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## SHERMAN'S TROOPS DEVASTATE THE MIDLANDS

(FROM JOHN CULLER)

The following letter was provided by Compatriot John Culler. It was written by a lady who was staying with Mrs. William Henry Baker in the Sandy Run community during the time General Sherman marched through South Carolina. You will see from the letter the hardship our ancestors suffered during this very trying time. Due to the death of the letter's original owner, we do not know the lady's name; only her initials "HVB" are shown at the end of the letter. We are in the process of trying to obtain copies of additional letters such as this one to publish in *The Legionary*. *Editor's Note: During the Sesquicentennial, we are especially interested in any first-hand accounts of the War, but all submissions from Camp Compatriots are always encouraged. Please contact the Editor at [craigsglass@gmail.com](mailto:craigsglass@gmail.com). —CSG*

Major M. A. Wilbur

Sandy Run, March 27, 1865

My Dear Friend,

Your welcome letter came to hand at last, and I assure you it was a great treat to see the familiar hand writing again. We, like you all, have experienced some fiery trials, since last I wrote you, and in reflecting upon it, I really do not believe we could endure it over again. The Yankee army camped in and around here for miles in extent, from Tuesday morning (February 14<sup>th</sup>) till next day, General Sherman and Logan occupied the lower part of this house as their headquarters, promising that nothing would be disturbed, which promise was grossly violated, for everything they could take was gone, the pantry was cleaned out, leaving one tumbler, every key from the book cases, lamps etc. They had so many negros waiting on them, they may have done the plundering, but the house when they left looked more like beast had occupied it than men. This whole country around is laid waste, and faithfully did they execute their destruction. They took from

everyone all the provisions had, leaving some families with nothing to subsist upon, except what they left them by hard begging. The Yankees would drive their wagons in the yard, with so much presumption ask for the keys of the smoke corn and flour houses, and empty them of everything, while we had to look at it done, without saying a word. It was hard on these folks, who have always lived in ease and plenty to be reduced in this way; the worst is leaving not a horse or mule about, with which to make a crop this coming season. We have gotten along very well so far and I cannot believe we will be left to starve; Providence will provide for all who trust Him. A great many persons thought they would save their provisions and clothes therefore buried them, but one of the negroes betrayed, consequently the Yankees found everything and many are left with only a change of clothes, among the number was Fred Muller's family; Mrs. Baker's daughter etc.

Mrs. B. had a handsome piano, which we hoped to save by burying, we packed it carefully, together with all theirs and my

music, and my most valuable books, but like everything else, they were found out, books and music all destroyed and the instrument a perfect wreck. They burned Mrs. Baker's flour mill, also in this place 2 gin houses, blackshop etc., and threatened this house constantly. Several dwelling houses in the neighborhood were laid in ashes; and it will take years, if ever, for persons to recover from this march of Sherman's. If we could see some prospect of the war ending, it would be a consolation, but alas! I fear the lives of many of our sons may yet have to be sacrificed ere our independence is achieved.

You heard correctly about our watches having been stolen and then recovered by the guard we had; but the day after he left two stragglers (or robbers) came in and after searching came to each of us and demanded our watches so they got 6 from here and no chance of ever seeing them again. I hated so much to give up mine, being a relic of my dear Mother's and then I miss it so much, I also lost three handsome

(see *Sherman*, p. 4)

Greetings, fellow Compatriots. I am hoping that each one of you along with your families had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! It is difficult for me to comprehend that a year has passed since serving as your Camp Commander. I have thoroughly enjoyed and learned many things this year. I attribute the success of this year to all the members of our Camp. We have 2012 in the books and 2013 before us; what will we do with it?

As we prepare for the 2013 activities of our Camp, please remember why our ancestors fought so valiantly. They were not fighting for namesake. Nor were they fighting for prestige or financial gain. Their fight was for what was right in the eyes of the people and the greatness of mankind. Their struggle was for the rights of the peo-



Maxcy Gregg, 1st. SCV

ple from their own States. They fought so that other generations would not have to fight but could live in peace. We should keep this fresh as we take up the colors each time we approach the battle lines.

I look forward to continuing the struggle and the fight with you to keep the flag held high. Please make plans to join me for the Lee-Jackson banquet on January 18. We have secured a bluegrass band to play for us. Joe Long, the curator from the Relic Room, will be bringing us our talk on Maxcy Gregg. We have gone to great efforts to bring you an exciting and memorable night. I will look to spend an evening like no other with you and share toasts to our finest generals of the War.

