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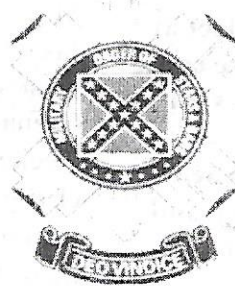
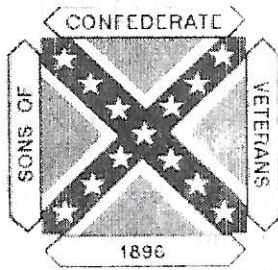
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"Remember, it is your DUTY to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations" — Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee

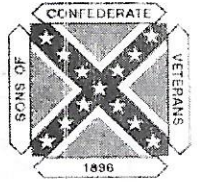
Recap of the August Meeting Meeting

Our August meeting featured a film on the Common Soldier of the Civil War from the A&E series Civil War Journal. Once again we hit record attendance at our meeting with 40 in attendance. The night was an eventful night as new members for the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR and our Camp joined that night as well. We hit a record number of members at 65 now as well. Dan McCaskill presented more checks from corporate sponsors bring the total that he has collect at \$3000.00. Way to go Danny. People are eager to flock to our banner and give donations all we have to do is let them know about us. Remember, being inactive is what our enemies want us to do we must be an active force and let them know we are here and we are not going to take it anymore.

Remember to Pay Your Dues by the end of November!!!

Our Next Meeting is September 21, 2000

Commander's Note: Earl McCown, Jr.



Compatriots;

We had a great attendance at our August Meeting. It is so encouraging to see a larger number of members attending the meetings. Let's try to out do the past and have an even larger group there for the September Meeting of the 21st. I feel that we are not just attending a meeting but we are accomplishing something as well.

The CSMC Color Guard Unit has been active. Our last event was the Memorial Service for General McCown and Colonel McCown at Magnolia, Arkansas. That event is always a highlight. Although the weather was hot, we enjoyed it. Our reenactors were at Grenada Labor Day weekend and enjoyed the very hot weekend very much. We met many people and exchanged ideas and thoughts. We met Stan Spell and his family of Money, Mississippi. Stan presented his membership application and paid his dues. So we do welcome this family and hope to see them at the September Meeting.

The Heritage Violations are presenting themselves on a daily basis. They are so numerous that I won't try to cover them in this note. Just be aware of all that is going on around you and stand your ground. We must prevail.

Confederately Yours

Earl M. McCown , Commander

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Rebel Flag Causes Another Flap by Paul Payne of the Associated Press

JACKSON - Glenda Patterson liked the picture of her 18-year-old son so much she paid \$150 to have it published in his yearbook. It didn't matter to her that Jeremy Patterson, a recent Water Valley High School graduate, shared the picture with a Confederate battleflag. She didn't think anyone would mind. Someone did.

School officials say Patterson's page will be ripped out of all 200 copies of the yearbook because it is offensive. "I like the picture myself," Glenda Patterson said Friday. "I'm not the one with the problem. They seem to think the blacks here will have a problem with it."

The 124-page yearbooks were received from the publisher Tuesday and were to be distributed to students Aug. 21. Then Superintendent Sammy Higdon spotted the photo. "I was given an annual and was thumbing through it and caught it in about 10 seconds," Higdon said. "It had to go."

Water Valley High School has a student population of about 550 in grades 7-12. Higdon said about 45 percent of the student body is black. David Ingebretsen of Jackson, who heads Mississippi American Civil Liberties Union, said while the Rebel flag may be offensive, Patterson has a right to have his picture in the annual, "just as a student would have the right to have his picture with a Malcolm X T-shirt."

Higdon said barring a court order, he will cut out the page in all 200 yearbooks. Patterson will be allowed to keep a single intact copy. The photograph violates the school's policy on wearing symbols that could "disrupt the educational process," Higdon said. "We do not allow anything that is offensive to other students," Higdon said. "That picture is large and is going to be cut."

