



# THE LEGIONARY

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*Charles Bray, Acting Editor*

## A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

### COMMANDERS CORNER

**RUSTY RENTZ**

On Friday August 31, 2018 Compatriots Charlie Bray, Walter Curry, Carlton Edwards and his wife, E.M. Clark and myself installed the Confederate Marker for Walter Curry's G-G-G-Grandmother who served the Confederacy as a cook. His ancestor, Lavinia Corley Thompson, was the only black female to receive a pension from the State of South Carolina for her service to the Confederacy.

A memorial service and marker dedication will be held on Sunday October 14, 2018 at Smyrna Baptist Church beginning at 2:30 pm. Smyrna Baptist Church is located at 1186 Smyrna Church Rd., Springfield, SC 29146. This will be a historic occasion so I hope all will make plans to attend.

Other events your camp will participate in will be the Lexington Veterans Day parade on Sunday November 4, 2018 at 3:00 pm in Lexington, SC. We will also participate in the Columbia Veterans Day parade on Monday November 12, 2018. More information will be provided as we approach these two events.

The Signers Monument will be dedicated November 10, 2018. On page 2 is a flyer that provides information of the dedication ceremony. The planning, construction and installation of this monument has been over ten years in the making. I hope all can be in attendance for this special dedication to honor the signers of the Ordinance of Secession.

Adjutant Bray has informed me that we have about 6-8 members that have not renewed. Please make an effort to continue your membership in the SCV because all members are valued and each can contribute to the CAUSE in different ways.

Our meeting this month will be on **Thursday September 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm**. The program will be provided by E.M. Clark and his topic will be Confederate Generals buried in South Carolina. This presentation should prove to be informative and interesting. Make plans to come out on this evening to support your camp but more importantly your ancestor.

### The CHARGE

To you, **SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**, we submit 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 he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. **Remember**, it is your duty to see that the **TRUE HISTORY** of the South is **PRESENTED to FUTURE GENERATIONS**.

**Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander  
General**

**United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906**



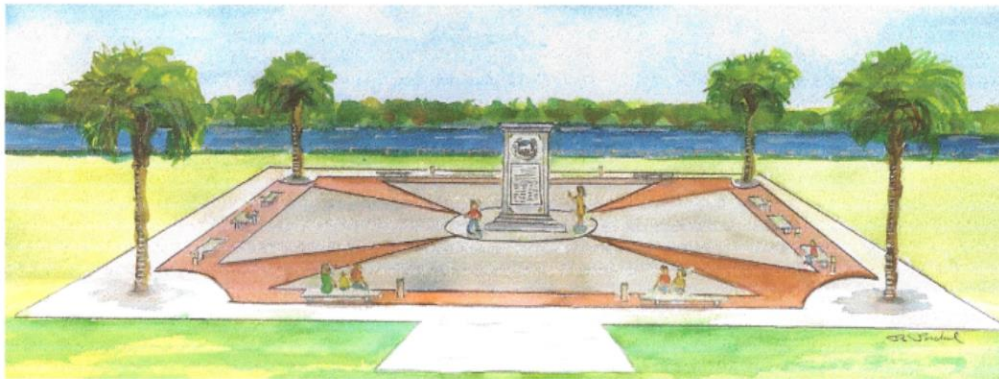
# BE A PART OF HISTORY !

Be in attendance on  
**November 10, 2018**

In Abbeville, SC for a

## **Monument Dedication Ceremony**

An edifice erected to honor the 170 men, duly elected, who risked their lives, families, & fortunes to decide the best action to protect South Carolina citizens against an un-fair & over-bearing government.



