies, for your donations to the hospitality basket for President General Crutcher. She was blown away by the generosity of the Mississippi ladies. I reminded her that we are the hospitality state, and she agreed with me on that. Also attending was the Recorder General of Military Service Awards, Patricia C. Parrish, of the Mississippi Division.

General Convention is in a few weeks in Atlanta! I hope many Mississippi Daughters will plan to attend.

Thank you all for your encouragement from the moment I became your Division President. It is a joy and an honor to serve you. I have made tough decisions, but I have made them with the best interests of our membership in mind. I know I have not

pleased everyone, and no one can, but I hope your strong support during my first year in office will continue on through this last year of my term.

I have visited with a lot of Chapters during the last year. If I have not been to a function or activity of your Chapter, please send me an invitation. I hope to attend at least one function or meeting of EACH Chapter during my term, but I cannot do it unless invited.

The new UDC year is underway, so kick it off with great meetings and projects! Let's all work to make the Mississippi Division the best it can be.

In UDC Love and Service,

Pamela Mauldin



Recorder General Military Service Awards Patricia Parrish and MS Division President Pamela Mauldin represented MS Division at the 125th Anniversary Celebration for UDC in September 2019. Here the ladies are at the boyhood home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. 🌟



The University Greys

"The **University Greys** were Company A of the 11th Mississippi Infantry Regiment during the War Between the States. Part of the Army of Northern Virginia, the Greys served in many of the most famous and bloody battles of the War. Their name "University Greys" derived from the gray color of the men's uniforms and from the fact that almost all of the Greys were students (and faculty) at the University of Mississippi. Nearly the entire student body (135 men) enlisted; only four students reported for classes in fall 1861—so few that the university closed temporarily.

The most famous engagement of the University Greys was in July 1863 at Pickett's Charge during the Battle of Gettysburg, when the Confederates made a desperate frontal assault atop Cemetery Ridge. The Greys penetrated further into the Union position than any other unit, but at the terrible cost of sustaining 100% casualties. Every soldier was either killed or wounded." 🌟



Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_Greys)



Division Convention



MS Division President Pam Mauldin stands by as President General Nelma Crutcher greets the morning session of Division Convention.



Division Officers 2018-2020 at Division Convention

Front: Lynda McKinney, President Pam Mauldin, Debbie Cannon
Back: Sylvia Purvis, Bunnie Tisdale, Sallie Roberts, and Tonya Mott



President General Nelma Crutcher and MS Honorary Division President Dorothy Herron.



MS Division Chaplain Sherry Ray and Dorothy Herron at Memorial Service

2019



General M.P. Lowrey 1608
Jeanne Reed, Von Coombs,
President General Nelma Crutcher,
Ruth Allbritton, and Phyllis Brown

Von Coombs, President General Nelma Crutcher, Ruth Allbritton, and President Crutcher's mother Bonnie Crutcher



MS Division Convention warmly welcomed President General Nelma Crutcher at Vicksburg in October 2019.



Winner Sherry Ray!
She won two framed prints to benefit General M.P. Lowrey Scholarship



Division Officers

VICE PRESIDENT
Lynda McKinney

Cool weather has arrived here in Mississippi! We had a wonderful time in the historic town of Vicksburg 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 the names of our gallant Confederate soldiers over our heart. MS Division has twenty-nine Chapters. Out of those, twenty-three Chapters placed insignia orders!

Congratulations to Corinth 333 for the design of their Chapter pin, and congratulations to the Mississippi Division for ordering forty-nine 125th Anniversary Pins!

INSIGNIA ORDERS

This year I processed 130 insignia orders for a total of \$5700.50:

#1	Badge Set	11
1A	Plain Bar	3
1C	'61-'65	1
4	Supplemental Ancestor Bar	5
5	Chapter President Pin	2
12	Honorary Division President pin	1
40	Confederate Heritage Pin	5
41	Southern Heroes Pin	2
44	125 th Anniversary Pin	49
9A	10-year Continuous Membership	2
9B	25-year Continuous Membership	2
9C	35-year Continuous Membership	1
9D	50-year Continuous Membership	2
30A	Member to Member Pin	1
30B	Member to Member Star	1
34	Stonewall Jackson Medal w/cert.	1
	Ex-Division President Sashes	1
20B	16" Official Ribbon	1
20C	32" Official Ribbon	1
23C	Honorary Division President ribbon	1
	Mississippi Division Pin	9
43	Chapter Officer Pin	1
	President Council Pin	1
	Chapter Pin	26
TOTAL		130

INSIGNIA AWARDS AT DIVISION CONVENTION

Chapters ordering the most pieces of insignia:

First: Corinth 333 with forty-five
Second: D. T. Beall 1185 with twenty
Third: Brice's Crossroads with ten

If you need any help with insignia order forms, do not hesitate to give me a call. I look forward to receiving those orders, so keep me busy during these cold months ahead. ☘

Oops!



Attala County 2592 member Susan Jones organized a dedication service for a recently placed Confederate headstone in ***McDonald Cemetery** in Lena MS. Pictured are great-great-grandsons Daniel and David Murphy and great-great-granddaughter Kaye Williams of Confederate soldier Corp. Thomas Owen McDonald.

**Oops! The name of the cemetery was incorrectly stated to be "Good Hope Cemetery" in the August 2019 issue of Our Heritage.*



Division Officers

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT M. Murdock



I enjoyed seeing many of you at our Division Convention in Vicksburg. I was pleased to be able to discuss the CofC with many of you and hear of potential new CofC members from around the Division. We MUST support our CofC by enrolling new members. My congratulations to Sarah Holmes Lowrey 32 of Blue Mountain and its sponsoring UDC Chapter for their FOUR new CofC members whose papers were approved in August of this year! That is a GREAT start for the year, but we need to ensure that the rest of the CofC recognizes that "MISSISSIPPI MADNESS" has caught us all by letting that be just the tip of the iceberg for new CofC members this CofC year (June 1-May 31).

The winner of the raffle for the Battle Flag placemats and table runner was Donna Geno of D.T. Beall 1185 of Booneville. Congratulations, Donna! Because of your generosity, the Mississippi CofC was able to purchase the finial for the Mississippi Flag at CofC General AND bank \$221.00 which the Mississippi CofC voted to earmark for the CofC General Convention. THANK YOU!


We have several CofC events approaching in 2020.

- Division Field Trip – January 17-18, 2020 – Meridian. Information on the field trip can be found elsewhere in this issue of *Our Heritage*. We will do the usual pizza and swimming and tour The MAX (Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience) to learn about Mississippi's cultural history, and it is a RICH history! We'll do some prep for the CofC General Convention, too.

