

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Roswell Mills Camp No. 1547

MILL TALK

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Commander's Comments

One of my great, great, grandfathers on mother's side of my family was Obediah Pierce (1805-1884) who lived in Jefferson County, Georgia during the War Between the States. The old house (circa 1830-1840) where his family lived is still there in Louisville, Georgia, on Bostic Mill Road, and he is buried in the Pierce family cemetery in the woods about five hundred yards across the road from the house. Obediah was too old to fight for the South in the war, but his two oldest sons, Obediah Jr. and John, fought in Virginia and were killed in battles there in 1861 and 1862.

While the economy is bad for many people today, it was also very bad for people in the South during the 1860's. I am reminded of a story that has been handed down in my family about hard times of the Pierce family.

Obediah needed nails to shingle his house and asked merchants in Louisville for credit. When they refused him, he pegged the 'shakes' on the roof. After that, he wouldn't buy anything in Louisville, but went to Augusta twice a year for supplies for himself and his neighbors. On one trip to Augusta, the Yankees took his buggy and horse and gave them to a prostitute. After the War when Sherman and the Yankees were

gone, Obediah met the prostitute on the road to Augusta, took the buggy and horse back, and gave the prostitute a mule in exchange.

Today we have a better way of handling the problem that Obediah had when he couldn't get credit or when he lost his buggy and horse. We simply ask for a **bail out** and the problem is solved. Prostitutes have other ways of negotiating.

Jerry Maddox
Commander

Meet At Fickle Pickle

Roswell Mills Camp 1547 will meet at the Fickle Pickle at 1085 Canton Street, Roswell on Thursday, February 5th. Dinner at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00.

Dr. Gordon L. Jones, Senior Military Historian and Curator of the Atlanta History Center will speak about Confederate Artifacts.

Mark your calendars now. This is one you'll not want to miss.

Dr. Steve Terry Dec. Meeting Speaker

First Lieutenant Howard Bryant brought us another excellent program with Steve Terry's talking about the increased interest by high school students in War Between the States.



Dr. Steve Terry from Roswell High.

Terry, a Roswell High School teacher, explained the increased interest in the WBTS by citing the hundreds of books and movies about the War that have come out in the past five years.

Public Broadcast has at least one feature on the War every six months. Build a monument to a Confederate soldier or place a Confederate flag anywhere near Atlanta and the AJC will run a story, perhaps no flattering but a feature never the less.

Great Turnout at December Meeting



John Cobb, Ray Barry, George Thurmond and Second Lieutenant Doug Allen



Joe Walls, Dick Anthony, Robert Blankenship and Rick Leake.



Adjutant Ross Glover explains to Rick Leake the Roswell Mills Camp membership duties such as attending meetings and participating in projects. Doug Allen, his father-in-law, distracts him.

In Sick Bay.....

Ken Howell and Ed Roberts. We wish them a speedy recover with our thoughts and prayers.

Alex Burton Receives Scholarship

In a formal ceremony at the Thomas King Memorial in Roswell Presbyterian Cemetery, Commander Jerry Maddox presents Alex Burton a certificate recognizing him as the first recipient of the Phillip Cochran scholarship.



Commander Maddox presents Alex Burton with scholarship certificate as Ray Barry looks on. He received a \$1,000 check earlier. Alex is a senior at Mississippi State University and a member of the Roswell Mills Camp.

Confederate Christmas in Augusta

Two SCV Camps and two UDC Chapters sponsored the Fourth Annual Old South Christmas Ball on December 6th at the William Bell Auditorium in Augusta.

Festivities began Friday night with candlelight tours of the Woodrow Wilson and Joseph Lamar boyhood homes.

President Wilson's earliest memories was standing at

the front gate and hearing someone say that Abraham Lincoln was elected president and there would be war.



President Wilson's Childhood Home

He also witnessed wounded and dying soldiers when his father's churchyard was used as a Confederate Hospital. He also saw President Jefferson Davis brought under guard through the streets of Augusta after his capture in May 1865.

The boyhood home of Supreme Court Justice Joseph Lamar, a playmate of the young Wilson.

On Saturday night an assembly of Sons of Confederate Veterans and their ladies attended one of the foremost Old South Balls in the Southeast and danced to the music of Olde Towne Brass from Montgomery, Alabama.

There was a mixture of Confederate uniforms, ladies lovely evening gowns, men's period formal wear as well as modern suits.



Charlie and Missy Jones of Bremen, Georgia pictured with Marie and Ross Glover. The music was good and the dancing lively.

Wayne and Denise Weimer of Clarksville, Georgia called the dances. As some compatriots remember, they brought their expertise to the dance at our State Reunion in Villa Rica.

Editor's note: This is one of best events to attend outside of Atlanta. You don't have to dance to have a great time. I highly recommend the Old South Christmas Ball in Augusta.

Governor Perdue Issues Proclamation

Sonny Perdue declares through proclamation that the State of Georgia observes April 2009 as Confederate History Month and April 26, 2009 as Confederate Memorial Day.

The proclamation emphasizes the contributions of Jewish citizens who saw action in the Confederate military and government. Two such individuals who made significant contributions were Phoebe Pember of Cobb County and Charles Wessolowsky of Washington County.

Mrs. Pember was appointed Chief Matron of Chimborazo Hospital in Richmond which at that time was the largest military hospital in the world. She also wrote a book called, "A Southern Woman's Story."

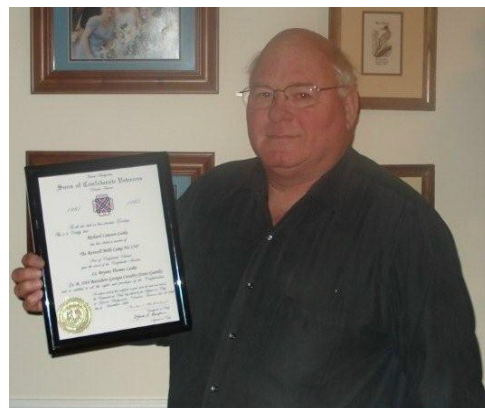
Wessolowsky came from Prussia to Sandersville. He served as Sergeant Major of Company E, 32nd Regiment, Georgia Infantry. He had a distinguished career in Georgia government after the War.

Georgia SCV Celebrates Lee's Birthday

The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will celebrate the birthday of Robert E. Lee in the Legislative Chamber of the Old Capitol, Milledgeville on January 24, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

A march will commence promptly at 10:45 at the Old Governor's Mansion and take a prominent course for approximately one-half mile to the Old Capitol. The Mayor of Milledgeville will welcome the group followed by prominent speakers.

Roswell Mills Camp will take a group to the ceremony. Please contact Howard Bryant at 770-667-1792 if you would like to participate.



Rick Leake, our newest member, was welcomed to our Camp at the January meeting. He is Doug Allen's son-in-