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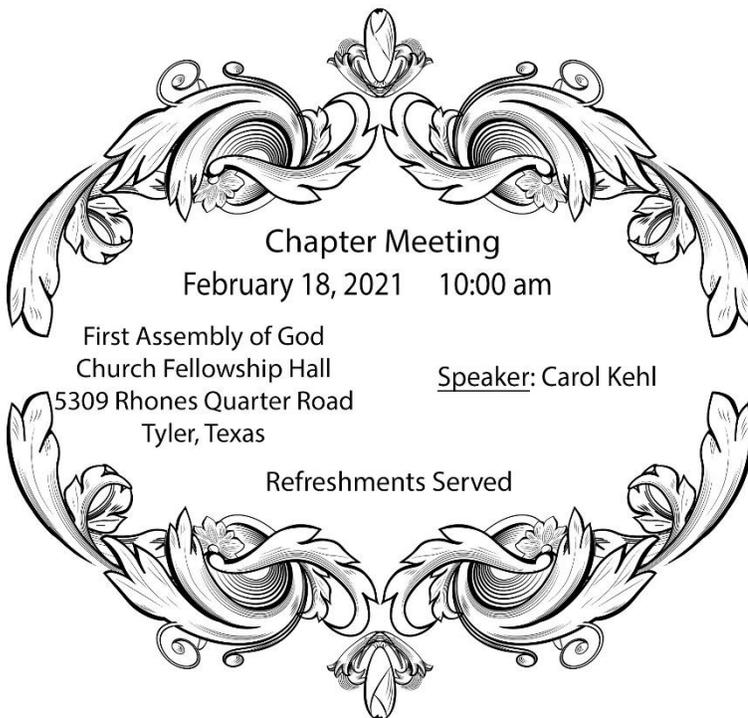


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MMD 217 President's Message

Dear UDC Sisters,

I am heeding the advice our UDC President, Linda Edwards, call to duty. You are such a loving and caring chapter with a giving heart. I would like our Patriotic Project for 2020-2022 to be Soldiers' Angels Baby Brigade. This is a project we can donate to at each of our monthly meetings.



Soldiers' Angels Baby Brigade provides virtual baby showers for expectant families of the military community, including:

- Spouses of deployed service members
- Spouses of post-9/11 wounded, ill, or injured service members and veterans
- Expectant post-9/11 wounded, ill, or injured service members and veterans

Expectant mothers will receive virtual baby showers from Angel volunteers across the country. Our dedicated volunteers not only shop for baby items to help the military family prepare for their new little bundle of joy, but many also put their personal sewing and crafting talents to use. They lovingly create handmade baby gifts,

including blankets and booties. In addition, mothers will receive a special gift basket from Soldiers' Angels.

To be eligible for this program, the expectant mother must be the spouse of a deployed service member or the spouse of a post-9/11 wounded, ill, or injured service member or veteran, or an expectant post-9/11 wounded, ill, or injured veteran.

Expectant families can register at any time and will receive support within 90 days of their estimated due date and must not have already given birth.

Our collection for the month of February will be for the littlest feet in our military. We will be collecting purchased, gently used, or homemade socks and booties. You can include various sizes because it is amazing how fast those babies will grow.

Just as our Southern ancestors supported the Confederacy, we continue the tradition of supporting our military and their families.

Patty Williams
President MMD 217
2020-2022



February Donations: Socks/Booties



March Donations: Bibs/Burp Cloths



I am honored and humbled to be serving as your President General for the 2020-2022 term. I would like to thank Nelma Crutcher for all her help in making a smooth transition. Ms. Crutcher had the hardest last year, in my opinion, of any President General. I would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work to restore our Memorial Building.

My theme for the next two years is "Daughters Will Prevail." This states the strong, determined Southern women that we are. I am sure the Daughters of the past would agree with my theme; they certainly stood up and fought for what they believed in. We are now placed in the same position, to stand up for what we

believe in.

The five UDC Objectives are Historical, Educational, Benevolent, Memorial, and Patriotic. They are all important, and we need to fulfill all five, but I would like us to concentrate on Benevolent and Patriotic. I believe we can fortify our positive public image by concentrating on these two objectives, as they involve the entire nation.

