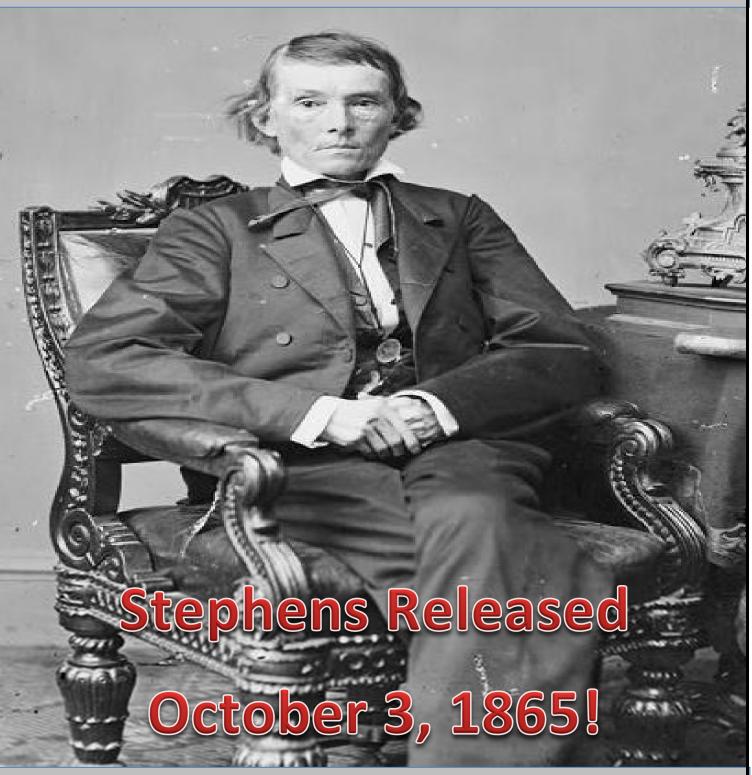
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# The Delta General



Joe Nokes, Camp Commander



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Camp Meeting Thursday, October 1,
   7:00 PM at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church
   Fellowship Hall in Indianola
- Carrollton Pilgrimage Saturday
   October 3
- Fall Muster @ Beauvior, October 16-18

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#### Camp News:

#### Commander's Report - Joe Nokes

Friends and Compatriots,

We had a great meeting in September. Brother James Taylor provided a good presentation, as always. We have selected a date for our Lee-Jackson Banquet in January. Lt. Commander Richard Dillon has already confirmed a very special guest speaker for the Banquet. (Let me urge you to make plans to attend NOW!) Also, make plans to attend our December meeting which will include camp elections for the next two years. Anyone interested in running for a camp office, please let Adjutant Dan McCaskill know.



Of more immediate concern, next Saturday (October 3), the camp is attending the Carrollton Pioneer and Pilgrimage Day for the purpose of recruitment. We will have the AOT recruiting tent. We need as many hands as possible to come and help man the recruiting tent. There is a large pool of potential members in the area, and we have the opportunity to tap into this resource. The event officially runs 9am-5pm with setup beginning at 6am. Then, two weeks later, the weekend of October 16-17-18, is Fall Muster at Beauvoir. I know from a variety of sources that there are some special events in the works at Beauvoir this year. If you have not been to Beauvoir recently, there are many pieces that have been brought out of storage and put on display. With all of these events going on, we have a busy schedule. Please do all you can to attend and support these events. And if there are events that I have forgotten, please bring them to the attention of all. Thanks in advance. And as always,

Deo Vindice, Joe Nokes

#### Camp Meeting, September, 2015

#### Adjutant's Report - Dan McCaskill

7:00 pm Commander Joe Nokes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Meeting was opened with an invocation and blessing by Compatriot Junior Stillman. Joe welcomed all members and guests attending the Meeting and then invited all to partake in the evening meal provided by the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR. After the meal, Joe reconvened the Meeting. Color Sergeant Jimmy Alford led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and salutes to the Flag of Mississippi and the Battle Flag of the Confederacy and then read "The Charge" given to us by Gen. Stephen D. Lee.

