



*Mollie Moore Davis 217 Tyler, Texas*  
*United Daughters of the Confederacy®*

# Newsletter

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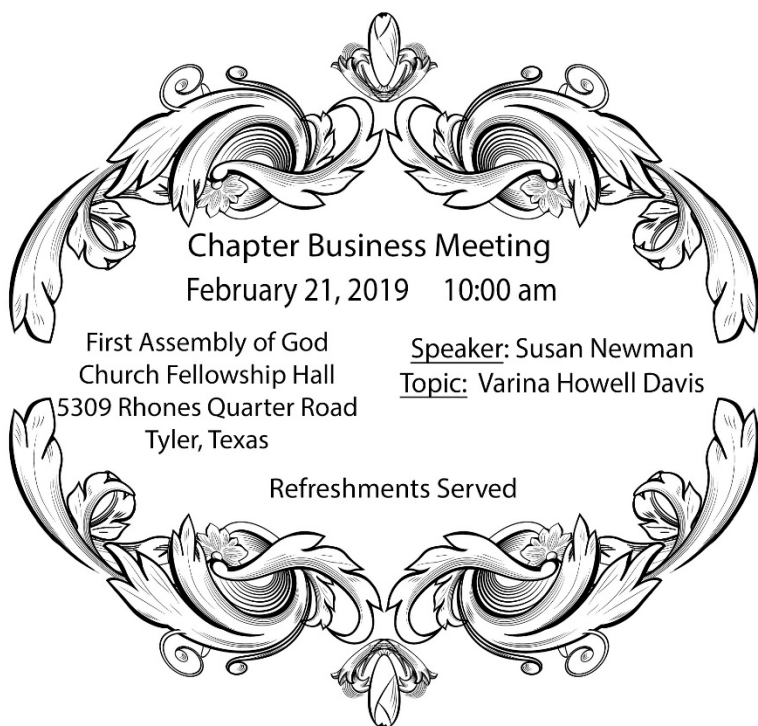


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*Until We Meet Again Mort Kunstler, Artist*



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## MMD 217 President's Message



Ladies - Our chapter has quite a bit coming up in the near future.

On March 9th we are sponsoring the meeting of the UDC chapters of District VIII. All sixteen chapters in the East Texas area should be represented here at our regular meeting place at 10:00. A salad luncheon will be served.

On April 6th we will hold our annual fundraiser in celebration of the birthday of our namesake, Mollie Moore, and the anniversary of the chartering of our Chapter. We are fortunate to have a notable UDC member as our speaker - Theresa Roane, who is the archivist at the UDC Memorial Building in Richmond, Virginia, and an officer of the Virginia Division. We always have a barbecue at this event, as well as a wonderful silent auction. Many ladies from UDC chapters around the state are expected to attend.

On May 18th we are sponsoring a UDC workshop luncheon and Texas Division officers will speak. In addition, there are other events which are not Chapter events, but are always attended by many of our members. On March 23rd, the Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee will have Spirits of Oakwood where reenactors portray some people buried there and tell about their lives. The funds raised are used to repair broken tombstones. On April 28th a memorial and marker dedication will be held at Oakwood Cemetery for a Confederate veteran.

I hope all of our members will plan to attend these events!  
Sarah Beene



### CONFEDERATE SOLDIER MONUMENT

This monument was purchased in 1907 by the Mollie Moore Davis Chapter 217 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to honor the Confederate Soldiers of Smith County. It was a ten-year process to raise the funds for the statue (\$2,500). The marble base that supports the statue was made by Tyler's own Morris Brothers Marble works. The statue of the soldier was constructed by craftsmen in Italy.

*In 1997, members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and other interested citizens formed the Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee and have worked with the Tyler Parks Department since that time to make Oakwood a beautiful historical cemetery.*



### SOLDIER'S PLOT

The remains of 231 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried in unmarked graves near the center of the cemetery. The Confederate Soldier Monument and the First National Flag is a fitting memorial to the soldiers who died in or near Tyler during the War Between the States.



Ladies,

This September we will be celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Organization. 125 years of honoring and celebrating our heritage. Plans are being made for several avenues to mark this milestone of UDC.

Part of the celebration will be a commemorative issue of our UDC Magazine. This issue will be loaded with historical articles and pictures celebrating our past. Each Division and CWND is being asked to do their part to support this project. Ads honoring your ancestor, your Chapter, your Division or a specific historical site or monument will be a welcomed part of our 125<sup>th</sup> special issue. The plans for this issue are outlined in the item below and the attachment that can be shared with your members.

