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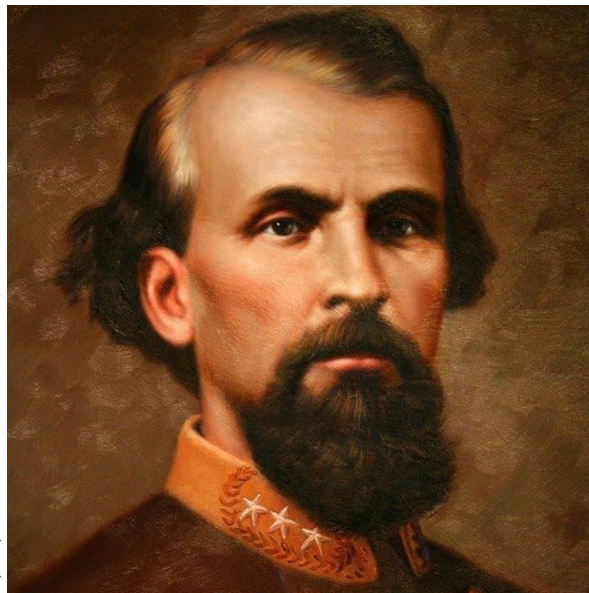


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## HERITAGE UNDER ASSAULT

Now is a time of trial for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. From almost all sides our Confederate heritage is under assault. In its defense we are almost standing alone among Confederate heritage organizations. Many of you may have seen that the United Daughters of the Confederacy have been largely silent about events in South Carolina but as the calls to purge the South of all things Confederate, they have cancelled the SCV's use of their Great Hall in Richmond for this year's Memorial Service at the National Reunion. The SCV had a contract, paid in full, to use the Hall for this service but that contract was abruptly cancelled saying the building would be closed to all during our Reunion.



Earlier, the Children of the Confederacy, run by the UDC, first invited our Commander in Chief to speak, then uninvited him and now have apparently re-invited him. One can only ask where this will all end?

Even here, our own Tennessee politicians seemed to be eager to take away our SCV license plate and to remove the bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest from the Tennessee capitol. If that was not enough, the Mayor of Memphis wants to dig Forrest up and remove he and his wife from under his statue.

Clearly, only the SCV seems prepared to step up and oppose these sorts of steps that denigrate our ancestors and threaten our heritage. We then must RECRUIT!!!!!! We must increase our numbers so that the political force we can exert is one that the politicians who seek to pander to those who would slander and destroy our heritage know that in doing so

there is a political price to be paid.

We must contact our state Senators and state Representatives letting them know where we stand on heritage issues and where we expect them to stand.

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 13, 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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**NOW IS THE TIME TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED  
TO DEFEND OUR CONFEDERATE SYMBOLS AND THE  
HONOR OF OUR ANCESTORS  
WILL YOU SHIRK YOUR DUTY?**

Now, Gentlemen, is the time to stand up and be counted. If we do not, if we shirk this duty, we could lose our heritage. Across the South monuments are under siege, even a monument to Confederate dead in a cemetery has been vandalized, flags on soldiers graves removed. We must stand up to stop this and to stop it now. Now is the time for the Sons of Confederate Veterans to show that we take The Charge to heart and are willing to stand by our ancestors, their courage and their sacrifices.

Deo Vindice!

## THE DEATH OF BRIGADIER JOHN GREGG



Brigadier General John Gregg was in command of the Texas Brigade during the siege of Petersburg. He was killed on October

7, 1864. He was a Texan and was a personal friend of Lt. Colonel Clinton M. Winkler, then commanding the 4th Texas. Here is a description of his death and the recovery of his body and the subsequent funeral:

"Sunset, October 9.—Another hard day's work, and, thank God, I am still unhurt. We charged the enemy's works between the Darbytown and Newmarket roads, and suffered heavily. General Gregg among the killed."

This was the brief announcement of a catastrophe the Texas Brigade had never before been called upon to bear—the loss of a general upon the battlefield. It was to them a most dreadful experience, and the circumstances surrounding his death touched the stoutest hearts.

