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October Meeting

“Conquered Provinces: Mississippi During the Late Unpleasantness”

Dan Duggan reports that Grady Howell will present a program entitled “Conquered Provinces: Mississippi During the Late Unpleasantness.”

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: October 23, 2023, 6:00 pm.
Where: Masonic Lodge, 7454 Old Canton Road, Madison, MS.



The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

*Psalm 19:1-7
(KJV)*

September Report

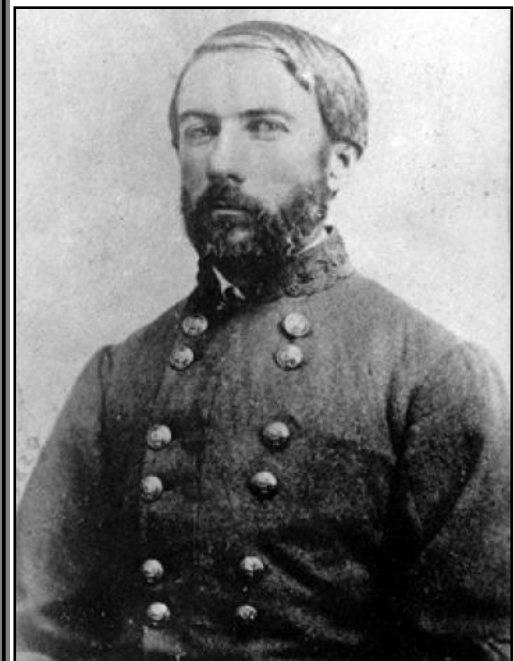
Sherman's Terrorist War

Bob Lane present a program on “Sherman's Terrorist War on the South During the Civil War.”

D. H. HILL

“We are in the hands of God and as safe on the battlefield as anywhere else. We will be exposed to a heavy fire, but then our God is mightier than the artillery of the enemy.” --D.H. Hill

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Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

Like most of you, I had a general idea about Henry Lee, the father of Robert E. Lee, that he was a successful officer in the American army in the Revolution who later came to financial grief. But recently I read a book about the man, and learned a lot that I DID NOT know; who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

Henry Lee's family lived close by George Washington, and Mrs. Washington was the closest friend Henry Lee's mother had. Quite often Henry Lee's father would go riding with Washington, and the families often visited back and forth. Henry Lee learned to ride at an early age and was renowned for his horsemanship; when he was eight years old he astonished George Washington by leaping on the back of a large stallion and galloping off bareback.

Henry Lee acquired the nickname "Harry" at Princeton and it stuck to him all his life. He was only nineteen in 1775 when the American Revolution broke out but waited until 1776 to enlist in a Virginia unit. He was immediately commissioned a captain and authorized to enroll a cavalry company, which he did. The oldest man in the unit was twenty four and the youngest sixteen.

Lee's unit shortly joined Washington's army where Lee quickly won a reputation for capturing British supply wagons, much to the delight of the army commander. While Lee could not alone feed the whole army, his exploits brought a ray of hope to a defeated army and did much to raise the spirits of the Continental Army.

His unit was charged with gathering the information Washington needed to make the raid on the Hessians in Trenton on Christmas Day, 1776, and much of the success of that raid was due to the efforts of Captain Lee.

In the dark days of the Revolution Lee won a number of small victories over Redcoat units that did much to bolster morale of the American army. He was often praised by General Washington in orders to the army and was perhaps the most famous horseman in the organization. He planned and organized raids on several of the forts the British had built in the area and did much to keep the army fed during the harsh days at Valley Forge. Washington asked him to join the staff at headquarters, but Lee declined, preferring to keep his active command.

In 1779 he was given permission to form "Lee's Legion," a crack force of Continental soldiers that was given the best of equipment. By now a Colonel, Lee and his unit were sent south to the Carolinas to help General Greene with Cornwallis. The exploits of Lee's Legion were key in the series of successes that ended with the surrender at Yorktown.

