



The Territorial Dispatch

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CAMP 175, CAMP 1492, CAMP 2126, CAMP 2104, CAMP 676

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Merry Christmas from the Colorado Division



Due to the blockades around Confederate states, families could not find certain types of food and merchandise for their holiday celebrations, and available items were outrageously priced. The Southerners had to substitute many of the ingredients in the favorite Christmas recipes, and they had to make most of their gifts and tree decorations. And in many homes, the husband and father was not present.

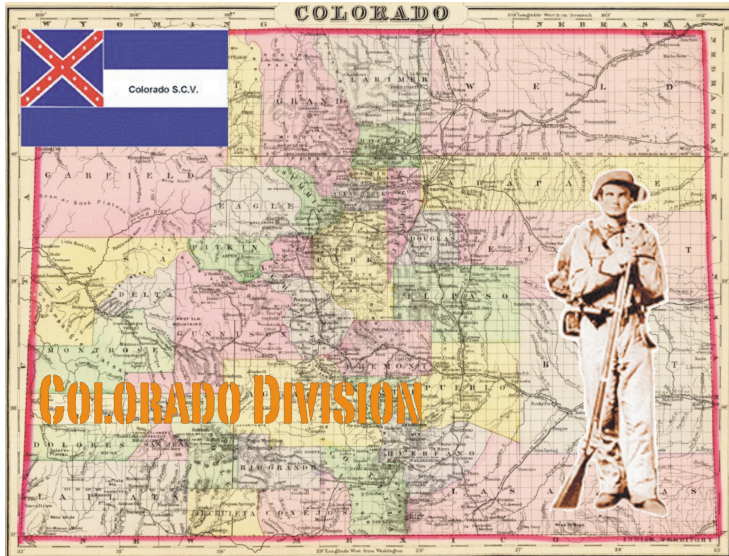
Dec 25th 1862 Mrs P.H. Powers Care of Dr A.L. Baldwin Winchester, Virginia

My Dearest Wife,

I hardly have the heart to wish you a Merry Christmas this beautiful Christmas Morning because I will know merriment is not for you this day but I can and do wish you a happy day and the same to our little dears, who I suppose must be content with very meager gifts and very few sweet things. I thought of them when I first awoke this morning about day. And wondered what you managed to put in their stockings. Memory went back to the many happy Christmas days we have shared together with them. Alas will the good old times ever return again? And you and I with our little ones dwell together in peace? I hope so. I believe so, but the heart sickens with the deferred hope.

Very Affectionately Yours,

P.H. Powers



Fall Division Meeting Oct 29

On a windy October afternoon, members of the Colorado Division, SCV met the Dinosaur Ridge Museum for the Fall Convention of 2011. Special guest was Army of the Trans-Mississippi Field Representative, Curtis Tipton.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Confederate Flag.

Camp Commander Scott Myers briefed the Division on the status of Camp 175. They now have 16 paid-up members, and are developing a Camp Mission Statement. Commander Myers also noted the very impressive work on graves and memorials by Compatriot Charlie Hogan.

Next, Camp 676 Lt Commander Gary Mitchell provide the updates on the Denver-area Camp. There are currently 14 paid members, with four more to collect. During the past year, the camp participated in the State's Black Powder Convention; the Parker Civil War Days; the Scottish Festival; at 4-Mile Park for the 4th of July; and held an SCV gun show at the Sportsman's Warehouse in Thornton. Along with compatriots from Camps 175 and 2104, they participated in the first heritage "road trip" of the Division to the Yampa River valley near Steamboat Springs.

Camp 2104 Adjutant Terry Wabnitz told the Division the compatriots in and around Greeley continue to participate in heritage activities, and continue their graves research efforts.

Our largest camp remains Camp 2126 on the West Slope, based out of Grand Junction. Commander Gary Parrott told us the Camp stands at 29 members, despite 5 compatriots needing to transfer out. Graves registration and monuments remain a high priority. Soon, the Camp will place a headstone for Capt David Smith in Hotchkiss. Over the past year, two compatriots were recognized for the military service with the War Service Medals, one of whom is a WW II veteran.

The Camp is commended for being so active, despite challenges of distance on the West Slope, inclement weather, and scheduling of individual compatriots during this economic downturn.

Camp 1492's report was abbreviated, as it was announced the Camp will be realigned to serve the West Slope area. The actual location of the Camp, and the area it will respond to will be announced shortly.