I would really like each Chapter to do a monthly Patriotic or Benevolent activity, if possible, do something where you are visible to the outside of our UDC world. We need more people to know who we really are?

"Daughters Will Prevail"

Linda Corn Edwards
President General 2020-2022



ADOPT- A-SECURITY-GUARD



Nelma Crutcher

Since our Memorial Building was vandalized and burned, we have had to have private security for our building. The hourly wage for each of our Security Guards that guard our Memorial Building is \$50.00 per hour. You may choose one of the Security Guards below to sponsor or sponsor the whole group. For every member that donates \$100.00 to the Adopt-a-Security Guard Program, they will be eligible to purchase the Restoration Pin or Phoenix dangle. Checks are to be made payable to the Treasurer General and mailed to the UDC Business Office, 328 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard Richmond, Virginia 23220-1396 Be sure to put "UDC Restoration" in the For column.



Forum 2021 is in the books!! Whew... it was a busy weekend that was well attended especially by COVID standards. The weekend was divided into two distinct portions: Friday and Saturday.

The Friday night focus was food, fellowship and fun. 84 attendees enjoyed the Fajita dinner while the sound of laughter and talking filled the room. The guests were treated to the sounds and historical stories of Curt Locklear. Curt had the audience singing while he was pickin' his banjo and guitar and learning about the Battle of Shiloh. Many hearts were happy to be surrounded by those that love their Southern heritage.

As over 100 members attended Saturday's event, the room was beautifully decorated with roses to support the theme of "Everything Is Coming Up Roses in The Texas Division". During our virtual 2020 Convention, there were annual events we were not able to complete; however, we had the opportunity to catch up on several items at Forum. We opened the day with a Military Service Award watching Rebel Brown receive his Vietnam National Defense Medal for his service in the United States Air Force. A Memorial Service for the 2019-2020 Division members that passed away was conducted with songs, readings and the Memorial wreath. We were able to call their name to bring honor to their UDC service. We were delighted to pin Sidney Lanier Medals to Sherry Cavanaugh and Ruth Ann Runnels of Dixie 35 for their extensive portfolio of original performances during our Literary Evenings. Paula Patterson of Mollie Moore Davis 217 was given a Judah P. Benjamin Award for her work as a member of a human/animal therapy team. She and her golden retriever, Abbie, are weekly visitors to hospitals, schools and nursing homes to provide therapy.

Learning revolved around a variety of Chapter leadership positions took place via breakout sessions. Additional breakouts led to learning about various award opportunities including newer awards such as the American Patriot Award and Homeland Defense Award. Scholarship applications, Historian competitions, Bylaw information for Chapters and discussion of Convention paging were also discussed. Each session had a question-and-answer session to ensure members had the opportunity to answer pressing questions.

Our POMM committee spoke of the various monuments that have been in discussions over the past several months. It was GREAT to hear of so many monuments that care currently remaining in place after small groups of citizens worked for removal. YOUR voices were heard... but do not stop writing and calling your legislators.

TCMC discussed our collection including the impact of COVID on visitation. The Texas Civil War Museum is open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Encourage your members and Chapters to visit. The collection has priceless artifacts that cannot be seen in other places. TCMC BOT positions are available, if you have been a UDC member for six or more years, reach out to Claudia Pugh.

The CofC attended portions of our meeting. After their introduction, CofC member Hunter Massie presented a \$1034 check to the POMM committee based off a fundraiser he worked. The CofC Officers



were introduced prior to their service to the UDC members. For their CofC fundraiser, they served lunch to the ladies for tips. This was a huge success as the fundraiser garnered over \$1800 in tips. However, I think everyone enjoyed talking and getting to know the CofC members. Many ladies commented on the manners, smiles and politeness of this great group of kids!! CofC President Taylor Gunter asked if the members would like to see a Mock Catechism drill. This provided insight on CofC activities and reminded our members of the answers as well.

