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## BEAUTY AND BRAINS



Pictured above is Hannah Burbage, the beautiful daughter of Compatriot **Randy Burbage** our Division Commander. Hanna won the 2006 Alberta Martin Scholarship Fund Essay Contest for her essay on American Independence. The contest is sponsored by the Urquhart-Gillette Camp # 1471 in Virginia. Hannah is currently in her freshman year at Clemson University and plans to pursue a nursing career. Her winning essay follows.

### Fight for American Independence

By Hanna Burbage

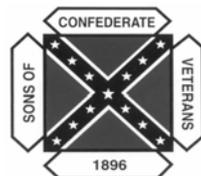
Being Southern is something exceptional, something extraordinary, and something beyond the good fortune of being an American. However, this gift was not given freely. We obtained this gift from our ancestors who fought many long, hard years in order for us to have a free land. Our ancestors fought against tyranny when they fought against Great Britain in the American Revolution and approximately one hundred years later they fought against tyranny once again, in the "Second War for American Independence."

In 1765, after the thirteen American colonies were established, Great Britain established laws for the

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*The Charge*  
*To you Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and 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 D. Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans  
New Orleans,  
1906*



## A TRAGIC ENCOUNTER WITH DESTINY: MALVERN HILL, VA

By Compatriot J. B. Gooch

Skimming the web, I was reading anecdotal incidents related to the common enlisted man during the late unpleasantness, such as one would do with a Newsweek magazine while waiting in a doctor's office. I was looking for nothing particular. However, I found a story that really gripped my heart. Fascinated, I read, and re-read a narrative that focused the ultimate calamity of that war onto a single family during the dreadful period surrounding the Northern invasion of the South. The catastrophe of any war is unforgiving, but the ultimate tragedy of Mr. Lincoln's War was the wounds, self-inflicted by all Americans, that crossed all boundaries and burned so deeply into our souls. The narrative I happened upon described the abrupt, immediate sacrifice of two members of one family, united in courage but divided by beliefs that distilled the senseless carnage into a single slice of time.

Spellbound by the horror of the event, I was unable to let go of the emotion that exploded in a single gunshot on a hillside in Virginia on a hot summer day over one hundred and forty-three years ago. I accept that war is never fair, always cruel and without mercy, but can fate also be as unforgiving as war? Was this story that chilled my heart actually true? For me, the account was unfinished and the tragedy needed confirmation. I had to answer the one question that would both verify the story and serve as a memorial to these men who sacrificed more than their lives for their beliefs. Who was this brave, ill-fated northern lad who died a hero for the Southern cause?

The story, as it was printed:

*The Civil War could literally tear a family apart, pitting brother against brother or father against son as each rallied to the flag of the cause that captured his heart. There is no more dramatic evidence of this than the encounter that took place on the battlefield at Malvern Hill July 1, 1862. Captain D. P. Conyngham was an officer in the Irish Brigade and described the incident shortly after the war:*

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**SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1820 BELGRADE AVENUE NEAR SAM RITTENBURG BOULEVARD (HWY. 7), IN CHARLESTON. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AND THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL GET STARTED AT**

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Compatriots,

I hope that this letter finds all of you in good health and good spirits. Our last meeting's speaker was very good and if you missed it you should ask someone that was there to tell you about it.

We have several events coming up, the Heritage Ride, which will be over with when you receive this letter, the Ghost Walk in October, and Secessionville in November. Both of these events need help from all of you, so if you can help out do so.

A recent request has been made of our camp that I want to pass along to you. The Children of the Confederacy is having a National Make a Difference day and they are asking that if you can please bring with you to our next Camp Meeting some Can Goods or non perishable foods. They are gathering these items for the Good Neighbor Shelter in North Charleston. It is a shelter for homeless women and their children who are abused. This is a very worthwhile endeavor that we as Southern Gentlemen should respond to. Our ancestors fought for chivalry and honor and I believe that we should show our compassion by donating. So please bring some can goods to our next meeting.

