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**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, COLORADO DIVISION
CAMP 676, CAMP 175, CAMP 2104, CAMP 2126, CAMP 1492**

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June in the Rockies.

The Colorado Division drew members from across the state to the Yampa River Valley in search of Confederate veterans who added to the growth and heritage of the region.

The scene above is from the grounds of the Hahn's Peak Museum, looking westward toward Steamboat Lake. Notice the heavy snow clinging to the mountains, even as late as June 11th. Needless to say, heavy snows and mild June weather meant a heavy runoff. Local creeks and rivers, including the Yampa River, were at flood levels not seen in many years.

Imagine our dismay at a phone call from the Yampa River State Park, or intended headquarters camp, informing us that the river was rising, the campground was near flooding, and the entry gate might be locked upon our arrival! We were facing a cancellation of our first-ever road trip, or at best, a delay which would cut our volunteers planning to attend.

But in stepped Compatriot Charlie Hogan of Camp 175. He worked feverishly on the phone to coordinate a transfer of every camper from the Yampa State Park to Stagecoach State Park. He even managed to get us sited next to one another. Thanks to Charlie's last minute efforts, the Colorado SCV Division Road Trip was a huge success.



Colorado Division Road Trip Task List: Further Research Required List
Rev. 6/23/11

1. Lilburn L. Cheatham Quantrill's Raiders (Served with General Cantrill: Obit) **Steamboat Springs Cemetery** (CVGR), Routt Co.

Not in NPS, Not on Footnote, Sent e-mail to Gary P. for unit research [Grave Picture](#)

2. John Henry Jones 28th TN Inf. Or 54th TN Inf **Jones Ranch Cemetery (Obit)/ Steamboat Springs Cemetery (CVGR)** Routt Co.

NOTE: Steamboat Springs Cemetery has no record of him, Check Jones Ranch Cemetery (private), Need to determine which unit, [Grave Picture](#)

3. John E. Outland 1st Regt. NC Junior Reserves **Yampa Cemetery** Routt Co. (CVGR, NPS) [Grave Picture](#)

NOTE: John E. or John M.? (CVGR shows John E., NPS shows John M.)

4. Lt. Col. Oscar C. White Virginia, Field and Staff, 48th Inf **Mirage Cemetery** Moffat [Grave Picture](#) Did not visit this cemetery

5. Judge Thomas Shervin (Sherwin) 1st VA Cav **Meeker Cemetery** [Grave Picture](#) Did not visit this cemetery

6. Jaynes Whitcomb: listed as a Confederate Vet buried in Browns Park Cemetery, no confirmation of service, [Confirm Service/Grave Picture](#)
Did not visit this cemetery

NEED DEEP RESEARCH (Possible Confederate Veterans)

1. OWENS, DAVID F. (1847 -1930) -- STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CEMETERY-Possible Confederate Vet

(Could not locate grave, probably in "Paupers' Section")
2. PRICKETT, W.W. --STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CEMETERY More info needed. Possible Alabama Confederate

3. TURNER, JOHN W. (1843 -1916) -- STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CEMETERY-Born NC, possibly 43rd Inf

4. Dickey, David Steamboat Springs Cemetery (Charlie Hogan) (Could not locate grave)

5. BRIGHAM, ROBERT W. (1831 -1887) --HAYDEN PIONEER CEMETERY- Possible Confederate

(Located and took picture of grave)

6. BIRD, WILLIAM (1834 -1918) --YAMPA CEMETERY-Born in TN, lived in MO
(Located and took picture of grave)

7. STILL, JAMES E. (1848 -1917) --OAK CREEK CEMETERY- born TN
(Located and took picture of grave)

NEED DEEP RESEARCH (Initial Research Inconclusive)

1. JONES, WILLIAM HARRISON (1841 -1905) -- STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CEMETERY- (too many Jones)
(Located and took picture of grave)

2. LEAHEY, William M. --STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CEMETERY
(Very old stone, we think it was his, but were not sure)

3. WOOD, JOHN H. (1834 -1907) --STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CEMETERY (several in Colorado)
(Could not locate grave)

4. HANSEN, CHARLES HOWARD (-1921) --HAYDEN CEMETERY- (Too many)
Died 5/4/1921, Wife Joann died 11/19/22

5. BELTON, WILLIAM J. (1845 -1906) --ELK MOUNTAIN CEMETERY- (England/TN?????)

6. COMBS, MICHAEL (1838 -1906) --COMBS GRAVE SITE-Born KY

7. GARDNER, THOMAS S. (1848 -1909) --THREE FORKS CEMETERY- (born in KY)

8. WALLACE, R.G. (JUDGE) (1839c-1912) --HAHNS PEAK CEMETERY (born VA/W VA)

1910 Census Data (Need Further Research)

[1910 Routt Co. census indicated "CA" for Civil War service; They could be buried somewhere in the County.](#)

2. John H Janes or Jones: Born Virginia 1824, 1910 census Colorado Routt, Elk Mountain District 136 page 3, 86 years old, died Jan 1911 Steamboat Springs

3. E.W. Reilly: Born VA, Routt, Precinct 7, district 137 page 1, age 72, reads 72 years old but Ancestry reads it as 22. 1920 census 80 years old Holms Peak, possible Mississippi, SC, or TN Confederate.