Returning to Charlie Hogan efforts with Camp 175, a special presentation was made at the Division.

The National Graves Medal

This medal is presented to those individuals who have shown significant dedication to our Southern Heritage, above and beyond that which is expected of an SCV member, by recording for posterity the graves of our fallen heroes.

Number of Awards: No more than one award per Division may be awarded annually. Eligibility: Any SCV member
Selection Criteria: The candidate must complete at least two of the criteria listed below;

- ° Though research, identify ten Confederate Veterans buried in their state and not currently listed on their states division Graves Database.

- ° Place a gravestone on two previously unmarked Confederate Veterans graves in your state. Headstone can be from the Veterans Administration or of a similar type. Gravestones must show Confederate service.

This award consists of two items: (1) A miniature medal. (2) Certificate



Compatriot Hogan (r) receiving the National Graves Award certificate from Camp 175 Commander, Scott Myers.

Our Field Rep from the ATM was given the floor to share with the Division, a brief outline of "Our Shared Vision."

First, let us be clear that we all exist as a compatriot to fulfill the "Charge to the Sons."

Over the last couple of years, the SCV leadership has worked to develop a plan for the future. To do so, they believe we need to develop strategies for growth; train our leaders; and proudly proclaim our heritage.

With a coordinated effort, the SCV will become an organization with 50,000 members nationwide by 2016. It will also be widely recognized as the preeminent source of information on the era of the War Between the States.

This is not some higher organization management plan. This will happen because every single person will become a part of the solutions. All the way down to the Camp level, compatriots will develop goals, measurements, and objectives to aid in achieving improvements in Education, in Training, in Marketing, in Public Relations, and in membership Growth.

Fall Division Meeting, continued ...

Starting at the top, the SCV leadership met with Army and Division leaders in Burlington, NC this past October, and examine a 5G plan.

No! 5G doesn't mean a new wireless system, it refers to the 5th Generation of the SCV:

Governance - to update, our constitution, our policies, etc.,

Goals - to set high goals for membership, finances, etc.,

Growth - to maintain and recruit and grow the SCV

Goodwill - work hard to build it in small communities

Guts - needed to live up to The Charge

"Our Shared Vision" has become a way of life for the SCV. As you get involved at every level, ask yourself:

Does what I'm doing honor my ancestor, the CSA Veteran?

Am I telling the story better today, than it was told yesterday?

Have I looked beyond myself to a stronger fraternity?

Together, the SCV will be stronger in five years, than it has ever been before.

Following Compatriot Tipton's presentation, the meeting moved onto a number of items in rapid-fire succession.

Camp 2126 Commander Gary Parrott is working on a Sesquicentennial effort to have a monument from the Veteran's Administration placed in Grand Junction, "in honor of" Governor Charles Spaulding Thomas.

It looks like the month of May will be planned for placing the monuments in the Yampa River area which we ordered during the heritage road trip. Compatriots are working on the details, and you are invited to participate. Look to the Territorial Dispatch for details.

Reflecting on Charlie Hogan's National Graves Award, Compatriot Myers reminded anyone submitting a grave registration form to SCV, please be sure and send a copy to him, for inclusion on the Division's web site.

Of great interest were the plans for the 2012 Lee-Jackson Banquet. It's looking like we may be able to use a banquet room on South Hampden, with a date set for January 21. But please be sure to look in the next issue for details. Our move to a new location will mean lower prices and a wide choice of menu items. This is the time to start inviting everyone you know. We welcome friends and neighbors, reenactors, those in the UDC or the Rocky Mt. Round Table, or the Castle Rock Civil War club, and lots more. We definitely will have the room for the.

This year, in addition to recognizing these two, great Confederate heroes, we will have a presentation on the people and impacts of the War Between the States in Colorado. You'll walk away, more prepared than ever to share the role of Confederates in the history of Colorado.

The Division decided our Honor Guard details are a noteworthy addition to the goals of the SCV, and therefore should be recognized with a certificate and encouragement to wear the Honor Guard medal. Compatriot Poole will draft the award program for approval by the Division.

A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of a heritage road trip in 2012. We decided on the San Luis Valley for a variety of reasons. Compatriots Charlie Hogan and Philip Self will work on the details, and present them at the Lee-Jackson Banquet, January 21st. If you have any ideas about social events, about places to camp, or about museums and historical resources in the San Luis Valley, let these two gentlemen know.

