

The Delta General

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Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys

February 2 is Groundhog Day



This Issue: Welcome New Member David Floyd!!!

Camp Meeting is February 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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Commander's Comments — Michael Anthony

Greetings men and ladies of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp and the Ella Palmer Chapter of the Order of the Confederate Rose and our friends and followers who read this newsletter. January has been a wonderful month for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp. The year began with the fantastic news that an anonymous donor paid the remaining balance of the loan the SCV took to pay for the Museum of Southern Heritage. The debt is paid and the Museum now completely belongs to the SCV! What a fantastic blessing by a person who loves the SCV and is Living the Charge. On January 11 our Camp received the double blessing of inducting a new member to the Camp and enjoying each other's company at the Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet. Finally, on January 20, our Nation received a new beginning with the inauguration of President Donald Trump, who promises to be much friendlier to the SCV, the Charge, and Confederate history and heritage than did his predecessor.

The Lee-Jackson Banquet is our Camp's signature event. Every January, the men of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp and the ladies of the Order of the Confederate Rose come together to honor two of our greatest Confederate heroes: Robert E Lee and Thomas Stonewall Jackson. This year, the Banquet had two highlights: the induction into the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp and the Sons of Confederate Veterans Mister David Floyd. Please join me in welcoming David into our Camp and into our Confederation. Then, our Camp was blessed to have Mister Forrest Dawes speak. Mister Daws is the Mississippi Division First Lieutenant Commander, the SCV Historian-in-Chief, and the Commander of his Camp: Samuel H Poe Camp. The topic of his speech was The Flags of our Fathers; and he spoke about the battle flags that were carried by the regiments of his Confederate ancestors. For each ancestor, he bought a replica of the flag that ancestor's regiment carried. His speech was very interesting and full of information that was new to many of the members of the audience. At the conclusion of his speech, Mister Daws announced his candidacy for Mississippi Division Commander. Larry McCluney offered a motion that our Camp endorse Mister Daws for Mississippi Division Commander and his motion was carried unanimously. Congratulations to Forrest Daws on his candidacy for Mississippi Division Commander.

Our next Camp meeting will be Saturday, February 8. The following weekend (February 15-16) the Camp will host a recruiting table at the Greenville Gun Show. If you live in the Greenville area, if you like gun shows, or if you just want to support the Camp and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, come join us and bring a friend who might be interested in joining our Camp!

Always remember, as a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, you took an oath to live the Charge given to us one hundred nineteen years ago by General Steven D Lee. Think about how you will Live the Charge in the coming month and year. Attending a Camp meeting? Attending our recruiting table at the Greenville Gun Show? Bringing a friend to our Camp meeting? Donating money to the Camp or to the SCV's 21st Century Confederate Heroes Fund? Educating another person about the true history of the South and the Cause for which the Confederate Soldier fought? Whatever you do, Live the Charge and keep your Confederate ancestor's memory alive.

Deo Vindice,
Michael Anthony

Adjutant's Report — Dan McCaskill

Our 29th Lee-Jackson Birthday Banquet is now part of our Camp's history. I would like to thank the men of the B/G Benjamin Humphreys Camp, SCV and the Gen. Charles Clark Chapter, MOSB for their contributions for a successful banquet. I would like to extend a special thanks to the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR for all their hard work organizing the banquet and conducting the raffle.

One of the highlights of the evening was Commander Michael Anthony had the privilege of inducting his first member into our Camp. David Floyd became the first new member of 2025 and the 45th member of the Camp. Pictured to the right is David with his wife, Janice. David and Janice live in McCarley, MS and David is a pilot for Federal Express. All of us extend a warm welcome to David and Janice as our newest members of our SCV family. After the induction, everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner provided by the members and friends of the Camp. There was a wide variety of dishes and all were great. Loved the desserts!

We were honored to have the MS Division 1st Lt. Commander, Forrest Daws as our guest speaker. His program was about Confederate Battle Flags with a unique twist. Each Flag presented was a Flag that one of his Ancestor's served under. Plus, Forrest told each Ancestor's story of their service and what they endured while serving under these Flags. We all heard the story of the "common" soldier. They weren't "common" but were exceedingly brave. They sacrificed years of their lives and for some, their life, in service to their State and Country enduring unbelievable living and fighting conditions. At the end of his program, Forrest announced his candidacy for the position as Mississippi Division Commander. Past-CIC Larry McCluney made a motion that the Camp support Forrest and cast their votes for Forrest. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously passed without objection.

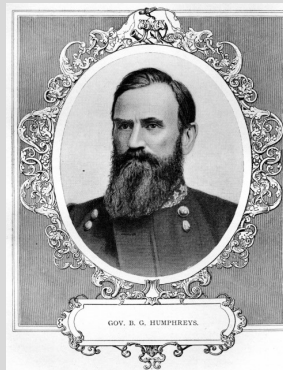
Before the Candlelight Memorial Service, one piece of Camp business was taken care of. A motion was made for the Camp to man a recruitment table at the Greenville Gun Show, February 15-16, 2025. The motion was duly seconded and passed without objection. Kenneth Ray offered to be the point man.

Dan McCaskill conducted the Candlelight Memorial Service. Dan reminded those in attendance of the passing last year of Compatriots Jim Riales and Hal Towles. Twenty-five Confederate Ancestors were recognized.

Following the service, Missy Stillman announced who had the winning bid on the items of the OCR Silent Auction. The person who took home the most items was Tommy McCaskill. Two of his kids helped him to spend his money for a good cause. Annette McCluney reported the auction produced the highest income for their Chapter.

