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“The Northern onslaught upon slavery was no more than a piece of specious humbug designed to conceal its desire for economic control of the Southern states.”
Charles Dickens, 1862



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MMD 217 Business Meeting
January 16, 2019 10:00 am

First Assembly of God
Church Fellowship Hall
5309 Rhones Quarter Road
Tyler, Texas

Speaker: Michael Hurley
Topic: Music During the War

Refreshments Served

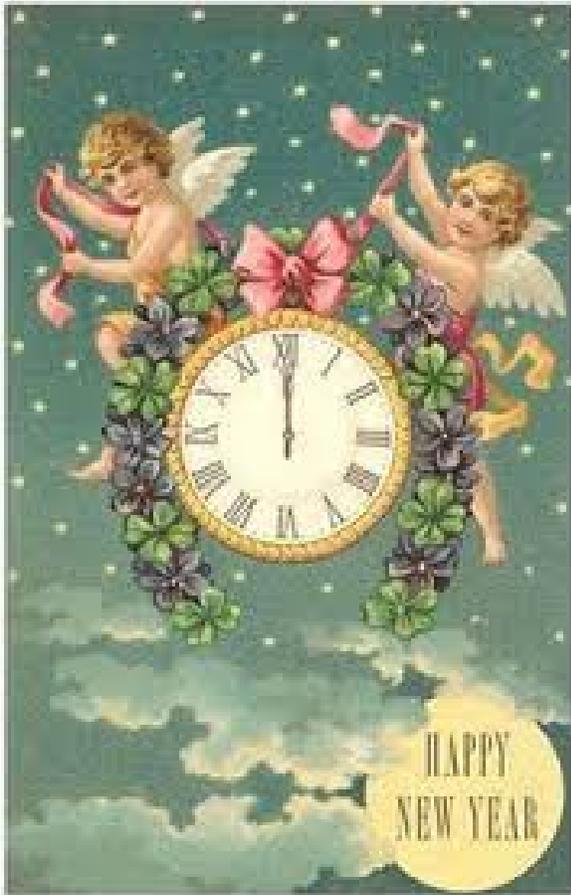


MMD 217 President's Message

Friends,

The holidays were wonderful for me and I hope for you as well. Our UDC year has now passed the half-way mark and I am concentrating on keeping a list of everything I do that can go on my Chapter reports. For example, I am doing a lot of reading, and have several new books. The one I'm enjoying now is TEXAS BURIAL SITES OF CIVIL WAR NOTABLES and it is a treasure. It not only lists people who served in the army and navy but also government officials, authors of Confederate publications, and Secession Convention delegates. I've learned a lot! For example, did you know that 49 Texas counties are named in honor of Confederate veterans? There are thirteen Smith Countians listed- 11 of whom are buried in Tyler's Oakwood Cemetery. Another thing I know will be handy for me is the 27-page list of books and newspapers used to get information on those featured in the book. So many books and so little time!

I hope to see you on the 16th!
Sarah Duncan Beene, President



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.



UDC General News



Happy New Year to all and best wishes for a productive and blessed year to come!

I have an immediate charge for members. I want to see a marked rise in membership. Every Chapter needs to increase its numbers by at least one new member, and each Division needs to increase its number of Chapters by at least one. I challenge you to find potential members and invite them to your meetings. Tell them about our Objective, community projects, and how we honor veterans of all wars. We are an active Organization honoring veterans and citizens of the US and aiding our communities.



Ms. Nelma Crutcher
President General, 2018-2020
"Education is the Key"



Texas Division Current News



Ladies,
Please welcome our new Texas Division Registrar of Supplementals Shirley Kerr. Shirley has graciously accepted the appointment to this office for the remainder of the 2018 - 2020 term.

Michelle Miller had to resign this office due to an increase work load at her office. We appreciate Michelle stepping in to fill the vacancy in October.

Please send all Supplemental Applications to Shirley Kerr at the following address.

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(936)559-0741
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Thank you,
Dorothy Norred
President
Texas Division UDC
2018-2020



The Lexington Intelligencer.

LEXINGTON, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSOURI, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1901.

No. 45

ENTERTAINMENT | THE TABERNACLE MEETING

THE "WHOSOEVER FARM" IN VIRGINIA.

Its Originator Was the Rev. Dr. Wharton, Now Preaching at the Lexington Tabernacle.