Parade steps off at 1:00PM from the town square with  
unveiling & dedication at Secession Hill

(Festivities to include period dress, music, cannon, & musketry)

Check website for updates at [www.scsignersmonument.com](http://www.scsignersmonument.com)

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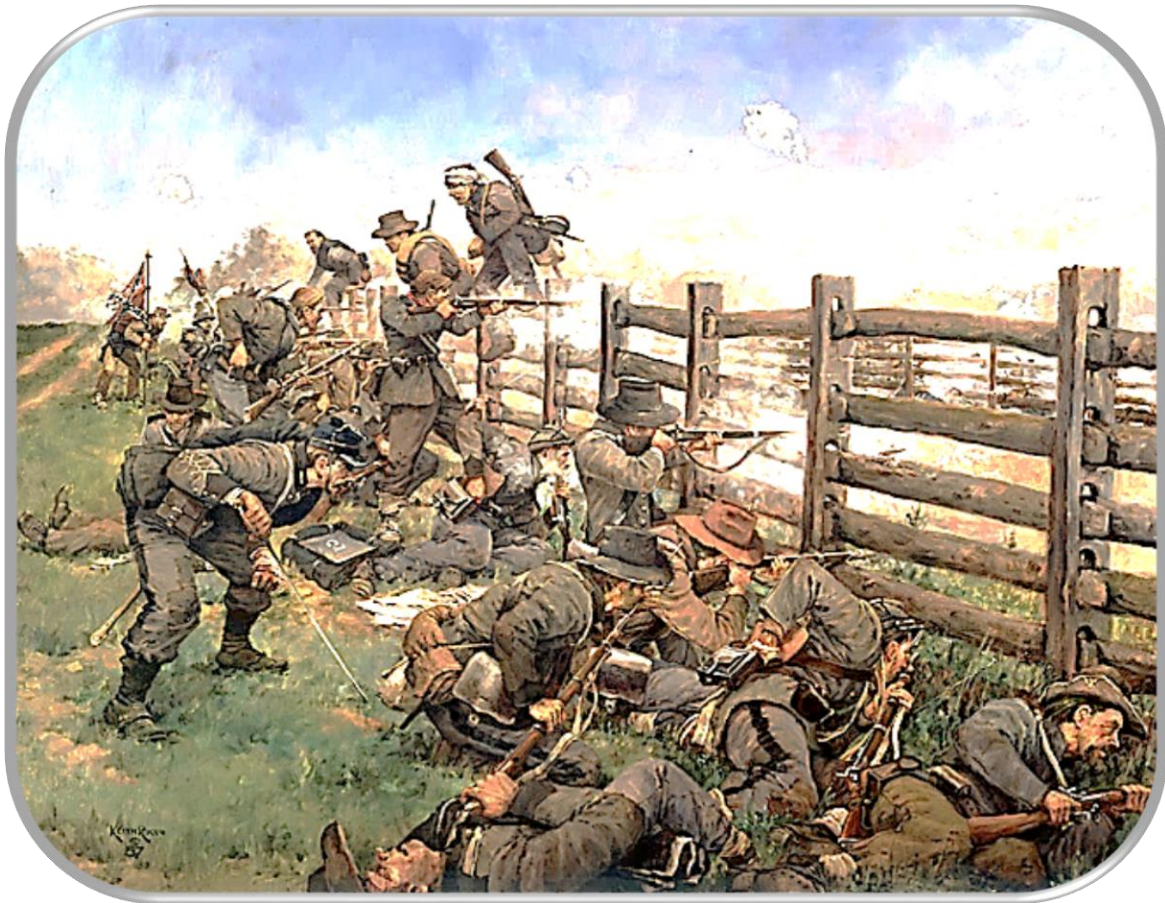
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**NOTE:** Additional details on the dedication service will be coming soon and will be sent out as soon as it is received.

For those of you who don't want to make a long drive to and from the service, arrangements have been made for a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn in Greenwood for November 9th and 10th. The rooms are King Bed or 2 Double Beds and includes free breakfast. The rate is \$99.00 per night. You can make reservations by calling the Hampton Inn and asking for SCV- Sons of Confederate Veterans rate. The address for the Hampton Inn is 1624 Bypass 72 NE, Greenwood, S C 29649.