- CofC Division Convention – will be held DURING the CofC General Convention in Gulfport. Details will be announced after the first of the year (you can get the hot off the presses info at the Division field trip!).
- CofC General Convention – it's *ANCHORS AWEIGH!* at the CofC's Sixty-Sixth Annual General Convention which will be held at Gulfport's newest resort, Centennial Plaza, July 15-18, 2020. More information on the Convention plans and opportunities to assist with the Convention can be found elsewhere in this issue of *Our Heritage*. I

hope that we have a tremendous turnout of Mississippi CofC and UDC for the Convention. We will be the ones who put the hospitality in the phrase "Mississippi Hospitality" for our guests attending from around the country. As I have said before, this Convention is a prime opportunity for Mississippi UDC to shine brightly on the General UDC stage!

Back to my mantra of membership and participation, we MUST increase the number of new members in order to grow or, at the least, sustain the current membership level. Second, we need INCREASED CofC and UDC participation in CofC events. As to activities at the Chapter level, I have sent to each CofC Chapter a copy of General CofC's Project and Goals book. I'll coordinate with the CofC Chapters as to several areas where we want to place emphasis to boost our chances of winning awards at CofC General. ☪



"The 2020 CofC General Convention is a prime opportunity for Mississippi UDC to shine brightly on the General UDC stage!"



MS Division CofC

MISSISSIPPI MADNESS



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION CofC FIELD TRIP

MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI ~ JANUARY 17-18, 2020



SUGGESTED HOTEL:

We suggest staying at the Fairfield Inn & Suites - Meridian, 148 Highway 11 & 80, Meridian, MS 39301 (601-453-3851). Friday night Pizza Supper will be served at the hotel and...**drum roll**...they have an indoor pool! Rooms at the Fairfield come with a complimentary breakfast.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020

6:00 PM Swimming and Pizza Supper, Fairfield Inn & Suites – Meridian
CofC General Convention work party

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

9:30 AM Gather at Mississippi's Arts and Entertainment Experience (2155 Front Street, Meridian, MS 39301) for tour museum (we will have "tasks" for the kiddos to help keep them interested.)
Noon Lunch on your own (many restaurants of diverse costs and offerings located near The MAX)

Head home when you complete the tour

COSTS:

\$5.00 per person – Pizza Supper on Friday night (pizza, drink, dessert)
\$8.00 per person – Group admission to The MAX (children 5 and under are free)

Bring cash or check (payable to Margaret Murdock) to Meridian with you. Any excess after costs are paid will be donated to Mississippi's Arts and Entertainment Experience in the name of the Mississippi CofC.

TO ATTEND PIZZA SUPPER AND MUSEUM TOUR:

Advance notice is REQUIRED. You MUST notify Margaret Murdock if you and/or your Chapter will attend the Pizza Supper. Let her know how many to expect so she can ensure she orders enough pizza and The MAX has an accurate count. Margaret must know the number by 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 16, 2020. She will collect your admission fees and pay for the group as a whole, which is required by the museum to receive the group rate.

You may notify Margaret via phone (PLEASE leave voicemail) or text at 228-596-4828 or via e-mail at anchorsaweighgpt@yahoo.com. Parents, family, and friends are welcome to join us!





Division Officers

HISTORIAN Bunnie Tisdale

I cannot stress enough that ***each of us must preserve our history!*** This can be in any form. At Division Convention, there were several Jefferson Davis Gold Medals given. Two members who received them had written books. I am not a book writer, but I do take notes occasionally and promptly forget where I put them or what I wrote them on. Sound familiar?

MEDALS AWARDED

There were four Jefferson Davis Gold Medals, one Jefferson Davis Silver Medal, and one Sidney Lanier Medal awarded in 2018-2019. I am very, very proud of each Chapter for these achievements.

SCRAPBOOKS

Ten scrapbooks were turned in for judging. I know I did things a little differently than before, but I was told this was my thing and I went with it. Since judging was different than before, we had several new winners and I am happy for them.

- First Putnam Darden 2242
- Second MARCEL 2583
- Third Biloxi Beauvoir 623

Scrapbooking rules had not been put in writing where I could understand exactly what is required or how UDC General would like for the books to look. This year, I am going to try to get some pictures of books made by other Divisions and find their rules to help all of us.

PRESS BOOKS

Only one Press Book was submitted this year, and that was by Varina Howell Davis Chapter. Ladies, we need to work on this for next year.

CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

Good work to the four Chapters that published newsletters this year and submitted them for judging! This is another area we all need to work on.

- First Corinth 333
- Second Varina Howell Davis 2259
- Third General M.P. Lowrey 1608

CHAPTER YEARBOOKS

Congratulations to our winners in this category! Again, we all need to get busy and update our Chapter yearbooks. I am sure there are many changes that need to be made.

- First Varina Howell Davis 2559
- Second General M. P. Lowrey 1608
- Third Putnam Darden 2242

Congratulations to all of you who worked hard and submitted entries. I will try to have a workshop next year for these! Thank you for your participation at Division Convention. ☺



This is a partial view of the Confederate Tiffany stained glass window located in Ventress Hall at The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss). It was commissioned about 1880 by Delta Gammas and Friends of Ole Miss at a cost of \$500. The window commemorates **University Greys, Co. A** of the 11th Regt MS, a division of Confederate soldiers made up of Ole Miss students. They suffered 100% casualties at the Battle of Gettysburg.

~Cynthia Mink of Brice's Crossroads Chapter in Baldwin



Division Officers

REGISTRAR
Debbie Cannon

New Mississippi Division Members by Application

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Karen Jane Kelly Sullivan	Beauvoir 621	30 Jun 2019
Linda Diane Coker Mears	Brice's Crossroads 2714	15 Aug 2019
Elva Guinn McBride Eubanks	W. D. Holder 458	31 Aug 2019
Judith Anne Outz Ewing	Noxubee 2221	31 Aug 2019



Save the Dates!

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	INFORMATION
CofC Division Field Trip	*January 17-18, 2020 *Bad weather date is Feb 14-15, 2020	Meridian	Fairfield Inn & Suites in Meridian at 148 Hwy 11 & 80 (601) 453-3851 <u>Friday:</u> Pizza Supper & Pool Party <u>Saturday:</u> Tour of MS Arts & Entertainment Experience (ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIRED - Contact Margaret Murdock!)
UDC General Spring Board	March 7, 2020	Richmond, Virginia	At UDC Memorial Building
MS Division Workshop	March 21, 2020	Louisville	Possible location Lake Tiak O'Khata. Location and date subject to change.
CofC Division Convention	July 15-18, 2020	Gulfport	Will be held DURING the General CofC Convention (see below). More details will be announced after the first of the year.
CofC General Convention	July 15-18, 2020	GULFPORT!	Theme: "Anchors Aweigh!" Programs will feature Ship Island, Beauvoir, and MS Aquarium. More info in this newsletter!