If you do not have a subscription to the Magazine and will want a copy of this collector's issue, extra copies can be purchased for \$20.00. But you might keep in mind that entire year's subscription is also \$20.00 so you can get one issue or entire year of issues for the same price.

Please feel free to share this with all Chapters Presidents for them to share with Chapter members. At Spring Board there will be more information about this with order forms for the special issue.

Thanks,

Nelma Crutcher

President General UDC 2018-2020

*Education is the Key*







## Texas Division Current News



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All proceeds from the sale of the pin go towards the R.I.S.E. Program of the Gary Sinise Foundation.  
More information coming soon.



*Mollie Moore Davis 217*

Tyler, Texas

invites you to join us as we hear our special speaker,

*Teresa Roane, UDC Archivist*

and celebrate

*Mollie Moore Davis' April 12, 1844 Birthday*

and

*the 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of our  
April 9, 1898, Chartering*

**Please reserve the date and make plans to attend.**

Invitation to follow.

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







Dallas Morning News  
Thursday, Oct 11, 1894  
Dallas, TX  
Page: 10

Oct. 25, the day set apart by the management for confederate day in compliment to the Daughters of the Confederacy, promises to be a red letter day at the fair on account of the united effort on the part of the women and the approval and appreciation of the old confederates throughout Texas and the entire south.

In conversation with a News reporter Mrs. Kate Cabell Currie, president of the Dallas organization of the Daughters of the Confederacy, which, by the way, is known as the banner organization of the state, said: "Since the 11th of June, when the fair management made us the generous offer of 15 per cent of the gate receipts, I have written and received twenty letters on an average daily regarding the day and the raison d'être of the fund, which we hoped to swell by our percentage of the day's receipts. Every county and town of any size from the Indian border to the shores of the gulf and the Rio Grande have responded to our call with encouragement and enthusiasm with words of commendation of the management and with assurances that nothing should be left undone by the sons and daughters of the confederacy to add to the success of the day. From Lubbock county comes the word: 'Does the fair association give the daughters 15 per cent? If so, our county will be emptied.' From Bowie county: 'Nothing the state fair association has ever done has so touched the pride and patriotism of our people.' Every paper in Collin county has promised to devote its editorial columns to this day and its glorious object the week preceding the fair. The press in New Orleans, Mobile, Atlanta and

## TEXAS STATE FAIR.

### Daughters of the Confederacy Day to Be a Red Letter Day.

throughout the entire south has been most courteous and commendatory and that of our own proud state most royal in its assistance. Yes, we hope to have Gen. Gordon and several silver-tongued orators from the confederate ranks. Senator Mills, Senator Coke, Hon. Frank Lubbock, Gen. Ross, Judge Abbott, Judge Sims and many others have responded by personal letters and will give short talks during the love feast to be held in music hall in the morning, at which ex-Gov. Hubbard will be the orator. Our programme is not fully made out yet; still, we are far enough along to assure the management and the public that it will be one worthy of the grand cause it desires to perpetuate in the hearts of the people. A reception will be given during the day for Mrs. Hayes, the eldest daughter of Jefferson Davis, who has enthusiastically accepted the invitation of the daughters. Judge Norman G. Kittrell will also be present and address the people in the afternoon. Mr. W. M. C. Hill, owner of the turf favorite, Lena Hill, will put on a special race in compliment to the daughters, in which Lena and Judge Hurt will be entered. Conspicuous in the business of the day will be the forming of a state organization of the Daughters of the Confederacy and at which it is expected that every town in Texas will be represented by special delegate."

The Daughters of the Confederacy are raising a fund to erect a beautiful monument in the city of Dallas sacred to the memory of the "Boys in Gray" who gave up their lives for their country's cause. Another object of this association is to secure and keep green burial plots in the cemeteries throughout the state for the confederate dead.

<https://www.genealogybank.com/doc/newspapers/image/v2:0F99DDB671832188@GB3NEWS-10728E89003A8478@2413113-10728E8B17503B30@9-10728E931D4EDE60>



## Chapter Current News

Hello MMD Members!!

This year is progressing so fast, I cannot believe we are over half-way complete with another UDC year!! However, we will be busy for the last half!! On the first weekend of February, eight MMD Chapter members traveled to Killeen for the 2019 Texas Division Forum meeting. Lots of information was distributed to ensure we know the procedures the new Division Officers need for us to use in the upcoming bi-ennium. As we have new General Officers, some of the paperwork and procedures for our activities are changing. Our Chapter is on top of the new procedures to help us continue our work without difficulty. It is un-official, but I think our Chapter had the most representation at the meeting- WOOHOO!!!