~ Events of September ~



This Month (September), saw the bloody struggle at the Hagerstown Road Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Because Gen. Lee's Special Orders, No. 191 had fallen into the hands of Gen. McClellan, he knew that he would find Confederate forces on the Hagerstown Road near Sharpsburg, Md. On September 17th, at 6:00 a.m., Major General Joseph ordered 12,000 men from the I Corps down the Hagerstown Pike to attack the ground held by Gen. Jackson's smaller force of around 7,000. The road and adjacent corn field became a killing ground for both armies. "The cornfield was so full of bodies that a man could have walked through it without stepping on the ground." No clear victor emerged, and the fighting stopped out of sheer exhaustion. The I Corps lost 25% of its number and were unable to fight any more that day. Their commander, General Hooker, was one the casualties. Thus, began the Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam). The battle claimed more than 23,000 men killed, wounded, and missing in one single day.



Confederate Dead by a Fence on the Hagerstown Road,  
~ Photograph by Alexander Gardner – September 1862 ~

**“Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors.” Genesis 37:3 NKJV**

Everyone who in living faith follows Jesus, with an eye single to His glory, will see the salvation of God just as surely as these discouraged, despondent fishermen saw their boats filled by the miraculous draught. It was because Christ was in the ship that they were successful in their efforts to catch fish. The indwelling presence of the Saviour is equally necessary in the work of winning souls.

In order to save humanity, Christ, the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, laid aside His kingly crown and royal robe, clothed His divinity with humanity, and came to this earth as our Redeemer. For thirty-three years He lived the life of a man among men, meeting the temptations that we must meet, and overcoming through the strength imparted from above. His divinity was not manifested in any display of pomp and royal power. He could have surrounded Himself with legions of heavenly angels, thereby inducing everyone to believe on Him; but this would not have been in accordance with God’s purpose.

Christ came to stand at the head of humanity, and to demonstrate that through the power of the Holy Spirit it is possible for man to withstand Satan’s temptations. With his long human arm, the Saviour encircled humanity, while with His divine arm He grasped the throne of the Infinite....

We may endeavor to meet the enemy’s temptations in our own strength, doing the best we can to overcome; but we shall meet with disappointment after disappointment. This was the condition in which Christ found the disciples, after their night of unrewarded toil. They were annoyed and perplexed. Directing them to “launch out into the deep,” Christ said, “Let down your nets for a draught.”

Long had the fishermen toiled that night; often had they been disappointed in their expectations, as time and again the net was drawn up empty. When the Divine Presence was with them, and they, at His bidding, once more cast their net into the sea, what an abundance they gathered in! They were unprepared to handle so large a draught. The sight of the miraculous draught of fish swept away the unbelief of the Galilean fishermen, and they were ready to respond to Christ’s invitation to follow Him, and to learn to be fishers of men. However long and faithfully we may toil in our human strength, we can hope for no real results; but as soon as we welcome Christ into the heart, He will work with and through us, to the salvation of souls.



**Chaplains Prayer List:** Please remember our camp compatriots and their family members who are having health problems or have lost a loved one in your prayers.



