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#### **Commanders** Report

Greetings Compatriots,

Finally, some good news to share! This month we will be able to meet back in the Party Room at Chill. I hope each of you are enjoying the cooler weather. I just love this time of year. As things continue to open back up there are actually quite a few events happening this month. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Weatherford there was a Heritage Day at the Doss Center, On the 10th the DEC Meeting was held in Waco, on the 11<sup>th</sup> there was a Pro-Monument Rally also in Weatherford. On October 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a monument dedication at 3pm in Stephenville. I still have no confirmation they will be having the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade this year. Their website still says TBD. As you probably already know, the FWSSR parade in January has been cancelled. Please make plans to join us on December 12<sup>h</sup> as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade will be having our annual Christmas Party at La Isla Mexican Restaurant in Pantego, more details will be forth-coming.

If you have not added the camp to your Kroger card yet, our community rewards number is SM520. If there are any questions on how to do it, please contact me and I will be happy to help. This month we will be taking nominations for camp officers and need everyone there to participate. As always, I look forward to seeing everyone at Chill on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Confederately,

Commander Craig Stone



## 1st Lt Commanders Report

Dear Members and Friends,

I just got back from a trip to Buffalo and Elmira, New York a couple of weeks ago.

Saw the famous Niagra Falls, Ft Niagra, President Millard Fillmore's grace, and the Confederate POW graves.

I placed a Battle Flag on the grave of a relative Solomon Davis Swaim of N. Carolina.

Stan Hudson of Louisiana accompanied me and instead of wearing a face mask he was a good ol Rebel and wore a Confederate bandana.

We paid our respects to the fallen soldiers who died of disease while being a POW. The cemetery was very well kept even though it was across the street from the "Projects".

While we were there we also visited that great Southern writers grave Mark Twain. Who would have thought he would end up in Elmira, N. Y.?

Craig Stone and I attended the camp meeting in Temple after the DEC meeting last Saturday which made for a very long day.

Now that it appears we have our meeting place back on a regular basis, I will try and find speakers for our meetings.

Deo Vindice

Respectfully, Kyle Sims Lt Commander



Grave of cousin Soloman Davis Swaim of N. Carolina at Elmira

Shis Months Meeting - Tuesday 20th 7pm at Chill



We will be meeting back at Chill on Main Street in Grapevine. Hope to see you this Tuesday the 20th! Meeting starts at 7p.

In the back private party room!

# 814 South Main St, Grapevine, TX 76051



# **Upcoming Local Events**

Oct 20 - Camp meeting, 7pm at Chill in Grapevine, TX.(King Abbott approved)

Oct 24 - Monument dedication at 3pm in Stephenville TX.

Nov 17 - Camp meeting, 7pm at Chill in Grapevine, TX.

**Dec 12** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade will be having our annual Christmas Party at La Isla Mexican Restaurant in Pantego(Arlington), TX.



# THIS MONTHS MEETING WILL BE IN THE BACK PRIVATE PARTY ROOM AT



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# Chaplin's Corner - History is the Story of Man's Sin & Failure & God's Glory By Mark Vogl

Psalms 78. Verses 1-11 clearly implore us to teach your children history so that you can see the magnificence of God.

Those tearing down statues of America's heroes from the past, whether it be Washington and Jefferson, or Lee or Jackson are doing so to ease the story of man's eternal paradox, that we strive for a better world, but can never reach it. These folks who attach American heritage and history, set an example for those in the future to tear down the statures of Martin Luther King, Jr. or Barack Obama. America is a Christian idea come to life, that each individual is a child of God whose worth is rooted in that heritage. You can't kill America, just as you can't kill Christ! Not because America is equal to Christ, but because it comes from him!

What they do not understand is how to build a nation. When you build you add, not subtract. When you bring new people and ideas to the table do you add chairs or kick others out of the ones they are in? Does the table of participation of governance have only so many chairs in America? In the past, America has grown and flourished by making a place for new without rejecting its past or present. Diversity compatible diversity was its hallmark since its inception. But that is not the way of "new world view." Like Hitler and Stalin, these emerging thugs have no respect for history or God, they are atheists who demand an end to freedom, individuality, and respect for tradition and national identity.

But the attack goes deeper than statues or changing fashions. The attack on the concept of family. A family is not just a present-day unit, a gathering of a few individuals together because of opportunity or temporal lust. A family is built upon the blood which passes from one generation to the next, and the history that comes with that blood. I would suggest that those who attack America from within America, either have little family connections in terms of generations building America or know little of their own family's contribution to America over the centuries. Or worst of all, they hate themselves, their parents and have no belief in God.

To build is to add, to improve. But, America is infested with people, from the Bushes and Obamas to the rioters, vandals, criminals in the street who do not look to burn, to erase, and wipe clean from the world, the great and glorious history of a nation built on a Christian faith. A nation so different rom the rest of the world, that it stands alone. And so good and prosperous that even to this day people all over the world want to come to America. They don't want to come for national health care or welfare checks, or Affirmative Action or a New World Order. They want to come for an opportunity to live free, to pursue happiness, to have an opportunity to give their children a better life.

One question, whether you look at AOC, or Obama, or Romney, do you see love and acceptance of all, or do you see the hate of someone or some group? Do they shout America is great? Or do they shout America is foul?