The Texans had driven the enemy into his breastworks, and were advancing steadily under murderous fire, when General Gregg was suddenly stricken down. The men recoiled under the fire, leaving his body about one hundred yards in front of their somewhat disordered line. Captain Kerr, Adjutant General on General Gregg's staff, deserves special notice for his coolness. Coming down the line, close to Colonel Winkler, in command of the 4th Texas, he said in a low tone, "Gregg's killed." Walking back a moment later, without relaxing a muscle, he again spoke, "Bass is wounded: you must take command of brigade." Under the pitiless fire and confusion, Colonel Winkler ordered the color-bearer to a small depression on the ground, gave the order, "Dress on your colors." When every man was at his place, and the line reformed, Lieutenant Shotwell, of General Gregg's staff,





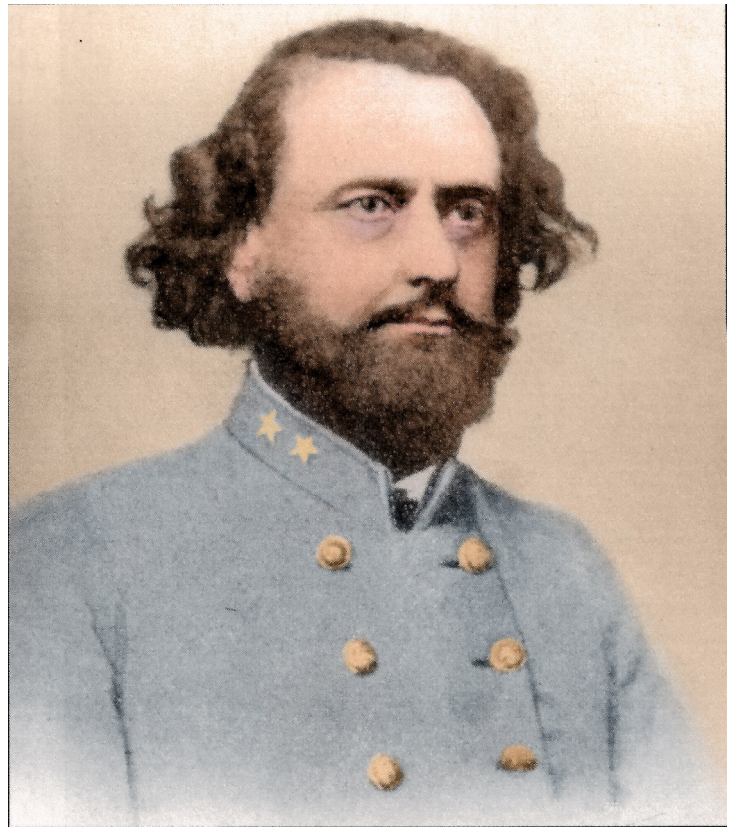
asked permission to take three men and a blanket and go out in front to secure General Gregg's body. This was given, and in that rain of shot and shell, where it seemed nothing could live, they ran out, rolled his body on the blanket, and safely bore it to the rear, when the brigade was withdrawn from the field, and hostilities ceased.

When Lieutenant Shotwell's bravery was reported to General Lee, by special order he complimented the gallant action, the brigade, and commander, for remaining at their post of duty until all possible was accomplished under the trying circumstances.

The men were deeply grieved at the death of their commander, who had so successfully led them upon so many hard fought battlefields, but felt relieved that his body had been recovered, even in the face of the enemy.

His remains were placed in a casket and taken to Richmond, where he lay in state at the capitol in the hall of the House of Representatives, enveloped with the Confederate and Texas flags and covered with floral offerings of a people always ready to honor the brave. All day Saturday the people pressed in crowds to look upon the features of one dying in their defense, and the funeral was the saddest I ever witnessed; genuine sympathy for the brigade all delighted to honor, and also for the wife detained in Federal lines.

The brigade was permitted to go into the city and attend the funeral in a body—the only time during the four years' struggle they were able to pay the last tribute of respect to a dead comrade. Postmaster-General John H. Reagan, Colonel F. R. Lubbock, of President



LT. COLONEL CLINTON M. WINKLER, COMMANDER OF THE 4TH TEXAS ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE TEXAS BRIGADE TEMPORARILY AFTER GENERAL GREGG'S DEATH

Davis' staff, both Texans, and members of the Texas delegation in Congress, acted as pall-bearers. President Davis and members of the cabinet attended in a body. The hearse containing the remains was followed by a soldier leading the dead general's horse ready caparisoned, and the battle-scarred men who had never quailed before the enemy, now, with bowed heads and arms reversed, marched sadly behind the senseless body of him they had ever respected, honored and obeyed.