A HAVEN OF REST FOR HELPLESS CHILDREN.

A View of the Winnie Davis Cottage—Something of the Progress of "Whosoever."

The "Whosoever Farm" at Luray, Virginia, a home for destitute children, grew out of the work of the Rev. Dr. Wharton, who is now conducting revival services in Lexington



The Winnie Davis Cottage on The Whosoever Farm, Luray, Virginia.

Since the institution of this heaven-born home over three hundred boys and girls have been taken from conditions of poverty, have been cared for, educated and sent out into the world with Christian independence and firm belief in the right to make their way in life. The children of soldiers are also cared for without regard to the color of the uniform worn by the veteran father. In discussing this feature of the work Dr. Wharton says:

"We care for the children of soldiers also, and are now planning to build a large stone house to bear the

name of Winnie Davis, the daughter of the confederacy, the beautiful flower which was the pride of the south, and whose lovely life was a joy and inspiration to our sunny land. We have already opened a cottage in her name, (a picture of which may be found accompanying this story,) but the new one will be much larger and more permanent. It is our purpose to care for any child or widow of our old veterans as long as there is room."

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn86063623/1901-11-30/ed-1/seq-1/>

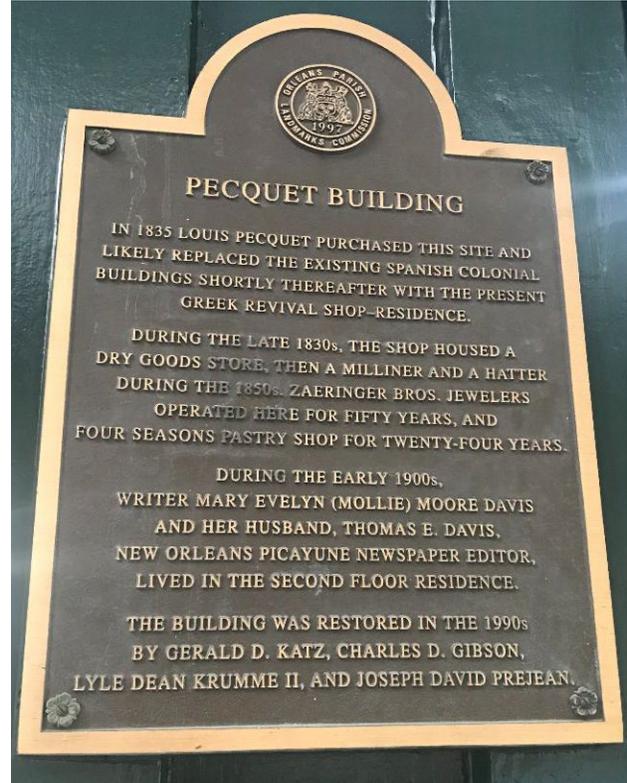


Chapter Current News

Hello MMD Members!!

January is here!! The holidays are complete and 2020 is in full swing. With the start of the new year, we will have busy times with our Chapter activities!! To start 2020, I was able to visit our Chapter namesake's home in New Orleans. She lived at 505 Royal Street deep in the French Quarter. The historical marker noted her residence at that location. I have included the pictures of the home. The building was in typical style of a business on the first floor with a residence on second and third floors. She lived on the second floor with her husband. Catherine and I were glad to see it!! Enjoy the pictures!!

UDC Love,
Tami



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Catherine Ann Chapman

Baylor University
Class of 2019

Bachelor of Science in Anthropology, Minor in Biology
Post Graduate Studies to begin in Summer 2020

Mollie Moore Davis Member
Texas Division UDC Scholarship recipient
UDC General Scholarship recipient





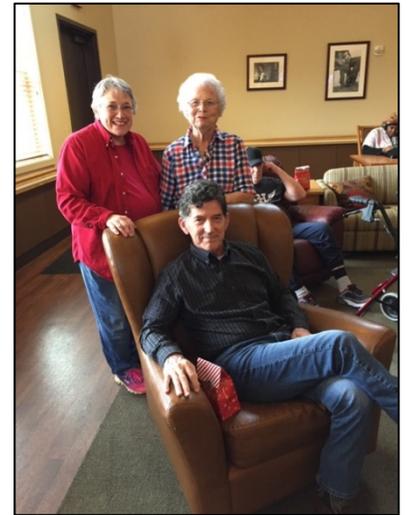
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President General Nelda Crutcher continues to emphasize, "Education is the Key". Some of our members have found ancestors who have served in the "Cause" by doing what I've been doing the last few days—mending. Sometimes it was because it was the only way to continue to have some of the materials things they had. Maybe it was mending socks, shirts, pants for the men or the items they needed at home such as their dresses or quilts.