Mark, why do you put the Bushes and Obamas with the rioters? Why? Here in Texas, the Bushes are assaulting the single most important symbol of Texas, the Alamo! The place where two hundred knowingly offered their lives for the future of Texas, for what it could be. But the Bushes and Globalists, and the New World Order types hate nationalism...they hate it. And they hate America, no matter what they say. And the Obamas are more honest than the Bushes, they say it straight out. They hate America and are not shy about it. We were told by Benjamin Franklin at the end of the Constitutional Convention that we have been given a republic if we can keep it! And we have been told by other great leaders that freedom must be fought for by every generation...that is something that cannot be handed down like your grandfather's watch. Freedom is something you must know, and once you know it, you must vigilantly protect it from those in the night who would steal it. For the young in America, this is your time. What is happening in America happened before. In the 1960's to the 1970's the socialists/communists tried to de-stabilize America; the cities burned, the flag dragged through the street, America's enemies colluded with a few...as is happening right now. The answer is a revival, a national revival that goes back to our Christian roots and values our past heroes and their accomplishments. America is not small, there are not only so many seats at the table. The key to Americas' success is the pie gets bigger! Embrace the great gifts that have been handed down from each generation.

Make America Great Again!

Deo Vindice-Initum sapientiae tumor Domini

Jack Bowen-Chaplain



## Jexas Division News - Three Attacks in Texas

The Belton City Council voted unanimously on Tuesday evening to rename the city's Confederate Park as Liberty Park.

The council also voted to rename Confederate Park Drive Veterans Way Drive.

No one spoke against the name change Tuesday evening...

A local author donated \$10,000 to remove the Confederate monuments located outside the Bastrop County Courthouse...

The 108-year-old Confederate monument removed from Wiess Park in Beaumont this summer has been appraised at \$150,000. But it can be yours for as little as \$50,000.

However, anyone interested in buying the statue will have to comply with a laundry list of purchase-related restrictions attached to the sale.



Commander Craig S. and Adjutant Allen New Texas UDC leader spoke to H. with Dragoon award.



the DFC

New Weatherford monument shirt Calvin is selling.



Texas Division DEC Meeting in Waco

## National News

#### **IN NEW YORK**

With a security guard blocking the door, Black and brown and LGBTQ+ protesters were back at Gowana Middle School on Tuesday night to demand the Shenendehowa School District ban the Confederate Flag.

#### **IN VIRGINIA**

The City of Fairfax School Board voted Monday night to change the name of Lanier Middle School. The vote was 4-1, with City School Board member Dr. Mitch Sutterfield voting to keep the name.

Then on Tuesday the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted 9-1 to remove the stone marker and two cannons placed on either side of it on the grounds of the county courthouse. The monument marks the spot where Capt. John Marr of the Warrenton Rifles was killed in the Battle of Fairfax Court House on June 1, 1861. The six-ton granite monument was unveiled in 1904 and bears a simple inscription noting that it marks the scene where Marr died. The county estimates the removal cost at \$20,000.

#### **ALSO IN VIRGINIA**

Workers removed a Confederate statue from its pedestal Saturday morning in Charlottesville.

#### ALSO IN VIRGINIA PARTY CITY PULLS CONFEDERATE HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

On Sunday, Arlington, Virginia mom Caroline Brasler was shopping at the Bailey's Crossroads location with her two Black daughters, ages 10 and 12, when they found two costumes branded with Confederate symbols — one depicted a "Confederate Officer" and the other General Robert E. Lee.

A Party City spokesperson said the following when asked for comment: "We do not tolerate racism or hatred of any kind, and we stand together in solidarity with our diverse colleagues, customers and communities."

#### **ALSO IN VIRGINIA**

A proposal to eliminate public hearings before taking down Confederate monuments failed in a State Senate committee Tuesday after several Democratic legislators said they were uncomfortable rewriting the law. The bill, which had already passed the House of Delegates, was presented as a way to give local governments more flexibility to remove Confederate statues quickly in response to public safety concerns.

#### IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

More than two years ago, the City's Wyman Park Dell where statues of Confederate generals once stood was renamed Harriet Tubman Grove. On Monday, workers installed signage featuring Tubman's biography, the history of the statue of Confederate Gens. Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson and the history of monument installations and removals in Wyman Park Dell. That sign also includes images of Tubman and her local descendant Ernestine Jones-Williams, who attended the grove's dedication ceremony in 2018.

#### **IN ARKANSAS**

The monument of the Confederate soldier that was removed from the Bentonville square will now sit in the center of James H. Berry park. The design for the park was unveiled on Tuesday, September 15th. It is named after Confederate officer and former Arkansas Governor James Berry.

The Benton County United Daughters of the Confederacy teamed up with the Benton County Historical Society to create the park. It will be built on the corner of SW 5th Street and SW F Street in Bentonville.

"The monument is going to be the center piece. It will have a reflecting pool around it, it will also have a wall of honor which we are very excited about along with various educational tables," said Joey McCutchen, a lawyer who represents the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The wall of honor will have the names of all Benton County Union and Confederate soldiers who fought and died in the WBTS.

"It was a sad time for our history here in Benton County, but we are going to be able to educate and we hope relate," said president of the Benton County Historical Society Leah Whitehead.