<u>Program:</u> Our program for the evening was presented by Brother James Taylor. James told us several short stories that were entertaining with our Confederate Heritage at their heart and with a Christian lesson embedded. With James telling stories, you will never fall asleep because he gets everyone involved.

<u>Announcements:</u> There will be a Flag Rally in Greenwood on September  $12^{th}$ . The Mississippi Division Executive Council will be meeting September  $19^{th}$  at the Independent Baptist Church on Old Brandon Road at 9:30. Division members are invited. Carrollton will be holding its Pioneer Days October  $3^{rd}$  and will be an all-day event. The weekend of October  $16^{th} - 18^{th}$  will be Fall Muster at Beauvoir.

Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander Richard Dillon announced that the October Meeting will have Mark Thompson from Batesville as our speaker, November may be Alan Palmer and December is open. 2nd Lt. Commander Brent Mitchell was absent; Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that Zach Kiker has paid his dues and is now a member of the Camp. Zach is joining on the record of his Ancestor Private Thomas Rogers of Company G, 4<sup>th</sup> MS Infantry. As of the Meeting, the Camp had 26 paid members for Fiscal Year 2015 which include two new members. Twenty-seven have not yet renewed their membership. With donations this evening, the Camp surpassed its goal of \$ 1,000 for the Flag fight and the Camp will donate a total of \$ 1,150. This number could have been higher if the other half of the membership had donated to the cause. Financially, the Camp has spent 45% of its annual budget and currently has \$ 3,379 in the account. As Camp Editor, Larry asked if anyone was having trouble with the newsletter. As AOT Commander, Larry announced that the Mississippi Monument will be dedicated at the Shiloh Battlefield on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The main speaker will be Governor Phil Bryant who is a SCV member. Unfortunately, Phil Gunn is also scheduled to speak. There are restrictions imposed by the National Park Service: no Confederate Battle Flags, MS Flags are welcome but no larger than 8x12, period dress is OK, and there will be shuttle buses to take spectators to the monument site. There will be a SCV event afterwards at the Burial Trench located near the monument to honor the men who died that day. All Confederate are welcome at this event. MOS&B was absent; OCR President Sandra Stillman, the Ella Palmer donated \$ 60 to the Flag Fight Fund.

Camp Business: Conor Bond reported that our application for a table at Pig Pickin at Delta State had been denied. We could still hand out material if so desired. Joe Nokes spoke on Pioneer Days at Carrollton stating the people at Carrollton wanted us back. A motion was made by Jimmy Alford to pay the \$ 30 for a table on the square for the day. The motion was duly seconded and passed. Joe will pay the fee and be reimbursed by the Camp. A date for our Lee-Jackson Banquet was the next topic for discussion. The dates considered were January 16, 23 and 30. A motion was made by Dan McCaskill to empower Richard Dillon to find a speaker for one of those dates. The motion was duly seconded and passed. As we talked, Larry received confirmation that our speaker would be Lt. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain for January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

With no other business coming before the Camp, Commander Nokes turned the meeting over to the ladies of the OCR for the raffle and Capture the Yankee. Johnny Gaugh won the book and James Taylor won the movie. The yankee eluded capture.

The Meeting was dismissed with a word of prayer from Dan McCaskill. Attendance for the evening was 21.

#### Lt. Commander's Report - Richard Dillon

The speaker for October will be Marc Thompson. At this point I do not have a committed speaker for November.

#### Ella Palmer, OCR Report: Sandra Stillman, President

Ladies,

On September 26, 2015, ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter attended a Dedication Service for Private William C. Grizzle, Co. F, Sons of the South, 4th Regiment, Second Brigade (1861-1863), under the command of Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Army of Mississippi.



William Grizzle joined the Confederate Army at some time before September 1861. In February of 1862 he and the rest of his Regiment were taken prisoners of war and sent to Camp Chase, Ohio where nearly 100 of his fellow soldiers died. In a prisoner exchange, William Grizzle was sent to Ponchatoula, Louisiana in October 1862. From December 1862 he served at Vicksburg until just prior to the beginning of the Siege which began May 18, 1863. He apparently became very ill and was sent to the hospital in Jackson for treatment. In his last known letter to his father dated May 10, 1863, William stated the following: "I want you to come and see me if you can. I think if you was here, you could get me home. Come if you can and come as soon as you can." You can hear the urgency in his words.

