

THE LEE CHAPTER NO. 173



100th
Anniversary
1924 - 2024

History of The Lee Chapter U.D.C. of Purcellville #1842 100th Anniversary

100 Years of "The Lee Chapter" No. 173 History
By Becky J. Fleming, President 2024

The Beginning: A Brief History – Written by Mrs. Bessie M. Hackley in 1958.

On Saturday, April 5th 1924, a meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Virginia Bitzer Hirst for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. N. H. Heaton of Leesburg Chapter, came to organize the new chapter. Miss Nannie McIntosh, (Treasurer of Leesburg Chapter) came with her and offered many helpful suggestions. Mrs. Heaton made a beautiful prayer. There being no business, the new business of organizing was at once taken up. The State (Division) By-Laws were read by Miss McIntosh.

The naming of the chapter was one of the first things brought before the meeting. The chapter was named in the honor of Col. E.V. White of Loudoun Co.

The following officers were elected for one year.

President- Mrs. Virginia Bitzer Hirst

1st Vice Pres. – Mrs. J. V. Nichols

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Rec. Sec. – Mrs. Raymond Case

Cor. Sec. – Miss Fannie Reid

Custodian – Mrs. Terry Hirst

The dues of the organization to be one dollar a year.

The Charter Members were as follows –

Miss Clara Benedum
Mrs. Nan Brewster Cornwell
Mrs. Sarah Walter Case
Mrs. Beauma Purcell Gregg
Miss Annie Gregg
Mrs. Virginia Bitzer Hirst
Mrs. Ethel Fox Hirst
Mrs. Kate Brown Hirst
Mrs. Bessie Millner Hackley
Miss Amy Howell
Miss Elizabeth Heaton
Mrs. Delia Ratcliff Merchant
Miss Fannie Reid

Making fourteen chapter members.

On April 14th 1924 a call(ed) meeting was held at the home of Mrs. V. B. Hirst for the purpose of changing the name of the chapter. The members present voted to call the chapter “**The Lee**” and the president appointed the following committee to write the constitution – Mrs. Lynn Cornwell, Mrs. J.V. Nichols, Mrs. T.N. Carruthers.

At the June meeting in 1924 the new constitution was read by the chairman Mrs. Lynn Cornwell. The constitution was accepted as framed and read. The Sec. to record the same in the back of the minute book – but no trace of it has been found.

The following year 1925 our meetings were held in the Veteran of Foreign Wars room. The rent to be one dollar a month and to see that it be kept clean.

Our Charter was framed in Sept 1925.

In 1927 we presented the “South in War Times”
We had 21 members in 1927.

In 1928 our Chapter had the following honorary members –

Mr. C.C. Wenner*

Mr. Wm. Fletcher*

Mr. John Schaffer*

Col. Lucian Powell*

Dr. J. E. Copeland*

Dr. Charles Russell*

Dr. Wm. Dodd

Mr. James Kilgour

Mr. Craven Lay*

Mr. Gouchnauer*

*All were confederate soldiers except Dr. Dodd and Mr. Kilgour.

In 1929 we were still sending money for the endowment fund for the custodian of Lee Chapel at Lexington, VA.

In 1929 prizes were given the history classes in Purcellville school for the best essay on the “Life of Gen. Robert E. Lee”. Those winning prizes were – 7th grade, Isabelle Nichols, 6th grade, Margaret Emerick, 5th grade, Fannie Nelson Lyon. The book “The Life and Letters of Gen. Lee” was given to the winners in each grade.

In 1933 money was wanted for Jefferson Davis Historical fund, our quota 51 cents a member with three years to pay. Also, quotas for three General U.D.C. funds namely, Restoration of Stratford (we sent 79 dollars), Jefferson Davis Historical Foundation and Mrs. L. H. Raines.

We presented Purcellville school a framed picture of General Robert E. Lee – the following minutes written by Mrs. Nichols will give the story. These minutes are now in UDC Scrapbook).

We had a letter from one of our members who lived in S.C. asking what VA. Representative would make a movement to have a monument to Gen. Lee and Gen. Grant at Appomattox. The UDC opposed it. St. (Senator?) George Tucker was the Representative.

At this same meeting Mrs. Merchant read a news article saying that a chapter in Norfolk had succeeded in having Gen. Lee's picture taken off the beer bottles.

In the minutes of the 44th annual convention Lee Chapter was listed as one of the twelve chapters recorded as being in good standing.