Warm Feet for Warriors was a tremendous success!! Over **1300** pairs of socks were sent to Soldiers' Angels for distribution to active duty and wounded soldiers. KUDOS to the Texas Division as an example of your patriotic heart!

2020-2021 scholarship recipients will be receiving cards that were completed by UDC members to give encouragement and contact from the UDC members.

A couple of live auctions gained money for various projects: \$210 was raised for the President's Project via the selling of the last two 2020 Minutes books and \$300 was raised for the CofC via the Rebel Joan of Arc Doll.

On the beautiful notepads distributed by the Forum committee, a glimpse of the President's Pin was seen. Sales of the pin will support conservation of Texas Division in our Business Office such as Texas Confederate Woman's Home logs and portraits and more. Work is needed to ensure further deterioration does not occur. COVID has decreased the speed of manufacturing of pins; however, they will be coming to you soon for purchase. More details to come!!

Even at Forum we were able to meet every object of our organization.

Thank you to the FORUM Committee for their great job at providing an enjoyable day for the Texas Division. Thank you Pam Armstrong, Sandra Giarrusso, Cindy Jackson, Diane Nichols and Melody Leenhouts.

UDC Love,
Tami Hurley

President Texas Division 2020-2022



Sue Hardy and Tami Hurley



Curt Locklear



Jahn and Michelle Threadgill



Under the leadership of President Katie Daffan, the Texas UDC began coordination and fundraising to secure a home for needy Confederate wives and widows. Through dinners, events, concerts and individual donations, the Texas UDC purchased property and constructed a Richardson Romanesque Revival style structure. In addition to several bedrooms and bathrooms, the home featured a parlor, dining area and a hospital. UDC chapters from all over the state donated furnishings for the home. The Texas Confederate Women's Home had its beginning February 2, 1905, with the purchase by the Texas Division UDC, for twelve hundred dollars, of a half city block at 3710 Cedar Street, in the Hyde Park area of North Central Austin, for the establishment of a home for wives and widows of honorably discharged Confederate veterans or women who could themselves prove active participation in the war. Applicants were required to be 60 years of age or older, physically unable to live by themselves, and without adequate financial resources. The UDC raised over twelve thousand dollars for the building, which was completed and formally dedicated December 5, 1907. Residents were provided private rooms, community dining, library, and sitting rooms located amidst beautifully landscaped grounds. A hospital was completed in 1916 and an annex later added to provide additional private rooms.



Texas Confederate Women's Home **UPDATE**.....

Removal of State Antiquities Landmark (SAL) Designation by the Texas Historical Commission Meeting held on February 2-3, 2021

- SAL removal application review had commissioner to note that the issue seemed to be with the previous ownership of the building by the UDC; however, commissioner corrected and said that it was less than 5 years that the UDC owned it. It was owned for a large amount of time by the State of Texas. Commissioner seemed to indicate that the issue was not UDC ownership issue was not valid
- someone reading the application to remove the SAL designation noted that the building would be demolished if able. (Re-addressed April 2021)
- Building and site are possible to be granted National Register status -.

They approved the motion to DENY the application for removal of the SAL

Thank you to Texas Division President, Tami Hurley, for speaking at the TSHC meeting.

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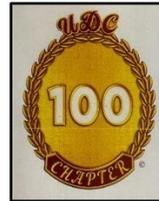
Happy February!!

I am on a UDC high note after returning from Forum 2021!! It was an opportunity to recognize our members that have gone above and beyond in specific areas, including our own Paula Patterson!! Congratulations on your Judah P. Benjamin bestowal for your humanitarian service with Therapet!! We learned about many facets of UDC function and items to make us more efficient with our Chapter work. We gave over \$2000 to the CofC!! WOOHOO!! Everything we did brought honor to our ancestors, which is the best reason for our membership in the UDC!! Their perseverance and toughness help us during the changes we have all ensured during 2020 and 2021.

As always, if you want to purchase insignia, let me know. Did you know that every purchase of insignia to wear on your ribbon, also supports the UDC? Another great reason to see me for a purchase.

