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Pledges

Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Salute to the Confederate Flag

I salute the confederate flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands.

Salute to the North Carolina Flag

I salute the North Carolina Flag and pledge to the Old North State Love, Loyalty and Faith.

The Charge

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Are you also ready to die for your country? Is your life worthy to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourself this greatness of soul? Not in the clamor of the crowded street. Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng. But in ourselves are triumph and defeat."

-Lt General Stephen Dill Lee

September Meeting

Bob's Barbecue Tuesday October 7, 2014 6:00 PM

Our October 7th program will be presented by Mr. Byron Brady on the escape route of John Wilkes Booth. Mr. Brady will tell us some recently discovered facts about John Wilkes Booth and his time after the assassination of Lincoln. This will be an excellent program, guaranteed.

Byron is very proud of his Confederate ancestry, and has been active in the Sons of Confederate Veterans Organization for over 35 years. Some of his works include the reactivation of the George Davis Camp 5 in Wilmington NC in 1976; he was the founder and first editor of the Carolina Confederate Newsletter. He also served as the adjutant for the NC Division from 1986 to 1988, and then continued on as the NC Division Commander until 1992. He is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of Heritage operations nationally, and is a proud member of the 47th Regt NC Troops Camp 166 of Wake Forest NC upon the record of his great. great, grandfather Pvt Laban J. Davis, Co H, 24th Regt VA Infantry.

The meetings of the camp are open and guests are cordially invited to join with the camp members on Tuesday. October 7th at Bobs Barbeque in Creedmoor at 5:30, in their meeting room.

All Camp #2205 meetings are open to the public and guests are invited to attend.

1st Lt.Commander's Comments

Mattie Clyburn Rice

Real Daughter of the Confederacy

MEMORIAL SERVICE **DEDICATION & UNVEILING**

2:00 pm on Saturday 18th October 2014

Hillcrest Cemetery 1000 Adams Street Monroe, North Carolina

The Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Laura Wesson Chapter 5 of the Order of Confederate Rose of High Point, North Carolina are inviting you to join us and the family of Mattie Clyburn Rice on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 2:00 pm at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monroe, North Carolina.

This historic day will be dedicated to the memory of our beloved Mattie Clyburn Rice who devoted her life to the recognition of her father and her legacy as a Real Daughter of the Confederacy.

On September 9th 2014 many joined the family in their inspirational service for the "Celebration of the Life of Mattie Clyburn Rice" at the Phillips Funeral Service Chapel in High Point, North Carolina.

On October 18th 2014 you are invited to witness the dedication and the unveiling of the Georgia Granite Marker which is a gift to the family placed at her final resting place as she requested at the foot of her father's grave in Hillcrest Cemetery with the support from all the historical organizations of descendants of Confederate Veterans.

PARTICIPANTS WELCOME - If you wish to participate in this dedication service in period dress as color guard, musket salutes, soldiers, cannon salutes or ladies in mourning please contact the Mattie Clyburn Memorial Committee Chairman at 336 880 8243 or by emailing ronaldleeperdue@yahoo.com

SUPPORT THE TRIBUTE - If you to show your support to this tribute and being a part of the special marker as a gift to the family. Please send check addressed to Frazier Camp 668 with notation for the Mattie Clyburn Rice Memorial and mail to:

Ron Perdue, PO Box 5641, High Point, NC 27262

Mattie Clyburn Rice

15th Sep 1922 – 1st Sep 2014

A Real Daughter of the Confederacy has departed and leaves behind an astonishing story and historical legacy. She was a proud member of Guilford Chapter 301, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Life Member of the OCR Laura Wesson Chapter 5 and Matron of Honor as well as part of the family of Lt. F.C. Frazier Camp 668, Sons of Confederate Veterans.



A Special Day for Ms. Mattie Clyburn Rice on the 8th of December 2012 when she had the privilege of her lifelong dream of paying tribute to her father along with nine others by unveiling the historic Union County Pensioners of Color Marker at the old Union County Courthouse in Monroe, NC.

WEARY CLYBURN





YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US SPECIAL REQUEST FOR RSVP

Please invite family and friends to join us. The Mattie Clyburn Rice Dedication Committee is requesting your RSVP if attending this Memorial Service Dedication and Unveiling in order to ensure that everyone attending leaves with a Commemorative Program with Ribbon to be a lasting memory of this special day.

Please RSVP by phone or email below: 336 880 8243 or ronaldleeperdue@vahoo.com I must say that I was rather pleased to see the article in last month's newsletter telling about compatriot Chris Powell's trip to Beauvoir. It is great to read about our member's visiting places of historical importance to our Confederate heritage.

