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Chapter Where No Division

United Daughters of the Confederacy

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Greeting Daughters

I recently visited Richmond, Virginia for the 2017 Spring Board Meeting. I flew in on Friday afternoon and was just in time for the Division President's Council Dinner. We had a wonderful dinner and accomplished a lot of business, mainly the reporting of account. It took visiting 3 different banks before I could open an account as the group's Treasurer. Because the group did not have a yearbook which explained their affiliation with General, the banks did not want to open an account. To remedy a very basic yearbook which was acceptable to the bank and presented them a letter from our Treasurer General Linda Edwards taking ownership of the group. President General Pat Bryson was very gracious in her compliments to me and our chapter for all my effort.



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The Spring General Executive Board Meeting was held at our beautiful Memorial Building on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 9:00 am. Reports of General Officers, Appointive Officers and General Standing Committees were presented. Following the morning board meeting there was a nice luncheon and the meeting adjourned at 3:00pm. Right after dismissal, I found a taxi, hightailed it to the airport and caught my plane back to Tulsa arriving around 9:30pm.

If any of you are planning trips, I have found that American Airlines is less than satisfactory. I was delayed in Dallas over 6 hours on Friday as American did not have a plane which could take me to Richmond. One had to be brought out of the hanger and prepared for flight. On the other hand, Delta, flying through Atlanta has always been on time and employees friendly.

I would like to remind everyone about our meeting on April 15th. I plan on feeding everyone some Robinson stew and cornbread so please plan to get to the Museum around 11:30am. Please be thinking who would like to volunteer a meal for the June 17th meeting. Seeing each other at a meeting is not the same as sitting around the table and talking to each other and getting to know one another and standing together **"United in Service."**

Kathy



Save the Dates

2017

- April 6 Chapter organized on this date – 3rd Chapter Birthday
- April 8 Campbell's Camp, SCV Confederate Memorial - 11:00 a.m.
IOOF Cemetery, Neosho, Missouri

April 15

Meeting Reminder

Baxter Springs Museum– Baxter Springs, Kansas
Optional Lunch –11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Chapter Meeting - 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Robinson Stew & Cornbread, with dessert and drink, will be provided by Kathy R. as a fundraiser for the chapter. Your participation and contribution is welcome.

- May 6 Old Timer's Day Parade – 12 Noon; South West City, Missouri
- May 20-22 Civil War Days – Har-Ber Village, Grove, Oklahoma
- June 17 Chapter Meeting – Baxter Springs, Kansas
- July 5 Turkey Creek Fusiliers Battle of Carthage Vespers Service – evening
Carthage, Missouri
- July 22 Annual Meeting
- August 19 Chapter Meeting – Baxter Springs, Kansas
- Pre-Sept 1 Membership Dues of \$25 to Chapter Treasurer
- Sept 30 Newtonia, MO Fall Festival/Parade – Ritchie Mansion
- Nov 2-6 General Convention – St. Augustine, Florida

**ALL Officers and Chairman are encouraged to place information about their duties and works on the chapter website.
Contact the webmaster to set this up.**



2017 Chapter Bylaw Review Year

Barbara H., Parliamentarian

Our Annual Meeting is right around the corner ... Spring has Sprung! Put on your thinking caps and let's go!

I have had a couple of inquiries and suggestions about the Bylaws. I would like each member (**and that means You**) to get out your current Chapter Book, sit down and read our Bylaws. Study them. If there is anything you Question, don't Understand or feel needs Updated. Please contact me ASAP! You will find my name and contact information in your Chapter Book.

No question is silly or stupid as the Bylaws are what governs our Chapter. This is very Important and the Bylaws need to be correct, understood or updated. You learn by asking! Let's talk about.

Time is of essence! I need to HEAR from You, one way or the other NO LATER than the 10th of April!



Photo Courtesy Kathy R.

General Officers at Winter Board Meeting, Richmond, Virginia

Pat B., President General, Frances W., Vice President General, Jennie S., 2nd Vice President General, Michele M. 3rd Vice President General, Karen P., Recording Secretary General, Linda E., Treasurer General, Kathy H., Registrar General, Suzie S. Historian General, Gail B. Recorder General of Military Service Awards

Did You Know: If you don't have your Chapter Book handy – but have internet access, you can go to the website and click on any underlined officer or chairman's name. If they have given permission, a pre-addressed email will open so you can shoot them an email.