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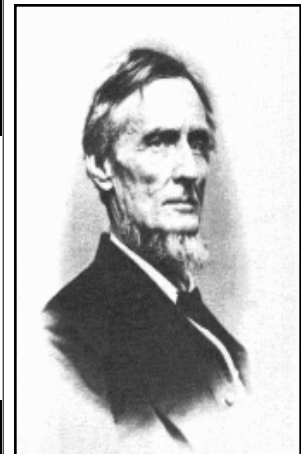
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Chaplain's Dispatch

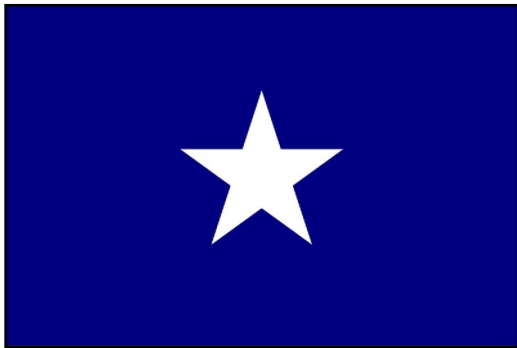
Dear Friends and Compatriots:

The Character of a man!!

In the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou, Stephen D. Lee showed such character and praise after this battle! His enemies officers, not Sherman, admitted Lee's triumph. "the Lord your God is your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing" Zephaniah 3:17

Sincerely,

Rev. Glenn D. Shows
Chaplain



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After the war Henry Lee married Matilda Lee in 1782, but his wife died some short years later. He was the leader of the group that supported the new constitution and a prime mover in the effort to have Washington elected the first president.

In 1791 Henry Lee began the first of three one year terms as governor of Virginia. It was during this time that he began the land speculation that led to his financial demise. In 1793 he married Anne Carter and in 1794 George Washington commissioned Lee to put down the Whiskey Rebellion. Indeed, during the last years of his second term, Washington often called upon Lee for advice about men to appoint to government positions.

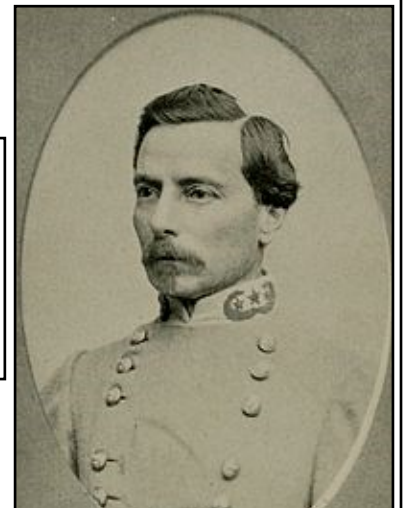
In 1799 Lee ran for a seat in the House of Representatives. In those days the voters were all men, who had to own a hundred acres of land, and who lived in the district. Votes were made in person and announced out loud; there was only one polling place. The race was close until a familiar figure in blue rode up to the poll, announced that he lived at Mount Vernon, and in a voice close to a roar said "I cast my vote for Major General Henry Lee of Stradford." Nobody would go against George Washington and Lee was elected by a large margin.

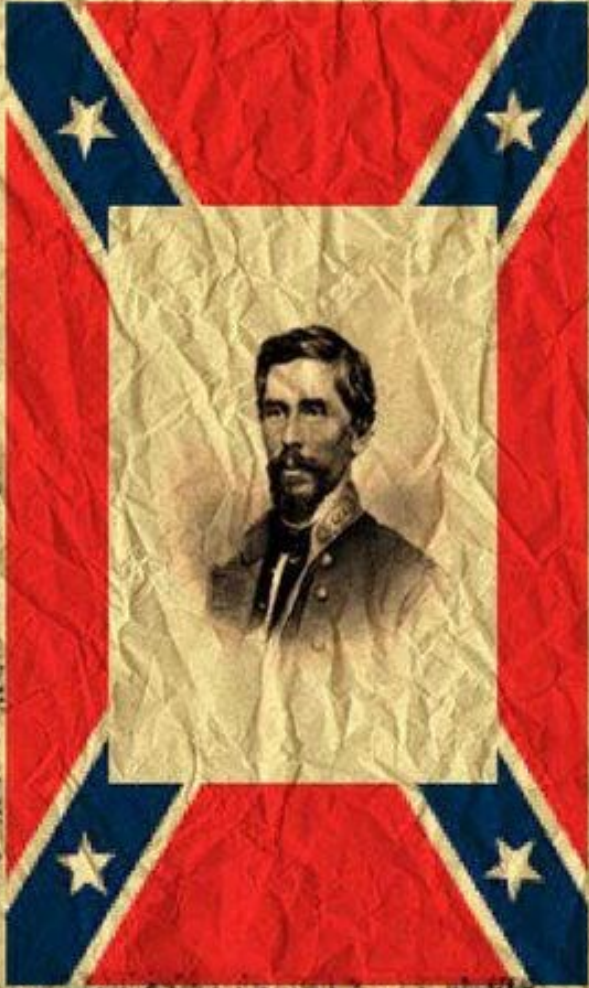
After Congress Lee began that decline into poverty we are all familiar with, caused by land speculation that went south. Only the wisdom of Anne Carter Lee's father in putting her assets into trust for her saved the family, now boasting a young son named Robert Edward, from poverty and want.

