



# The Territorial Dispatch

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

**SEP - OCT, '11**



Gentlemen, we will be holding the annual fall Division meeting on Saturday, October 29th, at the Dinosaur Ridge Museum in Morrison, CO. The meeting will run from 11 am till about 4pm. The meeting will be held in the 2nd floor meeting room. Address is 16831 W. Alameda Parkway, Morrison, CO 80465 (basically west side of Denver metro area at C-470 and Alameda exit, about 5 miles south of I-70). Look for a map inside this edition.

Curt Tipton of the Army of Trans-Mississippi will be our special guest and giving a 30 minute presentation. This meeting is open to ALL Compatriots and associates wishing to attend. Please get the word out to your Camps. This is our annual fall muster and time to discuss future business, projects, and meet as a Division with fellow Compatriots from around the state. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely yours,  
Patrick Gerity  
**Colorado Division Commander**

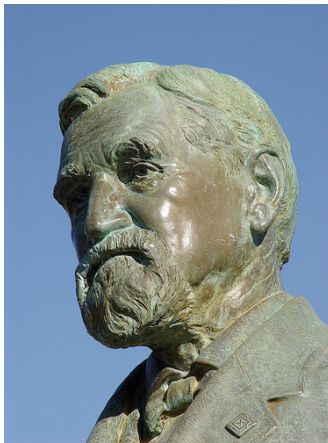
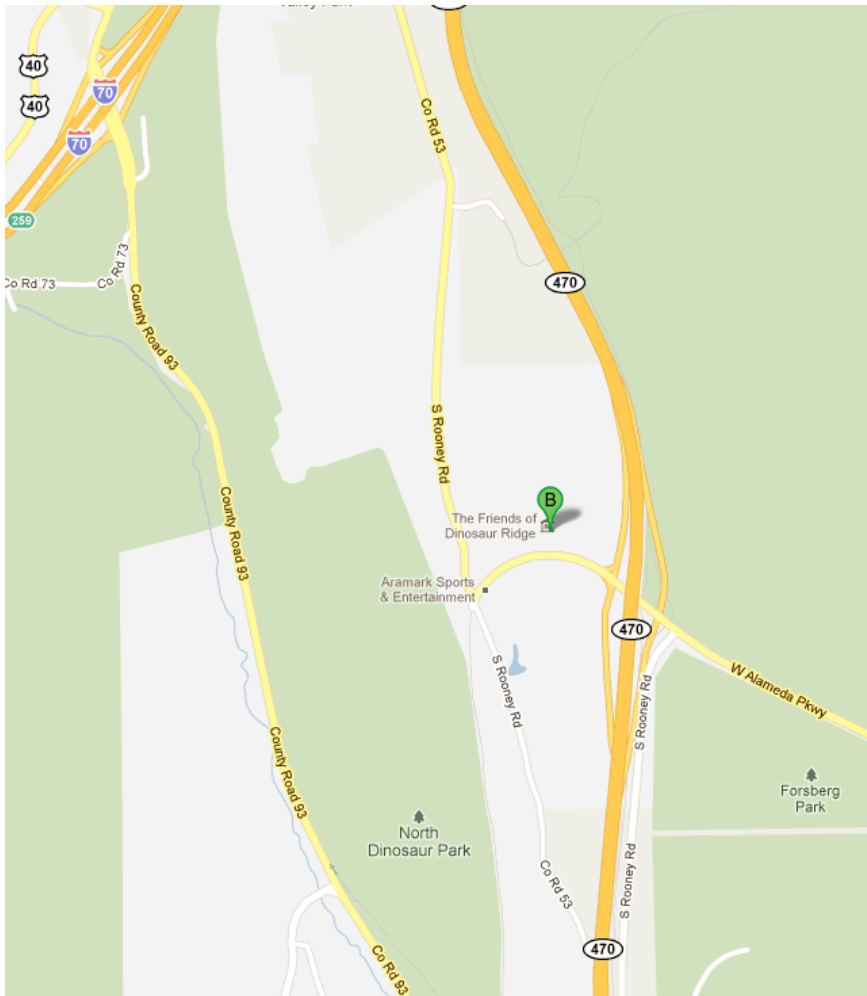
## CO SCV Fall Meeting Oct 29, 11-4

The fall meeting of the Colorado Division is strictly a business meeting. Everyone and guests are welcome to attend.