We entertained the Fourth District Convention (Conference) April 4th and 5th, 1933. At this meeting we had two distinguished speakers – Dr. Wm. Dodd, Prof. of History at University of Chicago, and Gen Billy Mitchell of the U.S. Army. In 1949 we entertained the District Convention (Conference) again.

In 1934, the Chapter gave a prize of \$3.00 to the student in Lincoln High School writing the best essay on the "Life of Maury". It was won by James Love, first year high school student.

On National Hospital Day – May 18th, 1951 Lee Chapter presented to the Loudoun County Hospital a mahogany hall table in memory of John E. Benedum, the last Confederate soldier in our town. The following inscription on a card placed under the glass on top of the table reads as follows= A gift of Lee Chapter U.D.C. Purcellville, VA. in memory of John E. Benedum - Confederate Soldier. The table to stand under the hospital memorial board and will bear a container of fresh flowers daily.

This covers a few of our activities in the past 34 years. Anyone who wants to add to or take away any event are invited to do so. My eyes are poor and I couldn't do a good job.

Faithfully yours,
Bessie M. Hackley
(b. 1877- d. 1969)

1924 CHARTER MEMBERS

In 1958, **Bessie Millner Hackley**, a long-standing President, shared this recollection of our humble beginnings starting way back in 1924. At the time of this recounting, Bessie would have been 81 years old, and with just a few corrections that we will address later, she did a pretty good job.

Bessie Millner Hackley was born 11 September 1877 to her parents Pryor Reynolds Millner and Sarah Kate Reynolds. Bessie married Dr. James Bernard Hackley, Sr. and they both lived on Main Street, Purcellville, Virginia. The house still stands and is located across the street from Purcellville Library. Bessie and her husband are buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Hamilton, Virginia.

Bessie was the granddaughter of *Capt. Pryor Reynolds who served with the 45th N.C. Co A.*

Bessie Millner Hackley was a Charter member of the Lee Chapter and was elected Vice President at their first meeting in April 1924. She later served as our Chapter President for 25 years, from 1928 – 1953.

Bessie's granddaughter, **Trudy Hackley Dawson**, was in attendance at our 100th Anniversary Celebration to honor her grandmother. She shared photos of Bessie and their home built in 1905.



BESSIE MILLNER HACKLEY

THE LEE CHAPTER PRESIDENT
1928-1953



DR. J.B. & BESSIE HACKLEY
HOME ON MAIN ST PURCELLVILLE - BUILT 1905
ACROSS FROM THE LIBRARY

The second Lee
Chapter meeting, on
May 12, 1924 was
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the Lee Chapter No. 173
U. D. G. No. 1842 Purcellville, Va
Charter Members - April 5, 1924
Paid

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Mrs. J. N. Carruthers (Virginia Purcell)
Mrs. Nan Brewster Cornwell
Mrs. Sarah Walter Case
Mrs. Beanna Purcell Gregg
Miss Anne Gregg
Mrs. Virginia Bitzer Hirst
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The election of the Historian was deferred until the next meeting.

Mrs. Hirst paid to Mrs. Heaton \$1.25 for application papers and minutes. This sum is to be taken out of the treasury of the chapter. These minutes cost \$887.99 per thousand, that is 88 cents per copy.

The dues of the organization are one dollar a year. Application papers were given out and those desiring membership were urged to have same filled in and signed as soon as possible.

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Mrs. Sarah Walter Case, Former School Teacher

Special Dispatch to The Star

PURCELLVILLE, Va., June 8.—Mrs. Sarah Walter Case, 59, former school teacher, died last night at Loudoun Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Winchester, Va., she had been a resident of Purcellville since her marriage to the late Raymond Case 37 years ago. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Walter.

Mrs. Case taught school in Loudoun County before her marriage to Mr. Case. She was active in Red Cross work and was a former member of the board of directors of the Loudoun Red Cross Chapter.

She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and a member of Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Her husband died seven years ago. She is survived by two sons, F. Gardner Case, Purcellville, and George W. Case, Montgomery, Ala.; three sisters, Miss Margaret Walter, Winchester; Miss Edith Walter and Mrs. Erle Carter, Baltimore, and a brother, Frank G. Walter, who lives in Michigan.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. (EST) tomorrow at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Hillsboro Cemetery.