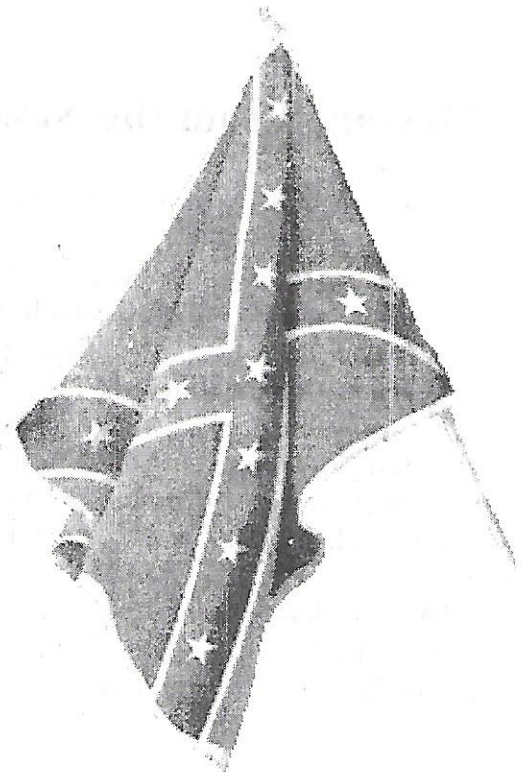
Glenda Patterson said she wasn't trying to make a political statement when she submitted the photo of her son. She faults school officials, whom she said should have told her in advance that the photo was inappropriate. The picture shows Patterson standing inside a barn beside a 6-foot-tall roll of hay draped in the flag.

If you want to voice your opinion on this - you can call the Water Valley School District office at: (662) 473-1203

Do not let this Challenge go Unanswered!!!

If we do not stand up to these attempts to erase our heritage and attacks on our civil rights then we ourselves are to blame!!!

"No Nation can long survive without pride in its history . . ." — Sir Winston Churchill



Court Upholds Stick Ban for Flags at Ole Miss "Ole' Times There Are Forgotten"

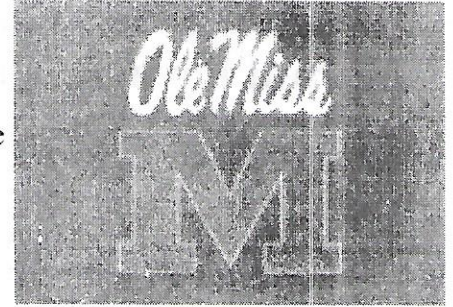
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JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - The University of Mississippi has the legal right to ban spectators from waving Confederate flags at campus athletic events, the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals ruled Friday. The decision from the New Orleans court comes three years after Richard Barrett, a lawyer for the white supremacist Nationalist Movement, sued over the issue, claiming the ban violated his First Amendment rights.

Friday's ruling upheld a decision last year from U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers Jr., who called the ban a reasonable limitation. The ban covers umbrellas, alcoholic beverages, flags, and all banners - flags without sticks - larger than 12 by 14 inches. The ban was intended to keep the Confederate banner out of Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. University officials had cited safety concerns for the ban, claiming the stick on the end of the flag could be considered dangerous. "We are pleased to learn of the court's decision," said University of Mississippi attorney Mary Ann Connell. Barrett said he will appeal the decision.

"It is ironic that burning a flag is called free speech, but waving it is not. I'm sticking in this ring until I knock the flag haters out." Ole Miss officials adopted the flag policy in 1997, weeks after former head football coach Tommy Tuberville asked fans not to wave Confederate flags at games. Tuberville he didn't want the flag associated with Ole Miss because of mixed perceptions of its meaning.

Deuce McAllister, a senior running back at Ole Miss who is considered a Heisman Trophy candidate, said he hoped the ruling would end the fight over the flag because it hurts the university's image. "I definitely think it hurt recruiting," he said. "It hurt the chance of the school to advance to that next level." Coach Tuberville really stepped up. He and Mr. Kyahat took firm stands in their position on the flag."

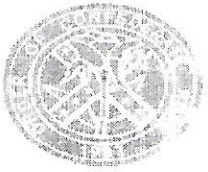


Message From the New SCV Commander-in-Chief Edwin L. Deason

Below is the request to SCV members as received from C. I. C. Deason:

"I am happy to announce the Foundation to Preserve American Culture is now in place and ready to accept contributions from our members. It was chartered as 501 (c) (4), a tax exempt political action committee. The Foundation was created for the purpose of preserving and protecting the history and heritage of persons who defended the South during the War Between the States. It promotes truth in education to present a accurate portrayal of American history as well as protecting the civil rights of those persons who are engaged in preserving and protecting the history of Confederate Veterans. Further, it promotes protecting the environment to preserve the remnants of American history. The Foundation may participate in political activities and it will loudly give voice to our opinions, the opinions of the members of the SCV, during the political process.