This coming year, we'd like to continue our support of the Sesquicentennial, and would like your input on Confederate Memorial Day locations, on projects such as a Confederate Memorial in Colorado, on future research trips to the far corners of the State, and on many other activities.

This is a time for planning, not rehashing things which have passed. We've still got a lot of effort ahead of us to educate the citizens of this state about the true roll of Confederate supporters in Colorado, as well as the contributions which Confederate veterans brought to Colorado.

Light snacks and beverages will be available, and you're welcome to bring a sack lunch.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans are pleased to announce that the 2012 Stephen Dill Lee Institute will be held in the spectacularly Southern city of Savannah, Georgia. Hosting the event will be the oldest hotel in the City, the Desoto Hilton, centrally located in the historic old section of Savannah.

The theme for 2012 will be "The Costs of Lincoln's War" and will be once again led by Dr. Thomas DiLorenzo, author of many Lincoln books including the smash bestseller, *The Real Lincoln*.

Dates for the event are February 3-4. More info will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars.

Brag Bowling, Director  
Stephen Dill Lee Institute





Members of Camp 676 met at our usual haunt in the back room of the Breckenridge Brew Pub and BBQ for the September meeting. Most arrived early to order the "special" or other great items from the menu.

Very high on the agenda was the November meeting at the same location, on November 8th at 7:00 pm. At this meeting we will elect officers for new officers for the Camp.

All three of the camp leadership positions need to be filled. And now is the time to step up to service on behalf of your fellow compatriots and in honor to your ancestor.

Commander: The "short" job description is the Commander calls the Camp meeting every other month, and conducts the meeting to cover all business and heritage topics. Naturally, Commanders call upon compatriots, special guests, and other resources to provide an interesting time for all. Commanders all serve as members of the Division "Executive Council" to coordinate efforts and projects across the state.

Lt Commander: This definitely not is not the runner up to a beauty pageant! The Lt Commander works closely with the Commander, in order to fill in during the Commander's absence. He's also a key member in the planning and coordinating of Camp activities and projects.

Camp Adjutant: Years ago, somebody told me that if you really want to know how a company works, don't talk to the boss, talk to the admin section. That's who the Adjutant is - somebody who knows how everything works. In support of our Confederate heritage and the SCV, there is probably no position in a Camp as important as Adjutant.

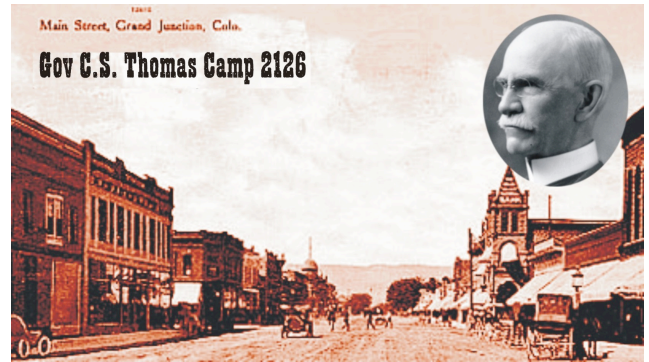
Your humble editor, having been a member of the SCV for only three years, thought to himself, "I STILL don't know everything about a camp, how can I possibly step into one of the leadership roles?"

The answer was quickly given: Every one of the past leaders will be glad to maintain a personal relationship with the new leaders, in order to help the succeed.

So, with the support of your compatriots and the continued assistance of past leaders, you can't lose. Contact Camp 676 Commander, Patrick Gerity Gerity Patrick [patgerity@hotmail.com](mailto:patgerity@hotmail.com) and let him know you're willing to serve. If you can't reach Patrick by e-mail, don't be shy about nominating yourself at the November meeting.

