

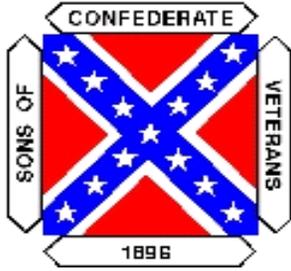


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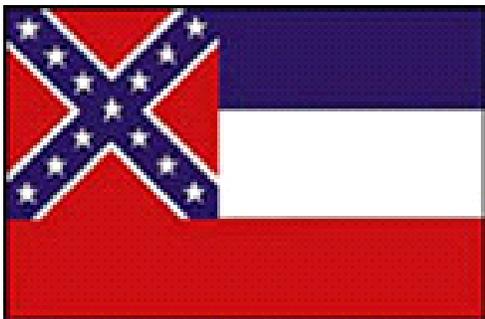


April Meeting **Murphree's 2012 Valley Campaign**

Robert Murphree will present the program for the next meeting talking about his visit in 2012 to the area of the Valley Campaign. Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: April 23, 2013. 5:30pm.
Where: Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

See you there!



But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings.

Psalms 9:7-11
(KJV)

March Meeting Report

Battle of Franklin

Compatriot Bill Lee presented a program on the Battle of Franklin.

Compatriot Dan Duggan presented "this day in the WBTS" (March 26).

The "Dixie Hummingbirds" presented several songs for the camp's entertainment.

Confederate Memorial Day Observance

The observance will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson,. In case of rain, the program will be held at the War Memorial Bldg.

Date: April 28, 2013
Time: 1:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Decoration of Graves

2:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.
Memorial Program

2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Refreshments & Recovery of Flag
Grave Markers

3:00 P.M.
Wright & Ferguson Removes
Tent, etc.

Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

For those of you who missed the March meeting, Bill Lee and I have been on a mission involving a Confederate name Richard Eggleston Wilbourn, who is buried in an obscure, overgrown small family cemetery on the north side of Grenada Lake in Yalobusha County. Who is this man you ask? Well that is the subject of this month's column.

Richard Eggleston Wilbourn was born 1838 in Yalobusha County, near a community called Torrance. His father was William Wilbourn, a successful cotton planter and medical doctor, who trained at the University of Virginia and moved to the Torrance area in the mid 1830s. Dr. Wilbourn was a successful businessman; the 1860 census reflects he owned 45 slaves.

In 1855 Richard Wilbourn left home to attend the University of Mississippi in Oxford (that shows judgment), completing the course of study in 1859. As graduation approached, the faculty voted to give the First Honors award to another student, even though Wilbourn had the highest academic average for the years he had been there, and voted to give Wilbourn the Second Honors. The student who was chosen by the faculty wrote the faculty in protest, pleading that Wilbourn should receive the honor, but the faculty would not change its decision. Richard then declined to receive a diploma from the University and withdrew from school. He then enrolled in the University of Virginia, studying medicine.

In 1861 Wilbourn joined one of the Mississippi units that had come to Virginia, the Vicksburg Southrons. This unit later became the 21st Mississippi Infantry. In the fall of 1861 Wilbourn was detached from the regiment and entered into the new military signals organization. In May, 1862 he was promoted to Captain in the Signal Corps. Shortly thereafter Wilbourn was appointed Signals Officer on the staff of General Stonewall Jackson.

In August, 1862 at Groveton Wilbourn was severely wounded in his arm, not recovering until the fall of the year. Fast forward to May, 1863, specifically the night of May 2, 1863. You will recall that a short time before Jackson had fallen on Hooker's right wing near Chancellorsville, the culmination of what many consider Lee's greatest tactical victory.

About 9:00 p.m. that night Wilbourn was riding beside General Jackson as Jackson rode forward to examine the lines of the armies, having just ordered Hill to relieve Rhodes' men. Riding along a road, the party was startled when firing broke out. You

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Calendar

April 23, 2013

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

April 28, 2013

Confederate Memorial Day observance, Confederate Section, Greenwood Cemetery, Jackson

May 28, 2013

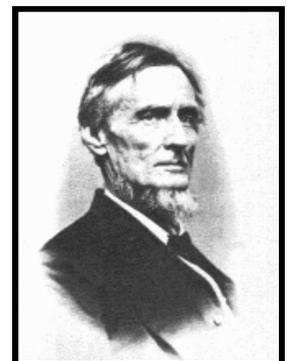
Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

June 25, 2013

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

July 23, 2013

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

Lo, I Am With Thee Always

It is amazing that one minute my thoughts can be so pleasant and the next plaguing. What is even more amazing is that in the mist of these mixed up and anxious thoughts, My Heavenly Father speaks His word into my thoughts.