The park is privately funded and will feature security and fencing around it. Construction is likely to begin before the new year. A timetable has not been set for the completion of the project.

#### **IN GEORGIA**

At Monday's meeting of Stone Mountain Memorial Association (created in 1958 by an act of the Georgia Legislature) The group considered proposals to remove the Confederate Flags at the base of the mountain, change the names of streets and other park features with Confederate affiliations and refocus the park on themes such as racial reconciliation and justice.

"We're open to some changes," Stone Mountain Memorial Association board chairman Ray Stallings Smith said.

#### **ALSO IN GEORGIA**

A Masonic time capsule was recently unearthed as Athens' Confederate monument was being moved from its former location on Broad Street.

The time capsule was placed inside the cornerstone of the Confederate monument in 1872 by William King, a member of the Freemasons and former master of Mount Vernon Lodge in Athens. While being interviewed by the *Athens Banner* back in 1891, he recounted the capsule's contents for the newspaper. In addition to assorted Confederate memorabilia, the capsule should contain a list of officers and members of Mount Vernon Lodge No. 22 and Williams Lodge No. 151.

#### **IN WISCONSIN**

David Armstrong, a Republican running for the state Assembly, posted a series of tweets baxk in 2015 that were supportive of Confederate heritage. Those tweets are being used against him politically now.

#### IN GEORGIA JUDGE MEANS BUSINESS

Judge John Ott said he wanted an order he issued today "personally served" on County Chairman Marcello Banes after he said Banes planned to defy his order not to remove the Confederate statue while a case seeking to keep it on the Covington Square was being appealed.

Ott said in an order on Sept. 22, in Newton County Superior Court that he was issuing a stay against further action by both parties in the case "and absolutely forbids any further action on the removal of the Confederate Monument."

"It has come to the Court's attention that despite the agreement of the parties in open court that the losing party would appeal the Court's decision, and the county would not remove the Confederate Monument until the appropriate Court had rendered a final decision, that the Commission Chairman is now seeking to remove the Confederate Monument while the case is on appeal," Ott wrote.

The judge issued his new order after his Sept. 14 ruling in which he dismissed complaints from Newton County resident Tiffany Humphries and local and state Sons of Confederate Veterans groups that sought damages and injunctive relief from the statue's removal. The complaints were filed in reaction to the Newton County Board of Commissioners' vote to remove it in July.

Ott wrote that the county agreed not to remove the statue during a Superior Court hearing on the complaints in late July.

"The Court has earlier, based upon the open court agreement by the County, made the agreement an Order that mandated the statue not be removed until further order of the Court," Ott wrote.

He said today's order was issued "to cement what the Court has already ordered."

"The Sheriff of Newton County, who enforces the orders of the court, is obviously empowered to arrest anyone now attempting to remove the statue," Ott wrote.

However, Ott stopped short of issuing any other action against Banes.

Humphries filed the injunction on the day before the Board of Commissioners narrowly approved the removal on a 3-2 vote July 14. Local and state Sons of Confederate Veterans groups joined Humphries in seeking an injunction soon after the board's decision to remove the 114-year-old statue from the center of the Square.

Chairman Banes did not reply to a request for comment.

#### **IN FLORIDA**

A committee to discuss the fate of the Confederate monument in Jacksonville's Public Square will not recommend its removal from the park, members said at a Tuesday evening meeting.

Committee members said state law prohibits cities from removing monuments. Instead, they will recommend to the Jacksonville City Council next week that signs or additional monuments be added to the Public Square to add context and "balance" to the space.

#### IN WESTERN VIRGINIA BROKEN MONUMENT TO BE BURIED IN CEMETERY

*The Roanoke Times* reported Monday that the 10-foot granite pillar (memorial to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, now broken into pieces) is being given to the Evergreen Burial Park and the Historical Society of Western Virginia.

The memorial's new owners said that Evergreen Burial Park would be a fitting place for it because at least 60 Confederate veterans and at least one Union soldier are buried there.

#### IN OHIO 88 COUNTIES IN 88 DAYS

Is an Ohio campaign traveling across the Buckeye State in a big bus calling on counties to prohibit the sale of Confederate symbols at county fairs and other government controlled venues.

#### IN PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY CONDEMNS FLAGS ON TRUCKS

Indiana Borough Council approved a resolution Tuesday night that "formally rejects any efforts to intimidate any of its residents and visitors (and) formally denounces hateful or violent speech directed at any individual or group based on their race or ethnicity" by proclaiming that "the public display of the confederate flag is inconsistent with the values of the Borough, our Commonwealth, and the United States."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, Smith said the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission voted Monday to approve an Indiana County Advisory Council that will have 19 members. Names of those members were not available Tuesday night. We are assuming their purpose is to promote Black Lives Matter and various "social justice" activities.

#### **IN OREGON**

The State Education Board designated the noose, the swastika, and the Confederate Flag as "hate symbols" this week.

Effective immediately, the policy change requires Oregon school districts to craft standards in compliance with it by New Year's Day.



A Virginia judge has overturned a capital murder charge in a case that drew attention when the defendant's lawyers argued for the removal of a large portrait of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from the courtroom.

