

THE CONFEDERATE SENTINEL

These Dead but Sceptered Sovereigns...



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CAMP BOWLES IS BORN!



The final resting place of 2LT John Bethel Bowles at Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky. Findagrave.com Memorial # 76446632

Well, compatriots, "the check's in the mail." Division Commander Anson has endorsed our application to charter, and the rest is now in

the hands of our leadership at IHQ. Commander Anson has kindly asked that our charter document be forwarded directly to me, so that we can celebrate together as a camp. Sometime in the not-too-distant future, most likely at the next Division convention, there will be a formal presentation ceremony.

In the meantime, we are a provisional camp, but as far as your editor and commander are concerned, there's nothing provisional about it... we are a fully fledged camp of compatriots, leaning forward in the trenches of the fight in which we are engaged, a fight to restore, maintain, and enhance the honor of our ancestors and the cause for which they fought.

This means holding fast to the Charge, maintaining the dignity and reserve of Southern men, and holding always in the front of our mind our motto, "These Dead but Sceptered Sovereigns who still rule us from the dust" - that is, to say, we are *compelled* by the memory of our Confederate ancestors to preserve their history, their heritage, and their sacred honor, until such day as we shall be reunited with them.

HOSTS WANTED: If you would like to host the May meeting or a subsequent meeting, please let Commander Stobbs know by telephone, e-mail or snail-mail not later than

Friday, May 3. Hosting is a traditional Southern custom (probably Scots-Irish in its origin) that helped spread the burden of travel and board equally among friends and family

who often had very little to share. It was also a way for a family to "show off" their property and possessions without openly bragging, which is frowned upon in Southern culture.

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THE COMMANDER'S FIELD DESK: INTRODUCTION

I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself more formally to you. Each month, I would like to offer the same opportunity to each one of you, in order of rank. In this way, we many begin to speed up the process of building a brotherhood.



I was
April 21st, 1956,
in San Antonio,

Texas. My father's people immigrated to Texas from various parts of Prussia and Germany in the 1850's and '60s. My mother's side of the family includes German immigrants as well, but also has English, Welsh and Scots-Irish roots that go back in American history to the early 17th Century. One ancestor was an early founder of the Presbyterian Church, and another was a Puritan who helped to found Milford, Connecticut. My fourth great grandfather Hugh Henry, Junior fought in the American Revolution, and through his father I claim as a first cousin (five x removed) Rachel Jackson, the wife of the President Jackson.

My 3rd great grandfather James Rowe served as a 1st lieutenant at the Battle of San Jacinto on my birthday in 1836 and served as a representative in the Republican government. Of course, most of my ancestors fought during the War for Southern Independence, My 3rd great grandpa Asa Bryan (Co. I, 32nd Alabama Inf.), was imprisoned at Gratiot Street in St. Louis,. My 2nd great grand uncle John Richard Henry (Co. D, 8th TX Cav. "Terry's Texas

Rangers") was accidentally shot and killed in 1864, and my 2nd great grand uncle Bernard Hubbard Rowe (Co. F, 10th TX Cav. Dismtd.) was killed at the Battle of Richmond, KY. A 2nd cousin, 2LT Littleton Fowler Henry (Co. F, 19th Arkansas Inf.) is buried at Camp Chase buried at Camp Chase, Another cousin, 2LT. Samuel W. Henry (Co. F 13th TN Inf.) is buried at Johnson's Island. I am proud of my valiant kin, close and distant,

I enlisted in the United States Army in 1974, and served in first the Army Security Agency and then the Army Intelligence Corps as a Morse interceptor and then German and Russian linguist until 1996, when I retired with the rank of First Sergeant. I worked in quality management for a few years before discovering my calling to teach. I hold a bachelor's degree in liberal arts with a concentration in history, and a master of Fine Arts degree in Writing from Goddard College.

I have taught at Mohawk

High school full-time since 2002, and have been an associate of instruction for Kenyon College's Academic partnership Program for five of those years. I teach economics, American history, and political science.

I am a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Republic of Texas, and San Jacinto Descendants, as well as of SCV. My hobbies are history, genealogy, and beer.

My wife, Amber and I have been married for 32 years. We have one child, daughter Heather, and a grandson, Felix Orion Losey. We also have eight cats, but that is a story for another time, god bless.

Next time, I would like our 1st Lieutenant commander to introduce himself to everyone, and I thank him kindly for the courtesy.

Semper vigilantissimi,
H. B. S.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3: Hunley Award presentation, 6:00 PM, Kenton High School

May 4&5: Mansfield Civil War Show (Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3, admission \$6.00), Richland County Fairgrounds, US 30 & Trimble Road

May 18, 1:00 PM: Camp Meeting. Tentative Tiffin-Seneca Library, 77 Jefferson Street, Tiffin, 1:00 PM.

Camp E-mail: We have a camp e-mail address, and yours truly would be grateful to you if you would use it for camp communications. It is: scvcampbowles@gmail.com. I will share with each of you at the next meeting the password which you will need to receive mail at this address. Remember, it will be open for everyone to read, so keep it for camp communications only.