Division Officers

RECORDER OF MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS Sallie Roberts

I would like to thank the Chapters who honored our servicemen with Crosses of Military Service, especially the men we honored at MS Division Convention in Vicksburg. Our heartfelt thanks go out to these men for answering the call to service.

In the coming year, please keep up the good work you have done awarding Crosses. We are losing our World War II, Korean, and Viet Nam veterans. As much as I enjoy giving medals posthumously, I love giving them to living veterans even more. There are still living veterans out there.

Now to a little housekeeping.

- Please submit the applications to me six to eight weeks before the date you plan to bestow the medal. Things do happen, and I would like each recipient to receive their medal on time.
- Please DO NOT use abbreviations, especially for the applicant's service unit. A list of the abbreviations is in the Recorder's Manual.
- If the Confederate ancestor was a prisoner of war, his service did not end because he was in a prisoner of war camp. His term of service ended when he was paroled. ☛



**I WOULD LOVE
TO SEE
EACH
CHAPTER
HONOR A
VETERAN
THIS YEAR!**



TREASURER Sylvia Purvis



It's time to get your 501(c)3 forms filled out and sent to the Division Treasurer. The deadline is December 2, 2019.

Send two (2) copies to: Division Treasurer, 2865 Attala Road 5217, Ethel, MS 39067. If you have already sent yours in, thank you! If you have any questions, please contact me. ☛



Division Officers

CHAPLAIN Sherry Ray



Martha Evelyn Owens Booth



Martha Evelyn Owens Booth

Martha Booth of Tupelo, Mississippi, passed away on July 13, 2019. She was a member of Putnam Darden Chapter 2242 of Starkville, Mississippi. She was a UDC member for forty-three years. Her Confederate ancestor was Tiny Young Owens.

Dorothy Jean Reeves
Wallace



Dorothy Leota Patterson Cardwell

Dorothy Cardwell passed away in September 2019. She was a member of the Putnam Darden 2242 Chapter in Starkville, Mississippi. Her Confederate ancestor was Joseph Madison Carrol Norman, Pvt., Co. C, Camp of Instruction, AL.

Dorothy Leota
Patterson Cardwell



Barbara Gail Sellers Frazier

Gail Frazier of Corinth, Mississippi, passed away on 22 October 2019. She was an Associate Member of the Corinth 333 Chapter.

Lettye Ruth Williams



Dorothy Jean Reeves Wallace

Dorothy Wallace of Magnolia, Mississippi, passed away on October 12, 2019. She was a member for over a year in Brent Rifles Chapter 2137 of McComb, Mississippi.

Barbara Gail
Sellers Frazier



Lettye Ruth Williams

Lettye Ruth passed away on Sept. 2, 2019. She spent her career as an elementary school teacher, impacting the lives of countless children in Mississippi. She was a member of the Canton Chapter. Her Confederate Ancestor was Malachi Allen, 1st Lt., Co. E, 24th Inf Regt, MS

Jeremiah Saunders Gage

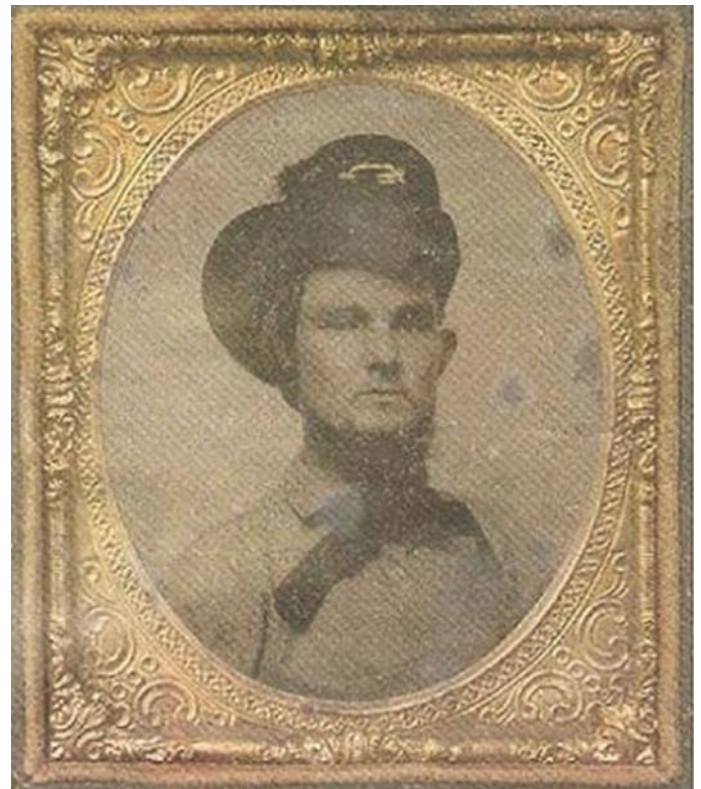
Of the University Greys

Jeremiah Saunders Gage from Holmes County, Mississippi, is historically one of the best-known members of Company A, 11th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry, known as the **University Greys**. Nicknamed "Jere" by friends and family, Gage was from Holmes County, Mississippi. He enlisted on April 26, 1861, at Oxford, Mississippi, as a private, at the age of twenty-one. He had been a student up to that point at the University of Mississippi, having graduated in the class of 1860 but continuing to study law in 1861. He rose to 2nd corporal on September 13, 1861, and soon was appointed 4th sergeant. He was wounded in June 1862 and hospitalized until late 1862, by which time he had been appointed 2nd sergeant. He was killed at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863, and buried on the battlefield until reinterred in Richmond. He is best known for the letter he wrote to his mother during the four hours he suffered after receiving his mortal wounds.

The doctor who attended Jeremiah Gage prior to his death wrote,

The first to arrive, borne on a litter, was a princely fellow and favored son of the Eleventh Mississippi. I saw in an instant a condition of terrible shock. He laid back the blanket and exposed his lower abdomen, torn through left to right by a cannon shot. Without the slightest change of voice, he asked, "Doctor, how long have I to live?" "A very few hours," I replied. "Oh, my darling mother," he said. "Quick, I want to write." After finishing his letter, he said, "Doctor, I'm in great agony. Let me die easy." I handed him a cup of black drop, a concentrated dose of opium. He feebly waved the cup, saying "Come around, boys, and let us have a toast. I drink the toast to you, to the Southern Confederacy, and to victory!" In about an hour, passing hastily, I lifted the cover from his face to find him sleeping painlessly.

Jeremiah's letter to his mother reached its destination. In it, he wrote:



"Gettysburg Penn.