Your Faithful Servant,  
**Bill Baber**, Commander, Secession Camp # 4



## OCTOBER SPEAKER

The speaker for the October meeting will be Ms. Rebecca Barbour Calcutt. Ms. Calcutt has undergraduate degrees in both history and nursing and a masters degree in antebellum Southern history and will speak about her book "Richmond's Wartime Hospitals." Citing more than fifty facilities in Virginia's capitol the book illustrates how exhausted resources rapidly defeated Southern doctor's heroic efforts. Ms. Calcutt, a resident of Charleston, has worked at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History and is a licensed tour guide for both the city of Charleston and Middleton Place Plantation. Her talk will be an interesting and informative review of the hardships faced by Confederate physicians and their patients. Make plans to be at the October meeting.

At the September meeting the Children of the Confederacy represented by William Baber, Jr. and Anastasia Baber along with Marlene Baber of the UDC presented certificates (from L to R) Compatriots **Bill Baber** for Secession Camp, **Don Pace** for American Legion Post 166, and **George Naumann** for the CHT in appreciation for their help in making the recent Children of the Confederacy Convention in Charleston a huge success.

"The NCAA has shown an utter contempt for democracy and the legislative process. They should be held accountable." - - Gene Kizer

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### FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:



The preparations for the Heritage Ride are in progress as I write this column. The rides focus is on sites that are important to our heritage. The word heritage is closely associated with our goal as we stand in defense of the Confederate Soldiers good name. During our last meeting the presentation described Confederate heritage from the perspective of a black soldier. The crew of the Submarine Hunley is also an example of how far reaching our heritage extends. The crew consisted of English, Irish, German and American born crewmen. They accomplished the impossible; they did their duty as they saw it.

I believe the tribute given by Sam Watkins summarizes what we consider to be our heritage, Sam said the 1<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Regiments will ever remember the battle of the Dead Angle fought on June 27<sup>th</sup> on the Kennesaw line near Marietta, GA. After the battle was over and while burying the dead of both armies Sam described his feelings as follows:

"Every member of the First and Twenty Seventh Tennessee Regiments deserves a wreath of imperishable fame, and a warm place in the hearts of our countrymen, for the gallant and heroic valor at the battle of the Dead Angle. No man distinguished himself above another. All did their duty, and the glory of one is but the glory and tribute of the others." (Co. Aytch, Sam R. Watkins, pg. 159.)

They all contributed to our heritage and may our lives represent a wreath of honor for all those who did their duty. It is our prayer that we may do our duty as faithfully as they did theirs.

Compatriot Gordon Barrickman has been hospitalized, he is presently recuperating at his home. Our prayer is that he will have a swift and complete recovery.

Please continue to remember Compatriots Dickinson and Heidtman in your prayers.

If you are aware of a compatriot who is ill or disabled please contact me at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail at smabie@earthlink.net .

Yours in Service,

**Sy Mabie**, Chaplain, Secession Camp #4



Compatriot **Loren O'Donnell** was presented his certificate and pin for becoming a Life member of Secession Camp and the SC Division of the SCV, in September.



At the September meeting SC Division Commander **Randy Burbage** presented Compatriots **Sy Mabie** (left) and **Jimmy Wheeler** (right) Superior Achievement Awards from the National SCV. Good work men!

### CHT GHOST WALK

The annual Confederate Heritage Ghost Walk will be held Oct. 13 and 14 at Magnolia Cemetery. There will be a practice secession on Wednesday Oct. 11 in the cemetery at 6 PM. This is always an fun event for those who volunteer so please come out and help make this another successful Ghost Walk..