UDC Love,
Tami

PS Ohhhh.... insignia... Please ask the ladies that have ordered the new 100-year Chapter pin to show it to you!! It is beautiful!! I will have more order forms if you want to order one!!



MMD 217 Chapter Pin



Chapter News

Hello daughters,

I hated to miss the January meeting due to work commitments, but hopefully that will be the last issue for some time that causes me to miss a meeting! I enjoy getting to spend time with my UDC sisters.

In January per capita was paid for the chapter, which is always our biggest expense of the year. Now it's the time to start inviting friends & family to our annual barbeque so we can raise the funds that allow us to monetarily support our great organization. I will be taking registrations at forum, and ongoing from there until the event. Please start gathering your items for our amazing silent auction during the BBQ - we set a new record every year on this fundraiser & I cannot wait to see what we accomplish this year.

Looking forward to forum, and seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Michelle Threadgill, Treasurer



Chapter News

It's time to think about the opportunity for our youth who are graduating to apply for the various scholarships that are available through UDC--Mollie Moore Davis, Texas Division and General. The applications with rules for completion for Texas Division scholarship and General scholarship are available on their websites. The Mollie Moore Davis scholarship (i.e., Ora Mayfield Scholarship) has basically the same requirements as Texas Division and General. The scholarship application with requirements is on the Mollie Moore Davis website. Keep in mind that the deadline for these to be completed and postmarked is March 15!

Additionally, there is now an Educational Grant newly added to the Texas Division. It is so new that it is not on the Texas website yet but will be very soon!

The topics for the 7th and 8th Grade Essay Contest are available. If you know of a student in one of these grades, please encourage them to participate. This information is also on the Texas website and the deadline for these is April 15 postmark. This is another way we can support our youth in education.

We talk about continuing our own education by reading books. Our president, Patty Williams, offers suggestions of books at each of our meetings. Some of these readings are fairly short so, if your time is limited, they still offer you the opportunity to learn about something that occurred during the War Between the States. Take advantage of those opportunities.

Susan Bradley Newman, 2nd Vice President



Chapter News

In Memory of the husband of UDC sister, Carolyn McCall

Thomas Screvin McCall, Th.D, noted Tyler area Theologian, passed into immortality on January 28, 2021, at the age of 84. Dr. McCall was an eschatological scholar, having authored or co-authored 10 books and numerous theological articles. Although he passed quietly at Hospice in Tyler, TX, his desired storybook ending would have occurred in the land of Israel, being raptured home with the Saints. He made 27 trips to the Holy Land, most often leading tours or pilgrimages. He was probably most happy when sharing his vast knowledge while on these tours or teaching and mentoring the numerous attendees of his bible classes.