July 3rd

My dear Mother, This is the last you may ever hear from me. I have time to tell you that I died like a man. Bear my loss as best you can. Remember that I am true to my country and my greatest regret at dying is that she is not free and that you and my sisters are robbed of my worth whatever that may be. I hope this will reach you and you must not regret that my body can not be obtained. It is a mere matter of form anyhow. This is for my sisters too as I can not write more. Send my dying release to Miss Mary... you know who."

J.S. Gage

Co. A, 11th Miss.

Mrs. P.W. Gage

Richland, Holmes County, Miss.

(This letter is stained with my blood.)"

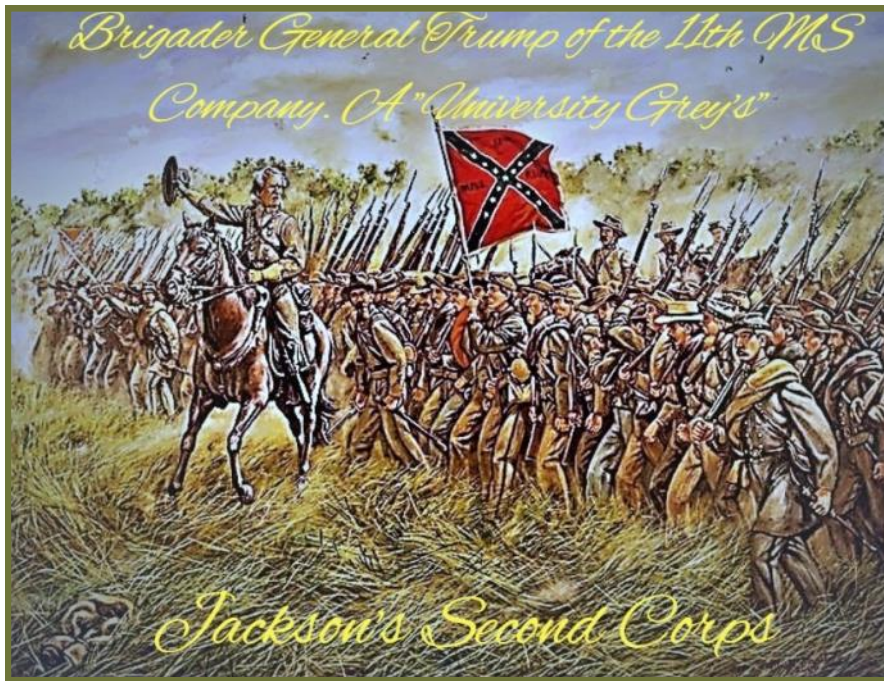
The Hour of Our Nation's Agony – The Civil War Letters of Lt. William Cowper Nelson of Mississippi, edited by Jennifer W. Ford



Granddaughter Club Events

A MESSAGE FROM THE GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB

The Great-granddaughters Club would like to congratulate our fellow member, Mary Landin, on being selected as Honorary Division President at the recent Division Convention in Vicksburg. We are also proud to announce that the Great-granddaughters voted to contribute fifty dollars each to the MS Division Disaster Relief Fund and the Soldier's Rest Grave Marker Fund at our meeting during the Convention.



It is now time to pay dues for 2020. Our dues are three dollars annually, payable to MS Great-granddaughters Club, and sent to Treasurer Sue Patterson, 675 Sunny Lane Road, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

We are still searching for biographies and pictures of our Confederate great-grandfathers to compile into booklet form. Please send entries for your ancestors to our Secretary Kathy Eubank by email at kpe529@yahoo.com or mail to 283 Avondale Road, Greenville, MS 38703-9105. ☼

In UDC Service,

Jennifer F. Jackson

Great-granddaughters Club President



Committee Activities

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Sherry Ray, Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS TO CORINTH 333 ON SENDING TWO VETERANS HISTORY PROJECTS TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DURING THE LAST YEAR!

FOR THIS NEW YEAR, I'M ASKING EACH CHAPTER TO INTERVIEW AT LEAST ONE VETERAN. IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE RECORD THIS INFORMATION AND TURN IT IN TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. WE WILL HELP YOU IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN. ☼





Committee Activities

JEFFERSON DAVIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY Bunnie Tisdale, Committee Chairman

This year for Division Convention, we had five Chapters that submitted reports with Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway activity completed.

1. Corinth Chapter 333 reported nine with pictures attached.
2. Winnie Davis 24 reported five with pictures attached.
3. Winston Guards 2643 sent a picture of a map of Mississippi with location of markers.
4. H.D. Money 350 reported three but had no pictures.
5. Biloxi Beauvoir 623 reported two but had no pictures.

I thank all of you for your efforts in checking on Jefferson Davis Memorial Highway markers. Ladies, please help me and your Chapter! Report on these markers and *take photos!* ☼

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

Conventions are over, and awards have been presented. Please contact Division President Pam Mauldin for the awards our Division received at UDC General Convention. Our MS Division ladies have been busy this year! A total of 450 cards were sent to six Real Daughters and our only Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund recipient.

I am proud of our Mississippi Daughters for taking the time and making the effort to recognize them. They are special, and I am glad they are remembered. If you need a current list of these wonderful ladies, I will be happy to provide you with one. If you know of a Real Granddaughter that might qualify for Mrs. NVRR Fund relief, please contact me for an application.



First Real Daughter
Varina Anne "Winnie" Davis

There are some things you can do for our Real Daughters and NVRR Fund recipient. They are:

- Adopt a Real Daughter
- Recognize them at meetings
- Acknowledge their birthdays and special days
- Send them stamps, calendar books, small notebooks, bookmarks, etc.

There are no birthdays until next year. The birthdays for 2020 are:

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| • April | Mrs. Lucyle Arata |
| • May | Mrs. Iva Gainey and Mrs. Reba Scott |
| • August | Mrs. Rachel South |
| • September | Mrs. Sammy Harrison |
| • October | Mrs. Willie Aiken |

Keep up the good work that all of you are doing for these special Daughters. ☼

Thank you!

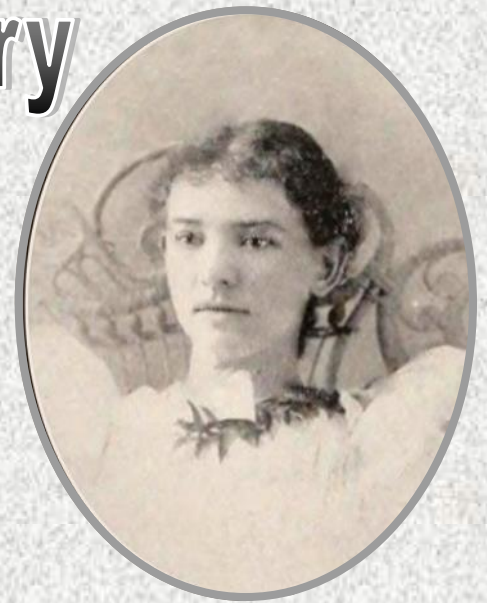
Our Confederate History

MAUDE M. BROWN & THE UNIVERSITY GREYS

Maude Morrow Brown was a University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) senior in 1897 and was a member of the very first annual staff. Under her influence, their first annual was dedicated to Captain William B. Lowry of the **University Greys** and to the spirit of the University Greys.

