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United Daughters of the Confederacy®

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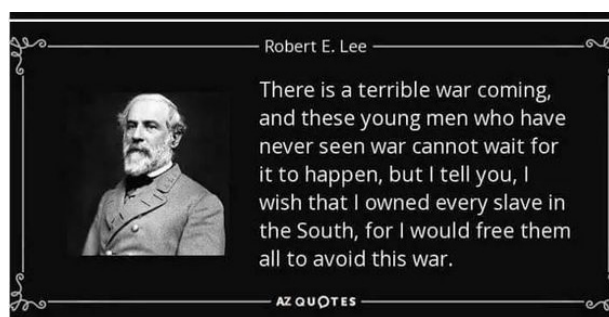
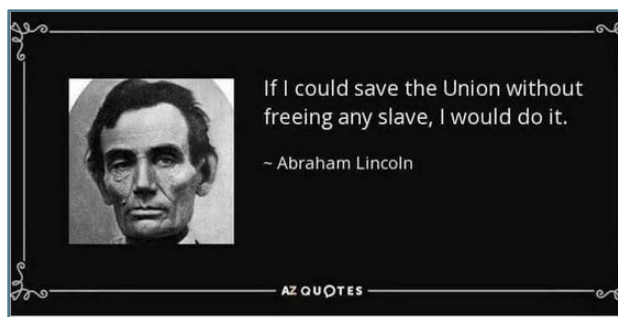
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MMD 217 President's Message

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Ladies -

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

(UDC year, that is...)

I am eager for us to get started this year and hope that everyone will do as I have and make a "New Year's Resolution" to accomplish more of the objectives of the UDC. Each of us wishes to honor our Southern heritage and the best way to do this is to strive to meet the goals within the areas of things Historical, Educational, Benevolent, Memorial, and Patriotic. Most of us donate to various charities, fly the U.S. and First National flags, and vote. All of these things, and many others, need to be in our annual report. Doing the report was very difficult this year because only seventeen of our members submitted one. PLEASE do better this year!



Sarah Duncan Beene, President

*Mollie Moore Davis 217
Newest Members*



**Sarah Beene - President, Debbie Bullington,
Mary June Goodson - Registrar**



**Sarah Beene - President, Tina Knox, Mary
June Goodson - Registrar**



UDC General News

125th Magazine delivery date



First of all, thanks to everyone for the enormous volume of ads purchased and the articles written. With the volume of items to be published comes a delay in completing the publishing process which will cause the Magazine delivery date to be delayed a couple of weeks. Not to worry, it will be delivered and you are going to love it. I have seen the pdf version and it is a true collector's item of which you will be very proud.

We owe a big thank you to Sonya Eason, Magazine Chairman and all of the Magazine Committee Editors, Carole Bannon our Publisher who has worked nights and weekends to put our Magazine together, and a thank you to Pam Trammell who aided in the editing of the final version. I will not share of the details of the Magazine because I want you to be

surprised, so like Christmas, you will just have to be patient and wait for it to come even though it will be a week or so late...

Thanks to all of you for keeping UDC strong and remember to work on educating the public,

Nelma Crutcher
President General UDC 2018-2020

"Education is the Key"



Special Thanks

Mary June Goodson
for all of your hard
work and dedication
on 125th UDC
Magazine edition. We
appreciate you.

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Friendly Reminders for Meetings and Members

1. UDC DRESS CODE for all meeting is Business/Church Attire. Never denim or jeans, t-shirts, or overly revealing tops.
2. NO CELL PHONES "ON" at meetings. We must all remember our manners.
3. NO SHARING of Mollie Moore Davis 217 business information with anyone not in our chapter. Our Membership Information is PRIVATE and is not to be shared publicly or on social media. Information is solely used for Mollie Moore Davis 217 & UDC purposes.