A Louisa County Circuit Court judge on Thursday tossed out capital murder, robbery, breaking and entering and firearm charges against Darcel Nathaniel Murphy, 34, news outlets reported. He was accused of involvement in the 2016 slaying and robbery of a 43-year-old man.

#### ALSO IN VIRGINIA

A judge ruled Monday that Portsmouth police cannot subpoena the city's elected prosecutor as a witness in the criminal case stemming from a protest and vandalism at the downtown Confederate monument.

The ruling means Commonwealth's Attorney Stephanie Morales can handle the case as long as she doesn't find during her own review of the case that there is any conflict of interest, the judge said.

#### IN TENNESSEE

A statue off I-65 in Nashville of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest was vandalized on Monday, the word "Monster" spray painted on the statue.

#### ALSO IN TENNESSEE

A handful of very vocal citizens are asking the Hamilton County Commission to remove the statue of Gen. A.P. Stewart from the old county courthouse on Georgia Avenue. Their glorious leader is a University of Tennessee at Chattanooga professor, Comrade Betsy Darken.

#### **IN FLORIDA**

The Sons of Confederate Veterans and a handful of residents are suing the Mayor and the Florida Secretary of State over the Madison City Commission's 3-2 decision in June to remove it's Confederate statue that has stood in Four Freedoms Park since 1909 when it was dedicated by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The lawsuit disputes the removal on several fronts: It questions whether the city owns the monument and has the authority to make the decision, claiming the park's title may be vested in the county. The lawsuit also argues that Madison's mayor, Rayne Cooks, lives outside the City and therefore is not qualified to sit on the City Commission.

#### **IN NORTH CAROLINA**

The Davidson Board of Commissioners voted 4-1 to ask the State to remove the monument along North Main Street near the entrance to the Davidson College Cemetery. No action has been taken.

#### **IN GEORGIA**

Silver Dollar City Stone Mountain Park LLC, owned by Dolly Parton, filed a notice in July that states they will terminate operations in July of 2022. Rumors are that Stone Mountain Park may be hard pressed to find a new company to take over running the site's money-making attractions after high-profile protests surrounding the park's Confederate imagery.

Essentially Dolly Parton's company has operated the park and overseen revenue-generating attractions like the hotels and theme parks since 1998. Recently, she changed the name of her Dixie Stampede to distance herself from association as a Southerner. Then they removed the Confederate themed merchandise from the gift shops at all of her attractions. Now, she's trying to distance herself from the world's largest Confederate monument.

"Our guests and team members have recently shared that Stone Mountain Park feels increasingly less family-friendly, welcoming, and enjoyable, as the park is frequently the site of protests and division," a spokesperson said in a statement.

The company also said the plandemic has made it harder to operate and manage recreational areas to create positive experiences for families. Channel 2's Mark Winne filed an open records request to

Martin O'Toole, with the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, said COVID-19 is really to blame and he believes the Confederate imagery is being positioned to take the fall.

O'Toole said he sees an opportunity for the State if it takes over operations.

#### \$250 MILLION GRANT

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation on Wednesday **announced** "The Monuments Project," which aims to build new monuments, while also contextualizing and, even relocating, existing ones nationwide.



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**Update From The Virginia Flaggers** - Help save the Nelson County Monument When democrats took control of our legislature in November, we knew we were going to lose monuments and memorials in democratically controlled localities. What we did not expect was the number of local governing bodies in conservative areas that have caved to outside pressure to do the same.

The Nelson County Board of Supervisors may act to form a "committee" to "study" the possibility of removing the monument on the courthouse lawn, based on the very vocal demands of a handful of residents.

If you can't make it in person to a meeting, and whether or not you are a resident of Nelson County, please take a moment to call and/or email the Supervisors and let them know you will not spend your money in Nelson County if they choose to move the monument.

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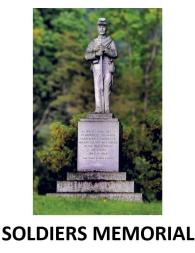
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# **SAVE OUR**







We have been heavily engaged in Monument Legal defense since 2015 when the Jefferson Davis & Woodrow Wilson statues were removed from the main mall of of the University of Texas campus. the fight continued in 2017 when under the pernicious unconstitutional doctrine of so-called "government speech." 4 more statues were removed from the UT Campus and the 121 yr old Travis Park Confederate Monument in San Antonio was taken down by the elected vandals on the City Council. 2 federal law-suits ensued that were both dismissed by the courts saying the SCV & citizen taxpayers were improper parties to sue. The cases were consolidated and sent to the 5th Circuit - who agreed with the lower courts. so more briefing & we filed a Writ of Certiorari to the US Supreme Court.

SLRC Update

On Monday 05 OCTOBER, the Supreme Court ended our bid to expand standing to sue in Monument cases (state & federal) with one word: DENIED! We needed 4 justices to think the issue was important enough for further briefing & oral argument. NO - can't be bothered. We are disappointed at the extreme short-sightedness of "conservative" members of the court. WE were not wrong and the Supremes were NOT right!

We have 3 cases on monuments in Dallas, Texas - 2 of which fall under a Dallas ordinance that provides standing to Dallas taxpayers to contest Monument removal!