*Please see the banquet info flyer on page 3.*



## CHAPLAIN'S WITNESS

(FROM WALTER W. LINDLER)

Can you imagine living during the Civil War era and celebrating Christmas as they must have back then?

People were lucky to get a warm piece of clothing, a piece of fruit or a peppermint stick or maybe even a hand carved toy of some type. How simple things were then as compared to today. No electricity for Christmas lights and a cedar tree out of grandpa's field with popcorn threaded strings for decorations and maybe a few holly berries for some color and a homemade Angel atop of the tree. That was Christmas then.

Today we seem to have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas and what we should really be celebrating. We seem to go overboard to give the children and adults material things and load the tree down with expensive gifts that either are not appreciated or will never be used a week after Christmas. I ask myself Why?

In today's world we don't identify a Christmas tree as a Christmas tree, but as a holiday tree or holiday decorations. I ask myself why? Are we taking Christ out of Christmas? Unfortunately, it seems that

way.

The greatest gift of all was the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Without this, we are all lost and missing the true meaning of Christmas. We should be telling ourselves that this is what Christmas is all about.

A time to reflect on how Blessed we are to be living in the country in which we live and how fortunate we are to have what we have. I am often reminded of those who are less fortunate than I and how heartbreaking it is to see people murder and take advantage of others. It is hard to understand what some people mean in the actions they take in this world today.

The holiday season is a time to reflect on how precious life and friends and family and health really are. I have often been reminded that "Christmas is for Kids", and rightfully so, but it is also a time to be joyful, happy, sharing smiles, and taking nothing for granted for the simple reason that we may not be given another day on this earth.

Just imagine how wonderful Christmas would be if we could find a cure for cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. That would be

a wonderful Christmas gift to many, or giving a gift to someone who hasn't the luxury of a warm home or food on the table to feed their families.

God did not intend for us to let those in need go unnoticed, and I am afraid that we are doing just that in society today. It doesn't take very much effort on our part to donate to those organizations that do look out for families who don't have what we have. I am sure that people during the Civil War era were closer to one another, more so than we are today, and I am sure that God is not happy with His World and His People.

I pray that we will realize that Christmas will be celebrated for the right reasons this year and that we will have World Peace and Peace among our fellow men.

Take time to tell someone you love them. We are given today, but we have no idea what tomorrow may bring.

Pray for those families who lost their loved ones in Connecticut and be thankful for our families and loved ones.

*"ALMIGHTY GOD YOU HAVE MADE YOURSELF KNOWN IN YOUR SON, JESUS, REDEMER OF THE WORLD. WE PRAY THAT HIS BIRTH AS A HUMAN CHILD WILL SET US FREE FROM THE OLD SLAVERY OF OUR SIN, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD NOW AND FOREVER"*

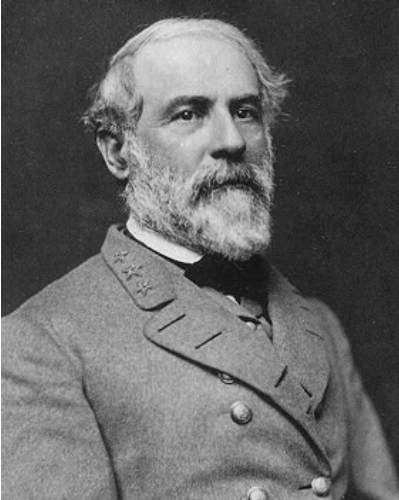
**May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!!**

# THE 2013 LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

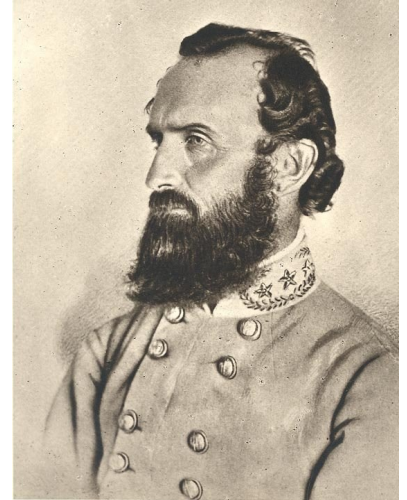
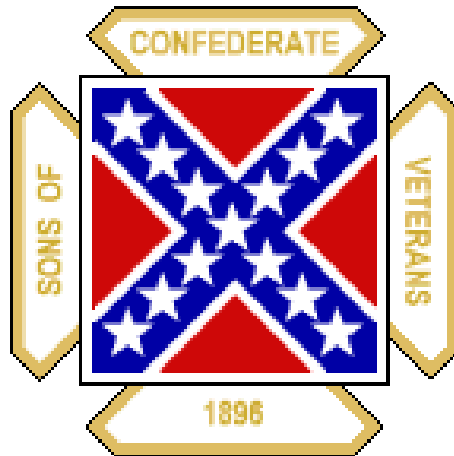
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quilts and several other articles, but is all is trifling to what others have felt, that I consider myself fortunate.