The wonderful evening came to an end with a closing prayer from Camp Chaplain Earl McCown and the singing of Dixie.

Of those who stated they were coming to the banquet, only two failed to show due to illness. Five others had to make their way through the recent snow in order to attend and we had a few unexpected attendees. Without an accurate head count, attendance was estimated at 35. A great time was had by all. Hopefully, we will see more at our 30th Lee-Jackson Birthday in 2026.



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Brig. – Gen. Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Indianola, Mississippi 38751

Financial Statement: January 31, 2024 – February 1, 2025

Beginning Funds	\$ 2,294.33
Deposits	3,669.00
21 st Century Confederate Heroes	1,000.00
Confederate Museum	420.00
Confederate Headstone	642.00
Checks	-3,780.24
Confederate Museum	-420.00
21 st Century Confederate Heroes	-1,000.00
Confederate Headstone	-577.80

Account Balance	\$ 2,246.99
Restricted: Heritage Defense	\$ -299.50
Confederate Headstone	<u>\$ -64.20</u>
Available Fund	\$ 1,883.29

<u>Op. Budget remaining as of 1/31/24</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>
<u>Budget</u>		

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>		<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed 2025</u>
Newsletter	\$ 23.00	\$ 71.77	Newsletter	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Memorial Day	50.00	50.00	Memorial Day	50.00	50.00
Awards, JROTC	0.00	0.00	Awards, JROTC	0.00	0.00
Emergency Fund	75.00	100.00	Emergency Fund	100.00	100.00
Church	50.00	50.00	Church (\$ 25 per night)	275.00	275.00
Camp Website	0.00	0.00	Camp Website	181.00	151.00
1 st Lt. Cmdr Fund	2.88	102.00	1 st Lt Cmdr Fund	275.00	275.00
Lee – Jackson Banquet	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 66.44</u>	Lee – Jackson Banquet	<u>\$ 140.00</u>	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
Balance	\$ 300.88	\$ 440.21		\$ 1,121.00	\$ 1,121.00

<u>Certificate of Deposit, (# 8206011183)</u>	<u>02-01-2025</u>	<u>02-01-2024</u>
	\$ 1,739.49	\$ 1,729.43

<u>Capital Reserve</u>	\$ 762.29	\$ 616.24
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<u>Distribution of CD</u>	<u>01-01-2025</u>	<u>01-01-2024</u>
Capitol Reserve (89.2%)	\$ 1,551.63	\$ 1,542.69
MOS & B (10.8%)	\$ 187.86	186.74

Distribution of Assets

	<u>02-01-2025</u>	<u>02-01-2024</u>	<u>02-01-2023</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Checking Account	\$ 2,246.99	\$ 2,196.74	\$ 1,992.14			
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$ 1,739.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,729.43</u>	<u>\$ 1,712.26</u>			
	\$ 3,986.48	\$ 3,704.40	\$ 3,704.40	\$ 60.31	\$ 221.77	\$ 249.14

The Chaplain's Pen—Earl McCown

Moses lived two thousand years before Jesus, yet our Lord insisted that He Himself – Jesus of Nazareth – was the subject of Moses' writings in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. That's quite a claim, but Jesus was actually understating the truth. Not only did Moses write about Him, but so did the psalmist, the prophets, and all the other writers of the Old Testament. The Hebrew Scriptures had only one ultimate aim – to introduce the Messiah to the world. They describes Him, predicted Him, explained Him, anticipated Him and commended Him.



Some people never have inward flutters about their faith; they are so convinced the Bible is true that doubt doesn't rattle them. But other Christians have occasional moments when they say, "Is this really true? Is Christianity true?" After all, the secular world attacks the Christian faith every day.

The fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies about Jesus reassures our faith. Jesus is on every page, and He Himself is the fulfillment of prophecies made hundreds of years before His birth. The Old Testament gives us a firm foundation for our faith.

Mississippi Division News

2025 Mississippi Division Reunion Pickwick Landing, TN June 6-8, 2025

Compatriots of the Mississippi Division SCV and Ladies of the Mississippi Society OCR,

We are honored to invite you to the 2025 Mississippi Division Annual Reunion, hosted by Col. William P. Rogers Camp 321. The Reunion will be held on June 6-8, 2025, at the Lodge at Pickwick Landing State Park, Pickwick Landing, TN.

Our Annual Reunion serves as a gathering of our compatriots, families, and friends. It is a time when we come together to transact the business of our organization but also as a time to celebrate our shared honorable heritage, reflect on our achievements from the past year, and envision the future of our organizations. Please make plans to join us for a memorable weekend.

Our host hotel is the Lodge at Pickwick Landing, located on the banks of the Tennessee River in Pickwick Landing, TN. The Lodge offers 119 rooms, all of which directly face the Tennessee River, as well as a great restaurant and bar. Room Rates are \$155.00 a night. Please use Group Code 8244 to receive this room rate when booking.

Pickwick is close to many sites of the War for Southern Independence: the battlefields of Shiloh, Brice's Crossroads, Corinth, and Davis Bridge. The state park also offers some amazing fishing and golfing. Registration is now open, and we encourage you to secure your spot at the reunion at your earliest convenience. Please take advantage of our early registration rates.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Reunion Planning Committee at msdivadjutant@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you next June at Pickwick!
In the Bonds of the Old South,

Mike Moore, Chairman
2025 Reunion Host Committee

MS Division DEC Meeting

Gentlemen,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and your year is off to a good start. I spoke with Commander Brown earlier concerning a DEC meeting. There were several conflicts for multiple people in March, and obviously April is going to be packed with various Confederate History and Heritage Month events. As such, we are looking at February 22 for a DEC meeting. We have the conference room at the War Memorial Building reserved and the meeting will begin there at 10:00 am. Any member of the Division in good standing may attend and any member wishing to be placed on the agenda will need to send their request to Chief of Staff Michael Putnam and Commander Brown. Be sure to include the topic you wish to speak on and the length of time you are requesting.