Just imagine our Mississippi soldiers thinking of home, family and the next day facing a battle for life. Remember these words: "Sinful thoughts lead to sinful actions – that lead to sinful habits".

Verses of scripture come to mind such as "my thoughts are not your thoughts and my ways, are not your ways Isaiah 55:8 and for I know the thoughts that I think toward you saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end (give you a future and a hope).

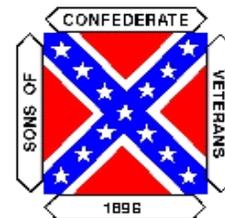
Sincerely,
Rev. Glenn D. Shows
Chaplain

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all know what happened then. Wilbourn caught Jackson's horse, and helped Jackson to dismount, summoning aid to get Jackson out of the battle that had broken out anew. In the confusion and hurry of the rest of the night Wilbourn was instrumental in getting Jackson to safety and medical care. Wilbourn then rode to General Lee to give him the sad news.

I have to cut the story short, but just as important as being a witness to these historic events was what Wilbourn did a short time later. He wrote a lengthy report about Jackson's wounding, which is general considered the most detailed and authoritative report of the circumstances of such a cruel blow to our cause.

After the war Wilbourn returned to Yalobusha County to farm and run a store, dying at a young age in 1875 from fever. He is buried in a small cemetery out in the woods beside many of his family members. Our Camp voted to move to ask Archives and History to put a historical marker on Highway 7 about this man. I will keep you advised of how we come on the project.



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Amen: "so be it."

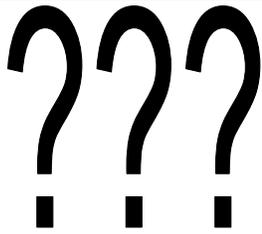
Please remember Confederate Memorial Day and the work day before, bring your implements and let's get together that Saturday morn to work together, share together, and remember those forefathers and compatriots. Then attend Sunday.

Deo Vindice
Sandy Jackson
Camp Commander

Cleanup Day at Greenwood Cemetery Saturday, April 27th

We will have a cleanup day in the Confederate Burial Ground in Greenwood Cemetery on Saturday, April 27th. Since we never know in what shape the cemetery will be, we want everyone to bring out any yard implements that they may have. We need to be prepared to do any and every task necessary.

Also, the D/2 Micro-bacterial Solution should be here. If you can, please bring empty squirt bottles that have had things such as cleaning liquids in them, so that we can fill them with the D/2 solution and spray it on the soldiers' markers to properly clean them.

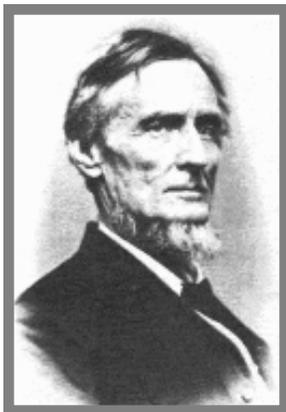


Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:
What Battle was farthest west?

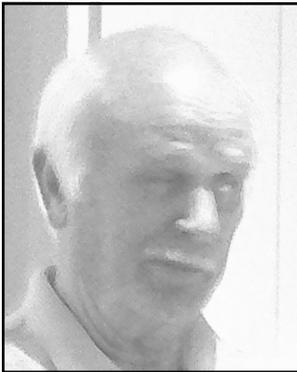
March's question asked:
The Andersonville Prison was "officially" named Camp Sumter. From where did that name come?

The answer: Named for the county in which it was located.



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Commander's Column

Fellow Compatriots,

When it comes to remembering and memorializing the Southern Soldier, I believe Sam Watkins of Company H, 1st Tennessee Infantry Regiment says it well with our approach to Confederate Memorial Day. Let us go back to what Sam said --- with thoughts going back to a time of great suffering by all Southern Soldiers --- how did they do it? We can only guess! To know, one might have to walk or march in their shoes, if they had any at all...

"We shed a tear for the deed. They are buried and forgotten. We meet no more on earth. But up yonder, beyond the sunset and night, away beyond the clouds and tempest, away beyond the stars that ever twinkle and shine in the blue vault above us, away yonder by the great white throne, and by the river of life, where the Almighty and eternal God sits, surrounded by the angels and archangels and the redeemed of earth, we will meet again and see those noble and brave spirits who gave up their lives for their country's cause. A life given for one's country is never lost. It blooms again beyond the grave in a land of beauty and love. Hanging around the throne of sapphire and gold, a rich garland awaits the coming of him who died for his country, and when the horologe of time has struck its last note upon his dying brow, and pity that was created from the tear that Jesus wept over the grave of Lazarus meets him on the confines of heaven, and justice hands the record of life to mercy, and mercy pleads with Jesus, and God, for his sake, receives him in his eternal home beyond the skies at last and forever."

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Confederate Memorial Day Observance April 28

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