## 2006 CALENDER OF EVENTS

**October**

- 10-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 10-13 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery
- 10-14 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery
- 10-17 Secession Camp Meeting

**November**

- 11-4 Pvt. John S. Bird Camp # 38 Chartering Ceremony
- 11-7 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 11-11 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation
- 11-12 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation
- 11-21 Secession Camp Meeting

**December**

- 12-5 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 12-17 Secession Camp Christmas Party \*
- 12-19 Secession Camp Meeting
- 12-20 Secession Day

\* Dates not confirmed

**Meeting Dates for Camps of the 6th Brigade**

Secession Camp # 4, Charleston	3rd Tuesday of the Month
Moultrie Camp # 27, Mt. Pleasant	3rd Thursday of the Month
Pvt. John S. Bird Camp # 38 (unchartered), N. Charleston	2nd Tuesday of the Month
Wee Nee Volunteers Camp # 58, Kingstree	1st Monday of the Month
Linchfield Camp # 132, Conway	3rd Tuesday of the Month
H. L. Hunley Camp # 143, Summerville	4th Thursday of the Month
Gen. Ellison Capers Camp # 1212, Moncks Corner	3rd Thursday of the Month
Star of the West Camp # 1253, The Citadel	(irregular)
Ft. Sumter Camp # 1269, Charleston	2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)
Battery White Camp # 1568, Georgetown	2nd Tuesday of the Month

### COMPATRIOT CLANTON DONATES TO CAMP

Compatriot **Don Clanton** (a charter member of Secession Camp) donated several reenacting items, a complete set of camp news letters and other printed materials to Secession Camp. The reenacting gear worth several hundred dollars, was sold with the proceeds going to the camp's general fund and the other items will be stored for a future camp library. Our sincere thanks go to Don for this generous contribution!

### *In Memory of My Confederate Ancestor*

Pvt. Benjamin R. Day  
Co B, 59th Virginia Infantry Regiment

Born in Brunswick county Virginia. Fell ill on the campaign to South Carolina and died in a Charleston hospital after an extended illness on November 7, 1863. Grave site unknown.

Russell E. Darden  
Past ANV Commander

### CAMP SUPPER

That terrific meal we enjoyed at the September meeting was prepared by some generous Compatriots who came in 2 1/2 hours before the meeting to prepare it. Mess Corporal **Don Pace**, along with Compatriots **Perry Patrick**, **Bob Dandridge**, **Don Petty**, and **Walter Canaday** volunteered their time to make our meal possible. Let's all try and let these men know how much we appreciate what they do, the next time we see them. Thanks men!  
At the October meeting Don and his crew will be preparing scrambled eggs with onion and tomato, sausage links, grits, biscuits, butter and jelly.. Sounds like another fine meal for the Compatriots of Secession Camp so make sure you're there!

"Hannah Burbage," continued from page 1

American colonies. The consolidation of the government of Great Britain over the colonies was attempted to be carried out by taxes. The American colonies believed that Great Britain did not have the power to levy taxes on American soil. Great Britain was imposing taxes on the colonies to pay off their debts from other wars and to promote British interests. The colonies believed that they should not pay for the irresponsibility of another country thousands of miles away. Our ancestors resisted pretension. They refused to be a part of the consolidated government of Great Britain. Over time, tension grew immensely between the opposing forces of the colonies and Great Britain.

After many years of fighting, on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, the colonies declared that they were free and independent states, and that as free and independent states, they have full power to impose war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts which independent states of right may do. They also declared that whenever any "form of government becomes destructive of the ends for which it was established; it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government." In 1781, the thirteen original states invented the Articles of Confederation. One of the articles stated that, "Each state retains its sovereignty, freedom and independence, and every power, jurisdiction, and right which is not by this Confederation expressly delegated to the United States." This meant that the independent states were willing to come together as the 'United States' and to give certain powers to the 'Union', but they carefully kept to themselves all other powers, which involved states' rights.

When the Revolutionary War ended, England and the 'United States' signed a peace treaty, which opened with the following words: "His Britannic Majesty acknowledges the said United States, viz., New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia to be free, sovereign, and independent States." Therefore, England made peace with thirteen 'independent' states, not with the 'Confederation.'

