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## **April Meeting** **Ken P'Pool** **Beauvoir**

The April meeting will feature a presentation by Ken P'Pool who will speak on Beauvoir after Katrina and some of the more recent developments. Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When:** April 28, 2015. 5:30 pm.  
**Where:** Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

*See you there!*

## **Greenwood Cemetery Cleanup**

To prepare for Confederate Memorial Day, compatriots are urged to help with the cleanup of the Confederate Section of the cemetery on April 25, 2015. Work will begin around 7:00 am so come then or as soon as possible thereafter. Work should be complete by noon. Contact Peter Miazza at 601-853-1889 if you have questions.



*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

*Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*

*To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*

*Romans 3:23-26*  
*(KJV)*

## *March Meeting Report*

### **Gary Benton**

The program was a presentation by Gary Benton, local author and historian, who spoke on "Little Known Facts (in General) about the War."



The plans from the Greenwood Cemetery cleanup and for Confederate Memorial Day Observance were discussed. (see announcement elsewhere in this issue).

The Dixie Hummingbirds provided some music.



## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

I was sitting down to write my column this month when my wife asked, "Aren't you worried about writing about some subject you have already written about? You know how you have begun to repeat yourself."

True enough. Well, I may indeed cover the same ground again, but the men of our camp are a forgiving lot. Reminds me of a story my Father told about growing up in Pittsboro. He said there was a little café in town that had a sign on the wall that read "Don't Laugh At The Butter-- You Will Get Old Too Some Day."

I saw where the Division had sued Ole Miss over renaming one of the streets on campus. I have not seen the lawsuit but I assume the basis is the statute that protects the names of historical places. I have to believe there would have been better ditches in which to stand, and I worry about bad law being made over a street name. Down the road we may absolutely need this law on something really, really significant and if the law has been interpreted in a less than favorable way over the street name--well, we will have to live with it.

You see lawsuits can be a two-edged sword. No better example is what happened on the flag law suit. You will recall the local NAACP filed suit against the state asking a state court to do away with the state flag on a number of grounds. The Division moved to be allowed to get in the suit and the state court agreed. Another lawyer was representing the Division but I was assisting him, in a small way.

The lower court ruled against the NAACP and the NAACP tried to appeal the ruling, but missed the time in which to do so. End of appeal and end of lawsuit. Much to my dismay, the Division then went back to the trial court and asked for attorneys' fees, which the court granted. The NAACP then appealed THAT ruling in a timely manner, using the appeal

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## Calendar

**April 26, 2015**

Greenwood Cemetery cleanup to prepare from Memorial Day ceremonies.

**April 26, 2015**

Confederate Memorial Day observance at Greenwood Cemetery

**April 28, 2015**

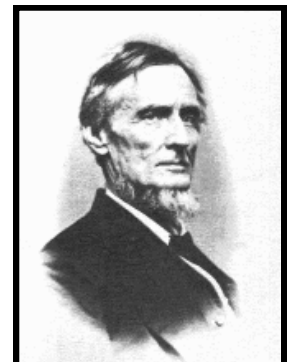
Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**May 26, 2015**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**June 23, 2015**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



# Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

## **CHRIST IN THE CAMP**

General Robert E. Lee was telling chaplain Granberry who shared with General Lee how the chaplains had been praying for him, ". . . I warmly appreciate it. And I only say I am nothing but a poor Sinner, trusting in Christ alone for salvation, and need all of the Prayers they can offer me!" Can you say that about your own life?

Can you really confess it to others like our faithful General Lee did?

*(From the book Christ in the Camp)*

Sincerely,

Rev. Glenn D. Shows  
Chaplain

## *Confederate Memorial Day April 26, 2015*

Jefferson Davis Camp 635, SCV, in conjunction with the W.D. Holder Chapter, UDC, will observe Confederate Memorial Day with a ceremony at the Confederate Section of Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson on April 26, 2015.

Decoration of the graves: 1:30 pm.  
Memorial Ceremony: 2:00 pm.  
Guest Speaker: Allen Terrell, Commander, Mississippi Division SCV.  
Inclement weather alternative site: War Memorial Bldg.