Texas Division Current News



President's Message:

August is here and the end of my first year in office is fast approaching. It has been a pleasure serving as The Texas Division President and I am looking forward to this next year. We have had our ups and downs this year but all in all, it has been a good year. Our new data-base in the Business Office is almost complete and ready to go live. My next project will be to completely revamp our website and make it more up to date and user friendly. Unfortunately, things don't go as quickly as I would like, but please be patient and I think you will like the changes we are making. I took a few days off in May to travel to California to watch as my granddaughter graduated from Chico University with her master's degree.

I am so proud of her. It also gave me the opportunity to play with my great grandson and great granddaughter. Needless to say, after four days, I was ready to return home.

In June, I attended the Texas Division CofC Convention in College Station. I was very impressed with our children and how they conducted their business. What wonderful young ladies and gentlemen they are, and we can be very proud of them and our CofC leaders who are teaching them about the Confederacy and their heritage.

With the summer months, comes the time to work on annual reports. As we finish those up and get them sent to the appropriate Officers and Chairmen, we can start planning for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to our Division Convention in Nacogdoches and seeing what our Convention Committee has planned for us. If you have not made your reservations yet, I hope you plan to do so soon.

I will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee for the 125th Anniversary Celebration on September 7th and 8th. I hope I see many of you there.

PRESIDENT

Dorothy Norred
Texas Division, President
2018-2020

Article from the August 2019 "Battle Cry Newsletter"

October 4 - 6

*123rd Texas Division UDC
Convention*

Nacogdoches, Texas



1900 United Daughters of the Confederacy



1922 United Daughters of the Confederacy



1950 United Daughters of the Confederacy

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Excerpt from a newspaper article.....

Sunday, April 30, 1922, Augusta Chronicle (Augusta, GA), Page 43

DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY HAVE DONE MUCH TO KEEP ALIVE HER TRADITIONS OF OLD SOUTH

"The ideal of this organization is the preservation and marking of historic spots and the perpetuation of the principles, name and fame of the Confederate Soldiers. By this very name they proclaim their pride of birth, as the descendants of patriots, and claim their priceless heritage of genius, valor and sacrifice for the principle of, and the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

These women also minister to the veteran soldiers even as did their mothers of the Confederacy to the young heroes, of *those* days. The aims of the Daughters are therefore five-fold: Memorial, Historical, Education, Benevolent, and Social. (*Social was later changed to Patriotic.*)

.... Since it's organization the Augusta Chapter has contributed about \$15,000 toward the building of monuments, dormitories, scholarships, medals, books and pictures in schools, etc. Prizes are annually award young students of history who write the best essays on a given subject, thus teaching true history. Crosses of Honor have been bestowed on Confederate veterans, their widows or descendants.

...A former president general of the U.D.C. once said, "To be a Daughter of the Confederacy" is the most eloquent tribute a woman can pay her Confederate ancestors, and is a vindication of Confederate history before all the world. When the question is asked "Is there still a Dixie?" let the answered be "Look at the vast throng of U.D. C's and doubt it if you dare."

Mrs. Harry Craig



Chapter Current News

Hello MMD 217 Members!!

I hope everyone had a great summer. I am like a schoolgirl and excited to tell everyone what I did this summer!!

Our Chapter namesake, Mollie Moore Davis, was the subject for my article in the UDC December 2019 magazine. I was amazed to hear of her intelligence, without significant formal education; her dedication to our Confederate soldiers, sending them off to Battle with her poetic words and her gift of prose, lending to her name as the Songbird of Texas.

It is my hope that the activities of our Chapter bring honor to her reputation, name and spirit. I have included one of her poems, *Midsummer Madness*, to give you the ability to see her beautiful words.

Reference: Davis, Mollie Moore. (1867). *Minding the Gap*.

Who am I?

Mollie Moore Davis



Junior Division:

1. What were States rights?
2. What other state attempted to secede and join the Confederacy?

Senior Division:

1. What are considered by historians as the most decisive battles of the War?
2. Who was called "General Lee's right arm"?

