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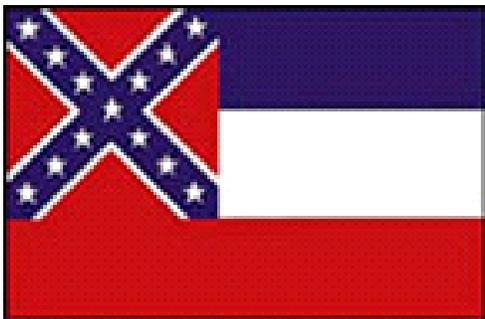
February Meeting Two Great Grandfathers, Opposite Sides

Lt. Comm. Joe Tubb has rescheduled Wilson Carroll to present his program for the next meeting following a mix-up over meeting dates in January. He will talk about two of his Great Grandfathers who fought on opposite sides in the WBTS including against each other.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: February 26, 2013. 5:30pm.

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



Let not mercy
and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

*Proverbs 3:3-7
(KJV)*

January Meeting Report

The Robert E. Lee Family

As a result of a mix-up on meeting dates with the speaker scheduled for January, a substitute program was arranged. Robert Murphree responded to the call and brought a program on the family of Robert E. Lee, particularly his children.

Dan Duggan presented "this day in the WBTS" (January 22).

Joe Tubb and Murry Stewart performed a few songs for the camp.

Quotes from John Adams

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress.

I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, naval architecture, navigation, commerce, and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry,

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Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

After my scintillating presentation at our last camp meeting about the Lee children (I have already forgiven those who fell asleep, though I must say the snoring was a bit much) my curiosity about the Custis Lee litigation over Arlington House grew. I investigated the matter at length and this column will be my report.

First a bit about the place. Arlington was an 1,100 acre Virginia tract that John Park Custis bought in 1778. The property was on the banks of the Potomac River and his son, George Washington Park Custis, the adopted grandson of George Washington, inherited the property. The new owner started construction of the Arlington House in 1802, using George Hadfield, the English architect who worked on many public buildings in Washington, for the design. The north wing was built first, and this is where the Custis family lived. The south wing was completed in 1804 and the central part in 1818. Of course the most striking feature of the house is the tremendous columns across the front, which are five feet in diameter at the base.

Mr. Custis' only daughter, Mary Anna Randolph Custis, married Robert E. Lee in 1831. As Lee pursued his military career Mrs. Lee continued to live at Arlington on and off for many years. Six of the seven Lee children were born there. George Washington Park Custis died in 1857, and left the property to his oldest grandson Custis Lee, giving his daughter Mary Lee the right to occupy the property during her lifetime.

Along comes secession and the Lees have to move. Federal troops occupied the property. In 1862 Congress passed a law it said was "for the collection of direct taxes in the insurrectionary districts" of the U.S. Pursuant to this law a tax sale of the Arlington property was held in January, 1864. The property was purchased by the United States government and in June, 1864, General Montgomery Meigs appropriated it for a military cemetery. His main goal was to prevent the Lees from ever coming back to the property.

Mrs. Lee died in 1873, which of course extinguished her life estate, leaving the claim of Custis Lee to the property standing alone. In 1873 he filed an
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Calendar

February 26, 2013

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

March 26, 2013

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

April 23, 2013

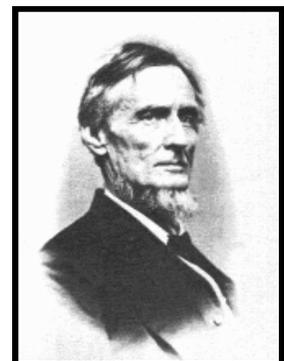
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April 28, 2013

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

May 28, 2013

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

True Forgiveness-----

Recently I read a listing of U.S. Generals criminal acts during the war of independence.

Major General William Sherman waged war on civilians, burned homes and crops, killed livestock that could not be pillaged, starved civilians, and took civilian prisoners of war including women and children.

Major General Philip Sheridan issued orders to execute anyone wearing civilian clothes and carrying a weapon. He also ordered six Confederate prisoners of war who had served under General John Mosby to be hung.

