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TENNESSEE DIVISION

SESQUICENTENNIAL NEWSLETTER

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Barbara Parsons, Division President

Dear Members of the Tennessee Division UDC,

There have been several items come to my attention that I felt would be best to send in an additional newsletter before the July 1st report deadlines. **REMEMBER:** All chapter reports are due to the Division chairman by July 1st. Reports postmarked after July 1st will not be included in the judging.

Division Chairmen: You are to send your reports and award winners to myself and Donna Hamilton as soon as they are determined, but no later than August 1st.

CALLING ALL QUILT PIECES IN. Be sure you get your pieced quilt square sent to Brenda McDonald. If you find you have run out of time and cannot complete your square by July 1st, please go ahead and send it to Brenda with a note stating this, and we will get it finished.

The Scholarship Report and information on your Public Relations (Pressbook) and Division Scrapbook are included. I know it gets confusing between these two committees. The Pressbook is only newspaper items on specific chapter news, and is taken to General Convention to compete in the Public Relations committee contest of all states. The Division Scrapbook is taken to General Convention to be judged under the Historian General for all scrapbooks from across the entire state. It's hard to remember that you should send your press items to both chairmen on the state level, as each prepares a separate book.

The Patriotic Activities chairman has sent a list of items that the Veterans can use at their

facilities. There is a book review relating to Confederate history in the Franklin, Tennessee area, and the saga of one family. A member who has done a musical CD has sent information on how to obtain one of these. This is not a division project, but it is a Confederate project. Nelma Crutcher has sent information on a children's program that is free at Fort Donelson and children in the area will want to take advantage of this.

Great News from Laura McCallister our Website Manager: Two new websites have been added, the Kirby Smith #327 website and the Jefferson Davis #900 website. Remember, if you wish to establish a chapter website, you must first go through Laura McCallister for all the guidelines before posting anything on the Internet. There are regulations from General UDC that must be strictly followed in order for your chapter to establish a website. The work that Laura does is invaluable to the Tennessee Division UDC and we are grateful for her expertise and willingness to use it for our organization.

Thanks, Laura!

Barbara Parsons
President, 2010-2012

OFFICER NOTES

Erin Manning, Second Vice President

**Scholarship Report
Tennessee Division
Report of Chapter Work
(Report Due July 1)**

Chapter Name, Number and City _____

Name of Person Submitting Report _____

Does your chapter have its own scholarship? _____

If Yes: How many scholarships were presented this year? _____

Value of each scholarship presented? _____

Number of new scholarships presented this year? _____

Number of scholarships re-awarded this year? _____

Amount contributed by your chapter to General Scholarship Fund _____

Amount contributed by your chapter to Division Scholarship Fund _____

Mail or email report to:
Ms. S. Erin Manning,
Division 2nd Vice President
574 Glen Echo Dr
Old Hickory, TN 37138
captjisdudc@tds.net

Erin Manning

Josephine Hill, Division Chaplain

It is with deep regret that I report the death of two members of the Tennessee Division UDC, Polly Smotherman of the Murfreesboro #91 chapter and Frances Bogart of Knoxville #89 chapter. Please keep the families of these ladies in your prayers.

Josephine Hill

Committee Notices

Remembrance of 150 Years Committee Chairman

Hello Ladies,

I want to remind you that I need your Chapter's finished quilt blocks and any other blocks that you volunteered to do by June 30. If you have any questions or are having any difficulty, please let me know as soon as possible.

My mailing address and contact information is:

Brenda Hall McDonald
416 Foremast Road
Kingston, TN 37763
b.hall.mcdonald@gmail.com
(865) 376-4299

Thanks so much.

Honoring our Confederate Ancestors,

Brenda Hall McDonald

Chairman

Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee has the responsibility to assemble the Division's Pressbook which is taken to the Annual General Convention for display and judging. The Pressbook contains any printed mention (whether news, publicity, or advertising) of the UDC at any level within the geographical area of the Chapter or Division.

Items to be included:

- News clippings containing any printed mention of the UDC (whether news, publicity, or advertising)
- Articles mentioning the UDC, the Division, or a Chapter
- Any published letter written by a UDC member to a newspaper, magazine, or other publication

- Any published photograph of a UDC member or event or of an event in which the UDC participated and is mentioned in the caption or article
- Letters from public figures or leaders of local public groups recognizing UDC contributions to the community
- Any other printed item officially substantiating a public acknowledgement of the Organization in any way

The news item should be dated from September 1, 2010 until August 31, 2011. If possible, send the entire page on which the item appears; if not, be sure that the newspaper header (name of newspaper, page, and date) is attached to the article. All news articles must be received by September 15, to be included in the Division Pressbook.