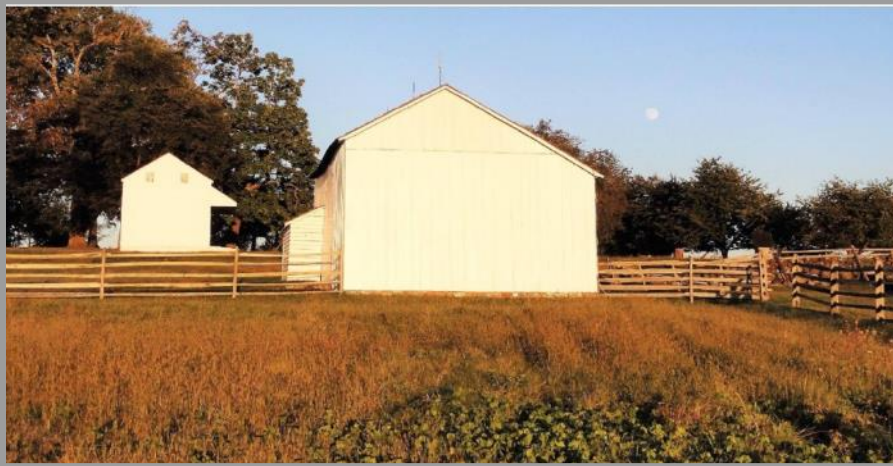
Maude graduated and met and married an Ole Miss professor. She taught school for a number of years and spent twelve years researching the War Between the States and the University Greys. In 1940, her book *The University Greys* was published.

Maude went on a trip in 1939 to Pennsylvania to visit her daughter Edith and tour the Gettysburg battlefield. Many years later, Edith related the story of that 1939 Gettysburg trip. She said that Maude



Maude Morrow Brown

1897 Ole Miss Annual Staff Portrait



The 11th Mississippi Memorial Association commissioned Artist Dale Gallon to portray the regiment during Pickett's Charge. Gallon chose to show the regiment during the last moments of the charge as they made their final push towards the Brian farm. Here is the painting compared to a modern view.

rode the train to Reading, Pennsylvania, where Edith and her husband were both teaching at a small college.

On a Sunday during Maude's visit, Edith's husband drove them about eighty miles to the Gettysburg Battlefield. They toured the whole battlefield and then drove to where Pickett's Charge took place, the Brian Barn. This was where the University Greys and the 11th Mississippi advanced to in the charge. Maude knew exactly where it was.

They all got out of the car, and while Edith and her husband talked, Maude wandered off about twenty yards away from them. A few minutes later, Edith looked over at her mother, and tears were streaming down her face. Maude had worked on that book for so long that she felt like she knew those boys. It broke her heart to stand where they had fought and died at Pickett's Charge.

Because of Maude M. Brown's book, the **University Greys'** story has been saved for future generations! 🌟

From Starke Miller, Facebook, Civil War Tours :<https://www.facebook.com/Miller-Civil-War-Tours-1113715165341508/>



Chapter Events

BILOXI Biloxi-Beauvoir 623



Our Tina Johnston took part in the Biloxi Cemetery tour portraying a “madame” at the grave of her “customer” Walter. *Ooo-la-la!*

Ruthie Wade and Carla Harbin planted roses on October 12 in Varina's garden at Beauvoir. They have put in hours and hours on this project.



Ruthie Wade, Janice Strohm, and Tina Johnston on Historical Evening at 2019 MS Division Convention in Vicksburg



OLD COURT HOUSE MUSEUM, VICKSBURG



Tina Johnston, President General Nelma Crutcher, Janice Strohm, and Ruthie Wade at MS Division Convention in Vicksburg on Presidents Evening



Chapter Events

BLUE MOUNTAIN General M.P. Lowrey 1608

Chapter Luncheon

General M.P. Lowrey 1608 was invited to attend a Bedford Forrest 422 Chapter luncheon on August 24, 2019. It was held at Dale's Restaurant in Southaven, Mississippi.



Gen. M.P. Lowrey members attending luncheon:
L-R Jeanne Reed, Von Coombs,
Ruth Allbritton, Phyllis Brown



At Dale's Restaurant: Ruth Allbritton,
Phyllis Brown, Russ Brown, Von Coombs,
Jeanne Reed, and Steve Reed

Military Service Awards

June 1, 2019

Old Macedonia Cemetery
Blue Mountain, MS

World War II

Clinton Adair Barton, Army Air Force
Great-grandson of Pvt. **Samuel C. Kennedy**
Co. D, 5th Mississippi Infantry
KIA Battle of Franklin, Buried McGavock Cemetery
Received by Sue Thomas, Daughter

Homeland Defense Service Medal

David Karl Gaillard, Sheriff Tippah County, MS



L-R Sue Thomas, Sarah Baker
Sheriff Karl Gaillard, Betsy Wooten



L-R Betsy Wooten, Sue Thomas, Sarah Baker,
Imogene Hardon, Sharon Tallman, Dori Dorris,
Lani Rinkel, Von Coombs, Ruth Allbritton,
Jeanna Wagner, Jo Ann Yale, and Trisha Glover



Chapter Events

BOONEVILLE D. T. Beall 1185



Members of D. T. Beall Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held their September meeting at the Rails and Trails Museum in Booneville. Patsy Johnson presented an entertaining program entitled "Faithful Friends Until Death" about the importance of animals to both the Confederate and Union soldiers. She related stories about several pets that were kept by soldiers during the war including horses, dogs, and *even a rooster!*



Pictured at left are (back row, L-R) Lana Harrelson, Sandra Hamblin, Bettie Ray Akers, Janice Robinson, Moise Jones, Barbara Shackelford and guest Mary Rhodes. In the front row (L-R) are Patsy Johnson, Kay Crow, Jackie McGee, and Chapter President Donna Geno.

Members of Booneville's D. T. Beall Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held their October meeting at the George Ed Allen Library with a program entitled "States Rights, According to the Constitution." It was presented by Chapter President Donna Geno. Pictured at right with Geno (center) are hostesses Patsy Johnson and Moise Jones.



UNIVERSITY GREYS: "THE YOUNGEST COLONEL IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY"



Led by a nineteen year old Captain William B. Lowry, the **University Greys** rode out of Oxford forty-seven soldiers strong on May 1, 1861, following Confederate orders. Their first battle was also the first major skirmish of the war, the Battle at First Manassas or Bull Run. The Greys went on to serve the Confederacy at Second Manassas, Gaines' Mill, Sharpsburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Talley's Mill, Spotsylvania Courthouse, Bethesda Church, Petersburg, and Hatcher's Run. It is said that at Gettysburg they reached the "high watermark of the Confederacy," beyond even the reach of Pickett's men.

