

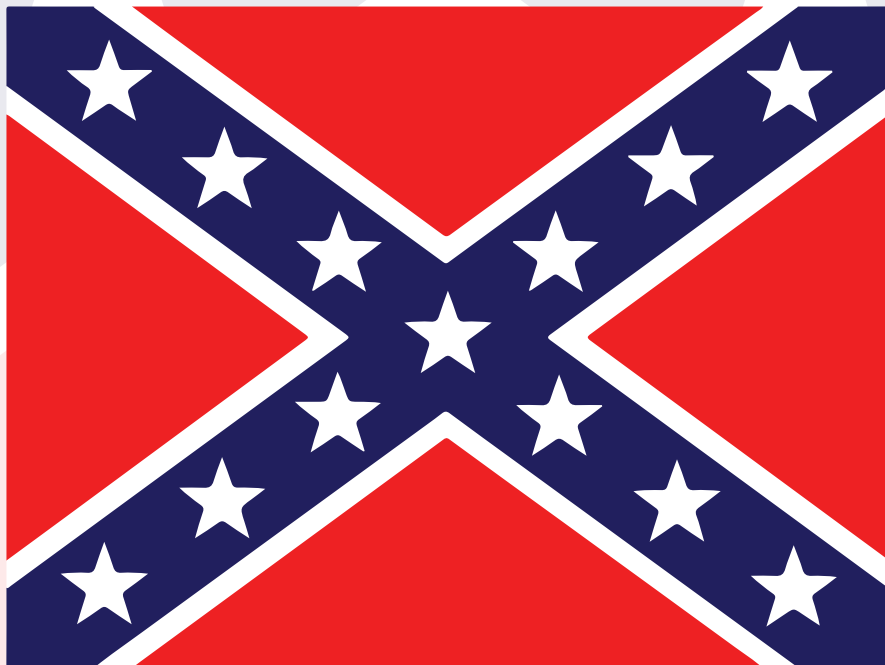
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Camp News

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The Lt. John T. Bullock SCV Camp meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 5th at 6:00 PM at Bobs Barbeque in Creedmoor.** If you plan on eating supper, please arrive around 5:30. This month's speaker is Ronnie S. Roach. Ronnie is currently serving as Communications Officer of the NC Division. His SCV awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, SCV Service Award-25 years and the Dixie Club Award. He has given approximately 50 programs in the past two years to SCV Camps in NC and SC and UDC Chapters in NC. He was the Keynote speaker at the 2011 Confederate Flag Day at the Capitol Building in Raleigh, the 2011 Confederate Memorial Day in Salisbury, the Reidsville Historical Preservation Action Committee Rally and the Cross of Honor Dedication for Pvt. James W. Blanks in Lumberton. The title of Ronnie's program is "Wade Hampton and My Heritage."

WEBSITE AWARD

Each year The North Carolina Division will award one of it's Camps The Private Silas Matkins Website Award. Camps that have their website listed in Find Meeting>The North Carolina SCV Camps List by each March 15th, will be automatically considered. The website award is based on overall website appearance, load times, ease of navigation, interactive features, functionality, quality of graphics, website structure and organization.

NEWSLETTER AWARD

Each year the North Carolina Division gives the Col. Leonidas LaFayette Polk Newsletter Award for the best local camp newsletter. Camps wishing to compete for this award must submit a minimum of three (3) hard copies of its newsletter to the Division 2nd Lt. Commander by each March 15.

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The newsletters are judged on the following: Content, Layout, Pictures, and Prose. The judging is done by an independent entity - UDC, Battle of Bentonville Chapter No. 818, Mooresville, NC. A special "Thank You" to Ms. Kay Jones of Chapter 818 for all of her hard work each year.