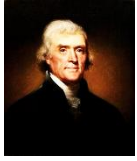
Walter Lindler

Bill Smyth

Bob Slimp



**Quote:** Thomas Jefferson (April 13, 1843 – July 4, 1826)



*"The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government."*

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

2018

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Oct. 3, 2018	Meets 7:00 PM <b>1st Wednesday of the Month</b> – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
Palmetto Camp 22	Oct. 4, 2018	Meets 6:30 PM <b>1st Thursday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
Hampton Redshirts	Oct. 2, 2018	Meets 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM <b>1st Tuesday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum – 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
SC 17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 2069	Sept. 17, 2018	Meets 7:00PM <b>Third Monday of the Month</b> – 6822 Barnwell Rd. Hilda, SC
15th Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	Sept. 25, 2018	Meets 6:30 PM <b>last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	Sept. 25, 2018	Meets 7:00 PM <b>Last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Shealy’s BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC
Lexington Veterans Day Parade	November 4, 2018	Parade begins at 3:00PM rain or shine. Parade route is down Main St. to South Lake Drive.
Signers Monument Dedication	November 10, 2018	Parade begins at 1:00PM on the square in Abbeville, SC and ends at the “Singers Monument” on Secession Hill where the unveiling and dedication takes place.
Columbia Veterans Day Parade	November 12, 2018	Parade begins at 10:45AM. Parade route is down Sumter St. and ending at Senate St.
Cayce Historical Museum’s Annual Christmas Traditions	December 1, 2018	Cayce Historical Museum 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street Cayce, SC Details to be provided

**ADJUTANT’S DESK**

CHARLIE BRAY

Membership Renewal Statements (MRS) have been mailed to all members of the South Carolina Division and I have received **124** renewals as of today 13-August-18. Currently **92%** of our membership has renewed which *does not include 2 member reinstatements and 2 new members* and I anticipate 1 more of each before the end of August. By the time you receive the August Legionary I suspect 90% or more of our membership will have renewed. I encourage those of you who have not



renewed to renew your membership as soon as possible. SCV Headquarters will require a **\$5.00 late fee beginning 1-Sept.-2018.**

If you have questions or issues with your renewal package or have not received one, I may be reached as shown below:

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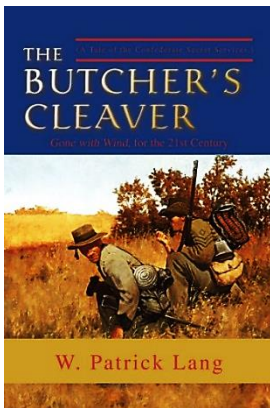
**REMEMBER: Mail your dues to me**, at the address shown above, not to Joe Willis our Division Adjutant. If you mail your renewal to Joe Willis, Division Adjutant then he has to mail it to me for processing which slows down the process.

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## THE BUTCHER'S CLEAVER

BOOK REVIEW BY COMPATRIOT HAROLD W. MILLS, JR.

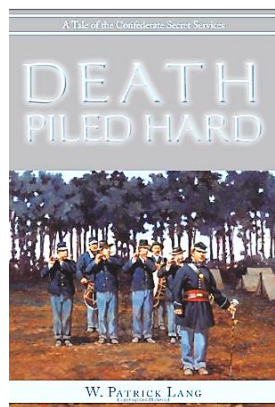


The Butcher's Cleaver by W. Patrick Lang published in 2007 is one in a series of historical fiction novels on the American Civil War. The trilogy is called: "Strike The Tent: A Tale of the Confederate Secret Services." In the novels he portrays the real characters of the Confederacy like Robert E. Lee or Judah Benjamin in the roles like they played in real life. He places them in fictional situations that are plausible and believable. His main character is Claude Devereux who is from a wealthy aristocratic Alexandria, Virginia family of bankers. The family neither supports slavery nor secession, but is sympathetic to the South by way of culture. All of the black servants of the Devereux family were born free and are lifetime family employees. Claude's brother serves in the Confederate Army as has Claude where he is wounded. As a banker who often travels to their branches in France and can claim long residences overseas, Claude is accepted by the Union as a loyal American citizen thus setting him up to be a Confederate spy.

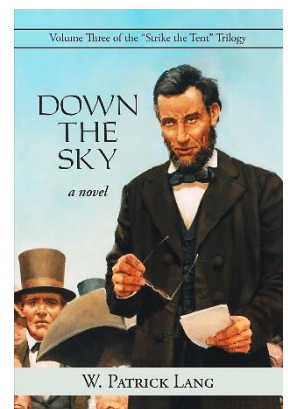
The book is an easy fun read especially for those who are interested in Confederate history.

The second volume, Death Piled Hard, was published in 2009 and in which Claude Devereux worms his way into command circles behind enemy lines.