Less than one-hundred years after the Revolutionary War ended, the Southern states stood in the same exact position towards the Northern states that the colonies did towards Great Britain. The Northern States had the majority in Congress and declared the same power of supremacy in legislation as the British Parliament. The southern people's representation in Congress was useless to protect them against unjust taxation because of the unequal representation of the Northern states. The people of the South had been taxed by duties on imports to promote Northern interests. Southerners believed that they should not pay for the benefit of the North. Three-fourths of the collected taxes were expended in the North. The Southern states were being unfairly taxed by the people of the North for Northern interests, exactly as the British Parliament taxed our forefathers for British interests. After many years of unjust treatment, the Southern states decided to secede from the Union and become a conglomerate Confederation of states. These states were in the same position as their fathers and grandfathers had experienced with Great Britain.

The seven seceded states met in Montgomery, Alabama in February, 1861 and formed the Confederate States of America. They instantaneously set about organizing a government akin to the one their forefathers had created for the United States, adopting the same Constitution with slight changes that elucidated states' rights perpetually. Southerners referred to the Constitution and the rights of sovereign states to separate themselves from each other as eagerly as they had chosen to employ in the first place.

In one of my favorite television shows, the *Beverly Hillbillies*, Granny explained the War in one simple statement. Granny said, "It was when the North invaded America." Granny was exactly right in her description. Her statement sums up what actually happened in the War. Our ancestors were exercising their rights as provided them in the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution and were unjustly persecuted for doing so. Once again, they were forced to defend their homes against an invading army with vastly greater resources.

Even though the Confederate States of America did not prevail in the War Between the States, they made their cause known, and it will never be forgotten. We will never forget the sacrifices that our ancestors in both the American Revolution and the War of Northern Aggression made.

## GLENN McCONNELL PARKWAY CLEAN-UP

Another clean-up of the Glen McConnell Parkway was held on Saturday, September 23rd and Highway Clean-up Chairman **Jimmy Wheeler** reports that 20 bags of trash were collected by the volunteers of Secession Camp. Seven Compatriots came out on Saturday morning to help our camp meet the commitment we made to clean the parkway. Compatriot Wheeler was joined by Compatriots **Bob Gissell, Sam Antley, Bennie Slay, Woody Weatherford, Ben Pittman, and Elmore Marlow**. This is an important job that Secession Camp has promised to take care of and it can't happen without men who are willing to give of their time to collect trash. We salute these volunteers for making the effort to help the camp keep our promise. Thanks men!

*The Sentinel apologizes for not having a photo of the volunteers to go with this article.*

### HERITAGE WATCH

This months Heritage violator is long over due to be called out for his anti-Confederate hate speech. He and the fish wrapper he writes for take every opportunity they get to attack anything dealing with our Confederate Heritage. He is Will Moredock who writes for the City Paper. To call that rag a newspaper would be a stretch. They have no interest in fairness or the other side of the story and continually twist facts in an effort to make anyone who supports our Southern Heritage look bad. His most recent misrepresentation came when he simply copied the misinformation that another fish wrapper, The State newspaper, published and supplied to AP, regarding the Hunley project and Senator Glen McConnell. Moredock, rather than checking out the story simply lifted all the distorted information he could read and threw in a few of his own uninformed comments. He even had the nerve to accuse The Post and Courier of covering up the story because they correctly did their own research, rather than copy The State's distorted story. The Post and Courier produced a for more accurate picture of the Hunley project which showed many of The State's figures to be distorted. That however didn't deter Moredock from attacking the Hunley project, Senator McConnell and even The Post and Courier. After all if he had any interest in the truth he wouldn't be writing for the City Paper. It seems crystal clear that the label Confederaphobic is far more appropriate for Mr. Moredock than journalist. There is one truth we have learned from Mr. Moredock though and that's what to wrap fish with.