We have several opportunities to continue our Chapter support by attending our upcoming meetings: District Meeting, MMD BBQ, and Texas Division Convention in Nacogdoches. Make your reservations now for all events!!!

Lastly, at Forum, I purchased catechism books to ensure we know our history. Many of the questions you already know the answer; however, some you may not. All information we learn or refresh our knowledge assists us to educate those around us about the Confederacy.

***What are States Rights?*** The right to regulate their own affairs, one of which was to hold slaves as property.

***How were States' Rights acquired?*** These rights were given to every state by the Constitution of the United States.

***Did slavery Exist in all thirteen colonies?*** Yes, Slavery existed in all thirteen colonies at the time of the Declaration of Independence.

***Why did slavery cease to exist in the New England states?*** Neither climate nor the industrial nature of the northern economy made slave holding profitable or practical.

Tami Hurley, Vice-President

The newest UDC pin commemorating our 125th Anniversary will be available in the Spring



10/12/18





## Chapter Current News

President General Nelma Crutcher continues the theme of "Making our true place in history...**Education is the Key**" in the *UDC Magazine* of February 2019. We need to not only fall back on education but also start with our members and allow them to educate the public. Continuing to offer scholarships for our youth so that they may act as ambassadors is another way to educate. Do you know of someone who will be graduating high school in May 2019 that we may consider for a scholarship? Or, perhaps there is someone already in college that will be continuing their education that we may consider. President General Crutcher reminds us also in the February issue to volunteer in community projects which may include visiting Veterans organizations, working with schools and supporting food banks.

Valentine cards will be shared with our veterans at the Watkins-Logan Veterans Home in Tyler this month. These have been signed by some of the "Rip" Ford Rangers #608, Children of the Confederacy. We will also furnish some "goodies" after we decorate inside one of the houses for the ten veterans housed there. This will be our first year to actively support one of these groups and pay tribute to a few of the men who strived to keep us free. We will have more support in the following months as this will prove to be very rewarding and educational for them and for us. We plan to bring them some of the programs we present at our Mollie Moore Davis meetings and hear about their experiences, too.

Commit to education through the UDC so that the public will hear the true accounts about the War Between the States.

Susan Bradley Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

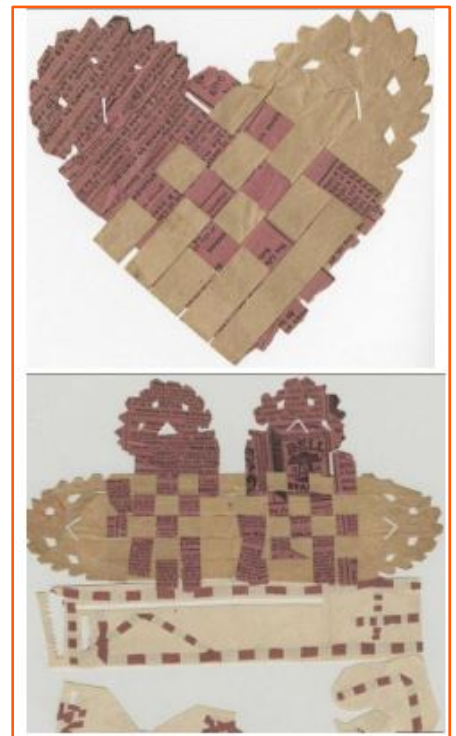


## Chapter Current News

When I was thinking about what I would do for my husband for Valentine's Day I wondered how the soldiers back during the war acknowledged Valentine's Day. So, Mr. Google and I went to work and I found something that I thought was pretty special and I wanted to share it with you.

Out in the field many soldiers made their own cards using what materials that they had. In 1862 Confederate soldier Robert King made this basket weave folded card for his wife from scrounged paper. Opened up it showed two crying lovers. A particularly sad foretelling of his death

Loretta Tomlin, Historian



<https://americancivilwarvoice.org>



## *Chapter Current News*

Hello Daughters,

As discussed in the January meeting, our biggest expense, Per Capita, has been submitted to division for the year. We are still over 50 members, with several new additions already this year! Exciting to see new faces in the chapter meetings, especially when we all share the same passion for our history.

