

Sons of Confederate Veterans Roswell Mills Camp No. 1547 MILL TALK

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Commander's Comments

Attendance at our monthly meetings has mostly consisted of a devoted group of about 15 members who are at most meetings. This representation, which is only about 35-40% of our current membership, is somewhat disappointing, particularly since we have been having good programs, representing various aspects of the cause which unites us.

We also now have a good meeting place, not to mention good comradeship and good food.

So, if you have not been attending our monthly meetings, come on out to the Harp Irish Pub by 7:00 PM on the first Thursday night of each month (except August when there is no meeting).

We look forward to seeing you there.

Howard Bryant
Commander

Oakland Cemetery Tells Atlanta History

Mr. Larry Upthegrove, our April speaker, presented an

overall view of historical Oakland Cemetery.

The story of Atlanta may be found in Oakland where tycoons and paupers, Christians and Jews, black and white, the powerful and the meek, soldiers and civilians lie here silently holding their stories and waiting for eternity.

Twenty-five of Atlanta's mayors, six Georgia governors, Margaret Mitchell, Robert T. (Bobby) Jones, and Maynard Jackson are buried there.



Larry Upthegrove is an official of the Oakland Cemetery Historical Foundation.

Confederate Memorial Grounds is the final resting place for approximately 6,900 Confederate soldiers including 3,000 unknowns. Through much of the Civil War, Atlanta hospitals overflowed with men wounded in battles to the north. The largest cluster of wartime hospitals was within half a mile of the cemetery. As fighting moved closer to Atlanta and deaths mounted, land adjacent to the Cemetery was secured as a Confederate burial ground. After the war, several thousand soldiers who had fallen in the Atlanta campaign were moved from battlefield graves to Oakland.

The Confederate Obelisk, a 65-foot monument made of Stone Mountain granite, was dedicated in 1874 as a project of the Atlanta Ladies Memorial Association. For years it was the tallest structure in the city.

Marked military graves occupy a large central rectangle south of the Obelisk. Included are the headstones of 16 Union soldiers who died in local hospitals.

Another area of marked Confederate graves lies along Oakland's southern wall. Northeast of the Obelisk, the unknowns are guarded by the "Lion of Atlanta", modeled after the Swiss "Lion of Lucerne".



The Lion was carved in 1894 from the largest block of marble quarried in Georgia up to that time. For the nameless soldiers, the dying lion rests on the flag

they followed and "guards their dust" in the words of a commemorative poem.

To the northwest of the obelisk, three Confederate generals are buried: John Brown Gordon; Alfred Iverson, Jr.; Clement Anselm Evans. Generals Lucius Gartrell and William Stephen Walker are buried on family plots.

Volunteers are needed to preserve Oakland Cemetery. If interested, contact Larry Upthegrove.

Roswell Mills Camp Officers Installed

Officers for the year 2010 and 2011 were installed at the April 1st meeting.



They are **Ross Glover, Adjutant, Howard Bryant, Commander, James Wells, 1st Lieutenant** and **Rick Leake, 2nd Lieutenant.**

Chap-Line

Never contradict anyone: Practice silence as a means of acquiring humility.

**Ray Barry
Chaplain**

Two New Members Welcomed into Camp



Barry Herrin and Howard Bryant



Scott Herrin, son of Barry, with Howard Bryant

Two thousand nine hundred and seventeen Confederate prisoners died in the Federal prison in Elmira, New York.

Approximately 7,500 prisoners died at Camp Douglas Federal prison.

Cobb's Corner



By

John Cobb

Sesquicentennial Notes

Ah, April, with Georgia in full glory; when we commemorate the sacrifices of the Southern people in their struggle against Federal tyranny. All is well and good when official proclamations of Confederate History and Heritage Month are issued, right?

Well, look at what happened in Virginia: the headline above the Associate Press article in the dear old AJC proclaimed, "Virginia honors secessionist South." Republican Governor Bob McDonnell issued the proclamation at the request of the SCV, the first in that state since 2001. We all know the purpose of these decrees, but the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus blasted it as "offensive and revisionist for not denouncing slavery and citing it as the cause of the War. [I underline to point out a tactic that is used against us] The next day, the Governor caved in to political pressure and issued a 400-word apology for not using his proclamation in accordance with their wishes. His critics were quoted extensively, venting wrath on him and the Confederacy. But was a SCV spokesman quoted in order to provide a fair and balanced explanation of our motives. Of course not!

Now, we do not argue that slavery was wrong, inhumane and immoral. The fact remains that it was instituted by the British and continued as a legal practice in most states under the U.S. Constitution. We cannot fathom the social fabric and moral thinking the 18th century which allowed good, decent, God-fearing Christians to hold other human beings as property, and neither can we condemn them for living by the code of their day, nor must we accept any guilt or responsibility for the past. Yet, our ancestors are being branded as evil and treasonous men. Mississippi Governor Haley

Barbour said in a CNN interview that the flap over the proclamation “doesn’t amount to diddly,” and he does not see anything offensive about it, in not mentioning slavery. The Mississippi NAACP president said, “We have always raised our opposition to any memorial day that would raise some type of positive light on the Confederacy that broke away from the United States...we consider that treason.”

Gentlemen, the enemy is still on the field. I fear that Sesquicentennial could well be a new battleground upon which we must defend the honor of the Confederate soldier with renewed dedication

Memorial Service Avoids Rain: Hears Michael Hitt, Author and Historian

Contingency plans were set in motion to move the Roswell Mills Workers Memorial Services inside the Roswell Visitors Center when rained threatened outside services Saturday, April 24.

Spirits were not dampened when attendees enjoyed Roswell Police Officer Michael Hitt describe how he researched the Mill Workers plight in 1864 and how myths have grown up around this story.

From diaries, newspaper accounts and interviews with living relatives, Historian Hitt said that he knows where the women went and where they settled.

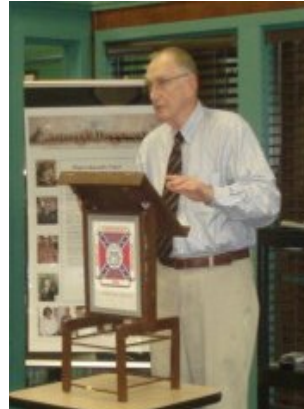


He said he intended to be historically accurate in his book, “Charge With Treason.”

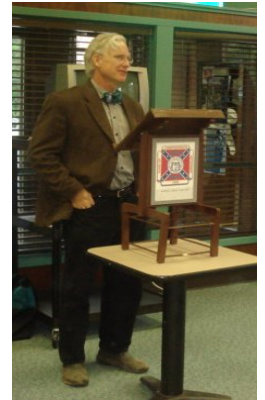
And he tells all including how the women were held in a woman’s prison in Louisville, Kentucky under a

tyrannical female prison warden.

Michael Hitt’s book is for sale at the Visitors Center.



Ray Barry reads a tribute to deceased member Philip Cockran



Roswell Mayor Jere Wood welcomes attendees.



Marie Glover, Howard Bryant, Becky Leake, Michael Hitt with daughter Madelyn and Ross Glover.

Next Meeting-Thursday, May 6

Place: Harp Irish Pub

Dinner: 6:00

Program: 7:00

Harp is located at 1424 Market Blvd, off Old Alabama Road.

Dr. Mark Waters will speak on about the Kilpatrick/Dahlgren Raid on Richmond.

Let’s support our Camp. Come out for fun, food, SCV fellowship.

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