Out of the Capitol square the funeral cortège wound, through the streets, until beautiful Hollywood was reached, where the impressive burial service was read by Rev. Jas. A. Duncan, of the Methodist church, and





BATTLE FLAG OF THE 4TH TEXAS INFANTRY,  
HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE, ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

the casket was deposited in a private vault to await the action of Mrs. Gregg, whose wishes it was impossible to consult." Sympathy for the absent wife mingled with the grief in each manly breast for one they considered a Chevalier Bayard among men. Never were sadder faces than those who turned away after the last rite was ended, and wearily made their way back to the city,—out to the fortifications beyond,—still prepared to endure all for the Southern cause.

'•The brave General Gregg fell at the head of his troops."

#### General Lee's Dispatch.

"John Gregg was a native of Laurence. Ala. In 1851 he located in Texas, where he rapidly rose to eminence as a lawyer and at the early age of twenty-seven was elected judge Of a

judicial district. He was one of the citizens of Texas who signed and published the call for the Sovereign Conventions, which passed the ordinance of secession, and was elected by that body one of the delegates to the Provisional Congress at Montgomery Ala.

"On the initiation of the war, he returned to Texas and recruited the 7th regiment of Texas infantry, of which he was elected colonel. He was in the capitulation at Fort Donaldson[sic], on the 16th of February, 1862. After his exchange, he was made brigadier-general. He participated in the defense of Vicksburg, and also at Port Hudson. In March, 1863, he commanded in the battles of Raymond and Jackson, Miss. "He was wounded at Chickamauga. He was soon after assigned to the command of the Texas brigade (once Hood's, afterwards Robertson's), in Longstreet's corps, then operating in East Tennessee. He participated with this corps in Field's division in most of the battles of the 'Army of Northern Virginia.'

He fell in the battle of New Market road. The crowning glory of his military career was his defense of Richmond. John Gregg was a man of good literary and scientific attainments, of extensive reading, of large intellect, and a profound thinker."

*The Confederate Capital and Hood's Texas Brigade*, pp 195-197.



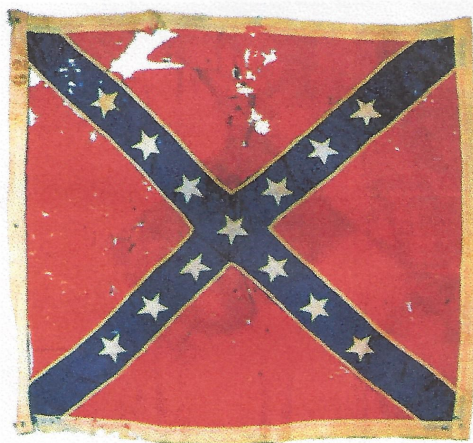


## “Where this Banner Led”

This banner, the witness and inspiration of many victories, which was proudly borne on every field from Manassas to Appomattox, was conceived on the field of battle, lived on the field of

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unstained banner of a brave and generous people, whose deeds have outlived their country and whose final defeat but added lustre to their grandest victories.

It was not the flag of the Confederacy but simply the banner, the battle-flag, of the Confederate **SOLDIER**. As such it should not share in the condemnation which our **CAUSE** received, or suffer from its downfall. The whole world can unite in a chorus of praise to the gallantry of the men who followed *where this banner led.*

—Randolph McKim, 1904 speech to UCV (SCV)

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This has been a busy month for those of us who are concerned about preserving our heritage and the good name of the Confederate soldier. At our July 9th meeting we had several visitors including several perspective compatriots who have now submitted their applications. We had no speaker but we discussed Confederate symbols under siege and what we, as loyal Sons, ought to do to help stem the tide.

One of our guests was Billy Martin who lives on Long Hollow Pike and wants to put up a 40 foot high flagpole from which to fly our battle flag. He was seeking funding and a cash contribution was taken up and a motion was made for the Camp to assist in funding this project. It was moved that we donate \$500 toward this project. After some discussion, Mr. Martin agreed that we, as a Camp, could partner with him in this project. He will keep us informed as to his progress in fund raising. I know that there has been set up a GoFundMe account online to raise the necessary funds. The motion passed and we will provide the last \$500 toward this project.

Also visiting with us was Tysen Ellis who now also has a membership application. Tysen has on his own, been promoting flagging events in Hendersonville. He has others planned and we will get a notice by email regarding all these events. I attended, as I told you last month, one of his events and it was great. We need to support these events to show that our flag will not disappear simply because the it has been brought down in South Carolina. Where one comes down, thousands more will arise in

its place. These are chances right here in Sumner County to make a difference.

After the meeting, your humble Commander was interviewed about the flag coming down by Channel 2 from Nashville. Though they talked to me for almost 15 minutes only a very small bit was used on air. I tried to point out the importance of our history and in its preservation. I also gave an interview to the *Hendersonville Star-News* which I believe was published the week of July 13th.