The meeting was adjourned with a final "thank you" to ATM Field Representative Curtis Tipton for joining us.

The National Guardian Program



The National Guardian Program of the SCV was begun in 2010. It represents a lifetime commitment to honoring a Confederate soldier through graveside recognition.

Rules and Guidelines - Sons of Confederate Veterans

PURPOSE: Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) has instituted this program to honor the memory of the Confederate Soldiers and to help ensure the preservation of their final resting places.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any SCV member in good standing, who has demonstrated his willingness to serve in this special capacity, and who is at least fourteen years of age and has tended a Confederate soldier's grave for two years prior, may become a FULL GUARDIAN.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

A) He shall care for and protect the GRAVE of a Confederate Veteran, ensuring that the site is kept clean and well maintained year round. He shall perform these duties personally, unless physically prevented from doing so by reason of health problems.

B) He shall be responsible that the grave has an appropriate marker designating it as the resting place of a Confederate Veteran. He shall also be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is destroyed, damaged or badly worn.

C) He shall personally visit the grave a minimum of three times a year, to include Confederate Memorial Day, when he shall place either a wreath or small Confederate Flag, or both, on the grave.

Charlie Hogan was the first compatriot within the Colorado Division to step forward and join the National Guardian program.

Because of his familiarity with the program, and with a deep desire to encourage others to become a part, Charlie has agreed to become the Division's Point-of-Contact for the National Guardian program. If you need to ask questions; need to find the forms to complete; or need ideas on how to effectively honor the Confederate grave, Charlie wants to help.

Contact Charlie at HUNTIN100@aol.com.

Timeless Devotion



Ella Palmer 1829 - 1909

Ella Palmer responded to a call to citizens to help the many Confederate soldiers who were suffering, lying on the floor and shivering without blankets in a makeshift hospital in Chattanooga, TN.

Accompanied by her five-year-old daughter, Palmer donated her worldly goods to the hospital and then took charge as its matron. Palmer quickly organized two kitchens and a linen room, and she ministered to the sick and dying at all hours. Though the hospital corps had consisted of men only, the surgeons welcomed the widow's help.

During the Battle of Shiloh, Palmer was sent to Corinth, MS, where she worked day and night in a church and under the trees, administering chloroform and binding arteries, among other services, to the most desperately wounded. She went on tirelessly to nurse many soldiers suffering from typhoid fever in Lauderdale Springs, Miss.

Palmer and her charges were constantly moved throughout the war as the enemy neared or when a hospital was more desperately needed elsewhere. At one point, when surgeons were going to leave behind seven men they thought were near death, Palmer insisted the individuals be moved too, and she returned all but one to good health. In Forsyth, GA, the hospital tents overflowed with 1,800 sick and wounded. Townspeople were struck by Palmer's devotion to her patients and helped by providing all manner of services and goods needed by the men in gray. They made bowers out of limbs, cots of leafy branches, and cups and dishes from a local clay bed. Palmer's devotion to the soldiers was impressive: traveling to Auburn, Ala., Palmer was injured when her train derailed and went over a trestle. But after just three weeks in a hospital she made her way to Auburn and resumed her nursing duties.

After the war Palmer and her daughter returned to Tennessee, where she was recognized as the only woman, with one exception, who served on the Confederate front lines. She was also known as the woman who organized the hospitals of the Confederacy.

In 1873 Palmer moved to Colorado, where she studied mineralogy and became an expert assayer. She discovered gold near Lake City, CO, before she died at the age of 80.

Ella Patterson Palmer is buried in Denver's Fairmont Cemetery. Thanks to the research by Compatriots Hogan and Poole, she will be added to the SCV Graves Registration database..



STAND UP FOR OAKWOOD CEMETERY'S CONFEDERATES

PROBLEM: Oakwood Cemetery's 17,000 Confederates, representing 13 Confederate states, deserve the dignity of an upright marker bearing their name. Currently, a small, nameless block, bearing only a three digit number represents the final resting place of three or more soldiers.

The US Veterans Administration has been uncooperative in delivery of the upright markers.