But it is Harry Lee's military ability we are thankful for, for the apple did not fall far from the tree. The second greatest man this country has ever produced--George Washington of course being the first--Robert E. Lee carried the effort for Southern Independence on his back for four years. That the son did not succeed where the father did was no fault of the son.

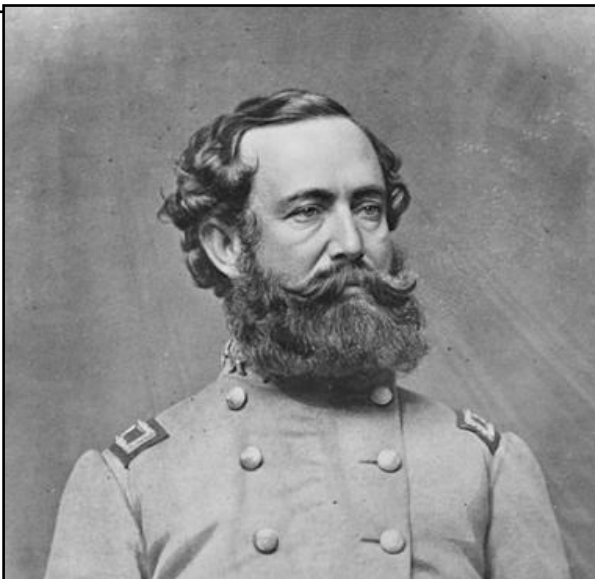
In 1862 the Congregation of a church forwarded the church bell to General Beauregard to be melted into cannon, "hoping that its gentle tones, that have so often called us to the House of God, may be transmuted into war's resounding rhyme to repel the ruthless invader from the beautiful land God, in his goodness, has given us." --Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard

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**"I am with the South in life or in death, in victory or in defeat . . . I believe the North is about to wage a brutal and unholy war on a people who have done them no wrong, in violation of the Constitution and the fundamental principles of government. They no longer acknowledge that all government derives its validity from the consent of the governed. They are about to invade our peaceful homes, destroy our property, and inaugurate a servile insurrection, murder our men and dishonor our women. We propose no invasion of the North, no attack on them, and only ask to be left alone."
Major General Patrick Cleburne**



WADE HAMPTON

"If we were wrong in our contest, then the Declaration of Independence of 1776 was a grave mistake and the revolution to which it led was a crime. If Washington was a patriot; Lee cannot have been a rebel." --Wade Hampton

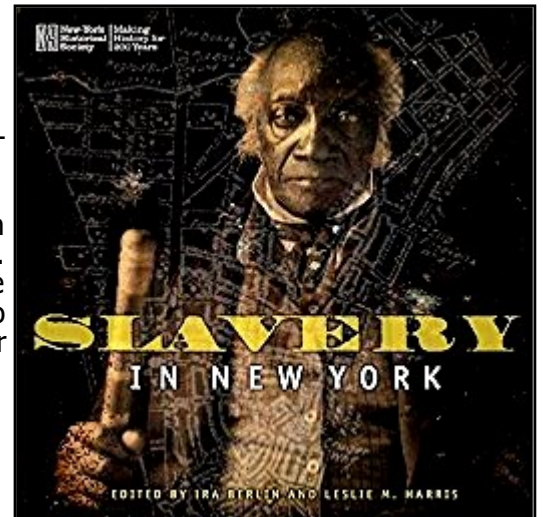
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SLAVERY IN NEW YORK

Shhhhh! Don't tell anyone. We want `em to believe only Southerners had slaves and that's what we teach in schools...

The only Northern State to outlast New York in preserving African slavery was New Jersey, holding onto this labor system until 1865. New York in the early 1700s was increasingly dependent upon the slave trade and suffered great mortality in imported slaves – so much so that New York was referred to a “a death factory for black people.” (Slavery in New York, Berlin/Harris, 2005, pg. 12)

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WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE FREED SLAVES?

In this same month, the Adjutant-General [Dix] inquired of the army of the West: “What is to be done with this unfortunate race . . . You cannot send them North. You all know the prejudices of the Northern States for receiving large numbers of the colored race. Some States have passed laws prohibiting them to come within their borders . . . look along this river (the Mississippi) and see the number of deserted plantations on its borders. These are the best places for these freed men.”

