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Sterling Price Camp 676 First Annual Gun Show



All of Brent's swords are originals, and highly prized. Some are worth upwards of \$2,000; and one, a "Paymaster's sword," Brent has seen only one other time in decades of collecting.

Sir Bob Milner summed up the Saturday event at the Littleton Sportsmans Warehouse this way:

Well the gun show was a lot of fun. Lots of visitors, lots of firearms and lots of swords.

I especially want to thank those who came out and helped out. Special thanks to Sir Gary Mitchell, Mr. Brent Brown, and Sir Gary Parrott who drove all the way from Grand Junction to help out and had a wonderful display of SCV Confederate Colorado history (I think he managed to pick up a few new members as well!). Also Earl Beelman and Woody Taylor came by to help.

Overall I feel that the show was a great success. We got to talk to a lot of people and I think we might have gained a couple of new members. Again I just wanted to thank all those who had a part in this event. I joyfully tip my hat to you.

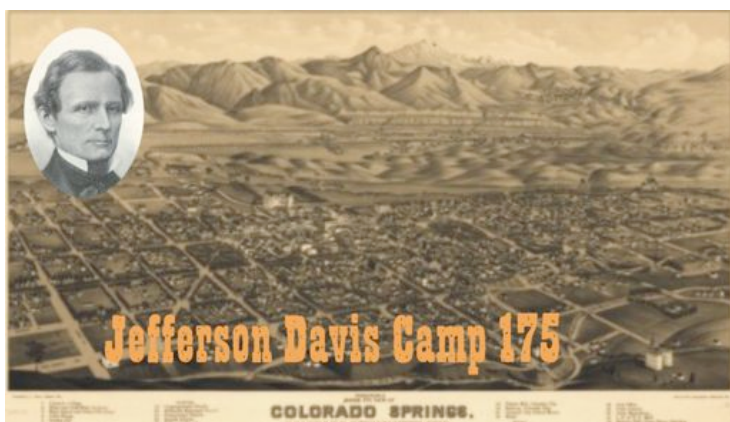
One of the continuing goals of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is to recruit and retain members. There are all sorts of ideas out there on how to do this, but certainly we need to be out in the public, sharing our interests, and perhaps raising the level of interest in others.

Thanks to Compatriot Bob Milner, such an event was held to attract people – the First, Annual Sterling Price Camp 676 Gun Show.

Bob's extensive collection of firearms, spanning generations of American patriots, was supported by rifles from the collection of Gary Mitchell, and swords from the collection of Brent Brown.



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For too long, the voices of compatriots in the Southern portions of Colorado – Colorado Springs, Trinidad, Canon City, the San Luis Valley, and Pagosa Springs have been silent.

However, thanks to Scott Myers, the camp is back at full strength and beginning a new phase.

They held their first meeting in June, and already count themselves at 9 members. Life Member Mike Whelan was there, along with Bob Milner, of Camp 676. One new member, Bob Dobbins, even made the drive from Pagosa Springs to join us. And in his hands, he brought the story of 7 gravesites in the Pagosa Springs area awaiting recognition.

The members of Jefferson Davis Camp 175 voted a new slate of officers: Scott is the Commander, Rick Thurston the Lt Commander, and Doug Atkinson the Adjutant. Thanks for stepping up, guys!

For now, meetings are held monthly on the first Monday. Scott's looking for a permanent location, so if you want to attend, contact Scott at (719)576-2601, or e-mail him at scottmyers1@msn.com

Camp 175 is rapidly working to establish themselves as THE contact for SCV activities in the southern part of the state. They're working to reestablish the contacts with our friends down in northern New Mexico, and with the UDC chapter in their area.

Also on the boards are advanced planning for VETERANS Day memorials, their own Lee-Jackson Banquet, and of course, a celebration of Jefferson Davis, the camp's namesake.

This is going to be one, very active camp! Give Scott a call to find out how you can get involved.



A Brief History of the Sons of Confederate Veterans by Sir Gary Parrott

On July 1, 1896, during the seventh annual reunion of the *United Confederate Veterans* (UCV) a resolution was drafted to create a separate national organization to be composed of sons of Confederate Veterans.