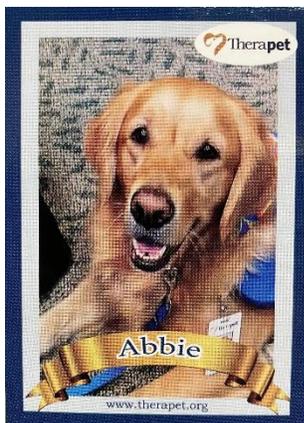
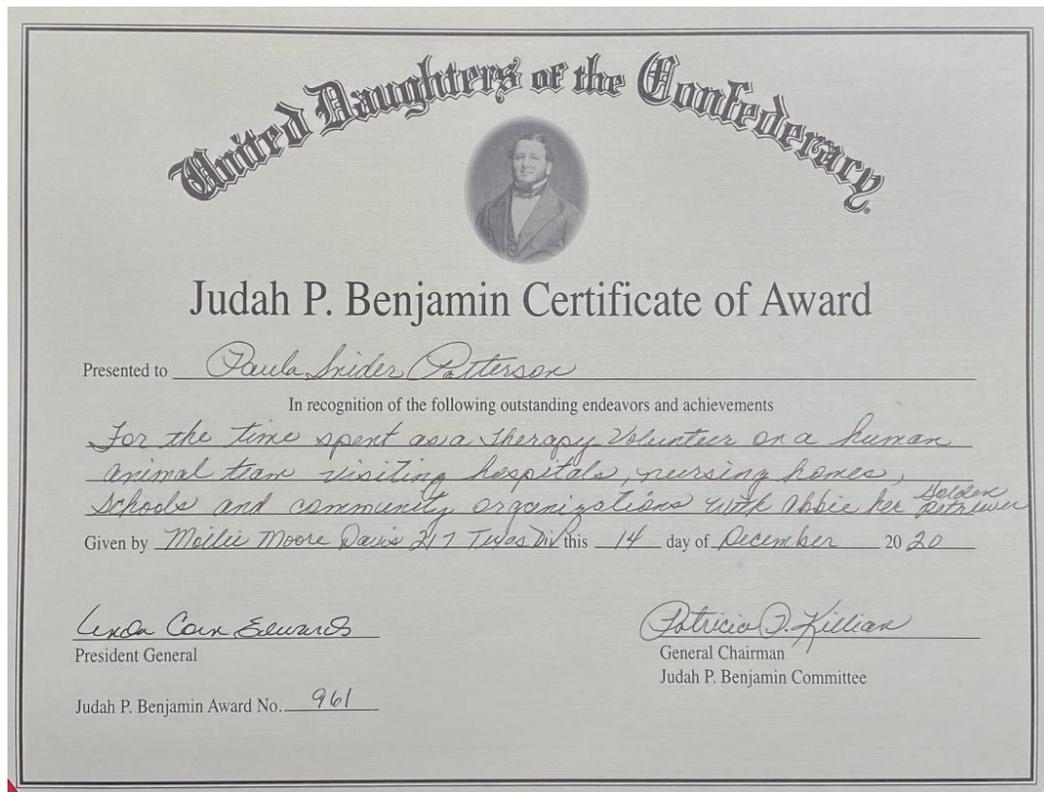
Dr. McCall was born in Dallas, TX on September 1, 1936 to John D. and Hazel (Bradfield) McCall. He was a Highland Park Scottie, graduating in 1953. He was a man of letters, receiving his BA (Plan Two Major) from The University of Texas at Austin in 1957, Bachelor of Divinity in 1961 and his Master of Theology in 1962, both of these were received at Talbot School of Theology located at La Mirada, CA. He completed his education at Dallas Theological Seminary In 1965, earning a Doctor of Theology Degree. In 1989 Dr. McCall moved with his wife Carolyn to Tyler, TX. Carolyn was born in Bullard, TX, so this was like going home for her.

Paula Warren, Chaplain



Congratulations to Paula Patterson and Abbie and their amazing work with Therapet!

The objectives of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are Historical, Educational, Benevolent, Memorial, and Patriotic. In keeping with these objectives, this Award is given in memory of the contributions of the great Confederate statesman Judah P. Benjamin and to honor individuals for their outstanding civic, conservation, educational, environmental, humanitarian, or patriotic endeavors and achievements not necessarily related to the Confederacy. By recognizing worthy men and women, the Organization exhibits our love of country and our commitment to help make our nation great.