Hope to see several attend the workshop this year. If you would like to take on a bigger role in our chapter, this is a great opportunity to learn more of what those roles are all about. Additionally, please plan to attend our chapter BBQ on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Look forward to an amazing guest speaker, and to shop at our ever-growing silent auction!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

Michelle Threadgill, Treasurer



## *Chapter Current News*

I am excited to report that I have submitted one application for a Military Service Award and have another ready to mail. Both will be posthumous recognition at our BBQ for World War II veterans, one Navy and one Army. Both these men were willing to risk their lives to serve their country just as their Confederate ancestors did for the South. I am so happy that UDC continues to honor all of our heroes.

While it is too late to send in any more applications for this year, please let me know if you have a family member who would qualify for one of these awards. I'll be happy to check any documentation and see what else might be needed for proof of service and connection to a Confederate ancestor.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Valentine's Day! Love to all!

Paula Patterson, Recorder of Military Service Awards





## Chapter Current News

Happy Valentine's Day to all members. Remember to tell someone how much you love them. Praying that all members stay well and know that I do love you all. Have not heard of any new illness of members, except for myself. Got the stomach bug really bad, just now getting back on my feet. The good thing, I lost 3 pounds, but the bad thing, I gain it back very easy.

Robert E. Lee's Prayer:

"Help me to be, to think, to act what is right because it is right; make me truthful, honest, and honorable in all things; make me intellectually honest for the sake of right and honor and without thought of reward to me."

An interesting fact about Robert E. Lee, born Jan 19, 1807, was found in Virginia when Communion was served at his church. A man walked down the aisle and knelt at the altar. A rustle of resentment swept the congregation. "How dare he!" After all, believers in that church used the common cup. Suddenly a distinguished layman stood up, stepped forward to the altar, and knelt beside the black man. With Robert E. Lee setting an example on one Sunday morning in 1865. A black man entered a fashionable church in Richmond, the example, the rest of the congregation soon followed Robert E. Lee's lead.

### *A Lovely Day*

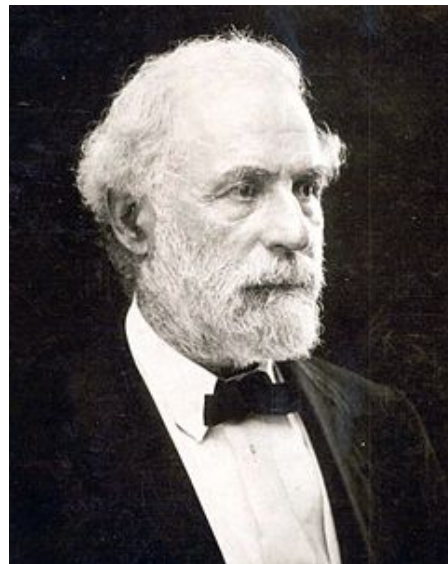
On this, a very lovely day,  
We come to thank thee, Lord;  
It is a day of hope and joy,  
So, let it be adored....

On this, a very lovely day,  
When all around is peace,  
We look to Thee, our blessed Lord,  
To grant us Thy release....

On this, a very lovely day,  
We lift with care each heart,  
And call on God for all His love  
And vow to do our part!

Poem by Hope C. Oberhelman

God Bless,  
Paula Warren, Chaplain





## Historical Content

<https://www.history.com/news/the-hunleys-daring-submarine-mission-150-years-ago>

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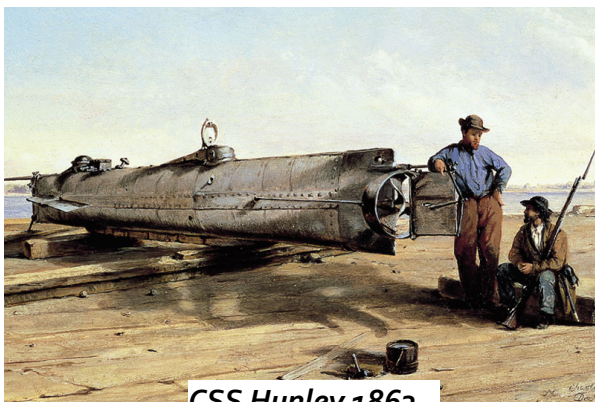
Civil War combat foreshadowed modern warfare with the introduction of the machine gun, repeater rifles, and trench warfare, and the use of trains to quickly move troops. However, one of the most celebrated tactical innovations of the war was the use of submarines by the Confederate Navy.

