

# The Sentinel

Next Meeting: December 21  
Knights of Pythias Building

Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting 7:00 p.m.



Secession Camp # 4 Charleston, SC

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## November's Speaker



**Jim and Marty Rogers** from Statesville, NC. Marty is the great-great-granddaughter of, and spoke about, Louis T Wigfall. They found the Wigfall artifacts that they brought with them in her mother's house after her death in the mid-1990's. As she said, "We are very glad to be able to share them with interested folks." Thank you for bringing them and showing them to us. (photo by John Waring)

## Pledges

### Pledge to the United States Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the Republic for which it stands,  
one nation under God,  
indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.

[Note no pause: "one nation under God".]

### Salute to the South Carolina Flag

I salute the Flag of South Carolina  
and pledge to the Palmetto State  
love, loyalty, and faith.

### Salute to the Confederate Flag

I salute the Confederate Flag with  
affection, reverence, and undying devotion  
to the Cause for which it stands.

*The Charge*  
*To you Sons of*  
*Confederate*  
*Veterans, we*  
*submit the*  
*vindication of the*  
*cause for which we*  
*fought; to your*  
*strength will be*  
*given the defense*  
*of the Confederate*  
*Soldier's good*  
*name, the*  
*guardianship of his*  
*history, the*  
*emulation of his*  
*virtues, the*  
*perpetuation of*  
*those principles he*  
*loved and which*  
*made him glorious*  
*and which you*  
*also cherish.*  
*Remember, it is*  
*your duty to see*  
*that the true*  
*history of the*  
*South is presented*  
*to future*  
*generations.*

*Lieutenant General*  
*Stephen D. Lee*  
*Commander General*  
*United Confederate*  
*Veterans*  
*New Orleans*  
*1906*



## Some More Awards . . .



### New Member Bill Hamilton



### Sam Norris

We here in Secession Camp have numerous award-winners not only each year, but also each month. We always like to present our award-winners to our members, but also to others via the newsletter. (photos by John Waring)

## The Internet

"The problem with quotations that you see on the Internet is that it is difficult to discern if they are genuine."

—Abraham Lincoln

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Andy Langdale  
**Convention**  
Bill Norris and David Rentz  
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## NEXT MEETING

Secession Camp will hold its next meeting on  
**Tuesday, December 21, 2010**  
**Knights of Pythias Building**  
1968 Belgrade Avenue  
(near Sam Rittenburg Boulevard (Hwy. 7))  
**Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM • Meeting begins at 7:00 PM**  
**Speaker: Eddie Rogers on "Wade Hampton"**

### *The Sentinel*

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# From the Commander

**Merry Christmas!** Our annual Christmas Party will be this month on the 21st. The whole family is invited, so please bring them along. We will not have a business section of the meeting so we do not bore our guests. All those whose name begins with A-L please bring a vegetable and those from M-Z bring a dessert. The Camp, as always, will provide the main course. If you wish to imbibe, please bring enough for me. I look forward to seeing you and meeting your family.

**Secession Ball.** The Sesquicentennial is upon us. The South Carolina Theatrical Performance and Secession Ball will take place on 20 December 2010 at the Gaillard Auditorium. The Ball is being presented by the Confederate Heritage Trust. This is the first major program to commemorate and celebrate the Secession of South Carolina. Please visit the CHT website at [www.scsecessiongala.org](http://www.scsecessiongala.org) for more information and to register.

The evening will begin with a theatrical play recreating the Convention and the men who cast their votes to remove South Carolina from the union known as These United States. Many of the actors will be local and State celebrities and personalities.

Immediately following the play a grand ball and reception will



follow with a joyous night of music, dancing, food and drink. The Charleston Gaillard Auditorium will be our venue for both events. As an added bonus, The State Archives and History Department will have the original Ordinance of Secession available for all to see and enjoy.

**Lee-Jackson Banquet** will be held on 22 January 2011 at the Washington Light Infantry building on Meeting Street. Please contact **Bennie Slay** or **John Genes** for more information.

**The Stephen Dill Lee Institute** will be returning to Charleston on the 4th and 5th of February at the Francis Marion Hotel. Please visit their website at [www.stephendilleeinstitute.com](http://www.stephendilleeinstitute.com) for more information and to register. The subject of this year's institute is Lincoln v. Jefferson: Opposing Visions of America. Secession Camp might be asked to help with some of the staffing at the event.