In these times, any of us might be called upon to speak publicly about our heritage and our symbols. If you are asked for comment by anyone whether that be friends, acquaintances, the press or anyone else, please remember that we, as Sons, represent our Confederate ancestors. We need to always remember to be polite and professional in discussing our heritage and its symbols. I know these issues are emotional, but remember our ancestors are judged by our behavior, and no matter what we must do nothing to dishonor them. Whether you are talking to your elected officials, and I urge you to do so, always acknowledging that you are a Son, these symbols are important to you and **YOU VOTE**. Always do so politely and professionally. We, as Sons, have made great progress and inroads within Tennessee having credibility at the State Museum, within the State Legislature, on historic boards and that can be quickly undermined if we do not conduct ourselves in dealing with these issues as Southern Christian Gentlemen. Please, I implore you, always remember that our enemies are simply waiting for our mistakes. Give them nothing onto which to grab to attack us and our ancestors.

Also discussed at the meeting was the July 12th Forrest Birthday Rally in Memphis. Compatriot Richard Hamblen and his bride Janiece, went to that event and we are awaiting his report. There was not the will of the Camp to go as a Camp outing to this event. From news reports, it was a great event to try to oppose the disinterment of General Forrest and his wife and to move his statue from Forrest Park.

We had a discussion about whether to participate in this year's fall festival on the Square. If we participate this year, I want it to be a Camp event. The last time we did this event, Ken Corum and I, joined for a while by my wife Donna, were the only ones to show up to recruit, hand out literature and to sell flags, hats and other things. Neither Ken nor I are willing to do this on our own. With current events this could be a great recruiting opportunity, but it must be a Camp event with all of us participating. There was a motion made to table



# GET A TAG ~ SAVE A FLAG

HELP US PRESERVE  
 TENNESSEE'S HISTORIC FLAGS  
 ~CONFEDERATE HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY~

GET YOUR TAG AT  
 YOUR LOCAL  
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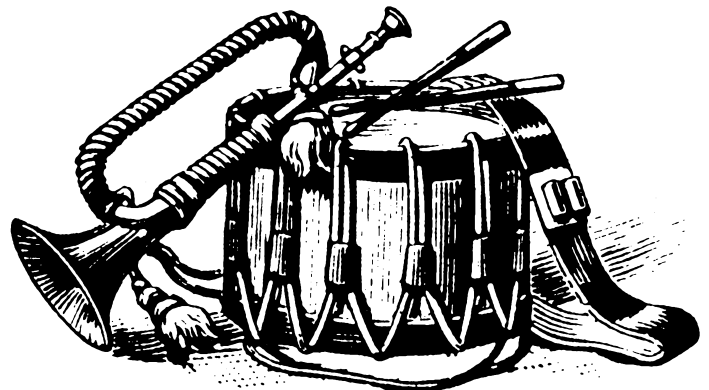
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consideration of our participation, so think about it and come to this month's meeting prepared to vote on whether we ought to do this event.

As you can see, we have again posted the ad for SCV License plates. Those plates are under attack, as well. There is a bill submitted to the legislature to do away with our plates. While I think there is very little chance of its passage in Nashville there is a federal assault, as well. There is an amendment filed in Congress to a transportation bill in the Senate to deny any federal highway funds to and state which allows a Confederate flag on any tags. This is something we need to oppose to protect these plates. Our Senators are: Alexander, Lamar - (R - TN) 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-4944 (202) 224-4944 and Corker, Bob - (R - TN) 425 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 425 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-3344 (202) 224-3344. Please contact them to oppose this bill.

assault, we must remember that our ancestors faced far greater hardship and suffered and died for their beliefs. We must stand strong and be willing to be counted, we must recruit to increase our numbers. May God save the South. Deo Vindice.