That resolution was submitted as:

Resolved, that this session provide at once for the formation of Sons of Confederate Veterans into a separate national organization. This is urgent from the manifold fact that our ranks are thinning daily, and our loved representatives should step in now and arrange to take charge of Southern history, our relics, mementos and monuments, and stimulate the erection of their monuments to our heroes were "taps" are sounded for the last of our fathers.

The above resolution was passed and the *United Sons of Confederate Veterans* (USCV) was officially created with 24 Camps from various Southern States. Additionally, by-laws were adopted and the organization was further divided into three Departments or Armies (similar to the organization of the Confederate States Army): the Army of Northern Virginia, the Army of Tennessee, and the Army of the Trans-Mississippi.

In addition to an annual national convention (or "Reunion"), each Department was required to hold a meeting once a year and Camps were required to hold regular meetings and participate in special events (Confederate Memorial Day, Lee-Jackson Memorial, grave side memorials, etc.) which often included members from the *United Daughters of the Confederacy* (UDC).

By the time of the second annual reunion of the USCV in 1897 there were 37 Camps and several hundred members or "Compatriots" in every state of the former Confederate States of America.

During the 1912 USCV Reunion, held in Macon, Georgia, the organizational name was shortened to *Sons of Confederate Veterans* (SCV) to further identify it as a separate organization from the UDC and UCV.

The SCV continued to grow and prosper until the 1930s when the cumulative effects of the depression and the start of World War II impacted the organization. However, the SCV would see a resurgence in membership in the 1950s when it became the largest organization representing sons of Confederate Veterans in the world (note: the UCV went inactive after its 1951 Reunion held in Norfolk, Virginia).

During the centennial anniversary of the *War Between the States* (1961-1965) the SCV experienced an unprecedented growth due to an upswing in Southern Pride and interest in being part of that historic celebration. Many new members joined the SCV and numerous new camps were organized and many former camps were reactivated.

Today, the SCV is truly an international organization with Camps and members in all 50 states and several countries. Currently, approximately 30,000 men proudly acknowledge that they are a descendant of a Confederate Veteran.

**The Margaret Howell Davis Hayes Chapter #2652
United Daughters of the Confederacy®
Will Host A Memorial Dedication For
DINAH L. MCMILLAN KAHLER**



**Former Treasurer And Charter Member
August 8, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.
Greenwood Pioneer Cemetery - Confederate Section
South First Street Cañon City, Colorado
We Invite You To Join Us As We Honor
Dinah's Memory**

Directions:

From Denver and points north:

Take I-25 South from Denver through Colorado Springs to Pueblo. Exit Right onto US Highway 50 West (toward Royal Gorge and Cañon City). Continue on US Highway 50 West to Cañon City. Continue West through Cañon City. At 3rd Street you will see a park on your left. Immediately after the park is South 1st Street. Turn Left (South) on South 1st Street and continue for several blocks and up a winding hill. At the top of the hill, you will see cemeteries on both sides of the street. Greenwood is on the right.

From Parachute (4 hrs, 36 min):

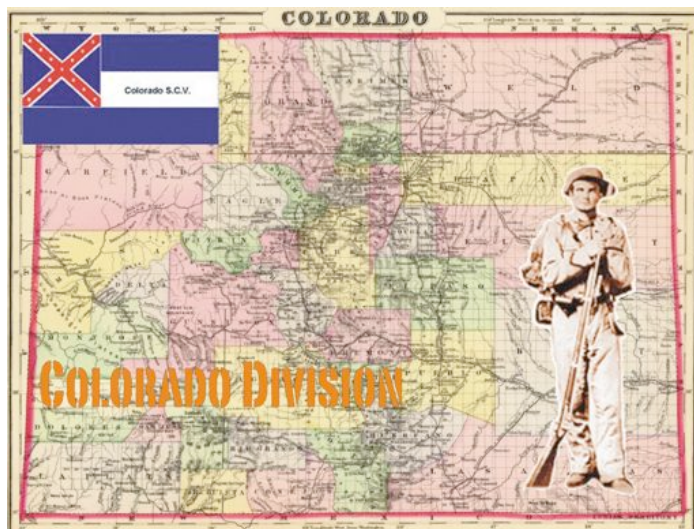
Take I-70 East 97.1 miles to Exit 171 (US 24 E, toward Minturn/Leadville). Keep Right at the fork in the ramp. Turn slight Right onto US 24 – 31.0 miles. Turn Right onto US 24 W – 37.9 miles, Stay Straight to go onto US 285 – 21.1 miles. Turn Left onto US 285/US 50 – 0.5 miles, Turn Left onto US 50 E – 60.4 miles. As you are coming into Cañon City, you will see the power plant on your right and the Colorado Territorial Prison on your left. Take the first right onto South 1st Street and continue for several blocks and up a winding hill. At the top of the hill, you will see cemeteries on both sides of the street. Greenwood is on the right.

