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CONFEDERATE DECORATION DAY

This year's Confederate Decoration Day is on Confederate Circle with full military honors delivered June 6, 2015. Our Camp's memorial service will be by Captain Boude's company of cavalry then being held at Confederate Circle in the Gallatin City Cemetery. We are doing much work to make Confederate Circle a true tribute to those who fought for the cause of Southern Independence.

The chain is now up, setting off Confederate Circle as a site of homage to those who fought and in many instances died. As you know, Confederate Circle began early in the war in November 1861 with the burial of an unknown Louisianan who arrived in Gallatin atop the L&N railroad. He had apparently struck his head on some obstruction and arrived unconscious and died in the doctor's office where Past Commander Bryan Roehrig now has his law office. He was never identified but was laid to



Bate's 2nd Tennessee First National at half staff in our 2014 ceremony

Others buried in Confederate Circle include members of the famous 8th Texas Cavalry, Terry's Texas Rangers, who were mortally wounded in the line of defense then existing at Bowling Green and were brought back to Gallatin for medical treatment.

Later, several of General John Hunt Morgan's men who were wounded here during his raids through Gallatin and most died after their wounds in the Battle of Gallatin in August, 1862.

These men all were volunteers fighting for a cause in which they believed who sacrificed all. They represent

Our next regular meeting will be held on June 11, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the new location of Believers Fellowship, still on the Public square but now at 126 North Water Avenue. Please plan to attend.

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Cemetery. We, as Sons of Confederate Veterans, must never forget our mission to honor and defend these men and their memory. We must never forget their sacrifices. As the Reverend R.H. McKim, D.D., reminded the veterans themselves at their 1904 reunion in Nashville: "The people that forgets its heroic dead is already dying at the heart. ..." Let us never forget.

FORREST'S OLD REGIMENT.

Capt. J. C. Blanton, Commander of Company C: I have long since thought of writing a short history of Forrest's old regiment for you. I had the honor of being a member of it from the formation at Memphis, Tenn., to its surrender at Greensborough, Ala. Forrest did not enter the service at the head of a Tennessee Regiment of cavalry, as is frequently published. Half of his command was from other States. We had Overton's and Logan's companies from Kentucky; Kelley's and Becoats' companies from Alabama; and Gould's from Texas; besides, May's company, though organized at Memphis, was largely of Mississippians, Arkansians, and Texans. Then, too, McDonold's company made up at Memphis, contained some Arkansians.

With seven companies we started from Memphis to the seat of war in Kentucky. N. B. Forrest was Lieut. Colonel, and Rev. D. C. Kelley was Major Hambrick succeeded Kelley to the captaincy of his company. Our first halt was at Fort Doneleson, where we did some scouting down the Cumberland River. We were next ordered to Hopkinsville, Ky., where we established permanent camps, and from this point we made frequent scouts, west to the Ohio, and north to Green rivers.

Our first battle of any note was Sacramento, a Kentucky village. Cavalry did the fighting on both sides. This fight lasted but a very short time. The forces were about equal, but the enemy had the advantage of being on the defensive. The head of our column came within range of his guns before we had formed, compelling our men to form under a distressing fire. But form we did, and

drove the blue coats pell mell through t lie village, and into a boggy lane where a great many of them were killed and captured. This battle had a splendid effect in our regiment, causing men and officers to confide in and respect each other. We were convinced that evening that Forrest and Kelley were wise selections for our leaders. And in all the battles that followed in which these two men were actors, they well sustained the reputation made on the field of Sacramento.

Kelley 's motto was thus: "In the path of duty there is no danger," and thus "The duty of a soldier is to obey orders." Forrest made that path of duty plain, Kelley walked in it amid the roar of artillery, the rattle of musketry, even mid the groans of the dying as calmly as he had formerly walked to his pulpit on Sabbath morning. D. C. Kelley was one of the bravest men I ever saw. I never saw him manifest the least sign of fear or excitement on any field of battle, and I was with him on many. I give here one incident. It happened at the siege of Fort Donelson. It was when the enemy tried to pass the Fort with his fleet. Our regiment being cavalry could not be used in defense of the fort. So we were placed back to wait for orders. During this bombardment and when it looked like the furies of hell were turned loose on us, I looked down the line, and saw Kelley sitting on a camp stool leaning against a tent pole reading his Bible. My curiosity was at once excited, and wondering if it were possible for a man to be interested even in reading God's word under such circumstances, I walked to where he was, stood close to him until I was satisfied that he was deeply interested in the Book.

