



DCV TRAVELLER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Terry Ayers

Ladies and Gentlemen of the DCV,

Fall greetings to all. This has not been a pleasant summer in the Southland for many reasons. Many members were impacted in various degrees by the paths taken by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Fortunately, by the grace of God to my knowledge there was no loss of life or serious injuries among our members. To the many members in Florida and Texas who may have sustained personal injury and damage to property, you are in our prayers. We pray the recovery period is swift and a return to normalcy quickly follows.

Other un-pleasantries began to occur immediately following the unfortunate event in Charlottesville, Virginia. The hysteria over anything and everything related to the Confederate States of America instantly came under fierce attack. The attacks came and continue to come from universities, state, county and city officials from every state in the south. School trustees have seized on the opportunity to justify renaming schools. Cities and counties used the tragedy to justify renaming streets and parks. It's not just government entities, but also mobs of lawbreaking citizens destroying and defacing monuments with little or no challenge from law enforcement.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont:

Even though there has been attacks on our Southern heritage for many years the pace and intensity has increased. The attacks have plainly outpaced our efforts to defend from the attacks. Most of the monuments that have been removed recently have occurred in the middle of the night with little or no publicity I encourage all to do whatever possible to peacefully resist any and all efforts to remove the precious memorials and monuments within our communities. That occurred just last month (Sept.) at the University of Texas at Austin when the university president ordered the removal of statues of Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnston, John H. Reagan, and even former Governor of Texas Jim Hogg whose Father was a Brigadier General in the Confederate States Army. Truly a sad situation.

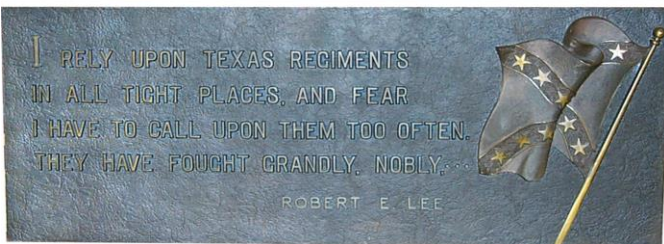
In the DCV during the long hot summer most heritage activities are scaled back. As such, there is not a lot of Chapter activities to report. This issue of the DCV TRAVELLER will be mostly about heritage related history.

I'll close again by saying how proud I am to serve this great organization and to again thank each of you for your continued membership. God Bless all, and God Bless the Southland.

Terry Ayers

Monuments and Memorials

Attacks and opposition to Confederate monuments and memorials is not just a recent phenomenon. In my own home town of Austin, Texas we have been fighting this battle since the year 2000. The Texas Supreme Court Building that is located on the grounds of the state capitol came under attack because of two bronze dedicatory plaques on the interior wall at the entrance to the building. Constructed in 1955, the entire cost of the building was paid for with funds from the Confederate widows pension fund. Because of the funding source a law was passed saying the building would be dedicated to the Confederate soldiers.



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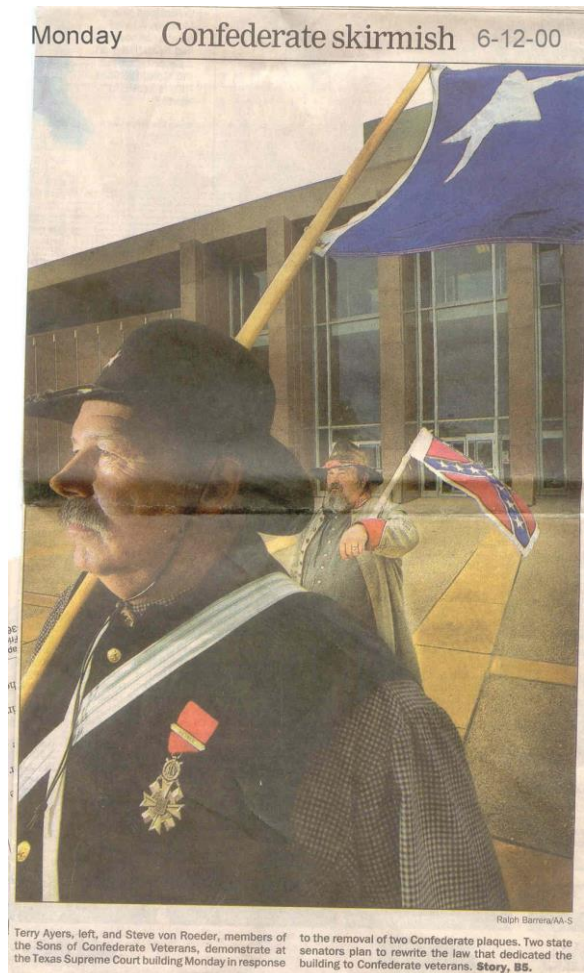
INSTALLED IN THEIR PLACE