SO WE FIGHT ON! In a dishonest age it is a revolutionary act to put our government opponents shameful acts on the record and under oath. Filing lawsuits and access to the court is still open to and is non-violent AND the Courts are not shooting us & our clients over the top of the bench - Yet! SO WE FIGHT ON! We need a better PR system of taking information on our court fights to the American People, not just the Confederate Community.

Our brothers & sisters in 4 Florida lawsuits FIGHT ON! Maybe the aftermath of the upcoming election circus may reshape the judicial / political landscape. Meanwhile, we will continue to do our duty!

Respectfully, Kirk D. Lyons Chief Trial Counsel

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## John Bell Hood & The Curse of Anne Mitchell



Near Mount Sterling, Kentucky, there once lived a young woman named Anne Mitchell. She was a darkhaired girl of great beauty who many people called "the belle of Central Kentucky". Anne was known throughout the region as a gentle and sweet girl and as she grew older, she had her choice of suitors from around the area. However, in her late teens, she fell in love with just one of her gentleman callers, a tall, blond youth named John Bell Hood.

Hood was the son of Dr. John W. Hood, who lived near the Mitchell home and who operated a small farm and a medical school for aspiring doctors. The younger Hood went to West Point in 1849 and when he returned home on furlough, he began courting Anne Mitchell. The two of them fell passionately in love. They often met for walks in the evening and their favorite trysting place was in the garden of the Hood home—a place where Anne's ghost is still said to walk today. According to the legends, another young man came on the scene as a rival for Anne's affections. He is remembered today as only "Mr. Anderson", and although Anne did not care for him, her family took to him immediately. Unlike Hood, Anderson was very wealthy and promised Anne's parents that he would build her a home on property which adjoined their own. Anne's family began to pressure her incessantly and finally, she agreed to marry Anderson on the condition that she be able to write a letter to John Hood at West Point-a letter that would be read only by him. In her letter, Anne poured out her heart to the young cadet and promised him that she "would love him forever" and "whether in this world or the next, she would only walk the garden path with him."

Not surprisingly, When Hood received the letter, he immediately left school and rode for Kentucky. He managed to get Anne a message and promised to meet her a few nights later near her home. He promised to have an extra horse saddled for her and together, they would ride off and be married. As it happened though, one of the Mitchell slaves discovered Anne's absence only minutes after she left for her rendezvous with Hood and raised the alarm. Anne's father and brothers went in pursuit of her and discovered the young lovers just as Hood was putting Anne on her horse. She was quickly returned home and was locked in her room and not allowed to leave until the day that she married Anderson. Confined to her room, Anne could only peer out the window of the house at the Hood homestead and at the garden where she and Hood had once walked. She never stopped loving him – and she never forgot the lifelong punishment that she felt her family had inflicted upon her.

A few months passed and Anne's family, as well as her new husband, breathed a sigh of relief when Anne and Anderson finally exchanged their wedding vows. Little did they know however, their troubles were just beginning. Despite the affection and wealth that was heaped upon her, Anne refused to forgive the fact that she had been forced to marry a man she did not love. She refused to leave her room in the old Mitchell house and remained moody and depressed. When she learned that she was pregnant, she stopped speaking altogether and even Anderson himself was banned from entering her rooms. When she finally spoke again, it was after the birth of her son, Corwin, and what she uttered made everyone's heart stand still. Her words were a curse..."upon all who had any part in making me marry Anderson when my hear will always belong to John Bell Hood.' As the legend goes, the curse began to have a dire effect on the family just a few hours after Corwin was born. Late that afternoon, the sky overhead began to darken, and a strangely localized thunderstorm swept through the area. A lightning bolt struck the corner of the Mitchell house and a portion of the brick home collapsed. Although nothing else in the area was damaged, three people at the Mitchell house were killed-including Anne herself. Also, dead were one of Anne's brothers, who had been involved in stopping Anne and Hood from eloping, and the slave girl whose warning had sent the Mitchell men in pursuit of Anne when she ran away. After three persons died within hours of Anne uttering a curse on the family, the story of the curse soon began to spread. In the years that followed, it began to be taken quite seriously. People from all over the region told and re-told the story of Anne's last moments on earth and the malediction that she uttered just hours before her death. And they watched in fear as the warning in the curse began to come to pass. Anne's son, Corwin Anderson died of a heart attack after witnessing a fatal assault on his youngest son by his oldest. The Anderson family continued to be plagued with strange and violent deaths as the years passed and descendants believed them to be the results of the curse. As recently as the 1940's, Anne's great-great grandson, Judson Anderson committed suicide.

Although her curse was certainly a malevolent one—her lingering ghost is a better reflection of her truly gentle soul. Many locals spoke of seeing her wandering the gardens of the old Hood home and she was never believed to have frightened anyone, despite some reported encounters with shaken residents of the property. Her haunting has always been a quiet one and if the stories are to be believed, it remains so today.

And finally, whatever happened to Anderson, Hood's rival for the hand of Anne Mitchell? At the outbreak of the war, with his wife dead, he enlisted in a Texas regiment. A few months later, that brigade was placed in command of none other than General John Bell Hood. What happened to him next is anyone's guess. So far as any records go, Anderson simply appeared to vanish from the earth.