From Grand Junction (4 hrs, 37 min):

Take US Highway 50 E – 61.1 miles, Turn Left onto E Main St/US 50. Continue to follow US 50 124.4 miles, Turn Left onto US 50 E – 60.4 miles. As you are coming into Cañon City, you will see the power plant on your right and the Colorado Territorial Prison on your left. Take the first right onto South 1st Street and continue for several blocks and up a winding hill. At the top of the hill, you will see cemeteries on both sides of the street. Greenwood is on the right.

If you get lost and need directions, please don't hesitate to call:

(719) 269-3101 or (719) 671-7753



A Brief History of the Origins of the SCV-Colorado Division

On May 22, 1900, the *Jefferson Davis Camp No. 1*, was officially organized in the City of Colorado Springs with 21 members. This was the first camp to be formed within the Colorado Division of the Department of the Trans-Mississippi, United Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Joseph D. Shewalter was elected as the camp commander, Daniel P. Ottenheimer was the adjutant, and L. M. Duncan was chaplain.

The organizing official was Walter R. Kivett and the official sponsor was Mrs. Margaret Howell Jefferson Davis Hayes (Colorado Springs resident and the daughter of former Confederate States of America President Jefferson Davis).

Mrs. Hayes traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, and attended the 11th Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans (May 31–June 2, 1900).

Over the years, the Colorado Division has grown to include 6 Camps around the state with over 100 total members.

It is expected that during the 150th Anniversary of the War Between the States (2010-2015) that the Division will double in size when interest in that part of American History reaches it peak.

Today, we have camps in Grand Junction, in Colorado Springs, in Greeley, in Denver, and in Ft. Collins. Some of these camps are very active and recruiting new members all the time, while others are reestablishing the leadership which will lead to continued success.

"Let danger never turn you aside from the pursuit of honor or the service to your country ... Know that death is inevitable and the fame of virtue is immortal"

Robert E. Lee

Where Did They Get Their Uniforms?

“The Confederate army was not trying to make a fashion statement,” explained Arthur Green of West Long Branch. “They were focused on utilitarian purposes. Uniforms were kept simple because of limited materials available and to make production easier.”

A living historian and Civil War scholar, Arthur Green is Commander of 1st Confederate Battalion Tilghman’s Brigade, a Civil War reenactment group. Mr. Green gave his presentation, “What the Boys Wore and Carried,” to the Isaac W. K. Handy Chapter 2658 of United Daughters of the Confederacy on April 25 at the Abraham Staats House in South Bound Brook, NJ.

“Except for Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond and the armory in Harper’s Ferry, the Confederacy really didn’t have many factories,” Mr. Green said as he went on to describe the cottage industry developed by the Confederacy to produce uniforms. The fabric was cut at a central depot. Then the pieces were shipped out all over the South to groups of women, or sewing circles, who sewed them together. Shirts and socks were produced in the same manner. In addition to clothing, the sewing circles also produced flags for units, and they rolled bandages and picked lint from linen to produce medical bandages.

“Most Southern civilians were involved in the war effort. Women and children worked at arsenals producing ammunition. They were very committed to protecting their homes from invasion,” said Green.

On display was an impressive collection of authentic Confederate artifacts along with some high-end reproductions. “I started collecting back when nobody wanted this stuff,” said Green, as he lovingly displayed a sweat-stained kepi hat once worn by a Confederate soldier. “Now, you could put a down payment on a house with a Richmond Type III jacket.” Authentic items on display included an Enfield rifle, an early Confederate veteran’s jacket, a blanket, a canteen, eating utensils, shaving gear, a Bible, and a Southern Cross of Honor, the award given by United Daughters of the Confederacy to Confederate veterans for valor during the war.