I went back and called some comrades'



attention to it, and after going close to him they returned in perfect amazement, that any man could be so composed amid such roaring of cannon shots, and screaming shells. Why, the very earth was quivering under us. But I started to write the history of the regiment, not of one man. We were badly broken up at Donelson, only a part of us getting away. A number of the brave boys fell on that bloody field, and among the number my captain, Charles May. Oh, how sad we were when he fell with six holes through and near his heart ; either of which would have been fatal! He indeed fell in the thickest of the fight, With sixteen of his company dead and wounded around him.

May's charge at Donelson deserves to go down to history among the most daring deeds ever performed on any field of carnage. True, it was reckless and unwise; but they were obeying orders. It is a wonder that the order was ever given ; but a greater wonder is that any of us who went with Charlie May into that horrid hollow that cold, icy evening ever rode away again. No braver boys than those who fell around May in that charge—braver men never died on field of battle.

Forrest left Fort Donelson next morning with a part of his regiment. Gould and Logan remaining with their companies, and also some men from other companies. Capt. Overton stayed, but his Lieut. Crutcher came out with most of his men.

We went thence to Nashville, and next to Huntsville, Ala., at which place a great many of us were furloughed for recruiting purposes.

Our next camp was at Burnsville, Miss., where we secured several new companies, and a number of recruits for the old companies. At this place the regiment was reorganized. Forrest was made Colonel, Kelley, Lieutenant Colonel, and Balch, Major. From Burnsville we went to Shiloh, and were actors on that bloody field. When the army fell back to Corinth we remained between the lines nearly all the time that Bragg occupied Corinth. We followed the army to Tupelo. At this point Forrest left us and went to Tennessee as a Brigadier. After this Kelley left us, as did the two Alabama companies. Balch was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, and E. B. Trezevant to Major.

Under General Frank Armstrong we made campaigns into North Alabama and West Tennessee, fighting almost continually, taking active part in the battles around Iuka, and also at Corinth. Balch left us and Trezevant succeeded him. We were next ordered to Forrest at Columbia, Tenn. All but the Tennessee companies were then taken from us, and two of these, mere fragments, were put into May's old company with the writer in command, leaving just two of the old companies, McDonald and Blanton.

Col. Trezevant was also ordered to take command of the 10th, its Colonel being absent at the time. This was a new regiment, and had seen but little service.

Soon after this the battle of Thompson Station was fought. Col. Trezevant was ordered to make a flank movement to prevent the enemy from getting back to Franklin in case of his defeat. The regiment was dismounted, and suddenly we came in close proximity to the enemy. The firing



I must say I was very disappointed by our April meeting. There were only a small few of us present, which is always disappointing. We were to have finalized plans for Confederate Decoration Day coming up on June 6, 2015 but failed to have a quorum, so your commander will simply make decisions necessary to make this year's ceremony a success. We need, however, to increase attendance at our meetings so I'm looking for suggestions on how to make that happen.

We are cooperating this year for Confederate Decoration Day with the Robert H. Hatton Camp 723 in Lebanon. Their ceremony will be held at Cedar Grove Cemetery, 600 South Maple Avenue in Lebanon at 11:00 a.m. I hope that a good sized group from our Camp will attend their ceremony.

Our ceremony will be held at Confederate Circle in the Gallatin City Cemetery. We have having a traditional family picnic on the cemetery grounds

beginning at 1:30 p.m. and our ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. For the Victorian family picnic, you will need to bring your own chairs or blanket. So we can plan for food, please call Donna at 615-512-5299 to give her a number of those who will be there for the picnic.

We will again have Porter's Battery present for an artillery salute and members of the Hatton Camp will provide a rifle salute. Our speaker this year will be Michael Landree, the Executive Director of International Headquarters, Sons of Confederate Veterans. I encourage all of you to attend this ceremony to honor our ancestors.

This month's meeting will be held on June 11th and our speaker will be Ross Massey of Nashville who will talk to us about his new book on General Bate. It should be a great meeting and we need to hear Ross' presentation on General Bate's service during the War for Southern Independence.

Also this month, the Camp is sponsoring a table at the Forrest Homecoming and Southern Heritage Festival on June 20. The Camp is using the table to help spread the word about the Garfield Park Confederate POW Monument in Indianapolis and to raise funds for its restoration. We want to do a silent auction of one of the framed prints donated to the Camp featuring Forrest's warhorse, Roderick, with half the funds for the sale going to the Camp and half going to the restoration of the monument. I want to begin bidding toward this beautiful framed print at \$175 dollars and hope it sells for \$300 or so. With all the interest in Forrest at this event, I cannot think of a better place to try to use this framed print to

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raise money both for this worthy cause honoring the brave Tennesseans who died as prisoners in Camp Morton. The print is a reprint of the Jack Knox work that appeared in the *Nashville Banner* in 1956. It was one of three donated by David Wright to the Camp.