On the clear but chilly night of February 17, 1864, John Crosby stood on the deck of USS Housatonic a little less than six miles and three years removed from the launching point of the Civil War, Fort Sumter. The moonlight shimmered on Charleston Harbor's still surface as Housatonic patrolled the South Carolina waters as part of the Union naval blockade that was slowly strangling the Confederacy.

As Crosby gazed out at the placid harbor around 8:45 p.m., Housatonic's officer of the deck suddenly saw something shatter the water's glassy surface only 100 yards away on the starboard side. At first, Crosby thought it could be a surfacing porpoise or perhaps a log. But as the murky shadow rippled closer to the warship, the Navy officer sounded the alarm as he realized that the strange object closing in on Housatonic was actually a cutting-edge naval weapon—a submarine. The captain and crew fired their rifles and shotguns in a futile attempt to halt the approaching vessel, but the bullets merely bounced off Hunley's armor as a spar torpedo mounted at the end of a 16-foot rod that protruded from the submarine's bow struck the warship. The spar tore into Housatonic's starboard quarter near its powder magazine, and the rebel torpedo laden with 135 pounds of gunpowder exploded. Housatonic took on water immediately, and within minutes it was a loss, the first warship to have ever been sunk by a submarine.

Most of Housatonic's 155 crewmembers saved themselves by launching lifeboats or climbing the rigging, which remained above the harbor's shallow 27-foot depth in time for rescue boats from a nearby Union warship to arrive. Five Union sailors died, but the outcome was even more devastating for the Confederacy as Hunley never returned to port. For the third time, Hunley slipped to the bottom of Charleston Harbor, but exactly why remains a mystery.

Note: The rest of the story will be explored next month.



**CSS Hunley 1863**



**USS Housatonic**



## The Anonymous Heroes

The history of the War of Northern Aggression has often been told through the exploits of famous generals such as Lee, Grant, Jackson, and McClellan, and Presidents Lincoln and Davis. Lesser known and anonymous heroes were the ones left behind to fight the everyday battles on the home front. They were the men, women and children who strove valiantly to provide a livelihood for the people who depended on them. They are remarkable examples of ones who bore up under great trials and remained steadfast in labor and loyalty, even though, they too would have greatly preferred a quick end to the horrible war.

A famous phrase states that “necessity is the mother of invention”. The men and women of America were indeed true innovators when it came to vital necessities. They survived multiple shortages of food, clothing, medicine and the basic provisions to sustain life. Their examples of surviving despite everything have been followed throughout Southern history. We have dealt with Reconstruction, The Great Depression, World War I, The Dust Bowl, and World War II. Even through all of these horrifying times we have remained part of a strong and patriotic nation. As Americans we show the world we will not be defeated or compromised.

Let us continue as men and women on the home front to pray daily for our country and our leaders. Let us use knowledge and wisdom together to continue telling their stories of love, sacrifice and devotion.





# TEXAS DIVISION UDC DISTRICT VIII WORKSHOP

**SAT., MARCH 9, 2019**

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

**Registration 9:30 am / Program 10:00 am**  
Light Refreshments Will Be Available

**Registration \$25.00**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Please Select Your Choice of Salad**

- ☐ **Grilled Chicken Mandarin Salad**  
Grilled Chicken, Mandarin Oranges, Toasted Almonds & Red Onion on Bibb Lettuce with Poppy Seed Dressing
- ☐ **Chef's Salad**  
Julienned Turkey and Ham, Cheddar Cheese, Swiss Cheese, Tomatoes, Red Onion on a Bed of Lettuce. Choice of ☐ Ranch or ☐ Italian Dressing
- ☐ **Chicken Fajita Salad**  
Green Salad with Strips of Sautéed Chicken, Peppers, Corn, Black Beans & Cheddar Cheese, served with Chipotle Ranch Dressing

Beverages and Desserts Will Be Provided

Send your Reservation and Salad Selection to:

Michelle Threadgill, Treasurer  
19298 Fawn Creek  
Flint, Texas 75762

**Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2019**

Checks payable to: Mollie Moore Davis, 217

# *Mollie Moore Davis 217*

United Daughters of the Confederacy®

Tyler, Texas



Cordially Invites You to Attend our

## Barbeque and Awards Luncheon

On Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Please Help Us Celebrate the

