

**Next Meeting  
September  
24th  
At The Rose  
Center  
At 6:00 PM**

# Southern Heritage

**Bradford / Rose Camp # 1638**

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We used to say, "Don't that beat all" and "Now I've heard everything!" I, for one, don't use those phrases anymore. It seems that every time I said such a thing, someone came up with a topper. For instance, check out the latest attack on General Forrest. Those who exclude us in the name of inclusiveness, have proposed not only to rename Forrest park in Memphis and tear down the General's statue, but, to dig up Forrest and his wife, kicking them out posthumously. As I have quoted before, anthropologists tell us that respect for the dead is the beginning of civilization. We must infer that the lack of it represents the beginning of the end.

**DEO VINDICE**

*Larry W. Watkins*

## **N. B. Forrest Picnic at Bethesda Church - August 13th at 11:00 AM**

Once again, the Bradford - Rose S. C. V. Camp honored Tennessee's own Nathan Bedford Forrest with a Picnic. Our location was the beautiful, and historic Bethesda Church. We began to gather at 11:00 AM and begin lunch around noon.

The meal was great, our normal over abundance of southern cooking. There is nothing better than country cooking. If you went home hungry, it was your own fault.



It was a hot summer day, but we had a great time. We were also blessed to have H. K. Edgerton with us. He is on fire for our Southern Heritage and has given us a challenge to join him. H. K. Walked 1,606.1 miles from

Asheville, NC to Austin, TX in defense of Southern Heritage.



Before he begins, he ask that all the children come up and have a picture taken with him. He was glad that we had several children there and stressed that "They are our future".

H. K. said that Dixie was his favorite song and it would not be right to start with singing Dixie first. Carrie Watkins learned Dixie and she sang it for H. K. while he was eating so he called for her to help him lead the song.

H. K. spoke about Southern Women and thanked them for all of the wonderful cooking. He also said, "There is nothing, there's no woman on earth any

more honorable and brave than the Christian woman in the Southland of America".

He also did his rendition of 'I am Their Flag'. This is very moving and if you missed it, well what can I say, you missed it.

Thanks H. K. For joining us and making our Forrest Picnic one that we will remember.



## **H. K. Edgerton's March**

The real purpose of HK Edgerton's March Across Dixie is three fold. First, he wants to expand the awareness of the need to defend Southern heritage, history and the rightfulness of the Confederate cause here in the South and across the entire United States. Second this is an educational effort

to show that our Southern symbols are part of a proud heritage that should be defended not scorned, as many liberal politicians, media and special interests would have you believe. Third, he plans to raise money and support to build a permanent heritage defense fund to be split between the Southern

Legal Resource Center and the Sons of Confederate Veterans to guarantee our heritage and history survives and prospers despite the current attacks.

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*Stan Dalton reported at our last meeting that the Granger County Tomato Festival went well. More people were able to help during the festival. His thanks were extended to all who helped. There were also more people stopping by and asking questions and listened as they were given positive and true historical information about our Southern Heritage and what we stand for.*

*Also, during the Tomato Festival, our SCV commercials were shown as well as one of the 5 minute interviews.*

### Commercial Information

*Mike has shown some of us the commercials for the SCV that will be aired on the History Channel. These are very well done. He is currently checking show times to come up with the best slots to show our commercials to the most people. He also has been working hard on some 5 minute interviews. Mike is currently trying to edit his interview with H. K. Edgerton down to 5 minutes. If you have met H. K., you know how hard that is. He is fired up and has a lot to say.*

*Please take time to thank Mike for all the hard work.*

## Tennessee Soldiers

[More Tennessee Soldiers from The Original Confederate Veteran Magazine. We hope you are enjoying these articles.](#)

### Mounce Lauderdale Gore

MOUNCE LAUDERDALE GORE was born July 16, 1840, in Jackson Co., Tenn., on Roaring River and was reared on a farm. He went to Gainesboro, five miles distant, in 1866 and engaged in the mercantile business for several years... In Dec., 1897 he moved back to his farm where he remained until his death, on June 18, 1908. On March 22, 1868 he was married to MISS MARY SUSAN CASSETTY, who survives him. She was ever as a ministering angel. To this union five children were born.