Sarah Walter Case, was the appointed secretary for the first Lee Chapter meeting in April 1924. At this meeting she was elected to be the official "Recording Secretary - Mrs. Raymond Case" for a one-year term, according to these minutes.

Sarah "Walter" Case was born 25 May 1892 to her parents Franklin Gardner Walter & Sallie Gold Kurtz Walter of Winchester, Virginia. Before marriage Sarah was a Loudoun County school teacher and was also on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross. Sarah was also active in Red Cross work. She lived in Purcellville, Virginia in 1920 with husband Raymond Case; They are buried at the Hillsboro Cemetery just outside of Purcellville. Her obituary states she was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Lee Chapter UDC.

Sarah was a real daughter. Her father, Frank Gardner Walter served with the 39th Battalion VA CAV and on Sarah's application her father wrote his own story on the application (see below) and even signed it.

Sarah was a Charter Member of the Lee Chapter.

Remarks:

I joined my Company A 39 Battalion Va Cavalry at Berryville
on duty at Gen R. E. Lee's Headquarters then on
march to Gettysburg and was with it until
the surrender at Appomattox. I was
at Appomattox Station when a prison
train was captured by Federal Cavalry on
day before Surrender.
Frank G. Walter
Co A. 39 Battalion
Va Cavalry

May 12, 1924 –
(Second Meeting)

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A full attendance was not reported, however the business of the evening was carried on by the Chapter members in attendance.

After prayer, led by the president, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Fannie Reid in the absence of the Sec.

The reports from the various committees were given and other unfinished business completed.

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Miss Fannie Reid, was elected the “Corresponding Secretary” at the first Lee Chapter meeting April 1924. Fannie is also listed as a Charter Member. Being Corresponding Secretary, was Fannie’s whole life. Frances Hazel “Fannie” Reid was born 22 April 1900 to her parents, George David Reid & Eliza Jaque Reid; Miss Frances Hazel Reid, also known as Miss Fannie, was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. She lived in Hume with her aunt and brothers, and then moved to Purcellville when she was 12 years old. Miss Fannie graduated from Lincoln High School and attended the Wilson Teacher College and

Strayer Business College in Washington D.C. 1920 Census shows Fannie living on Mt. Gilead with her Aunt Alice Corder;

In June, 1921, when Ms. Fannie was 21 years old, she began her career at the Loudoun Times Mirror newspaper as a secretary. She was then promoted to Bookkeeper, Editor, and then Associate Publisher of the newspaper. At times, Miss Fannie was also a reporter. She loved to meet people and discuss all things of interest as she reported news for the newspaper. She enjoyed politics, and would often be seen walking about town socializing and debating with others.

Miss Fannie was director of the Loudoun County Historical Society, and a founding member of the Loudoun Business and Professional Women’s Club. In 1987, Miss Fannie published a book about the history of local newspapers titled, *Inside Loudoun: The Way it Was*. To many who worked with her at the newspaper, and in the community, Miss Fannie was known as “Loudoun’s living history.”

Miss Fannie worked with the newspaper for 73 years and worked hard to study and preserve the history of Loudoun County. Because of her contributions to Loudoun County, an elementary school in Leesburg was named for her. “Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School”. Sadly, this school was on the list to be renamed because of her association with the cause but still remains today the Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School.

Fannie was the granddaughter of *Jonas Cornwell 38th VA Battalion Fauquier Artillery.*

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June 2, 1924 -
(Third Meeting)

The regular monthly meeting of the U.D.C. was held June 2, at the house of Elizabeth Heaton. Mrs. V. B. Hirst presiding.

The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer, after this the new constitution was read by the chairman, Mrs. Lynn Cornwell.

The constitution was accepted as framed and read. The secretary to record same in the minutes.

The President appointed Mrs. W. S. Steele and Mrs. T.W. Carruthers to select flowers for Mr. Simpson and Mrs. J.E. Benedum.

There being no further business Mrs. E. J. Hirst asked the members to meet at her home for the next regular meeting.

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United Daughters of the Confederacy

Hereby authorizes and empowers
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Chifford T. Heston
Marian Ethel Hackley
Catherine Brown Hirst
Sarah Helen Case
Annie H. Gray
Louise Ridgely Nichols
Annie Reed
Julia Crockett Pugh
Minnie Louise Crane
Ethel Hopewell
Virginia Lettice Hirst
Lucile S. Dwyer

and their successors to associate themselves together under the name and designation of The Lee Chapter No. 1842
United Daughters of the Confederacy,
to be located at Winchester in the County of Indiana
State of Ind.

