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OPENING THE BALL

Commander Charles C. "Chuck" Hand IV



Well, if you are reading this, then our Compatriots in Arizona and New Mexico are finally finished counting ballots and the Lord has blesssed us with a leader who is sympathetic to the cause of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I heard a poem this morning (19 NOV), which hit me like a .58 Minie Ball! This poem (page 11), is how I was reared and what I have enstilled in my son; it is why we honor our ancestors and why we continue to teach the True History of the South, to continue to honor our ancestors memory and their sacrificie for Faith, Family and Freedom.

Our monthly meeting was mostly business this month as we discussed upcoming events, immediate past events, the 1st Lt. Jesse Page Cemetery Fund and where we stand on this project both financially and logistically. and we held our Camp Officer Elections. Mrs. Rita Schimpf, President of the United

Daughters of the Confederacy, Albert Sidney Johnston Camp #2060, spoke briefly regarding the Wreaths Across America event on December 14, 2024 at the Confederate Cemetery in downtown San Antonio. We still need to sell more wreaths to ensure all Confederate Veteran gravesites are honored on this day. See page 7 for more details.

You will notice this issue has some seasonal flavor to it. The cover features an illUstration froM a book entitled *General Lee and Santa Claus* originally published in 1867; from Casey's Kitchen comes a recipe for Confederate EggNog, you will have to add your favorite nog to spice it up; we honor PVT Thomas M. Moseley, Company E, 2nd Alabama Cavalry Regiment, CSA; if you contributed to The Ranger Reprot in 2024, I give you a heartfelt THANK YOU!

Once again, we hope this newsletter informs, entertains, inspires you, and honors our ancestors. I leave you with a verse from the King James version of the Bible, which are the verses for the season: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6



LET'ER RIP Lt. Commander William S. "Bill" Smith

This year has been a great year for our camp! With the Toy drive for Christmas, the installation of the 2025 Camp officers, we will only have a short presentation by Commander Hazelwood. Next year will begin a new round of speakers teaching the True History of the South. Invite your friends to our Camp meetings so we may continue to grow. If you know of someone who you believe would be a good camp presentation, please reach out to me so I can continue to build our speaker list. See you on the 16th!

If you or someone you know would like to help teach the True History of the South to our camp members, please reach out to me via email at william.sanford916@gmail.com, text or call 830-660-7959. We will have the necessary equipment on hand for power point and other computer or film presentations,



which should be, give or take, thirty minutes in length. Come contribute to teaching the True History of the South!

JOIN UNDER THE FLAG BY 2ND LT. COMMANDER DALTON HAND

Many of you already know, I am taking a step back and will not continue as the 2nd Lt. Commander of the 1st Lt. Jesse Page Camp #2351. I have enjoyed my experience as the 2nd Lt. Commander but with my schedule with school and football, I need to take a step back to focus on my dreams. As my term ends, I reflect on what I accomplished while I was the 2nd Lt. Commander. I learned during my term that recruiting is harder than it sounds. Not everyone wants to join or hear the truth. I learned that you could ruin a relationship with somebody just by saying you do not agree with them on a certain topic, and I came to the realization people never return the favor. I will continue to participate in as many events as possible but not as the 2nd Lt. Commander of this camp. To the man taking my place, this job requires patience, ability to learn, and commitment. I want to add that I am extremely proud of my father, Commander Hand, for starting this camp. Behind the scenes he works hard all day, and I am proud of him for choosing something to pursue and pursuing it successfully. I would also like to congratulate my father on being voted as the commander for the next year. Like I have said before, people refuse to hear the truth and stay opinionated. Continue to recruit the youth and continue to talk about the SCV to the opinionated. Recruiting is extremely high in priorities for the 2nd Lt. Commander and can be difficult as you are questioned with everything possible and often don't have all the answers. With that being said, have a Merry Christmas and congratulations Rex Shaddox.