ACTION REQUIRED: Send a letter to all three of your Congressmen (two Senators and House member):

- Website, <http://www.contactingthecongress.org>, can be utilized - just plug in your address. Remember, letters are more effective than e-mail. Calls are helpful, also.
- Talking points (put these in your own words in your letter to your Congressmen) -
 - In 1958, Congress pardoned Confederate soldiers and extended benefits therewith (US Code Title 38, Sec. 2306). This includes headstones for unmarked graves.
 - These men deserve the dignity of a marker bearing their name - to not do so is the final human rights violation.
 - The Veterans Administration should be required to live up to its responsibility, obey the law and provide these markers.
 - Sen. Jim Webb (VA) is already engaged in this issue - ask your Congressmen to contact him and support his efforts.
 - Contact other Confederate heritage advocates (UDC, re-enactors, etc.), as well as SAR, DAR and those in veterans organizations (VFW, American Legion, Wounded Warriors, etc.) and involve them in this process.

THIS IS THE LARGEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVE OF THIS KIND EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE SCV.

THIS WAS ENDORSED AND ANNOUNCED BY CIC GIVENS DURING OUR REUNION, JULY 16, 2011 in MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

Don't Miss a Single Issue!



To ensure that your Confederate Veteran magazine is correctly delivered in a timely manner, please visit this link below to check if GHQ has your correct mailing address on file:

<http://www.scv.org/checkData.php>.

To check your data at this link, you will need your SCV ID Number. You will find it printed above your name on the mailing label of the Confederate Veteran magazine.

Changes of address can be made on this link, reported by emailing Bryan Sharp at membership@scv.org, or by calling GHQ at 1-800-380-1896 ext. 201.

The Confederate Veteran magazine is mailed under a nonprofit organization bulk mail rate which costs the SCV about \$0.50 per magazine in postage. The post office will normally not forward mail under this class and they discard the magazines that are undeliverable. If you move and do not inform GHQ of your new address, you will not receive your magazine as it will not be forwarded by the post office.

In addition to the issue of delayed or non-delivery, when GHQ sends a replacement magazine to those that call and enquire as to why they did not receive their Confederate Veteran, it requires that an additional magazine to be printed and costs Headquarters an additional \$2.28 in first class postage.

Please report all changes of address to GHQ as soon as possible.

Your cooperation is appreciated and will greatly reduce GHQ mail expense.

Marching Orders

Calendar of events and meetings of interest to Compatriots in the Colorado Division

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



Nov 8 SCV Camp 675 Meeting
Breckenridge Brew Pub and BBQ 7:00 pm

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



Nov 16 Sherman's March to Sea - war crimes on South
Nov 29 Massacre of Indians at Sand Creek under
Colorado's Chivington

[December 6th President Jefferson Davis' Death \(1889\)](#)

[December 13th Battle of Fredericksburg](#)

Dec 13 SCV Camp 175 Meeting
Firehouse Restaurant 6:00 pm

[Dec 21 Savannah occupied by Sherman's troops](#)

[Jan 1, 1863 Emancipation Proclamation frees only those
slaves in Confederate states, all others remain enslaved](#)

Jan 10 SCV Camp 676 Meeting
Breckenridge Brew Pub and BBQ 7:00 pm



Jan 10 SCV Camp 175 Meeting
Firehouse Restaurant 6:00 pm

[Jan 21, 2012 Colorado Division Lee-Jackson Banquet](#)

Another Southerner Strikes Gold

For many of us, the short, narrow road between Black Hawk and Central City remind us not of Casinos, but of the small homes miners and their families made in this former gold rush valley.

But few of us realize this valley, also known as Gregory Gulch, was named after the Southerner who discovered gold here.



Scottish Southerner John H. Gregory was a man of destiny. Born in 1820 to Griffin and Cynthia Gregory in Pendleton District South Carolina, John's family moved to Cherokee County, Georgia in the early 1830s, just after the 1832 Gold Lottery in Cherokee County GA.

They settled in the "Wildcat" and "Sixes" Districts which were the hottest gold mining districts in Cherokee County where many gold strikes were being made.

John H. Gregory had learned the trade of gold mining from his father. He was a very successful gold miner and transacted many pieces of land with mineral rights---too numerous to list. He could read and write as he signed his name on all his deeds, but he always had the best of lawyers to draw up and handle his transactions.

In 1858, Lumpkin County Georgia miners, led by William Green Russell of Auraria (six miles from Dahlonega) and known as the Russell boys, had found some gold in the foothill streams along the Rockies and had become Colorado's first real pioneers.

News of their discoveries reached John H. Gregory, wintering at Ft. Laramie, Wyoming, while in route to some Canadian mines.

