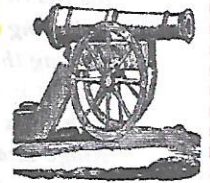
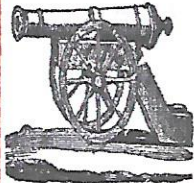
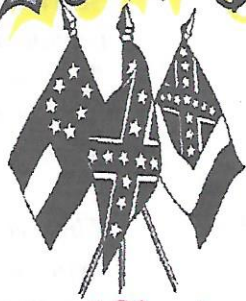


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CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH

On January 20, 1998 Governor Kirk Fordice signed a Proclamation declaring April as Confederate Heritage Month in Mississippi..

Whereas, April is the month in which the Confederate States began and ended a four year struggle; and

Whereas, Confederate Memorial Day honors those who served in the Confederacy; and

Whereas, it is important for all Americans reflect upon our nation's past; to gain insight from our mistakes and achievements; and, to come to a full understanding that the lessons learned yesterday and today will carry us through tomorrow if we carefully and earnestly strive to understand and appreciate our heritage;

Now, therefore, I, Kirk Fordice, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 1998 CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH in the State of Mississippi and encourage our citizens to join efforts to become more knowledgeable on the role of the Confederacy in American History.

EDITOR'S CORNER

On behalf of the entire Camp, I welcome our newest member: **Anselm Clyde Griffin Jr.** who comes to us on record of his Great-Grandfather

Private William Harrison Griffin of Company E, 22nd Regiment, Mississippi Infantry.

From all reports our Recruitment Booth at the Florewood re-enactment was a big success. Many brochures/applications were given out and several prospective members contacted. A hearty WELL DONE to all of you that helped at the booth.

I'm sorry that I missed the event, but you can't be in two places at the same time. I was in Jackson attending the Mississippi Division Workshop. Much good information was obtained there. Maybe next year more of the members can attend. It is a really worthwhile event.

On April 1st, Compatriot Hartley Sanford and I were invited to attend a meeting at the Cleveland Library by Mrs Charlene Barr, President of Bolivar Troop 1067 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The purpose of the meeting was to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Confederate Monument at the Bolivar County Courthouse in Cleveland. The guest speaker was Mr. Billy Ellis of Lexington, Mississippi. Mr. Ellis is the author of "Tithes of Blood". Mr Ellis was dressed in the uniform of a Corporal of the 11th Mississippi Infantry,

complete with Enfield .58 caliber rifle and the trade mark "Bowie" Knife of the 11th Mississippi. Also in attendance were members of the American Legion Auxiliary, the VFW Auxiliary, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution and several other groups.

ACADEMY BOUND !!!!!

Congressman Bob Goodlette has announced his Service Academy nominees for the class entering this June.

Among the nominees is William "Will" Huntington Wyche of Blue Ridge, Virginia. Wyche is the son of Henry and Paula Wyche of Blue Ridge and the grandson of Hartley Sanford of Cleveland, Mississippi. Wyche, a student at Lord Botetourt High School, was nominated to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., and the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

CAMP MEETING

Our next regular camp meeting will be 7:00 p. m., April 16, 1998 at the First Presbyterian Church, 311 Catchings, Indianola, Mississippi.

Our speaker will be Compatriot Henry McCabe. I want to encourage everyone to attend this meeting. Henry does a great job and I know you will enjoy hearing him.

We will also be finalizing the plans for the Confederate Memorial Service to be held Sunday, April 26th at The Greenville Cemetery. We plan to meet at the United Daughters of the Confederacy Monument for a brief ceremony, then proceed to place Confederate Flags (3rd National) on the graves of the Confederate Soldiers interred there.

DIVISION MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Mississippi Division, Army of Tennessee will conduct Memorial Services at Beauvoir, Biloxi, Mississippi. The events will begin with a "pot-luck" lunch at 12:00 noon with the Memorial Service beginning at 2:00 p. m.

This will truly be a heart-warming experience and I hope that many of you can make the trip to the Coast.

DEDICATION SCHEDULED

The Dedication of the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library at Beauvoir will be May 30, 1998. This will be a "once in a lifetime" experience and will be well worth the trip to the Coast.

DIVISION CONVENTION

The Mississippi Division will be June 5-7, 1998 at Biloxi, Mississippi. Further information will be made available as it is received. This would be a great opportunity for those of you who have not made the Convention before, to meet and get to know the people of the Division. This is always a great program. Hope to see many of you there.

ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE

Mrs Annette McClunney is still working on obtaining members for the OCR in order to Charter a Chapter within our Camp. Anyone that is interested, please contact Mrs. McClunney.