The South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans  
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# From the Chaplain



The title of this story is "Buried Alive." During the 1800's, the chance of being buried alive was heightened because modern embalming techniques were not used. The state of medical knowledge at that time was very poor, some doctors did not have medical degrees. Many people were so afraid of being buried alive, they had special coffins constructed with apparatuses including bells

that protruded above the grave and could be rung by a device inside the coffin. The phrase "graveyard shift" was introduced because people would take turns and stay in the cemetery during the night and listen for any bells to ring.

In 1804, Lighthorse Harry Lee's wife, Ann Hill Carter Lee, was very ill. In case you were unaware, these two great individuals were the parents of General Robert E. Lee. Mrs. Lee is reported to have suffered from narcolepsy, a sleep disorder that was little understood at the time. Victims of this disease experience frequent uncontrollable episodes of daytime sleepiness. Some people with narcolepsy also suffer from "catalepsy," an extreme attack of sleep paralysis, a deep trance-like state with loss of any voluntary movement of the body.

Mrs. Lee continued to be plagued with poor health. She was taken with a severe fever and bedridden for several months. One day, Mrs. Lee did not respond when family members tried to wake or arouse her. Physicians were quickly summoned to examine Mrs. Lee's motionless body. The physicians could not detect a heartbeat and Mrs. Lee was pronounced dead. Mrs. Lee's body was placed in a coffin and lay in state at the Lee mansion. Three days later, the coffin was removed to the family mausoleum and put in a vault.

One day the sexton went into the mausoleum to lay flowers on the casket, when he heard a faint voice calling for help. The sexton determined that the voice came from within Mrs. Lee's casket. The sexton quickly unfastened and removed the lid from the coffin and Mrs. Ann Hill Carter Lee looked up at him and tried to raise herself into a sitting position.

Over the next several months Mrs. Lee slowly regained her health and became a functional wife and mother. On January 19, 1807, fifteen months after Mrs. Lee was buried alive, she gave birth to a son. The infant was named Robert Edward after Mrs. Lee's two brothers.

Can you imagine how close this world had come to not knowing the greatness Robert Edward Lee, who was one of the greatest military leaders that ever lived. This story is of personal interest to me because I have narcolepsy, catalepsy, and sleep apnea. It is by God's holy grace that modern medicine has enabled me to live with this incurable disease.

Please continue to pray for divine peace on the **Dukes family**. Please let **Lynn, Jessica, and Chris** know that the members of Secession Camp are willing to help. Please keep **Larry, Jr., Compatriot Larry Smoak's son**, in your prayers. He was involved in a motorcycle accident and is at home recovering from his injuries. Please pray for the recovery of **Glenn Fleming** as he continues to recover from his operation. Continue to pray for the recovery of **Calvin Welch**. **John Evans** still needs your prayers for a quick recovery. Please pray for **Dorothy Joyner**, wife of our camp member Will Joyner.

There is nothing on this earth more powerful than prayer. I would ask that the Compatriots of Secession Camp #4 join me in praying for the following members and families of our camp: **The Dukes family – Lynn, Jessica, and Chris, Manning Williams, Andy Langdale, Jim Dickinson, Willie Heidtman, Elmore Marlow, Tricia Tetor, Gail Weatherford, Wimpy Seyle, Jimmy Kittrell, Dewain**

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## Secession Camp # 4 Minutes of Meeting of 16 November 2010

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes	X	
Reading and Approval of Financial Report	X	

Program: **Louis Trezvant Wigfall**  
Speaker: **Jim and Mary Rogers**

Remarks: Members: **43** and **7** Guests: for a total of **50** in attendance.

\* **SCV Charge** was given by Commander **Ed Moon**

\* **Invocation** given by Chaplain **Gene Patrick**

\* **Salute to the Flags** led by Color Sgt **Alan Bailie**

\* **The cooks** were then recognized for the meal. Mess Corporal **Don Pace** was assisted by, **Bill Helms, Ed Vaughn** and **Walter Canady**.

\* **Introduction of guests.** The guests were introduced Jim Rogers, Marty Rogers from Statesville, N.C. , W. Harold Norris, Raymond Craven, Danny Craven, Randy Lesemann, and H. Reeder all from the Charleston, S.C. area.