### URGENT NEED FOR CAMP QUARTERMASTER AND PRINTER

The camp is in urgent need of volunteers to serve as Camp Quartermaster and Camp Printer. We need someone to step forward and help with the production of the camp's newsletter or we will be forced to pay a commercial printer at great expense to the camp. We also need a Quartermaster or we will have to close the camp store. Please step forward and help us keep these two valuable camp resources operational before it's to late. If you can help with either of these jobs or for information call Lt. Cmdr. **Bill Norris** at 849-9924 ASAP.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Two Secession Camp Compatriots had letters to the editor dealing with heritage issues published in The Post and Courier newspaper in the past month. Compatriot Elmore Marlow wrote to the paper in response to another letter regarding the payment of reparations for slavery and Compatriot Fred Dantzler wrote a letter in response to sports writer Ken Berger's call for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the Soldier's Monument at the State House in Columbia. Both letters were excellent defenses of our Southern heritage and we encourage all compatriots to write to any newspaper in response to attacks on our Southern heritage and symbols. Good job men!*

8-13-06

### **Slavery reparations**

The movement to make reparations to descendants of slaves presents a complicated issue.

The ones who lived through slavery and their families for the next several generations are the ones who suffered the most. We will never be able to make reparations to them. I believe their reward will be an eternal life of happiness with God, which we all should be striving for.

Who will pay the cost of reparations? Slavery at one time was condoned everywhere in the United States. Should banks, railroads, churches and industries, for example, be the only ones made to pay?

How about the individuals who made profits from the system? The shipbuilders of Connecticut owned more slave ships than any other group.

The factories in the North made huge profits from the goods produced from cotton. Records from 1860 show that over 10,000 slaves were owned by blacks.

One of the most successful in South Carolina was William Ellison, who owned 63 slaves and 900 acres in Sumter County. Should his descendants be made to pay?

How about George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other presidents, who were slave owners? Does this mean the federal government is liable, too?

If so, does this mean the 1,300 homeowners in Columbia, who were burned out during the visit of Gen. Sherman, should be compensated? How about the Native Americans?

There are a lot of unanswered questions. We could be compensating ourselves for centuries to come.

### **ELMORE MARLOW**

9-13-06

### **Research Civil War**

I am a proud descendant of a Confederate soldier who didn't own a single slave. In fact, 70 percent to 80 percent of the men fighting under the Confederate battle flag didn't own slaves.

Am I expected to believe that my ancestors endured the hardships of that war to own slaves? I don't think so.

There is a misconception that the military was a sea of slave-owning white men. It was comprised of Hispanics, Jews, and, yes, even black men, all fighting for their country.

It is true that history is written by the victor. People need to take the initiative to research matters on their own. Many will be surprised at what they find out about the so-called Civil War and good old "Honest Abe."

Most people don't realize that black men owned slaves. According to the 1830 census, more than 10,000 slaves were owned by black men. Many say that the Confederate battle flag is a symbol of slavery and hate and that it should disappear forever.

What about the U.S. flag? How long did it fly over a slave-holding country?

The Confederate flag flew over slavery for only four years. How many slave ships flew the Confederate flag? None.

Oh, but the KKK uses the Confederate flag. It uses the U.S. flag, too, and even the Christian flag. Let's get rid of those, too.

Groups like the NAACP will never quit complaining and boycotting because when it doesn't have anything to complain about, it will have no reason to exist. We all know that will never happen.

All Southerners need to stick together, protect our heritage and make sure that future generations know the truth about our ancestors and how brave they were. As far as I'm concerned, the NCAA can keep its tournaments and its money.

I'm not going to tarnish my ancestors' honor for the NAACP or the NCAA.

### **FRED L. DANTZLER IV**



Pictured above is Compatriot **Allen L. Gentry** who received his membership certificate at the September meeting. Congratulations Allen!



At the September meeting, well known Compatriot H.K. Edgerton gave the Camp a rousing lecture on the relationship between Southern blacks and whites and what it means to be the son of a Confederate soldier. He also talked about his upcoming march to Washington D.C. to address President Bush. H.K. was one of the best speakers we have had and he received a standing ovation for his inspiring talk.

**COMPATRIOT COMPTON  
PRESENTED MEDAL**



Compatriot **Bobby Compton** was presented the SCV War Service Medal at the September meeting for his service in the Vietnam War. Compatriot Compton was wounded in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart for his service to our country. He is of the same stock as those Confederate soldiers who defended the South in the WBTS. Thank you for your service to our country Bobby. You are our hero!