I would also like to remind everyone that the next meeting of the Combined Boards of Beauvoir will take place at 10:00 am on January 25th in the Board Room of the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library at Beauvoir. All meetings scheduled for 2025 are posted on Beauvoir's website for everyone's convenience. Like DEC meetings, any member of the Mississippi Division in good standing may attend board meetings and may request to be

placed on the agenda. Requests should be sent to the Secretary of the Combined Boards and should request the topic and length of time being requested.

As always, I thank everyone for their service to the SCV. We will face many challenges in 2025, but I also believe we will achieve many victories. Staying positive and working together, we will continue to honor our ancestors and preserve the good name of the Confederate Veteran.

For the cause,
Forrest S. Daws, 1st Lt. Commander, MS Division, SCV

Beauvoir and Division News

Friends of Beauvoir

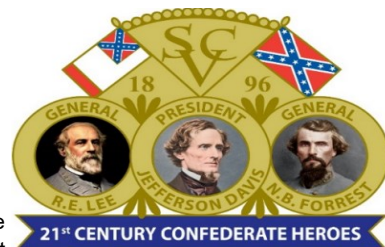
For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.

Bricks for Beauvoir

Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvoir. Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit, and company. The memorial bricks will be laid creating a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate soldier. For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400

SCV National News

21st Century Confederate Heroes



The National Sons of Confederate Veterans welcomes you to the 21st

-Century Confederate Heroes. Your generous donation will serve to remember and honor our Confederate Heroes and our beloved Southland. The program comes with many perks.

- 1) Flag streamer or Neck Ribbon a. If you submit as an individual, you will receive a neck ribbon with a 21st Century Confederate Heroes medal on the ribbon. b. If you submitted as a camp, division or organization, you will receive a 21st Century Confederate Heroes streamer for your flag.
- 2) Paver – a paver placed on the Walkway of Confederate Heroes from the Museum to the Forrest Plaza
- 3) Certificate – A certificate documenting for future generations your membership as a Confederate Hero
- 4) A copy of the hardcover book 21st Century Confederate Heroes with a page dedicated to the information provided by you that details the individual or camp, etc. you wish to memorialize. Up to three photos may be included
- 5) Donor recognition in the National Confederate Museum – A Television will be placed inside the Museum's gift shop. This TV will display PowerPoint slides of the information 21st Century Confederate Heroes members provide. It can be you, your family, your ancestor, your camp, etc.
- 6) A Flag flown from the Forrest Plaza – One of the purposes of the 21st Century Confederate Heroes is to restore the Forrest Plaza. Once the plaza has been rebuilt and the flagpole is placed, every month for a year a donor will be drawn to receive the flag flown the previous month.
- 7) A QR Code on a sign will be placed near the Forrest Plaza identifying all those who donated \$1,000 or more to the restoration of the Forrest Plaza prior to the 21st Century Confederate Heroes campaign.

Notes:

Make checks out the Sons of Confederate Veterans and note 21st CCH in the memo line of your check.

For more information contact Commander-in-Chief Walter D. Kennedy at: ciC@scv.org

Or contact National HQ by mail or email:
SCV, P.O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402
exedir@scv.org



2025 SCV MS Division Reunion

Registration Form

129th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

31st Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose

Pickwick Landing, TN – June 6-8, 2025

Hosts: Col. W.P. Rogers Camp 321 SCV and Ladies of Col. W.P. Rogers Chapter 25, OCR



SCV Member Name: _____

Title: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____

OCR Member Name: _____

Title: _____

OCR Chapter Name & Number: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies (quantities limited). Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last. OCR members will receive a medal if payment is provided below.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member – on or before May 6, 2025, \$60.00 / After May 6, 2025, \$70.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

OCR Member – on or before May 6, 2025, \$30.00 / After May 6, 2025, \$35.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Commander’s Reception - on or before May 6, 2025, \$25.00 per person QTY _____ \$ _____

Awards Banquet – on or before May 6, 2025, \$50.00 per person QTY _____ \$ _____

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 6, 2025, **INCLUDING WALK-UPS**)

Individual Ancestor Memorial - \$10.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Half Page Ancestor Memorial - \$40.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Full Page Ancestor Memorial - \$100.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT =====> \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to **Col. W.P. Rogers Camp 321** & Mail to:
Camp 321 C/O: Dwight Johnson, 3470 CR 100, Corinth, MS 38834

SCV Contact: Mike Moore (732) 962-5335 OCR Contact: Laura Moore (662) 416-7949

HOTEL INFO

The Lodge at Pickwick Landing
120 Playground Loop, Counce, TN 38326
(888) 867-2757
or online at:

www.tnstateparks.com/lodges/pickwick-landing

Use Group Code **8244** when booking for \$155.00 room rate.