Very few Greys survived. Captain William B. Lowry *did* survive the War, but he had terrible wounds that scarred his face. He died in the late 1880s, and his Confederate tombstone is located in Oddfellows Cemetery, Macon, Noxubee County, Mississippi.

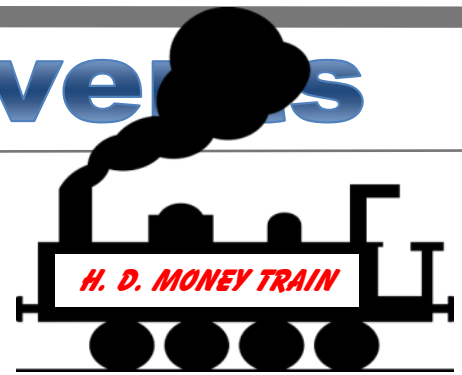
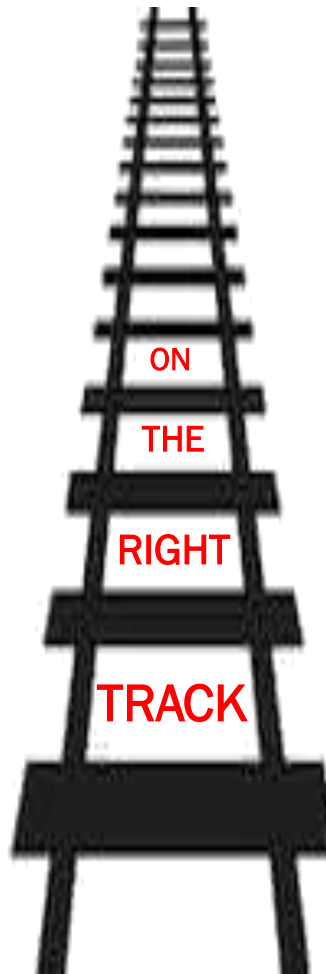


Chapter Events

CARROLLTON H. D. Money 350

H. D. Money 350 members have started off this year **on the right track!** We have already answered the two challenges issued by the Division President this year.

We are busy making plans not only for our UDC Chapter but also our CofC Chapter. Our Chapter memorial service is scheduled for April 19, 2020, at the Carrollton Courthouse lawn. We have already started collecting our gifts to take to the Veterans' Home in Kosciusko for Christmas. Our November meeting will be filled with lots of fun, fellowship, and good food. The Evergreen Cemetery Association is hosting a Christmas Tree Festival in December 2019. Trees will be provided at the Masonic Lodge for decorating before Thanksgiving. H.D. Money Chapter plans to decorate one of the trees in the 1860s style. They will be charging \$5 to view the fifteen trees. The



Lee-Jackson Banquet will be on January 11, 2020, at the Ethel Baptist Church.

One of our members is planning a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, for the UDC General Convention. Our CofC Chapter is looking forward to Mississippi hosting the CofC General Convention on the Gulf Coast in July 2020.

Two members attended the MS Division Convention in Vicksburg, Mississippi. H.D. Money 350 Chapter won nine awards. Our awards included a Superior Chapter, two first place awards, two second place awards, three third place awards, and one honorable mention award.

Lynda McKinney
H.D. Money President ☼



Richard C. Bridges

Treasured Letters from a University Grey

In May 1861, a University of Mississippi student left Oxford with forty-six other students to fight in the War Between the States. During the years he fought for the Confederacy in the **University Greys**, *Richard C. Bridges*' only way to communicate with loved ones was through letters. Recently, his family donated 27 letters written by the Crystal Springs native during his time with the University Greys to the UM Department of Archives and Special Collections. The final letter in the collection was written by the nurse who cared for Bridges. The soldier passed away from a wound sustained in the Battle of the Wilderness in Staunton, Virginia, in June 1864. This collection is such a treasure! All of them are transcribed and easy to read. The link is :

<http://clio.lib.olemiss.edu/cdm/search/searchterm/Richard%20C.%20Bridges%20Collection/mode/exact>



Chapter Events

COLUMBUS Stephen D. Lee 34



CALEDONIA DAYS

Ten miles north of Columbus, the town of Caledonia rolled out their welcome mat as residents and visitors celebrated the annual Caledonia Days event this year. It is always held on the third Saturday of October and is a homecoming for their close-knit community. For the sixth year, our **Stephen D. Lee Chapter 34** of Columbus set up a booth and participated in it. We handed out information and talked with visitors

about why we are members of UDC. We had two tents set up; one for UDC and one for SCV. We had a lot of activity and had fun talking.



DIVISION CONVENTION

Member Elisa Barnes Shizak attended Division Convention in Vicksburg, and she returned with a good report!



KOSCIUSKO Attala County 2592



Attala County 2592 at MS Division Convention Memorial Service

General Recorder of Military Service Awards Patricia Parrish, Geraldine Jones, President General Nelma Crutcher, Attala County Chapter President Sylvia Purvis, and Susan Jones



Chapter Events

CORINTH Corinth 333

Corinth 333 celebrated their 120th birthday on September 4th at Vicari Restaurant in historic downtown Corinth. The Chapter chartered on September 13, 1899. A beautiful birthday cake was enjoyed, and twenty-four ladies attended the event! A table of guests from D. T. Beall Chapter in Bonneville celebrated with the Corinth UDC sisters.



Corinth 333 member Katie Nelson and associate member Heather Holman presented cake and other goodies to the Corinth Police Department, Corinth Fire station, and the Alcorn County Sheriffs Department on September 11th for Heroes Day to show our appreciation for all they do for us every day.



Happy 120th Birthday,
Corinth 333!





Chapter Events

GULFPORT Beauvoir 621

Beauvoir Chapter 621 UDC of Gulfport presented membership certificates at its August 3, 2019, meeting held at the home of Cynthia Newman. Receiving their certificates, left to right in the photo below, are Bobbie Sue Koch, Courtney Clippinger Thompson, and Sandra Lobrano.

Division CofC Director Margaret Murdock reported on the Division CofC Convention and announced that the General CofC Convention would be headquartered at Centennial Plaza in Gulfport in 2020. Many plans are already underway, and the help of the UDC Chapter (and *all* UDC Chapters in the Mississippi Division) would be needed.

The program was a continuation of *Stories On Stone: Beauvoir Memorial Cemetery* written by Chapter member Jane Sullivan.