MINUTES, APRIL MEETING



The April meeting of SCV Camp 2LT John Bethel Bowles met Saturday at Bailiwick's in Tiffin with Commander Henry B. Stobbs leading members in the SCV salute and Pledge. First Lieutenant Commander Jeremy Harpel led the camp in an opening prayer, in which he included a request for the good health of Adjutant and Treasurer Dick Wiley, who is ill and unable to attend. Other members present included compatriots Steve Stachoviak, Ed Harpel, First Sergeant Quartermaster Lon Leapley, and guest Christian (Chris) Reynolds.

Stobbs reported on the status of the camp's charter application, which is complete; it will be mailed on Monday to Ohio Division Commander John Anson.

Stobbs read the camp constitution and bylaws, which members approved unanimously with minor corrections.

Guest and potential member

Reynolds reported on his ancestor, Private John J. McAteer of Lancaster County, South Carolina, a private in Company H, 1st South Carolina Artillery Regiment.

Compatriot Harpel gifted the camp two Confederate flag sets to use at camp meetings and ceremonies, for which he was commended and thanked by Commander Stobbs and all present.

A key topic was the design of the camp flag, logo and motto.

Consensus was reached that it will combine elements of the 2nd Kentucky Cavalry Regiment with the Johnson's Island Confederate Cemetery Sentinel statue and the motto inscribed upon it, "'Dead but Sceptered Sovereigns who rule us from the Dust.'"

Christian Reynolds volunteered to produce sketches for consideration at the May meeting.

Other topics of discussion included genealogy, fundraising ideas, a camp website, and the camp

newsletter, *The Confederate Sentinel*.

Commander Stobbs is to contact Dr. David Bush at Heidelberg University to inform him of the camp's charter application, and to offer assistance with projects that will meet the camp's purpose to preserve the memory and honor of the Confederate soldiers buried at Johnson's Island.

Quartermaster First Sergeant Lon Leapley led the camp in reciting the Charge, and First Lieutenant Commander Harpel closed in benediction. Sons of Confederate veterans is a 503 (c) heritage organization open to males age 12 and older who are descended from men who served the Confederate armed forces.

The camp will next meet on May 18th at 1:00 PM at the Tiffin-Seneca Library, unless a member would like to host..

HUNTING CONFEDERATE HERITAGE BY H. B. STOBBS

Finding heritage is never exactly easy, but there are a number of great tools that can make things easier. I subscribe to a number of ones that require the payment of a fee, such as www.Fold3.com and www.ancestry.com, and am always glad to help a fellow out with obtaining records

(donations to offset printing costs are welcome—ink is expensive!).

There are, however, a number of very good free sources that I have used with great success, including the Soldiers and Sailor's Database sponsored by the

Park Service, www.familysearch.org, which is run by the Church of Latter day Saints and which contains amazing documents, and plain old Google, which is a great jumping off point.

Also, if you know an ancestor's unit, search for non-fiction books that

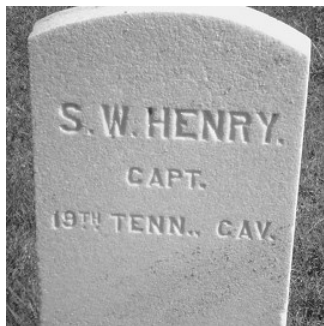
discuss that unit's history.

The key to success is in patience, care and careful recording of each generation—beginning with you, and proceeding back in time through each generation, documenting birth, marriage and death as accurately (cont. p 6),

CAMP BOWLES CELEBRATES CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AT JOHNSON'S ISLAND, 2013



Johnson's Island, Saturday, April 27th—Camp Commander Stobbs, his wife Amber and guest Miss Alison Summer-Ramirez, First Lieutenant Commander Harpel, Adjutant-Treasurer Second Lieutenant Wiley and his wife Ada, Color Sergeant Wade Wedge, and Compatriot Ed Harpel, Ohio Division Commander John Anson, and other SCV compatriots and CSA re-



enactors joined with Ohio Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy President Dolores Ronzi and other dignitaries to honor the soldiers and civilians who are buried at the Johnson's Island Confederate Stockade Cemetery.

Whereas last year's ceremony was marked by rain, a northern wind and gray skies, April 27th was a bright, clear and pleasant day, a great relief for all present.

Arriving early enough to lend a hand in preparing for the ceremony, Color Sergeant Wedge and Mohawk High School U.S. History student Alison Summer-Ramirez helped to decorate graves with the Battle Flag.

The ceremony opened

with an invocation led by Reverend Chaplain Glen Wadlington, followed by pledges to the flag of the United States of America and the Confederate flag.

There followed a wreath-laying ceremony in which tokens of memorialization were presented by Mrs. Ronzi representing the Ohio Division of the UDC, Mrs. Jenny Widowski, President of LaSalle Corbell Picket Chapter No. 2070 of the UDC, and Mrs. Michelle Jensen of the Albert Sidney Johnson Ch. 1480 of the UDC in Cincinnati. Stephen Moncol, Vice President of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of the Children of Confederate Veterans, also presented a wreath.