“I think it’s vital to preserve these artifacts so we can understand our history,” said Green. “That’s the only way we can truly understand our ancestors and how they lived and died.”



SCV Serving the Community



Back in May, the gang of compatriots from Sterling Price Camp 676 (pictured above) took some time on a Saturday morning to give something back to the community. Or, to be more precise, “to pick up something for the community.”

Earl Beelman, Bob Milner, Patrick Gerity, and Gary Mitchell started filling sacks with items tossed by careless drivers (probably Yankees!) along Chatfield Ave. west of Kipling in Lakewood.

Now, such an endeavor is not without risk. Besides the speeding cars, which don’t seem to give an inch to someone toting a bright orange trash bag beside the road, the coordinator for the Adopt-A-Highway program advised our volunteers to NOT pick up anything which appeared to contain a liquid of any sort. It seems the meth producers aren’t satisfied to put themselves and their children at risk, they’ll also toss bottles of the stuff out of car windows if they think a police officer is following them.

Luckily, no strange liquids in bottles were discovered by our crew, and a short time later, the roadside was once more clean, and the reminder to all that the clean up was accomplished by the Sons of Confederate Veterans still stands with the Adopt-A-Highway sign next to Kipling.

Thanks guys!

Recruiting and Relating the SCV Story



When Sir Gary Parrott traveled to Littleton from Grand Junction, to help out at the 1st Annual SCV Gun Show, he brought with him a fantastic display.

Pause, for a moment, and reflect on the charge to all members:

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

Gary has come up with a highly effective way to guard the history and perpetuate the principles of our ancestors, using this creative display. Each section tells a unique story of the Confederate cause during the Conflict, and particularly what happened during that time in Colorado.

One great advantage, is that the display can tell the story on its own, or can be enhanced with a host, like Gary. So if you find yourself involved with a possible member, the casual visitor can still find intriguing information.

The tri-fold, foam-core display backing can be picked up at any Hobby Lobby store. Gary will be happy to e-mail you the information sheets he's using, or you can create your own. Along with some display items, membership applications, and SCV brochures, your camp can sponsor a display almost anywhere – from a local history museum to a blackpowder gun shoot to a school history day.

There's another advantage to Gary's display: You don't have to be an expert to share the heritage and accurate history of the SCV. So anyone can feel secure in supporting their camp at the next public event.

Contact Gary at birdmanofmono@aol.com.

Marching Orders

(Colorado Division Calendar of events)

Jul 12 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Jul 14 7:00 pm	Camp 676 Meeting	Breckenridge Brewery 471 Kalamath, Denver
Jul 22 – 29	SCV 2009 National Reunion	Little Rock, AR www.scv2009reunion.com
Aug 3 7:00 pm	Camp 175 Meeting	Southside Johnny's 528 S. Tejon, CS
Aug 8 1:00 pm	UDC Memorial for Dinah Kahler	Greenwood Cemetery Canon City
Aug 9 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Sep 7 7:00 pm	Camp 175 Meeting	Southside Johnny's 528 S. Tejon, CS
Sep 8 7:00 pm	Camp 676 Meeting	Breckenridge Brewery 471 Kalamath, Denver
Sep 13 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Oct 5 7:00 pm	Camp 175 Meeting	Southside Johnny's 528 S. Tejon, CS
Oct 11 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Nov 2 7:00 pm	Camp 175 Meeting	Southside Johnny's 528 S. Tejon, CS
Nov 8 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley
Nov 10 7:00 pm	Camp 676 Meeting	Breckenridge Brewery 471 Kalamath, Denver
Nov 11	Veterans' Day	
Dec 13 2:00 pm	Camp 2104 Meeting	Weld Co. Library 23 rd Ave., Greeley

Gov C. S. Thomas Camp 2126

Just a quick Camp status report. We held a meeting recently and *Rhy Paris* is the new Adjutant and *Bill Buvinger* is the new Treasurer. All other officers are the same.

