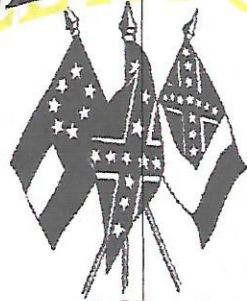
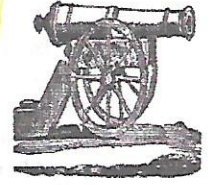
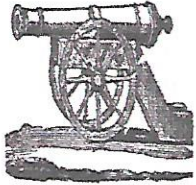


# THE DELTA GENERAL



Brigadier General Benjamin Humphreys  
Camp 1625 - Sons of Confederate Veterans

November - December 1997



## *Editors comment*

*Well 1997 is about finished. This has been an outstanding year for our Camp. Everyone has worked hard and the spirit has been better than I remember. 1998 can be even better. We all need to pull together and make it happen. We have several prospective new members already.*

*Each month an excellent program was presented, our speakers were all outstanding, Thanks to 1st LT. Commander Larry McCluney for lining up the speakers. Thanks Larry for a job well done!*

*We will have no speaker at our December meeting. The meeting will be used to plan our Lee-Jackson banquet to be held in January and for the election of Officers. This is an important meeting, so everyone plan to be there and share your ideas.*

*I know that you are tired of hearing about Dues, but the time to pay them is here. The deadline is no later than January 15, 1998. Even that date will be cutting it pretty close for meeting the National deadline.*

*On a personal note..... I want to thank each of you for your calls, cards and especially your prayers during my recovery from open heart surgery. An Old Rebel like me wouldn't be much without friends like you.*

*I would like to Dedicate this issue of The Delta General in Memory of our departed Comrades:*

*Hiram Prophet (December 1996)*

*Dwayne Fox (May 1997)*

*May their memory always be with us.*

## **CONFEDERATE GENERAL LAID TO REST**

December 18, 1877

*Doro Plantation, Bolivar County, Mississippi*

Brigadier General Charles Clark was born in Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, May 24, 1811. He received his education in Kentucky, and moved to Mississippi about 1831, where he taught school for a time. Later a planter and a Whig adherent of Henry Clay, he served in the Mississippi legislature from 1828 to 1844, and during the Mexican War was colonel of the 2nd Mississippi Infantry. Shortly before the Civil War he became a Democrat and was a delegate to the conventions in Charleston and Baltimore in 1860, where he supported John C. Breckenridge for the presidency.

He was early appointed Brigadier General of State troops and later a Major General. After the acceptance of the Mississippi regiments into Confederate service, Clark was appointed Brigadier General, May 22, 1861.

General Clark was first wounded at Shiloh. Then again at Baton Rouge in August 1862, his hip was so badly shattered as to necessitate the use of crutches for the rest of his life. Retiring from army service, he was elected Governor of Mississippi in 1863 and served until 1865.

At the end of the war he was arrested by the Federal authorities and confined at Fort Pulaski for a time. After his release he took up the practice of law and was appointed Chancellor of his district in 1876.

General Clark died at his Plantation "Doro" in Bolivar County, Mississippi and is buried there.

## **LAST ROLL CALL**

Compatriot Shelton W. Calhoun, age 65, a member of W. D. Cameron Camp, in Meridian, MS., passed away December 4th. He is survived by his wife Edith Ponder Calhoun of 3310 43rd Street, Meridian, MS 39305. He is also survived by his son, Compatriot Ward Calhoun, a hard working member of the Meridian Camp, 3009 55th Ct., Meridian, MS 39305.

Your prayers and kind thoughts for this family will be greatly appreciated.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

November 1, 1815 - Brig. Gen. Douglas Hancock Cooper born in Amite County, Mississippi.

November 3, 1816 - Lt. Gen. Jubal Anderson Early born in Franklin County, Virginia.

November 19, 1835 - Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee born at "Clermont", Fairfax County, Virginia.

December 12, 1818 - Brig. Gen. Paul Octave Hebert born in Iberville Parrish, Louisiana.

## **Jefferson Davis' first speech to the Confederate Congress**

"We protest solemnly in the face of mankind, that we desire at any sacrifice, save that of honor. In independence we seek no conquest, no aggrandizement, no concession of any kind from the States with which we have lately be confederated. All we ask is to be let alone, that those who never held power over us shall not now attempt our subjugation by arms. This we will, we must, resist to the direst extremity. The moment that this pretension is abandoned, the sword will drop from our grasp, and we shall be ready to enter into treaties of amnesty and commerce that cannot but be mutually beneficial. So long as this pretension is maintained, with a firm reliance on that Divine Power which covers with its protection the just cause, we must continue to struggle for our inherent right to freedom, independence, and self government."

From: Facts the Historians Leave Out by John S. Tilley

## **WE NEED YOUR IDEAS**

In planning programs for the coming year we need your input. If you have suggestions for subjects to be presented, or if you would like to present a program yourself, please let us know.

***THE DEAD AT THE CORN FIELD***