COMMANDER'S NOTE

Compatriots:

The winter is finally over and spring is finally here with its warm weather. Now, we must do as our ancestors did and come out of our winter bivouacs and prepare for the spring campaigns. Our attentions should now be focused on preparations for Confederate Memorial Day at Greenville Cemetery. At our business meeting last month many members turned out to help organize the memorial service and I believe we are going to have a very nice service. Brother Roy Raddin will bless us with a short sermon at the cemetery. I hope to see all members to turn out for this important event. Governor Kirk Fordice has once again signed a proclamation declaring April as Confederate Heritage Month and it is our duty as SCV members to help promote it.

I would like to ask all members to take time out each day to think about the sacrifices that our ancestors made in the Cause that they felt was worth fighting and dying for. Also, fly your colors and wear your pin everyday. Let us all promise not to be "back-seat Rebels" but be more in the public eye. Compatriot Paul Artman has also made a great suggestion that each member make a commitment to mail out four flyers to four different people, it would be a way to promote our camp and recruit new members. Lets all commit to this during the month of April and future months ahead.

Our recruitment booth was a success at the Battle of Floewood Re-enactment with several members braving the elements that Saturday to help out. We have several new prospects for members and we got a chance to publicly promote our camp. Hats off to those who helped out.

The dream of an OCR Chapter being started in conjunction with our camp took a step closer to reality as we gained another person to comit with Annette McClunney in starting the Chapter. We need just three more applicants to have the seven to apply for a charter. If any one is interested please give Annette a call at 375-7230.

Once again I have committed myself to taking a bus load of my students to the Vicksburg Battlefield for a tour. I always look forward to this because it gives me a reason to wear my uniform and discuss our heritage with my students. The students are eager and looking forward to the trip on April 16th, which in coincidence is also our next SCV meeting date. I'll give you a report on how it went that night.

How many members out there are enjoying the Newsletter? Compatriot Earm McCown is doing a wonderful job as editor and is keeping everyone well informed about camp news and around the Confederacy on all levels. I for one feel that this newsletter is an important instrument of communication in our camp. It takes money to turn out 40 to 50 copies a month and postage. We need your help if our camp newsletter is to continue. If you will help sponsor an issue, Mr. McCown will recognize the donation in memory of your ancestor. The next time you see Earl tell him how much you appreciate his hard work on the newsletter and the sacrifices he has made in keeping the camp informed.

Now I must close for now. Remember, take time out each day during April to remember our ancestors and the sacrifices they made. It is our duty to preserve the truth and to educate the youth of tomorrow about the Cause, so that the symbols, monuments, and most importantly, the gravesites of our ancestors will not be defaced and forgotten. Remember, your officers and I are always available to you and we cannot function without you.

Very Respectfully'

Larry McClunney

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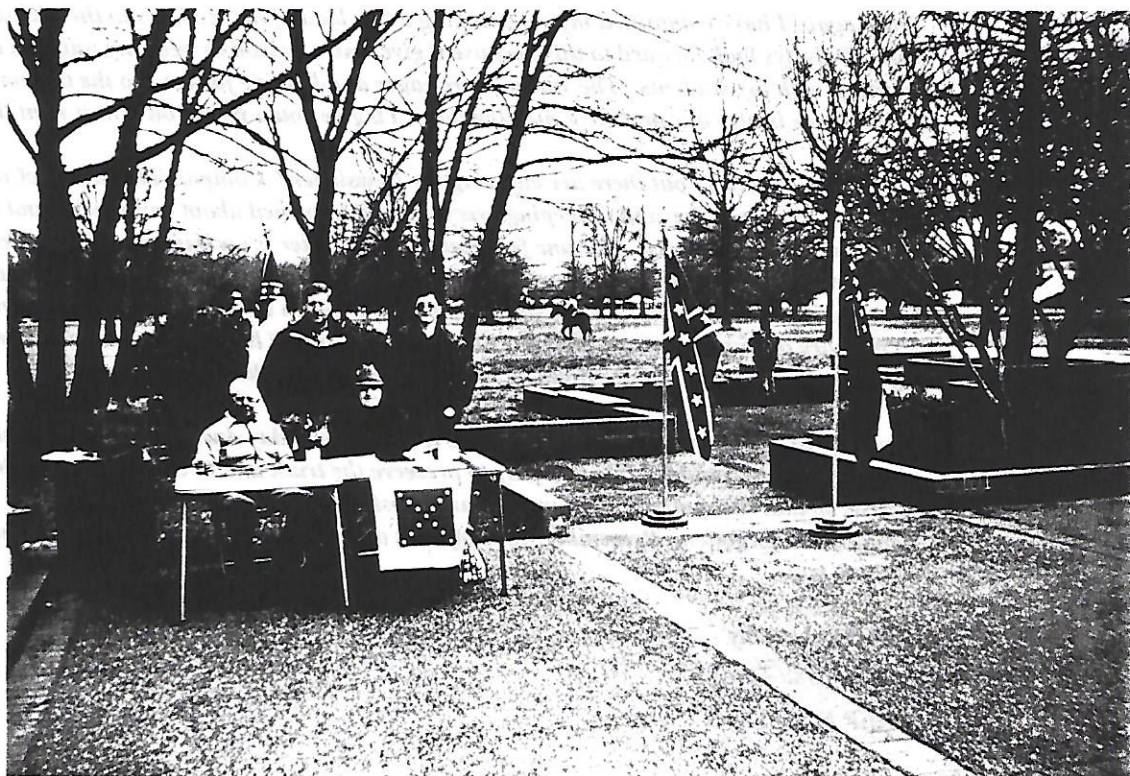
THE OTHER BATTLE AT FLOREWOOD PLANTATION