The third volume, Down the Skies, was published in 2012. In the book, Confederate spy Claude Devereux finds himself a Brigadier General of the Volunteer Union Forces.



**Author:** *W. Patrick Lang is a retired U.S. Army officer, a private intelligence analyst, and an author. He graduated from VMI with a BA in English and from The University of Utah with a MA in Middle East Studies. In the Army, Lang was a combat veteran of Vietnam where he served in the Special Forces and Military Intelligence and served in a very senior capacity with the Defense Intelligence Agency as the Defense Intelligence Officer for the Middle East, South Asia and counter-terrorism. He is a graduate of The U.S. Army War College, the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College and the Armed Forces Staff College.*



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The following is an article I found in the Charleston Post and Courier today, Sept. 9, 2018 which discusses the “Signers Monument” that will be unveiled Saturday-November-10 in Abbeville, SC. As with anything relating to our history the writer paints a less than positive picture of Confederate monuments.



## As Confederate debate mounts, new monument honoring SC's secession comes to Abbeville

By Jseph Cranney [jcranney@postandcourier.com](mailto:jcranney@postandcourier.com)

SEP 9, 2018

ABBEVILLE — Robert Hayes, work shirt covered in dirt on a sweltering August midday, takes a break from mowing the lawn. He sits and looks across his two acres of land on a shady Abbeville hill that some consider South Carolina's cradle of the Confederacy.

“It's sacred,” he said about the hill where thousands gathered on November 22, 1860 for a first-of-its kind series of speeches from local leaders arguing for secession.

“It's where a group of South Carolinians stood firm for freedom.” And he wants to make sure people remember that.

Hayes is a leading Abbeville keeper of Confederate history and former state director of the League of the South, an organization considered by some to be a hate group.

He, along with the S.C. Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, will erect an 11-and-a-half foot monument on Secession Hill dedicated to the 170 signers of South Carolina's Ordinance of Secession, ratified in Charleston a month after the Abbeville speeches.

To unveil the monument on Nov. 10, the town of Abbeville, which has its first African-American mayor, is hosting a parade.

In the wake of the 2015 racially charged massacre at a Charleston church, erecting Confederate monuments across the country has become increasingly rare. Pressure is mounting instead to remove what may consider to be painful reminders of slavery and institutional racism.

Protesters last month tore down a Confederate soldier statue at the University of North Carolina, and nearly 50 monuments have come down during the past three years, the Southern Poverty Law Center found.

None were in South Carolina, where removing monuments and other historical symbols in public spaces requires a two-thirds votes of the General Assembly.

Lawmakers did vote to end flying the Confederate flag on the Statehouse grounds soon after the Charleston church shooting, but legislative leaders announced they would not consider removing another Confederate marker anytime soon.

South Carolina's nearly 60 Confederate monuments on public property ranks sixth most in the country. Georgia has the most with 115.

But the Abbeville display, and a granite memorial dedicated to Confederate soldiers that went up in Aiken last year, are two recent examples of another way Confederate monuments are erected. They rest on private land, where public officials have little control over what can be displayed.

The Abbeville monument, weighing about 20 tons with a full inscription of the state's secession ordinance, is planned for Secessionist Hill fronting a well-traveled corridor on Secession Avenue.

That the Abbeville monument has mostly flown under the radar signals how these once-prideful displays, many erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in the early 1900s, are now likely to be planned more quietly.

“All they (critics) want to do is play up the deal of the flag and the animosity between blacks and the whites,” said Albert Jackson, vice chairman of the monument committee for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. “It's not true. It's a total lie.”

In Charleston, Emanuel AME's pastor, The Rev. Eric Manning, said erecting new monuments honoring the Confederacy or secession only further highlights the country's divisions. He called the Abbeville monument "disappointing."

"This doesn't do anything to bring us together as a community or as a state," Manning said.