Following the wreath-laying ceremony, Commander Stobbs joined other guests in paying respects to the assembled guests. Stobbs delivered greetings on behalf of Commander Scott Morris of Camp No. 2087 Quantrill's Raiders, and introduced to attendees the newly formed Camp Bowles. He spoke briefly on the significance of the motto engraved on

the base of "The Lookout," which reads "These dead but Sceptered Sovereigns, who rule us from the dust." This quote has been adopted as the motto of Camp Bowles.

In the ceremony's most inspiring moment, the ladies of the UDC, escorted by gallant CSA Sergeant Major Bill Waggnar, placed soil from each of the CSA states at the base of "The Lookout." This was followed by the singing of "Dixie," a nine-gun salute, and the playing of "Taps" by Stephen Moncol. Reverend Wadlington closed with a benediction, after which the colors were retired.

The ceremony was followed by a delicious afternoon repast provided by the ladies of the LaSalle Corbell Pickett Chapter of the UDC, who provided, as usual, far more delicious food than could be consumed.

Once again, the annual commemoration was an outstanding success. Miss Summer-Ramirez, who has volunteered more than fifty hours at the Tiffin, Ohio Civil war Museum and who hopes to become a historian or archivist, noted of her first-time experience that it was her "best day ever!"

Among the soldiers laid to rest at the Stockade cemetery is Captain Samuel W. Henry, Captain in the 19th Tennessee Cavalry, second cousin three times removed of commander Stobbs.



"The Lookout": Photography Alison Summer-Ramirez



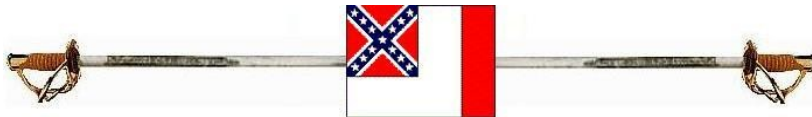
Color Sergeant Wade Wedge places a Confederate Battle Flag to mark the grave of an honored soldier.

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Compatriots Wade Wedge, Jeremy Harpel, Ed Harpel, and Dick Wiley enjoy a moment of cheerful togetherness on Johnson's Island.



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

THE CONFEDERATE FORM OF PRAYER.

Almighty God, the sovereign disposer of events, it hath pleased Thee to protect and defend the Confederate States hitherto, in their conflict with their enemies, and be unto them a shield.

With grateful thanks we recognize Thy hand, and acknowledge that not unto us but unto Thee belongeth the victory; and in humble dependence upon Thy Almighty strength, and trusting in the justness of our cause, we appeal to Thee that it may please Thee to set at naught the efforts of all our enemies, and put them to confusion and shame.

O Almighty God, we pray Thee that it may please Thee to grant us Thy blessing upon our arms, and give us victory over all our enemies, wherever they may be.

Preserve our homes and altars from pollution, and secure to us the restoration of peace and prosperity; all of which we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Saviour, to whom, with Thee, the Father and the Holy Spirit, we will give all the praise and glory in time and throughout all eternity. Amen and Amen.

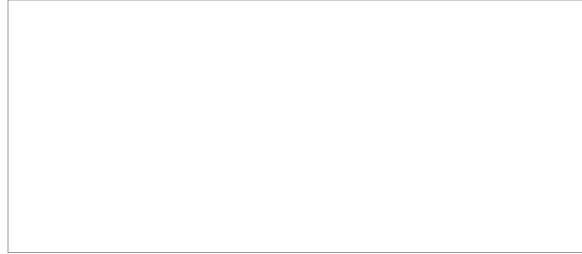
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HUNTING CONFEDERATE HERITAGE, CONT.

neatly, and completely as possible. I like to keep a binder for each Confederate ancestor, with documentation for each generation separated by a divider. The dividing page lists the generation number and the title of each document available.

Genealogists often use terms like “exhibit” and “proofs.” An exhibit is a document that offers evidence to verify the birth, marriage, death or other significant event in a person’s life. Proofs are not “proof” in the legal sense ; rather, they are evidence of a greater or lesser degree of reliability that substantiates a claim of relationship. Wills, and birth,

marriage and death records are, of course, the most reliable forms of evidence, because they are official documents. But other artifacts are also fairly reliable and are accepted by most heritage organizations, at least in the absence of better evidence and when combined. These include family bibles, grave markers, photographs with inscriptions dating to the time the photo was taken, deeds, city directories, and the like.

Census records dating from 1850 and later are very good sources that can place particular family members together at a certain time and place, but you must be careful about spelling.

Census takers were traditionally bad about spelling, and you will find many variations of both first and last names, as well as of birth years which can vary by three or more years from one census to another.

Books written on family history can be very problematic, particularly if written by a family member. Most heritage organizations have a bibliography of acceptable secondary sources which have proven over time to be very reliable.

And do visit United Daughters of the Confederacy sites for help: these ladies keep extensive records and are glad to help, as are the genealogists at SCV. Happy hunting!