We also have scheduled in June our second quarterly breakfast. It is scheduled for June 27th and we need to decide if we want to carry on these quarterly breakfasts, where we want to hold them and how many of us will attend. Our April breakfast was sparsely attended and if we go forward with this one, I would like to see at least 10 of us commit to attend.

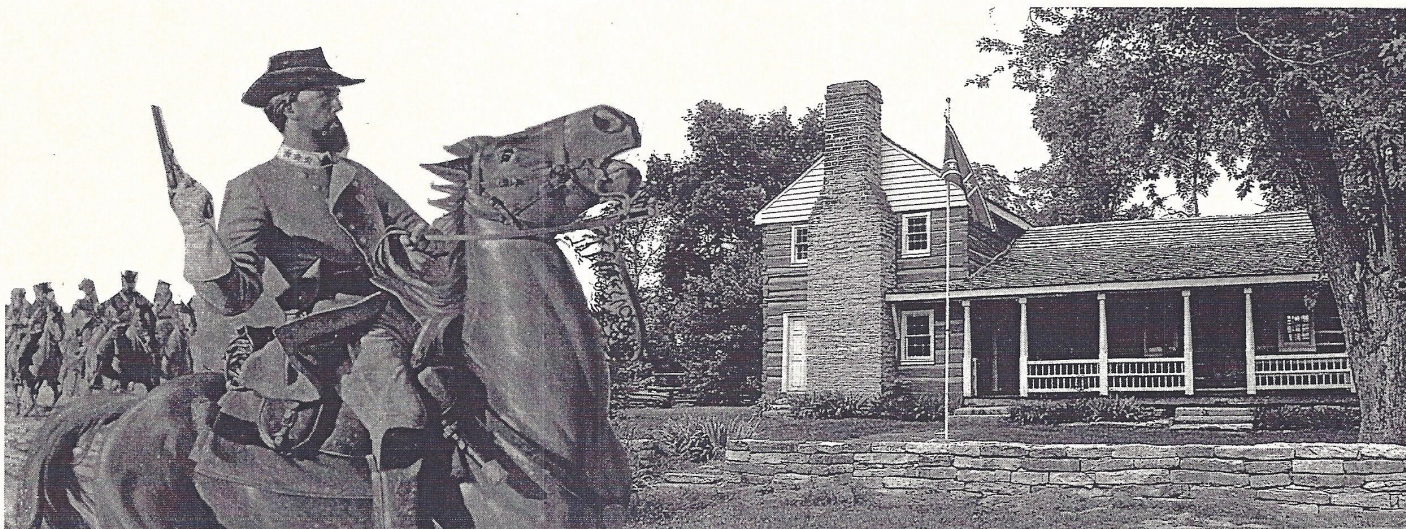
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Commenced almost simultaneously, and oh, what a rapid fire it was! The Tenth was armed with double barreled shot guns, except my company, which had carbines, and in easy range did terrible execution. While the battle was at white heat I turned to speak to Trezevant of how gallantly the men were bearing themselves, and I noticed that he looked pale. I stepped closer and said, "Colonel, are you hit?" The reply was, "Yes, Captain, I am killed. Take charge of the regiment." Putting my arm around him to assist him to the ground, I was ordered by general Forrest immediately to move the regiment forward. Leaving my friend and the hero, I obeyed, and never saw the form of that gallant man any more. I learned that he lingered until the evening, and then gave up his noble life. No braver man or truer friend ever buckled on sabre in defense of Southern soil and Southern honor than Col. E. B. Trezevant.

Confederate Veteran, 1895.



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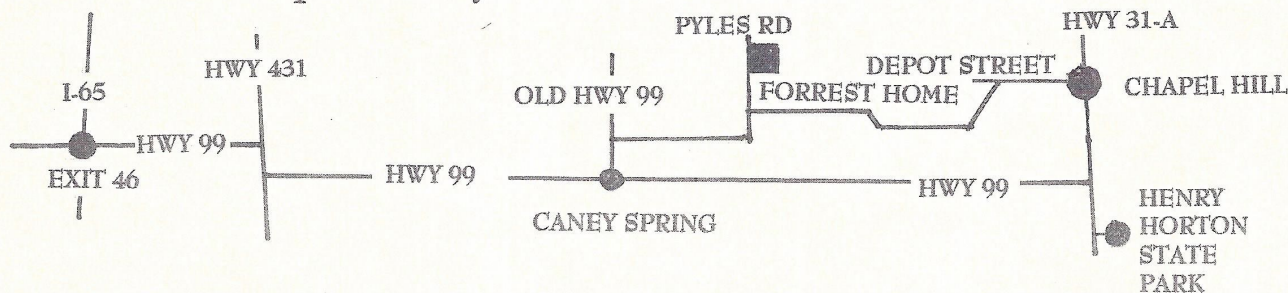
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Confederate Veteran.

