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UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS CAMP #2109
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
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JEFFERSON DAVIS CHAIR RECOVERED

By Michael Levenson

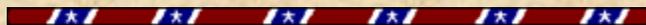
A carved limestone chair dedicated to Jefferson Davis disappeared last month from a Confederate burial ground in Selma, Ala., where it had stood since 1893, a group calling itself White Lies Matter claimed last week to have the chair in its possession. The group threatened to turn the chair into a toilet if its demands were not met.

In late March, the United Daughters of the Confederacy reported that an ornately carved stone chair dedicated to Confederate president Jefferson Davis—and estimated by the group to be worth \$50,000—was stolen from a cemetery in Selma.

The New Orleans police said that a tip had led them to the “seemingly undamaged” chair near the intersection of Feliciana and North Galvez Streets on Thursday and that they had made plans to return the

monument to its owner. The police said they had also arrested two people, Stanley Warnick, 32, and Kathryn Dionno, 24, and were seeking a third person.

Michael Jackson, the district attorney in Dallas County, Ala., said the three would face charges in Selma of extortion and theft.



2021 TEXAS DIVISION REUNION SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS MAY 28 - 30 WACO, TEXAS

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4/22/2021 Craig Stone Lt. Commander
Texas Division

Commander Oliver continues to remain in ICU in a Waco hospital on a ventilator. Obviously Commander Oliver is incapable of fulfilling his duties as Commander until he is recovered. In addition, many of you know that I recently accepted a career change that has resulted in my relocation to Fairbanks, Alaska. Thanks to modern forms of communication, I continue to handle many of my duties as 1st Lt Commander but the work of the Sons of Confederate Veterans demands a Commander be located in Texas.

Therefore in accordance with the Texas Division Constitution Article 6.4.2 "The Lieutenant Division Commanders shall assist the Division Commander in the performance of his duties as directed by the Division Commander and, whenever the Commander is absent, serve in his stead in sequence of succession (first, second, and third) and with the consent of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans." Please direct your questions and concerns to our 2nd Lt. Commander

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THE GUARDIAN

It is spring, and time to think about cleaning up the gravesites of your loved ones. Spring, especially around Memorial Day, is the best time to add fresh flowers. Your loved ones and ancestors deserve a resting place that celebrates their life and shows your love for them even after their passing. Just a few steps will make the gravesite one that shows the adoration and respect you have for them that is truly timeless.

Cemeteries can be sweet places of reflection and remembering. People go to cemeteries to mourn and honor their loved ones. Consequently, it is important to understand cemetery etiquette.

Memorial Day is a day for remembering those that died in service.

Remember to check the rules and regulations of your local cemetery before leaving anything at a gravesite.

The SCV Guardian Program is in place to honor our Confederate Ancestors. Consider taking part in this worthwhile program.

Contact Program Chairman Phil Davis for information at: pdavis37@etex.net

UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS GUARDIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Guardian Status</u>	<u>Number of Graves</u>
Phil Davis	Full	29
Kim Duffey	Full	3
Jamie Eitson	Full/GPT	8
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	46
T. Mitchell/G. Linton	Full	5
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	40
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Bill Palmer	Full	10
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	19
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7
Frank Smith	Full	2
Mitch Tyson	Full	3
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem



If you are interested in perpetuating the ideals that motivated your Confederate ancestor, the SCV needs you.

The memory and reputation of the Confederate soldier, as well as the motives for his suffering and sacrifice, are being consciously distorted by some in an attempt to alter history. Unless the descendants of Southern soldiers resist those efforts, a unique part of our nation's cultural heritage will cease to exist.

OUR PLEDGES



PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate Veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendant of a Confederate Veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.

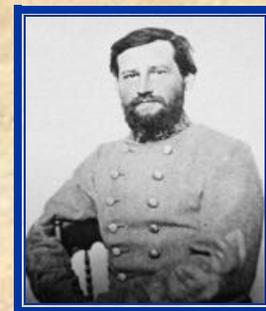


CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals 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. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906

“The SCV’s Best Hope for Success is Knowledge of the Truth”



SACRIFICE

by Andrew Huson

We as comfortable Americans greatly dislike sacrifice. Asking most Americans to sacrifice is like asking a cat to take a bath. In spite of how we might feel about it sacrifice is a very important part of our Christian life. Most people who choose not to follow the Lord do so because of the sacrifice involved in the Christian life.