Following the main ceremony, dedication of a headstone for James Owen Stubbs, a Confederate known to be among the dead interred at Greenwood Cemetery, will be held (if setting of the headstone has been finished). A descendant of Stubbs has acquired the headstone.

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to raise the whole flag issue once more, and the result was our state flag was declared NOT the state flag. Had we left the original ruling alone there would have been no more appeals, no Supreme Court ruling, no election, no risk of losing our state flag. I hope we don't commit the same type of blunder over a street name at Ole Miss.

Ever wonder how important blockade runners were for our side? Get a load of the cargo carried by the Fingal, a blockade runner that came into Savannah in October, 1861: 11,340 rifles, 60 pistols, 24,100 pounds of gunpowder, 449,000 cartridges, 550,000 percussion caps, 500 sabers, 7 tons of shells, 1.5 tons lead shot, 230 swords and 9,982 yards of blanket cloth. Oh, and four pieces of ordnance, including two 4.5 inch rifles. More on blockade running in future columns--the final figures will surprise you.

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sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen. By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you his blessing and protection.

With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your Country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration for myself, I bid you an affectionate farewell."

*From a Facebook post by H. Grady Howell, Jr., April 10, 2015*

### **And later...**

Lee's commentary on the North's actions after the war ended:

"Governor, if I had foreseen the use those people designed to make of their victory, there would have been no surrender at Appomattox Courthouse; no sir, not by me. Had I foreseen these results of subjugation, I would have preferred to die at Appomattox with my brave men, my sword in my right hand."

*Taken from the Facebook page of "Defending the Heritage"*

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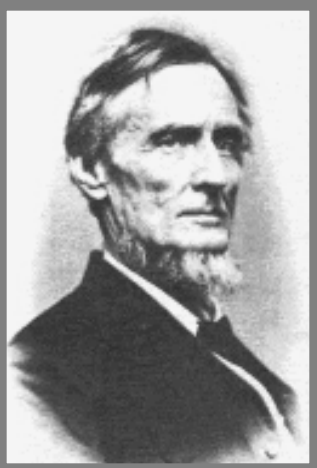
**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks:

From last November's trivia we learned that Robert S. Garnett was the first Confederate general officer killed in the war. His cousin (also a General) was killed about 2 years later. Who was the cousin and where was he killed?

March's question asked: Who was the only person to hold three different cabinet posts in the Confederate government?

The answer:  
Judah P. Benjamin



**Commander's Column**

Commander Jackson has no column this month

**Robert E. Lee and the War**

**At the beginning...**

After having committed to the Governor of Virginia a few days earlier that he would resign his commission in the US Army and would accept command of the Virginia militia and naval forces, Lee was asked to appear before the Virginia legislature on April 23, 1861. On that date, following a moderately lengthy speech of introduction by Virginia Senate President Janney, Robert E. Lee accepted command of the Virginia forces which became the Army of Northern Virginia. In Chapter XXVII of his book, Douglas Southall Freeman wrote:

*Lee had anticipated no such welcome as this and must have been embarrassed by Janney's praise. He had never made a speech in his life, but he saw that he was expected to reply and he answered, slowly and distinctly: "Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention, — Profoundly impressed with the solemnity of the occasion, for which I must say I was not prepared, I accept the position assigned me by your partiality. I would have much preferred had your choice fallen on an abler man. Trusting in Almighty God, an approving conscience, and the aid of my fellow-citizens, I devote myself to the service of my native State, in whose behalf alone will I ever again draw my sword."*

*Taken from the web page*

*[http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Gazetteer/People/Robert\\_E\\_Lee/FREREL/1/27\\*.html](http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Gazetteer/People/Robert_E_Lee/FREREL/1/27*.html)*

**At the end...**

On April 19, 1865, Robert E. Lee issued his Farewell Address to the Army of Northern Virginia.

"After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the survivors of so many hard fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to the result from no distrust of them.

But feeling that valour and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that must have attended the continuance of the contest, I have determined to avoid the useless

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