### Reports:

\* **Minutes** of September 19, 2010 Meeting: Were presented to the camp by Commander Moon. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented in newsletter. It was so moved, seconded and approved by the camp.

\* **Treasurers Report** Treasurer Commander Moon was not given due the absence of Treasurer Perry.

\* **Mickey Davis Fund Report** was given by Woody Weatherford. Presented a request to the camp which was approved by the Executive Committee to give \$500.00 to help in the restoration of the grave of Thomas Jefferson Page. Page is buried in the non-Catholic cemetery outside of Rome, Italy. The project is sponsored by the Euro Camp 1216. This request was presented by Bill Norris and meets the intent of the Mickey Davis Fund. Motion was made to approve and the motion carried.

\* **Chaplain's Report** given by Chaplain Gene Patrick: Please pray for Compatriot Larry Smoak's son, Larry Jr., who was injured in a motorcycle accident. He is home and is recovering from his injuries. Lynn Dukes was able to attend the Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall this past weekend. Please continue to pray for the Dukes family. There are still major medical bills and our compatriots as well as our camp needs to continue to help the Dukes family with this financial problem. The Chaplain asked the camp if anyone had visited the website that was mentioned in the Chaplains report. There were very few hands that went up. The Chaplain addressed the camp about the lack of camp members who do not read the newsletter. The prayer list for instance is a very serious matter. There are many members who need our prayers and our compatriots should pray for these members.

\* **Resolution:** Commander Moon read a resolution on the passing of our own Comrade and Compatriot Wayne Dukes for his devotion and service to the camp. A Framed Certificate of this resolution will be presented to Compatriot Duke's. Family.

### Committee Reports

\* **Newsletter** Editor John Whatley: The little girl pictured in the last issue was not Nicky Haley nor Jennie Sanford. She is famous for her nickname. Her father was a famous car racer. When he ordered his next Benz racing machine, it was named "Mercedes" after her. Their automobiles are still named the "Mercedes Benz". What does this have to do

with South Carolina? There is a Mercedes-Benz manufacturing facility on Patriot Blvd which manufactures vans – lots of vans. Next month's trivia question will be "Who was the last Confederate general to be promoted to major general during the WBTS?"

\* **Highway Clean-up** report: given by Compatriot Michael Dixon. The Cleanup on November 6, 2010, Glenn McConnell Parkway took several hours. Only six members showed up. The schedule for next years clean up will be placed in the Camp newsletter. Please mark your calendar for this. More people will save time and we are only assigned one side of the Glenn McConnell Parkway.

\* **Graves & Registration** Bobby Gorman: There will be a cleanup on Saturday at 1:00pm at Battery Cheves on James Island. Compatriot John Genes asked about the clean up at Adams Run. This clean up will be scheduled in either January or February of 2011. Last year the Edisto Camp helped. There is work to be done. Undergrowth will need to be cleaned before grass can be planted

\* **Engravings:** First Lt Commander Bennie Slay: Name tags were made for the following: One tag camp, four tags for Civil War Roundtable, making a total of \$24.00.

### Announcements

\* **CHT** David Rentz reported on the upcoming gala. There will be a play followed by a Secession Ball. Music will be by "Unreconstructed". Senators Glenn McConnell and Rep Chip Limehouse will be in attendance. Tickets can be purchased on line. Sponsorships will be from \$1500 to \$5000 for table. There will be a VIP tour of the Ordinance of Secession. The event will be on December 20, 2010 the Monday before the Secession Camp Christmas for party. The dress will be formal period or modern tuxedo. No uniforms except pre-war militia.

\* **Recruitment and Retention:** Chairman Andy Langsdale: One application complete. Two other candidates have applications in the works. No new member to vote on or induct.

\* **Commander Moon** reported that Hunley Camp had forwarded a list of interested persons who may want to join the SCV. The list was compiled by the proximate location of persons living in the area of Secession Camp 4. These names were read to the camp. If any Compatriot new any of these people to contact hem.

\* **Division Convention:** David Rentz gave the report last month and asked for help selling ads for the convention program. Bill Norris passed out info sheets listing the cost of the ads and info on the convention to everyone at the meeting. We need everyone to help sell ads to pay for the program and help with the convention costs.