Items should be sent to the Chairman of the Public Relations -

Mary Ruth Simmons
108 Creighton Place
Shelbyville, TN 37160
Simmons_mr@bellsouth.net
(931) 680-6313

Mary Ruth Simmons

Chairman

Division Scrapbook Chairman

Reminder to all chapters: The deadline for submissions for the division scrapbook is September 1. We would like all UDC chapters in Tennessee to be represented in this book. Remember, this is how we are recording the activities of our Division for future generations. We are looking for:

1. Chapter photographs (each person must be labeled);

2. Original newspaper articles (must have the words UDC or United Daughters of the Confederacy and Tennessee Division with chapter name in the article) and

3. Event programs. These items need to be sent to:

Stacie Shelton
2555 Barrett Dr.

Southaven, MS 38672

(Please do NOT send return receipt required).

If you have questions, you can reach me in the evenings at [901/848-7844](tel:9018487844) or by email stacierosy@aol.com.

Thank you and I look forward to every chapter's submissions.

Stacie Shelton

Chairman

Patriotic Activities Chairman

**TENNESSEE VALLEY HEALTHCARE
SYSTEM**

VA MEDICAL CENTER

This list of supplies and information was distributed at the VAVS meeting in Smyrna, TN on June 9th. Donations are vital for the comfort and happiness of our veterans.

MONETARY-

Monetary gifts are placed in our General Post Funds. (Money designated to use only for our veterans)

NEEDED ITEMS

Voluntary Services is always in need of donated items for our veterans. Here is a list of the most needed items:

CLOTHING BASIC TOILETRIES

Sweat shirts/sweat pants (all sizes) Full Size

Pants/Jeans (Men's 32-36 inch) and Belts

Shampoo

Hair Conditioner

Full Size Bodywash

Shoes (Men's and Women's Sizes)

Shaving Kits

Winter Coats

Skin Lotion (Travel and Large Sizes)

Professional Attire

Laundry Detergent

Denture Cleanser

Denture Adhesive

Gym Bags

Women's Undergarments

Reading Glasses (1.00-4.00)

FOOD ITEMS

Personal Size Food Items (for Veteran
Snack Pack's)

Bottled Water

Please no home baked goods

MISCELLANOUS ITEMS

Phone Cards

Magazines (no older than 3 months)

Jeanell Kutterer

Patriotic Chairman

A Note from Nelma Cruther regarding free programs at Ft. Donelson:

Summer Programs offered at Fort Donelson National Battlefield are free. The battlefield is opened daily 7:30 am - 8 pm. The park visitor center is open 8 am - 4:30 pm daily.

Junior Ranger Programs are offered on June 26, July 2, and August 6. Programs are available for students ages 5 -12 years. Summer schools, scouts, and families are encouraged to attend. For more information, please see the attachment or contact the Ranger staff at [931-232-5706 x 101](tel:931-232-5706).

Susan B. Hawkins

Park Ranger

931-232-5706 x 104

susan_b_hawkins@nps.gov

Nelma Crutcher

Chairman

Granddaughter Club President

TN Division Granddaughter Club has made a sizable contribution to the refurbishing of the Division Confederate Monuments, and urges other individuals and groups in the division to do likewise. Also, please make the following changes on Page 269 of your Minute Book for the Granddaughter Club:

Treasurer: Ms. Faye Davis,
692 Carter's Creek Pike,
Columbia, TN 38401
(931) 381-9298

Second Vice President : Ms. Jean Hood
2672 Sante Fe Pike
Sante Fe, TN 38482
(931) 682-2849

Phyllis Wilson

Granddaughter's Club

A BOOK REVIEW:

(At my request, Mrs. Sarah Dodson of Capt. Sally Tompkins #2123 has done a review of the book, "A Genteel Spy" by Judith Riker Damon, the non-fiction story of Martha Broyles Royce and her family in Franklin, Tennessee. Portions of her review are included here. I have also read the book and found the 203 pages to be very easy, quick reading but filled with the true-to-life woes of women, children, and families during and after the war. The book is available from Amazon.com. Barb Parsons)

The North was mostly spared from any great physical damage, and their families were secure in their own homes. This was not so in the South where most of the fighting and battles took place. Southern towns and cities were captured, and the countryside lay in ruins. Families were uprooted or destroyed. People did the best they could to

get through the war with help from family, friends, and neighbors.