Answer Key

Junior Division:

1. The right to regulate their own affairs.
2. Maryland

Senior Division:

1. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Vicksburg, Mississippi
2. Lieutenant General Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson



Chapter Current News

We take great pride in our youth who exhibit an interest in the Confederacy. In the last few years, we have had the pleasure of rewarding those young people with the Ora Mayfield Scholarship as they pursue a higher education once they complete their high school diploma. Mary June Goodson, the Mollie Moore Davis Registrar, is especially proud as this year's recipient is her grandson, Cole Goodson. Mary June has been a guiding light for the entire United Daughters of the Confederacy organization. She has instilled in her family the love and loyalty for the Confederacy as she would have Cole involved in the Confederate activities since he was just a youngster.

Cole has been a recipient of the Ora Mayfield Scholarship since the fall of 2017. He graduated from Tyler Junior College in May with an Associates of Applied Sciences Degree in System Administration. He is now attending the University of Texas at Tyler with plans to major in Computer Science and minor in Business Administration.

Let's take a look back at some of his past accomplishments: Cole graduated in 2017 from Brownsboro High School with a cumulative GPA of better than 98! This young man excelled not only in academics but also in the marching band, in the American Society of Karate as a Black Belt, in his church and benevolent activities and in the Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout! It's easy to see why we are excited to continue to support Cole with the Ora Mayfield Scholarship for the Fall 2019/Spring 2020 semesters.

It is with the young folks like Cole that the importance of preserving their heritage in the Confederacy will remain a focal point in educating others. Let's continue to support the young folks as they are our future. Be generous with your commitment to education through the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Susan Bradley Newman, 2nd Vice President



Chapter Current News

Hello Daughters!

Hope everyone had an amazing summer, I know I did! I am excited to get to see you all at our first meeting on September 19th. Remember that your 2019-2020 membership dues are due. I sent notices out, but feel free to save a stamp and bring them with you to our first meeting.

Looking forward to hearing how your summer was and getting to see everyone on the 19th.

Blessings,

Michelle Threadgill, Treasurer



Chapter Current News

This Summer has been filled with a very busy schedule. It was a joy to be able to take part in a Missionary event that took me to many places in Italy. Our choir, of over 100, sang in different cities including Rome. What a joy to be able to share our love of Christ to so many folks. One of the places we visited was the prison where Paul had been when he was writing to many Christians. His letters are now books of the Bible in the New Testament. Paul was giving encouragement to those he loved, and for them to keep doing good in spreading the gospel of Jesus. It has made his letters come to life for me now that I have seen the awful place where he was imprisoned, waiting for his death and writing to help others.

All of this makes me think of all our dear members that do so many good things for others. There are so many ways to communicate love. Poets have filled volumes trying to find the perfect words. Preachers preach, teachers teach, prophets prophesy. And so love spreads, from person to person. But we are not all good with words. Many would be at a loss if it weren't for their hands - hands to caress, hands to stroke, hands to wipe away tears, hands to scratch backs and massage feet. Hands to work. In Acts 9 we learn of Dorcas, a disciple, who showed her love by making things for others. She had died and so many who loved her had called for Peter to come. Peter sent mourners from the room, got on his knees and prayed, then simply told Dorcas to get up. She opened her eyes and sat up. The Lord was pleased with Dorcas. He used her life to showcase his love both through her and to her. Her good works had made Jesus known in Joppa-simply because she sewed. All of Joppa quickly learned of the miracle of her return to life and many believed in Christ because of this miracle. Read Acts 9: 36-41 and think of how we can do simple things for others.

We in the UDC can find a way to help others as we find our true calling.