William C. Grizzle died a few days later on or about May 20, 1863, in that Jackson hospital. Where he is actually buried is unknown; but probably out beside where the old hospital used to be along with all the many other Confederate soldiers buried there.

We know and understand that the Souls and Spirits have departed from these human remains. But here today this headstone marks where he would want to

Special thanks go to those who hosted and participated in the Dedication Service: Rev. James Taylor, Commander of the Calhoun Avengers, SCV Camp 1969; Larry Hellums, Camp 1969 Adjutant; all the ladies of the Order of the Confederate Rose, Margery B. Rogers Clark Chapter 17; Company G, 15th Mississippi Honor Guard – The Grenada Rifles; Larry McCluney, AOT Commander who gave the memorial address and performed the "Water Ceremony"; and all the others unnamed. The event was attended by Sandra Stillman, Missy Tillman, and Annette McCluney.

# CAVAL BY

#### Mechanized Cavalry Report

Men of the 1G:

Over the years our Division and other state Division's dates have been in conflict with our Mechanized Cavalry Annual. This has been brought up at the last two Officers Call including the one at Arkansas last week. The SCVMC is now working with all States that have MC Annuals scheduled so that the dates will be changed to not conflict with our Division Annuals. We have more 1G members in the Division leadership than ever and that is where we need to be as SCV members. If I am not mistaken Mississippi Division Annual is always the first weekend of June and the Mechanized Cavalry Annual for 2016 will be 15-18 June 2016 at Cedar Key Florida, so start making plans for both now. Budget your time and money for these two events next year starting today even if you have to miss other events.

The 2015 Mechanized Cavalry Annual in Arkansas was great! As far as I know everyone made it through the week without any accidents and safe at home now. There were a few breakdowns but all were taken care of. 1G was well representative with 7 members. The following are the scheduled Annuals..... 2016 Florida (15-18 Jun 2016 at Cedar Key Florida); 2017 North Carolina 2018 South Carolina; 2019 Texas

Note: Chelsey Roberts Reports local events: October 17<sup>th</sup> - Beauvoir Fall Muster.

#### Mississippi Division News:

## Buy One Now . . . Show Your Pride in Your Southern Heritage

Gentlemen,

Beginning July 1, 2015 you can now get the original issue Division License plate design for your car again. Simply take the photo attached to this email and show it to the person where you renew your vehicle license plate and request this design. You can use the initials CV along with the picture to let them know which one to get. The additional cost is still \$31 added to your tag's cost.



If you wish to keep the tag with the Beauvoir design you can. The Department of Revenue does not make you turn them in like other tags. However, none of the money from the old Beauvoir tag will go to Beauvoir. They have received permission for their own tag. You would need to contact the people at Beauvoir to find out how to get that tag if you wish to run it on your car.

As in the past money raised from the sale of the Division License plate will go to restore the battle flags in the possession of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

#### Announcement from the Heritage Defense Committee

Gentleman,

In an effort to make this committee stronger I have been authorized to draft you if you are not already on the committee. I have talked with and read Mr., Jeppie Barbour instruction for collecting signatures for the petition that is being prepared at this time. WE need a plan and implementation team for each old congressional districts. These are closely aligned to our five brigades. I suggest that each Brigade Commander and Councilman form a Heritage Committee within the brigade try to include all camp commanders and any and all volunteers both SCV and non SCV. If you have any idea please feel free to e-mail me.

This is the announcement that went out to all committee members. As co-chairman of the committee I have ask for some feedback and I appreciate all who have sent me their comments. I realize this is short notice; however, I believe it is necessary to clear the air. I have some recommendation for going forward. Please if at all possible make arrangements to attend the this meeting at 9:00 AM in Jackson at the War Memorial Building. This will be a short meeting and time will be limited. We will conclude by 10:15 and hopefully everyone will then go hear Col. Kaufman. I know of at least 3 events for the same day just in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade; so if you are unable to attend please respond to this e-mail.