I would like to encourage all members to take some time out while you're on vacation and visit a historic Civil War sight. Take some pictures and then write up a brief synopsis of what you saw there, and why it is a place of importance.

Not only will this provide more content for our newsletter, but it will also give our readers the opportunity to learn about places that they may have never had the chance to visit.

You can submit your writings and pictures to our newsletter editor Michael DeBoe at

mpdeboe@gmail.com

I look forward to being able to the read about all of our member's adventures throughout our beautiful homeland of Dixie.

> Frank Keller 1st Lt. Commander Camp 2205

2nd Lt. Commander's Comments

Wow! How time flies. The month of September has already come and gone. Camp 2205 is still in the process of bringing together the fall projects of our camp. This month has been a busy one with the cleaning of the John T. Bullock family cemetery. A lot of hard work and hours has been put into this project but it is just about ready to reset the stones. Commander

Dickerson has repaired two stones and reset the bases making ready for them to be remounted. The Commander and his wife Dee planted grass in the cemetery to make it even more beautiful.

The plans for Elmwood Cemetery tours, the State Fair booth, and a family night for our camp are all moving forward. If you have any suggestions or ideas please contact Commander Dickerson or Lt. Commander Keller. They will surely be glad to hear them.

Please try to find some time to get involved with some of these projects. It continues to be the same people involved. I think that you will find that at the end of the day you will feel good about your Confederate heritage and about yourself. Last but not least I remind you about our camp's building fund. If we all do just a little a lot can be accomplished.

Bobby Jackson 2nd Lt Commander Camp 2205

A Special Thank You

Camp member Richard Smith wishes to send a special thank you out to those in Camp 2205 who've shown him support in his current hardships.

He stated that the phona calls and cards are greatly appreciated.

Richard was recently injured in a lawn mower accident on August 26. He was held at Duke Hospital for four days, and three nights with two broken vertebrae. He is currently still in a back brace, is using a walker, and it took him 20 days to be able to drive again.

According to my short email conversation with Richard, he states that surgery is a possibility down the road, but his current treatment consists mainly of physical therapy.

Mike DeBoe Editor/Designer Camp 2205

NEW RECRUITS

When was the last time you tried to recruit a new member for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Bullock Camp?

Do you ever approach anyone and ask if they are interested?

Try it once in a while and you might be surprised to find out that there are prospective members just waiting to join!

Don't just wait for someone to ask you first.



Samuel Jones Parham

Samuel Jones Parham, born August 3, 1834, was the grandson of Lewis W. Parham and Lucy Reavis (1762-1837), and son of Asa Parham and Delia Hawkins Reavis (1800-1860). (Delia was both niece and daughter-in-law to Lucy.) Asa and Delia had four sons who served in the CSA.

Samuel enlisted in the CSA on December 7, 1861 at the age of 27. He was initially a Major in the 43rd Regiment, 11th Brigade from Granville County. On March 24, 1862, he transferred to the newly established 54th Regiment, Company K, where he was appointed a Captain. This new company was known as the "Carolina Boys." He was captured at the Battle of Rappahannock Station, VA, November 7, 1863, along with 19 other officers. Over the course of the next year, he was confined in seven different prisons in six different states (Old Capitol Prison in Washington DC, Johnson Island at Lake Erie, Point Lookout Maryland, Fort Delaware, Morris Island SC, Fort Pulaski Georgia, and Hilton Head SC). He was paroled and exchanged at Charleston Harbor, SC on December 15, 1864.

According to a book by Major Ogden Murray (published 1905), entitled "Immortal Six Hundred," he was among 600 Confederate officers who were captured and held confined in a stockade in Morris Island, SC, and so arranged in line as to be exposed to Confederate gun fire. This incident was publicized and aroused great indignation in the South.

After the war, Samuel returned to Henderson and married Maria Southerland, for whom Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson is named. They had six children: James Hill, William Brooks, Wingate, Kate, Sabat, and Asa Lipscomb. Samuel was mayor of Henderson in 1879, and died the following year, March 3, 1880, at the age of 45. Both Samuel and Maria are buried in Elmwood Cemetery in

Henderson, where a monument is erected to them.

The Layton Dowless Veterans Marker Project

Compiled by Sam West, Lumberton NC January 31, 2014

Theron "Layton" Dowless, the subject of this sketch, was born on August 25th, 1937 at Chadbourn, Columbus County, North Carolina to Wilton and Keith Gooden Dowless. As a child and teen he attended the public schools of Bladen County, and gradutated from the Elizabethtown High School in Elizabethtown, North Carolina.