God Bless,
Paula Warren, Chaplain

Message taken from the Women of Faith Study Bible



*Memorial Dedication
June 22, 2019*



*Larue Elliott Decker, Dolores Bain, Susan Newman, Tami Hurley, June Elliott,
Paula Warren, Sarah Beene, Paula Patterson, Patty Williams, Marsha Young:*



Letter From Broughton, Edward T. written Saturday, November 16th, 1861

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Date Written: Saturday, November 16th, 1861

Location: Princeton, Kentucky

Correspondence Type: Letter

Link Source: <http://battleofraymond.org/letters.htm>

Subjects: Commanders, Comrades, Eastern Theater, Family, On the March, Religion, Wife/Girlfriend

My Dear Wife,

Though I have well nigh abandoned all hopes of hearing from you while I remain in the service, yet I continue to write you a line whenever an opportunity presents itself. I have nothing new to write to you. The most welcome intelligence which I suppose I can communicate is that I am well. I am almost frantic to hear from you and my little children. These questions are constantly presenting themselves. How are my wife and little ones getting along. Are they well? Are they happy? If these interrogations could be affirmatively and satisfactorily answered, I could almost say I am satisfied to the life I am living. Without this information. I am almost miserable. I have heard nothing definite from you since I left Marshall. I do trust I shall begin to receive letters from home.

I am now at Princeton, Kentucky, which is About fifty miles from Paducah. About 2500 of Gregg's Regiment are here, the balance of the regiment is at Hopkinsville in this state about 30 miles southeast of here. Examine the map and you will see the locality of the places. I have been here two days. I remained six days at Hopkinsville. I have 77 men now in my command. My company is the color company of the regiment. The ladies of Hopkinsville are going to present us with a fine flag and I am to make the reception speech.

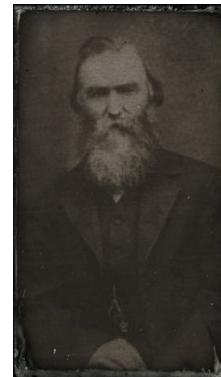
Douglas is adjutant of the regiment and Bush is the color bearer.

So, you see, I have a pretty lucky company at last. The General Tilghman has promised to furnish me a fine uniform, and I mean to take good care of it so that I can wear it home when I come to see you. We are situated in one of the most delightful counties. It is in a high state of improvement, and the scenery is delightful. But I have not much opportunity to enjoy it. My quarters are in the second story of the New Cumberland College building which is one of the finest buildings I have seen in some time. The troops are not permitted to pay the guards at all and the officers only on special business. I managed to get to the hotel every morning to get a hot cup of coffee. We are constantly looking for an attack and consequently orders are strict.

There are about 700 troops here and General Tilghman has five thousand at Hopkinsville to support us. Our pickets come in contact with the enemy everyday. They brought in several loads of provisions today. Sugar, coffee, etc. We will have to fight or retreat before long. But you need not be uneasy about me. You shan't be ashamed of me. Pray the God of battles to shield me from harm. Now my dear wife, I have written out my time and must conclude.

Tell Prentiss, his Pa wants to see him mighty bad, that he must be a good boy and mind his Ma, and he must learn to read by the time I come home. Kiss the sweet Babe for me. May Heaven bless and protect you and my children.

Adieu,
Your husband,
E. T. Broughton





The Survival of the UDC Organization for 125 Years

What really is an organization? An organization is defined as "A social unit of people that is structured and managed to meet a need or to pursue collective goals... They affect and are affected by their environment." www.businessdictionary.com

The UDC was established 125 years ago in Nashville, TN. It was then that groups of women in various places in the South, began to consider the Confederate cause. They wished to have a fair history of the War Between the States, they realized the importance of education, they felt a responsibility for the welfare of the returned soldiers and their families. Upon its inception, these women began to exchange letters, hold meetings, and there finally appeared our organization, The United Daughters of the Confederacy.

All of us have watched the "ebb and flow" of America's cultural climate, and have personally witnessed the effects on the UDC organization. Still as members, we are continuing to watch the UDC organization "weather the storms" and even flourish. It is not perfect, nor is it complete; but it has within itself the power of growth and change. Its spirit of devotion has never failed.