130th Annual National Reunion Houston, Texas

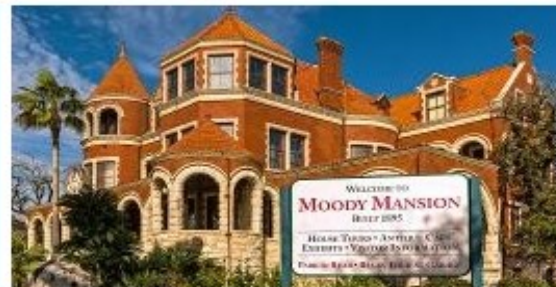
In the heart of Texas, Houston stands as a city of dualities—a place where the “Spirit of the Confederacy” monument whispers tales of valor, while rockets at the Johnson Space Center defy gravity. Here, Hermann Park cradles tranquility—a lush oasis with McGovern Lake and the bronze gaze of Sam Houston. Moody Mansion guards secrets within its red-brick walls, and Sabine Pass, where sea meets land, echoes bravery from the Civil War. But it’s San Jacinto that resonates—a battlefield where Texas won its independence, and the bay murmurs courage and sacrifice. Houston isn’t just a city; it’s a symphony of resilience, launching expectations beyond the stars.



Battle of Galveston Tour



Dick Dowling Grave / San Jacinto Tour



Moody Mansion



Host Hotel

Houston Marriott South Hobby Airport

9100 Gulf Fwy.

Houston, TX 77107

(713) 943-7979



Sons of Confederate Veterans
130th Annual National Reunion
 Houston, Texas July 17-20, 2025



Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

SCV Camp Name: _____ Number _____ Division _____

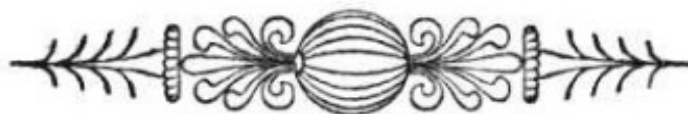
Current Rank, Title, or Position: _____

Spouse Name (For Name Badge): _____

*Note: Please only provide your spouse's name if they are attending a Reunion Meal or Tour. Spouses **DO NOT** need to pay for registration.*

Date	Time	Event	Price	Qty	Total
SCV REUNION EARLY BIRD	REGISTRATION	ALL SCV MEMBERS MUST REGISTER (through May 31, 2025) includes medal & program	\$75.00		
SCV REGULAR REUNION	REGISTRATION	ALL SCV MEMBERS MUST REGISTER (June 1, 2025 through July 7, 2025) includes medal & program	\$85.00		
Thursday, July 17, 2025	12:00 PM	Heritage Defense Luncheon	\$48.00		
Thursday, July 17, 2025	1:45 PM	Battle of Galveston Tour/Dinner/Cemetery Tour	\$100.00		
Friday, July 18, 2025	7:30 AM	Chaplain's Breakfast	\$38.00		
Friday, July 18, 2025	12:00 PM	SCV Awards Luncheon	\$48.00		
Friday, July 18, 2025	1:45 PM	Battle of San Jacinto Tour/ Dick Dowling Grave	\$40.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	7:30 AM	Mechanized Cavalry Breakfast	\$38.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	8:30 AM	Ladies Tour to Galveston - Moody Mansion/ Lunch/ Museum	\$70.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	6:00 PM	Commander in Chief Reception	\$30.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	7:00 PM	SCV Banquet/Debutante Presentation/Grand Ball <i>Note: Dress Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform</i>	\$80.00		
Ancestor Memorials ~ Each		<i>You Must Submit Ancestor Info on Separate Form</i>	\$10.00		
Extra Reunion Medal		Note: 1 Medal is included with your registration, order extras here	\$25.00		
Reunion Medal		Limited Edition - Numbered 1-100. Note: This medal is NOT included with registration.	\$100		
		FINAL TOTAL - Registration, Tours, Extra Medals			

Please Make Checks Payable to: "Texas Division SCV"
 Mail the Form & Check to **733 W 3rd Ave. Corsicana, TX 75110**



HANGED! AN INNOCENT MAN?

Thomas Caleb Dula.

By Robert Taylor (ACWRTQ).



Of all the stories we've covered in the past 102 issues of this Australian study journal, and of all our guest speakers, none amaze me more than the story of *Tom Dula*. I had an interest in this young man even before I stepped up to the ranks of *civil-war* enthusiasts. I took an instant liking to the song "*Tom Dooley*" in 1958 when it was released on record by *The Kingston Trio*, not realising, until recently, that it had *civil-war* connections. In those days before T.V. in New Zealand and Australia I used to sing it at regular Saturday night parties, as was the custom in those days when each guest was expected to perform an item of some kind. We would have tap-dancing, magical tricks, minstrel shows, a piano-accordion and many songs. This was before we all became a nation of spectators.

*"Hang down your head Tom Dooley
Hang down your head and cry,
Hang down your head Tom Dooley
Poor boy you're bound to die".*

I didn't know the song's true story of a Confederate soldier hanged for a murder he didn't commit. Time and misfortune may have tainted the legend and certainly it has become somewhat *stretched* over time. The only image we have of *Tom Dula* is included here