The debate over the fate of the plaques took root in the local media. There were discussions that initially had most in agreement on both sides that the plaques would remain if an additional plaque was added explaining why the building was dedicated to the Texans who served the Confederacy.

Monuments and Memorials cont.

Nothing in politics ever turns out to be what it appears. Fairly satisfied that a compromise was at hand the debate took another twist. In the wee hours of a Saturday morning Governor of Texas at the time George W. Bush ordered the two plaques removed. The additional plaque that had been discussed had already been secretly cast and it went up at the same time. The Austin Statesman didn't even get the story until late Sunday so the news about the removal of the plaques didn't appear in the news until Monday morning.

That created a firestorm. Being active members at the time in another heritage organization I called my best friend Steve von Roeder who is now the DCV Capitol Chapter President. We met for lunch and decided to change into period clothes and mount a protest at the Supreme Court building. Within a couple of hours the local news media including the print media was on the scene. One TV station even broadcast a live interview with Steve.



Terry Ayers, left, and Steve von Roeder, members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, demonstrate at the Texas Supreme Court building Monday in response to the removal of two Confederate plaques. Two state senators plan to rewrite the law that dedicated the building to Confederate veterans. **Story, B5.**

Monuments and Memorials cont.

After four years of protesting the removal that included a daily two hour vigil at the Supreme Court building with one or more volunteers carrying a Battle Flag attention was drawn to the issue. However, in spite of our efforts that included speaking at meetings of the Texas Historical Commission and a legal challenge in the courts the plaques were never reinstalled.

With so much publicity and discussion in the news over the course of the four year battle other Confederate symbols in the area begin to come under attack. Beginning around 2003 there were organized efforts by student groups and others calling for the removal of the statues.



At the 2nd annual DCV Reunion in Austin Members toured the statues on the South Mall This statue of Robert E. Lee was removed 8-21-17

Fortunately the appetite just wasn't there to simply remove them and they remained in place until August of 2015 when another major push from the UT Student Government finally forced the President of the university to remove and relocate the statues of Jefferson Davis and Woodrow Wilson. The fate of Jefferson Davis wasn't as harsh as it could have been. The university had it restored and it has been placed back on campus in the main corridor at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History.

Monuments and Memorials cont.



Terry Ayers admiring the restored statue of Jefferson Davis

The decision by the University of Texas President in 2015 to remove only the statues of Jefferson Davis and Woodrow Wilson and leave in place the other statues would prove to be short lived. Following the events in Charlottesville and as the insane hysteria over anything Confederate was racing across the nation the president of UT ordered the immediate removal of the remaining statues.



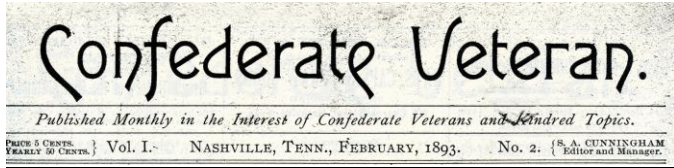
Robert E. Lee is removed under the cover of darkness



Robert E. Lee Albert Sidney Johnston
John H. Reagan Governor Jim Hogg

Monuments and Memorials cont.

This section will be dedicated to some of the earliest monuments erected throughout that south as documented in the 1893 Confederate Veteran monthly publication and their value at the time. Photos are present day.



New Orleans has taken the lead.