## Story of a Gourd Head



The Story of a Gourd Head What caused me to construct a "gourds head" is more than I can explain, unless it was suggested by his Satanic majesty. As to how I used it, read and see. One day in the winter of 1863 I found, near camps, a long-handle gourd about the the size of a man's head, and out of such material as I could command I covered it, it with hair from beef tails, etc., until, at a short distance, it resembled somewhat a man's head. Before it was perfected, I was detailed to go on out-post duty, and took my masked gourd with me, intending to give it the finishing touches. At this date, the pickets of the two contending armies would at times discover and hail each other, exchange a few not unfriendly words, then each go his way without attempting to take the life of the other.

On the day above alluded to, I was stationed beside a fallen tree, near the edge of a river swamp. About an hour after I had taken my position I saw a "blue coat" stealthily gliding along through the undergrowth of the swamp, and when within about one hundred yards of me, I halted him with "Hello Yank, who are you looking for?" He sprang behind a tree and answered, "Looking for you Johnnie Reb. Have you got any tobacco to trade for coffee?" I replied that I had, but we had not conversed long until I discovered that the Yank was somewhat nervous and watched him closely, though neither of us had made any hostile demonstrations. Suddenly he raised his gun to his face, and as suddenly I ducked ducked behind the log. And now I felt that both of us could not get away alive and determined to try to get my work in first. After a few moments suspense I thought of my masked gourd, and placing my hat upon it raised it above the log high enough to seem to peep over, BANG, went Yank's gun, and a Minnie bullet pierced the gourd, and it fell by my side. I remained perfectly quiet, feeling assured that he would soon come to relive my dead body of my tobacco. In a short time, I heard him coming. The "old scratch" whispered to me, "Now is your time," but something else whispered, "Don't kill him, it would be murder; take him prisoner." I knew that his gun was empty, and that I had every advantage of him, so I raised up and presented to his breast my cocked rifle. I never beheld such a look of surprise. He stood within ten feet of me, motionless, it seemed almost breathless.

I ordered him to drop his gun, come round to my side of the log and take a seat on the ground. He obeyed without any hesitation, and when he was seated, I pointed at the gourd. He stared at the gourd then at me, and seeing me smiled he dryly remarked, "Well, I'll be d----d!" After a few moments reflection he again spoke, "You have out yanked me Johnnie, but I hope you will not let me be sent to Andersonville."

I inquired of him, his name, and residence, when he informed, John Hall, of Columbus, Ohio. I asked him if he had relatives living in Texas, and he replied that his uncle moved from Ohio to Texas about twenty years before, and when last heard from was living near Leesburg. I felt interested and inquired what he knew about his uncle's family. He mentioned the names of the children, and among them George Hall, about his own age, who was his favorite cousin and playmate when they were boys in Ohio. I then told him that he had just attempted to murder his cousin George. "I am George Hall!" Pale and trembling, he exclaimed, "O, my God, can this be true?" and wept like a child. I then told him that he was free, exchanging "baccar for coffee" with him, but kept his gun and ammunition. He insisted that I should take what greenbacks he had to buy me another hat in place of the one he had spoiled a bullet from his Enfield. He explained that his reason for firing was that he thought it his only chance to save his own life, thinking I would shoot him the first opportunity. He disappeared in the river swamp, and I saw him no more until after the war, but Cousin John is now my Texas neighbor, votes the Democratic ticket, and is the best friend I have on earth.

## The Crocodingo



Certainly one of the weirdest tales of mystery monsters to come out of the War Between the States is that of a strange creature said to have the body of a dingo and the head of a crocodile, and which has come to be known as the Crocodingo. The creature was said to mostly prowl the area of Scott County, Tennessee, and although the legends of this weird beast had been around for years, the report which most propelled it into notoriety was that of a local from Huntsville, Tennessee named Hank Lemon. According to Hank, on the night of July 31, 1839, a strange creature allegedly bolted forth from the underbrush behind his home as he stood gazing at the greenish sky. He described the monster as having the body of a large dog topped with a bulbous reptilian alligator-like head, complete with jagged fangs. Whatever it was, it reportedly moved very quickly, and was said to exude an unbearably horrid stench. Hank Lemon said of the smell: *"There was this horrible charnel stench in the air, and something else. A horrible thing...something that would drive a man crazy should he be exposed to it for too long a period."* 

During the War Between the States, Confederate soldiers began coming back with accounts of seeing the monster while out in the field, darting through the wilderness, studying them from afar, or even growling in a threatening manner. In one such account, a Confederate soldier by the name of Roger Owens claimed to have come across the creature hunched over the corpse of a fallen soldier, apparently guarding it for some reason, possibly due to it being he thing's kill as evidenced by the mauled state in which the body seemed to be. A follow up investigation into this sighting turned up blood but no body.

Sightings of the Crocodingo would continue after the war well into the 1900s, particularly in the vicinity of the town of Oneida. Railroad workers claimed the thing had a penchant for gnawing on freshly laid rails, on which it would allegedly leave deep teeth mark impressions within the solid steel.

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory aka "Battle Hymn of the Republic" A Hymn No Christian Should Sing - Ever -

Wait, what??? I've sung that song all my life! I like it, what's wrong with singing it?