On September 1st, 1957 Layton was married to Elizabeth "Libby" Robbins, who was also of Elizabethtown in Bladen County. They had four children; Theron Layton Dowless, Jr., Timothy Lynn Dowless, who married Edna King; Robin Keith Dowless, who married Brandon Herring (div.) and Todd Lane Dowless, who married Heather Johnson. In addition to their children, they also have five grandchildren; Alex Herring, Arron Herring, Lindsey "Lou Lou" Dowless, Lauren "La La" Dowless, and Kyler "Man" Dowless.

Layton served for thirty-seven years in the Nation Guard and Army Reserve, retiring in 1997. Enlisting as a Private, and achieved the rank of First Lieutenant prior to his retirement. Two years later, in 1999, he retired after twenty-three years at Georgia Pacific.

He became a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Marquis de Lafayette Chapter in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and in 2010 he was among those members who became charter members of the Lumber River Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution in Lumberton, North Carolina. He has been a member of the

Sons of Confederate Veterans. Columbus County Volunteers for fifteen years. In addition to the SAR and SCV, Layton is also the President of the Mother County Genealogical Society in Bladenboro. He holds membership in the South East North Carolina Genealogical Society in Whiteville, North Carolina, where he serves on the program Committee; the Robeson County Genealogical Society in Lumberton, North Carolina, the Reuben Brown Society in Whiteville, and the American Legion in Chadbourn, North Carolina, where he serves as Adjutant. He serves as a Volunteer in the Military Room of the Bladenboro Museum in Bladenboro, North Carolina. He is also a past member of the Lion's Club of Whiteville, North Carolina.

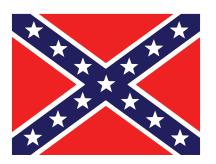
Layton and his wife Libby are active members of the historic Western Prong Baptist Church of Whiteville, North Carolina. He is a past Sunday school teacher, and currently is responsible for maintaining US Flags, year round, on one hundred and twenty three graves of soldiers of all wars in the Western Prong Baptist Church Cemetery. It has been noted that this is the only church known to maintain flags to the graves of the soldiers resting in her cemetery year round.

Layton has been a driving force in the marking of the graves of soldiers and veterans for over ten vears now. Since the year 2003, one by one, Layton, has researched, gathered documentation, completing veteran's administration applications, receives and erects military markers issued through the Veteran's Administration. Layton has made applications for more than four hundred and seventy five veteran's markers. He has applied for, received and or erected veteran's markers for soldiers in all American Wars, and Conflicts. He has researched and ordered 56 military markers for soldiers of the Revolutionary War; 15 for the war of 1812; 1 for the

Mexican War; 315 for the War Between the States: 2 for the Spanish American War: 15 for the World War I: 36 for the World War II; 16 for the Korean War; 7 for the Vietnam War; and 12 for servicemen from various branches of those service who were not actually involved in military conflicts. All totaled, he has ordered some 475 veterans markers. Here we note that his, as Layton, on his own had each of them marked privately. Throughout the years, Layton has trained three others who hopefully, will carry on this most important task. Those who have received training are Jason Bordeaux, Caleb Burroughs, and Trever Sellers. He along with his grandson, Alex Herring, and others has relocated five graves from one cemetery to another, and have also cleaned several cemeteries, and repaired numerous grave markers.

At the present time he has some forty applications pending issuance from the Veteran's Administration.

To Layton, this project has been, and still is, a labor of love for some eleven years now, with no end in sight. When I think of Layton and his project, I am reminded of the saying: "We will not be able to do great things, but we all can do small things in a great way!" One by one Layton has made a difference in the lives in hundreds of military families across the country by marking the graves of their military relatives in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.







Members of Camp 2205 making some progress at Bullock Cemetery









The Results of Camp 2205's Hard Work at Bullock Cemetery

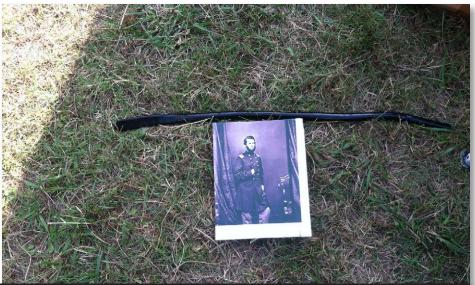


During the Summer Dec meeting, the NC Division honored Compatriot Layton Dowless of Columbus County for all of his work he has done in marking Veterans' graves.



This is a picture of the Summer DEC Meeting in Gastonia NC. Camp 2205 was represented by Commander Joey Dickerson, 2nd Lt Commander Bobby Jackson, and Mark Pace.





During the Tractor show in Butner, we met Sherwood Harris of Providence, who shared with us a real treasure. He has a gun barrel that was turned into a fire poker by his 2nd great grandfather Captain Samuel Parham. He told us that his grandfather returned home after the war and said he was done killing.





camp recruitment booth set up during the Butner Tractor and Heritage festival Oct 3&4.