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Blevins, Henry, Co. K, 26th Tennessee.
 Blythe, William, Co. K, Coker's Arkansas.
 Bodie, A. J., Co. C, 7th Mississippi Battalion.
 Bogel, James, Co. B, 18th Virginia Cavalry.
 Bohanan, Barthello, Co. B, 1st Missouri Cavalry.
 Bohart, W., Co. F, 15th Missouri.
 Boone, B. S., Co. B, 29th Missouri Cavalry.
 Boone, Robert, Co. G, Gordon's Missouri Cavalry.
 Boosbee, George W., Co. D, 43d North Carolina.
 Booth, G. W., Co. H, McGehee's Arkansas.
 Booth, William A., Co. H, 1st Mississippi.
 Boswell, George, Co. C, 63d Georgia.
 Boudreaux, Desire, Co. C, 1st Louisiana Artillery.
 Boudreaux, Maurice, Co. C, 1st Louisiana Artillery.
 Bourg, Joachim, Co. C, 1st Louisiana Artillery.
 Bourg, Octave, Co. B, 1st Louisiana Artillery.
 Bowen, James, Co. G, 41st Tennessee.
 Bowling, John, Co. K, 26th Tennessee.
 Bowman, Elias, Co. I, 45th Virginia.
 Bowman, N. C., Co. K, 18th Alabama.
 Boyd, Joseph A., Co. B, 3d Missouri Cavalry.
 Boyd, Z. I., Co. H, 4th Mississippi.
 Brabham, William, Corp., Co. B, 33d Mississippi.
 Bradford, Samuel, Co. H, 43d Tennessee.
 Bradford, William, Co. I, 41st Tennessee.
 Bradley, Josiah M., Co. K, 32d Alabama.
 Bradley, William G., Co. K, 32d Alabama.
 Bradshaw, John H., Co. F, Thomas's North Carolina Legion.
 Brafford, A. H., Co. B, 53d Tennessee.
 Bralton, Albert, Co. C, Melton's Kentucky Cavalry.
 Bramlette, Josiah, Co. C, 1st Texas.
 Brand, John J., Co. K, 16th Alabama Cavalry.
 Branscomb, F. C. C., Co. E, 45th Virginia.
 Brantley, E. R., Co. G, 15th Alabama.
 Bratton, A. M., Co. —, Melton's Kentucky Cavalry.
 Brazille, Samuel A., Sergt., Co. A, 50th Tennessee.
 Brewer, C. C., Co. H, 48th (Nixon's) Tennessee Infantry.
 Brice, John B., Co. H, 1st Arkansas Cavalry.
 Brice, W. W., Corp., Georgia Light Artillery.
 Bricken, J., Co. C, 51st Tennessee.
 Briles, H., Co. B, 9th Arkansas.
 Bringle, Christian, Co. H, 32d Tennessee.
 Britt, Alfred, Co. C, 7th Mississippi Battalion.
 Broucker, S. L., Co. F, 1st Kentucky Cavalry.
 Bron, Thomas, Co. B, 1st Georgia.
 Brooks, J. W., Co. D, 61st Tennessee.
 Brooks, John T., Co. A, 1st Louisiana Cavalry.
 Brooms, J. S., Co. B, 37th Mississippi.
 Brotherton, Thomas, Co. I, 1st Georgia Confederates.
 Broughman, H. J., Co. F, 60th Virginia.
 Broussard, Meonce, Co. I, 1st Louisiana Artillery.
 Brown, Andrew J., Co. H, 2d Missouri.
 Brown, Augustus Y., Co. E, 36th Mississippi.
 Brown, J. A., Co. H, McGehee's Arkansas.
 Brown, John E., Co. K, 16th Louisiana.
 Brown, M. A., Co. B, 26th Tennessee.
 Brown, N., Co. A, 24th South Carolina.
 Brown, N. L., Co. B, 53d Tennessee.
 Brown, Richard, Co. K, Anderson's N. C. Battalion.
 Brown, Samuel, Co. H, 15th Arkansas.
 Brown, W. G., Co. B, 60th North Carolina.
 Brown, W. S., Co. B, 59th Tennessee.
 Brown, William F., Co. C, 25th Georgia.
 Browning, A. J., Co. D, 45th Virginia Battalion.
 Bruner, John M., Co. K, 1st Mississippi.
 Bryant, A. O., Sergt., Co. K, 4th Mississippi.
 Bryson, William Y., Co. E, 52d Georgia.
 Buchanan, James H., Co. B, 45th Virginia.
 Buck, T. J., Co. K, Harris's Louisiana Cavalry.
 Buckner, W. O., Co. G, McIntosh's Indiana.
 Buford, A. M., Co. B, 63d Georgia.
 Buford, James T., Co. C, 2d Kentucky Mounted Infantry.