In these times where our heritage is under





# **WE NEED YOU! JOIN TODAY!**

**YOUR HERITAGE IS UNDER ASSAULT  
THEY ARE REMOVING CONFEDERATE FLAGS  
THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT REMOVING  
CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS  
THEY ARE VANDALIZING AND DEFILING  
CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS ACROSS THE SOUTH**

## **JOIN US NOW**

**The General William B. Bate Camp 34  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Gallatin, Tennessee**

**Call 615-512-6754 TODAY**

**Help us defend your heritage before it is too late.**

**This is a recruiting flyer I have prepared and I hope the Camp will help distribute into the community. Just let me know and I will send it to you digitally or I will print them out for you so that we can get them out. With these assaults on our heritage, more folks are looking to join us to help fight the fight.**



# The 1616

The Confederate Veteran published the list of those who died at Camp Morton

## Confederate Veteran.

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- David, W. J., Corp., Co. F, Shaler's Arkansas.  
 Davis, Amos, Co. —, 1st Tennessee Artillery.  
 Davis, C., Co. L, 1st Tennessee.  
 Davis, E. C., Co. G, 63d Virginia.  
 Davis, E. G., Co. G, 36th Mississippi.  
 Davis, Ellis, Co. F, 45th Alabama.  
 Davis, Franklin M., Sergt., Co. H, 20th Texas Cavalry.  
 Davis, George, Co. I, 37th Alabama.  
 Davis, James, Co. E, 35th Mississippi.  
 Davis, R. W., Co. C, 31st Mississippi.  
 Davis, Robert, Co. I, 4th Mississippi.  
 Davis, Thomas, Co. C, 2d Missouri.  
 Davis, W. S., Co. A, 1st Louisiana Cavalry.  
 Davis, William P., Corp., Co. D, 3d Louisiana.  
 Dawson, Muse, Co. E, 52d Tennessee.  
 Dean, Alexander, Co. E, 50th Virginia.  
 Dean, B. P., Co. K, 15th Missouri.  
 Dean, E. P., Co. B, 4th Louisiana Battalion.  
 Dean, Joseph, Co. B, Cooper's Tennessee Cavalry.  
 Deathrage, N., Co. A, 26th Tennessee.  
 Deaver, John, Co. C, 20th North Carolina.  
 Degrote, John, Co. G, Helm's 1st Kentucky Cavalry.  
 Delaughter, Absalom, Co. D, Grinstead's 3d Arkansas.  
 Demoy, James, Co. A, 1st Louisiana Battalion.  
 Denham, D. D., Co. C, 52d Tennessee.  
 Dennis, J. W., Co. D, 46th Alabama.  
 Dennison, A. Jackson, Co. I, 20th Virginia.  
 Denton, James, Co. 3, 12th Kentucky Cavalry.  
 Deshayes, Louis, Anderson's Battery, Ga. Light Artillery.  
 Detter, William, Co. D, 35th Mississippi.  
 Dewberry, Henry, Co. F, 25th Alabama.  
 Dewees, Hiram, Co. A, 4th Alabama Cavalry.  
 Deyerles, Charles, Co. D, 5th Virginia.  
 Dickerson, J. H., Co. K, 61st Tennessee.  
 Dickerson, James K., Co. B, 12th Tennessee Cavalry.  
 Dickerson, William W., Co. B, 10th Tennessee.  
 Diekey, James H., Co. D, 32d Tennessee.  
 Dickinson, William J., Co. G, 23d Arkansas.  
 Dickson, Robert, Co. H, 32d Alabama.  
 Dickson, T. J., 1st Sergt., Co. D, Hampton's S. C. Legion.  
 Dillard, R. M., Co. G, 9th Tennessee Cavalry.  
 Dillsha, Levi J., Co. E, 53d Tennessee.  
 Dinwiddie, John C., Co. B, Fristoe's Missouri Cavalry.  
 Dismuke, John, Co. B, 4th Mississippi.  
 Doggett, John R., Co. D, 53d Tennessee.  
 Doggett, William H., Co. H, 50th Tennessee.  
 Doll, David F., Co. —, Virginia.  
 Dorsey, J. K., Co. B, 20th Texas.  
 Doss, H. R., Co. H, 4th Mississippi.  
 Dotson, Presley, Co. H, 32d Tennessee.  
 Douglas, George F., Co. E, 6th Tennessee.  
 Douglass, J. H., Co. F, 4th (Russell's) Alabama Cavalry.  