Sarah Beene, TX Div Historian, Paula Patterson, Tami Hurley, TX Div President



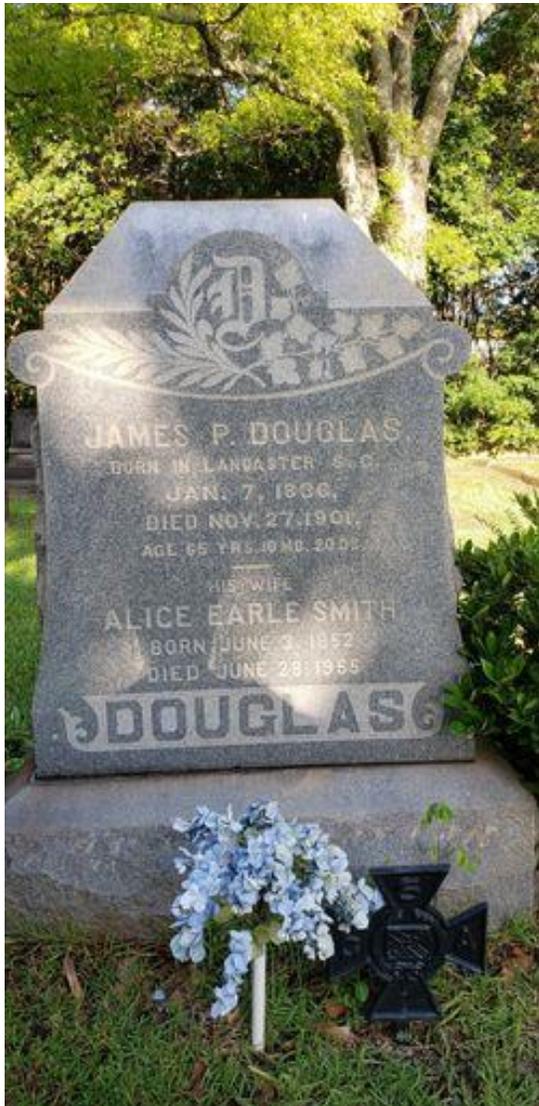
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Alice Earle Smith Douglas

Birth: 3 June 1852 McNairy County, Tennessee

Death: 28 June 1955 (aged 103)

Burial: Oakwood Cemetery, Tyler, Smith County, TX



When Mollie Moore Davis 217 was chartered in 1898, Alice Earle (Smith) Douglas was elected Vice President. She had joined on the service of her brother and her application states "Julius F. Smith was killed in battle in Hardeman County, Tennessee, on the 19th of Jan. 1864, at which time he was Capt. of a company of scouts."



Alice was a daughter of John B. "Jack" and Mary Caroline (Dean) Smith. Her parents were both born in South Carolina and married there in 1837. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Tishomingo County, Mississippi and were there when their first four children were born. Then they moved to McNairy County, Tennessee and Alice was born there in 1852, to be followed by three more siblings. Jack died about 1859 and in 1861 the widow and most of the children moved to Texas, arriving after six weeks in Smith County. Julius was the eldest of the children and he stayed in Tennessee, married, and joined the Confederate Army. Mary Caroline and the others settled on a farm in the Swan Community. Alice attended Charnwood Select Academy and lived on the farm until she married James Postel Douglas in 1874. At the time, he was a widower with four young children. Alice and James bought a house on Beckham Street where they lived the rest of their lives. Alice eventually had five children, but only two lived to adulthood. In 1898, Alice, her sisters Florence and Annie, step daughters Winona and Mary Ellen, and daughter Lucia all became charter members of Mollie Moore Davis 217. James died in 1901 and was buried in Tyler's

Oakwood Cemetery. Mary Ellen, and Lucia never married and continued to live at 238 South Beckham Street until their deaths in 1952 and 1964 respectively. Alice lived to be 103 years and 25 days old, dying at home on June 28, 1955. She is buried next to James P. in Oakwood with children, step-children, and her mother nearby.

Sarah Beene, Archivist

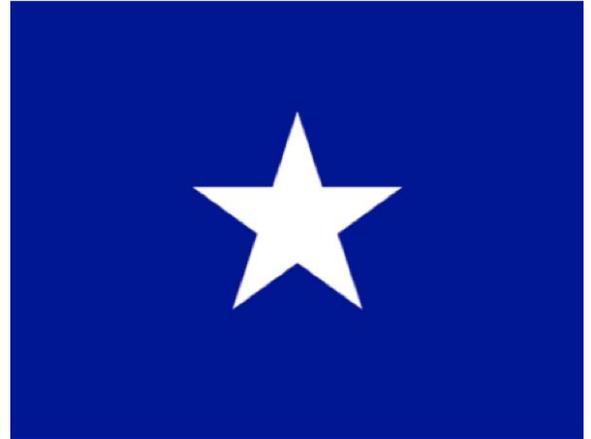


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Music of the Confederacy

A symbol of secession, the “Bonnie Blue Flag” was an unofficial flag of the Confederate States of America. It was especially popular during the war’s early years. The song by the same name combined lyrics written in 1861 by Harry McCarthy with the tune “The Irish Jaunting Car.”