Help support the Kendall County Blue Santa Toy & Gift Drive! Send your donation via PayPal to our Camp and we will purchase toys and gift cards to be donated. We will be accepting these donations through 16 Decemebr, our Camp Christmas Meeting to be delivered on 17 December. To drop off toys contact Camp Commander Hand, chuckhand.pagescv@outlook.com text or call 210-376-7772 or Lt. Commander Smith, william.sanford916@gmail.com text or call 830-660-7959. Help Us Make This

A Christmas To Remember!!!



John H. Morgan's Christmas Raid

During the winter of 1862-1863, Confederate General Braxton Bragg, defending Middle Tennessee, faced the larger Federal Army of the Cumberland under the command of Major General William S. Rosecrans. Rosecrans prepared to move from Nashville against Bragg. Bragg tasked Confederate cavalry commander Maj. Gen. John Hunt Morgan to launch a diversionary raid into Kentucky to strike the vital Federal supply line, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, also known as the L&N.

On December 22nd, Morgan left Alexandria, Tennessee, with the largest field command he would ever hold, nearly 4,000 men divided into two brigades. By the 23rd, his men reached the Kentucky border and made it to Tompkinsville, Kentucky, where they camped for the night. The following morning, the Southern cavalrymen made it to Glasgow, where they fought a small skirmish with Federal cavalry. On Christmas Day, Morgan's men moved towards the Federal garrison of Munfordville, which guarded a vital bridge along the L&N. Rather than attack the bridge, Morgan sent men to hold the attention of the garrison. At the same time, he swung the rest of his force toward his main target: Elizabethtown. Concurrently, he sent the 2nd Kentucky to burn the Bacon Creek Bridge further above Munfordville.



By December 27th, Morgan's command reached Elizabeth-

town, which had several storehouses along the L&N. After surveying the area, Morgan found that the town was defended by over 600 men of the 91st Illinois under the command of Colonel H.S. Smith. To prompt the garrison's surrender, Morgan placed artillery on nearby hills and sent his two brigades to surround the town. Once Smith refused to surrender, Morgan opened a bombardment and subsequently sent his force to attack the town. After a few minutes of street fighting, Smith's force surrendered to the Confederate cavalry. The next morning, Morgan's command moved to their main objective in the raid, the two railroad trestles near Muldraugh's Hill. Over a mile apart, these structures were part of the lifeline to Rosecrans's army in Nashville. Once Morgan surrounded the area, the cavalier implemented the same tactic as he did at Elizabethtown: surround the isolated garrison and bombard them. However, unlike at Elizabethtown, Morgan was patient and let eight hours slip away before he opened up on the Federals. The garrison, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Courtland Maston, refused all of Morgan's surrender terms until the Confederate artillery opened up, then, after an hour, surrendered. Once in Confederate control, Morgan destroyed the railroad trestles and prepared to move out of the state.



To the lefy is an illustration depicting "Morgan's Raid - Entry of Morgan's Freebooters into Washington, Ohio" in Harper's Weekly August 15, 1863. Public Domain

Rosecrans, by this point, was aware of the Confederate raid and prepared to implement a "hammer and anvil" tactic to bag Morgan. The hammer, meant to push Morgan out of the state, was given to future Supreme Court Justice John Harlan and a brigade of 2,300 men. The anvil would be composed of two different units, a brigade of 3,300 men under the command of William A. Haskins, who guarded the roads to Lebanon, and Joseph J. Reynolds's division of 5,000 men who guarded roads into Middle Tennessee.

By December 29th, Harlan's force caught Morgan's rear guard crossing the Rolling Fork River bridge near Boston, Kentucky. Upon seeing the Confederates, Harlan launched an attack. Facing Harlan's force were only 800 Confederates under the command of Basil W. Duke. Despite his numerical superiority, Harlan remained cautious and mainly probed the Confederate lines. Knowing that a superior force faced him, Duke was desperate to get his men out. Spotting an opportunity, Duke sent a portion of his men to capture a battery on the Confederate right giving his men time to cross a ford nearby.