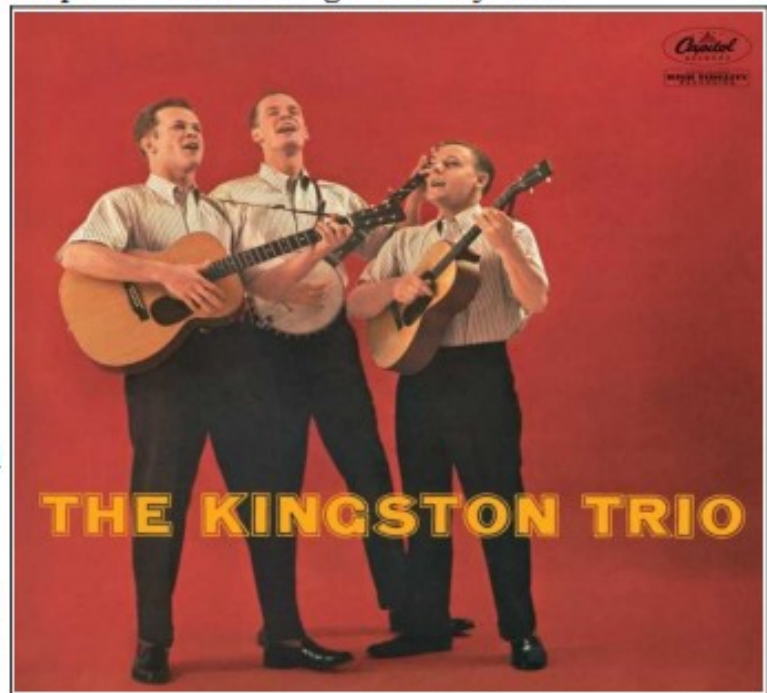
but cannot be verified, although it appears in many accounts and on book covers purporting to be *Tom Dula*. He is shown on the previous page in a Confederate uniform.

Firstly, the name '*Dula*' is pronounced in the accent of the time and heard as '*du:lei* and with dialect became '*du:li*: "*Dooley*". Given the date of his sentence in 1868 it puts the whole case in suspicious light as few former Confederate soldiers, in those post-war years of *Reconstruction*, could

expect a fair trial. More than a shadow of doubt hangs over the *Dula* case and I would like to highlight the facts for you. You should note that somewhere along the line the story was twisted until it became immortalised in song. Various people sang different versions of the song before the Trio who took the ballad without acknowledging the person they first heard singing it, folklorist *Frank Warner* who in turn had learned the song from *Frank Proffitt*, renown for folk songs. *Warner* first heard *Proffitt* during one of his frequent sessions at the *Proffitt* home in *North Carolina*. He in turn first heard it performed by his *Aunt Nancy Prother* whose parents knew *Tom Dula*, and the two women involved in the story, *Laura* and *Anne Foster*. *Anne's* name appears in two spellings, such as '*Ann*' but in a Blog site descendents spell her name with an '*e*'. After hearing *The Kingston Trio* version, *Frank Warner* took them to court to settle copyright issues, ultimately resulting in royalty payments from the Trio and others who had also performed the song over the years.

***"This time tomorrow
Reckon where I'll be,
Down in some lonesome valley
Hangin' from a white-oak tree".***

The Kingston Trio folk/pop music group launched a folk revival of the late 50's starting in the *San Francisco Bay* area nightclub scene; *Dave Guard*, *Bob Shane* and *Nick Reynolds* quickly rose to international fame with sales of what was then a new and innovative medium, *Long Playing Records (LPs)*. *Tom Dooley* swept them into the charts selling over 3 million copies as a single. Four of the groups LPs charted among the 10 top-selling albums in November and December 1959. A group licensed the name and continues to perform as *Kingston Trio* to this day. *Dave Guard* died in 1991, *Nick Reynolds* in 2008 and *Bob Shaw* passed away in 2020.



There are various, rather seedy accounts of *Tom Dula* and his dalliances with local women. I have chosen not to include these as I feel they are irrelevant and likely more in the realm of village gossip that no doubt flourished in the community at the time. The rumours were further enhanced to taint the life of a brave soldier who, through circumstance, was compelled to fight for the freedom of his State. We know *Dula* played fiddle and was described as being very good looking, this branded him a ladies' man. Some accounts have him playing banjo. *Tom* did use his musical talents during the war, his muster roll lists him as a musician and drummer.

Born 23 June 1844, *Tom's* family was destitute on an *Appalachian* hill-country homestead in *Wilkes County, North Carolina*. He had three brothers and a sister *Eliza*. *Tom* grew up with the *Foster* girls who were neighbours, he and *Anne* became childhood sweethearts. However before the war, *Anne Foster* married an older man, *James Melton*, a former cobbler and neighbour who also served in the war taking part in the *Battle of Gettysburg*. Three months before his 18th birthday, 15 March 1862, *Tom* had enlisted in the Confederate army as a private in *Company K, 42nd North Carolina Infantry Regiment*. Wounded several times in battle, *Tom* fought at *Petersburg, Virginia 18 June 1864*, one of the bloodiest battles of the war. His brothers died in the war leaving *Tom* as his mother's

sole remaining son. He and *Melton* were captured and sent to a prison camp, with *Tom* being released after the war in April 1865.

Tom Dula resumed his relationship with *Anne* and also with *Laura Foster*, *Anne's* cousin.