(Leigh Robinson’s Address, 18 December, 1909, Southern Historical Society Papers, Volume 36, 1908, pp. 319-321)

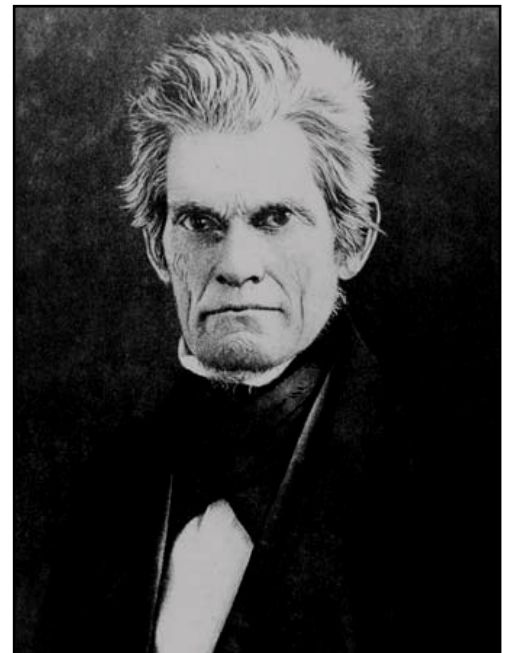
Photos: Major-General John Adams Dix and his memorial at the Cathedral of All Saints (Albany, New York).



A JOHN C. CALHOUN OBSERVATION

"The government of the uncontrolled numerical majority, is but the absolute and despotic form of popular government...If we do not defend ourselves none will defend us' if we yield we will be more and more pressed as we recede; and if we submit we will be trampled underfoot." John C. Calhoun

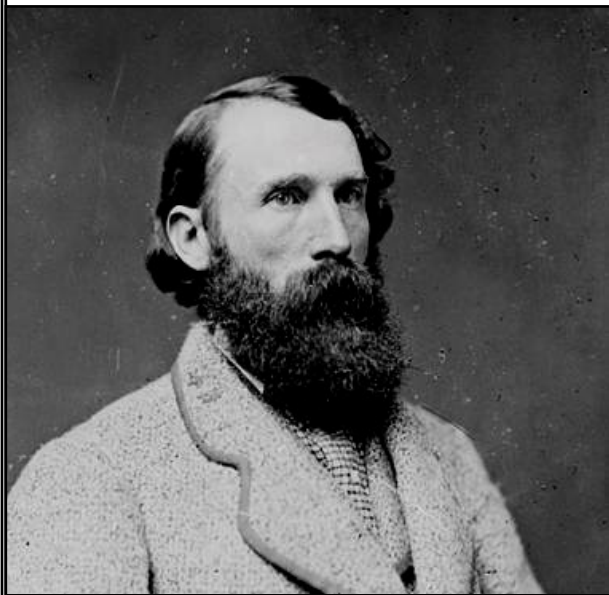
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Sally Louisa Tompkins

On September 9, 1861, Sally Louisa Tompkins becomes the only woman commissioned as an officer in the Confederate military. Tompkins was a hospital administrator who fought to keep her hospital open after the government ordered all hospitals not run by the military to close. To allow the facility to remain open, President Jefferson Davis made Tompkins a cavalry captain.

Posted to the DTH Facebook page by The Virginia Flaggers



A.P. Hill

After the Battle of Fredericksburg, a chaplain commented, "I remember seeing him visiting, as was his custom, his field hospitals, looking after the comfort of his wounded and with his own hands lifting some of the poor fellows into more comfortable positions." A.P. Hill

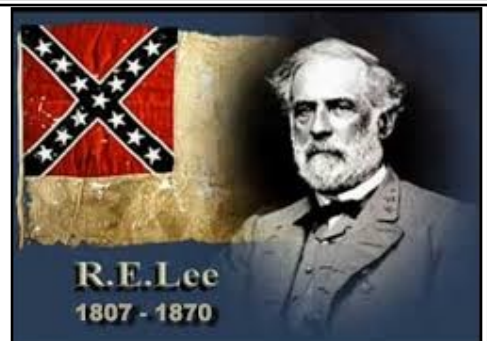
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ON LEE

"He was Caesar without his tyranny; Napoleon without his selfishness, and Washington without his reward." - Hon. Ben Hill of Georgia.

Lee will always be my hero.