Romans 12:1 “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship”. Definition of Sacrifice-The offering of something that is precious, that has value, that is important. A sacrifice isn’t a sacrifice unless it costs you something.

Car, house, boat, RV, summer home, vacations, jet skis, better job, more money, more fun, bigger truck, more toys, faster toys. All these things are great, but it’s not all about these things. It’s about hurting, lost, and dying of our world. What are you willing to sacrifice?

Luke 21:1-4 “As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. I tell you the truth, he said, this poor woman has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts

out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

To offer something that is precious, that has value, that is important. To give so someone else didn’t have to go without.

If God didn’t call us to sacrifice beyond ourselves nothing great would ever be achieved for God. You sacrifice for what you care about.

Matt 10—“And anyone who does not take up his life and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it. Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”



MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season. Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

COVID-19 in East Texas

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Upshur County

As of April 20, 2021 16 active cases, 74 deaths, 3,144 recoveries.

The state reported three new cases on April 20.

HISTORICAL DATES IN MAY



1861

May 9 - Military assets of Texas are officially handed over to the Texas Rangers by U.S. General David Twiggs.

May 13 - Britain declares herself neutral in the American conflict and fails to officially recognize the Confederate States of America.

May 21 - Richmond, Virginia becomes the official national capital of the Confederacy of the United States.

1862

May 4 - General McClellan's forces take Yorktown, Virginia. Land mines are first experienced here.

May 4 - This date marks the official start of the Shenandoah Valley Campaign directed by Stonewall Jackson.

May 5 - The Battle of Williamsburg occurs with inconclusive results for both sides. General McClellan leads Union forces against General Johnston and Longstreet. Casualties total 2,283 for the North and 1,682 for the South.

May 8 - On this date the Battle of McDowell occurs - a one-day engagement pitting 6,500 Federals against 6,000 Confederates.

May 10 - Norfolk Navy Yard is destroyed by exiting Confederate forces.

May 10 - A naval engagement is fought four miles upriver from Fort Pillow in Tennessee with the Confederates claiming the victory.

May 15 - Confederate guns at Drewry's Bluff turn back the James River Flotilla approaching Richmond. The squadron had managed to reach within 8 miles of the Confederate capital city.

May 23 - On this date, General Jackson engages Union forces in the Battle of Front Royal. The engagement ends as a Confederate victory with 773 Union elements killed to just 36 Confederates.

May 27 - The Battle of Hanover Courthouse in Hanover County, Virginia takes place.

May 31 - The Battle of Seven Pines (Battle of Fair Oaks) begins in Henrico County, Virginia.

1863

May 6 - The Battle of Chancellorsville is over as a Confederate victory. However, the Confederate Army is dealt a blow when it is revealed that Stonewall Jackson is mortally wounded.

May 14 - Battle of Jackson, Mississippi.

May 16 - The Battle of Champion Hill (Baker's Creek).

1864

May 5 - The Battle of the Wilderness takes place across Spotsylvania and Orange counties in Virginia.

May 7 - The Battle of Todd's Tavern (Virginia) takes place between cavalry forces from both sides.

May 11 - The Battle of Yellow Tavern.

May 12 - The Battle of Meadow Bridge takes place.

May 15 - The Battle of Fort Darling or Battle of Drewry's Bluff.

May 18 - The Battle of Yellow Bayou is had in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana.

May 23 - The Battle of North Anna begins spanning Caroline and Hanover counties in Virginia.

May 31 - The Battle of Cold Harbor begins as part of the Overland Campaign.

1865

May 2 - Acting President Andrew Johnson places a bounty of \$100,000 on the head of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

May 10 - President Andrew Johnson formally proclaims the end to the years-long war.

May 12 - The last battle of the Civil War is fought at Palmetto Ranch near Brownsville (Texas). The Battle of Palmetto Ranch spans two days.

May 19 - The large Confederate prison-of-war camp at Tyler, Texas - Camp Ford - is officially closed.



BATTLE OF YELLOW TAVERN

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The Battle of Yellow Tavern was fought on May 11, 1864, as part of the Overland Campaign of the American Civil War. Union cavalry under Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan was detached from Grant's Army of the Potomac to conduct a raid on Richmond, Virginia and challenge Confederate cavalry commander Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart.