The list goes on and on. Where is forgiveness after 150 years later or even now in our personal life? True forgiveness releases a person from his or her obligation. Leaving the memory of the offense but will not cloud how we perceive that individual. (Free to Forgive)

"Love your enemies, do good to them and expect nothing in return."

Luke 6:35

Sincerely,
Rev. Glenn D. Shows
Chaplain

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"ejectment" suit in state court against the federal officers in control of the property. This is a legal action one who claims he has the right to possession of property files. The federal government removed the suit to federal court and it was tried before a jury, which ruled for Custis Lee.

The ruling was appealed, and finally in 1882 it worked its way to the U.S. Supreme Court. In a 5-4 decision, that Court upheld the ruling for Custis, ruling the actions of the taxing authority were illegal. It turns out that the tax commissioners who held the sale determined to adopt a rule that no person could redeem a property about to be sold for taxes unless the owner appeared in person to pay the taxes. No agent could pay the tax. Turns out ONE of the three commissioners who held the sale came up with this rule; the full commission had never applied such a rule before the Arlington sale.

Neither Custis or his mother had appeared to pay the taxes, nor had they sent any agent to pay them. However the Supreme Court properly ruled that since the commissioners had said they wouldn't take the taxes from any agent, "it would be an idle ceremony" to make the attempt. The rule that nobody but the owner could pay the taxes was declared unconstitutional and the property restored to Custis.

Custis of course had no desire to live in a cemetery so he sold the property to the U.S. government for \$150,000.00, which would be the equivalent of over \$4,000,000.00 today. I shudder to think what would happen today if a person who was associated with a cause as non-politically correct as the Confederacy tried to assert his constitutional right to due process. Good luck.

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music, architecture, statuary, tapestry, and porcelain.

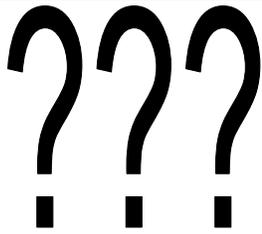
Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom.

Duty is ours, results are God's.

All the perplexities, confusions, and distress in America

arise, not from defects in their constitution or confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from the downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit, and circulation.

Old minds are like old horses; you must exercise them if you wish to keep them in working order.

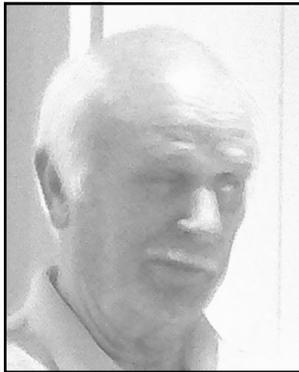
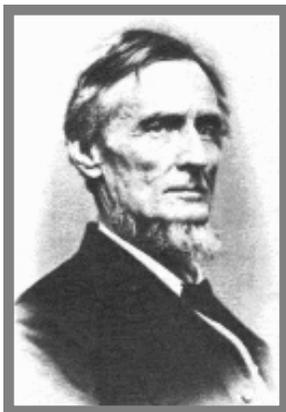


Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:
What was the name of General Longsteet's horse?

January's question asked:
How many Confederate Generals (and Naval rank equivalent) were born in the month of January?

The answer: Fifty



Commander's Column

Fellow Compatriots,

It has been brought to my attention from a friend that Psalm 18 was one of Gen. Stonewall Jackson's favorites, may I say a battlefield philosophy, and that he "derived some of his tactics and inspiration" from reading and applying the Word of God - The Bible. I was lead to read Psalm 18:35-42. We can gain additional insight into one of our great leaders, that accomplished so much with and through the men he commanded.

You have given me the shield
of your salvation: your right hand upholds me,
for my steps, and my ankles do not give way.
I pursue my enemies and overtake them;
I do not turn back until they are wiped out.
I crush them, and they cannot get up;
they fall beneath my feet.
You have clothed me with strength for battle;
you subdue my adversaries beneath me.
You have made my enemies retreat before me;
I annihilate those who hate me.
They cry for help, but there is no one to save them -
they cry to the Lord, but he does not answer them.
I pulverize them like dust before the wind;
I trample them like mud in the streets.

From The Holman Christian Standard Bible

Forward The Colors!

Deo Vindice

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