When my sons married, I gave each of the couples a "Double Wedding Ring" quilt. Fortunately, when the first one married, the quilt was hand made with the materials selected by the future bride. However, when the second one married, the "quilt lady" was no longer available. His bride selected one with colors they could use. Now, twenty-three years later, there are some pieces of that store-bought quilt wearing through. I've been working on replacement of those pieces and can't help but think of those ladies back during the mid-1860s. After working the fields all day with their children and without their men folk, sitting up at night mending their clothing or quilts by lantern or candlelight must have been times of reflection and loneliness.

Part of our education about the times during the War Between the States should be about the women who served whether it was fighting alongside the men, tending to the ill and injured or back home tending the fields with their children or mending their material needs. Wouldn't it be great if this year we could educate ourselves and others about the vital parts women played in the "Cause"?

Susan Bradley Newman, 2nd Vice President



*Nancy Rhodes and Susan Newman, Dec. 9
visiting an Army verteran, at Watkins-
Logan Veteran Home, Tyler, TX*



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Hello Daughters,

Hope everyone had a very Happy New Year and enjoyed all the holidays with your families. Special thanks to Tami for opening her beautiful home for our wonderful December meeting!

At the end of December, I paid Per Capita, which is our largest expense for the year. Now I will focus on our largest fundraiser, our annual Barbeque & Birthday celebration. Please remember to be looking for those items we can put in our silent auction, remember – your "junk" is someone else's treasure! The money we raise during this event allows us to contribute to multiple projects during the year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the January meeting!

Michelle Threadgill

MMD Chapter Treasurer, 2019-2020



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Happy New Year!

December came and went so quickly with so many enjoyable activities with family and friends. As I look back, one of those memorable events was taking part in the Wreaths Across America service at the Hawkins Cemetery where my parents and my mom's side of the family is buried. It was held on Saturday, December 14 on a beautiful, sunny day. I'm not sure the total number of veteran graves marked with wreaths, but there were quite a few. I had purchased wreaths for my dad, Arvil Snider (WWII), my Uncle Ray Crisman (WWI), my Cousin Glenn Crisman (Vietnam), and my Great-granddad William Henry Holmes (CSA). I took my grandson, Joshua, with me that day. He will be four next month, but I did my best to explain first, what is a cemetery, and second, what is a veteran and why we are honoring them. He was very helpful in carrying a couple of the wreaths to the graves and also, putting out a couple of First National Flags. I will continue to try to teach him to honor all our ancestors and also, why we should remember how many of them were willing to serve in the military in all conflicts. Our children must be taught by us because much of our society will not.

I have mailed three applications for Military Service Awards to our Division Recorder of MSA. I am hopeful that they will be approved so our chapter may honor these individuals at our April 4 MMD event.

I am also ready to begin work as Chapter Registrar. I know of one new application in the works and several supplementals which will be submitted in the near future. Please contact me if you know of others who are interested in joining UDC!

Blessings for a wonderful 2020!

Love to all,

Paula Patterson, 3rd Vice President, Registrar, Recorder of Military Service Awards



Joshua Patterson, CofC Rip Ford Rangers, grandson of Paula Patterson



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Over 100 years ago our ancestors were called upon to take a stand for what they believed in. At great personal cost they stepped forward to defend what they believed in. When they decided where they would stand - to secede or not to secede, they were putting everything they had, and often times their very lives, on the line.

Today we are fighting many battles - the desecration of monuments to our southern leaders and soldiers, attacks on our Christian beliefs, accusations of being racists if we have a different opinion from a small group of people - and the list goes on. We are doomed to the destruction of our fundamental right to be individuals if we don't have the same courage that our ancestors had. I challenge you to show a little bit of the ancestors that lives inside of each one of us. Don't give in to those who would rob us of our rights. Take a stand - live your life according to your convictions, show the world the steel that is the backbone of a southern woman.

We are proud of where we came from - now I challenge you to make those we came from proud of us.