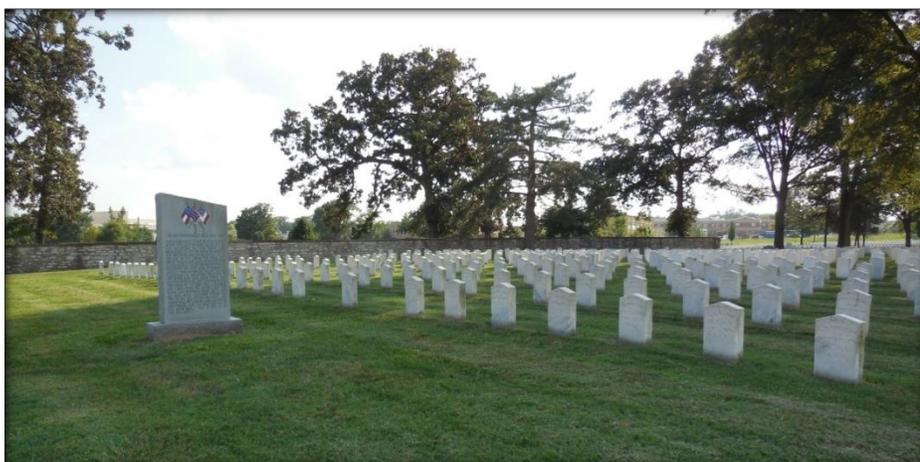
Members on the Move....

Nancy C. Visits Jefferson Barracks - Saint Louis, Missouri To Locate Ancestor, Larkin Rushing, of Tennessee

Following up on the rumor that he died in St. Louis, I visited the St. Louis City Library and found a list of prisoners who died in the Gratiot Street Prison, one of the first prisons in the area. It listed a Larkin Ruskin, listed as a Tennessee Civilian, who died approximately one month after the Shiloh Battle. Although the name was not spelled as we spell it today, there were several similarities. The record I got was a transcription and the original written record was not available so I could check if the "k" was really a k or actually an "h". I knew from personal experience that the family itself pronounced the name "Rushin" leaving off the g which is usually how it is spelled. In fact, I originally wrote it was "Russian" until my grandmother spelled it for me. There is an area of the Shiloh Battlefield named "Russian Tenant Field."



I contacted the St. Louis Genealogical Society and a highly skilled and dedicated researcher searched the newspapers for me. He found a listing for a St. Louis Funeral Home who handled the burial of those who died in the Gratiot Street Prison. The ad included a list of the deceased and was a notice that their families could make arrangements for the bodies. Included in the list was a Larkin Rushen with the same date of death as the Larkin Ruskin. The researcher also told me that the St. Louis newspapers were filled with news of the Shiloh Battle and included long lists of those arriving in the city, including soldiers, prisoners, the dead, along with details of the battle. The researcher even visited the Jefferson Barracks Cemetery, which was blanketed with snow, where Larkin "Ruskin" was finally laid to rest in the Confederate Section. The tombstone reads, "Civilian."



Confederate Section of Cemetery

In September, 2016, I was finally able to visit the Jefferson Barracks Cemetery. Larkin Rushing, Tennessee civilian, farmer, father, grandfather, lies at the end of a long row of casualties of the Civil War. The space beside him is empty or at least unmarked. Therefore, he lies alone, far from family who never forgot him and how he disappeared.

Photos Courtesy Nancy C.

From a portion of her ancestor profile for the Chapter Ancestor Book

Historic Har-Ber Village Volunteerism

By Kay F.

Editor's Note: This type of volunteerism falls within the perimeters of our UDC Objects of Education, Benevolent, Memorial and Patriotic, as well as the theme of United in Service.

In years past I was able to volunteer for Cherokee Days, Halloween event, Civil War Days, Christmas on Main Street and Military days. This past year our schedules did not allow me to participate for all only a few.

Strolling in 1860's dress for Civil War Days you will be asked many questions by children and adults. For example, questions about your clothes, gloves and hats and bonnets. Also there are questions about that time period, questions about slavery always comes up, many times my answers will be the opposite of what many were taught in school or have heard on the news.

One time I was dressed as a Rosie the Riveter for Military Days. Most of the adults knew what a Rosie was and what they did during WW II, many had stories to tell me about their parents or grandparents during that time. Children would have to be told and if they were with their grandparents then this was a time for those grandparents or parents to tell these children their family stories.

Weaving on the 160 year old barn loom was a real education for children and some adults, the first question from children is "What is this and what are you doing?" Older adults knew what this was and would share stories about their family even if a newer version of a loom or spinning wheel was used. It is difficult for children to understand why people back then didn't just go to the store and buy what they needed, why would they have to make things themselves? Grandparents and parents just shake their heads and wonder if these children could survive life without computers, fast food,

stores and not having some of these old fashion skills to fall back on.

Volunteering for me at Har-Ber Village is a chance to educate others on the truth about the Civil War and that time period and other times. Every time I'm there volunteering there will be something new that I will learn myself, so many others with different skills and they are happy to show you.