Arriving at the new Auraria, Colorado (later Denver), John H. Gregory held a consultation with the other Georgians and spent his first night on Cherry Creek with Dr. Levi Russell, Green's brother and Denver's Founding Father. All agreed that the fountainhead of the "color" found so far was in the mountains. Gregory, however, was almost destitute.

He toiled up Clear Creek canyon, perhaps the first white man who had ever invaded its solitude, to the main forks of the creek. . . then up the north branch to the gulch that bears his name. Here he left the creek and took up the gulch. Where the little ravine . . . comes in, he again prospected, and finding it the richer of the two. Gregory now felt certain that he had found the gold.

William Byers, editor of the fledgling Rocky Mountain News, arrived in Gregory Diggings. . . about forty miles west of Denver, Colorado. . . May 19 and was told that Gregory's first words after his "strike" were, "My wife will be a lady, and my children will be educated." Gregory showed Byers three days's pickings of gold worth approximately \$1,000.

Americans literally stampeded toward Gregory Diggings. Soon there were named for the Georgian, John H. Gregory, a "point",

three lodes, a "diggings", and two mining companies. And by 1880 no other Colorado lode was yet considered so rich as John H. Gregory's. The Gregory lode stands pre-eminent as the first found, and the most productive of Colorado mineral veins.

When John H. Gregory discovered the mother lode of gold in Colorado, all the newspapers were hailing him as a hero and praising him for his discovery, but as the Civil War progressed and the stigma against Southerners increased the newspapers and writers began slurring him as "very little ambition", and "an inveterate gambler."

Gregory left Colorado and returned in September, 1862 to Alabama, a perilous process, since all customary routes to the South were held by Union forces. On September 26, 1863 he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in Company H, 65th Georgia Infantry, and was captured on July 3, 1864 at Marietta, Georgia. Sent to Camp Morton Prison at Indianapolis, Indiana, he died there of chronic diarrhea on January 22, 1865, and was buried in Green Lawn Cemetery.



This picture is when John H. Gregory was young. The picture came from the pages of a Bible, where the signature of young Gregory was also found.

A handwriting expert compared this signature with that in the margins of a legal document found in Colorado, connected with one of Gregory's mining interests.

SCV Newsletter Award

Each year, the SCV recognizes division newsletters such as your "Territorial Dispatch" with the DeWitt Smith Jobe award.

For the first time, the Colorado Division submitted our newsletter for consideration. And although we didn't win the DeWitt Smith Jobe award, we were informed we received 4th Place among ALL division newsletters! The competition was indeed, tough, with some division newsletters serving more than 1,500 compatriots.

While recognition is nice, and we commend all those who received this year's award, your editor will continue to served the Colorado Division and it's compatriots above all.

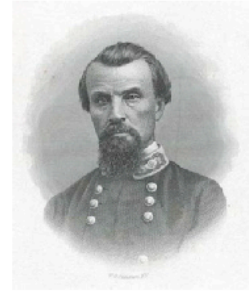


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Ride with Forrest to Murfreesboro

on the 150th anniversary of his famous raid. Join Murfreesboro Camp #33 as we host the 2012 National SCV reunion July 11th-14th, 2012.

Murfreesboro is located in the geographical center of Tennessee about 35 miles southeast of Nashville (1,188 miles from Denver). Southwest Airlines flies from Denver to Nashville (BNA). Murfreesboro has an abundance of restaurants and shopping venues. The reunion will be held at the

[Embassy Suites Murfreesboro - Hotel & Conference Center](#)

1200 Conference Center Boulevard, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

(615) 890-4464 (615) 890-4465 (Fax)†

The hotel is located on a portion of the Battle of Murfreesboro (Stones River) battlefield where the Confederate attack occurred on the first day of the battle.

Wed July 11th Opening session
[Sam Davis Home Tour](#)

Thu July 12th Chaplains Breakfast
Ladies Tour- [Historic Bell Buckle](#), [Blockade Runner Sutlery](#)
Heritage Luncheon
[Forrest Boyhood Home Tour](#) - Forrest's home, Elm Springs SCV HQ,
Forrest Monument

Fri July 13th Forrest Cavalry Corps Breakfast
Awards Luncheon
[150th Anniversary of Forrest's Murfreesboro Raid and Birthday](#)

Sat July 14th [Battle of Murfreesboro Tour](#)
[Debutante Luncheon](#)
Grand Banquet and Ball