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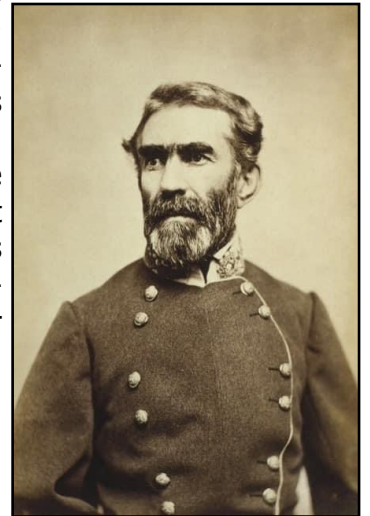


FORREST TO BRAGG



"I am not here to pass civilities or compliments with you, but on other business. You commenced your cowardly and contemptible persecution of me soon after the battle of Shiloh, and you have kept it up ever since. You did it because I reported to Richmond facts, while you reported damn lies. You robbed me of my command in Kentucky and gave it to one of your favorites—men that I armed and equipped from the enemies of our country. In a spirit of revenge and spite, because I would not fawn upon you as others did, you drove me into West Tennessee in the winter of 1862, with a second brigade I had organized, with improper arms and without sufficient ammunition, although I had made repeated applications for the same. You did it to ruin me and my career. When, in spite of all this, I returned with my command, well equipped by captures, you began again your work of spite and persecution, and have kept it up; and now this second brigade, organized

and equipped without thanks to you or the government, a brigade which has won a reputation for successful fighting second to none in the army, taking advantage of your position as the commanding general in order to further humiliate me, you have taken these brave men from me. I have stood your meanness as long as I intend to. You have played the part of a damn scoundrel, and are a coward; and if you were any part of a man, I would slap your jaws and force you to resent it. You may as well not issue any more orders to me, for I will not obey them, and I will hold you personally responsible for any further indignities you endeavor to inflict upon me. You have threatened to arrest me for not obeying your orders promptly. I dare you to do it, and I say to you that if you ever again try to interfere with me or cross my path it will be at the peril of your life."
--Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, to Gen. Braxton Bragg following Chickamauga



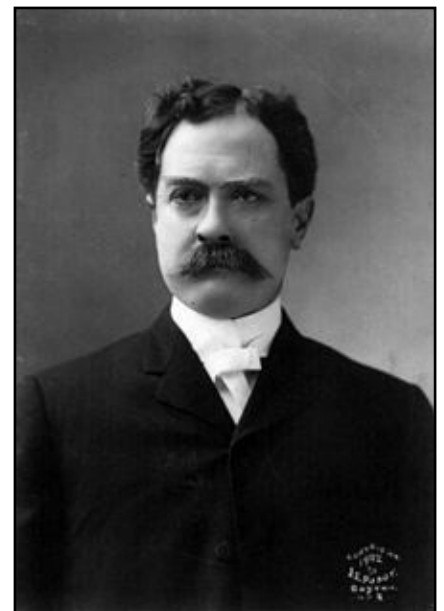
Posted to Facebook by Robert E. Lee Camp 1640, Sons of Confederate Veterans

THE SOUTH IS...

"The South is a land that has known sorrows; It is a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with her tears; a land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and billowed with the graves of her dead' but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories."
-- Senator Edward Carmack

Photo: Edward Ward Carmack (November 5, 1858 – November 9, 1908) was an attorney, newspaperman, and political figure who served as a U.S. Senator from Tennessee from 1901 to 1907.

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A TERRY'S TEXAS RANGER COMMENTS

"Personally I had been loyal to the Confederate government, had done the best I could, had offered my life, endured privations and shed my blood freely; had no apologies to make for my action, and still believed and now believe we were right and engaged in the cause of human liberty as did our forefathers in other years. I do not know certainly, and do not want to know how many men I killed or how many I wounded. I only know I had many fine opportunities to do both. I wear four scars on my body from Yankee bullets that will go with me to my grave, but I regard them as scars of honor received in defense of the Southland, and am proud of them. I thank God that I can forgive and pray for my former enemies and that I entertain no ill will towards any of them at this time."