For several days after the main army had passed we were annoyed with stragglers who would come in to search and plunder; and the state of excitement and anxiety which we endured I cannot begin to describe. For 10 nights we did not pretend to go to bed, God forbid that we should ever again experience the same. Now my severest trial is about my dear ones at home, I cannot hear a word from them and I fear they may be suffering; I feel at times almost distracted about them, for it is my thought by day and dream by night; if I could only hear that they were doing well it would be a comfort, but this terrible state of suspense is hard to endure. If only I could get to them again I feel as if nothing would induce me to leave them. My consolation is to admit them to the care of a kind God who has promised never to forsake those who put their trust in Him; were it not for this I would despair, but each day I hope for tidings and daily my heart sinks from disappointment. I cannot even hear from the

boys. Did your brother and wife remain down there? If so perhaps you can tell me how citizens are faring?

I cannot express to you my feelings when I heard of the severe losses you all had met with and do think of that hospitable home where I always received a welcome and under whose roof I have spent so many happy hours with your dear ones. It is sad to think it has passed away. Memory will often recall those pleasant bygone days. I deeply sympathize with you all in this great trial, also with dear Mr. and Mrs. Veal who saved nothing, but I know you bear it with great Christian fortitude and will recognize the hand of God in the mysterious providences. I am glad to hear your brother escaped so that you can find shelter with dear ones still. I wish you could have saved your family portraits; we shared the same fate for all our things that we stored in Orangeburg got burnt. Oh: What sad times. I am so sorry to hear of Grace's loss. I want to write her.

Do write me something about Mrs. Morrer please and if she is in Columbia tell her

all I have is regret in not writhing her now. Our communication with Columbia is quite troubled now and I will have to watch my chance to send this up.

The Yankees destroyed carriages, buggies, and took off the horses and all cattle they could find. I have much more I wish to say to you but have given you quite enough for this time.

Please write me whenever you can. I walked down to see the Muller girls last Saturday, they seemed to take quite a shine to you so you see your list increases. I am so sorry for Mr. and Mrs. Muller, such a family to see deprived of home! I have just heard from Mary, the Yankees did badly in her neighborhood; she like me is terribly worried about our dear ones. I hear the Post Office is reopened so you can send letters in this way. Love and my sympathy to all your dear ones. Let me hear from you soon.

Yours fondly,

HVB

*It's almost that time of year again!* The Wade Hampton Camp will conduct our annual Battle For Columbia reenactment on May 4 and 5, 2013, with an education day on May 3. For more information, check out the website at [www.BattleForColumbia.com](http://www.BattleForColumbia.com). If you are interested in helping out, please contact us at [bfcmail@aol.com](mailto:bfcmail@aol.com). **Volunteers and re-enactors are needed!**



The poster features a blue banner at the top with seven white stars. Below the banner, the text "BATTLE FOR COLUMBIA" is written in large, bold, black capital letters, followed by "A CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT" in smaller, bold, black capital letters. The dates "MAY 4 & 5" are prominently displayed in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the dates, the location "I-26 HWY EXIT 125" is written in bold, black capital letters. At the bottom, a red banner contains the website "WWW.BATTLEFORCOLUMBIA.COM" in white, bold, capital letters. The background of the poster shows a photograph of two men in Civil War-era clothing operating a cannon on a grassy field.



Compatriots, I am very humbled to have been tapped by Commander Turner to serve as the Wade Hampton Camp's Lt. Commander for the upcoming year. This is an honor and responsibility that I do not take lightly, and I thank you all for the support you have showed me since my initiation into the Camp. I have quite a few ideas, some of which I am sure may have been tried before, but for the moment, the Commander and I are focusing on the following:

- A Communications Officer who would be our link to the SCV (Division/Brigade and other Camps) and who would be great with electronic communications (Facebook and similar tools)
- A Media Officer who would be our external face to the media and other outlets (a sensitive position)
- New Compatriot immersion programs
- The Division goals as discussed at our

October 2012 meeting by Charlie Bray, which may result in several new committees and thus new Chairmen; possible committees include:

- ♦ Membership, to pro-actively and strategically recruit, and to retain
- ♦ Brotherhood, to facilitate us as a Fraternal Organization of Southern Men and strengthen ties
- ♦ Headstones and Markers
- ♦ Veterans' Affairs, for parades and other proper honoring of actual Veterans in our Camp

(and a few more.) If you are interested in any of the Officer positions, or Chairing, or even just sitting on a committee as you have the time, please contact myself at [craigsglass@gmail.com](mailto:craigsglass@gmail.com) or Commander Turner at [commandergregturner@gmail.com](mailto:commandergregturner@gmail.com).