Eyes on a Successful Road Trip



SCV Camping Trip of Discovery:
*Colorado Division's search for
unmarked confederate graves.*

Greeting fellow Colorado SCVers.
This is your humble but lovable,
former 676 Camp Adjutant Sir Robert
Milner nearly live from Day-One of
our first of many trips to the high

country in search of the unmarked graves of confederate
soldiers who are buried here without proper markers.

Compatriot Roy Poole and I arrived at base camp about
1:30 pm.

We were very impressed with the Stagecoach Reservoir
State Park campground (The Yampa campground which
we were at first to have as base camp was flooded by the
high Yampa River).

We joined up with fellow members Sir Gary Mitchell,
Sir Scott Meyers, Woody Taylor, Charlie Hogan, Jason
Phillip Self and his family. We spent the better part of the
afternoon setting up camp. Gary told us that Scott,
Charlie, and Phillip had already hit grave sites in
Steamboat Springs and Yampa valley and had found three
of the soldiers on our list including Calvin Willey's of the
22nd North Carolina. This one site which will need a new
stone!

And as a bonus, the caretaker of the Steamboat Springs
cemetery was the great great grandson (Josh Andrews) of
one of the men on our list!

Quick-thinking Charlie gave him a SCV membership
flyer and we might have a new member soon.

Also, in the little village of Yampa, we found Benjamin
F. Allen of the 2nd Virginia Cav.

Once we all settled down and met at Roy's RV, We
made plans for tomorrow's trips to Haden, Craig,
Maybell, and Hahn's peak cemeteries.



Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to provide a summary of what was
accomplished during the Colorado Division SCV Yampa
Valley Road Trip from 9-12 June 2011:

Compatriots visited a scoured nine Cemeteries for graves
based on prior research: Yampa, Steamboat Springs, Craig,
Fairview, Hayden, Hayden Pioneer, Maybell, Oak Creek and
Hahns Peak.

Compatriots visited and conducted research at the Tread of
Pioneers Museum in Steamboat Springs.

Results:

- Found and confirmed nine new Confederate Veteran
Graves in Colorado
- Of the nine, three were unmarked
- Ordered three VA Headstones for the Confederate
Veterans whose graves were not marked
- Registered the nine Confederate Graves with the SCV
Graves Registration Project

We still need to research about 20 more possible
Confederate Veterans to try to establish service to the CSA.

Possibly picked up two new SCV members in Steamboat
Springs. Compatriot Charlie Hogan was responsible for this.

Made great contacts for most of the cemeteries. These kind
and friendly folks were a great help and really appreciated the
work we were doing on behalf of the SCV. This trip turned
out to be a great PR event for the Colorado Division of the
SCV. The three cemeteries that are getting the headstones are
very excited!

I want to thank everyone who participated in making this
first trip a resounding success.

Yours In The Cause,

Scott

Colorado's Honorable Atterson W. Rucker



Atterson W. Rucker was born in Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Ky., April 3, 1847. He moved in early youth with his parents to Missouri and attended the common schools. A common school was a public school in the United States or Canada in the nineteenth century. The term 'common school' was coined by Horace Mann, and refers to the fact that they were meant to serve individuals of all social classes and religions. Since common schools were locally controlled, most common schools were small one-room schools.

Atterson Rucker served four years in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He served as a private with the 16th Regiment of the Missouri Infantry.

After the war, he studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1868 and practiced in Lexington, Mo., before moving to Leadville, Colo., in 1879. He was also interested in mining; and served as judge of the court of records of Lake County in 1881 and 1882.

He moved to Aspen, Pitkin County, Colo., in 1885 and was elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Congresses (March 4, 1909-March 3, 1913) as a member of the House of Representatives. In 1912, he returned to Colorado and settled in Denver; resuming the practice of his profession.

He died near Mount Morrison, Jefferson County, Colo., on July 19, 1924, and is interred in the Littleton Cemetery.



Reflections on 2011 Road Trip

Back in October of 2010, Gary Mitchell and Roy Poole floated an idea for a Division Road Trip. The purpose was to expand our heritage efforts beyond the "usual" regions where we all live, and discover Confederate Veterans' contributions and final resting places.