Civil War Cannons Retrieved From The Great Pee Dee River, South Carolina

From: www.warhistoryonline.com - October 23, 2016 - George Winston

William Lockridge is part of a team that raised three Civil War cannons from the Great Pee Dee River.

"I had three children, and it's kind of like having a child I guess, they show up and you're happy and sooner or later when the crowd thins out I'll go over and they'll dry my babies out and I'm gonna kiss them," he said. The archaeologist was part of a team from the University of South Carolina.

Each of the cannons weighs between 10,000 and 15,000 pounds. Two of them are Confederate Brooke Rifle cannons that are 11.8 and 12.25 feet each. The third is a captured Union Dahlgren cannon that is 8.9 feet long.

The cannons were artillery on the CSS *Pee Dee*. The gunboat was tasked with protecting the coast at the Mars Bluff Navy Yard. When it seemed the ship would be captured by the enemy, commanders ordered the cannons dumped into the river, and the ship set alight.



"Over the years ever since the guns were thrown overboard, people have always wondered about what happened to these guns, and so a number of individuals in the past, as well as present, were sort of looking for these guns," underwater archaeologist James Spirek said.

It took twenty years for researchers to locate the first two cannons in 2009. The third one was located in 2012.

World War II veteran Catesby Jones was in the crowd watching the cannons get pulled out of the river. His great-grandfather made the Brooke Rifle Cannons in Selma, Alabama in 1863, it was reported. "I've been all over the country seeing these other tubes that were made in Selma, now that I've seen these two I've seen all of them," Jones said.

"To the history of the shipyard, the history of the Confederacy, the Confederate Navy, it's a huge addition, and it can't be measured. I don't know that I have the words to properly express it," Lockridge said.

Next up for the cannons is two years of soaking in preservation tubs at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center in North Charleston. Eventually, they will be displayed outside of the new Veterans Administration building in Florence County.

UDC Magazine to Have Increase in Rates

According to the latest UDC Fee Schedule, subscription rates are going up. If you have not already sent in your subscription OR should you want to extend your current subscription, now is the time to do so. If you have a subscription the new rates will apply on September 1st. Current rates will be honored until September 1st.

Current rates and the increase are as follows:

1 year subscription - \$15.00 will increase to \$20.00

2 year subscription - \$27.00 will increase to \$37.00

3 year subscription - \$40.00 will increase to \$55.00

Southern Literature and Poetry Committee

Do YOU have any fiction, non-fiction or poetry books which you have read to share with the Chairman of the chapter Southern Literature and Poetry Committee? Please type up your list and send it to Nancy C. Her contact information is listed in your Chapter Book which was distributed in February.

FREE Genealogy Workshop Sponsored by Chapter

The free genealogy workshop has been deemed a success. Kay F., Registrar, was in charge of the chapter event, meant to interest others in genealogical research and inevitably to attract interest in joining the UDC. Well known genealogical speakers and chapter members, Carrie Ann C. and Fredrea C. presented informative programs.

Carrie presented an interactive program which covered some simple steps using Microsoft Office to manipulate and handle photographs and documents. Fredrea discussed often overlooked information and available sources within proven, accepted lineal applications.

Why am I a Daughter of the Confederacy?



I am a Daughter of the Confederacy because I was born a Daughter of the Confederacy. A part of my heritage was that I came into this world with the blood of a soldier in my veins...a soldier who may have had nothing more to leave behind to me and to those who come after me except in heritage...a heritage so rich in honor and glory that it far surpasses any material wealth that could be mine. But it is mine, to cherish, to nurture and to make grace, and to pass along to those yet to come. I am, therefore, a Daughter of the Confederacy because it is my birthright.

I am a Daughter of the Confederacy because I have an obligation to perform. Like the man in the Bible, I was given a talent and it is my duty to do something about it. That is why I've joined a group of ladies whose birthright is the same as mine...an organization which has for its purpose the continuance and furtherance of the true history of the South and the ideals of southern womanhood as embodied in its Constitution.

I am a member of The United Daughters of the Confederacy because I feel it would greatly please my ancestor to know that I am a member. It would please him to know that I appreciate what he did and delight his soldier love to know that I do not consider the cause which he held so dear to be lost or forgotten. Rather, I am extremely proud of the fact that he was a part of it and was numbered among some of the greatest and bravest men which any such cause ever produced.

I am a Daughter of the Confederacy because I can no more help being a Daughter of the Confederacy than I can help being an American, and I feel that I was greatly favored by inheriting a birthright for both.

*Written by Mary Nowlin Moon (Mrs. John),
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