The Foundation is chartered and it is ready to accept donations. Please remember, donations to the Foundation are not tax deductible." Checks may be made payable to the "Foundation to Preserve American Culture" and mailed to Post Office Box 1649, Columbia, TN 38402-1649.



Ella Palmer Chapter #9: OCR President's Note: Annette McCluney

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Ladies of the South,

Just a short note to remind you that our September meeting is very important that everyone attends since we will be electing our new officers for the 2000-2002 administration. Also, we need to keep Ms. Betty Furr in our prayers. Ms. Betty has had an appendicitis operation and is doing fine. Also, Keep the McCaskills in your prayers with the loss of Jeffrey.

We will have our own separate meeting to take care of Chapter business and to make the transitions of offices before we rejoin the men for their program. I hope to see all of you there and remember to bring a friend. The word is getting out. Our Cause is a Just Cause and everyone should be making a stand against these attacks on our heritage.

God Bless our Southland,

Chaplain's Corner — Frank Aderholdt, Jr.

To Him Be the Glory Forever!

Is God really in charge? In times of great difficulty in our lives, we often ask such a question. Our faith may be tested to its limits by unexpected and, to our eyes, "tragic" events, like the sudden death of our compatriot Jeffrey McCaskill. Why would God take a beloved and faithful friend, husband, father, brother and son in the prime of his life? Wasn't there so much left for him to do, so much work ahead, so much life to be lived, so much good to accomplish? Is the world filled with random and senseless things after all?

And, as we mourn the passing of one dear brother, our thoughts return again to the sacrifice of our noble Confederate ancestors. Why did the finest of an entire generation have to die for what is called a "lost cause" by some of our friends, and an terrible evil by our enemies? We know that the men of 1861 fought for the right of self-government under God. They were willing to give all to preserve the limited constitutional republic, under God, of our founding fathers. Why is this great vision growing more and more dim each year in our nation? Why are we, who honor and work for this cause today, called vile names? Why are the Confederates of yesterday and today so despised? Where is God in all this? How can He allow evil to triumph, while good men die and wicked men and ideas flourish?

Of course, we will never have all the answers in this life. We see now as in a glass, darkly, walking by faith rather than by sight. One thing is certain, however: The almighty and sovereign God is in control, and He holds all of history in His hands. All things happen according to His perfect plan, and all things work together for good to those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose. God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ not to condemn the world, but to redeem men and women from every tongue, tribe, and nation. Thus, there are really no "accidents" or "tragedies" with God. Every event, even the saddest or most crushing to us, has its place in God's purposes to bless His people in Christ. In this we take the greatest comfort: That if we know the one true God through faith in Christ, everything has meaning, for now and for eternity. It will all turn out right in the end, for our Father loves us and cares for us. These truths led the apostle Paul to that great shout of praise in Romans, Chapter 11: "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen."

So, we who remain to serve the Lord are to *believe* and to *act*. We are to believe that God is always good to His people, no matter how dark His providence seems for the moment. And we are to live actively every day according to that faith, obeying His word and doing all things to His glory. A great many of our Confederate forbears set the example of such faithful living, no matter the cost or the sacrifice involved. Our duty is to live as trusting Christians each day, walking in the footsteps of those who went before us, and leaving the results to God. We stand by the words on the great seal of the Confederate States of America: "Deo Vindice" – God Will Vindicate. He has promised, and His promises cannot fail.

National News: **MARYLAND MAYOR'S FLAG BAN PROVOKES NATIONAL CONFEDERATE RESPONSE**

CHRISFIELD, MD -- This small Eastern Maryland town has suddenly become the focus of national attention, due to its mayor's decision to cancel a Confederate reenactment group's appearance because of its flag. Members of the Second Maryland Regiment, who were scheduled to march in Chrisfield's 53rd annual Hard Crab Derby parade on Saturday, were suddenly uninvited by Mayor Richard Scott after the town's chief of police expressed "concern" over the reenactors' Confederate battle flag. Scott also cancelled the group's living history encampment, which was scheduled to run throughout the weekend.

The reenactors, however, have stated that they will be present and will march, carrying their flags, despite the mayor's last-minute intervention. Now the Sons of Confederate Veterans has put out the call for members from across Maryland, as well as Virginia and Pennsylvania, to come to Chrisfield on Saturday for an impromptu Confederate Heritage rally.

