



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



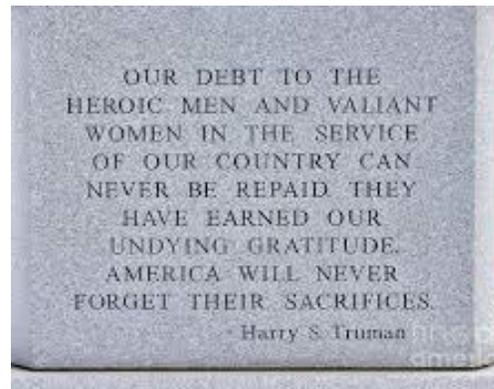
Newsletter

Volume 19, Issue 3

November 2018

Patty Massey Williams
Editor and Publisher
1202 Jamaica Drive
White Oak, TX 75693

Website: <http://molliemooredavis.org>
Bibliography Available Upon Request



Chapter Business Meeting
November 15, 2018 10:00 am

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

Speaker: Cythia Harman
Topic: Giving Thanks
in the South

Refreshments Served

2016 - 2018 Mollie Moore Davis Officers

President	Sarah Beene
Vice-President	Tami Hurley
2 nd Vice President	Susan Newman
3 rd Vice President	Cynthia Harman
Recording Secretary	Patty Williams
Treasurer	Michelle Threadgill
Registrar	Mary June Goodson
Historian	Susan Newman
Recorder of Military	Paula Patterson
Service Awards	Paula Warren
Chaplain	Sarah Beene
Custodian	Patty Williams
Corresponding Secretary	Reta Brand
Parliamentarian	



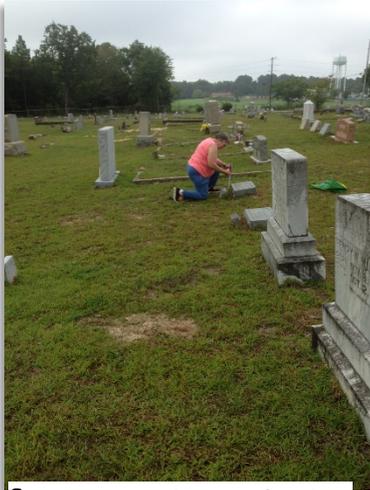
MMD 217 President's Message

With Veterans Day rapidly approaching, I decided to read about the history of the day and share it with our members.

It began during "The Great War", as World War I was called at the time. The Allied Nations and Germany declared an armistice, or cessation of fighting, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. The next year, that date was called "Armistice Day" and was called by that name for years. After World War II and the Korean War, it became known as "Veterans' Day" - a Federal holiday to honor all American veterans- living or dead. So, this is a perfect time to honor our Confederate heroes. Try to visit the grave of some soon, if possible. Our chapter has small First National flags, and pieces of pipe to use to place them near the headstones. Susan Newman and I recently marked sixty-nine graves of Confederate veterans in six Smith County Cemeteries and hope to do many more in the near future. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us.

Most of our members are unaware that the Mollie Moore Davis newsletter won the award at Convention for being the best newsletter in the entire Texas Division. Patty Williams has worked very hard and has done a superior job. Be sure to let her know that you appreciate her!

Sarah Beene, President



Susan Newman at Bascom Cemetery



Sarah Beene, Mollie Moore Davis 217 President, escorted by John Threadgill



Jan Barton at grave of her ancestor



We, as an Organization of dedicated women, have a heritage to protect in this time of adverse publicity. I know we will be able to meet the challenge while maintaining the truth about the War Between the States era. The challenge is a serious one. When members become discouraged with the direction that our Organization is going. I encourage you to focus on the positive and continue to stand *United in Service*. We must succeed in fulfilling the official Objects of our Organization which are Historical, Educational, Benevolent, Memorial and Patriotic. All the work we do at the Chapter, Division and General levels of our Organization should focus on fulfilling each of our objects.

Veterans Day is November 11, 2018. This is a National Holiday when we as Americans can pause to remember and honor Veterans of All Wars. Take the time to thank a Veteran. Show your appreciation for all that they have endured to serve this great nation and protect us from harm. We owe these men and women a huge debt of gratitude. The least we can do for them is to remember them.

Patricia M. Bryson
President General 2016-2018



**Texas Division Convention
Pianist: Paula Patterson**



**Region VIII Chairman Norma Holley with John Threadgill
President's Evening**



**Patty Williams and Paula Patterson
singing at the Education Hat Luncheon
with the Texas Belles Choir**



President Dorothy Norred Texas Division President's Project 2018-2020



"I created the Gary Sinise Foundation to shine a light on all those who have served. To address their needs wherever and whenever possible. To bridge the disconnect between those who defend our nation and those who benefit from their sacrifices. To provide a reliable and trusted resource for citizens to offer their helping hand." - Gary Sinise





Chapter Current News

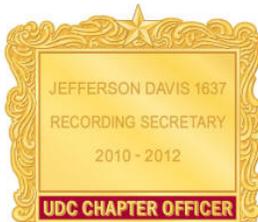
Hello All!!