\* **Lee Jackson Banquet** First Lt Commander Benny Slay reported: Tickets are on sale for thirty dollars. The event will be held at the WLI Building on January 22, 2010.

\* **Commander Moon:** presented new member certificates to William Hamilton and Sam Norris.

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# SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



## APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to any member in good standing. It may be obtained by paying a fee as shown below. Upon acceptance, membership will be established in Life Member Camp No. 2 but will still be a member of your current camp. The Life Member will receive a Life Membership certificate, lapel pin, and membership card upon payment in full.

### Sons of Confederate Veterans Application for Life Membership

I hereby make application for Life Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. My payment is enclosed which entitles me to lifetime membership within the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I understand that I am still obligated to pay any Division or Camp annual dues if affiliated with a local camp & that Life Membership only covers national dues. I further understand that I will also have to continue paying national dues until my life membership is paid in full if I choose to make payments using the conditional option.

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I am affiliated with \_\_\_\_\_ Camp # \_\_\_\_\_

\*I hereby make application for Conditional Life Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. My initial payment of \$150.00 is enclosed with this application, and I understand that regular annual dues must continue to be paid until my final \$150 payment is made. Should I fail to complete my Conditional Life Membership within 48 months, the Adjutant-in-Chief will prorate the amount paid towards annual membership.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# News From The Real World . . .

## Raphael Semmes Defines The War

The following conversation between English ship Captain Charles Hillyar, *HMS Queen*, and Captain Raphael Semmes, *CSS Sumter* (and after 1862 *CSS Alabama*) occurred during the war on August 5th, 1861. It is a summary from a well-educated Southerner who is stating his reasons for fighting. Captain Hillyar expressed surprise at Captain Semmes's contention that the people of the South were "defending ourselves against robbers with knives at our throats", and asked for further clarification as to how this was so. The exchange below occurred.

*Semmes*: "Simply that the machinery of the Federal Government, under which we have lived, and which was designed for the common benefit, has been made the means of despoiling the South, to enrich the North", and I explained to him the workings of the iniquitous tariffs, under the operation of which the South had, in effect, been reduced to a dependent colonial condition, almost as abject as that of the Roman provinces, under their proconsuls; the only difference being, that smooth-faced hypocrisy had been added to robbery, inasmuch as we had been plundered under the forms of law."

*Hillyar*: "All this is new to me. I thought that your war had arisen out of the slavery question."

*Semmes*: "That is the common mistake of foreigners. The enemy has taken pains to impress foreign nations with this false view of the case. With the exception of a few honest zealots, the canting hypocritical Yankee cares as little for our slaves as he does for our draught animals. The war which he has been making upon slavery for the last 40 years is only an interlude, or by-play, to help on the main action of the drama, which is Empire; and it is a curious coincidence that it was commenced about the time the North began to rob the South by means of its tariffs.

"When a burglar designs to enter a dwelling for the purpose of robbery, he provides himself with the necessary implements. The slavery question was one of the implements employed to help on the robbery of the South. It strengthened the Northern party, and enabled them to get their tariffs through Congress; and when at length, the South, driven to the wall, turned, as even the crushed worm will turn, it was cunningly perceived by the Northern men that "No slavery" would be a popular war-cry, and hence, they used it.

"It is true that we are defending our slave property, but we are defending it no more than any other species of our property – it is all endangered, under a general system of robbery. We are, in fact, fighting for independence."

## Convention Program

Secession Camp 4 is hosting the 2011 SC Division Convention. The convention will bring around 200 people from all over the State to Charleston and will be timed to coincide

with the upcoming Sesquicentennial commemoration of the firing on Fort Sumter. A program covering the convention is in the works, containing a mix of articles on events and action surrounding Charleston during The War. The program will additionally cover Ancestor Memorials and Advertisements.

### Advertisement Rates are as follows:

Business Card .....	\$30.00
Quarter Page .....	55.00
Half Page .....	95.00
Whole Page .....	125.00
Inside Cover (only two) .....	200.00
Back Cover (full color) .....	400.00

Questions or ads should be sent to Convention Chairmen **Bill Norris** ([elvisreddog@comcast.net](mailto:elvisreddog@comcast.net)) or **David Rentz** ([rentz.scv@gmail.com](mailto:rentz.scv@gmail.com)).