From: Reminiscences of the Terry Rangers by James Knox Polk Blackburn, 8th Texas Cavalry

image of a few of Terry's Texas Rangers

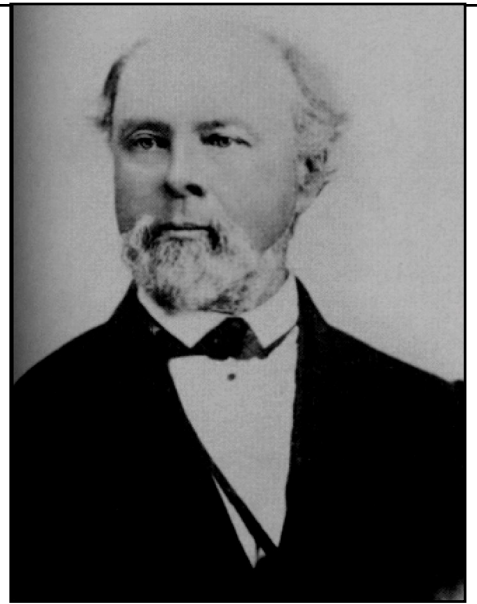
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THE REAL ISSUE IN NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS

"The real issue involved in the relations between the North and the South of the American States, is the great principle of self-government. Shall a dominant party of the North rule the South or shall the people of the South rule themselves? This is the great matter in controversy." -- Robert Barnwell Rhett

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GOD REIGNS...

"It is finished! Ah, my beloved division! Thousands of them have gone to their eternal home, having given up their lives for the cause they knew to be just. The others, alas, heartbroken, crushed in spirit, are left to mourn its loss. Well, it is practically all over now. We have poured out our blood and suffered untold hardships and privations all in vain. And now, well, I must not forget, either, that God reigns." General George Pickett, Appomattox, April, 1865.

Source: "The Heart of a Soldier, As revealed in the Intimate Letters of Genl. George E. Pickett C.S.A.," 1913.

Link to ebook: <http://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/pickett/pickett.html>

Photo: Artwork of Dale Gallon. Gettysburg, PA, July 3, 1863 - Picket's Charge - Pickett said "Up men, and to your posts! Don't forget today that you are from Old Virginia!"