Meanwhile, the reenactors have retained the Southern Legal Resource Center, a civil rights law firm specializing in Southern heritage issues, to represent them. And the SLRC has stated that any adverse action taken against its new clients for holding the city to its original invitation will result in "the mother of all civil rights lawsuits."

Heightening the emotionalism surrounding the issue is the fact that one reenactor has a seriously ill 22-month-old daughter. The group had voted to donate its expense check to the cost of medical treatments for her, and had also planned to solicit donations for her at its living history encampment. "The whole matter is as mean-spirited as it is absurd," said Roger W. McCredie, Chief of Heritage Defense of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. "The reenactors would be carrying their battle flag in a strictly historical context. These people know that; they're not stupid. It seems the mayor just wants to do some political grandstanding and cash in on the anti-Southernism that's now rampant in this country. His treatment of the reenactors is contemptible; with the added dimension of the little girl, it's potentially tragic."

Kirk D. Lyons, Chief Trial Counsel for the SLRC, said his firm is prepared to commence legal action in the matter, but hopes that won't be necessary. "It's entirely within the mayor's power to put the brakes on this whole thing. All he has to do is lift his ban and allow the reenactors to participate as they were originally invited to do." For additional information, contact:

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Sons of Confederate Veterans
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Upcoming Events

1. **Memorial Service at the Yellow Fever Cemetery in Grenada on September 23 at 4:00 PM**
 2. **October 7-8, Battle of Ditch Bayou Reenactment in Lake Village, Arkansas**
 3. **October 21-22 is Fall Muster at Beauvior**
 4. **October 28-29, Living History at Floewood River Plantation in conjunction with Fall Harvest**
 5. **November 10-12, is the Battle of Liberty Reenactment in Liberty, Mississippi**
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The U.S. Government's First Step to Ban the Confederate Flag

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HRES 466 IH ; 106th CONGRESS 2d Session: Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with regard to the continued display of Confederate flags. April 6, 2000

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi (for himself, Mr. HILLIARD, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. MEEKS of Florida, Mr. OWENS, Ms. CARSON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. CLAY, Mr. WYNN, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DIXON, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. WEXLER, Ms. LEE, Mr. FROST, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. RANGEL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary RESOLUTION

Whereas in his 1861 speech entitled 'Slavery the Cornerstone of the Confederacy', Alexander H. Stephens, the Vice President of the Confederate States of America stated, 'The prevailing ideas entertained by [Thomas Jefferson] and most of the leading statesmen at the time of the formation of the old constitution, were that the enslavement of the African was in violation of the laws of nature; that it was wrong in principle, socially, morally, and politically. . . . Our new government is founded upon exactly the opposite idea; its foundations are laid, its corner-stone rests upon the great truth, that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery--subordination to the superior race--is his natural and normal condition';

Whereas article 1, section 9, clause 4 of the Constitution of the Confederate States of America provides that '[n]o bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law denying or impairing the right of property in negro slaves shall be passed':

Whereas article 4, section 3, clause 3 of that Constitution provides that '[i]n all such territory the institution of negro slavery, as it now exists in the Confederate States, shall be recognized and protected by Congress and the territorial government':

Whereas the pledge of allegiance to the Confederate flag states, 'I salute the Confederate Flag, with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands';

Whereas the first, second, and third official Confederate flags, the Confederate Navy Jack, and the Confederate battle flag are all direct representations of the Confederacy and its documented advocacy of the subordination of people of African descent through the perpetuation of the slave trade;

Whereas many white supremacist groups recognize the inherently racist implications of the flag and frequently use it as a historically significant representation of their present day desire to strip nonwhites, frequently through wanton acts of violence, of the rights guaranteed them by the United States Constitution and relegate them to the position of noncitizens and, in some cases, nonhumans;

Whereas the State of Georgia has introduced legislation to remove the Confederate flag from its official State flag;

Whereas the Civil War is the most divisive domestic insurrection in our shared national history and continues to be a culturally polemic issue among many segments of the American population; and

Whereas the Confederacy was defeated in its attempt to destroy the United States of America by tearing the Nation apart:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives does not support, condone, or encourage the use or display of the first, second, or third official Confederate flag, the Confederate Navy Jack, or the Confederate battle flag (more commonly know as the 'Southern Cross') for any reason other than as a historic reminder of the secession of the Confederate States, which prompted the violent, bloody, and divisive Civil War, and of the Confederacy's flagrant disregard for the equality of all Americans in accordance with the United States Constitution and in the eyes of God.