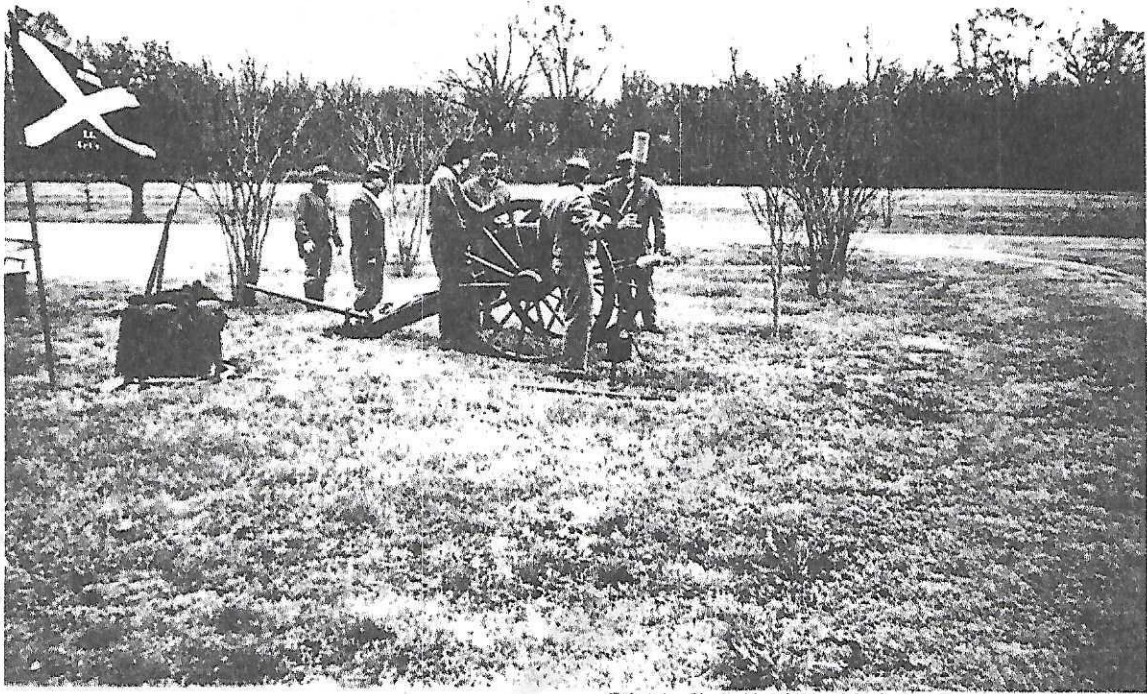
We all know that there was a WBPS Re-enactment held at the Florewood River Plantation on March 13-15. (Incidentally, our side won all three battles.) But very few of you may know about the "Other Battle".

It was a cold morning on that Saturday, March 14. The re-enactors were waking up to a 25° morning in preparations for the day's event. But also that morning another small group of people were stirring at the Pavilion around 9:00 am to set up an SCV recruitment table. The members were eager and looking forward to the Day, but what they did not count on were the conditions they would have to brave. The flags were all set up, they table decorated, period music was playing, but someone forgot to turn the heat up that morning. With below freezing temperatures and 15 MPH winds blowing, our brave members fought to promote our camp and made many contacts with potential new members in the area.

We all enjoyed the fellowship that Saturday, even with the cold temperatures, and it helped remind us of worse conditions that our ancestors had to endure during the war. Such an experience gave us the opportunity to remember and appreciate the sacrifices they made. As a result, we began to plan for next year's event and are looking forward to it. But next time maybe it will be a little warmer.

A heartfelt "REBEL YELL" goes out to Compatriots Sid Aust, Jack Ditto, Oliver, Dan and Andrew McCaskill, Lofton Davidson, and Annette McCluney for manning the booth under extreme conditions.





BATTLE OF FLOREWOOD RE-ENACTMENT: 1ST MISSISSIPPI LIGHT ARTILLERY
READY FOR ACTION!