We are now in November witnessing the changing of the leaves. Thanksgiving is almost upon us. What a wonderful time to foster family through a simple story, discussions of family traditions or even recipes/serving items around the Thanksgiving table from a dear family member. Sometimes it is simple conversations that may bring smiles to our faces of ancestors gone before us... it may also spark the love of genealogy in others!!!

Insignia note:

Have you served as a Chapter Officer?? You need to recognize your service to Mollie Moore Davis 217 by adding the Chapter Officer Pin to your official insignia ribbon. I just need an Engraved Insignia Form no 2 and \$55. I'll have the sheets with me at the meetings OR if you want one before then, just let me know.

Tami Hurley, Vice-President



Chapter Current News

Hello Daughters,

What a great month October has been. We had a great convention that several were able to attend. I was able to be a Page during convention & had a blast getting to know new people. Congrats to Patty for first place for our AMAZING newsletter! Also to Susan for a great first place win in our category for the scrapbook. I was very proud of Sarah for the Jefferson Davis medal she was awarded as well. MMD really represented ourselves well! If possible, I would encourage all members to attend next years Convention in Nacodoches.

It was so good to see everyone at the October meeting. For those that were absent you missed an amazing program from Tami & a delicious prepared lunch!

Back to business, thank to all that have submitted dues already. We are only missing a few at this point & I have sent 2nd notices out.

Michelle Threadgill, Treasurer



Chapter Current News

A grandmother recently expressed her delight that her three-year-old granddaughter salutes the American flag she has in her yard, puts her hand over her heart and recites the Pledge of Allegiance. The child can also sing the National Anthem and recite the Lord's Prayer. How could this be? Education! Someone has taken the time to educate this child at an early age. That's what we need to be doing ourselves-not only with our little ones but also with our youth. And, as a matter of fact, we need to be educating our own family members and others every chance we get about the heritage we have in the Confederacy. We are the link to that heritage that our youth will be able to share with their offspring. Let's be sure we continue the education about our Confederate ancestors to those who will follow us. Supporting our youth by education and scholarships will help show them that we are proud of our ancestors who paved the way for us. Be generous with your commitment to education through the UDC.

Susan Bradley Newman, 2nd Vice President



Scholarship Recipient, Victoria Snyder and her grandmother, Susan Newman



Chapter Current News

With the elections this month and the buildup to them, it has made me think about what our ancestors might say if they were able to witness the state that our nation is in right now. They might recount the terrifying conditions that they face before the start of the war and how they managed to survive. Knowing where we come from and the struggles that were faced and overcome should give us hope and the determination, we need to see that evil doesn't prevail. Find opportunities to share with your children and grandchildren their heritage. Tell them of the strength, commitment and conviction that their great-grandparents had and how they didn't give up when things were hard. Give our future generations hope through the knowledge of what has been and that they too have the same strength that their forefathers had and nothing is beyond their reach.

Loretta Tomlin, Historian



November is full of many activities and it is stacked up to be very busy for this Chaplain. Please forgive me as I will not be able to attend our November meeting. Duties require me to be at my church all morning November 15th. If any of our members are sick, please let me know and you can be put on a prayer list. Prayers are for everyone to stay well during this beautiful Autumn season. Also, remember our Veteran's day which will be observed Nov. 12 as well as November 11th due to the 11th falling on Sunday. On Nov. 12, there will be activities at the Watkins/Logan Veteran home with a parade of which I hope to take part. Of course, Thanksgiving is on November 22 and wishes are for everyone to have a blessed Thanksgiving. All month long we are to honor American Indians as November is American Indian Heritage month. We are to remember American Indians and all they have contributed to our great nation. I have 2 Proclamations declaring that we remember this month as American Indian Heritage month. American Indians fought in the War Between the States and all wars since. The sad thing is, these native people did not have the right of American citizenship until 1924. Congress gave citizenship to honorable discharged Indian veterans in 1919, and that action helped the country move toward the ultimate goal of universal Indian citizenship. The act of citizenship was drafted by Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, a man of part Kansa and Osage descent, who later served as vice president under Herbert Hoover.

Colossians 3:15-16

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. ***And be thankful.*** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

Paula Warren, Chaplain



Charitable items needed: used Christmas cards, plastic grocery bags (used for sleeping mats), used postage stamps, pillowcases, and any lace, elastic or trim for decorating the pillowcase dresses.





History of the UDC

Sarah E. Gabbett, Designer of Cross of Honor

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 16.—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Gabbett was the oldest and only surviving daughter of the late Dr. Cosmo P. Richardson and the last of a distinguished family prominent in the affairs of the country since the revolutionary times.

She was born in Savannah about 1830 and spent her early years here. Her mother, who was Miss Margaret Wailey, of Hancock county, died early and her father in 1852. In 1855 she married William Gabbett, of Mount Minnick, County Limerick, Ireland. They came to Savannah soon after and lived here several years.



Laurel Grove Cemetery (North)
Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, USA

Article:

Macon Telegraph Monday, Jul 17, 1911 Macon, GA Page: One



At the outbreak of the Civil War the husband joined the Confederate army as a captain in the engineering corps and served four years. During the Civil War he came into possession of the old family estate in Ireland and returned there later and lived there until his death.