Let voters decide fate of flag, lawyer says

By Reed Branson

The Commercial Appeal Jackson, Miss., Bureau

JACKSON, Miss. - A Tunica lawyer has launched an uphill and potentially divisive initiative battle to ask Mississippi voters if they want to change the state's controversial flag. Greg Stewart, a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, says he understands how daunting it will be to collect the signatures of the nearly 92,000 registered voters needed to place the issue on the ballot. But he says it is important to take the issue out of the hands of the Legislature.

"I want a straight up or down vote on whether to change the flag. If a majority wants to change the flag, fine," said Stewart who filed the proposed ballot initiative on Aug. 24. "There is a lot of talk in the coffee shops. . . . It's not about the sanctity of Confederate symbols. The first issue is (the attempt) to move the decision away from the people." The state flag is controversial because it includes the Confederate battle flag in one corner. Some citizens, particularly African-Americans, find the symbol offensive.

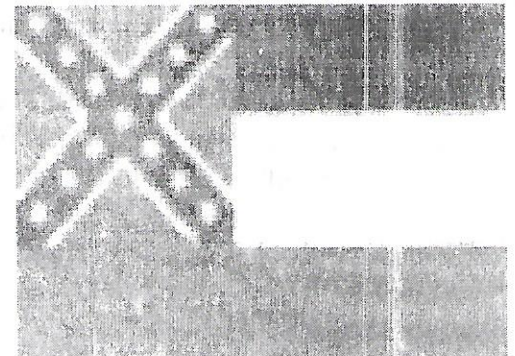
Procedurally, timing may make Stewart's efforts moot. Such a proposal is unlikely to land on the ballot until 2002, but lawmakers could conceivably decide by spring whether to keep or change the flag. The commission Gov. Ronnie Musgrove appointed in the wake of a Supreme Court decision earlier this year troubles Stewart. The advisory commission is to make a recommendation to the Legislature on the flag's design. The Supreme Court said there was no state law designating a state flag.

Former governor William Winter is chairing the panel, a mixture of business, cultural and political groups pushing to make a recommendation to the Legislature by January. "I would hope that the commission the governor has appointed to consider this whole matter would be afforded the opportunity to develop as many ideas and thoughts from the people of Mississippi as we can in the process of determining what to recommend to the Legislature," said Winter. "I think it would be unfortunate if this issue develops into an up or down statewide vote that would be very divisive, very expensive and probably cause more problems than it would solve," he said.

Stewart is seeking two referendums. The first would be a proposed ballot initiative amending the state's Constitution to say that any change in the state's flag must be approved by voters. The second would be the actual vote on a proposed change, and it would be required to be held in a gubernatorial election, no sooner than November 2003. But a variety of arduous processes await him before getting either vote. After the wording of the ballot is reviewed by attorneys, advertised publicly and potentially litigated, Stewart would have one year to collect the signatures of 92,000 registered voters. Moreover, the signatures must be equally dispersed among the state's five congressional districts. Then, the Legislature would be given the opportunity to place an alternative ballot initiative. "I owe it to myself to at least try," Stewart said.

Only two of 20 previously proposed initiatives have survived the state's daunting and complex process to land on the ballot. Both dealt with term limits, and supporters employed professional signature-gatherers. Voters ultimately rejected both.

Preserve Our State Flag!!! Fly it every day so the public knows where you stand on this issue.

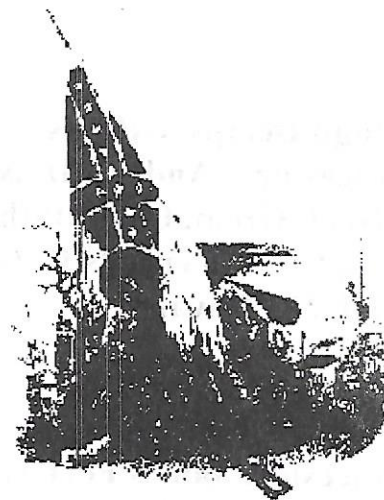


The Last Roll: The Death of a Charter Member Jeffrey L. McCaskill

Funeral services for Jeffrey L. McCaskill was held on August 29 at the First Baptist Church of Leland. He died on August 27, 2000, from injuries sustained from a one-vehicle accident on Feather Farm Rd., Leland. He was buried in Leland-Stoneville Cemetery under the direction of Boone Funeral Home.