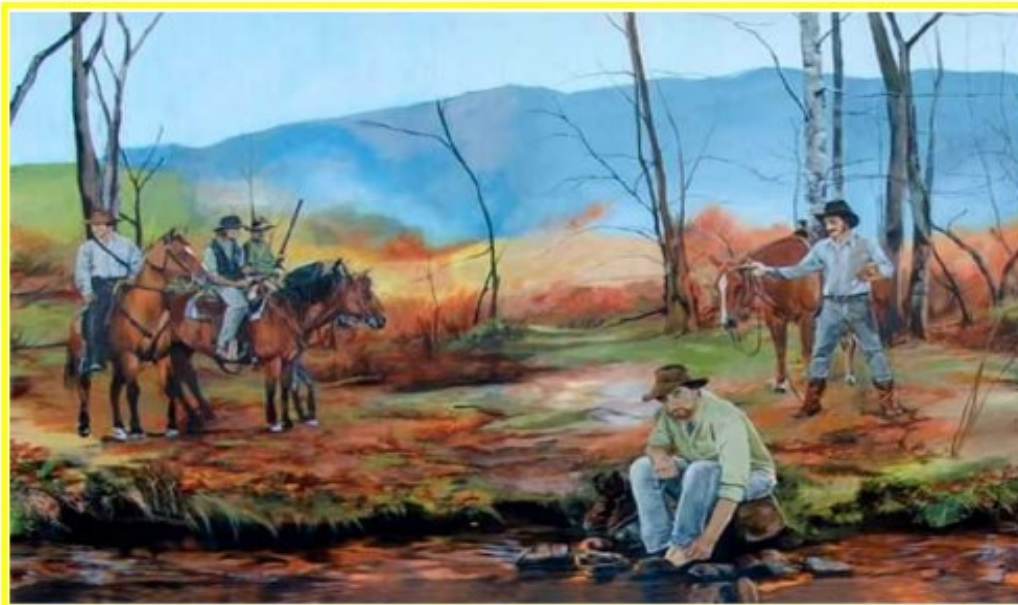
According to oral history, *Laura* became pregnant and hoped to elope with *Dula*. To this end she left home 25th May 1866 on her father's horse and was never seen alive again. This is where the rumour mill fuelled gossip with some claiming *Anne*, in a jealous rage, killed *Laura Dula*, not wishing her to be hanged for the crime, took the blame by running away. The obvious question is, if *Tom* murdered *Laura*, why didn't he take her horse to make his getaway? Why did he walk all the way to *Trade, Tennessee*? So long was the walk that he wore out his boots! It was *Anne* who led authorities to *Laura's* body in a shallow grave. *Anne's* cousin *Paula Foster* testified that *Anne* had shown her the grave site one night to make sure it was well hidden. Once uncovered, *Laura's* badly decomposed body was found with her legs drawn up to fit a shallow grave. She had been stabbed once in the chest. The love triangle is a common thread but while on the surface looks rather obvious, *Dula's* role in the murder is still hotly debated. In the *Kingston Trio* song *Grayson* is mentioned. This is

Colonel James Grayson U.S. of Trade, Tennessee (Seen on left). After the murder, Tom worked for Grayson under the false name of Tom Hall.

**"This time tomorrow
Reckon where I'll be
Hadn't been for Grayson
I'd a been in Tennessee".**



Tom had walked all the way from *Wilkes County* to the *Grayson* farm, on his worn out boots. Obviously aware he was wanted for murder, *Tom* stayed long enough to buy a new pair of boots and shortly after left the farm. Once *Dula's* true identity became known to *Grayson* he attempted to find the sheriff but being unable to locate him, decided to lead a posse himself, capturing and bringing *Dula* in.

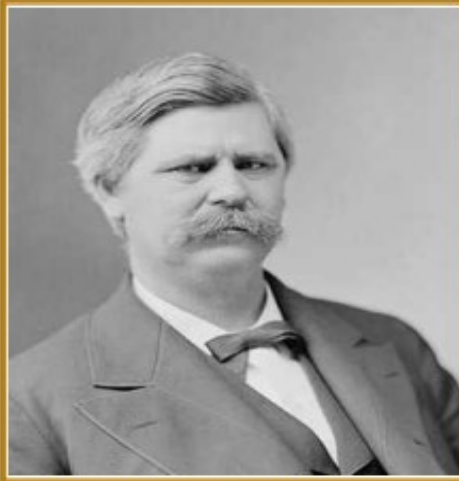


The Capture of Tom Dula. A mural by artist Christy Dunn, Mountain City, Tennessee. Dula's feet can be seen to be secured under the horse-Editor.

The mural painting by artist *Christy Dunn* exists in *Mountain City, Tennessee* portraying the capture of *Tom Dula*. Apparently *Grayson* tied *Tom's* feet under the belly of the horse to prevent him escaping. Once delivered to custody, *Grayson* has nothing else to do with the story other than that

the *North Carolina General Assembly* reimbursed *Grayson* \$62.50 for expenses. There is some speculation that this was a reward. At the court trial, a former *North Carolina Governor*, *Zebulon Vance*, represented *Dula* free of charge. *Dula* was listed as too poor to pay any of the costs of his two murder trials. Throughout the trial and for the rest of his life *Tom Dula* maintained his innocence. Such was the wild speculation, it seemed to *Zebulon Vance* that *Dula* was not likely to receive a fair trial in *Wilkesboro* so he had the trial moved to *Statesville*.

***"I met her on the mountain
There I took her life.
Met her on the mountain
Stabbed her with my knife".***



Defending lawyer Zebulon Vance.

Regardless of pleas of innocence, *Dula* was found guilty and although he appealed was again convicted; a supposed accomplice, *Jack Keaton* was set free. At the gallows *Dula*, forever the soldier, stood bravely saying, "Gentlemen, do you see this hand, I did not harm a single hair on that fair lady's head". He delivered a 1 hour speech before the hanging in *Statesville*, 1st May 1868 amid considerable controversy. One of the many stories still circulating is that *Tom* served under *Zebulon Vance's* 26th *North Carolina Regiment* where he played banjo in the army band and gave performances for *Colonel Vance*, this has proven to be one of many false rumours simply fuelled by the fact that *Vance* was *Dula's* defence lawyer at the trial.