In 1896 Mrs. Gabbett returned to Georgia after traveling extensively in Europe and made her home in Atlanta until her death. Mrs. Gabbett took great interest in the work of the Daughters of the Confederacy and, it is said, designed the crosses of honor bestowed on Confederate Veterans. It is said she chose the design from an old tombstone in Ireland. For many years she was active custodian of the crosses and later became honorary custodian.

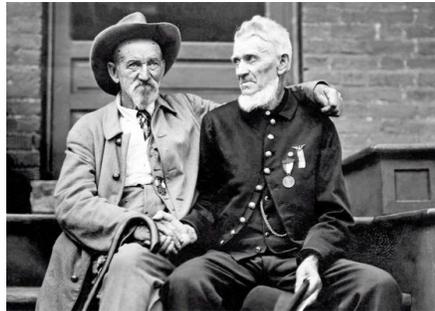
Dr. Richardson, her father, was considered one of the most brilliant physicians of his time. His residence here was magnificent, but was burned on the eve of Sherman's coming. Mrs. Gabbett had no children and no members of her immediate family survive. She was deeply interested in art and music.



Who Is A Soldier?



WILLIAM NELSON BOSWELL



Black Confederates in the War for Southern Independence



1ST LOUISIANA NATIVE GUARD 1861
Image by: www.forestescort.org



Elizabeth Jane French



Definition: A Soldier is not just a person in uniform - a true Soldier forms specific **character** traits over the years. These traits are called "The Army Values". These values are: **Loyalty**, Duty, **Respect**, Selfless Service, Honor, **Integrity**, and Personal **Courage**. Many of our ancestors exhibited these core values and displayed them daily. Let us learn from the examples they have so diligently shown throughout history.

We can all be soldiers in our fight to honor our ancestors, preserve our monuments and historic sites, educate the next generations as to the true history of the War Between the States, honor our present-day soldiers, and pray diligently for our nation and its leaders. Let us be United in Service.

Patty Williams, Editor



In Honor of American Indian Heritage Month

Native Americans served in both the Union and Confederate military during the War Between the States. Many of the tribes viewed the Confederacy as the better choice due to its opposition to a central federal system which lacked a respect for the sovereignty of Indian nations.

MONUMENT DEDICATED

To the Catawba Indians Who Fought for the Confederacy

Columbia, S. C., July 31.—To commemorate the enduring friendship of the Catawba Indians for the whites and then honor the men of that tribe who in 1861 entered the Confederate army and fought for the South a monument was dedicated at Fort Mill today. An Indian brave chiseled from marble stands upon a granite pedestal, his bow bent and arrow on string. On the base are inscriptions recounting the services of the Indians in the civil war; the names of those who fought and those who fell. Many of the Indians were themselves slave holders.

The monument stands in a park in the town of Fort Mill, on the very ground where, according to the chronicles of the tribe, their greatest and bloodiest battle was fought in 1757 with the Cherokees.

The park at Fort Mill bears the distinction of having the first monument unveiled to the women of the Confederacy, and also to having the only monument ever dedicated to the faithfulness of the slaves to their masters' families during the civil war, and to the Indian allies of the Confederates. In the group is also a monument to the Confederate soldiers.

Sir: To enable the Secretary of War most advantageously to perform the duties devolved upon him in relation to the Indian tribes by the second section of the Act to establish the War Department of February 21, 1861, it is deemed desirable that there should be established a Bureau of Indian Affairs, and, if the Congress concur in this view, I have the honor respectfully to recommend that provision be made for the appointment of a Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and for one clerk to aid him in the discharge of his official duties.

— Jefferson Davis to Howell Cobb, Confederate States of America – Message to Congress, March 1861^[1]



Age-Herald Wednesday, Aug 01, 1900 Birmingham, AL Vol: XXVII Issue: 43 Page: 3

At the beginning of the war, [Albert Pike](#) was appointed as Confederate envoy to Native Americans. In this capacity he negotiated several treaties as early as July 1861. The only recorded [tribes](#) to fight for the Confederacy were the Catawba, Creek, Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole.



Chapter Current News

Sarah Beene, Mary June Goodson, Michelle Threadgill, Patty Williams, Paula Patterson



Sarah Beene, Norma Holley, Patty Williams, Tami Hurley, Vicki Britton, Paula Patterson



Memorial Service Speakers: Sally Patterson, Patty Williams, Tami Hurley, Eva Long, Lois Lowe, Nancy Brown



Benevolent

Donations - Time/Talent (not church)

Donation of Items and Value

Monitary 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 Mettings/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

Dec. 20	Christmas Business Meeting 10:00 AM Carol Kehl's Home 2322 S. Chilton, Tyler, Texas
Jan. 17	Chapter Business Meeting 10:00 AM 53009 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas
January 19	Dallas 6 Jackson Maury luncheon (more info to follow)



Opinions expressed by individual writers are their own and do not necessarily reflect official positions of the organization.

Newsletter of
Mollie Moore Davis 217 UDC
Patty Massey Williams
Editor and Publisher
1202 Jamaica Drive
White Oak, TX 75693