



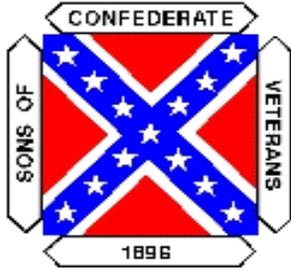
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**Sons of Confederate Veterans**

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**May Meeting  
Brig. Gen. Samuel  
Wragg Ferguson**

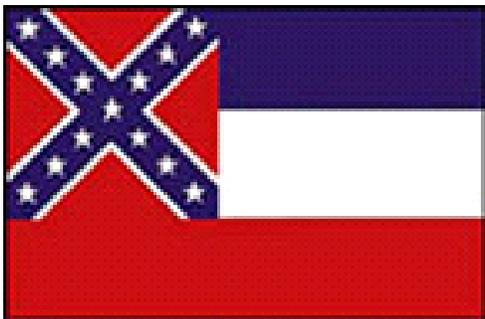
The program for the May meeting will be a presentation by Peter Miazza on Brigadier General Samuel Wragg Ferguson..

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When:** May 22, 2012. 5:00pm.

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

*See you there!*



**T**he rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

**H**e that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity: and the rod of his anger shall fail.

**H**e that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.

**C**ast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.

**H**e that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

**T**he eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge, and he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.

*Proverbs 22:7-12  
(KJV)*

## April Meeting Report

### “Show and Tell” Conclusion

The April meeting program was the conclusion of the “show and tell” begun in February.

### In Sympathy

The camp extends its sympathy to Compatriot Dan Duggan on the death of his father, Dan Duggan, Sr. Mr. Duggan was retired from a career with the Texas Highway Patrol where he held the rank of Lieutenant. Mr. Duggan passed away on May 9 and was buried May 12, 2012.

### Obituary

### Oran Lockwood “Woody” Cox

Compatriot Woody Cox passed away May 8, 2012, and was buried May 10, 2012. The camp extends its condolences to Compatriot Cox's family for their loss.

## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

April is such a melancholy month for Confederate history I am always glad--from a history viewpoint--to see it over. However I do want to relate a rather light-hearted surrender story, and here it is.

John Breckinridge was the last Confederate Secretary of War. He had served as Vice-President under Buchanan, and had lead the Kentucky Orphan brigade. He served under Braxton Bragg and had the good sense to develop a violent hatred for Bragg, who in turn told all who would listen that Breckinridge had a drinking problem.

Mid April 1865 found Breckinridge with Johnston in North Carolina. Contact had been made with Sherman regarding surrender and Joe asked Breckinridge to be present at the negotiations. Supplies were not over abundant on the Southern side at that point and the liquor store was long exhausted. As Johnston related the story:

“You know how fond of his liquor Breckinridge was. For several days Breckinridge had found it difficult, if not impossible, to find a drink. He showed the effects of his enforced abstinence. He was rather dull and heavy that morning.”

Help was on the way fortunately, for when Sherman rode up he had a well stocked saddlebag. “Gentlemen” Sherman said, “it occurred to me that perhaps you were not overstocked with liquor, and I procured some medical stores on my way over. Will you join me before we begin work?”

Breckinridge proceeded to pour himself a “tremendous drink, which he swallowed with great satisfaction.” Johnston reports that Breckinridge immediately perked up, and a perky Breckinridge was formidable. The Secretary had been a most accomplished lawyer in Kentucky before politics, and he proceeded to use all his skills in the talks that followed. As Johnston reports:

“Breckinridge never shone more brilliantly than he did in the discussions which followed. He seemed to have at his tongue's end every rule and maxim of international and constitutional law.”

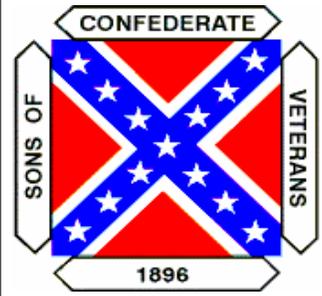
Finally Sherman pushed back his chair in frustration and blurted out “see here, gentlemen, who is doing the surrendering anyhow?”

Pausing to think, Sherman went back to the saddlebag and absent-mindedly poured himself--and only himself--another drink. Lost in thought, Sherman put the bottle back in the saddlebag and sat back, obviously preoccupied over what to do.

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**A new web design program has been obtained that will run on newer computers so the web site has recently been updated for the first time in about a year.**



## Calendar

**May 22, 2012**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**June 8-9, 2012**

Mississippi Division Convention, Brandon City Hall.