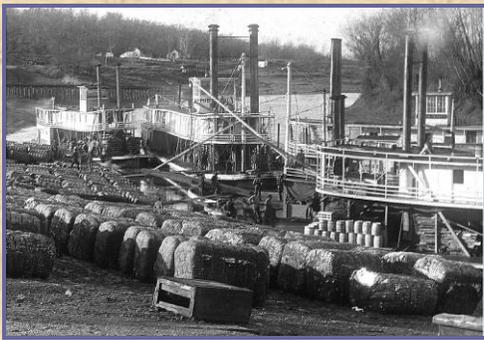
The two forces met at noon on May 11 at Yellow Tavern, an abandoned inn located 6 miles north of Richmond. Not only did the Union outnumber the Confederates by three divisions to two brigades, it had superior firepower—all were armed with rapid-firing Spencer carbines.

The Confederate troopers resisted from the low ridgeline bordering the road to Richmond for over three hours. A countercharge by the 1st Virginia Cavalry pushed the advancing Union troopers back from the hilltop. As the 5th Michigan Cavalry streamed in retreat past Stuart, a dismounted Union private, 44-year-old John A. Huff, a former sharpshooter, turned and shot Stuart with his .44-caliber revolver, from a distance of 10–30 yards. Stuart died in Richmond the following day. The fighting kept up for an hour after Stuart was wounded.

LIBERTY IS NOT A LUXURY

By Jim Waters

“Give me liberty or give me death,” Patrick Henry thundered. Our nation’s founders rightly held that allowing individuals to act out of self-interest while accepting responsibility for their decisions will most often result in the best collective outcomes for communities, states and the nation as a whole. Such an approach is certainly preferable to ceding our liberties to governing powers who don’t relish returning them, and, when they do, rarely return them in their original condition.



THE STEAMBOAT ERA ON CYPRESS BAYOU

By Donna McCann



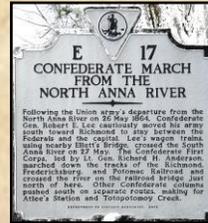
During the steamboat era from 1840 to 1900, at least 324 different vessels operated west of Shreveport, 288 of which traveled as far as Jefferson. New settlers were coming to Texas in droves, and it was not uncommon to have 200 people on board along with all sorts of cargo. People and cargo from the steamboats arrived in places like Port Caddo, which serviced Marshall and Harrison County, or Jefferson.

The heyday of the steamboats on Cypress Bayou and the lakes took place during the thirty-three year span between 1840 and 1873. Two events in the mid-1870s would eventually doom the steamboat trade. The most important was the completion of new railroad lines which allowed trains to compete on both price and timeliness for freight hauling. In addition, the second clearing of the Great Raft above Shreveport and the blocking of the distributaries of the Red River caused the lake levels to drop, hindering navigation. Even so, steamboat activity continued at a declining pace on Cypress Bayou and the lakes until the last steamboat made the trip to Jefferson and back in 1905.



BATTLE OF NORTH ANNA

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On May 24, 1864, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's forces continued to advance south of the North Anna River from ground gained the previous day. Union troops were brought up short by Gen. Robert E. Lee's "hog snout line," which forced Grant to divide his force into three parts to attack. Union General Warren's V Corps remained on the Union right, Gen. Ambrose Burnside's IX Corps in the center, and Gen. Winfield S. Hancock's II Corps on the left.

After crossing at Quarles' Mill, an ill-advised Union attack by IX Corps infantry under Gen. James Ledlie was repulsed at Ox Ford. That same day, Hancock pushed his entire corps across the Chesterfield Bridge. In the afternoon, the Federals ran into Confederate skirmishers, sparking a furious firefight that devolved into a hand-to-hand struggle at Hanover Junction. Darkness ended the fighting and Grant ordered his commanders to halt and dig in.

On May 26, Grant withdrew both wings of the army back across the North Anna River. Grant continued his advance on Richmond.

WE WILL NOT ALLOW THIS IN TEXAS

April 21, 2021

Texas Governor Gregg Abbott Urges “2nd Amendment Sanctuary State” Legislation following President Biden’s Gun Control Declaration.

Gov. Greg Abbott called on state legislators to bring him a bill declaring Texas a Second Amendment Sanctuary following executive actions on gun control announced by Joe Biden. After Biden imposed six new measures aimed at making it more difficult for Americans to obtain guns, Abbott shot back that “Biden is threatening our 2nd Amendment rights. “He just announced a new liberal power grab to take away our guns,” Abbott declared, adding, “We will NOT allow this in Texas.”