Col. Gore enlisted as a private soldier on May 14, 1861 in his brothers WILLIAM'S company K, 8th Tennessee Infantry Regiment. Because of his long illness he was discharged in Sept., 1861 and returned home. As soon as he regained his health he reenlisted in the cavalry and was elected captain of Company G, in Gen. George G. Dibrell's splendid Tennessee cavalry regiment and he often commanded the regiment. He was in command when at the time of the surrender in May, 1865. Recommendations had been sent to Richmond for his promotion to colonel, and he is on record as such, though he never received the commission....

A man of conspicuous courage, he never boasted of his individual achievements. He ever seemed to have at heart more the comfort of others than for himself. His rule was strict obedience to orders. He was in the battle of Bentonville, N.C., the last engagement between Johnston's and Sherman's armies. He commanded the remnant of his regiment as escort to President Davis from Abbeville, S.C. to Washington, Ga.

His funeral service was conducted by Elder Marion Harris and the Masonic Order from the family residence and the burial was in the family cemetery. [\(Confederate Veteran Magazine August, 1909\)](#)

### Thomas Grimes

The death of THOMAS GRIMES of Shady Grove, Tennessee is reported. He was in his 66 year. He was a member of the Eleventh Tennessee, serving till the close of the war. [\(Confederate Veteran, 1902\)](#)

### Comrade N. M. Hale

Comrade N.M. HALE, of Dyer, Tenn., was summoned from earth on April 6, 1905. In common with his brother Tennesseans, he espoused the cause of the South and joined Company C, 12th Tennessee Regiment. His first battle was at Belmont, where he was wounded and his brother, GREENE HALE, was killed. He was in the battle of Shiloh and Chickamauga and in the Georgia campaign. No duty was ever shirked in camp or battle and after the war he was as faithful to the duties of peaceful life. Having no children of his own, he reared several fatherless ones to maturity, who are now as monuments to his memory and a blessing to the wife, who survives.

At the time of his death Comrade HALE was a member of Company G, 1st Regiment C.V.N.G.S.T. and was always interested in his company and their reunions. He took part in raising funds to erect a monument to the Mothers of the Confederacy, and had quite a sum in bank for that purpose. [\(Confederate Veteran, Vol. XIII, July, 1905\)](#)

### Col. James G. Hamblett

Col. JAMES G. HAMBLETT, formerly of Mason, Tenn., died at his home in Houston, Tex., on March 11, 1920. He had gone to that city about a year ago in search of health.

COLONEL HAMBLETT was a well-known figure in the State of Tennessee, where he had lived for more than sixty years, and his loss was keenly felt, particularly in Confederate circles. He was closely affiliated with many Confederate organizations. A gentleman of the old school, he bore the stamp of the Southlands true aristocracy and met the last foe in the same

fearless way he marched into battle back in the sixties.

He served the Confederacy as a member of Co. B., FORREST'S command. In 1907 he was made colonel and assistant commissary general on the staff of GEN. GEORGE W. GORDON, commanding the United Confederate Veterans. After the war he was still a Confederate in heart, soul and purse, devoted to his country's need and always faithful to the cause for which he fought. He was the proud father of a veteran of the Spanish-American War and three veterans of the World War, and at his own request he was laid away in the uniform he so proudly wore as a Confederate.

After the simple but beautiful services at the family residence by the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, the burial services were conducted by the Masons of which he was a life-long member.

COLONEL HAMBLETT is survived by his wife, six sons and three daughters, also a sister and a brother.

### James Pink Hamilton

On the 29th of June, 1920, at his residence, near Fayetteville, Tenn., JAMES PINK HAMILTON "passed over the river" to answer the roll call on the other shore. He enlisted in Freeman's Battery, C.S.A., in 1863, at the age of 17 years and served with it continuously until the surrender, doing his part to make that battery famous as one of the best in the service. His comrades all esteemed him for his work's sake. He was proud of having been a Confederate soldier and a subscriber to the Veteran all the time, and he attended regularly all reunions as long as his health permitted. He was a good citizen, a kind and indulgent father and husband, a true friend, an honest man. Confederate Veteran, December, 1920

### Dr. T. J. Harding

DR. T.J. HARDING, of Nashville, widely known in Tennessee and in Louisiana, is of the recent deaths reported. DR. HARDING was an extensive