**June 26, 2012**

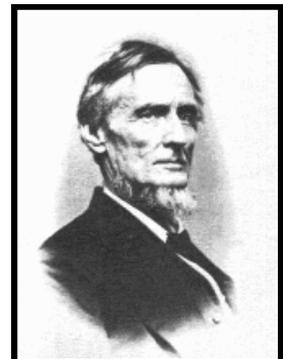
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**July 24, 2012**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**August 28, 2012**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



## Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

The following "Letter to a Coach" written by "An Athlete's Dad" seems appropriate in light of recent news events involving both male and female coaches.

*Dear Coach,*

*I just read your letter to my son and us (the parents) telling of your expectations for athletes under your tutelage. Johnny's mother and I couldn't agree more as we have long recognized the values deriving from high school athletics.*

*Judging from your record you must teach the game very well. That is important.*

*There is another phase of coaching, I believe, that is even more important. Permit me to explain what I mean.*

*Coach, John's mother and I are giving you our most prized possession to use for several weeks. During that time and throughout the next four years our son will make you one of prime household conversations. He'll tell about how you could have made the Packers if only you hadn't hurt your knee back in '65. He'll tell us about your emotional half-time talk when you came from behind and beat Rivaltown. We'll hear about how you can still pass or kick the football. When we are hearing all this talk our son's eyes will shine. You see, Coach, he'll idolize you.*

*We don't have many heroes anymore. Joe Willie wears panty-hose! Many professionals would sell their souls for a buck it seems. Some college athletes made the news this year in a very negative manner. We know all college athletes don't shoplift, etc., but that is what we hear about.*

*You are our son's hero. We are relying on you. His muscles are nearly developed but his mind is still fragile and so impressionable. Your responsibilities are great. Impress him, Coach. Pour it on!*

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Sincerely,  
Hubert W. Miazza  
Chaplain

## A Thank-you from the UDC

The camp received the following note from the UDC:

Dear Jefferson Davis Camp Members,

On behalf of the daughters of W. D. Holder Chapter, UDC, we would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to participate in your Confederate Memorial Day program. It was a beautiful day and a moving program.

We look forward to working with you more in the future.

Sincerely,  
J. F. Hubbard

## More Founding Father Wisdom

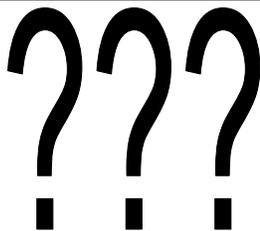
Since the general civilization of mankind, I believe there are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people, by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power, than by violent and sudden usurpations. – James Madison, June 6, 1788

The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny. – James Madison

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Johnston said that Breckinridge watched in disbelief, his face changing "successively to uncertainty, disgust and deep depression." In an instant, from being conciliatory and peaceful Breckinridge turned belligerent, and Johnston said the war was on the verge of breaking out again. When the terms were finally agreed upon and all were leaving, Breckinridge gave full vent to his fury.

"Did you see that?" Breckinridge asked? "General Sherman is a hog, yes sir, a hog! Did you see him take that drink by himself? No Kentucky gentlemen would have ever taken away that bottle!"



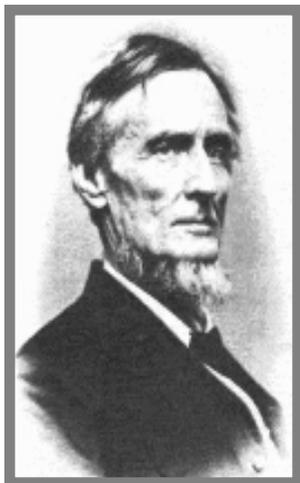
**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks:

What was a "havelock"?

March's question asked: Who coined the term "War Between the States?"

The answer:  
Alexander Stephens



# Commander's Column

Compatriots,

Hear an oracle of the man whose eyes are opened, spoken by the Elder Chief, the respected sage of

the tribe.

*"What do you see, Grandfather? And what do your experiences tell you?"*

*"They tell me that within my being there are two wolves living inside me--one Evil and the other Good. And at all times they rage against each other"*

*"So, Grandfather, which one lives?"*

*"Listen close, my Son--the one I feed the most!"*

I would challenge each of you to examine and reflect upon the two wolves that live within your heart. **Which wolf do you feed the most?**

Deo Vindice,

Mike Rodgers, Commander  
Forward the Colors



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