Joseph "Joe" Abbott Co Chairman Heritage Committee

#### Save the MS Flag Heritage Defense Fund

Gentlemen.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to help with the MS Division's fight to save and protect our State Flag should sent their donation to the MS Division Adjutant at the below address. Please make you checks payable to "MS Division-SCV" and note the money is for the Flag fight. **Please do not send the money to the Heritage Defense Committee**. The Committee does not have the authority to collect or spend money on behalf of the Mississippi Division.

Keep Her Flying, Dan A. McCaskill, Adjutant Mississippi Division, SCV 205 Cypress Street Leland, MS 38756

### <u>DEDICATION OF MISSISSIPPI MONUMENT AT</u> <u>SHILOH</u>, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Rhea Field

The official dedication of the monument to the Mississippi soldiers who fought at Shiloh



Model of Monument: Artist; Kim Sessums

#### **Upcoming Division Events**

#### **Upcoming Mississippi Division Conventions**

The 2016 Mississippi Convention will be Hosted by the Hattiesburg camp with the convention at Beauvoir.

#### Changing the Name Against the Law

Our case against the University of Mississippi is still in the discovery stage. The Division Judge Advocate hopes to have a court date in 6 months or so.

#### Friends of Beauvoir

Beauvoir the Home of Jefferson Davis is Owned and Operated by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Here is an Invitation to give the Past a Future!

Go to http://www.beauvoir.org/Support Beauvoir/index.html for details

#### **Bricks for Beauvoir**

The plans are for a brick plaza around the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Each brick would cost \$50.00 and would have the name of a Confederate ancestor of members of the SCV who give to the effort. "The Bricks for Beauvior" Project is spearheaded by Larry McCluney, Past Commander of the Mississippi Division. Thirteen columns, in a crescent, will represent the 13 States of the Confederacy and will fly the flag of each respective State.

#### Fall Muster

Mark your calendars for Oct 16-18. That week end is Fall Muster at Beauvoir. You can experience the sights, sounds and smells of the 1860's, as you witness the epic struggle that shaped the Nation.

#### **Highland Games at Beauvoir**

The games will be at Beauvoir Saturday 10/31 and Sunday 11/01/15, and we will have an SCV tent as usual. This is a good SCV recruiting tool and spreads good will to like-minded people, both in the Scottish community and tourists at large.

#### Military Order of the Stars and Bars

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars at its convention held on July 10, 2015 in Alexandria, Virginia passed the following resolution:

Resolved that: History should not be abolished or wielded in the pursuit of vengeance. It is a tool that is to be used to build a better future. The Confederate heritage community acknowledges that the battle flag has been inappropriately used and abused by certain hate groups. We will not surrender to hate, or abandon our heritage. Politicians are using the Confederate heritage community as a target for government discrimination to sow the seeds of racial divisiveness. The vile public rhetoric and the campaign of discrimination have inspired recent vandalism on war memorials. The Confederate soldier was an American soldier and recognized as such by Federal



law, multiple Congresses and multiple Presidents. When the war was over all Americans joined hands to reunite and reconcile the nation. The recent actions by certain politicians, without thinking of the consequences, are reprehensible and encourage destruction and disobedience of the law. They exploit racial strife for political gain. Over 70 million American citizens descend from Confederate veterans and are a part of the nation's multi-cultural fabric. They are entitled to the same privileges as any other citizen. They are entitled to equal protection under the law. The preservation of our American heritage is vital. All Confederate memorials and monuments must be protected as a part of history. The Military Order of the Stars and Bars is dedicated to the preservation of all aspects of history. We sincerely ask all Americans to join with us in this worthy goal.

Wm. Howard Jones, Commander General

#### From Shiloh NMP

During the battle of Shiloh, 19 states fielded combat units. Since the creation of Shiloh National Military Park in December of 1894, fifteen states have placed official markers on the battlefield. Of the 4 remaining, Mississippi is the only state that had a significant number of combatants (19 units, 17% of the Confederate force) not represented by a marker. Thus, it is quite possible that this will be the final monument ever erected on Shiloh battlefield.

The dedication of the Mississippi Monument will be a poignant moment that will span generations. It will be a moment that will be remembered as a time when the citizens of the State honored their own who served here. It will be a time for reconciliation and it will be a solemn occasion, as have been all the other dedications over the past 121 years. It would be a shame if it is remembered for something other than that.