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practitioner during his younger life in Nashville and on his plantation in La. He and his family were ever ardently loyal to the South and to her institutions. [1901]

## **Capt. W. H. Hargrove**

CAPT. W. H. HARGROVE was born in Davidson County, N.C. in 1844. He enlisted in Knoxville, Tenn., as a private in Company H, 26th Tennessee and was transferred to the 1st Georgia, Company K. He was elected second lieutenant and served till the surrender. He was wounded twice, at Chickamauga and once at Atlanta and was paroled from prison in June, 1865. He assisted in laying out Chickamauga Park and donated the ground on which stands the monument to the Tennessee Cavalry. He died May 9, 1909.

**Confederate Veteran, November, 1909**

## **Capt. C. C. Harris**

Capt. C. C. HARRIS, a faithful member of Sterling Price Camp, of Fresno, Calif., died in Fresno on Nov. 16, 1906, age 66 years. He was born near Gallatin, Tenn., in 1840. He enlisted in the Newbern Blues, Capt. W.M. HARRELL'S company of Colonel Russell's Regiment Tennessee Infantry, at Newbern, in May, 1861 and was afterwards promoted to chief of ordnance, Bell's Brigade, Forrest's Cavalry. He participated in all the campaigns and battles of the Army of Tennessee and was mustered out of service at Gainesville, Ala., May 10, 1865. **Confederate Veteran, April, 1907**

## **Mr. William Bilbo (Babe) Hart**

MR. WILLIAM BILBO [BABE] HART died at Austin, Tex., on July 22, 1908, from an attack of rheumatism. Comrade HART was born and reared at Hartsville, Tenn. He belonged to an old and distinguished family. He became identified with the Confederate cause early in 1861. He first joined a company in the 2d Tennessee Infantry, commanded by Col. [afterwards Gen.] WILLIAM B. BATE. He

served the first year with that regiment in Virginia, after which he was transferred to Colonel BARTEAU'S Tennessee Cavalry and served in the Western Army during the rest of the war. He served his country faithfully and well. He was generous and a true patriot.

**Confederate Veteran, Vol. XVI, September, 1908, page 473.**

## **Mrs. Sophie Keron Hatton A Nobel Woman of the South**

A long and useful life closed when MRS. SOPHIE KERON HATTON, widow of GEN. ROBERT HATTON, of Tennessee, lay down the burden of age and passed into realms immortal. She had reached the ripe age of 89 years, some 60 years of which were lived in Tenn., 15 in Japan, 8 in Georgia and 4 in California. MRS. HATTON was in every way a worthy companion of her distinguished husband; and when he fell at Seven Pines in May, 1862, he left a widow who was as true, as noble, as great as was the gallant General himself. She bravely assumed the burden of rearing her family, largely making their support and through the long and busy years of life she remained ever faithful to the memory of him who was the companion of her short widowhood, her every thought of him a tribute of love and loyalty. After her death, a yellow paper was found underneath his miniature in the original box, and in the faded ink could be read the following; "This miniature I had made at Fredericksburg for my wife, who is at Lebanon, Tenn., my home. Should it fall into the hands of a stranger, will he send it, if practicable, to MRS. S.K. HATTON, Lebanon, Tenn.? It will be worthless to him; to her it may afford pleasure. R.HATTON, Col. 7th Reg. of Tennessee Volunteers"

**Confederate Veteran, dated 1916, page 283**

## **Benjamin Franklin Hawkins**

On August 15, 1924, a gallant soldier laid down his arms and went to rest on the other shore. The call came suddenly,

but there were no need for Benjamin Franklin Hawkins to make a last peace with God, he so lived his life- gentle, sweet, kindly, God-fearing- that at whatever hour the summons came he was ready to answer "Here".

Benjamin Franklin Hawkins was born Sept. 5, 1845, at Raleigh, Shelby County, Tenn. When but a lad of 16 years he enlisted in the Confederate army at Cuba, Tenn. He was taken to Memphis and sworn in for Confederate service June 11, 1861. From 1861 to 1862 he was a member of Company A, 21st Tennessee Infantry, Pillow's Brigade, Polk's Division, Army of the West. In 1862, being under age, and having completed the one year of service for which he enlisted, he was honorably discharged at Tupelo, Miss. He immediately entered the service again, and served the Confederate government transport, The Cotton Plant, from 1862 to 1863. In the winter of 1863, he joined Forrest's Cavalry, Company C, 7th Tennessee Cavalry, Ruckers Brigade, Chalmer's Division, and served with Forrest until the surrender, receiving his parole at Gainesville, Ala., May 11, 1865.