The Moses Royce family from Franklin, Tennessee, consists of Moses, from Vermont; his wife, Martha Broyles Royce; and daughters, Betsy and Sally. They felt sure the war would never come to their home -- but it did! In 1861, Moses joined the Confederate Army and leaves his family at home. Because of some secretive undertakings, Martha and her two daughters were accused of being spies and were given 3 days to leave. During this time the Battle of Franklin occurred. They went to Greenville in upper East Tennessee to stay with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Broyles. Their journey took them from Franklin to Huntsville, Alabama, to Chattanooga, Tennessee, finally arriving in Greenville, Tennessee to Walnut Hill Plantation, slaves and all.

During their stay at Walnut Hill, life goes from being pleasant to being overrun and plundered by Yankees and slaves leaving for the North. On December 18, 1863, Martha receives a letter from Moses, saying he had been accused of guerilla warfare with John Hunt Morgan's men and was sentenced to be shot! Martha at once embarked on another journey -- this time to Richmond, Virginia, to do anything she can to help her husband. It was a long and perilous journey through the winter, but Martha got a promise of help from Jefferson Davis. Upon arriving back at Walnut Hill, they learned that Moses had escaped from prison. (Note: In our Sesquicentennial book, you can read about this escape in the pages of Clay County, Tennessee. It is a fascinating story and quite a coincidence that Moses Royce was among these men! Barb Parsons)

The Yankees are headed for Knoxville to occupy East Tennessee and Martha knows that she and the children would not be safe, so they undertake another journey to Marshallville, Georgia, refugees again! Here they encounter poverty and hunger as never before. While in Georgia they have a good surprise -- their father comes to see them. He told them that Sherman was coming their way and they would have to leave again. They went to a friend's home in Demopolis, Alabama, where times were harder than ever, with shortages of food and everything else.

When the war ended Martha and the girls could not go home because they had no horses or money. One day they saw a ragged man walking down the road and it was Moses who had walked 500 miles to his family. Moses later received a letter from his brother in Vermont with enough money to get them back home. Moses took the Oath in Alabama on July 27, 1865 and the family started for their home in Franklin. Their journey was an epic event, and after traveling more than 1,850 miles they found their home was a total ruin.

We encourage everyone to read this book which was written using letters and journals written after the War by Martha Royce and her daughters. It gives an excellent picture of what life was like for civilians during and after the war. Find out what they did when they finally got back to Franklin -- another exciting story. Enjoy!

Sarah Dodson

Ms. Lisa Meyer, member of the Kate Litton Hickman #597 Chapter sends this note regarding the CD that she has done for the Sesquicentennial:

I am now booking August – December, 2011 dates to do programs on my Southern CD – “Voices Hushed and Still.” It is a collection of Southern songs and rare gems from the War Between the States period.

Commemorate the Sesquicentennial this year by purchasing my CD at a discount to honor and preserve our heritage! CDs can be purchased directly from me at the discount price of only \$10 and includes shipping and handling (check or money order can be made out to me). You can also purchase at wholesale prices for your upcoming events, benefits, etc. by buying 5 or more CDs at \$5 each (shipping and handling also included). I am pleased to announce I was awarded 2009 Southern Heritage Music Association's Awards Winner for Female Artist of the Year and Up and Coming Artist of the Year. In addition, two of the songs are included in the newly released film “Hunter's Raid: The Battle for Lynchburg” which premiered May 21, 2010 in Lynchburg, Virginia. Finally in May, 2010, The Military Order of Stars and Bars awarded me their highest

merit award for a non-member, the Judah P. Benjamin Merit Award for my contribution to Southern Heritage with my CD.

I was born and raised in Harrisonburg in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and now reside outside of Nashville, TN. I am a member of the UDC Kate Litton Hickman Chapter in Nashville and am a past chairman for The Music of the Confederacy for the state of Tennessee.

CD layout was shot at the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in Franklin, TN. The Song List includes:

The Homespun Dress/Old Folks at Home/Oh Shenandoah/Somebody's Darling/ Long, Long Ago/The Rebel Soldier/Slumber On, Baby Dear/Richmond is a Hard Road to Travel/Cruel War/Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier/Pray, Maiden Pray!/I'm Going Home to Dixie/Dixie's Land/Home, Sweet Home/When Upon the Field of Glory

You can hear samples of the songs, download and/or purchase at:

<http://cdbaby.com/cd/lisameyer>

I hope you will support this project in preserving our Southern Heritage!

Sincerely,
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