And at that meeting, we'll have a follow-up to our early planning for the Lee-Jackson Banquet. Which, by-the-way, will be Saturday, January 21st, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We'll have more details as we get nearer to the celebration.

Be sure and attend the November meeting to hear of Compatriot Bob Milner's brush with the Yankees at the Parker Civil War Days.



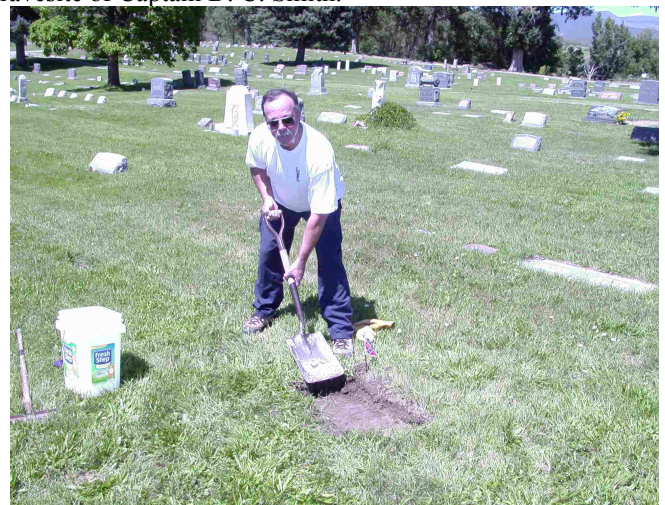
In 2009, the Governor C. S. Thomas Camp No. 2126 was contacted by Mark S. Smith, of Huntington, West Virginia. He requested assistance in obtaining and installing a headstone for his great-great-great grandfather (David C. Smith) who had been buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Hotchkiss, Colorado.

David Smith had been an officer in the Confederate States Army. He had originally enlisted as a Private in Company D of Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Johnson's Rifle Battalion of Cavalry. Soon, thereafter, this unit reorganized and became the Second Kentucky Mounted Rifle Battalion-CSA. And on November 20, 1862, he was elected as a Second Lieutenant in Company D. This unit was attached to the Department of Tennessee and participated in numerous skirmishes in the mountainous regions of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. He was paroled with his Company on May 20, 1865, at Charleston, West Virginia.

After the War, David Smith moved to Colorado and became a successful businessman and prominent citizen. In 1877, he was appointed the first county judge of Gunnison County by Governor John L. Routt soon after its establishment and was twice re-elected. He died on June 5, 1907, at his home in Hotchkiss.

Acting on behalf of Mark Smith's request, members of Camp No. 2126 determined the exact location of the gravesite, obtained approval from the cemetery district, completed and submitted the required VA forms, "jumped through more hoops" and patiently awaited the arrival of the headstone (and good weather !!!).

On August 6, 2011, Camp Commander Gary Parrott and his wife, Lori Parrott (a member of the UDC - Margaret Howell Davis Hayes Chapter No. 2652) installed the headstone at the gravesite of Captain D. C. Smith.



A formal headstone dedication service is planned for this Fall (Mark Smith was notified of the installation and invited to participate - date to be determined).





## Evergreen's Hiwan Museum

Touring the interior of the Homestead Museum is done with the assistance of guide, who tells you not only of the history, architecture, and people who created this fascinating building, but are also well versed on the - added - Civil War displays. Many of those items are original, and reflect the community and the people connected with the Museum.

In my opinion, and recognizing the Confederacy does not get nearly the historic recognition it deserves, I felt the displays and exhibits were fairly balanced. For example, the entry display is highlighted by uniforms of the 1st Colorado and 1st Texas. Throughout the Museum, there are plexiglas display cases with unique items, from bible tracts to pictures to personal care items.