We are a band of brothers and native to the soil
 Fighting for our liberty, with treasure, blood and toil
 And when our rights were threatened, the cry rose near and
 far
 Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star!
 Hurrah! Hurrah!
 For Southern rights, hurrah!
 Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.



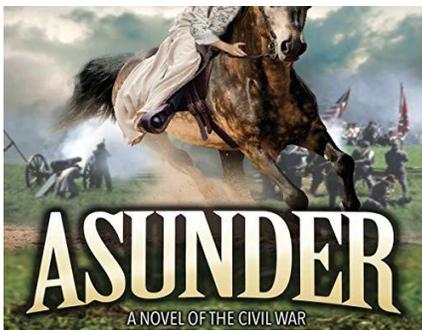
As long as the Union was faithful to her trust
 Like friends and like brethren, kind we were, and just
 But now, when Northern treachery attempts our rights to mar
 We hoist on high the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.
 Hurrah! Hurrah!
 For Southern rights, hurrah!
 Hurrah for the Bonnie Blue Flag that bears a single star.



Book Review

Asunder by Curt Locklear Book 1: Civil War Trilogy

Thrust into the middle of Civil War battle, with both Union and Rebel protagonists and antagonists, *Asunder*, the first in the trilogy, is a story of love and loss and of families torn apart. Thoroughly researched, the novel presents numerous complexes, memorable characters struggling against incredible odds in an epic spanning from Texas to New York.

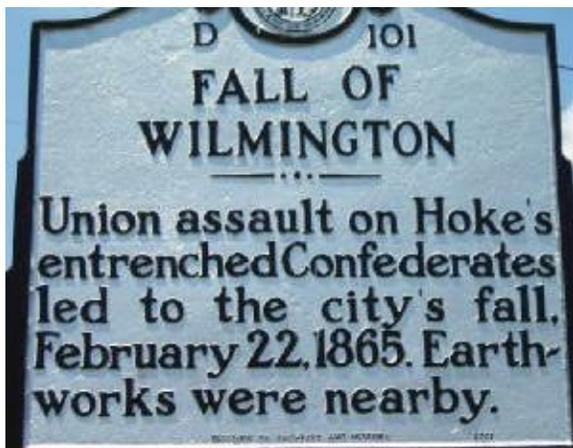


The author places the reader successfully in the Civil War era. Historical fiction is beneficial to the learner of history. This is all part of our histories. Locklear has managed to intertwine events with the characters to help us feel the experience of the travesty of war. The slavery issue is dealt with in a personal manner that lends a better understanding of relationships. I look forward to the rest of the trilogy!

I am currently reading this book and find it a fascinating work of Historical fiction. It is a very fast read with well developed characters and historical facts. <https://www.amazon.com/>



"Situated on the eastern bank of the Cape Fear River, some 30 miles north of its confluence with the Atlantic, North Carolina's principal seaport could not have been better suited for running the blockade. Wilmington was a city safely out of range of any Federal bombardment from the ocean, and its close proximity to the major transshipment points for incoming European goods was ideal. Fought mostly outside the city, the Battle of Wilmington, North Carolina, was fought February 12-22, 1865, during the American Civil War. The Union victory in January at the Second Battle of Fort Fisher meant that Wilmington could no longer be used by the Confederacy as a port. It fell to Union troops after they overcame Confederate defenses along the Cape Fear River south of the city. In a calculated withdrawal from the port city, Gen. Braxton Bragg burned stores of tobacco and cotton, among other supplies and equipment, to prevent the Union from seizing them."



North Carolina.

The Capture of Wilmington.

[Correspondence of the N. Y. Herald.]

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 22.—Washington's birth-day has been fitly celebrated in this department. Wilmington has followed Charleston, and the last rebel sea-port has fallen.