The Confederate Monument in New Orleans Greenwood Cemetery, built by the Ladies' Benevolent Association, is of white marble, surmounted by a figure of a Confederate Infantryman "on guard." Around the pedestal are the busts of Lee, Sidney Johnston, Polk and "Stonewall." Under the mound on which it stands are vaults containing the remains of 600 Confederate Soldiers. It was unveiled 1867. Value, \$25,000.



Greenwood Cemetery Monument



Robert E. Lee

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Monument of the Army of West Virginia.

New Orleans Metairie Cemetery

A column 50 feet above the ground, or 38 feet above the mound on which it stands. Atop is a stone statue of Stonewall Jackson, 8 feet 9 inches high. Under the mound arc vaults for the dead Jefferson Davis' remains are deposited there at present. Unveiled May, 1881. Value, \$25,000.



Eighteen months after Jefferson Davis's death and temporary burial in New Orleans Metairie Cemetery, his remains were moved to Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery. His remains, were removed from the vault in and placed on a flag-draped caisson escorted by honor guards composed of his old soldiers to Memorial Hall, where he lay in state. The next day, as thousands of people silently watched from the sidewalks and balconies, the caisson bore his body to a waiting funeral train. On the way, bonfires beside the tracks lit up ranks of Davis's old soldiers standing at attention beside stacked arms. In Richmond, old veterans escorted him to the Virginia statehouse where thousands filed past in respect before interment.



Jefferson Davis

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Monument of Washington Artillery

Marble shaft on mound, statue of an artilleryman on top, sponge staff in hand. On the base arc inscribed the names of those members of the command who were killed or died in service, also the names of sixty engagements in which the command participated. Unveiled Feb. 22, 1880. Value, \$15,000.



Washington Artillery Monument

Monument of Army of Tennessee

Mound containing tombs for deceased members, surmounted by equestrian statue of Albert Sidney Johnston in bronze. At the entrance to vaults is a marble life-size figure of a Confederate Sergeant calling his roll. Value \$35,000.



Monument of Army of Tennessee

Monuments and Memorials cont.

Robert E. Lee Monument

A Doric column of granite on a grassy mound, surmounted by bronze statue of Lee 15 feet high. Entire height, 106 feet 8 inches. Column, 60 feet. Unveiled Feb. 22, 1884. It is in St. Charles Street. Value, \$40,000.



Robert E. Lee Monument



Robert E. Lee Monument

Removed May 19, 2017 by the ungrateful city of New Orleans
Fate of the monument is still to be determined

Monuments and Memorials cont.

Virginia

Winchester, VA, has erected a \$10,000 monument to the unknown Confederate dead in Stonewall Cemetery.



Stonewall Cemetery is a subsection of Mount Hebron in Winchester VA, established in 1866 for 2,575 Confederate soldiers who died in battle or in the hospitals in and around the Winchester area. A monument over the mass grave of more than 800 unknown Confederate soldiers is at the center of the cemetery, and the plots are divided by the home states of the fallen soldiers within.

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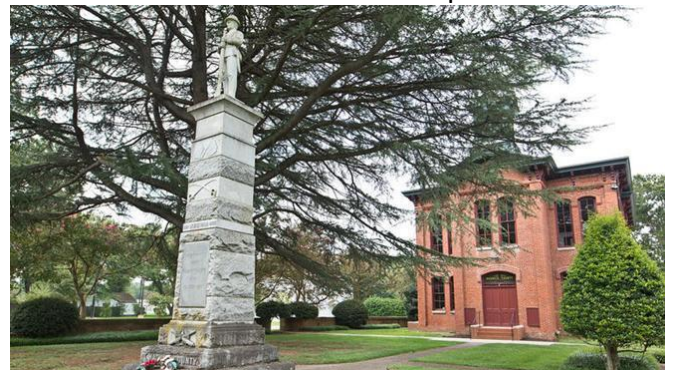
Culpeper, VA., has a monument that cost \$81,000.



Fairview Cemetery

Memorial to the Confederate fallen in battle or to disease who were originally buried on U.S. Revolutionary Army Colonel John Jameson's property in Culpeper. The statue stands upon the mass grave of these soldiers who were re-interred here in 1881; their names were listed on bronze plaques on each side of the memorial.