The event is open to the public, and all are welcome. However, in order to ensure the safety of those attending, and to foster the dignity of the occasion, any items that exceed 12" in length (including flag standards, long weapons [including replicas], swords, etc.) will not be allowed in the event area.

If you desire to stage a flag display or a large scale rally event, we will issue you a permit for a First Amendment rally, to be conducted in the park-designated First Amendment area, as authorized by National Park Service policies. If you desire such a permit, please contact me.

Dale Wilkerson , Superintendent Shiloh National Military Park 731.689.5275 office 731.926.1867 cell

#### **SCV National News:**

#### Message from the Commander in Chief, Charles Kelly Barrow

Compatriots and friends,

On 10th day of August, 2015 Jerry G. Gantt, Imperial Potentate of Shriners International issued Special Order #4 prohibiting any Shriner (in an official capacity), or Shrine unit to display a Confederate flag in public or in private, including in Shrine temples, AND prohibits any Shriner (in official capacity) to participate in ANY event where a Confederate flag is displayed.

This Special Order is a slap in the face to the 70,000,000 descendants of Confederate Veterans (also now considered by Federal law to be US Veterans) whose forbearers loved, served and were protected by the Southern Cross.

But, the consequences of this action are anticipated to be farther reaching than just the Shriners. We anticipate parade organizers, and other groups to refer to this Order as a reason that a Confederate Flag should not be displayed at their event(s) or in their Fraternal, Veteran, or Civic Association halls. In short, this Order MUST be rescinded, now! We must make our voices heard.

Here are a couple of quick actions you can take today to help:

- 1. Sign a petition here.
- 2. Forward the petition on to your friends, family, fellow camp members, and fellow veterans, and ask them to sign, including sharing on your social media.
- 3. If you are a Mason or Shriner, you can let your Worshipful Master, Potentate, or York or Scottish Rite Bretheren know that you are unhappy with this disharmonious action.
- 4. Contact IP Gantt and share your opinion. His Executive VP is John Piland at 813-281-0300 x 7637 e-mail: <a href="mailto:jpiland@shrinenet.org">jpiland@shrinenet.org</a>.
  Tell the Imperial Potentate to rescind his order! Although the good works of the Shriners are appreciated, Potentate Gantt's action is disrespecting your family and that you are offended, and that he should re-consider his decision.

For more information please contact David McCallister, Florida Heritage Operations Chairman at 813-778-1202 or drmmystery1881@gmail.com.

# Historic Elm Springs' Semin Southern Heritage Festival



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Reenactors: Native American / Confederate /

Reenactors: Native American / Conf Revolutionary War? / WWII Vendors of all types Free genealogical research

Oral History recordings – bring historical pictures of your family Ladies' tea and social Sunday 1:30-2:30 pm...and much, much more!







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Pictures of the Base of the New Mississippi Monument that will be dedicated on October 10 at 11:00 AM at Shiloh NMP. It will be the last monument allowed in the park and all it lacks is the stature to be installed.

## The Sons of Confederate Veterans presents the

# 2016 Stephen Dill Lee Institute RECONSTRUCTIO

The following speakers have agreed to speak in Columbia:

Jeffery Addicott, Law Professor at St. Marys Law School in San Antonio

Earl James, Curator of the NC Museum of History in Raleigh

Don Kennedy, author of The South Was Right!

Ron Kennedy, author of The South Was Right!

Donald Livingston, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Emory University, founder of the Abbyville Institute

Egon Tauseh, Author and former Adjunct Professor of Constitutional and Contract Law



## February 5-6, 2016 - Columbia, South Carolina

The 2016 Institute will be held at the Columbia Marriott in downtown Columbia, call 803-771-7000. Meet the Speakers reception hosted by the Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp 273.

Registration: \$150 per person, \$125 for SCV members and family. Includes Saturday breakfast, lunch and banquet.