## Chorus Master

The SC Division is looking for an experienced, dynamic and inspiring music professional to establish and lead a new SC Division Chorale. Qualifications desired are:

- Vision to develop men's music chorale
- Strive for high musical standards
- Ability to encourage singers of varied skills
- Degree in music or equivalent experience
- Basic keyboard skills
- Ability to read and conduct from orchestral scores

or multi-part octavos.

Send resume as MicroSoft Word doc format or Adobe Acrobat pdf, along with a 250-word or less letter stating your interest, to:

**David Rentz**, [rentz.scv@gmail.com](mailto:rentz.scv@gmail.com), with copies to:  
**Mark A. Simpson**, [commander.simpson@gmail.com](mailto:commander.simpson@gmail.com)  
**Ricky Badger**, [AdjutantBadger@aol.com](mailto:AdjutantBadger@aol.com).

**Deadline:** 31 December 2010. Candidate must also appear at Leadership Conference in Batesburg/Leesville on 8 January 2011 for interview and audition. Sample music will be provided by the Division, although candidate may bring personal selections for the audition.

## Our Annual Christmas Party

will be **Tuesday** night, **21 December**, at the Knights of Pythias Castle.

This is a family-friendly gathering for good food, good camaraderie, good times, so be sure to bring the family along!

We will waive the business section of the meeting so we do not bore our guests.

The Camp, as always, will provide the main course.

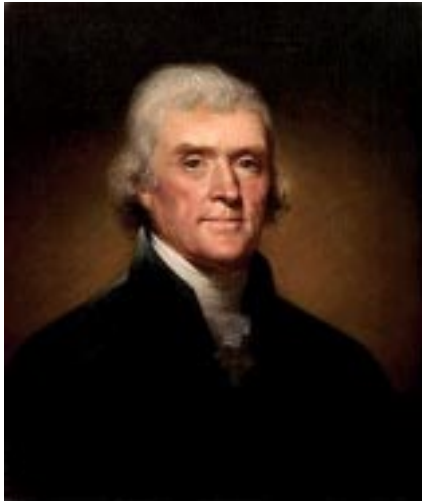
All those whose name begins with **A-L** please bring a **vegetable** and those from **M-Z** bring a **dessert**.

From the officers and members of Secession Camp, a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all.

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## In Memory of Com Patriot

*Gary Pruitt Stone*

*by Delores Stone*

Confederate Ancestors:  
W. H. Austin  
and  
O. G. Thompson

*Gone but never forgotten*

Deo Vindice  
Mrs. Gary P. Stone  
Summerville, S.C.

## In Memory of Com Patriot

*Sy Mabie*

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Confederate Ancestor:  
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# The Rebel Review

By: John B. Waring

*The Un-Civil War* by Mike Scruggs

## PREFACE:

In the gospel of John 8:32 Jesus says the following: "and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (Douay-Rheims Bible)

A small but comprehensive publication that takes one through a non politically correct historical journey through the war and its aftermath is a handy little publication titled *The Un-Civil War* by Mike Scruggs. In today's climate the victor's version of the history has gone from reasonable interpretation to just outright perversion of history. The "Civil War" history in today's text books resemble the history of the war written by devoted Lincoln fans and scholars Karl Marx and Frederich Engels. Also you have the lame

Harry Jaffa and the boys from the Conservative think tank the Claremont Institute reinventing Abraham Lincoln into a Jeffersonian. Federally funded battlefields are now covered, as Donald Livingston stated in a speech, "In bold Letters," making the propoganda of slavery as the sole cause of the war.

In 1999, Jesse Jackson, Jr., U.S. Representative from Illinois, inserted language in the Department of Interior's appropriations bill for 2000 that included this statement. "The Secretary of the Interior is directed to encourage the National Park Service managers of Civil War battle sites to recognize and include in all of their public displays and multimedia educational presentations, the unique role that the institution of slavery played in causing the Civil War and its role, if any, at the individual battle sites."

Thomas DiLorenzo in his article titled "Politically Correct History" points out the following. "The political left in America has apparently decided that American history must be rewritten so that it can be used in the political campaign for reparations for slavery. Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr., of Chicago inserted language in a Department of Interior appropriations bill for 2000 that instructed the National Park Service to propagandize about slavery as the sole cause of the war at all Civil War park sites. The Marxist historian Eric Foner has joined forces with Jackson and will assist the National Park Service in its efforts at rewriting history so that it better serves the political agenda of the far left. Congressman Jackson has candidly described this whole effort as "a down payment on reparations."