Focusing on the role Colorado played in the War, this exhibit will feature original weapons, battlefield relics, documents, letters, personal items, photos, and other memorabilia. Colorado troops served in several major battles, such as the Battle of Glorieta Pass in New Mexico and the battles around Westport, Missouri, the largest Civil War conflicts west of the Mississippi. They also played a role in the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864. The exhibit will run through November 20th, and it is sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Society.

My guide was quite willing to listen, as I added to her knowledge of Southern sympathies in Colorado. She learned of the role the Russell brothers played, and of the UCV convention in Trinidad. She seemed quite interested, and perhaps I left her with a broader understanding that Colorado was not solely a Union enclave.

A trip to the Hiwan Homestead Museum is a nice way to escape September's hotter days, and see a modest exhibit of the War Between the States.

During this Sesquicentennial period of the War Between the States, it's not surprising to hear about displays or presentations of events to recognize the events of 1861. But, I was a little surprised to read about the Civil War Exhibit at the Hiwan Homestead Museum, in Evergreen. So, with temperatures hovering in the 90's along the Front Range, I took a drive up to Evergreen.

The Hiwan Homestead Museum is a 25-room log mansion constructed in the Rustic style of architecture. It is located in Evergreen at 4208 S. Timbervale Drive, just off of Meadows Drive. Hiwan Homestead Museum is a Jefferson County Open Space facility operated in partnership with the Jefferson County Historical Society. The Museum was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

The Museum public hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m. Extended summer hours beginning June 1 to August 31 are 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission to the Museum is free.



## Order of the Confederate Rose Colorado Update

The summer is winding down, things are hopefully going to slow down some. Wait, is that even possible? I want to apologize for being so silent over the past months. Things have been extremely busy, and trying to find balance with all of it has been a challenge.

I want to touch base with everyone, and let you know we are still in the process of getting a group going. This fall I hope to get in gear and hope to get everything finalized. Even if we just start with a small group, we can hopefully grow into a chapter in no time! I know there are lots of ladies and gents here in Colorado that share the same interests and values, and would love to join a group in support of them. My husband has come across several groups on Facebook that are here in Colorado, and have interest in Civil War history. I would love to get an OCR group going on Facebook and hope to get some traffic.



You can friend me on Facebook, Julie Ray-Self. I plan on updating the webpage and working on the OCR fb page in the coming weeks. I have about 2 more weeks of crazy summer, and school starts, so I plan on attempting to get back to a sense of normalcy. If that's even possible! Ha!

Pass the website on to anyone you think would be interested in the Order of Confederate Rose. I sent an e-mail to the National office, and let them know that even though things have been busy, we are still encouraged and hoping to form a Chapter soon.

Look forward to hearing from everyone,  
Julie Self  
OCR Organizational Chair  
[www.ocrcolorado.webstarts.com](http://www.ocrcolorado.webstarts.com)

## City of Lexington, VA bans Battle

Officials in the rural Virginia city where Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson are buried voted to prohibit the flying of the Confederate flag on city-owned poles.

After a lively 2 1/2-hour public hearing, the Lexington City Council voted 4-1 to allow only U.S., Virginia and city flags to be flown. Personal displays of the Confederate flag are not affected. The Sons of Confederate Veterans, whose members showed up in force after leading a rally that turned a downtown park into a sea of Confederate flags, vowed to challenge the ordinance in court.

Some speakers during the meeting said the ordinance was an affront to the men who fought in the Civil War in defense of the South. One speaker stayed silent during his allotted three minutes, in memory of the Civil War dead.

H.K. Edgerton, the former president of the NAACP chapter in Asheville, N.C., said he supported flying the Confederate flag because he wanted to honor black Confederate soldiers. Edgerton, who is black, wore a T-shirt emblazoned with images of those black soldiers.

"What you're going to do in banning the Southern cross is wrong. May God bless Dixie," he said, amid some gasps from the audience.

Before the rally, ordinance opponents rallied in the city park, then marched to the hearing under a parade of Confederate flags. We are proud to recognize Colorado Compatriot Charlie Hogan for his participation in the rally.