We could camp out, or use our RV's and get together in the evenings, after scouring the countryside surrounding our headquarters camp. Such a trip had not been attempted before, so there was no way to adapt a previous trip.

Thanks to Gary, and especially to Charlie Hogan, we soon had a long list of names to research in the Yampa River valley. This area includes Moffat and Routt counties; and the cities of Yampa, Oak Creek, Steamboat Springs, Hayden, Craig, and Maybell. We selected the Yampa River State Park for its central location, but floodwaters caused a last minute move to Stagecoach Lake State Park.

Stagecoach is a beautiful destination, near - but not too near - to Steamboat Springs. The lake has a swim beach, great fishing for trout and northern pike, and lots of hiking trails. It would have been easy to spend three days in June relaxing at the lake.

But our members were committed to making a difference. Teams headed for the small towns and cemeteries as soon as they were able.

What we discovered was a very enthusiastic region which truly wanted to support our efforts. We had cemetery district leaders dig out old files and walk the cemetery with us. We had other workers who could tell you each name in the cemetery. Museum officials opened their doors, led us to research rooms, provided us with white gloves and turned us loose.



Naturally, those who joined us did a tremendous job. And those compliments extend to family members like Julie Self and Christy Martin, as well. They went far beyond what anyone would have expected to provide cooking and coordinating for breakfast and dinner meals. Next year, we have to make sure we don't ask too much of such great people, and let them know that others are going to be there to help them.

Speaking of next year, we have decided to confirm, and then announce the 2012 Colorado SCV Division Road Trip at the Fall Convention of the Division. This is tentatively set for Oct 29 (details to follow).

We would love to have your input on where we should search next year. Is it the San Luis Valley? The mining areas of the Roaring Fork valley? The Arkansas River from Leadville to Salida? Or the Southern Front Range? Share your ideas with your Camp and encourage them to help set the destination in 2012.

Sesquicentennial Stamps

Nobody needs to tell you this year begins the recognition of the War Between the States which began 150 years ago. Nor do they need to tell you the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be telling a more accurate story of the conflict.

Not surprisingly, others will tell something of the historical events. Herewith are two ways to recognize the events of 1861 to 1865.



The US Postal Service has begun a series of commemorative stamps recognize key events. The first is now available, and it highlights the firing on Ft. Sumter, and the battle near the village of Manassas, Virginia near to the creek called Bull Run.

Expect more in the series as the five-year long anniversary unfolds.



The truth about the South's struggle to form a new nation is under attack as never before. Museums have changed their collections and interpretations to present what they call the cultural history of the War for Southern Independence.

In reality this new perspective is nothing more than South bashing. Even what was once a highly respected museum now claims proudly they are not a museum for the Confederacy, merely about it. There needs to be at least one place where the people of the South and others can go to learn an accurate account.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans made the commitment to erect a new building on our property at Historic Elm Springs. The main function is to house The Confederate Museum. A museum that will tell the truth about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation.

You are invited to make your stand for the future by contributing to this fund.

Send checks to:
Sons of Confederate Veterans
c/o TCM Building Fund
P.O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402

Marching Orders

- 22 Battle of Atlanta, Georgia
- Aug 2 First national income tax passed by the United States Congress 1861
- Aug 9 SCV Camp 175 Meeting
Firehouse Restaurant 6:00 pm



- Aug 14 Soldiers of the 79th New York Infantry mutiny near Washington, D.C.
- Aug 28 Capture of Forts Hatteras and Clark, North Carolina
- Aug 11 Confederate partisans capture Independence, Missouri
- Aug 14 Secession of the western counties of Virginia recognized by senate as state of WV
- Aug 15 CSS Arkansas sorties from Yazoo River and passes the combined Union fleets
- Aug 16 Confederate representative meets with Napoleon III of France to discuss foreign aid
- Aug 27 Stonewall Jackson captures and plunders Union supply depot at Manassas Junction, VA
- Aug 29 Battle of Second Manassas, Virginia begins
- Sep 2 CSA Gen Hood abandons Atlanta to Sherman's army
- Sep 11 SCV Camp 2104 Meeting
Compatriot Wabnitz' home 2:00 pm
300 8th St., Gilcrest, CO



- Sep 13 SCV Camp 175 Meeting
Firehouse Restaurant 6:00 pm
- Sep 13 SCV Camp 676 Meeting
Breckenridge Brew Pub and BBQ 7:00 pm



- Oct 29 Colorado SCV Division Meeting, location TBA

THERE'S STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!

Renew your SCV Membership
Contact your Camp Leaders by July 31



Sons of Confederate Veterans

2011 - 2012 Membership Renewal

Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ e-mail _____

Annual Renewal \$40 (\$30 for SCV & \$5 for Camp & \$5 for Division)

Assoc. Member Renewal \$10