*The Un-Civil War* contains 18 different chapters or articles. I am going to cover one to give you a sample. A well done article by Mr. Scruggs concerns the First Thirteenth Amendment. Guaranteeing Slavery forever. In this chapter Scruggs lays out how the Corwin Amendment had passed the U.S. House with the required 2/3 of the vote on February 28, 1861 and the Senate on March 2, 1861, with the following wording: "No amendment shall be made to the constitution which will authorize or give Congress the power to interfere, with any state with the domestic institution thereof, including person held in labor to service by the laws of such state."

The first 13th Amendment would have forever prohibited any Constitutional change that would interfere with slavery in any state. Lincoln indorsed this amendment in his First Inaugural address by saying the following: "I understand a proposed amendment to the Constitution has passed Congress to the effect that the Federal Government shall never interfere with the domestic institutions of the persons held in the States, including that of persons held in service. To avoid misconstruction of what I have said, I depart from my purpose, not to speak of particular amendments, so far as to say to now be implied as Constitu-

tional law, I have no objection to its being made express and irrevocable."

Lincoln had no problem with an amendment which would have prohibited the Federal Government from interfering with slavery in the States. The intent of the first thirteenth amendment was to reassure the Southern States that there was not and never would be danger of any Congressional interference with slavery. If slavery was the only crucial issue, then why would the South secede from the Union when the institution was protected? The Morrill Tariff passed in the Congress. The Morrill Tariff was part of Lincoln's and the Republican Party's platform that would have placed a tax on imports of at least 47%. This would have devastated the agricultural Southern economy while benefiting the industrial North.

Another fact mentioned in this article was an event on July 22, 1861; the now Northern-only Congress passed a joint resolution stating its purpose in waging war against the Confederacy: "Resolved, That this war is not being prosecuted upon our part in any spirit of oppression, not for the purpose of conquest or subjugation, nor the purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights of established institution of slavery as the purpose of the war but to defend the maintained the supremacy of the Constitution and all laws made in pursuance thereof and to preserve the Union, with all dignity, equality and the rights of several States unimpaired; and soon as these objects are accomplished the war ought to cease." There you have it. Congress passed a resolution stating the reason for prosecuting the war, and guess what? It was not slavery!

When first thumbing through you will be amazed with the articles. Subjects from the Flags, to primary players of history, the causes, Cherokees, Yankee war crimes, reconstruction, slavery, the Union League, the original Ku Klux Klan and the aftermath are all there. Yes the book is true to the subtitle. You find history that your teacher never told you. There is also a great list of books to read on the next to last page to do further research. I found that the articles were clear and an easy read. You will find this paper fascinating and a breath of fresh air. To the PC crowd: You will not like this product.

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*Special Thanks to Karen Stokes for her wonderful historical knowledge and input in this review. Thanks to Sophie O'Neill for proofreading.*

## Commander – cont'd.

will host South Carolina Night with a Meet the Speakers Reception on Friday evening, February 4, 2011 at 7pm. This unique program will allow the South Carolina Division to cordially greet the attendees of the Stephen Dill Lee Institute and show the hospitality made famous by Charlestonians and South Carolinians in general. Our guests will enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and music. The Stephen Dill Lee speakers will be in attendance to meet our guests, sign books and talk history in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. A cash bar will also be provided.

Friday's featured speaker is Dr. David Aiken of the Citadel and the College of Charleston. Dr. Aiken will speak on one of his favorite topics: "The Burning of Columbia and the Bombardment of Charleston ... Seen through the Eyes of William Gilmore Simms".

Registration for the Institute is \$150 per person with a discounted rate of \$125 for SCV members and family, students, and teachers. The registration fee will include all Institute lectures plus breakfast, dinner and a Banquet meal on Saturday night.