Loretta Tomlin, Historian



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For some of our members last year was a little harsh dealing with health, loss of loved ones and other issues that come to us. We can hope that this new year will be better for us. While trying to keep my mind on good things, I was given a book about Patience. Hope you find some of the thoughts on patience helpful as we go into the new year.

PATIENCE and some rules for Holy living by Robert Strand:

Patience is the guardian of faith, the preserver of peace, the cherisher of love, the teacher of humility. Patience governs the flesh, strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride: she bridles the tongue, restrains the hand, tramples upon temptations, endures persecutions, consummates martyrdom. Therefore, "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Col. 3:12-13

Paul left us, through his letter to the Galatians, a picture of the complete Christian. Emphasizing what he called the "fruit of the spirit," he listed nine characteristics that reap a harvest of nourishing fruit in the life of a believer.

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. This article for our January newsletter is focused on Patience and how important it is to a better life.

God Bless,
Paula Warren, Chaplain



Historical Content

Letter, 23 January 1862, from Jeremy Francis Gilmer, a Major of Engineers in the Confederate States of America Army, to his wife Louisa "Loulie" Fredericka Alexander Gilmer. Gilmer wrote of the Battle of Mill Springs, 19 January 1862, in which General Felix Zollicoffer and more than five hundred Confederate soldiers were killed by Union forces led by General George H. Thomas. Gilmer worried that the defeat would open the door to a Union advance into east Tennessee.

Bowling Green, Ky

Jany 23d 1862

My dear Loulie:

Our trains to Nashville have been suspended for some days to carry troops to points in advance and to our left _ thus stopping the mails. I have just learned that our Engine will go to day to Nashville, and I must send you a line by private hand to be mailed at that city. I am very well & very busy. Our defensive works here are now in a good condition, and we feel ready for the enemy, if he will honor us with a visit; but this he seems not inclined to do, but to advance against our forces on the right and left of this position _ threatening East Tennessee on our right, and advancing up Tennessee river on our left. Genl: Zollicoffer attacked the forces under Genl: George Thomas (Husband of the Miss Kellogg-) last Sunday Morning _ 19th inst: _ and after a desperate battle, which lasted from 6 in the morning until about 2 p.m. our forces gave way leaving their commander mortally wounded on the field, and a loss of near 500 killed & wounded. The loss of the enemy was also heavy. Our forces then fell back precipitately & crossed to the South of Cumberland river at "Mill Springs" _ on the road between Somerset & Monticello, Kentucky. The battle was fought at a point some miles in advance or north of the Cumberland river and not a very great distance from the town of Somerset Ky: The attack was made by Genl: Zollicoffer, with an intention to surprise the enemy before he could unite his forces _ but by great activity the union was accomplished, giving superior numbers against us when the attack was made _ This defeat threatens to open the way for our enemy into East Tennessee. Should this be the sequence _ disastrous indeed it will be. Better fortune, I trust, will attend our army on the Tennessee and Mississippi rivers _ The forces in that quarter are prepared to meet any advance of the enemy, and we have much confidence they can drive him back My dear Loulie, in the movements of troops on the Rail Roads, the regularity of mails from this place will be interfered with more or less. You must not, therefore, be worried if there be delay now & then in my letters. I will send you a line whenever I can _

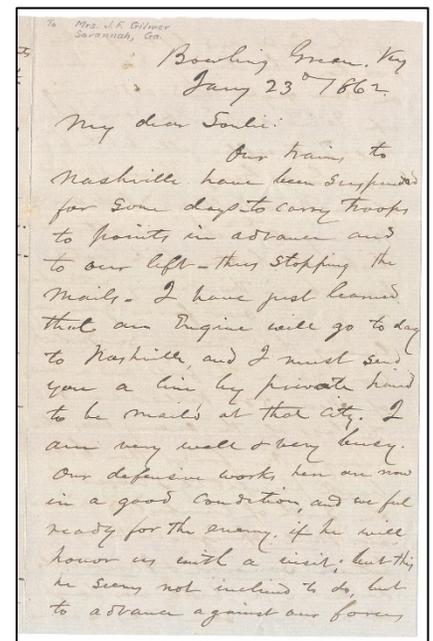
The rains ceased a day or two ago, and the weather is turning cold again, but the cold is not severe for January: little or no ice: _ no snow _ James has been a little sick for some days past, but is getting quite well again. His trouble was cold and pains in the head, with dizziness which has passed off_ He is going about attending to his business_ with much love to you _ the chits _ to Aunt Loulie & your Uncle, I am ever your loving J.F.