In 2001, citizens of *North Wilkesboro* presented a petition to *North Carolina Governor Mike Easley* seeking a posthumous pardon for *Tom Dula* but it failed. However *Tom* was acquitted of all charges when a petition was distributed in *Wilkes County*. Because it wasn't an official action, it was deemed to have no legal standing. It seems *Reconstruction* in the Southern States is still with us. In 1874, *Anne* was seriously injured in a wagon accident and never recovered from her injuries. On her death-bed, *Anne Melton (nee Foster)* confessed to the murder of *Laura* in a fit of jealousy and begged *Tom* to help her conceal the body. It's said that in her final moments, wracked with guilt, a delirious *Anne* saw black cats on the walls of her room and could smell and hear bacon frying. The relevance of that evades me. We are left to wonder at the courage of *Tom Dula* who took to the grave his knowledge of who really killed *Laura*. Amongst the great sadness surrounding this tragic story is also the grieving mother who, through war and its vindictive aftermath, lost all four sons.

 Gillam Grayson (right) and Henry Whittier (rear) with the Greer sisters in 1927. Folk music was a very popular form of entertainment and was a way of preserving history during and long after the War Between the States-Editor.

Long before *The Kingston Trio* took up the song, a band with a descendant of *Grayson* performed a similar version with different lyrics in 1927. Gillam Grayson was photographed with the band in



Boone, North Carolina. Ironically, the *Grayson's* continued to profit from *Tom's* demise, such is the true nature of folksong and legend. Today the matter is still alive and flourishes in song and folklore. It stirs 'bushfires' of Internet Blogs and certainly throws light on the fact that many Confederate soldiers may have faced the prospect of a biased justice system in the years after the war. The same soldiers are *villain-ised* even to this day proving nothing much has changed; justice is indeed both blind and deaf. Today, post-traumatic stress syndrome would be taken into account for such claims. Having survived horrible wounds and the trauma of inhumane prison conditions, before returning to a destitute life in post war South. In future, when you hear the song, spare a thought for the brave little soldier, guilty only of answering the call of his country and the desperate pleas of a woman he loved. *Tom Dula's* grave headstone, like so many Southern memorials and grave sites, has been vandalised and smashed with hammers. It's claimed that was done by people wanting a piece as a souvenir. Even in death poor *Tom* is persecuted. Today's descendents of *Anne* must live with their ancestor's remarkable place in history. It's not for me to muddy the waters, they are muddy enough and perhaps we will never know the full truth.

Before he died, *Dula* penned an in-depth account of his life. A number of books have been published about him and a movie. *Tom* also left a note exonerating *Anne* of all involvement in the crime. His pleas of not guilty should at least have raised questions about how he could have known whether or not *Anne* was involved. I guess we will never know the full truth, available books present differing accounts. Either way it was a simple *Appalachian Hill* country boy who could never have perceived songs about him would be sung in faraway Australia, 158 years later. Perhaps we identify *Tom Dula* with our own legendary hero *Ned Kelly*. In 2017 the *Whipperwill Academy and Village in North Carolina* celebrated *Tom Dooley Day* on Saturday 20th May.

In later life, I became friends with a folk singing legend in *New Zealand*, *Phil Garland*, sadly no longer with us. Like *Tom Dula's* song, *Phil* wrote his own lyrics and helped preserve pioneer life in the country and of our early whalers. The song "*Hang Down your head Tom Dooley*" not only captures fond moments of my youth and happy family gatherings on a Saturday night, it captures the story of a... "poor boy"...who, perhaps regardless of innocence and duty to country, due to the love of a woman was... "*bound to...die*". You can't help but admire that kind of rascal.



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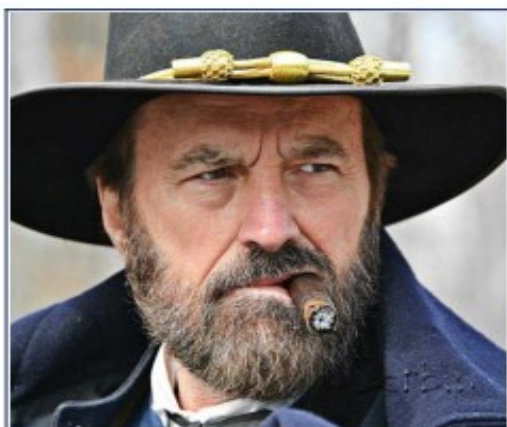
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A Breath of Fresh Air.

Captain Joseph Joshua Lawrence CSA.

From an excellent article published in Confederate Veteran magazine by Professor James and Margaret Bailey. Dr James Bailey is a retired professor and firearms authority. A member of the Colonel Henry K. Burgwyn Jr. Camp. East Wake County. N.C. This is not an advertisement or endorsement of the product mentioned-ACWRTQ Editor.



Dr Curt Fields (aka General Grant) is a life member of ACWRTQ-Australia. Many don't realise the enormous support Curt gives to U.S. history and a war that still defines America to this day. Certainly he and *Lena* contribute enormously to keeping alive the memory of the General and President Grant and wife *Julia* with historically accurate uniforms, costumes and in *Lena's* case some magnificent hooped gowns. Curt attends regular *Round Table* meetings in America and at various *National Park* functions as the general, giving electrifying talks on relative topics. I have often envied him the wonderful *Mississippi River* boat venues. What many don't realise is that Curt also promotes an interest in the history of

the war in overseas countries like Australia and New Zealand, where your editor works in isolation to produce these issues of *The Bugle for ACWRTQ*. He has been very supportive through difficult times due to recent health issues that have impacted my production and research, for which I apologise profusely.