This is admittedly ambitious, and not all of it will happen at once, but it is all important. For example, on Dec. 15, I attended the Richard Kirkland 150th-Memorial event in Camden hosted by the Kershaw Camp #82, at which SCV member and SC Lt. Gov. McConnell spoke. It was a wonderful event, but I saw less than five other members from the Hampton Camp (apologies if I missed anyone). I believe that if we had a Communications Officer, then our Camp would have had a strong presence, helping recruitment and image.

We all believe in the truth of *Deo Vindice*, and quite properly so, but there is an old Jewish saying that comes to mind: *The work is not yours to finish, neither are you free to desist from it.*

**We need good men to step up!  
Let's make 2013 a great year together!**

## ADJUTANT'S ROLL

CHARLIE BRAY

I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve as Adjutant for another year. We have completed our annual membership renewal process and as of December 18, 2012, our renewals totaled 164 out of 174 members for a 94.25% renewal rate. I am optimistic that we will receive renewals from those delinquent members in the not too distant future.

As we enter the New Year, I look forward to all of us working together to continue to protect our heritage through the many events our Camp is involved in:

- Confederate Memorial Day at Elmwood Cemetery
- Standing at the Confederate Soldiers Monument at the Statehouse on Confederate Memorial Day
- Placing battle flags at Trinity Cathedral Cemetery and at First Presbyterian Church Cemetery in observance of Confederate Memorial Day
- Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton III memorial service at Trinity Cathedral
- Battle for Columbia (BFC) re-enactment

and School Day program

- Participating in the Veterans Day parades in Columbia and Lexington

It is obvious after reading the list of events in which the Wade Hampton Camp is involved that our Camp has public visibility and is presenting our ancestors' legacies with dignity. As we enter 2013, we all must do everything we can to ensure our efforts in presenting our "Southern Heritage" do not cease. To ensure we remain a viable organization, I encourage each member to recruit a new member.

## THE BROADSIDE

EDITORIAL

Did you know that January is the most important month when it comes to the South Carolina state flag? And did you know that it could be considered the original Confederate flag? After secession, the Republic of South Carolina realized it needed a flag, so on Jan. 26, 1861, the Legislature combined the traditional blue background and crescent moon with the palmetto tree,



a popular symbol of Southern resistance to Federal authority at the time (continuing a tradition from the Revolutionary War). The tree was golden with a white oval background (an example can be seen at the Relic Room). This flag lasted for only three days.

On Jan. 29, the oval was removed and the tree was made white. This flag of the independent Republic of South Carolina remains the state flag today. Of note, the moon was originally in a "horns up" design, but this was lost over time and to mass production of the modern alignment.

Yet many Southern heritage defenders and the SC Statehouse all catch flack for displaying the Battle Flag, while the flag of the first secessionist republic continues to be accepted and revered by all South Carolinians. It proves once again that others are ignorant of true Southern history, and that we are right in our study and defense of our Cause!



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***Important dates in the War for Southern Independence 150 years ago:***

- Dec. 18, 1862 Brigadier General and Confederate Congressman Milledge L. Bonham replaces Frances W. Pickens as the 70th governor of South Carolina
- Jan. 1, 1863 The United States President enacts the Emancipation Proclamation under which slaves in South Carolina, a State in "rebellion", are declared "thenceforward and forever free"
- Jan. 2, 1863 Battle of Stones River (TN) concludes; the 10th-19th South Carolina was the only engaged SC unit, under SC Col. Arthur M. Manigault
- Jan. 31, 1863 Confederate ironclads temporarily break the blockade in Charleston Harbor

*(These and more 150<sup>th</sup> dates at [CivilWar.org](http://CivilWar.org))*

**Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact**

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**Next Camp Meeting:**

**\*\*Special Date\*\***

**\*\*See Enclosed Flyer\*\***

**Friday, Jan. 18, 2013**

**2013 Lee-Jackson Banquet**



**Seawell's Restaurant**

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**Speaker: Joe Long**

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