Alexander Watkins Terrell 1827 - 1912

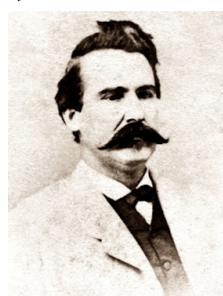
Terrell was born on November 3, 1827, in Patrick County, Virginia. Following the death of his father in 1832, the family relocated to Boonville, Missouri. Terrell pursued legal studies at the University of Missouri, and from 1849 to 1852, he practiced law in St. Joseph, Missouri. In 1852, he moved to Austin, Texas, where he continued his legal practice and eventually ascended to the position of judge.

Terrell maintained a close friendship with Governor Sam Houston, and both were staunch opponents of secession, advocating instead for compromise. When the decision was made for Texas to secede from the Union, Terrell aligned himself with this course of action. During the initial two years of the Civil War, while fulfilling his judicial responsibilities, he volunteered as an aide-de-camp and served as a major in the 1st Texas Cavalry. For a significant portion of 1862, Terrell held the rank of captain and served as a volunteer aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Henry McCulloch, who was in command of Texas troops stationed in Arkansas. Despite receiving multiple recommendations for an officer's commission, he declined a colonel's position in 1861. Texas Governor Francis Lubbock recognized Terrell's contributions in Arkansas, highlighting his service "without pay or rank, which was declined by him several times," and commended him as possessing "one of the finest minds in the state."

On March 31, 1863, Terrell was commissioned as lieutenant colonel of a cavalry battalion that would become the 34th Texas Cavalry, being appointed as its colonel. In July 1863, he was temporarily assigned to oversee the Northern Sub-District of Texas, with the 34th navigating the remainder of that year within the District of Texas. In March 1864, this unit, along with most Texas troops, was redeployed to Louisiana to counter the Union advance toward Shreveport. During the Battle of Mansfield on April 8, 1864, Terrell's troops executed an attack on the Union's right flank. The following day at the Battle of Pleasant Hill, despite successfully seizing a Union position, Terrell's dismounted troopers could not push further. He also commanded Arthur Bagby's veteran cavalry brigade at the Battle of Mansura on May 16. By September 1864, Terrell was in command of a brigade composed of three Texas Cavalry regiments acting as the advance line for Confederate positions in west Louisiana. Brigadier General Bagby returned to command by the year's end, leading Terrell back to the 34th Texas.

In late April 1865, as the brigade returned to Texas, many troops deserted upon learning of General Lee's surrender in Virginia. On May 14, 1865, recognizing the lost cause, Terrell disbanded his remaining forces, though General Kirby Smith, unaware of the situation, appointed him brigadier general on May 16, 1865. This appointment left Terrell with an official title but no troops under his command.

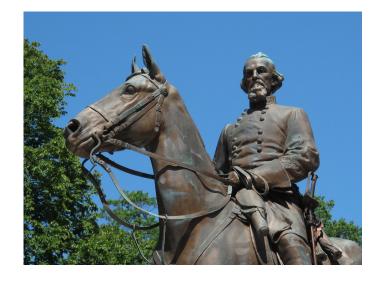
Following his military service, Terrell sought refuge in Mexico and joined Maximilian's army. He later returned to Texas, where he embarked on a diverse post-war career as a lawyer, politician, and cotton planter. He was elected to the state senate four times, serving from 1876 to 1883, and held three terms in the state House. Additionally, he was appointed as reporter for the Texas Supreme Court and served as an ambassador to Turkey under the Cleveland administration. In 1887, General Terrell made an unsuccessful bid for a U.S. Senate seat. His advocacy for the state university led to him being honored with the title "Father of the University of Texas." As a historian, Terrell also served as president of the Texas State Historical Association. His residences included Houston in 1865, Robertson County from 1865 to 1871, and subsequently Austin. Gen. Terrell died September 9, 1912, at Mineral Wells, Texas, and is buried in the State Cemetery in Austin.