Mollie Moore Davis 217 has both the leadership and enthusiasm to accomplish all our founding members hoped for in our organization. This is going to take your time, patience, self-denial, and hard work. We must put away all thoughts of faction, now has come the time for action! When you are called upon, may there be a united response, "Here I am, Use Me."

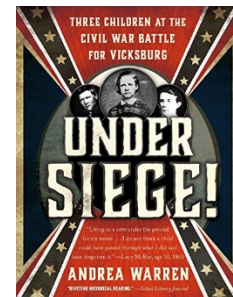
Editorial by

Patty Williams, Editor

Book Review

Under Siege! Three Children at the Civil War Battle for Vicksburg

Written By: Andrea Warren



Meet Lucy McRae and two other young people, Willie Lord and Frederick Grant, all survivors of the Civil War's Battle for Vicksburg. In 1863, Union troops intend to silence the cannons guarding the Mississippi River at Vicksburg – even if they have to take the city by siege. To hasten surrender, they are shelling Vicksburg night and day. Terrified townspeople, including Lucy and Willie, take shelter in caves – enduring heat, snakes, and near suffocation. On the Union side, twelve-year-old Frederick Grant has come to visit his father, General Ulysses S. Grant, only to find himself in the midst of battle, experiencing firsthand the horrors of war.

"Living in a cave under the ground for six weeks . . . I do not think a child could have passed through what I did and have forgotten it." – Lucy McRae, age 10, 1863

Period photographs, engravings, and maps extend this dramatic story as award-winning author Andrea Warren re-creates one of the most important Civil War battles through the eyes of ordinary townspeople, officers and enlisted men from both sides, and, above all, three brave children who were there.

Available on Amazon – print and Kindle format

Midsummer Madness.



INE eyes do ache
 And burn in this wild glare of Love's mid-
 noon ;
 And crimson-hearted flowers about me strewn,
 With their hot fragrance keep my heart awake

When it would sleep,
 And fain forget its yearnings after thee,
 In long, vain hours, as prone before thy knee
 It lies, and begs thy smile, but cannot weep.

Thou dost not smile
 In these vain hours, but scourgest me along
 With scorn upon thy mouth, and gibing song—
 Oh, cruel Soul ! art *thou* so free of guile ?

For thy dear sake
 My heart has worn its crown of thorns, and bled
 With most divine endurance in the dead
 Midnight of passion, when most hearts do break !

Breathe but one breath
 From pitying lips upon my pleading brow :
 So may my heart in that sweet moment glow
 With the great glory of a godlike death !



**Benevolent**

Donations - Time/Talent (not church)

Donation of Items and Value

Monetary Donations

Other Donations

Confederate Flags

Purchased (Any Item with Confederate flag)

Confederate flags placed on graves by member

Confederate flag Flown/Displayed by member (# of days)

Other

Heritage Preservation

Letters/call/emails

Randolph Relief/Real Daughters

Cards to RR members (#) or (\$)

Cards to Real Daughters (#) or (\$)

Cards to UDC members

Patriotic Activities

Citizenship/Naturalization Hours or \$

US flag flown outside of home

Services to active duty military (ex.care packages)

Cards/letters to active duty military

Any other patriotic activity

Southern Literature The literature and arts must relate to the South during the period of the Confederacy, either wartime or pre- and post-war years.

Books read - Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry

Southern books donated

Textbooks Reviewed

Texas or US (form available)

UDC Meetings/Events

Mollie Moore Davis Meetings/Events

Other UDC chapter events

UDC Conventions/Forums/Events

Visits/Pictures Taken

Monuments/Memorial Markers

Confederate Sites

Other Activities

Hours of Genealogical research (personal or others)



Upcoming Events

- September 19 Chapter Business Meeting – Welcome Back
10:00 AM
5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas
- October 4-6 Texas Division Convention
Nacogdoches, Texas
- October 17 Chapter Business Meeting
10:00 AM
5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas



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