We now have a Post Office Box (PO Box 3035, Grand Junction CO 81501) for official correspondence. And, we will soon have a bank account, too !!!!!

The headstone project is proceeding and I will forward the request to the VA as soon as I get the signed form back from the Riverside Cemetery (the one in Delta County). We are hoping for a headstone setting ceremony this Fall.

Also, I have sent to HQ another approved membership request (Alan Lambert) and I am working on 2 more potential members!

The SCV is on the move on the Western Slope.

Take care,

Deo Vindice,

Gary Parrott



SCV Annual Dues Fact Sheet

Dues are owed as of August 1st every year, becoming late after November 1st. Camp Adjutants/Commanders need to mail out a dues notice/invoice (the Colorado Division will provide a standardized template to use) to all non-life members of the Camp as of June 1 (Life Members do not pay annual SCV dues but may be subject to Camp and Division dues if applicable).

HQ will actually make a final attempt to contact delinquent members via mail around the first of the calendar year as one final reminder.

Dues should be funneled through the Camp Treasury and lump sum checks submitted to prior to November 1, to include the name and SCV ID of each paid member.

Annual SCV dues: \$30.00

New Member Processing Fee: \$5.00 this is a one time fee for a brand new application in addition to the standard annual dues payment. This fee is ONLY for new applicants submitted, making a new applicant's first year dues \$35.00.

Late Fee: \$5.00 additional charge for anyone who pays dues after November 1.

Camp dues: typically \$5.00 (this should be voted on by the Camp and listed in the Camp By-laws and/or Constitution. This is not a required amount and is to be determined by the individual Camp).

As of June 1, 2009, the Colorado Camps must play an active role in renewal of membership. The responsibility falls on the individual Camp but the Division is available for assistance when Camp staff cannot manage the process.

The conditional life membership is a way to allow more members to take advantage of life membership without the one-time "ding" to the ol' bank account. You pay \$150 down, and pay the rest within 2 years. Life memberships are: \$750 (ages 12-64), \$375 (ages 65-79), \$187.50 (ages 80+). If you're in your 40's the \$750 takes 25 years to equal \$30 per year dues, so that puts you in your 60's when it breaks even.

If you plan on being an SCV member for most of your life it is worth it: you get a Life Membership certificate and pin, and you don't have to worry about national dues again.

I'd encourage everyone to think about life membership for sure. The application is found on the SCV national website, under Services-Forms and Documents-Life Membership Application.

Sincerely yours, Pat Gerity

Forgotten No More Heroes of the Confederacy Honored in their Final Resting Place

Perhaps it's easy to believe that since Colorado was far away from most of the events of the War Between the States, that we have little historical connections. Nothing could be further from the truth.

After the War, silver was discovered in Colorado and many heroes, finding their homes and livelihoods in shambles, followed the lure of the silver mines. But whatever the reason, we are proud of those whose final days were on Colorado soil. Our members continue to find these forgotten veterans, and with diligence, continue to acquire the recognition they deserve. The following is a list of a few of the confirmed heroes resting in Colorado.

James Monroe Dolan fought in the 11th Missouri infantry under General Sterling Price with 4 brothers. He worked on a ranch in Fountain CO. after the war, died in 1936 at the age of 96, and is buried in Rocky Ford next to his wife, Mary McKean Dolan, who passed in 1917.

David Smith, born in Wayne county West Virginia then moved to Cabell county Virginia. He enlisted with the 8th Va. Calvary in 1862 where he served as Sergeant. Later, he served as Captain with his brother William S. "Rebel Bill" Smith in the 2nd Battalion KY Mounted Rifles. After the war, he migrated west and became the first county judge of Gunnison, Colorado. He later moved to Hotchkiss, Colorado where he died in 1907 and was buried there in Riverside Cemetery.

George Washington Wilemon who served in the 2nd Mississippi cavalry, Company E, although the name was listed as Wileman in the records.

Born August 14, 1839 in Itawamba, Mississippi, he died-January 12, 1912, Matabeleland North, Zimbabwe. How he got from Africa to a rural SW Colorado cemetery would be interesting to find out.

He is buried in the Lavender Cemetery, which is in rural Dolores County, west of Telluride near the Utah state border. I believe it is in the Disappointment River valley area.