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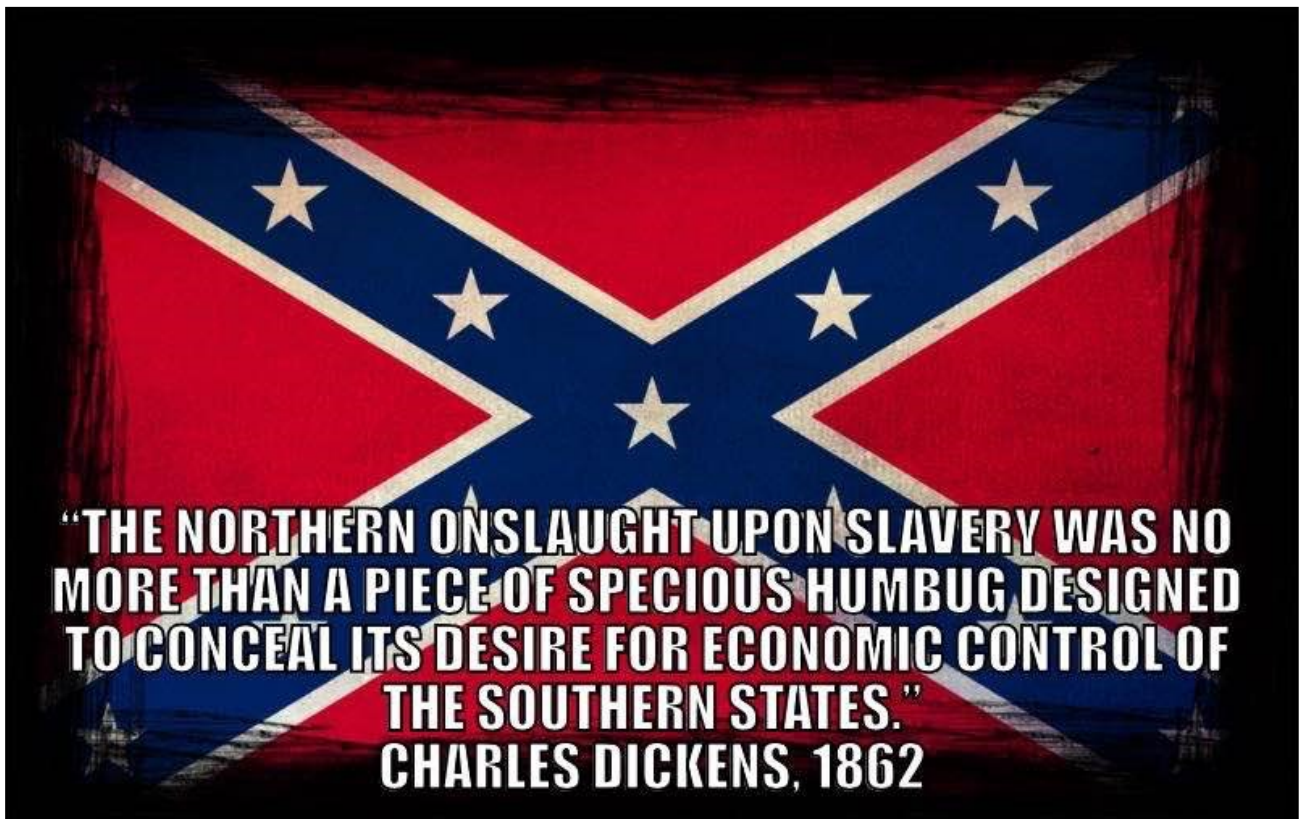
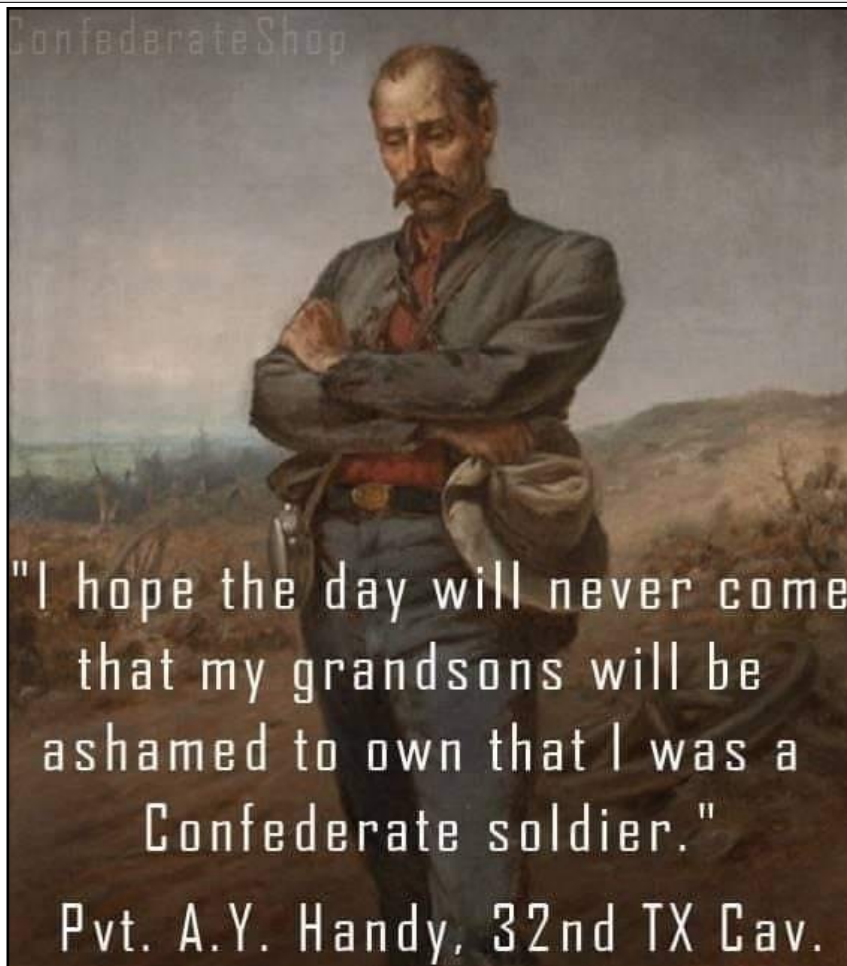




Jefferson Davis speaking at the tomb of Robert E. Lee --

Here he now sleeps in the land he loved so well, and that land is not Virginia only, for they do injustice to Lee who believe he fought only for Virginia. He was ready to go anywhere, on any service for the good of his country, and his heart was as broad as the thirteen States struggling for the principles that our forefathers fought for in the Revolution of 1776. He sleeps with the thousands who fought under the same flag—and happiest they who first offered up their lives. He sleeps in the soil to him and to them most dear. That flag was furled when there was none to bear it. Around it we are assembled a remnant of the living, to do honor to his memory, and there is an army of skeleton sentinels to keep watch above his grave. This good citizen, this gallant soldier, this great general, this true patriot, had yet a higher praise than this or these, he was a true Christian. The Christianity which ennobled his life gives to us the consolatory belief that he is happy beyond the grave.