Merry Christmas and Deo Vindice,  
**Ed Moon**  
 Commander



## New Historical Marker

On Saturday 20 November 2010 a new historical marker was dedicated in Abbeville, S.C., in commemoration of the meeting held on 22 November 1860 to select delegates from Abbeville District for the State Secession Convention. The historical marker is located at Secession Hill, the site of the original gathering. The ceremonies on Saturday included speeches by **Dr. James E. Kibler** and **Dr. Michael Hill**, and period music was provided by the band Un-Reconstructed. Also present were descendants of several of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession from Abbeville District, including a descendant of David Flavel Jamison, the president of the Secession Convention.



## Highway Clean Up

(L to R) **Bill Norris, Sam Antley, Michael**

**Dixon, Will Joyner, Don Pace, Bobby Compton.** Chairman Dixon wishes to thank all who showed up to clean up. For 2011:

Cleanup date	Rain date
Feb. 6th	Feb. 13th
May 22nd	May 29th
Sept. 11th	Sept. 18th
Nov. 6th	Nov. 13th

## Chaplain – cont'd.

**Wiggins, Bill Norris, Glenn Fleming, Robert Rush, Glen Curtis, John Evans, Dorothy Joyner, Charlie Rook, Calvin Welch, Larry Jr., and Chris Sosnowski.** If you would like to add or delete a name to the pray list, please email or call me. I also would like to add any "praise reports" that you might be willing to share with our Compatriots about what God is doing in your life.

If any compatriot needs the services of the Chaplain, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours in Christ,  
**Gene Patrick**  
 Chaplain  
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## Like Trivia?



No, this isn't Nikki Haley. Or Jennie Sanford, either. Her name was **Adriana Manuela Ramona Jellinek** – quite a mouthful – so her parents gave her a famous diminutive nickname. Her father was a great car racer and also the largest car dealer in Europe at the time.

He persuaded the company which built his race cars (and also whose dealerships he owned) to name their next race car after his daughter. Herr Daimler was obliging, and the next Benz racer was the "Mercedes" Benz, a name Daimler's cars still have.

**I've just got to get rid of some books, so this will be an easy one:**

**Who was the last Confederate to be promoted to major general before the end of The War?**

Send the answer after 10:00 a.m. 10 December 2010 to [athyriot@hotmail.com](mailto:athyriot@hotmail.com). First correct answer wins.

Books awarded at the next Meeting.

## Secession Play and Ball 2010

The Confederate Heritage Trust, in partnership with the South Carolina Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will present a grand and memorable Secession Play and Ball.

This event will commemorate and celebrate the State of South Carolina for the second time becoming an independent nation on December 20th 1860.

The evening will begin with a theatrical play recreating the Convention and the men that cast their votes to remove South Carolina from the union known as These United States. Many of the actors will be local and State celebrities and personalities.

Immediately following the play a grand ball and reception will follow with a joyous night of music, dancing, food and drink.

The Charleston Gaillard Auditorium will be our venue for both events. As an added bonus The State Archives and History Department will have the original Ordinance of Secession available for all to see and enjoy.

The Confederate Heritage Trust and the South Carolina Division would like to personally invite you to attend this once in a lifetime event! Please purchase tickets and sponsorships now while space is available and we look forward to seeing you there.

Remember all tickets and sponsorships are tax deductible.

<http://www.scsecessiongala.org/index.html>

## Who Said This?

“The lessons of history ... show conclusively that continued dependence upon relief induces a spiritual and moral disintegration fundamentally destructive to the national fiber. To dole out relief in this way is to administer a narcotic, a subtle destroyer of the human spirit.”

—Pres. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
1935 State of the Union Address

## Citadel Heritage and Big Red

Remembrances of The Citadel's Confederate banner venerate the memory of the brave cadets who wore the gray, many making the ultimate sacrifice.

Founded in 1842, the college was in its infancy when so many of her sons, answering the call of South Carolina in the struggle for Southern independence, fought under “Big Red.”

In an era when many institutions of higher learning have tried to run from their history, it is refreshing that The Citadel stands steadfast in remembering a unique Confederate banner when alumni, many currently wearing their country's uniform, return to campus.

Citadel graduates and South Carolinians can take pride in this tangible connection to history, now housed on campus. Visitors to Charleston can learn of “Big Red” and the valor of Citadel Cadets of long ago.