### **Long Planned**

For its secession monument, the Sons of Confederate Veterans picked Hayes' property in Abbeville only after it was rebuffed twice in its attempts to place it on public land near Charleston, where the secession ordinance was signed, and the Civil War started.

The group first eyed a location near Charleston Harbor in 2010 but the Patriots Point Development Authority rejected the offer in a split vote. North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey then offered a spot in Riverfront Park but withdrew after he said, "some who stand on both sides of this issue have attempted to divide our council and our city along racial lines." North Charleston's population is evenly split among whites and blacks.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans' secession monument, paid with private donations, landed on Hayes' property because it's privately owned and historical, Jackson said.

Hayes, 78, is also a well-known backer of Confederate causes. A retired teacher, Hayes travels as a Confederate President Jefferson Davis impersonator.

In the town about an hour south of Greenville, Hayes has been president of the Abbeville District History Club and for years sold Confederate memorabilia at Abbeville's popular Southern Patriot Shop. Before it closed recently, the shop featured Confederate flags and bumper stickers that read, "If at first you don't secede, try again."

After purchasing the land at Secession Hill more than a decade ago, Hayes had an historic marker added there in 2010.

Abbeville already has two public Confederate monuments — the First Secession Meeting columns on Secession Avenue and a pillar outside the courthouse that includes an inscription reading, "The world shall yet decide, in truth's clear, far-off light, that the soldiers who wore the gray, and died with Lee were in the right!"

Hayes was South Carolina director for the League of the South for several years. The league is a Southern nationalist group based in Alabama that marched during last year's deadly Unite the Right rally in Virginia. The Southern Poverty Law Center designates the league as a hate group.

Hayes' involvement with the Abbeville monument has caused some concern among Sons of Confederate Veterans members, said Mike Skinner, a member of the organization's executive committee.

"They're resigned to the fact that we take what we can get, anyway we can get it, regardless of who we lay in bed with," Skinner said. "That's a shame."

### **Secession and slavery**

Hayes does not understand how anyone can equate what happened with the Charleston mass shooting or the legacy of slavery with his secessionist monument.

Church shooter Dylann Roof might have posted photos of himself with the Confederate flag but, to Hayes' knowledge, he did not have any connection with any Southern heritage organization.

"Why is anybody even associating the two?" Hayes asked.

South Carolina seceded because of "increasing hostility on the part of the non-slaveholding states to the institution of slavery," according to the state's own supporting documents to its secession ordinance.

The Abbeville monument only intends to honor the men who signed the secession ordinance, Jackson said. The signers include William Curtis, a founder of Limestone College, and Benjamin Faneuil Dunkin, one of the state's earliest Supreme Court justices. "Those are the kind of stories that are missing altogether," Jackson said.

But there's another story beginning to get told.

Outside the Abbeville Opera House in the middle of the town's brick-laid public square, civil rights activists in 2016 unveiled a plaque on the 100-year anniversary of Abbeville's lynching of Anthony Crawford.

Crawford was a wealthy black businessman who had been accused of arguing with a white man over the price of cotton. A mob of roughly 300 dragged Crawford through town behind a buggy then stabbed him, hanged him and riddled his body with more than 200 bullets.

Crawford's plaque was dedicated by the Alabama-based Equal Justice Initiative. The group recently opened a National Lynching Memorial in Montgomery, Ala., part of its effort to expand the country's understanding of its racially-violent history. Abbeville's ceremony for Crawford came without protests, Mayor Santana Delano Freeman said.



Freeman, 45, was elected as Abbeville's first African-American mayor in 2016. He joined the majority of the Town Council in voting to approve the November parade for Abbeville's secession monument. The approval came because Hayes properly followed the city's rules to get a permit, Freeman said.

Freeman, who is also a member of a local AME congregation, said he expects the November gathering to be peaceful. "I just hope we have the same resolve here as the people in Charleston had," he said.