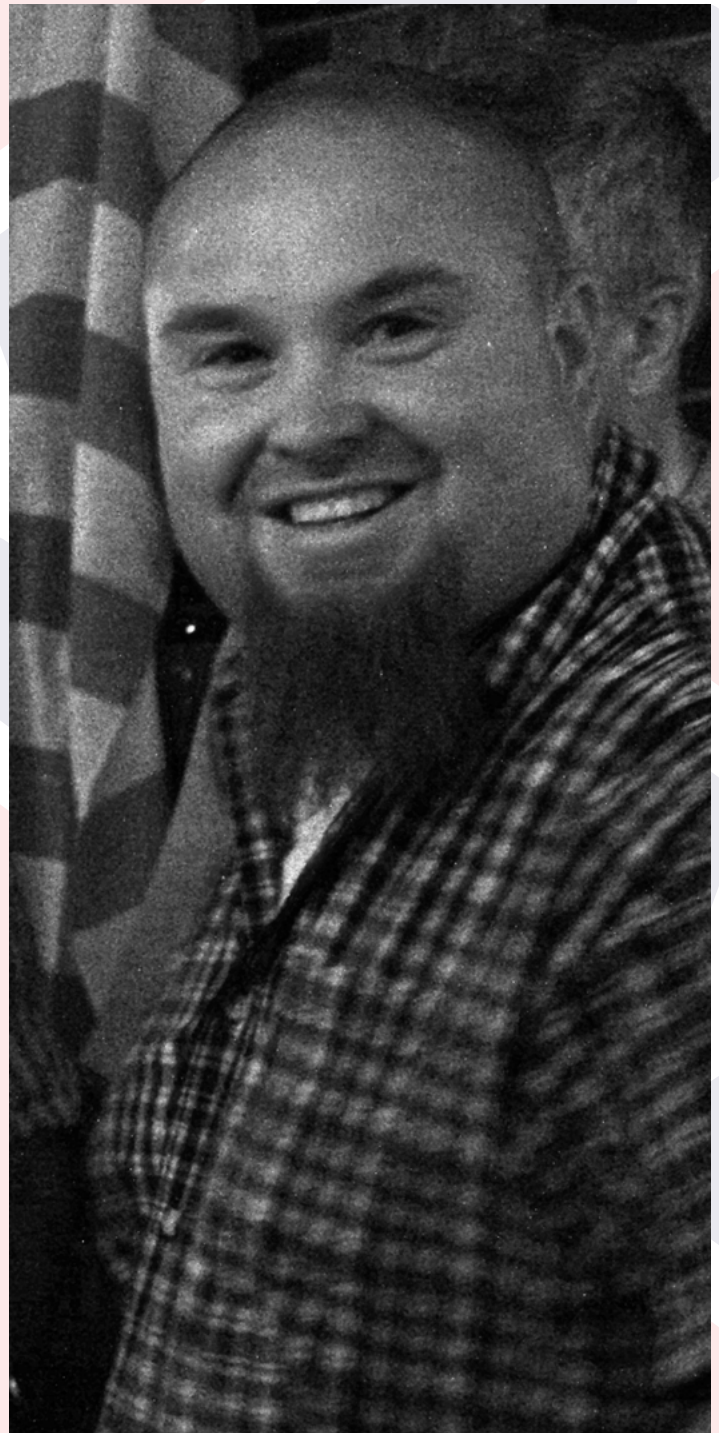
Commander's Message

Fellow members and friends of Lt. John T. Bullock Camp #2205, I would like to thank each and every member who attended the January meeting. We made the decision to clean up the Jefferson Davis Highway marker that is located in Creedmoor on Highway 15. However, because of the recent snow storm, we postponed the project and will decide when to try again. The camp also discussed the idea of ordering more t-shirts. The cost is still ten dollars for any size. Let me know at the meeting if you want one. The idea is floating around to sponsor a fundraiser for the camp in the form of selling Brunswick stew. We could make a three dollar profit on selling each quart at six dollars. Maybe start to think about who you could sell to. We have a great guest speaker planned for our February meeting, Mr. Ronnie Roach. Your attendance is needed and appreciated; please make it special by joining us!

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, Feb. 5th at the next camp meeting.

Yours in the South,

Joey Dickerson



Old Blandford Church

Built in 1735

A Confederate Memorial Since 1901

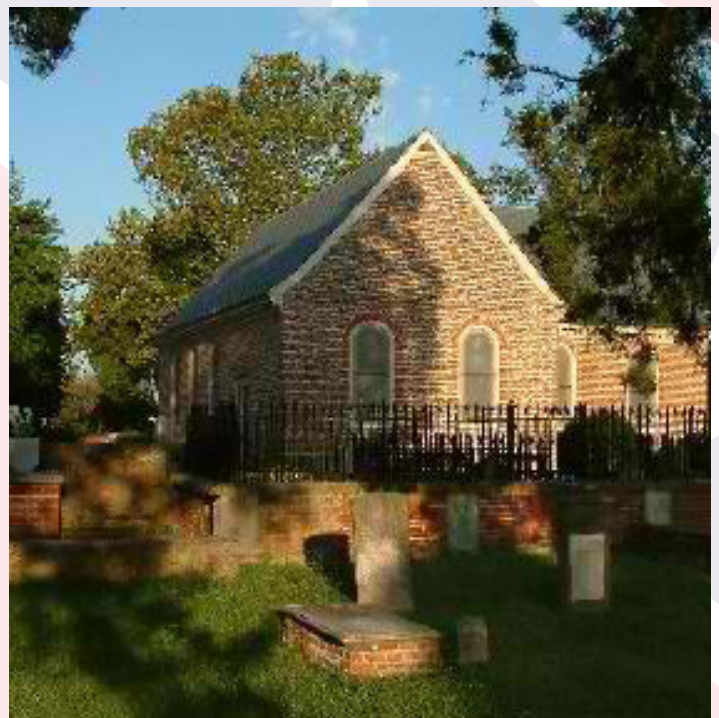
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

The Brick Church on Well's Hill, now known as Old Blandford Church of Bristol Parish, was erected in 1735. Rich in Colonial, Revolutionary, War of 1812, and Confederate history, this old church was abandoned after the building of another Episcopal church in Petersburg, when the Town of Blandford had been absorbed by Petersburg. Necessary repairs for its preservation were made by the City of Petersburg in 1882.