Mimi Knight, watching from a wrought iron fence as the flags passed, said she thought the city ordinance seemed too restrictive, noting that it also extended to flags from Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University. Both colleges are in the city.

"These are the things that make Lexington what it is," said Knight, who didn't participate in the rally. "The Confederate flag is part of our heritage."

The Sons of Confederate Veterans organized the "Save our Flags" gathering. Speakers addressed the crowd amid supportive shouts of "Amen." A promotional flyer depicted Lee with a tear rolling down his cheek.

City Manager T. Jon Ellestad noted that the ordinance only affected city property and wasn't specifically aimed at the Confederate flag. "They can carry their flags anywhere they want," he said.

But heritage groups like the Sons of Confederate Veterans argued that restrictions on the flying of the Confederate flag in Lexington are especially painful because of the two military leaders' strong ties here.

"By all means they should be honored in their hometown," said Brandon Dorsey, commander of Camp 1296 of the Stonewall Brigade of the Confederate Veterans.



## Marching Orders

Oct 11 SCV Camp 175 Meeting  
Firehouse Restaurant 6:00 pm



Oct 12 CSA Navy attacks USN at Southwest Pass, LA

Oct 29 Colorado SCV Division Meeting, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Dinosaur Ridge Museum

Oct 17, 1863 Losing the war, Lincoln calls for 300,000 men  
Oct 25 Gen Price defeated at Mine Creek, MO

Nov 13 SCV Camp 2104 Meeting  
Compatriot Wabnitz' home 2:00 pm  
300 8th St., Gilcrest, CO



Nov 8 SCV Camp 175 Meeting  
Firehouse Restaurant 6:00 pm

Nov 8 SCV Camp 676 Meeting  
Breckenridge Brew Pub and BBQ 7:00 pm



Nov 14, 1864 Sherman begins march of war crimes from Atlanta

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Compatriots,

As I am sure you are aware, next year is an election year in the SCV. At our reunion in Murfreesboro, TN many positions on the General Executive Council are open for election, including CiC, Lt. CiC and each of the army offices. CiC Givens has asked me to handle the posting of announcements to the Telegraph. Each candidate is allowed to send one announcement for office that will be put out on the Telegraph. Each announcement shall be a positive statement about why that Compatriot seeks office and a brief description of his goals. He may also include a contact number, email address and a web address.

Send announcements to [scvcic72@gmail.com](mailto:scvcic72@gmail.com)



## The Civil War Living History Association

We are a Colorado Springs Civil War enthusiasts who promote the heritage and history of the American Civil War through class presentations to schools, historical reenactments, and activities to promote the history of both North and South during the American Civil War years of 1861-1865.

*I met a gentleman who belongs to this group last weekend and he gave me this flyer. He also had some good info on Confederate recruiting efforts in Old Colorado City (the first territorial capital).*

Scott

The CWLHA is a non-profit organization that is committed to research and education about a very tragic time in American history; The Civil War. We strive to represent authentic civil war era personae as well as instruct the public about the life, troubles, and technology of the 19th century soldier. We are not, however, restrictive to just the soldier.

The CWLHA is a family oriented organization with the utmost respect for each individual member and the public at large. We have portrayals of the 19th century civilians, women, and children.



We portray both the blue and the grey. Our organization functions with members portraying either the 2nd Colorado (Union) or 5th Texas (Confederate) units, who historically fought each other in the Colorado Territory.

### December Events

- December 17th: Rock Ledge Ranch; This event will involve a great deal of living history and possibly some skirmishes. It will prove to be a very fun event, and we will all get good use out of our great coats.