Sing it if you will... but not in the House of God! There is no worship of God or Jesus in it. It is blasphemous! What is a Battle Hymn? Battle is combat, a hostile encounter between opposing military forces. A Hymn is words bound to music that are sung to honor and thank God for His goodness, love, forgiveness, His mercy and His faithfulness in holding us in His hands. Christians sing hymns to God and pray we can stay out of battles. This arrogant, bloodletting war chant was heard in the Union camps in the War Between the States.

The author of the verses Mrs. Julie Ward Howe was NOT a Bible-believing Christian. As a Unitarian, she did not believe in the Trinity or the deity of Christ. She believed that Christ was merely a great teacher with no higher claim to preeminence in wisdom, goodness and power than any other man."

She believed that personal experience, conscience and reason should be the final authorities in religion, not the Bible. Mrs. Howe and her husband Dr. Howe joined the Unitarian "Church of the Disciples", pastored by the well known Unitarian transcendentalist James Freeman Clark. She even preached occasionally in Unitarian pulpits.

Mrs. Howe was a radical abolitionist and although she was devoted to the anti-slavery movement, her own words reveal her to be a hypocrite on the subject of race. Julia Ward Howe wrote the "ideal negro" would be one "refined by white culture, elevated by white blood." She also wrote, "the negro among Negroes, is coarse, grinning, flat-footed, thick-skulled creature...." Mrs. Howe also supported the extreme abolitionist beliefs of the infamous John Brown. You may remember him from your history classes, his raid on the Harper's Ferry arsenal to secure weapons to arm slaves in Virginia for revolt. He was tried and hanged for murder, slave insurrection, and TREASON against the state.

He was glorified in the song about John Brown's body which lies a moldering in the grave. Howe used the tune of John Brown's Body for her irreverent verses of the Battle Hymn song. Mrs. Howe at the invitation of Abe Lincoln visited Union Army Camps and heard them singing John Brown's Body and wrote the Battle Hymn to further glorify John Brown. Ignorance of history is no sin, and can easily be remedied with a computer and a search engine or a trip to the library.

Christian congregations sing this song, feeling very patriotic, without knowing what the song means, why it was written, or anything about Julia Howe. But despite its author's use of biblical phrasing, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is not about Christ "marching" against sin and the Church being "victorious" over evil.

Mrs. Howe misused the text of Isaiah to praise God's destruction of her Own Personal Enemies. Read the first six verses of Isaiah Chapter 63. Who comes with blood stained garments? GOD ! Whose blood? The Pagans who have tried to destroy God's chosen people, the Israelites , the children of Abraham.

Mrs. Howe's words :

BHR VERSE:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:

His truth is marching on.

Mrs. Howe applied the apocalyptic judgment of the Revelation (14:17-20 & 19:15) to the Confederate nation. She pictured the Union army not only as that instrument which would cause Southern blood to flow out upon the earth, but also the Union army as the very expression of His Word (sword) itself. The Transcendentalist-Unitarians believed that the evil in man could be rooted out by governmental action. In her mind, the South was evil and was thus deserving of judgment of the most extreme nature—its own Armageddon.

Howe never saw the coming of the Lord, no one has, all she saw was Yankee soldiers and equating it with the coming of the Lord is blasphemous.

Lightning is sometimes associated with the judgment of God (Psalm 18:14, 144:6; Revelation 8:5, 11:19, 16:18). The "terrible swift sword" is a reference to Christ's sword (Revelation 1:16, 2:12, 2:16, 19:15, 19:21).

God's truth is not marching on, it is "fallen in the street" (Isaiah 59:14). And the Union Army marching is certainly not God's truth personified, not when the Bible reserves that honor for Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

#### BHR VERSE:

" I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel: "As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal; Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel, Since God is marching on."

This verse is so blasphemous that it is not included in Christian hymnals that contain the "Battle Hymn." Perhaps if it was then Christians would have their eyes opened as to the true nature of this "hymn." The "burnished rows of steel" refer to the polished Union cannons. Taking God's promise of deliverance from Genesis 3:15, she applied it not to Christ, but to the Yankee soldier who would receive God's grace by killing Southerners. This is not the "gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). This was certainly a different gospel; the kind of which the Apostle Paul said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8). And what grace is this: Punish the evil Southerners and I will give you grace?

This concept of grace is foreign to the New Testament.

Jesus Christ crushing the serpent with his heel is a perversion of Genesis 3:15 where the Lord says to the serpent: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." And in the New Testament, when the Apostle Paul said that "the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly" (Romans 16:20), he was not referring to anything that was to take place during the War Between the States. And God certainly was not "marching on" under the figure of the Union Army.

BHR Verse:

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat: Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on.

Howe's reference to a trumpet instead of a bugle has biblical overtones. A trumpet figures prominently in references to the end times (Matthew 24:31; 1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 1:10, 4:1, 8:13, 9:14). The judgment seat is a reference to the judgment seat of Christ, mentioned twice by the Apostle Paul (Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10). God has not yet sifted out the hearts of Christians at this judgment, nor yet the hearts of anyone else at the "great white throne" judgment (Revelation 20:11—13). One thing is for sure, Christians had better be swift to answer the Lord at the Judgment when asked why they sang such a blasphemous song.

Here are some more of the verses written by that heretic:

BHR Verse:

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:

As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,

While God is marching on.