A letter from Comrade J.T. George, Mayfield, Ky., reads; "There was no better soldier in our company than Ben Hawkins; there was no better companion in camp and on the march than Ben Hawkins. He was a great gentleman under all conditions and circumstances."

In 1870 Comrade Hawkins married MISS MARY WARD. She died some 12 years ago, but he cherished her memory fondly, and each day found him doing some act of kindness because "It would please Nannie". Three sons and two daughters are left to sorrow, and their grief will be the deeper for the memory of his ever-loving indulgence.

A devoted father, a kindly neighbor, a loyal citizen; he will be sadly missed.

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## Camp News

Our camp is growing - we voted in 2 new members during our last meeting.

**It's time to get those dues in!**

At the SCV National Convention, SCV members voted to give \$10,000 to help Forrest Camp in their legal battles to keep our Confederate Parks in Memphis from being renamed or removed. There are 3 city parks in Memphis and the powers that be want to change their name. Another way to remove some of our Southern History. There are rumors that some of the property will be deeded to a riverfront development and The University of Tennessee. If this happens, they plan to remove the Equestrian Statue of Forrest and dig up him and his wife. We can not let this happen. Our camp voted during our last meeting to send \$100 from our treasury to help in this fight.



## Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Our September  
Monthly Meeting  
will be on  
September 24th at  
6:00 P. M. at The  
Rose Center

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22nd at 6:00 P. M.  
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## Compatriot Editorial

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." Those stirring words were written by Thomas Paine in *The Crisis* in 1776 during the darkest days of the American Revolution. The Sons of Confederate Veterans today face dark times, perhaps the darkest in our history. I have been an SCV member for twenty-two years in four camps.

Recent events have distressed me deeply. On one hand, we have members who apparently represent the traditional ideals of the SCV but who are willing to abandon it in its hour of greatest peril; to depart in a fit of pique. On the other side there is a group that has gained control of our highest offices who want to violate the SCV constitution and politicize the organization. (Article II, Section I of the Constitution clearly says that "the SCV shall be strictly patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian.") This clique that is now in charge wants to associate the rest of the membership

with groups that common sense would tell anyone with a brain that we should avoid like a plague. One of these is called the League of the South. That group consists of a merry band of loonies who actually advocate secession. (Someone should tell them that we tried that once and it did not go very well.) Are these the people with whom we wish to associate? Another is the Council of Conservative Citizens who are for the most part vicious racists and xenophobes. Do we want to associate with these people? Finally there are those who are or have been connected with the Ku Klux Klan, a body of inbred, moronic white trash who advocate a mean, illiterate and hellish version of Nazism. Is that a group with whom we wish to associate?

So, on one hand we have deserters and on the other leaders who are fools and crypto-fascists. Comrades, we who are not really committed to either side (I hope) are in trouble. The SCV is in trouble. Our leadership has adopted a policy of confrontation which is, I fear, having a negative rather than a positive effect. Are we, and our cause, better off than we were two years ago? Members of the

SCV are getting the reputation of being a tribe of yahoos from the lower orders screaming incoherent phrases at TV cameras.

Compatriot Doug Taylor recently found a quote from General S. D. Lee that every member of the SCV should take to heart:

**We are stragglers in the great march. The victory is already won, and our comrades expect our coming to share the glory of their triumph.**

**In the little time left us before we report to our Great Commander, let us acquit ourselves like men. When the pale sergeant comes we shall listen**

**To voices in the upper air saying, 'welcome comrade! Do they love us still in Dixie?'**

We are not going to honor our ancestors by becoming lunatics, bigots or white trash. We are not going to acquit ourselves like men by deserting. We must remember why the SCV has existed for one hundred and nine years and be true to our constitution and to the charge given to us by General S. D. Lee in 1896.

*Charles G. Moffat, Bradford-Rose Camp 1638*