Our own ATM Commander John McCammon has an uncanny likeness to General Terrell...agree?



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By enlisting in this effort, money which is currently being used to service the banknote will now be used to go on the offensive against those seeking to destroy our Southern heritage. The SCV is offering 1,500 Southerners the opportunity to be designated as a 21st Century Confederate Hero by donating \$1,000. Funds received will be used to retire the mortgage and fund the restoration of the Forrest Plaza. Those donating will receive:

- 21st Century Confederate Hero Neck Ribbon,
- Placement in SCV's Book 21st Century Confederate Heroes and receive a personal copy of this book,
- Paver on te "Walkway of Confederate Heroes" with the information provided by the donor,
- Option of having his name or his ancestor's name displayed on large screen TV in our museum and their names noted at the Forrest Plaza.

Payment may be made in full or in installments over 18 months.

Join in this effort and let us get started taking the fight to our enemy. More information is available on the Confederate Legion website: <u>https://scvconfederatelegion.com/</u> click on "21st Century Heroes"

Christmas During the Civil War On the Homefront



It can be difficult to relate to the men and women of the Civil War era. Despite the extraordinarily different circumstances in which they found themselves, however, we can connect with our forebears in traditions such as the celebration of Christmas. By the mid-19th century, most of today's familiar Christmas trappings — Christmas carols, gift giving and tree decoration — were already in place. Charles Dickens had published "A Christmas Carol" in 1843 and indeed, the Civil War saw the first introductions to the modern image of a jolly and portly Santa Claus through the drawings of Thomas Nast, a German-speaking immigrant. Phooto above - An illustration of Christmas on the home front by Thomas Nast for Harper's Weekly, 1863 Thomas Nast's Christmas Drawings for the Human Race

Civil War soldiers in camp and their families at home drew comfort from the same sorts of traditions that characterize Christmas today. Alfred Bellard of the 5th New Jersey noted, "In order to make it look much like Christmas as possible, a small tree was stuck up in front of our tent, decked off with hard tack and pork, in lieu of cakes and oranges, etc." John Haley, of the 17th Maine, wrote in his diary on Christmas Eve that, "It is rumored that there are sundry boxes and mysterious parcels over at Stoneman's Station directed to us. We retire to sleep with feelings akin to those of children expecting Santa Claus." Photo on right - "Christmas in Camp," an illustration by Thomas Nast for Harper's Weekly, January 3, 1863. Library of Congress

In one amusing anecdote, a Confederate prisoner relates how the realities of war intruded on his Christmas celebrations: "A friend had sent me in a package a bottle of old brandy. On Christmas morning I quietly called several comrades up to my bunk to taste the precious fluid of...DISAPPOINTMENT! The bottle had been opened outside, the brandy taken and replaced with water...and sent in. I hope the Yankee who played that practical joke lived to repent it and was shot before the war ended."

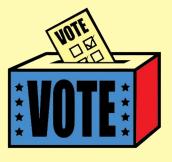
For many, the holiday was a reminder of the profound melancholy that had settled over the entire nation. Southern parents warned their children that Santa might not make it through the blockade, and soldiers in bleak winter quarters were reminded, more acutely than ever, of the domestic bliss they had left behind. Robert Gould Shaw, who would later earn glory as the commander of the 54th Massachu-



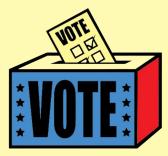
setts, recorded in his diary, "It is Christmas morning and I hope a happy and merry one for you all, though it looks so stormy for our poor country, one can hardly be in merry humor." On the Confederate home front, Sallie Brock Putnam of Richmond echoed Shaw's sentiment: "Never before had so sad a Christmas dawned upon us...We had neither the heart nor inclination to make the week merry with joyousness when such a sad calamity hovered over us." For the people of Fredericksburg, Virginia, which had been battered only a matter of days before Christmas, or Savannah, Georgia, which General Sherman had presented to President Lincoln as a gift, the holiday season brought the war to their very doorsteps.