In 1901 the city delegated to the Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg the privilege of developing this church into a memorial chapel and a Confederate shrine in memory of the 30,000 heroes buried in its shadow.

The Confederate States honored their soldiers by placing in the church memorial windows, designed and executed by Louis Comfort Tiffany. There are fifteen of these windows, making this shrine one of the art treasures of our country. Other Confederate memorials have been placed from time to time in this historic building. Memorial services were held here for George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson at their deaths.

Blandford Cemetery covers approximately 189 acres. The oldest grave marker is from 1702; however, the Record of Interments only exist from 1843. Among those buried there are: Gen. William T. Mahone, hero of the Battle of the Crater and commander of Mahone's Division, one of the elite commands under Gen. Robert E. Lee; Dr. John Herbert Claiborne, the physician in charge of all military hospitals in Petersburg during the siege; Robert Bolling, one of Petersburg's first major land owners and real estate developers, together with his four wives and their descendants. It is the second largest cemetery in Virginia.



John W. Ellis

John W Ellis was born in Eastern Rowan County in November 1820 to parents, Anderson and Judith Ellis. His father was a wealthy planter and this allowed Ellis to receive a formal education.

John Ellis would attend Randolph Macon College for one year before attending the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill NC. Here, Ellis would attend until his graduation in 1841. Upon his graduation he would work with Richmond Mumford Pearson, whom would teach him about the practice of law. Ellis would go on to set out on his own to practice law in Salisbury NC in 1842. John Willis Ellis would begin his career in Politics in 1844 where he would serve in the NC Legislature until 1848. He would be elected to fill a Superior Court Judge position by the General Assembly in 1848. Judge Ellis would hold this capacity until being elected as the 35th NC Governor of NC in 1858.

As a Democrat, John Willis Ellis would win the gubernatorial election in 1858 against Duncan MacRae. Being the son of a planter, he championed Slaveholders property rights and believed the US Constitution protected the right. He feared abolitionists voicing their belief in a total emancipation would split the country. Governor Ellis also promoted improvements in education, plank roads, increasing river navigation and freight transportation speed. These issues would help him get re-elected in 1860 over John Pool. However, there was also the cloud of secession and sectional division looming.

In his inaugural address of 1861, urged moderation and restraint on the sectional issue. He did however soon realize in March that North Carolina would eventually have to decide whom they supported. With the firing of South Carolina on Fort Sumter, Lincoln requested troops from North Carolina to suppress the insurrection. Governor Ellis placed the State's support with the Confederacy and replied, "You can get no troops from North Carolina." With this act, Ellis ordered the taking of all federal buildings and arsenals in the state. He would lead the state into secession officially on May 20, 1861.

John Willis Ellis began to fall into ill health and would travel to Red Sulphur Springs Virginia in an effort to improve his health. However, this effort was unsuccessful and he would die in Virginia on July 7, 1861. His body would be buried in the family cemetery in Davidson County before being moved to the Old English Cemetery in Salisbury NC.



The Last of the Confederates

From the January 1894 Issue of Confederate Veteran

BY DAVID J. WEISIOER, VIRGINIA.

I stood on the streets of Atlanta to-day
As the noble old heroes passed by.
And pardon me, friend, for the weakness I
showed.
But a tear slowly dropped from my eye.
The curious crowd little knew what it meant
As they saw that old battle flag wave
Which Lee and brave Gordon and Jackson loved
And followed so gallant and brave.
But I knew what it meant, for I stood years ago
On the streets of old Richmond and saw
These same gallant men, this same flag unfurled.
As they bravely marched off to the war.
I watched by the bedside of wounded and sick
And carried them food day by day
In dear old Virginia, that noble old State,
As the war slowly dragged on its way.
Well, their number grew less, while the foe still
increased.
Till all hope of resistance was gone;

And I saw them leave Richmond on April the
third.

In ashes, forsaken, forlorn.

That grandest of chieftains, brave Robert K. Lee,
Whose watchword was duty through life.

Unwilling to slaughter his brave, noble boys.

Gave orders which ended the strife.

The years have flown by, the days are forgot.

When that old tattered flag used to wave;

But I love it, I love it, I honor it still.

And I will till I go to my grave.

So I thought as I stood with uncovered head

Of that sad but fast-coming day

When the last old Confederate shall hear from
his Lord

The summons to march and obey.

And in vision I see him pass through the bright
gates

Of heaven and meet with our Lord

'Neath the shade of the trees with his comrades
of old

To enjoy everlasting reward.