Mr. McCaskill was a native of Leland. He graduated from Leland Academy, and received his B.S. degree in agricultural engineering from Mississippi State University. He returned to Leland where he engaged in the farming of over 6,000 acres that makes up McCaskill Farms with his brothers. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Leland and a Charter member of the Brig.-General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp #1625, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and President of the Delta Pistol & Rifle Club of Leland.

Survivors include his wife Gaila Tate McCaskill, one daughter Cassie Tate Smith, five sons; Mathew McCaskill, Josh McCaskill, Hunter McCaskill, Cliff Tate IV, and Jeremy Tate all of Leland. Jeffrey was the son of Oliver and Jeannette King McCaskill, and the brother of Tommy and Danny McCaskill of Leland, and Robert McCaskill of Hickory. Please remember this family in your prayers.



A Word of Thanks

Compatriots,

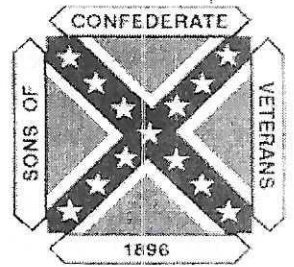
On behalf of the McCaskill Family, I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, your actions, and your prayers during our time of loss. I want to especially thank those who were able to come to the visitation and funeral service. It gave the heart and soul a tremendous lift in spirit to see so many friends. Jeffrey's death was a great shock to Gaila, her children, his Mother and Father, Brothers, his extended family and the community. Many of the members did not get a chance to know Jeffrey because he was unable to attend many meetings. Jeffrey's support to the SCV can be seen by the display of Confederate Flags flying on top of our shop. Jeffrey was a true Son of the South. Our parents instilled in Jeffrey the moral and Christian values of our Confederate ancestors. Jeffrey was devout Christian, attending church with his family every possible Sunday. Jeffrey's love for his wife and children was boundless. Every spare moment was either spent with or doing something for them. When Jeffrey was not with his family or in church, he was devoted to his other passion, the Farm. It was his dream and ours to have a farm of our own. Jeffrey passed seemingly insurmountable odds helping to build a farming operation of 6000 acres from nothing during some of the most economically depressed times for agriculture. No one told Jeffrey he could not do something because that just gave him that much more determination. It might not get done in one year but it would get done in the future. Tommy and I will sorely miss his expertise and companionship.

As mere men, we cannot fathom why God does what He does for God's Will is not man's will and God's Thoughts are beyond our comprehension. There is a purpose in Jeffrey's death; we just have to be patient to see what it is. A great void has been left by the death of Jeffrey. Jeffrey's life touched many people and his death will change the lives of many. Our greatest comfort is in knowing that Jeffrey is with our Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven.

As Alan wrote me, we of the SCV are family. When one member hurts, all of us come to the aid and comfort of that member. So again, from all the McCaskills, thanks for all the aid and comfort you have given us during this most trying time.

Sincerely,
Dan, Ann, and Andrew McCaskill

**Welcome New Members
And A Big Rebel Yell To You All!!!**



Hugh Dempsey Hollis
Ancestor: Andrew Dotson Hollis
Great, Great, Grandfather
Pvt, Co. A, Perrin's B'ttln
11th MS Cavalry

Trey Elton Davis
Ancestor: Eli Needham Raney
Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather
Pvt, Co. I, 1st MS Light Artillery

Walter R. Harrison, Jr.
Ancestor: James Fort Muse,
Great, Grandfather
Cpl, Fenner's Battery, LA Light Artillery
Nortoh's Battalion LA Vol.

Stan Spell
Ancestor: William Fredrick Spell
Great, Great Grandfather
Pvt. Co. C, 8th Mississippi Infantry

Paul Sheffield
Ancestor: Nathan James Sheffield
Great, Great Grandfather
Pvt. Co. B, 38th Alabama Infantry



Welcome New OCR Members

Janie Robertson of Belzoni, Ms

Julia Jones of Cruger, Ms

Welcome these new members to our family at the next meeting!!!