*In Memory of My  
Confederate Ancestors*

Private Wesley P. Beach  
Co. G 4th SC Cavalry

Private Robert O. Jaques  
Co. G 4th SC Cavalry

Capitan George W. Way  
11th SC Infantry

Corporal Beverly Rodgers  
Co. F 1st Local Troops, GA (Augusta)

Deo Vindice  
Clyde W. Rogers

*"Malvern Hill," continued from page 1*

"I had a Sergeant Driscoll, a brave man, and one of the best shots in the Brigade. When charging at Malvern Hill, a company was posted in a clump of trees, who kept up a fierce fire on us, and actually charged out on our advance. Their officer seemed to be a daring, reckless boy, and I said to Driscoll, 'if that officer is not taken down, many of us will fall before we pass that clump.'

'Leave that to me,' said Driscoll; so he raised his rifle, and the moment the officer exposed himself again **Bang** went Driscoll, and over went the officer, his company at once breaking away.

As we passed the place I said, 'Driscoll, see if that officer is dead - he was a brave fellow.'

I stood looking on. Driscoll turned him over on his back. He opened his eyes for a moment, and faintly murmured 'Father,' and closed them forever.

I will forever recollect the frantic grief of Driscoll; it was harrowing to witness. He was his son, who had gone South before the war.

And what became of Driscoll afterwards? Well, we were ordered to charge, and I left him there; but, as we were closing in on the enemy, he rushed up, with his coat off, and, clutching his musket, charged right up at the enemy, calling on the men to follow. He soon fell, but jumped up again. We knew he was wounded. On he dashed, but he soon rolled over like a top. When we came up he was dead, riddled with bullets."

After hours of pouring over regimental histories, battle summaries, and battlefield maps and soldier databases, I am confident I have identified the hapless victims. The officer was almost certainly 2nd Lieutenant John Driscoll, Co. F, 14<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Infantry. He enlisted in New Orleans during August 1861 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Polish Regiment, subsequently changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Louisiana, which recruited men from the Parish's surrounding the City. Mustered into Confederate service in September 1861 as the 13<sup>th</sup> Louisiana, the unit was reorganized as the 14th Louisiana Infantry.

Confederate enlistment papers indicate Lt. Driscoll enlisted as a private. The Louisiana SCV State burial database indicates 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant John Driscoll, 14<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Volunteers, was killed at Frayser's Farm on June 30, 1862, the day before Captain Conyngham of the Irish Brigade remembers his tragic death on July 1, 1862 at Malvern Hill. Frayser's Farm and Malvern Hill occurred one day apart during what is commonly called the Seven Days Campaign. The 14<sup>th</sup> Louisiana and 69<sup>th</sup> New York (the Irish Brigade) participated in both engagements.

The National Park Service 'Soldiers and Sailors system' shows a Lieutenant Cornelius Driscoll enlisted for Confederate service in the 1<sup>st</sup> Louisiana Regiment during the war. The NPS database indicates Cornelius was the only officer with the Driscoll surname in Confederate service so I presume he is the same person as Lt. John Driscoll. John was the only officer shown on Louisiana rosters with the Driscoll surname (records from this period, especially Confederate records, are notoriously incomplete or inaccurate.) Lt. John Driscoll is buried at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

During the Seven Days campaign, the 14<sup>th</sup> Louisiana was assigned to Hill's Division, 2nd Corp, ANV. After the engagement at Malvern Hill, the regiment was transferred to Ewell's – Early's – Gordon's Divisions. They had casualties of twenty-four percent at Gettysburg and served with distinction for the remainder of war.