Christ was not born "in the beauty of the lilies." He was laid in a manger (Luke 2:7), not in a garden. The "glory in His bosom" is certainly scriptural, and is a reference to the account of Christ's transfiguration before his disciples where "his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light" (Matthew 17:2). But HE was the one who was transfigured, not us. The glory of Christ transfiguring "you and me" is pure universalism as advocated by Unitarians.

The third line in this verse is one of the most egregious in the whole "hymn." Not only does the phrase "as he died to make men holy" also smack of universalism, equating the Atonement of the Son of God with the death of Yankee soldiers supposedly dying to "make men free," it is the height of blasphemy. Christ died to redeem us~

This phrase also shows us that there are other reasons besides biblical ones for not singing the "Battle Hymn," for, theological questions aside, the Union soldiers didn't "die to make men free." This is the great myth of the War Between the States, and would be news to Abraham Lincoln since he maintained that freeing the slaves was not what his war was about. In an August 22, 1862, letter to Horace Greeley, the editor of the New York Tribune, Lincoln explained:

LINCOLN QUOTE: My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and it is not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone I would also do that. What I do about slavery, and the colored race, I do because I believe it helps to save the Union. Mrs. Howe's eschatology (Eschatology is the study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times.) is not the eschatology of the Bible. Mrs. Howe was nothing less than an early and ardent proponent of liberation theology, WHICH Simply put, liberation theology is a movement that attempts to interpret Scripture through the plight of the poor. True followers of Jesus, according to liberation theology, must work toward a just society, bring about social and political change, and align themselves with the working class. Sin is social. Salvation is freedom from structures of oppression. Redemption is by warfare. Judgment is now.

Battle Hymn has nothing to do with God or Christianity. It is not a Christian hymn. It does not belong in a Christian hymnal. It should not be sung in any Christian church — Northern or Southern. It should not be on the lips of any Christian — Yankee or Southerner. It is bogus history and faulty theology. For much too long Christians have sung this "hymn" with religious fervor while remaining in ignorance as to its history and theology. For much too long preachers, elders and song leaders have included this "hymn" in church services without stopping to consider whether it is an appropriate song for a Christian worship service. Disparaging the singing of this song has nothing to do with being a Confederate sympathizer, or being unpatriotic or anti-Lincoln, but it has everything to do with exercising biblical discernment. It is a disgrace that the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" even appears in a Christian hymnal alongside of such great hymns of the faith as: "Blessed Redeemer," "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," "That Beautiful Name," and "O Worship the King."

No Christian church would intentionally sing a song of praise to Satan's doctrines, nor would any preacher or elder lead their congregation into rebellion against true biblical doctrine. Yet by ignorance, is has been done on a regular basis in the American church. The "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is apostasy. It promotes hatred and vengeful destruction. It has no place in a worship service.

Traditions are hard to break, and especially religious ones, but the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" is one that must go. It is not a Christian hymn at all but blasphemy. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

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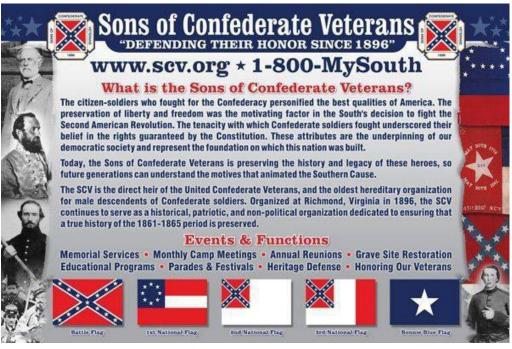








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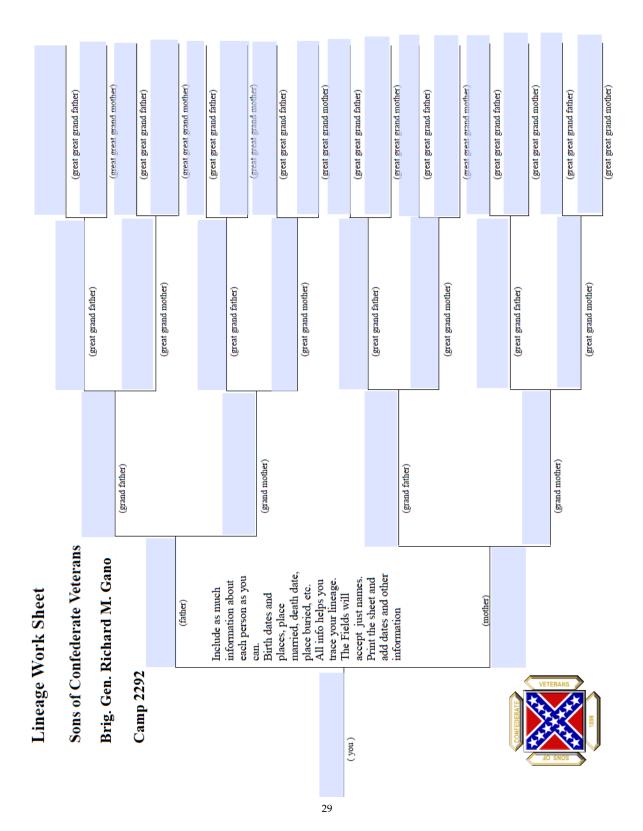
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