 Dover, W., Co. G, 5th South Carolina.  
 Downie, Thomas, Co. H, 1st Mississippi.  
 Driggers, I. John, Co. A, 53d Alabama.  
 Drury, ———, Co. K, 36th Virginia.  
 Dubrall, L. N., Co. K, 40th Alabama.  
 Duffie, George M., Co. I, 22d Alabama.  
 Duffy, John, Co. I, 1st Louisiana Horse Artillery.  
 Duggins, Kendrick, Co. A, 4th Kentucky Cavalry.  
 Duke, George W., Co. —, Cherokee Artillery.  
 Duke, William, Co. H, 20th Mississippi.  
 Dunbar, George, Co. —, 63d Virginia Cavalry.  
 Dunbar, William, Musician, Co. A, 32d Louisiana.  
 Duncan, G. W., Co. B, 26th Mississippi.  
 Duncan, W. M., Co. A, 1st Battalion, Kentucky M. R.  
 Dupree, Ferdinand, Co. B, 1st Louisiana Horse Artillery.  
 Durcusse Henry, Co. E, 30th Louisiana.  
 Dnty, James, Co. B, 45th Virginia.  
 Eakes, Daniel M., Co. K, 54th Virginia.  
 Earley, J. S., Co. A, 20th Mississippi.  
 Early, V., Co. G, 37th Mississippi.  
 Earp, L. W., Co. D, 30th Georgia.  
 Eastwood, Ivy S., Co. C, 8th Kentucky.  
 Eastwood, Samuel L., Co. —, 4th Mississippi.  
 Eaton, J. W., Co. E, 10th Texas Cavalry.  
 Edge, Edward, Co. A, 50th Tennessee.  
 Edwards, Charles B., Co. D, 8th Kentucky.  
 Edwards, E. A., Co. C, 8th Kentucky.  
 Edwards, R. C., Co. I, 1st (Johnston's) Mississippi.  
 Edwards, R. R., Co. B, 30th Georgia.  
 Edwards, W. D., Co. I, 20th Mississippi.  
 Ehlers, Henry, Co. I, 1st (C. H. Olmstead's) Georgia.  
 Eidsen, J. H., Co. C, 63d Georgia.  
 Eiland, J. J., Co. F, 33d Alabama.  
 Eison, Hain, Co. A, 3d Kentucky.  
 Elum, P. C., Co. H, 4th Mississippi.  
 Elkins, Hiram, Co. I, Crip's Arkansas.  
 Ellis, Martin A., Co. I, 44th Alabama.  
 Ellis, W. B., Co. B, 20th Mississippi.  
 Ellison, H., Co. C, 1st Tennessee.  
 Ellison, R. C., Co. G, 20th Tennessee.  
 Elmore, Daniel, Co. A, 1st Tennessee Battalion.  
 Ely, F. K., Co. H, 27th Battalion Virginia Cavalry.  
 Emerson, Joseph H., Co. D, 53d Tennessee.  
 Emmons, I. C., Co. G, 34th Georgia.  
 Emory, J. P., Co. I, 4th Mississippi.  
 English, Willis W., Co. A, 32d Tennessee.  
 Enoch, Sidney, Co. A, 25th Virginia Cavalry.  
 Epperson, A. P., Corp., Co. C, 42d Battalion Virginia Cav.  
 Ervin, George W., Co. E, 1st Kentucky Mounted Rifles.  
 Erwin, G. W., Co. G, 28th (Thomas's) Louisiana.  
 Espinosa, Manuel, Co. D, 30th Louisiana.  
 Etter, Andrew, Sergt., Co. D, 5th Tennessee Cavalry.  
 Eubanks, Jesse M., Co. D, 2d Georgia Battalion, S. S.  
 Evans, B. S., Co. G, 16th Georgia Cavalry.  
 Evans, J. C., Co. H, 4th Mississippi.  
 Evans, S. W., Co. D, 12th Kentucky Cavalry.  
 Evans, T. W., Co. F, 4th Mississippi.  
 Evans, Thomas N., Co. F, 6th Virginia.  
 Evans, William A., Co. H, 2d Missouri.  
 Everett, Thomas P., Co. I, 3d Mississippi.  
 Evins, Jasper, Co. I, 48th Alabama.  
 Fairchild, W. A., Co. G, 5th Tennessee Cavalry.  
 Fanning, Jefferson, Co. E, 1st Missouri Cavalry.  
 Fannon, O. C., Co. F, 45th Virginia.  
 Farlace, James, Co. E, 4th Tennessee Cavalry.  
 Farlow, W. A., Co. D, Hawkins's Tennessee Cavalry.  
 Farmer, B. F., Co. K, 3d Mississippi.  
 Farmer, D. A., Co. D, 1st (Olmstead's) Georgia.  
 Farmer, E. O., Co. H, 10th Texas Cavalry.  
 Farmer, John L., Co. I, 10th Missouri Cavalry.  
 Farrell, J. S., Co. I, 2d Kentucky.  
 Farris, James, Co. D, 26th Mississippi.

WE WILL BE PUBLISHING THE NAMES OF THE 1616 OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS  
 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.

**WE MUST STILL FIGHT TO PRESERVE OUR FLAG!**