From the North (Denver)

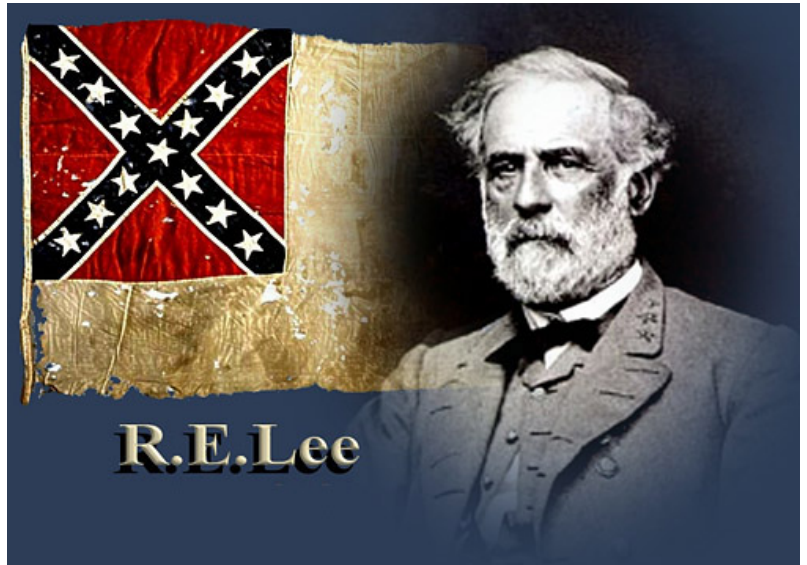
If your heading from the north:

Head south on I-25 then take exit 146 for Garden of the Gods Road.

Turn right onto Garden of the Gods Road and drive west for 2.2 miles.

Turn left at North 30th Street and drive south for 1.5 miles.

Turn right onto Gateway Road across from the Garden of the Gods visitor center. Turn left almost immediately through the gate into the park drive.



On April 9, 1865, Union Commanding General Ulysses S. Grant accepted the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia near Appomattox Court House from its longtime commander, Gen. Robert E. Lee. The next day Grant signed a parole paper, allowing Lee and his staff officers to return to their homes without legal repercussions.

On May 29, 1865 President Andrew Johnson – who succeeded the assassinated Abraham Lincoln – issued a Proclamation of Amnesty and Pardon to those former Confederates who participated in the "late Rebellion." This document was a general pardon, but did contain fourteen classes of persons who were barred from the general pardon. These persons, including Lee, were required to make a special application directly to the President.

Lee wrote to President Johnson on June 13, saying in part:

"Being excluded from the provisions of amnesty & pardon contained in the proclamation of the 29th Ultio; I hereby apply for the benefits, & full restoration of all rights & privileges extended to those included in its terms. I graduated at the Mil. Academy at West Point in June 1829. Resigned from the U.S. Army April '61. Was a General in the Confederate Army, & included in the surrender of the Army of N. Va. 9 April '65."

Consequently, Lee was provided with an Amnesty Oath form, which he filled out, dated October 2, 1865 – the same day he was sworn in as president of Washington College in Lexington, VA – and sent the signed document to the nation's capital.