**Birth: 23 Feb 1818
Greensboro, Guilford County, NC
Death: 1 Dec 1883 (aged 65)
Savannah, Chatham County, GA**

Marriage: 18 Dec 1850



"Think, Love, Pray, Dare, Live"





Finding Peace in Stressful Times

Over the last few weeks, I've noticed a real change in what people are posting on social media. There is a thoughtfulness that I've never seen before. Thought provoking questions and scenarios seem to be woven into everything I read. We all seem to have realized at the same time that there are serious things happening around us over which we have little or no control.

We are being constantly bombarded by talk of impeachment, conflicts with Iran, 2020 elections, 2nd Amendment rights, illegal immigration and border control, 2020 flu season, and a multitude of other crisis the media wishes to bombard us with in the news. As UDC members we are also dealing with removal of our beloved confederate statues, accusations of racial prejudices, and lack of historical facts known by the general public. All of these items add immense stress to our lives.

How were our ancestors able to handle stress and find peace during war times? Life was supposedly simpler at this time in our history, but logically I don't think they had it any easier. I don't know how they were able to maintain any peace in such a war-torn country.

As I do research into the diaries of everyday people during this time in history, I find the people had strong ties to family and their faith in God. Many of the families lived within a 10-mile radius of each other. Several of them were founders of their local church congregations and other civic organizations. They had a connection with the land and nature that seems to be lacking these days. Today we cannot allow the world to steal our sense of hope and peace. I pray that you are able to find some semblance of optimism and peace of mind in the new year. Let us draw upon the resiliency of our ancestors to show us the way. If they could do it, then so can we!

Looking forward to a wonderful year in 2020.

Patty Williams, Editor and Publisher

AT HOME, May 4, 1861.-I am too nervous, too wretched to-day to write in my diary, but that the employment will while away a few moments of this trying time. Our friends and neighbors have left us. Everything is broken up. The Theological Seminary is closed; the High School dismissed., Scarcely anyone is left of the many families which surrounded us. The homes all look desolate; and yet this beautiful country is looking more peaceful, more lovely than ever, as if to rebuke the tumult of passion and the fanaticism of man.

Can it be that our country is to be carried on and on to the horrors of civil war I pray, oh how fervently do I pray, that our Heavenly Father may yet avert it. I shut my eyes and hold my breath when the thought of what may come upon us obtrudes itself; and yet I cannot believe it.

Excerpt from the Diary of a Southern Refugee by Judith W. McGuire

This diary is available for free reading and download: <http://memory.loc.gov/service/gdc/scd0001/2010/20100727001di/20100727001di.pdf>





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)

Save the Date....April 4, 2020

After repeated requests for her return,

Mollie Moore Davis 217

Tyler, Texas

proudly invites you to join us as we hear,

Teresa Roane, UDC Archivist,

continue her presentation of "Minorities in Confederate Military:
Combat Support...or Hidden in Plain Sight, Part II"

and celebrate

Mollie Moore Davis' April 12, 1844 Birthday

and

the 122st Anniversary of our April 9, 1898, Chartering

First Assembly of God Church, 5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas 75707

Register early to receive our Convention Special Rate.

For additional information, please contact Sarah Beene at 903.561.1946 or DixieRoots@aol.com

**Barbecue and Awards Luncheon
Saturday, April 4, 2020, 11:00 am**

Names Attending	Chapter/Camp	Office Held
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Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Individuals Attending	Convention Special -- Postmarked no later than November 30, 2019 \$25.00	\$ _____
	Forum Special -- Postmarked no later than February 29, 2020 \$30.00	\$ _____
	Regular Registration – Postmarked no later than March 27, 2020 \$35.00	\$ _____
_____ Children	6 -10 years \$ 8.00	\$ _____
_____ Children	5 and under	Free
	Amount of check	\$ _____

Please respond early, but **no later than March 27, 2020.**

Please detach, complete the registration form, make your check payable to Mollie Moore Davis 217, and mail to: Michelle Threadgill, Treasurer,
19298 Fawn Creek, Flint TX 75762



Upcoming Events

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| January 16 | Chapter Business Meeting
10:00 AM
5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas |
| January 25 | UDC Forum Bryan, Texas |
| February 20 | Chapter Business Meeting
10:00 AM
5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas |



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