Register by calling 1-800-MY-DIXIE or visit our web site at

www.stephendleeinstitute.com

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CDs from previous Stephen Dill Lee events are available on our website

#### The Life of Alexander Stephens, Vice-President of the Confederacy

Synopsis

Alexander Stephens was an American politician born near Crawfordville, Georgia, on February 11, 1812. During his childhood, he fell ill easily and also suffered the loss of both parents. After studying law, he served in the Georgia legislature and then as the state's governor. Stephens is most known as the Confederate vice president during the American Civil War. After the war, Stephens was imprisoned. Upon his release, he worked as a U.S. congressman. He died on March 4, 1883, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Alexander Hamilton Stephens was born on February 11, 1812, to Andrew Baskins Stephens and Margaret Grier, in a log cabin on a farm near Crawfordville, Georgia. His mother died a few months after his birth, and his father then remarried. In 1824, his father passed away from pneumonia, as did his stepmother a week later. Stephens and one brother moved in with an uncle in Warren County while other siblings were disbursed among other relatives.

Alexander Stephens was a sickly boy, but had a bright mind and performed well in private and public schools. He then entered Franklin College (later called the University of Georgia), where he graduated in 1832 with high honors. He taught school for 18 months before studying law and passing the bar in 1834. He practiced law over the next couple of years, and, during this time, gained an interest in politics.

Stephens's political career started in 1836, when Georgia voters elected him to the state legislature as a member of the States Rights Party (later changed to the Whig Party). His tenure lasted until 1841, and the following year, he began a one-year term in the Georgia Senate.

Stephens's next role was as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, a position he filled from 1843 to 1859. Like most members of his party, he supported states' rights to allow slavery. He also backed the annexation of Texas and drafted the Compromise of 1850 (regarding the status of territories obtained during the Mexican-American War). The Compromise passed, thus defusing a four-year conflict between Southern and Northern states. Stephens's self-proclaimed biggest political victory was the passing of the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854, which created new territories and allowed settlers to determine whether they would allow slavery.

Stephens climbed to higher political prominence in 1861, with his election as vice president of the Confederacy. Around this time, he delivered his famous "Cornerstone Speech," which defended slavery and discussed the differing viewpoints of how to govern between the North and the South.

With Confederate President Jefferson Davis, over the next couple years, the Confederate government held its stance as long as possible during the Civil War. However, the South took many grave losses, including those at Gettysburg and Vicksburg in 1863. Stephens attempted to negotiate a prisoner exchange around this time, but President Abraham Lincoln and his staff refused to compromise.

Stephens pushed to negotiate the end of the Civil War, and in February 1865, Davis appointed him to represent the Southern delegation in a meeting in Hampton Roads, Virginia, with President Lincoln and Secretary of State William Seward. The meeting proved to be fruitless, with discussions coming to a standstill, and Stephens left with no progress made.

The Civil War ended in April 1865, when General Robert E. Lee surrendered his Confederate Army at Appomattox Court House, Virginia. A month later, Stephens was arrested for treason and imprisoned for five months in Fort Warren, Boston Harbor.

The 13th Amendment to abolish slavery, proposed by Northern leaders such as U.S. Congressman James Mitchell Ashley, was implemented. Subsequently, four million African Americans gained their freedom.

After Stephens's release in 1866, he returned to Georgia, where voters elected him to the U.S. Senate. He served until his resignation in 1882. Georgians continued to support Stephens and elected him as governor that same year. Just 119 days after taking office, on March 4, 1883, Stephens died after suffering a sudden illness in Atlanta. He was buried near his home, called Liberty Hall, which he built in 1872, in Crawfordville, Georgia.

Personal Life

Throughout his life, Stephens fell ill easily—a trait carried from childhood to adulthood. He was confined to a wheelchair during much of his career, and rarely weighed more than 95 pounds. His physical limitations did not mar his intellect; those who worked with him viewed Stephens as a sharp thinker. Stephens never married or had children. He lived at Liberty Hall with his slaves, many of whom remained loyal after gaining their freedom, choosing to stay with Stephens for little or no money. Many of those slaves were with Stevens until his death in 1883.

Stephens is still honored and remembered today in the state of Georgia. Both Stephens County and the A.H. Stephens Historic Park were named after him.



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Remember, time to renew your dues for the new fiscal year. October 1 is our next camp meeting.