A monument is being erected near Newport News, Va., to cost between one and two thousand dollars. It is the work of the Lee Camp of Confederate veterans and their friends at Hampton Va.

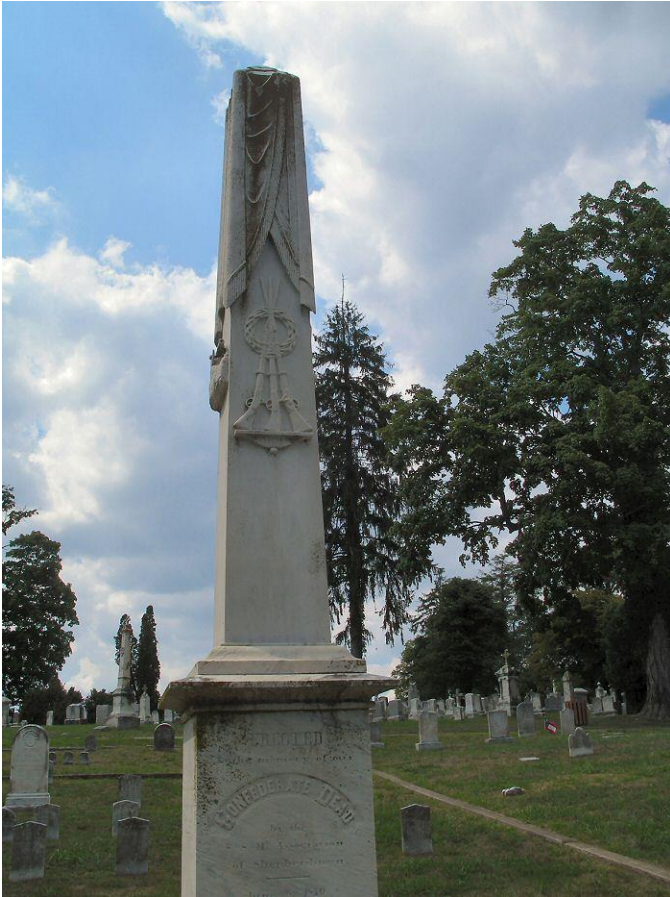


Warwick Co. Courthouse in the Denbigh section of Newport News. Confederate Soldier monument was installed in 1909 for the local war veterans Company H, 32nd Virginia Infantry unit.

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Shepardstown, VA Confederate monument has been erected at Shepardstown at a cost of \$2,500. It is a marble shaft.



The Southern Soldiers' Memorial Association formally purchased a "piece of land in 1868 that was adjacent to the Methodist Cemetery. The lot was intended as a permanent resting place for Confederate soldiers who were either killed at the Battle of Sharpsburg or died from wounds received there. A total of 114 men, many unknown, are interred here. The cemetery was officially dedicated on Confederate Memorial Day June 5, 1869.

Richmond VA December 30, 1892

Editor Confederate Veteran, Nashville, TN
My Dear Sir, At your request I enumerate, relying on my memory alone for the facts and figures.

Monument to 12,000 Confederate dead in Hollywood Cemetery, a granite pyramid 45 feet square and 90 feet high, erected by the ladies of the Hollywood Memorial Association at a cost of about \$50,000, now almost covered by" that beautiful evergreen vine, the Virginia creeper.

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Richmond VA, Hollywood Cemetery



The famed 90-foot pyramid is made with large blocks of James River granite. The blocks were stacked without bonding. Built overlooking the cemetery's Soldiers' Section. It is a monument to the 18,000 Confederate enlisted men buried in the cemetery. The pyramid took a year to build and there were many accidents during construction. Thomas Stanley, a Lynchburg convict working with the construction crew, made the perilous climb to the top to lower the capstone into place.



And thus it was that a horse thief came to be on the work gang for Dimmock's pyramid. The knots in the hoisting ropes were tied too close to the top and the stone wouldn't go past them. Stanley poured water on the ropes, causing them to shrink the needed inches. Then, as a breathless crowd watched, the prisoner put himself between the mass of hanging rock and the pyramid and righted the stone to its seat.