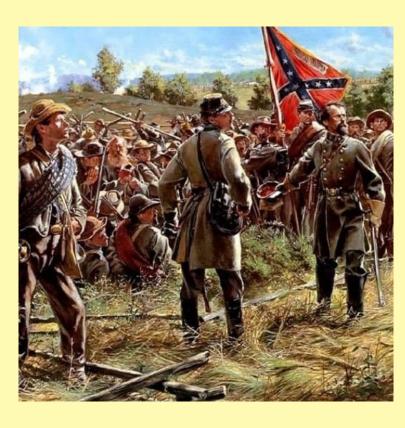
Christmas during the Civil War served both as an escape from and a reminder of the awful conflict rending the country in two. Soldiers looked forward to a day of rest and relative relaxation, but had their moods tempered by the thought of separation from their loved ones. At home, families did their best to celebrate the holiday, but wondered when the vacant chair would again be filled.

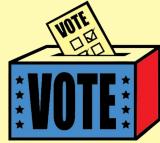
WHO WILL LEAD THE CHARGE???















1st Lt. Jesse Page Camp #2351 Eelected Camp Officers on 18 NOV 2024

ATM Commander John McCammon presided over the nomination and election process. New officers will officially be installed at December Camp Meeting.

Elected Officers:

Commander - Charles C. "Chuck" Hand Lt. Commander - William S. "Bill' Smith 2nd Lt. Commander - Rex W. Shaddox Sr.

Appointed Staff:

Aide-de -Camp/Color Sgt. - Dalton C. Hand Adjutant - Ben C. Sewell III Chaplain - Leon Steiner Judge Advocate - Dr. Jeffrey F. Addicott (LTC US Army ret.)

Your Family Name by Nelle A. Williams

You got it from your father It was all he had to give So it's yours to use and cherish For as long as you may live If you lost the watch he gave you It can always be replaced But a black mark by your name Can never be erased It was clean the day you took it And a worthy name to bear When he got it from his father There was no dishonor there So make sure you guard it wisely After all is said and done You'll be glad the name is spotless When you give it to your son.



Left to Right - Dalton C. Hand, Charles C. Hand IV, Charles C. Hand III - Fort Morgan, Alabama 2018

CRACKER LINE











Join the 1910 family as we kick off the Christmas season with "Lighting of the Trees". You will experience games for kids, pictures with Santa, a chili cook-off, funnel cakes, a Christmas Market, and see the campus come alive with Christmas lights. This magical night takes place Sunday, December 1, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Come celebrate with us!



2024 Light The Night Christmas Parade Fredericksburg, Texas Friday, December 6, 2024 The Light The Night Christmas Parade will roll down Fredericksburg's beautifully-illuminated Main Street on Friday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.



This festive event, on November 30th, renowned for its holiday shopping and family-friendly activities, has grown from its humble beginnings to now feature over 130 vendors showcasing arts, crafts, and delightful food offerings. The festivities unfold from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., offering a full day of joy. Join us in celebrating Christmas in Comfort!



Left to Right: SCV Judge Roy Bean Camp #2298 held its 5th Annual Miss Lily Langtry Birthday Celebration, our own Judge Advocate, Jeffrey Addicott was the keynot speaker and even signed a few books; our October Camp Meeting-Compatriot Bobby Moore presented his 2nd installment of Evolution of the Springfield Rifle...





















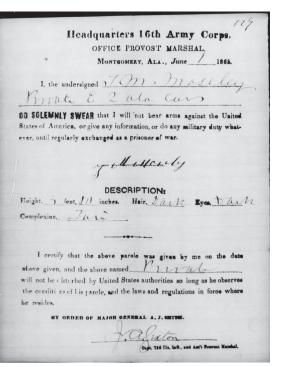






Private Thomas M. Mosley Company E, 2nd Alabama Cavalry Regiment, CSA

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Each month we feature the Confederate ancestors of our Camp compatriots. Honoring their memory by telling their story so others will know and remember them and their sacrifice.