Gen. Bragg in person left the city on the morning of the 21st. The troops began to move out in the evening, the last leaving before daylight of the 22d. About forty pieces of heavy artillery were left in the works around the city and in the batteries on the river, and five hundred stand of rifles were found at the City Hall, and one Whitworth gun at the depot. Some \$5,000 worth of commissary stores were also abandoned. Three locomotives and a dozen cars fell into our hands. Seven hundred bales of cotton were burned in the government sheds, and about three hundred belonging to private individuals. A rebel ram, partly finished, three steam mills, three large turpentine works and adjacent wharves, and the railroad and pontoon bridge, were destroyed. The railroad depot, car houses, machine shops and most of the warehouses were uninjured. The extensive government stables were set on fire, but extinguished by the citizens. The ram Chickamauga, and two transports, escaped up the river.

The Raleigh Confederate, two days before the evacuation, charged that fifteen thousand bales of cotton were concealed in the city. Citizen merchants place the number at ten thousand, and put a high estimate upon the turpentine concealed. Both the cotton and turpentine will be sent North by General Schofield.

Belligerents	
United States (Union)	Confederate States (Confederacy)
Commanders and leaders	
John M. Schofield David D. Porter	Braxton Bragg
Units involved	
Department of North Carolina Army of the Ohio North Atlantic Blockading Squadron	Confederate Department of North Carolina

Newspaper Article from a Union point of view

<https://www.genealogybank.com/doc/newspapers/image/v2:11BE9BFB1B782297@GB3NEWS-11C2E781B0F7FAF0@2402312-11C1524B49AB99E8@1-12A04BFCEA80ABFF>

<http://www.thomaslegion.net/battleofwilmington.html>



Tips for Persevering During Troubled Times

“Have regular hours for work and play; make each day both useful and pleasant, and prove that you understand the worth of time by employing it well. Then youth will be delightful, old age will bring few regrets, and life will become a beautiful success.” ~ Louisa May Alcott

Keep your regular routine.

Limit exposure to news media.

Stay busy.

Focus on positive thoughts.

Use your moral compass or spiritual life for support

Set priorities

Make connections.

Do something for others.

Support a family member or friend.

The years 2020 and 2021 have likely brought many changes to how you live your life, and with the changes there is uncertainty, altered daily routines, financial pressures and social isolation. You may worry about getting sick, how long the pandemic will last, and what the future will bring. Information overload, rumors and misinformation can make your life feel out of control and make it unclear what to do. Above are tips taken from our Confederate women ancestors. Even in adversity and with the war knocking at their doorstep, they did what had to be done!

We are facing unthinkable changes in our lives and in our nation. We are once again seeing families split apart over political views. How do we as modern women handle the stresses in our lives? We just “put on our big girl panties” and prevail with what life throws our way. Follow the legacy of our UDC sisters and continue to hold your head high. As a nation and an organization, we will PREVAIL!!!!

In UDC love,

Patty Williams, Editor

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<u>Benevolent</u>	
Donations - Time/Talent (not church)	
Donation of Items and Value	
Monetary Donations	
Other Donations	
<u>Confederate Flags</u>	
Purchased (Any Item with Confederate flag)	
Confederate flags placed on graves by member	
Confederate flag Flown/Displayed by member (# of days)	
Other	
<u>Heritage Preservation</u>	
Letters/call/emails	
<u>Randolph Relief/Real Daughters</u>	
Cards to RR members (#) or (\$)	
Cards to Real Daughters (#) or (\$)	
Cards to UDC members	
<u>Patriotic Activities</u>	
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	
<u>Southern Literature</u> 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	
<u>Textbooks Reviewed</u>	
Texas or US (form available)	
<u>UDC Meetings/Events</u>	
Mollie Moore Davis Meetings/Events	
Other UDC chapter events	
UDC Conventions/Forums/Events	
<u>Visits/Pictures Taken</u>	
Monuments/Memorial Markers	
Confederate Sites	
<u>Other Activities</u>	
Hours of Genealogical research (personal or others)	



Upcoming Events

- February 18 Chapter Business Meeting
10:00 AM
5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas
- March 10 Texas Division District VIII meeting
Potpourri House, Tyler, Texas
- March 18 Chapter Business Meeting
10:00 AM
5309 Rhones Quarter Road, Tyler, Texas



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