Mark A. Simpson  
Commander  
South Carolina Division SCV

## Minutes – cont'd.

\* **Speaker.** 2nd Lt Commander John B. Waring: Introduced the speakers Jim and Marty Rogers from Statesville, N.C. to the camp. Jim is a large animal veterinarian, specializing in dairy cattle. They have two sons, Justin and Joel, and two new grandsons.

Jim is a member of the Stephen Dodson Ramseur Camp of the SCV and the Garnett-Pettigrew Chapter of the MOS&B.

Marty is a member of the Centennial Chapter of the UDC. Marty is the Gr-gr-granddaughter of Louis T Wigfall. They found these artifacts in her mother's house after her death in the mid-1990's and they were very glad to be able to share with interested folks.

\* **Jim Rogers** first gave recognition to Dan Lewandowski and the North South Skirmish Association. Mr. Rogers also mentioned his love for Confederate heritage. He gave a humorous description about his line of work being a reproductive manager. Cow doctor.

He then turned the program to his wife **Marty Rogers** who is a direct descendent of Louis T. Wigfall.

Wigfall was a South Carolina native who was known for being in duels. He was a politician and soldier. He was in the fighting for Fort Sumter and was the first to see Major Anderson on the surrendering of the fort. A white torn fabric was in the procession of the Rogers which was used as a flag of truce. After Fort Sumter Wigfall moved to Texas where he entered politics.

The talk was most interesting and the slide show and articles were a great addition to their presentation.

\* **Commander Moon** asked if the camp had any questions and for members to come up and view the artifacts after the meeting.

### Old Business

\* **Commander Moon** Thanked and recognized all who took part in working the Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation last Saturday.

### New Business

\* **Camp Christmas Party:** Commander Moon designated that all members with the last name of A thru L bring a fruit or vegetable plate and all names M thru Z bring deserts. The Christmas party will be held on December 21, 2010 normal time wives and family members.

\* **Stephen Dill Lee Institute:** Requested for volunteers to help with registration.

\* **National Convention:** Commander Moon: Ten years ago we hosted the National Convention in Charleston. 10th Brigade Committee to make presentation of time and place to secure the Convention in 2014. Will need to members to represent the camp. The consensus is to work at the brigade level. Any comments or interest.

\* **Commander Moon:** Any comments from members for the good of the camp.

\* **Commander Moon** called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

\* **Final Benediction** given by Chaplain Gene Patrick

\* Ended with the singing of “Dixie”.

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**NEXT CAMP MEETING – DECEMBER 21 – CHRISTMAS PARTY  
SPEAKER: Eddie Rogers on Wade Hampton**

## *First Thanksgiving Was In The South!*

By John C. Whatley, Editor, and Chairman, Education/History Committee

This is the time of year when we get all the Yankee prattling about the Puritans and the Indians celebrating “the first thanksgiving” (in the North, of course) in what is now the United States.

Typical of all Yankee babbling, this is a lie. It wasn’t the first, and giving thanks is not mentioned at all.

As James Deetz and Jay Anderson have pointed out in “The Ethnogastronomy of Thanksgiving” in the *Saturday Review of Science*: “What took place on that fall day some three-and-a-half centuries ago is best understood as the first *harvest festival* held on American soil, the acting out of an institution of great antiquity in the England the Pilgrims had left behind. It was a time for joy, celebration, and carousing, far removed from any suggestion of solemn religious concern.” It was the holiday called Harvest Home, and they and their Indian guests celebrated with food and sports for three days.

The first thanksgiving day was actually celebrated at Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo, Texas, on 23 May 1541 when Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de

Coronado and his near-starving worn-out men held a service of thanksgiving after finding food, water, and pasture for their depleted animals. The plains of west Texas are completely flat, except for the wide canyon sunk some 1000 feet into the plains where the Red River begins. It is today a Texas State Park.

(It’s also on the Library of Congress website.)

On 30 June 1564 French Huguenot colonists of Spanish Florida celebrated a thanksgiving near what is today Jacksonville, Fla., making this the second thanksgiving celebration in what is now the United States.

The third thanksgiving occurred 4 December 1619 at Berkeley Plantation, Virginia. Their charter required a day of thanksgiving: “We ordaine that the day of our ships arrival at the place assigned for plantacon in the land of Virginia shall be yearly and perpetually kept holy as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God.”

Bringing up the rear at number four is the Puritan Harvest Home at Massachusetts.

Eat your hearts out, Yankee liars!