Thomas M. Mosley was born May 11, 1844 in Alabama to Mark L. and Hannah Olivia Moseley. The 1850 Census shows him to be one of nine children and a twin to George Wahington Mosley. Thomas, worked on the family farm in Butler County, Alabama, with his father and five brothers.

Thomas enlisted at age 18, in the Confedertae States Cavalry at Bethel Church, as a Private on May 1, 1862, he mustered into service at Camp Stone with Company E, 2nd Alabama Cavalry Regiment, Ferguson's Brigade, CSA, on May 6, 1862, alongside his brothers Reddick, Matthew and George. Documentation shows his horse was valued at \$200.00 when he enlisted. He was paroled in Montgomery, Alabama on June 1, 1865. He saw action from Florida to North Mississippi to Atlanta and North Carolina, losing family members at New Hope Church. He ended his service by escorting President Davis to Georgia.

When the war ended he returned home to the farm and married Penelope Viana Davis on February 11, 1867. Thomas died October 8, 1891. He and Penelope had four children and Thomas worked his own farm until his death in October 8, 1891 in Butler County, Alabama. His wife, Penelope, filed for a widow's pension in Butler County, Alabama, on July 20, 1899, which appears to have been granted. Private Thomas M. Mosley, is buried in the Brushey Creek Cemetery in Butler County.

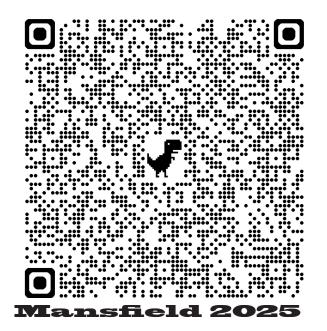
Private Thomas M. Mosley is the 2nd Great Grandfather of Compatriot Jeffrey Addicott. Jeff, first we thank you for your service and continued efforts to expose the terrorist tactics of the north as well as thanking you for your family's sacrifice and dedication to defending the Faith, Family and Freedom of the South.

Deo Vindice!

by Commander Chuck Hand



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1st Lt. Jesse Page Camp #2351 Coffee Mugs - \$20.00

Help support our Camp and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Purchase items or make a donation in any amount. Shipping on items is a flat rate of \$5.00, please mark Friends & Family so our Camp recieves the entire benefit of your purchase or donation. Thank you for supporting Southern Heritage!



1st Lt. Jesse Page Camp #2351 Challenge Coins - \$20.00

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Colonel John Singleton Mosby

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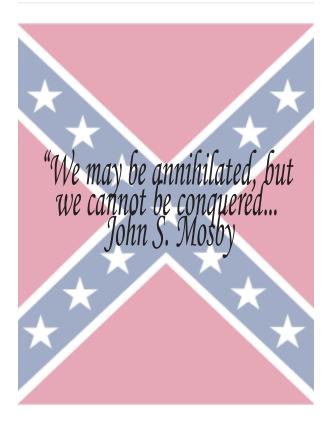
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DEO VINDICE



Casey's Kitchen by Matron of Honor Casey Michelle Hand

Gonfederate EggNog

Eggnog is a favorite for our family so I thought it would be the perfect recipe this month being made from scratch. Imagine how this must have tasted all those years ago... surely a treat!

Ingrodients: 4 cups milk 2/3 cup cream 4 eggs (beaten) 6 tablespeens sugar 2 teaspeens vanilla 2 teaspeens nutmeg Additional nutmeg for drink topping

Instructions:

 Beat eggs together.
Combine all ingredients in a pot.
Cock on low heat for 30 minutes while stirring slowly and constantly. DO NOT bring to a boil. You want this to cock on a low heat to dissolve the sugar and properly come together.
Let cool for approximately 10 to 15 minutes prior to serving.

