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○ February Meeting ○  
**Chimneyville Presentation**  
**H. Grady Howell, Jr.**

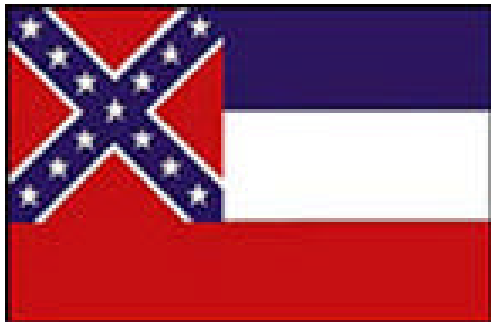
First Lt. Commander Randy Rogers reports that Grady Howell, long-time friend of the camp, will present a program on the burning of Jackson that resulted in the town being called "Chimneyville." Grady has recently published a book on this subject and will likely refer to it in this program.

Everyone come and bring a recruit!

**When:** February 24, 2009. 5:00 pm.

**Where:** Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

*See you there!*



**T**he wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall.

**H**e that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

**H**e that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

**T**he mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

**H**atred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

**I**n the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

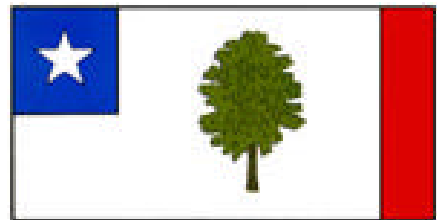
**W**ise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

Proverbs 10:8-14  
((KJV))

## January Meeting Report

### Black Confederate Pensioners: Black Contributions to the Civil War Effort

This program was presented by Dr. Jim Hollandsworth based on in-depth research he has made of Confederate pension records. This editor was unable to attend so I am unable to relate more; however, Commander Eaton's column contains a recap of some of the program details.



### Welcome New Member

The camp welcomes new member Dr. Robert Penny of Ridgeland as a compatriot.

We also welcome back a returning member Ricky Hall of Clinton who left us for a sojourn with the now-defunct Clinton camp for a number of years.

Welcome all!

## The Vacant Chair

We shall meet, but we shall miss him  
 There will be one vacant chair  
 We shall linger to caress him  
 While we breathe our evening prayer;  
 When a year ago we gathered  
 Joy was in his mild blue eye,  
 But a golden chord is severed  
 And our hopes in ruin lie.

*Chorus:*

We shall meet, but we shall miss him  
 There will be one vacant chair  
 We shall linger to caress him  
 While we breathe our evening prayer.

At our fireside, sad and lonely,  
 Often will the bosom swell,  
 At remembrance of the story  
 How our noble Willie sell;  
 How he strove to bear our banner  
 Through the thickest of the fight,  
 And uphold our country's honor  
 In the strength of manhood's night.

Chorus

True, they tell us wreaths of glory  
 Ever more will deck his brow,  
 But this soothes the anguish only  
 Sweeping o'er our heartstrings now.  
 Sleep today, Oh early fallen,  
 In thy green and narrow bed,  
 Dirges from the pine and cypress,  
 Mingle with the tears we shed.

Chorus

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## Calendar

### February 24, 2009

Regular meeting of  
 Camp 635 at the  
 Municipal Art Gallery

### March 24, 2009

Regular meeting of  
 Camp 635 at the  
 Municipal Art Gallery

### April 26, 2009

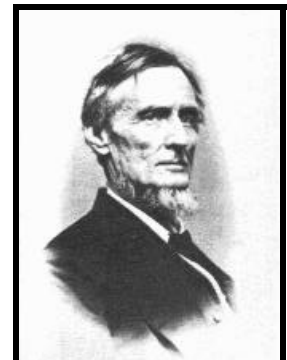
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 ceremonies at Green-  
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### April 28, 2009

Regular meeting of  
 Camp 635 at the  
 Municipal Art Gallery

### May 26, 2009

Regular meeting of  
 Camp 635 at the  
 Municipal Art Gallery



**Reveille Dedication**  
There is no dedication this  
month

**Chaplain's Dispatch**

Dear Friends and Compatriots,

With the approach of St. Valentine's Day let us read St. Paul's words concerning love in the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians in the Holy Bible.