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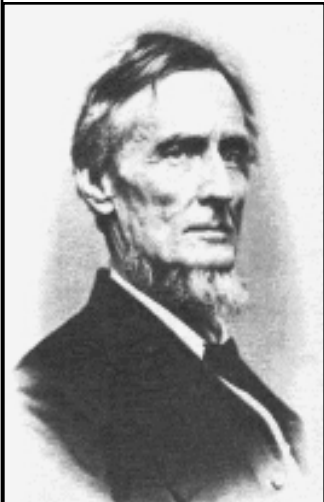
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Trivia Question:

October's question asks: On Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania, a man named Thomas Harrison provided Lee with intelligence about the federal army. What was this man's occupation that allowed him to travel freely in the north?

September's question asked: Eleven of the stars on the battle flag stand for the eleven Confederate states. Who/what do the other two stars stand for?

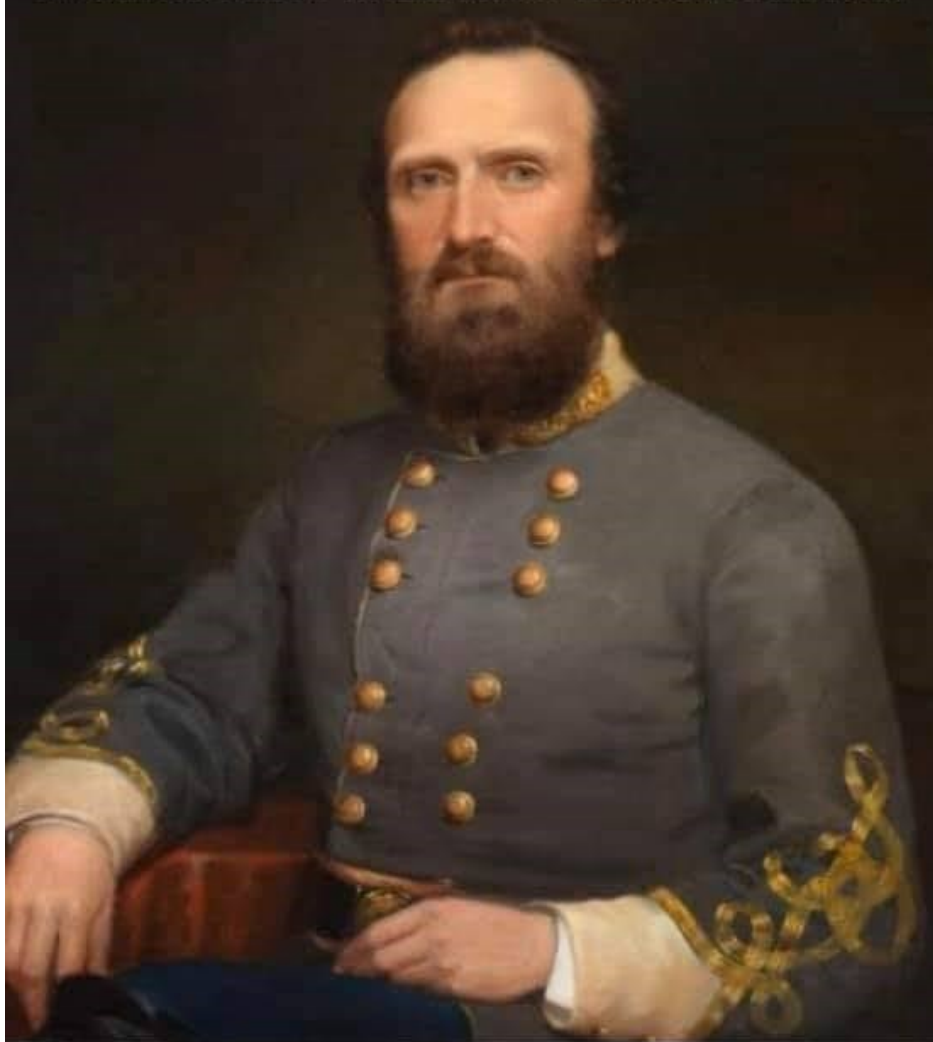
The answer: They stand for the secession governments of Kentucky and Missouri.



Commander's Column

Commander Jackson has no column this month

"MY RELIGIOUS BELIEFS TEACH ME TO FEEL AS SAFE IN BATTLE AS IN BED. GOD HAS FIXED THE TIME OF MY DEATH. I DO NOT CONCERN MYSELF WITH THAT, BUT TO BE ALWAYS READY WHENEVER IT MAY OVERTAKE ME.



THAT IS THE WAY ALL MEN SHOULD LIVE, AND ALL MEN WOULD BE EQUALLY BRAVE." — STONEWALL JACKSON

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