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### Book Signing



Wade Hampton camp member Dr. Walter B. Currey, Jr. will be holding two book signings for his newly released book ***The Thompson Family: Untold Stories of the Past (1860-1960)***, is the first of several volumes that chronicles the genealogical epoch of the Thompson Family. From the bowels of the Skillet Community of Salley, South Carolina, this book chronicles the reflections and experiences of relatives that intersect the common themes of African-American history as well as common themes of civic engagement, morality, virtue, and achievement.

In addition, the book contains several narratives, including a slave who purchased his freedom, a relative who served as a cook in the Confederate Army, a young relative who was tragically murdered, and a sharecropper who became a prominent soil conservationist. Overall, the book narrates the generational diversity of the Thompson family.

Walter B. Curry, Jr. Ed.D, is the president of Renaissance Publications, LLC and a direct descendant of Rev. Logan and Lavinia Corley Thompson\* Dr. Curry is a member of the Aiken-Barnwell Genealogical Society, the Aiken County Historical Society, and the Friends of the Aiken County Historical Society.

\* Lavinia Corley Thompson is the only African-American female to receive a Confederate Pension in South Carolina.

**Old Edgefield Genealogical Society –  
Tompkins Library**  
104 Courthouse Square, Edgefield, SC  
Sunday-October-21  
3:00 p. m. – 5:00 p. m.

**Aiken County Historical Museum**  
433 Newberry Street SW, Aiken, SC 29801  
Sunday-October-7  
3:00 p. m.-4:30 p. m.

***"If you are attending the event and want to reserve an autographed copy, please RSVP at [renaissancepublicationsllc@gmail.com](mailto:renaissancepublicationsllc@gmail.com). or call (803) 404-2117.***

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### **RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER**



Individuals interested in joining the SCV or this Camp should contact  
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Adjutant Charles Bray, Ph. (803) 749-1042, Email [cdbiii@bellsouth.net](mailto:cdbiii@bellsouth.net)  
**WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!**



## Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

- Sept. 1, 1861 **Cape Girardeau, MO** – Gen. U. S. Grant takes up his command in Missouri.
- Sept. 10, 1861 **Battle of Carnifex Ferry, WV** – The battle resulted in a Union strategic victory that contributed to the eventual Confederate withdrawal from western Virginia.
- Sept. 26, 1861 **Lucas Bend, KY** – CSA Brig. Gen. Simon B. Buckner's forces, arrived near Lucas Bend at the mouth of the Muddy River where Federals controlled some river locks. Upon seeing they were outnumbered the Federals abandoned their position. Buckner's men destroyed the locks.
- Sept. 16, 1863 **Fayetteville, VA** – Lt. William T. Turner and 30 Confederate raiders entered the town of Fayetteville where they discovered Union sutler wagons filled with supplies. They captured and disarmed the guards and made off with the supplies.
- Sept. 21, 1863 **Rossville, TN** – Brig. Gen. Nathan B. Forrest led 400 Confederate cavalry towards Rossville when they came upon a rear guard of Union cavalry. The Confederates drove the Federals into Chattanooga.
- Sept. 2-6, 1864 **Battle at Lovejoy, GA** – CSA Gen. Hardee's forces dug in & created breast works & waited for Gen. Sherman's forces to arrive. Union forces arrived, & sporadic skirmishing occurred from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>. Hardee held his ground. The Federals finally withdraw back to Atlanta to regroup.
- Sept. 4, 1864 **Greenville, TN** – CSA Gen. John H. Morgan was in Greenville, TN when Union troops entered the town. upon discovering Morgan's presence there, they quickly found Morgan. Morgan dashed into a garden before the Federals opened fire, hitting Morgan in the chest and back. Morgan died instantly.

**Camp Meeting**  
**THURSDAY, SEPT. 20**  
**6:00 P.M.**



**SEAWELL'S**  
**1125 Rosewood Drive**  
**Columbia, SC**  
**Speaker**  
**Mr. E. M. Clark**  
**(Confederate Generals**  
**buried in South**  
**Carolina)**

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