"If I can speak the languages of men and even of angels and have not love in my heart, I am no better than echoing bronze or the clash of cymbals. Even though I have the gift of preaching and know every kind of hidden truth and have every kind of knowledge and if I had perfect faith so I could remove mountains and have not love, I would still be worth nothing. If I should dole out everything I have for charity and if I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel, but have not love, it goes for nothing. This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience---it looks for a way of being constructive. Love is never envious, never boastful nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance. Love does not insist on its own way, is not quick to take offence. Love keeps no score of wrongs. Love is never glad when others go wrong, but always glad when truth prevails. Love is always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, it keeps up hope in everything and is ever patient. Love will never come to an end. But, whether it be the gift of preaching, it will be done with, or strange languages, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be superseded. Our knowledge, our prophecy, are only glimpses of the truth, and what we prophesy is incomplete. When the time of fulfillment comes, the imperfect will be superseded. When I was a child I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but on becoming a man I was through with childish ways. We can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at his reflection in a poor

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Here are General Hoke's ringing words to his own division, given as the finest sentiments at that dark hour:

Headquarters Hoke's Division  
Near Greensboro NC May 1, 1865

Soldiers of my Division:

On the eve of a long, perhaps a final separation, I address to you these last sad words of parting.

The fortunes of war have turned the scale against us. The proud banners which you have waved so gloriously over many a field are to be furled at last; but they are not disgraced, my comrades. Your indomitable courage, your heroic fortitude, your patience under sufferings, have surrounded them with a halo which future years can never dim. History will bear this witness to your valor and succeeding generations will point with admiration to your grand struggle for our constitutional freedoms.

Soldiers, your past is full of glory! Treasure it in your hearts. Remember each gory battlefield, each day of victory, each bleeding comrade. Then think of your future.

WE ARE HONORING THE MEMORY OF ALL THESE SOUTHERN GENTLEMEN!

Deo Vindice  
Emmett Eaton,  
Camp Commander

mirror; but someday we are going to see Him in His completeness, face to face. At present all I know is a little fraction of the truth, but the time will come when I shall know it as fully as God now knows me. In a word, there are three things that last forever: faith, hope and love; but the most important of these is love."

I trust these words will have meaning for each of us.

Sincerely,

Hubert W. Miazza  
Chaplain

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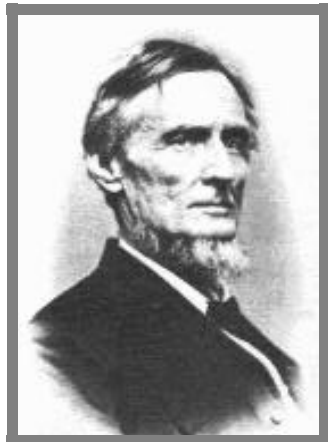
**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks: Who refused to use pepper on his food saying it gave him pains in his left leg?

January's question asked:

What war did Confederate General Robert E. Lee's father fight in?

The answer: The Revolutionary War.



# Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

For those of you who missed January's meeting, you missed one heck of a thought-provoking program. In essence Mr. Hollandsworth presented a well-researched program on "Black Confederate Pensioners". It raised many interesting questions. Did you know only 5 Confederate States even offered black pensions. Why only 5? Did you know that Mississippi was the first state to offer black pensions (1888) when the other 4 didn't offer these pensions until 1920 or so. Why did Mississippi offer them first and so early? Of the 2400 pensions on record, 1700 were from Mississippi. Mississippi fielded some 78 infantry and cavalry units during the war. Of these 78 units, 75 had at least one pensioner apply! The three units that didn't have a pensioner application were all cavalry and late war units. Only 3 pensioners were granted "soldier" pensions and one of those was Holt Collier, written about by our own Minor Buchanan. Very interesting program.

Our Confederate Memorial Day will be upon us shortly. The date is scheduled to be April 26, 2009. As we have done in the past we will have a work day on the weekend before to get the grounds ready. Mr. Steve Colston has committed to ram-rodding the show. He will need help from the camp. Please let him know your willingness to step forward and do so.

We must continue having a Confederate Memorial Day. As the charge to us dictates, it is up to us Sons to defend the Confederate soldiers good name, guard his history, emulate his virtues, perpetuate the principles he loved and the ideals which made him glorious. We are to present the true history of the South during that epoch. Who better to describe these traits, virtues and principles of the greatest light infantry ever fielded than those that were there and knew them:

In regards to the Confederate soldiers of 1861-1865 Judge de Roulhac Hamilton wrote: "How splendid they were in their modest, patient, earnest, love of country! How strong they were in their young manhood, and pure they were in their faith, and constant they were in their principles. How they bore suffering and hardship, and how their lives were ready at the call of duty! Suffering they bore, duty they performed, and death they faced and met, all for the love of the dear old homeland; and all this for the glory and honor of the South. As they were faithful unto thee, guard thou their names and fame, grand old mother of us all. If thy sons in the coming times shall learn the lesson of the heroism their lives inspired and their deeds declared, then not one drop of blood was shed in vain."

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