 Bugg, Robert H., Co. B, 56th Virginia.
 Bullard, H., Co. K, Coffee's Missouri.
 Bullock, D. D., Co. B, 1st Louisiana.
 Bulwark, H., Co. F, 2d Tennessee.
 Burden, G. W., Co. B, 29th Texas Cavalry.
 Burgan, Nathaniel, Co. —, Harris's Missouri Battalion.
 Burgess, Edward, Co. A, 8th Tennessee Cavalry.
 Burgoyne, Thomas H., Co. D, 26th Arkansas.
 Burke, Patrick, Co. —, Williams's Tennessee Battery.
 Burks, J. H., Co. G, 12th Alabama.
 Burnett, J. J., Co. —, Forrest's Kentucky Cavalry.
 Burnett, W. O., Co. B, 5th Tennessee.
 Burns, Alonzo W., Co. G, 16th Georgia Cavalry.
 Burns, C. A., Co. —, Confederate.
 Burns, J. J., Co. H, 9th Kentucky Artillery.
 Burton, Christopher, Co. G, 28th Tennessee.
 Burton, D. W., Wisdom's Co., Forrest's Tennessee Cavalry.
 Butcher, James, Co. —, Love's Louisiana Cavalry.
 Butler, H. J., Co. C, Newsom's Alabama Cavalry.
 Butler, William, Co. H, 3d Missouri.
 Byrd, George B., Co. C, 12th Louisiana.
 Cabos, John B., Co. H, 1st Louisiana Artillery.
 Cagle, David, Co. H, 40th Alabama.
 Caison, J. H., Co. K, 15th Alabama.
 Caldwell, Lawson, Co. A, 62d North Carolina.
 Calloway, Charles A., Co. E, 1st Missouri Cavalry.
 Cameron, James, Co. C, 4th Mississippi.
 Campbell, A., Co. F, 27th Alabama.
 Campbell, A. K., Co. G, 4th Mississippi.
 Campbell, J., Co. D, 33d Tennessee.
 Campbell, J. R., Co. K, 4th Tennessee.
 Campbell, J. R., Co. —, Forrest's Kentucky Cavalry.
 Campbell, James D., Co. F, 1st Tennessee Cavalry.
 Campbell, William, Co. C, 33d Tennessee.
 Cannon, John M., Co. B, 8th Georgia Battalion.
 Cannon, L., Co. A, 13th Louisiana Cavalry Battalion.
 Canterbury, D. C., Co. C, Williams's Alabama Battalion.
 Cantrell, John T., Co. H, 2d Kentucky.
 Cantwell, William, Co. G, 5th Tennessee Cavalry.
 Capehart, P. M., Co. A, 4th Louisiana Battalion.
 Carlisle, R. C., Co. H, 9th Alabama Cavalry.
 Carnell, J. N., Co. I, 2d Arkansas.
 Carpenter, Moses, Co. C, Roddey's Alabama Cavalry.
 Carr, John, Co. C, 4th Tennessee.
 Carroll, A. B., Co. A, 7th Kentucky.
 Carroll, Dennis, Co. C, 4th Georgia Cavalry.
 Carroll, Rufus, Co. H, 27th Battalion Virginia.
 Carroll, William B., Co. F, 3d Mississippi.
 Carry, J. A., Co. F, 4th Georgia Cavalry.
 Carter, William H., Co. —, 3d Mississippi.
 Cartwright, William D., Co. K, 45th Virginia.
 Carty, W. L., Co. G, 34th Alabama.
 Casey, Baxter, Co. G, 64th North Carolina.
 Cashion, Samuel, First Lieut., Co. G, 53d Tennessee.

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TO REMIND ALL OF US OF THEIR SACRIFICE

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Carmack's Pledge to the South

The South is a land that has known sorrows; it is a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with tears; a land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and billowed with the graves of her dead; but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories.

To that land every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever. I was born of her womb; I was nurtured at her breast; and when my last hour shall come, I pray God that I may be pillowed upon her bosom and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms.

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