Lt. Driscoll's father must have been John Driscoll, who enlisted as a private with the 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment, New York Infantry. The 69<sup>th</sup> was the nucleus of the original Irish Brigade, composed the 63<sup>rd</sup> NY, 69<sup>th</sup> NY, 88<sup>th</sup> NY, the 38<sup>th</sup> MA, and 116<sup>th</sup> PA, under the command of General Thomas Meagher. It was common for relatives to serve in the same regiment and two other Driscoll's served with the Irish Brigade in the 88<sup>th</sup> NY, possible relatives of John. The 69<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> regiments were organized at Throgs Neck, New York and the 63<sup>rd</sup> was organized at Staten Island. No record was located verifying the enlistment of Captain D. P. Conyngham who wrote about the account. Perhaps the unusual spellings of his surname lead to administrative errors, making a search difficult. He was, however, the author of the book, "The Irish Brigade and Its Campaigns," published in 1867. Battlefield reports for the Irish Brigade do not list the names of casualties, only the number for each engagement, so the death of Sergeant John Driscoll has not been verified.

The Irish Brigade was engaged at Frayser's Farm and Malvern Hill. They rightfully earned the respect of the Confederate forces. Eight-hundred and eighty men of the Irish Brigade left New York for the war in 1861... only ninety-six men returned, the others succumbed to death or disability. After hearing that the 69<sup>th</sup> NY faced him across the field during one of the Seven Days battles, General Robert E. Lee himself remarked, "Ah yes, that Fighting 69<sup>th</sup>."

Did Captain Conyngham fictionalize the story? The names on the rosters and battle summaries indicate the event may have occurred, but no battle reports were located that could verify the story. We are left to our own thoughts on the interweaving of fate with our ultimate destiny.

And the rest of the story,

My great-great grandfather, John Carney (Kearney), an Irish immigrant, was a Sergeant in the 7<sup>th</sup> GA Volunteers. I do not have much information on Sgt. Carney. I know he was born in County Cork, Ireland, but I do not know when he immigrated to the United States. Being Irish, I am reasonably certain his port of entry was New

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## MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 19th MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Travel Experiences
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker H. K. Edgerton
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		
Remarks: 63 members and 14 guest for a total of 77 in attendance		

- SCV Charge was given by Commander **Bill Baber**.
- Invocation given by Chaplain **Sy Mabie**.
- Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. Gene Patrick.
- The cooks were then recognized for the meal. Head chef **Don Pace** was assisted by **Perry Patrick, Don Petty, Walter Canady, Robert Dandridge, and Oscar Vick**.
- Introduction of guest, which included Adam Byerly, former Commander of The Star of the West Camp at the Citadel, Jeff Antley, Commander of the Moultrie Camp, and **Jamie Parks**, Commander of the Palmetto Guard Camp.
- William Baber, Jr., son of our Commander, his daughter, Anastasia of the Children of the Confederacy and Marlene Baber of the UDC presented certificates of appreciation to Don Pace, American Legion Post 166, **George Naumann**, Confederate Heritage Trust, Bill Baber and Secession Camp # 4 for their help and contributions during the recent Children of the Confederacy Convention which was held in Charleston.
- The speaker, E. K. Edgerton, was then introduced by Bill Baber. Mr. Edgerton lives in Asheville, N. C. and is associated with the Southern Resources Legal Firm in Black Mountain, N. C. He spoke on his experiences as a black man, dressed in a Confederate uniform, walking around the South carrying the Confederate Battle Flag.
- Treasurers Report - **Woody Weatherford** reported a beginning balance of \$4,488.91 with deposits of \$5,432.00 and 56 cents interest. Expenses were \$205.00 for International dues, \$480.00 for S. C. Division dues, \$100.00 for recruiting meeting lunch, \$40.00 for newsletter postage), \$56.00 for August guest speaker, \$39.00 for postage. Total expenses were \$1,045.00 which left a balance of \$8,876.47.
- Sy Mabie reported the Mickey Davis Fund had deposits of \$145.00 from meals, which gives assets of \$4,807.93 and liabilities of \$1,838.00 for the historical marker to be placed on John's Island at the site of the conflict at Burden's Causeway. **Gene Patrick** reported the marker has been approved by the S. C. Dept. of Transportation and marker is now being made in Ohio, by Yankees. We will be notified when the marker arrives and a ceremony will be scheduled. In the Chaplain's report, Sy asked to remember **William Heidtman** and **Jim Dickinson** in our prayers. **James Carswell** was in Roper for surgery, but has returned home. On August 16<sup>th</sup> Sy and **Elmore Marlow** presented the Memorial Resolution to Dorothy Rigsby, sister of **Robert Moorer**.
- Former Camp Commander, **Don Clanton**, has donated his reenactor uniforms to Secession Camp and so far over \$300.00 has been raised from the sale of them. He also donated his collection of the Sentinel, Confederate Veteran, and other items to the Camp.
- New Business: Samuel Antley was voted and approved for membership. Mr. Antley will be inducted at the October meeting.
- **Robert Compton** was presented the SCV War Service Medal by Commander Bill Baber and Lt. Commander **Bill Norris**. Compatriot Compton served our country in the U. S. Marine Corps and was wounded in action while serving in Viet Nam.