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Richmond VA, Hollywood Cemetery cont.



The plaque reads:

“A memorial to the Confederate women of Virginia, 1861-1865. The legislature of Virginia of 1914, has at the solicitation of Ladies Hollywood Memorial Association and United Daughters of Confederacy of Virginia placed in perpetual care this section where lie buried eighteen thousand confederate soldiers.

Montgomery Alabama Capitol Hill

The Ladies' Association of Montgomery, Al., has well under way a monument on Capitol Hill, where the Confederate Government was first established. The monument is an imposing structure to cost \$45,000. About half of this money has already been expended.



Imposing is an understatement

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2017 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting

The Descendants of Confederate Veterans Board of Directors and Special Officers met on August 19th in Hillsboro, Texas for the mid-year meeting. Board members present were President Terry Ayers, Secretary/Treasurer Steve von Roeder, Membership Chairman J.D. Boydston, and Board Member Todd Smith. Special Officers present were Carl Hedges Registrar, Comptroller Dr. Samuel Bennett, and Parliamentarian Steve Lucas. Also attending were DCV members Debbie Boydston and Lyn von Roeder and guest Lori Bennett.

The Board of Directors were brought up to date on the resignation at the Chapter level of five members from the Brigadier General T.W. Brevard Jr. Chapter in Brevard County Florida. The chapter remains strong and viable with ten members and three pending applications for membership.

President Ayers gave an update on the application by the DCV to the Texas Historical Commission for a Historical Marker to be placed at the site of Robert E. Lee elementary school in Austin, Texas. The school recently underwent a name change. The application and narrative has been submitted. As of this writing the application approval is pending.

There was a lot of discussion about the recent wave of attacks on Confederate Markers, Memorials, etc. Nothing related to the discussion required an action by the Board. However, it was suggested that all members become familiar with the heritage related markers, monuments, etc. in their local areas and report vandal activity to the proper authorities.



Flags of the DCV

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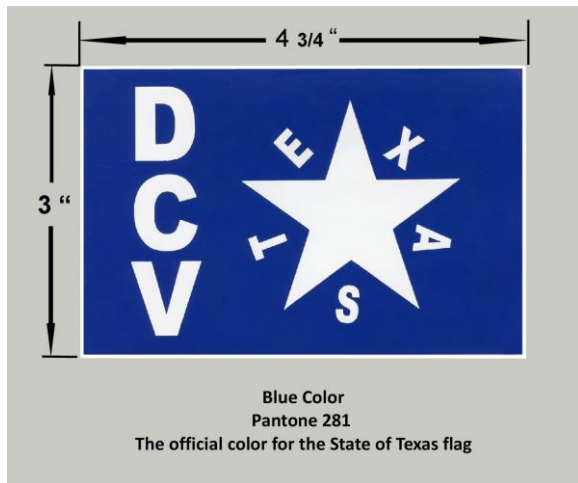
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The DCV Association recently restocked the supply of DCV pins and DCV Stickers. The decision was made to “standardize” the background color of the pin and the sticker. The color selected is the official blue of the state flag of Texas.

The Association located a supplier that produced a quality pin at a lower price than the previous supplier. The Board approved setting the price of additional pins to members at \$7.00 each.



DCV Pin \$7.00 ea.



DCV stickers \$2.00 ea.

New members will continue to receive a Certificate of Membership, membership pin and DCV sticker as part of the new member package.

To order pins and stickers mail you order and include in the envelope a check or money order payable to: **DCV Texas Association**

Mail to: Carl Hedges Jr.
809 Beverly Dr
Carthage, Texas 75633

2017 Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting cont.

In other business Waco, Texas was selected as the site for the 13th annual DCV Reunion/Convention. The Capitol Chapter will host the reunion. The place, date, and time in February 2018 will be determined.



L-R Terry Ayers, Carl Hedges Jr., J.D. Boydston, Debbie Boydston, Steve von Roeder, Todd Smith, Steve Lucas

Kay's Stitching Post

For all your DCV monogrammed items contact DCV Member Kay Hilburn in Hallsville, Texas. Kay is set up to handle almost any garment known to mankind including caps/ hats, shirts etc.