“It’s time to get legislation making Texas a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State passed and to my desk for signing,” the governor stated.

GILMER’S WATER SUPPLY

By G. H. Baird

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Up to 1903, Gilmer’s water supply was obtained from shallow wells. Each household maintained a shallow well on its premises from which water for all purposes was supplied. In the business district there were three shallow wells that supplied water for the streets and for the public. One was located on the courthouse square, one on Henderson

street near the entrance of Croley Brothers, and one on the west side of the square just off the sidewalk. This well proved to be a popular resort, as it was shaded in the afternoon, and was near the sidewalk. The men would sit on the edge of the sidewalk and whittle in the afternoons, getting their material to whittle on from a nearby grocery store. When the supply gave out, they would stand up and whittle on the well curb. Some of these men became expert whittlers. In a few years the city put in waterworks and these shallow wells were filled up.

CRIME OF THE PAST UPSHUR COUNTY TEXAS

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Gilmer, Tx, Dec 14, 1887 - The post office at this place was broken into by burglars and robbed of stamps of all denominations. The burglars first broke into the blacksmith shop adjoining and secured what they needed. Then they prized open the front door. After getting into the building they broke the lock of the safe. Postmaster Shrum cannot give the exact amount taken.

Big Sandy, Tx. Feb 2, 1889 - Fatally Stabbed with a Pocket Knife. In a difficulty between W. T. Waddle and S. P. Kay of this place in a drug store this evening, the former was stabbed in the heart with a pocket knife and instantly killed. The two parties involved have families, and the wife of the deceased is now prostrated from the effects. An inquest will be held tonight.

Gilmer, Tx., July 15, 1914 - Killed his Stepfather. Lum Davis last night shot and killed his father, Dick Loving, near here. The cause is not known.

Simpsonville, Tx. Jan 27, 1923 – Mrs. Eve Tillery, wife of W. B. Tillery, farmer, is at liberty on \$1,500 bond today and Charles Pilkington at the point of death as the result of pistol wounds sustained in the court house at Gilmer yesterday just previous to the time set for the trial of Pilkington upon a charge of attempted criminal assault preferred by Mrs. Tillery. The attempted assault is said to have occurred last July.

As Pilkington entered the court house, Mrs. Tillery confronted him drawing a pistol from a blanket in which was wrapped her infant child shot twice, the first bullet lodging in Pilkington's side, the other striking a bystander, J. W. Nelson, inflicting a wound in the arm. Following the shooting, Mrs. Tillery, accompanied by her husband, went to the county attorney's office and was released on bond.



CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

*By Chris Field
April 16, 2021*

Worry over the scope of the illegal immigration issues has grown among Americans to the point that it has overtaken the coronavirus on the "very big problem" scale, according to Pew Research. Immigrants began surging toward and across the U.S.-Mexico border following

President Joe Biden's 2020 election victory. The crisis has seen record numbers of illegal aliens being detained, thousands of children thrown in cage-like facilities, and families separated. Communities are reportedly being forced to take and care for immigrants even if those communities don't have the resources. The federal government stands accused of not properly testing illegal aliens for COVID-19 and not informing communities that are being strong-armed into housing them about their health status.

COST TO TEXAS

By Trent Baker

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton shared that the ongoing crisis at the United States' border with Mexico costs residents of his state "of about \$855 million a year." Paxton, saying his estimate is a "pretty conservative" one, pointed out that Texas is responsible for paying for the education and health care costs of those who come in illegally.

"We've known for decades that illegal immigration costs the state of Texas hundreds of millions of dollars," Paxton advised. "And we put money in to help with that because we have to because we are required to educate people who come here, we are required to take care of their health care costs, we have to deal with law enforcement issues. A conservative estimate is about \$855 million a year. That's just the state of Texas. That does not include the entire nation."



Upcoming Events may be found on the Calendar at:

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In honor and in loving memory of our Confederate Ancestors who sacrificed and gave their all to protect home, our beloved Southland, and a way of life.

May the heroic deeds of these men be studied and understood, never to be lost or forgotten. Protecting and defending their memory to future generations. We are proud descendants of these brave and valiant soldiers for those who chose Upshur County, Texas as their home and final resting place - we will forever remember.

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We thank Bill Starnes And the Starnes Family for providing a meeting



Place for the Upshur Co. Patriots



We are proud to be associated with the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