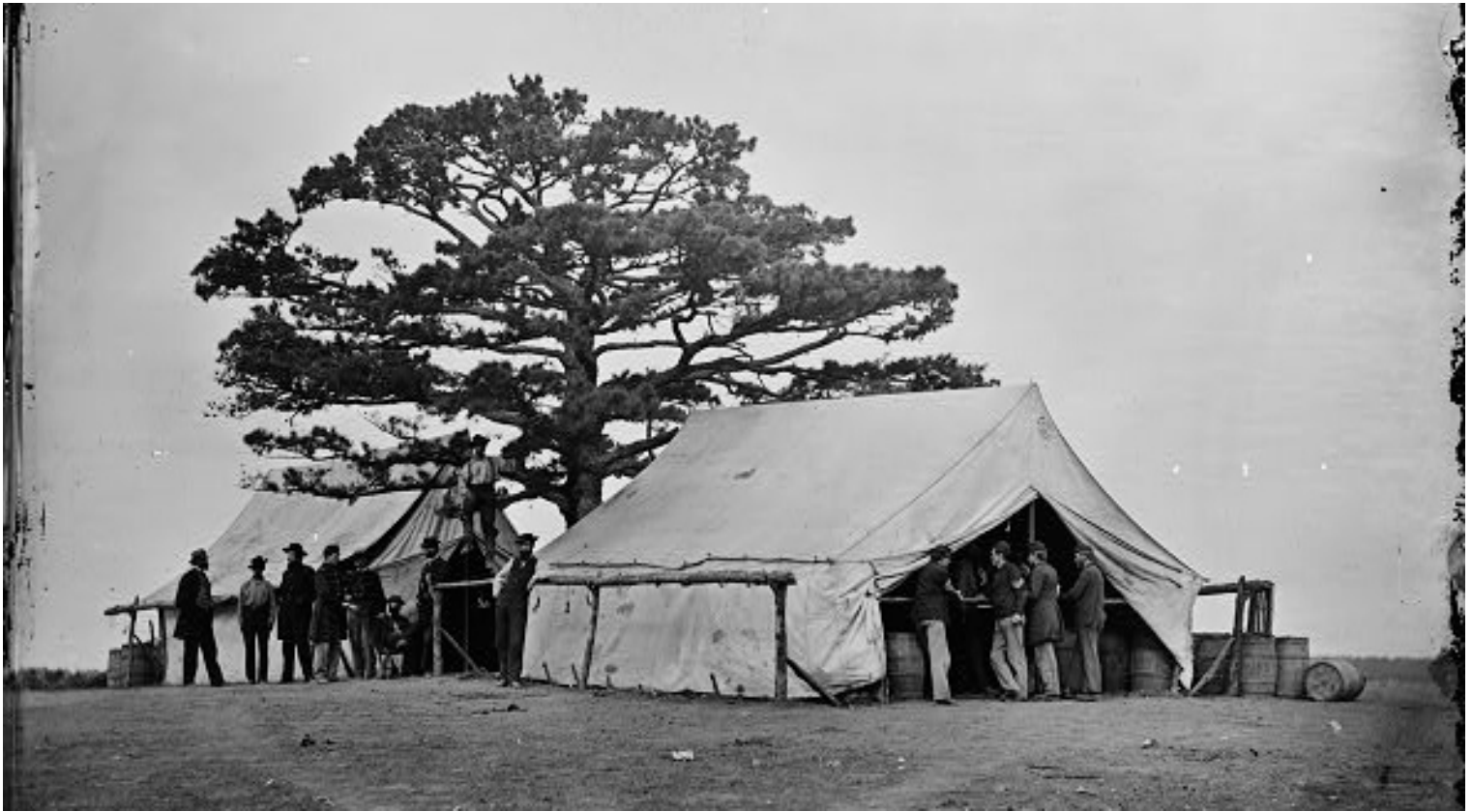
Unfortunately, Lee was not fully pardoned, nor was his U.S. citizenship restored. He died 5 years later, still in a kind of limbo. He was buried in the chapel that bears his name at what is today Washington and Lee University.

In 1970, a worker in the National Archives was going through some State Department files from the post-Civil War era. In those files he discovered Lee's Amnesty Oath. Apparently, then-Secretary of State William Seward, having no intention of approving Lee's request for restoring his citizenship, gave Lee's original application to a friend. The agency then pigeonholed Lee's Amnesty Oath, and so matters rested for 100 years.

Five years later, U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. (VA) introduced Senate Joint Resolution 23, a bill to restore Lee's U.S. citizenship. Passed by both chambers, the measure was signed by President Gerald Ford on August 5, 1975 in a ceremony at Arlington House – formerly the Custis-Lee Mansion – on the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery.

# IT'S TIME TO PAY THE ADJUTANT

Renew your SCV Membership  
Pay your Camp Leaders Now!



*It seems a lot of schedules are running behind. If you have not received your notice of dues from your Camp Adjutant, please print out this form and mail, or hand it to him. We don't want to fall behind the national dues-renewal deadline.*

## **Sons of Confederate Veterans**

### **2011 - 2012 Membership Renewal**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Assoc. Member Renewal \$10