Kay's Stitching Post cont.

Contact Kay Hilburn
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This Four Bits is more than Four Bits

Capitol Chapter member Gary Loudermilk recently contacted this Editor and reminded me of something I'd totally forgotten about. Among the many Confederate monuments, memorials, etc. that have been under attack is the mural of Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and Jefferson Davis carved in the face of Stone Mountain in Georgia. In 1925 the **Stone Mountain Memorial Silver Half Dollar** was struck at the Philadelphia Mint. The coin features a depiction of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson on the obverse and the caption: "Memorial to the Valor of the Soldier of the South" on the reverse.



The coins are available on Ebay and other outlets that deal in the sale of coins. Depending on the condition the average price is \$50+. I paid \$54 for this one..... Thanks Gary!!!

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Capitol Chapter

The Capitol Chapter took a summer break from organized Confederate heritage activities but three members who also participate in Texas Revolution events were up to no good looking to fill a void in the armory. In other words they went cannon shopping! Steve von Roeder got a line on a sweet little gun that needed a little work and a good home.



The wide carriage axle was from an old wagon



The tube had an unusual touch hole. It was a hollow pipe for introducing touch powder or a fuse into the tube



The touch hole pipe was removed, machine drilled and tapped flush to create a correct touch hole. The carriage axle was cut down to match the scale of the tube and wheels.

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Presenting... El Degüello



Renovation complete,
successfully test firing El Degüello

1st Lt W.E. James Chapter, Darlington S.C.

The 1st Lt W.E. James Chapter invited back Dillon history teacher Artie Quick to their June chapter meeting. Mr. Quick brought a large number of period weapons and other items from his personal collection and gave an outstanding program on their history.



Dillon History Teacher Artie Quick



Erick Brown was the speaker at the James Chapter meeting on 18 September 2017 in Darlington, SC. Eric's excellent program was on The Hartsville Battle Flag Project. The 20'x30' Battle Flag flies on a 100' pole at 3617 w. Bobo Newsome Hwy in Hartsville, SC.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

"HERE'S YOUR MULE."

Much has been said and written of the horse, the war horse. But the mule is rarely if ever mentioned except in ridicule. After some months in the Confederate service we were encamped at Columbus KY where the teamster of our regiment was given a beautiful team of iron gray mules. One of these was "Honest John." After some service here Honest John goes to Shiloh and takes part in the conflict by pulling ammunition to the front. After the battle we go to Corinth, and then via Mobile we go to Chattanooga. Honest John goes through the country, we meet again. After a short rest the long road to Perryville is traversed and a battle is fought.

We find him again at Knoxville in October and the snow is falling thick and fast on the old servant's back. By rail we go to Murfreesboro, John gets there too. Murfreesboro is a record of the past, and Honest John rests at Shelbyville. After a long, weary summer haul he is at Chickamauga. The storm of battle being over, he rests again on the heights of Missionary Ridge. Honest John winters at Dalton. Spring opens, and with it orders to climb Rocky-face Ridge; John climbs it too. Dalton, Resaca, Adairsville, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain. Chattahoochee River, Peachtree Creek, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Lovejoy are reached. Then we about face northward and go back almost the same route. Many hills and mountains are pulled over, and Honest John does his part. After bloody Franklin John goes on, having survived one companion and another.

Nashville and that terrible winter march to Corinth again, time is rapidly passing. Nearing the Atlantic, he is moved to a quick-step. Raleigh, Hillsboro, Haw River is crossed, and this faithful old friend is still on duty. Four years have gone. "Whoa, John," is called in the piney woods near Greensboro, the ordnance is unloaded, guns are stacked, wagon scantily filled with commissary stores, and westward John starts, with weary Limbs, downcast head and drooping ears. The Cumberland is crossed, the last long pull to Greenville, Tennessee is made. Cont.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS cont.

We take a last sympathetic look on the scar worn and almost fleshless frame of old Honest John as he bathes his long bony sides in the May day sun mid the mountains of Tennessee.

There's your mule

R.J. Dew, June 1893

9th Tennessee, Maury's Brigade
Cheatham's Division
Trenton, Tennessee

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