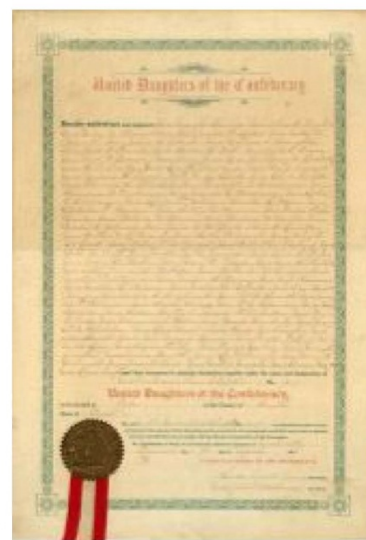
*April 12, 1844 Birthday*  
of our  
Namesake,

*Mollie Moore Davis*

and

*the Anniversary*  
of the *April 9, 1898*  
Chartering of

*Mollie Moore Davis 217*



Our speaker will be

*Teresa Roane*  
*UDC Archivist*

You are also invited to shop our silent auction.

**First Assembly of God Church**

5309 Rhones Quarter Road

Tyler, Texas 75707

Sunday or Period Attire Welcome

Register Early for Discount

Seating May Be Limited

RSVP no Later than April 1, 2019

# Barbecue and Awards Luncheon

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 11:00 am

Names Attending

Chapter/Camp

Office Held

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Address:

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Phone:

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Email:

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_____ Individuals Attending	Postmarked by January 31, 2019	\$30.00	\$ _____
	Postmarked February 15 – April 1, 2019	\$35.00	\$ _____
_____ Children	6 -10 years	\$ 8.00	\$ _____
_____ Children	5 and under	Free	
<b>Amount of check</b>			<b>\$ _____</b>

Please make your checks payable to "Mollie Moore Davis 217".

Please respond early but no later than April 1, 2019, by detaching, completing registration, and mailing to:

Mrs. Michelle Threadgill

Treasurer

19298 Fawn Creek

Flint TX 75762

## DIRECTIONS TO

First Assembly of God Church

5309 Rhones Quarter Road

Tyler, Texas 75707

### From North and East

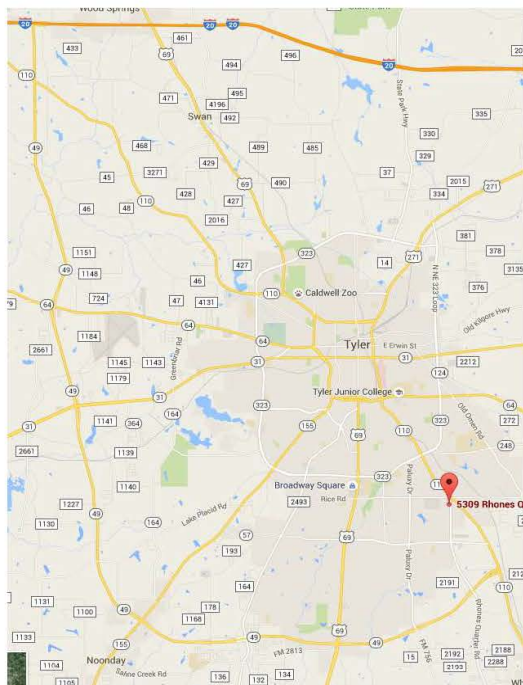
1. From ESE Loop 323 and Hwy 110/Troup Highway intersection, turn south onto Hwy 110/Troup Hwy and travel 1.3 miles.
2. Turn right onto Shiloh Road, and then an immediate left onto FM2964/Rhones Quarter Road. Travel 0.2 miles.
3. Arrive at 5309 Rhones Quarter Road. The First Assembly of God Church will be on your right. Enter at the south covered entrance.

### From DFW

1. Take I20 East to Exit 553/TX-49 Loop/Toll 49
2. Travel about 27.9 miles to TX2964/Rhones Quarter Road (does not have an exit number)
3. Travel north. First Assembly of God Church will be on your left about one block before Rhones Quarter dead ends into Shiloh Road.

### From South

1. Travel to north to TX-49 Loop/Toll 49
2. Turn right and travel to TX-2964/Rhones Quarter Road.
3. Travel north to First Assembly of God Church. Church will be on your left before dead ends into Shiloh Road.





**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. Coupons, 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 (documents to Paula Patterson)

Confederate Site (documents to Sarah Beene)

**Other Activities**

Hours of Genealogical research (personal or others)



## Upcoming Events

February 21	Chapter Business Meeting 10:00 AM 5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas
March 1	Texas Division - Region VIII District Meeting Registration: 9:30      Program 10:00 5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas
March 21	Chapter Business Meeting 10:00 AM 5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas
April 6	Mollie Moore Davis 217 Barbeque and Awards Luncheon 11:00 AM 5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas



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