The next Chapter meeting was held on Saturday morning, October 19, 2019, at the home of Margaret Murdock. New member Betty Shaw was

presented her certificate of membership. Betty is President of the Gulfport Historical Society and very interested in local history.

Awards received by the Chapter at the 2019 Division Convention were third place for most points for Superior Chapter, first place for number of Jefferson Davis Historical

Gold Medals awarded, first place for number of non-fiction books on Confederate or Southern books donated to libraries, first place for number of books relating to Confederacy written by Chapter members, second place tie for money to Confederate museums, and third place tie for meetings using other historical programs.

Money was collected for the Mississippi Disaster Relief Fund. The Chapter also collects coke bottle tops for Gulfport schools. The caps collected in October will be given to the girl's basketball team at Gulfport High School.

The program was presented by Darlene Underwood and continued the study of *Stories On Stone: Beauvoir Memorial Cemetery*. ☘





Chapter Events

HORN LAKE Varina Howell Davis 2559



Nathaniel Huckaby – Recipient of the Estella Ratieri Scholarship

We were proud to present an Estella Ratieri Scholarship to Nathaniel Huckaby a great-great-great-great-grandson of Samuel A. Hughey. This scholarship is named after a Real Daughter who was a member of our Chapter until her passing.

On September 21, 2019, our members joined the Bedford Forrest 448 Chapter for their annual

Nathan Bedford Forrest luncheon at Chickasaw Country Club in Memphis, Tennessee.

Three members and one spouse traveled to Vicksburg to participate in the 123rd Annual Mississippi Division Convention. It was fun meeting new friends and seeing “old” ones!

President General Nelma Crutcher and Dorothy Herron



L to R – Linda McGan, Dorothy Herron, and Janie McDonald



**Seated – L to R – Diana Thompson, Linda McGan
Standing – L to R – Katherine Blalock, Cynthia Blalock**



L to R – Janie McDonald, Linda McGan, Nelma Crutcher, And Dorothy Herron

It was especially nice visiting with our President General Mrs. Nelma Crutcher.

We look forward to the many events we have scheduled for the coming months! 🌟



Sherry Ray and Dorothy Herron



Chapter Events



On September 11th, Winston Guards 2643 Chapter President Frances Woodruff and Chapter Vice President Connie Estes delivered boxes of cookies to the National Guard Armory, the Louisville Fire Department, the Louisville Police Department, and the Winston County Sheriff's Office. This was done to show appreciation for and to thank the men and women who serve to protect our city, county, and state.



L-R: Connie Estes; Keith Alexander, Chief Deputy of Winston County Sheriff's Office; and Frances Woodruff



L-R: Brad Hodge, Training NCO Louisville National Guard Armory; and Frances Woodruff

L-R: Robert Hutto, Deputy Chief Louisville Fire Department; Connie Estes, Frances Woodruff, and Fire Chief Johnny Haynes



L-R: Connie Estes; Frances Woodruff; and Assistant Chief Ed Hunt, Louisville Police Department



I have fought against the people of the North because I believed they were seeking to wrest from the South its dearest rights. But I have never cherished toward them bitter or vindictive feelings, and I have never seen the day when I did not pray for them. ~Robert E. Lee



Chapter Events

MERIDIAN Robert E. Lee 2561

DIVISION CONVENTION

We had a great Division Convention in Vicksburg. Chapter Treasurer Jennifer Jackson attended as our representative and voted as our delegate on bylaws. Mabel Clark, Chapter President of Wilkinson County 1875, received her fifty-year membership pin!

Other highlighted items about 2019 Convention:

- 1) Convention delegates voted to establish a fourth Division scholarship to be named "Mississippi Magnolia Scholarship."
- 2) Mary Landin was elected to the third Honorary Division President position.
- 3) \$1200 was raised for purchase of grave markers in Soldiers' Rest, Cedar Hill Cemetery, Vicksburg.



Chapter Treasurer
Jennifer Jackson

- 4) The amount of \$500 was raised for the Division Disaster Relief Fund.
- 5) Bylaws changes were approved regarding the change of Division Treasurer reports from monthly to quarterly.
- 6) The invitation was extended for 2020 MS Division Convention to be sponsored by Winnie Davis 24 Chapter in Meridian.
- 7) A \$500 contribution was made to the W D Cameron SCV Camp for maintenance of Lauderdale Springs Cemetery in Meridian.
- 8) A \$100 contribution was made to MS CofC as seed money for hosting the General CofC Convention on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in July of 2020.

NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS

We have submitted an application for a new member, and a member reinstatement is in the works. ✪

Letter from a Dying Soldier

This is the transcription of a handwritten and blood-stained letter from a dying **University Grey** soldier, John Robert Montgomery, to his father. He beat the odds and survived Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg in July 1863, but was mortally wounded in the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House that took place from May 8-21 in 1864.

Spotsylvania County, Va.
May 10th 1864

Dear Father

This is my last letter to you. I went in to battle this evening as Courier for General Heth. I have been struck by a piece of shell and my right shoulder is horribly mangled & I know death is inevitable. I am very weak but I write to you because I know you would be delighted to read a word from your dying son. I know death is near, that I will die far from home and friends of my early youth but I have friends here too who are kind to me. My friend Fairfax will write you at my request and give you the particulars of my death. My grave will be marked so that you may visit it if you desire to do so, but is optionary with you whether you let my remains rest here or in Miss. I would like to rest in the grave yard with my dear mother and brothers but it's a matter of minor importance. Let us all try to reunite in heaven. I pray my God to forgive my sins & feel that his promises are true that he will forgive and save me. Give my love to all my friends my strength fails me. My horse & my equipments will be left for you. Again a long farewell to you. May we meet in heaven.

Your Dying son,
J. R. Montgomery

Posted by Teresa Roane to website
www.civilwartalk.com.



Chapter Events

TUPELO
John J. Hart 2443

Carrie Langley Yates

Recently, our Chapter was contacted by a great-great-grandson of a 1920s UDC member, **Carrie Yates** of Tupelo, and given several UDC items that belonged to her. Carrie was born in 1850 not far from Saltillo, Mississippi. She joined Tupelo Chapter 888 of UDC in 1922 on the record of her Confederate father *W.P. Langley* who served in Co. A of the 33rd Mississippi Regiment. She was very busy in UDC serving on the MS Division Historical Committee in 1924-25, and she was appointed an Honorary MS Division President in 1930. Carrie's great-great-grandson recently inherited several UDC items, including a MS Division pin and a copy of the *Historical Yearbook, Mississippi Division UDC. 1924-1925* that had belonged to her. There were also handwritten narratives of her experiences as a child during the War Between the States. It is a treasure trove of firsthand Confederate information!

Learning about our UDC history like this expands our appreciation of what these early women did to build upon the foundation of UDC and uphold the memory of our Confederate ancestors. All these items will need to be officially catalogued, carefully preserved, and stored so they can continue to enrich the purpose and goals that we hold dear in UDC!