While portraying the famed Union general, to whom Curt bares a remarkable resemblance, he appreciates the dedication of others across a broader spectrum and knows well of my personal interest in Confederate issues, in particular 1st Tennessee (CHC) and my first involvement in

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Western Australia under *Colonel John Couzens* back in 1970. *Curt* has been sending me regular dispatches of *Confederate Veteran* magazine. In the July/August issue 2024 is a remarkable story that highlights how the Confederacy is still able to reach out to the world and find a place in our daily lives and hygiene; yes even here in far away *Australia* and *New Zealand*. The next time you reach for that bottle of "*Listerine*" spare a thought for a Confederate officer from *North Carolina* who specialised in ground-breaking patent medications and made it all possible.



Dr Joseph J. Lawrence in later life-Editor.

At the time of the war, very little was known about bacteria and the cause of so many infections from battle wounds. *Dr Joseph Joshua Lawrence*, born 28 January 1836, was a *North Carolina* Confederate veteran who lived in *Wilson* from 1854 to 1873 where he published a successful medical journal and practised *electic-medicine*. This form of medication used botanicals in their formulae for the treatment of known diseases. Plant based medications are becoming increasingly important in modern medicine. While many at the time were '*Snake Oil*' doctors, peddling sometimes highly toxic medications, *Dr Lawrence's* prime invention remains a top and highly efficient seller to this day, "*Listerine*". One of his early medications was for the treatment of *syphilis* a disease that raged in plague proportions during the war. *Syphilis* would prove a difficult disease to conquer until the advent of antibiotics. Most popular treatment in those early days was "*Rosadalis*" used as a remedy for all diseases of the *blood, liver, kidneys* and as a general tonic, like all '*cure-alls*,' it also found its way into the treatment of *rheumatism, syphilis, malaria, nervousness and consumption*.

Lawrence enlisted in the Confederate army in 1861 but due to illness only served for a short time. He had enlisted 12 August in what was called an *Independent Company* in *Goldsboro, Wayne County, NC*. While he had a medical education he wasn't surgically trained, so wasn't commissioned as a physician, his troop elected him one of two captains. In September 1861 the *Independent Company* was organised as *Company F, 3rd North Carolina Artillery* and was ordered to report to *Fort Macon, NC*. Then in November they were on picket duty at *Shell Point, Harker's Island* where many fell ill due to the poor climate and living conditions. *Lawrence* resigned his commission due to illness. He re-enlisted to his former rank in April 1862 where he organised the *Wilson Partisan Raiders, (W.P.A.)* a company of volunteers attached to *16th Battalion, NC Cavalry*. The *W.P.A.* observed *CSA* army regulations. They mustered into the *7th Confederate Cavalry* under *Colonel William C. Claiborne* on 10 September 1862 and *W.P.R.* ceased to exist. At this point *Lawrence* again resigns his commission to work at the *Confederate Hospital in Wilson* and establishes a drug store (*chemist*) in 1863.

From 1864 to 65 he served as *Wilson County Coroner* and at war's end resumes medical practice marketing his potions. Our well known brand "*Listerine*" finds its genesis in 1876 when *Lawrence* attended the *Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition*, the world's first official fair to be held in the United States. During the visit, he became spell-bound by a lecture given by *British surgeon Dr Joseph Lister* who attended on behalf of the *Medical Congress Centennial*. *Lister* introduced a new method of antiseptic surgery that involved cleaning all instruments with 5% carbolic acid (*phenol*) and cleaning a patient's wound or operating area with the solution prior to surgery. It resulted in a significant decrease of infection following surgery, reducing mortality through infection from 50% to 10%.

An enthused *Lawrence* returned to his publishing business and began experimenting with various antimicrobial ingredients in the belief there was an even better way of killing germs. In 1881 he formulated an antiseptic mouthwash for bad breath (*halitosis*). It was made from *alcohol, thymol (oil of thyme) eucalyptus oil and menthol* naming his world shattering invention after the respected *Doctor Joseph Lister, "Listerine"*. The product made *Lawrence* a millionaire and gave the world fresh breath and resolved numerous ailments of the mouth and throat. It is marketed in Australia and New Zealand by *Johnson and Johnson*.



At the age of 73, *Dr Joseph J. Lawrence* died from a stroke, 14 March 1909 in *Manhattan, New York* leaving as a legacy a cure that had its roots in the War Between the States and is now widely used all over the world. *Lawrence* is interred in a magnificent vault with his wife at *Bellefontaine Cemetery, St Louis, Missouri*.

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Photo: Petersburg, Virginia. Row of Stacked Federal Rifles-Editor

Army Surplus.

Following the Battle of Gettysburg, a uniformed African American Confederate and a woman were found amongst the dead that were heaped at the Union stone wall that broke Pickett's Charge. These are amongst many untold stories of the war. Another intriguing story concerns thousands of discarded rifles that were collected after the battle and sent to *Washington* to be repaired and assessed for fitness to reissue. Of 37,574 rifles recovered, approximately 24,000 were still loaded; 6,000 were found to be unfired with one round in the barrel; but surprisingly 12,000 had two rounds in the barrel; 6,000 had three to ten rounds and one rifle, the most remarkable of all, had been stuffed to the top with twenty-three rounds in the barrel. During the chaos, many soldiers had simply failed to fire their weapons and many fumbled the minié balls with nervous hands and slipped through the fingers unfired. There's no record of how many muskets exploded in the hands of soldiers. Interestingly, similar overloaded muskets were found amongst dead Mexicans at the Alamo.

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LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE, COMMANDER GENERAL,
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