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## Just for the fun of it!

Contributed by Compatriot Bill Miller

One day in early 1865 St. Peter was in his office when his assistant came running up to him and says, "St. Peter! There's a bunch of Sherman's Damn Yankee looters and home burners coming!" St. Peter, surprised by his assistant's language, admonishes him saying, "don't be so judgmental - all men, even Sherman's, should be given the benefit of doubt when they come seeking entry into Heaven. You march right back down there and apologize to them." The assistant goes running off, and soon comes running back yelling, "They're gone! They're gone!" St. Peter says, "All those men are gone?" "Not them!" The assistant says. "The pearly gates!"

## DUES ARE NOW DUE

Adjutant **Elmore Marlow** wants to remind everyone that your dues are now due. Yearly dues are \$42.00 which includes camp, division, and national charges. If you haven't paid your dues please see Elmore at the next meeting or mail them to him as soon as you can. We don't want anyone to get dropped from the rolls so please take care of this now.

## NORTH CHARLESTON SCV

The new Pvt. John S. Bird Camp #38 of North Charleston will hold their camp chartering ceremony on November 4, at 7PM, in the North Town Grill, in N. Charleston. Tickets for the event are \$22. The camp now meets at Brecks Restaurant, located at 8510 Rivers Ave. in N. Charleston, on the 2nd Thursday of every month, at 7 PM. For more information contact Commander **Jamie Parks** at 843-819-9765.

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York, but I have no proof. I know the names of some of his brothers and his children, and I have to admit to a slow, creeping chill when I read the traditional Carney family given names of Thomas, Patrick, and yes, John Carney on the roster of the Irish Brigade, along with another half-dozen Carney's and Kearney's. The 7<sup>th</sup> GA Volunteers, and my great-grandfather, were at Frayser's Farm and Malvern Hill in Anderson's Brigade. Did he, like John Driscoll, unknowingly fire at his own family? Perhaps this was the source for my intense interest in this story.

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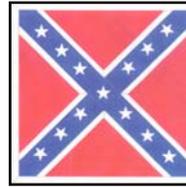
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- **Jimmy Wheeler** and Sy Mabie were presented with Superior Achievement Awards from National Headquarters.
- **Loren O'Donnell** was presented a pin and certificate for becoming a lifetime member of Secession Camp # 4.
- The Commander reported that dues have to be sent in by the end of October to avoid having to pay a reinstatement fee. If there are any questions, please call Elmore Marlow at 762-2430.
- George Naumann reported on the Ghost Walk and the Battle of Secessionville. This year the Post & Courier will print a commemorative edition for the reenactment which will take place on November 11 & 12. Ancestor memorials can be placed in section at a cost of \$60.00. Call George at 345-5554.
- Adam Byerly is reserving tickets to the Citadel-VMI game on November 11, where Dixie will be played by the band and sung after each score. Adam can be reached on his cell phone at (864) 230-6515 to reserve you tickets.
- A motion was then made to adjourn.
- The benediction was made by Sy Mabie followed by the singing of Dixie.

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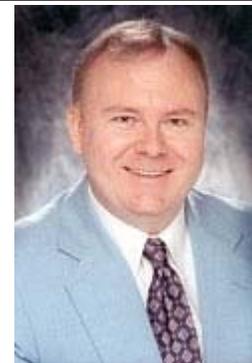
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