Until then, John J. Hart 2443 of Tupelo is proud to learn about and honor one of our earliest Tupelo Real Daughters, **Mrs. Carrie Langley Yates**. ❖



Carrie Yates in Tupelo about 1900

The Cotton Dress Song (sung to the tune of "The Bonnie Blue Flag")

Written by Carrie Langley Yates for a PTA meeting in Tupelo, Mississippi, on January 28, 1927

Verse One:

So here's three cheers for the PTA
And the cotton dresses they wear.
My cotton dress is plain I know
And my hat is cotton too,
But then it shows what Southern girls
For the cotton states will do.

Chorus:

Hurrah! Hurrah! For the cotton states so fair!
Three cheers for the cotton dress
The Parent-Teachers wear.

Verse Two:

We scorn to wear a bit of silk,
A bit of foreign lace,
But make our cotton dresses up,
And wear them with much grace;
Now young men, a word to you
If you would win your share,
Go to the field where honor calls
And cut your acreage there.

Chorus:

Hurrah! Hurrah! For the cotton states so fair!
Three cheers for the cotton dress
The Parent-Teachers wear.



66th Annual General CofC Convention

July 15-18, 2020
Gulfport, Mississippi

“Anchors Aweigh!”



It's “Anchors Aweigh!” as the Mississippi Division CofC and UDC have invited the CofC and their guests to set sail with us at the CofC's **Sixty-Sixth Annual General Convention** to be held in Gulfport, Mississippi, July 15-18, 2020. We look forward to welcoming the CofC and UDC back to the Hospitality State and the “Secret Coast.” Our “cruise directors” have wonderful things in store for our guests! Start planning your voyage to the Convention NOW! (gulfcoast.org)

CONVENTION HOTEL: The CSS CofC (i.e., the Convention) will be moored at THE resort destination of the Gulf South, **Centennial Plaza**. A forty-eight acre live oak filled beachfront campus, amazing views of the Mississippi Sound, a water park, and a 2400-square foot youth entertainment center await your arrival in Gulfport. The historic property was originally constructed just over 100 years ago as the home of the Mississippi Centennial celebration. World War I intervened and cancelled the celebration. The property became a training ground for soldiers, and in the 1920s it became a Veterans Administration Hospital. The hospital buildings were heavily damaged in Hurricane Katrina, and the property lay largely dormant from August 2005 until August 2019 when it was reborn as Centennial Plaza. Our “bunks” will be at the Oasis Hotel, and our meetings will be in the Chapel building just adjacent to the Oasis. We will announce hotel reservation information after the first of the year!

(centennialplazams.com) (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/tompfister/2019/08/09/100-million-48-acre-resort-opens-on-mississippi-gulf-coast/#b72c90938e54>)

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR: We will hop aboard the Captain Pete and travel across the Mississippi Sound to **Ship Island**. There we will tour historic **Fort**

Massachusetts and enjoy some free time at the beach on the south side of the island. So, bring your sunscreen and come ready to get some sand between your toes! (msshipisland.com)

CONVENTION TOUR: **Beauvoir** and the soon-to-open **Mississippi Aquarium** will be the featured stops on the Convention tour. Beauvoir is the last home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The property also houses the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. Slated to open in the spring of 2020, the Mississippi Aquarium will focus on the aquatic wonders of the Gulf of Mexico. We will wrap up the evening with supper at the **Gulfport Yacht Club**. (gulfportyachtclub.org) (msaquarium.org) (beauvoir.org)



CENTENNIAL PLAZA



BEAUVOIR



MISSISSIPPI AQUARIUM

CofC General Convention



Ladies – as outlined more fully elsewhere in this issue of *Our Heritage*, the Mississippi Division CofC and UDC are the host Divisions for the CofC's Sixty-sixth Annual General Convention. I am the UDC Convention Chairman with

Courtney Wade Hodge as the Vice UDC Convention Chairman. Fayth Michelle Hodge is the CofC Convention Chairman. Janice Strohm is Registration Chairman, and Knox Williams is Credentials Chairman. We look forward to working with you to give our guests an amazing experience in Gulfport next summer.

Before getting into any more details, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Mississippi Division UDC for your generous contribution to the General Convention fund at Division Convention. Every dollar raised will help improve the Convention experience for our guests. I was humbled by your support of the Convention. The Mississippi Division UDC will receive "top billing" on the thanks page of the Convention program – and deservedly so!

How else can you help? MONEY, MUNCHIES, AND MANPOWER!

- General Convention work party – January 17, 2020 – Meridian (see information on CofC Division field trip elsewhere in this issue of *Our Heritage*.) We will have several projects ready to keep you busy for the evening! Gift wrapping, making decorations, etc.
- General Convention work party – Summer 2020 – Gulfport – "The Stuffing of the Ditty Bags" and "The Compiling of the Program." Date/s to be announced later. Wine may be involved!
- Speaking of ditty bags – if you want to "advertise" anything from your area, please let me know. I am "micro-managing" what goes in the bags so that the kids aren't overwhelmed with "stuff." We will be stuffing 200 or so bags and can add your items to the bags. I'll need your brochures or other items by June 1, 2020. Keep in mind that these are ditty bags for CHILDREN!

- Register for and attend the Convention! Bring the children in your family with you! If they aren't yet in the CofC when they get there, they will WANT to be in the organization before they leave and will want to be active CofC members!
- Work at Convention – assist with decorations or registration or ticket taking, help hostess our VIPs, be a "gopher," be welcoming and hospitable to our guests from out of state.
- We'll need cookies...lots and lots of cookies! If your Chapter is interested in baking cookies, let me know how many. I don't have a full idea of how many we'll need. We will have that firmed up in early 2020.
- Make monetary contributions – either Chapters or individuals (donations are tax deductible.) General contributions are accepted. Or, if you want to discuss some type of specific sponsorship gift for special program recognition, touch base with me (i.e., your Chapter wants to cover the total cost of decorations for the banquet or brunch; your Chapter wants to help host refreshments for the Director General's gathering; your Chapter wants to sponsor or help sponsor the convention bags or imprinted favors.) We can work out something that will bring your Chapter's name to the attention of all attending the Convention. These sponsorship opportunities will be committed on a "first come, first served" basis.

If you can offer something that I've not specifically listed, let me know! Help is needed in many areas – too many to note here. I'll have some more specific "things" in later communications.

The best way to get in touch with me is e-mail or text. E-mail: anchorsaweighgpt@yahoo.com; phone or text at 228-596-4828. Please leave a message as I don't always return missed calls from numbers not saved in my phone.



"Anchors Aweigh!"

Margaret Murdock
CofC General Convention Chairman



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