5. Jop with additional nutmeg once you pour into a glass.

Once you taste these brownies, it will never be necessary to make them any other way! Enjoy!







Be sure to store in an airtight container in your refrigerator.

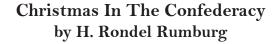
Roll of 1st Lt. Jesse Page Camp - Boerne, TX Sons of Confederate Veterans - Nov-Dec 2024

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HORSE SENSE



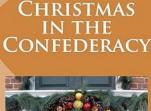
Welcome to an eclectic presentation of Christmas in the Confederate States of America. Yes, consider how the birth of God's Son into this world was acknowledged during those dark days of war. The Prince of Peace was remembered in the onslaughts of an invasion. The opening essay was written to give an overview of the Christmases during the Confederate era. Some of the following chapters have been randomly selected from Southern literature of the past. The material is retrieved as a reminder of the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ just before and during the life of the Confederacy, when the South was so bitterly attacked by the North for the purpose of destroying her liberty and property. Some of the material has been freshly written or specifically collected from original sources in order to give a historical sampling of what those celebrations in the Confederate South. In this book is the presentation of the prose and poetry of the era. This book is presented to provide the reader with pertinent information regarding the last Christian nation in this hemisphere called the Confederate States of America.

General Lee and Santa Claus by Randall Bedwell & Loise Clack

Three young girls in the rebel South worry that Santa Claus doesn't really love them, since he has not visited them in four years, and they write a letter to General Robert E. Lee, asking his opinion,

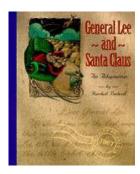
Christmas In The Confederate Whitehouse by Varina Davis First Lady of the Confederacy

A Short Story written for the New York World newspaper in 1896 by Varina Davis, First Lady of the Confederacy Varina Davis, tells a heart-warming story about the Davis Family Christmas 1864. You see a side of Jefferson Davis you'd never expect as he plays Santa for orphans.





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CHRISTMAS IN THE CONFEDERATE WHITEHOUSE Varina Davis First Lady of the Confederacy



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Everything seemed to be going to plan until Duke was grazed by an artillery shell, causing his men to believe that he was mistakenly killed. Picking the unconscious Duke up, the Confederates escaped to the south towards Bardstown. Harlan was unable to pursue them due to the burnt Rolling Fork Bridge and the condition of his men, who were exhausted from their journey.

On December 30th, Morgan's column moved out of Bardstown. During the march, he became aware of the Federal presence in Lebanon. To confuse the Federals about his intentions, he moved part of his command towards

Springfield and another part towards the Federal-held city to screen his movements. On the night of the 31st, Morgan learned that Reynolds's division was heading toward Lebanon. To make matters worse for Morgan, a fierce winter storm ripped through the area, making travel difficult. Despite the weather, Morgan was undeterred and ordered his men to prepare for a night march. To confuse the enemy further, Morgan ordered his rearguard to light hundreds of bonfires, making the enemy believe his men were still in the area.

Throughout the night of December 31st and January 1st, Morgan's men rode around the Federal garrison at Lebanon and made their way into Campbellsville. Once in the town, Morgan's command found that Haskin, in his haste to get to Lebanon, had left his brigade wagon train there. Morgan's cold and hungry men devoured the supply of food as well as captured vital ammunition and clothing. The following day, Morgan's men left the city and moved towards the Green River Bridge, where they burnt the bridge and stockade



"THE CITY WAS TAKEN WITH A DESPERATE PANIC." (ρ , 715).

guarding the area. Once the Federal command discovered the ruse Morgan had left, it was too late. When they caught up with him, the Confederate cavalry was already several hours ahead of them. By January 5th, Morgan's jubilant column made their way into Smithville, Tennessee, ending the raid.

In total, Morgan's raid caused over a million dollars in damages captured nearly 2,000 men, and crippled Rosecrans's supply lines causing him to halt any further movements. All of this came at the cost of just twenty-six men.