The said The Lee Chap. No. 1842 is authorized to perform all acts pertaining to the purposes of this Association and to enact for its own government such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary provided they do not conflict with the Charter or Constitution of this Association.

In Testimony of which we have hereunto affixed our signatures at
New York this July 14 day of 1924

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Mrs. Walker Harold PRESIDENT
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The Lee Chapter Charter
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July 7, 1924 -

(Fourth Meeting)

On Monday evening July 7, the regular business meeting of the U.D.C. was held at the house of Mrs. A.T. Hirst.

The President called the meeting to order and then led in the Lord's prayer.

The minutes of the June meeting were read by the sec.

The chairman of the membership comm. Reported our new member, and the promised of several others.

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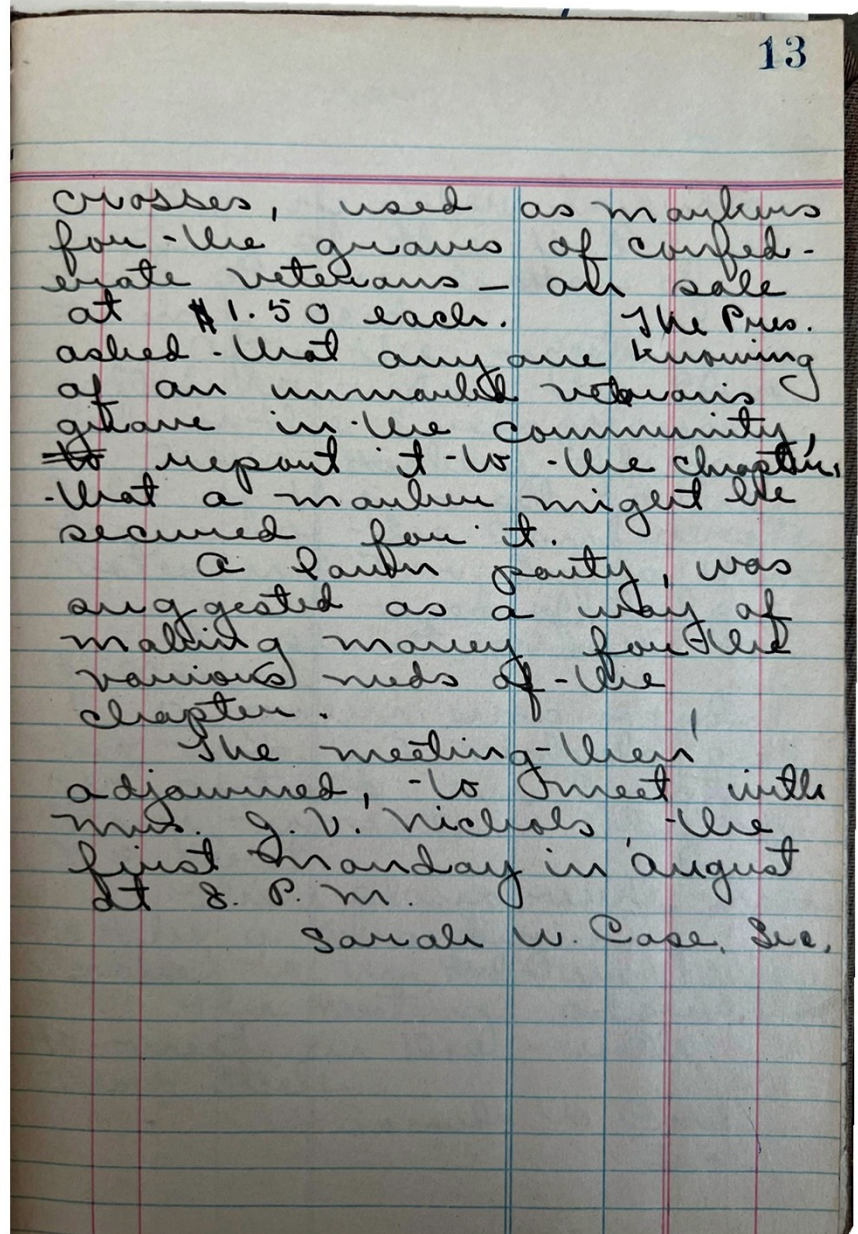
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....crosses, used as markers for the graves of confederate veterans – on sale at \$1.50 each. The Pres. asked that anyone knowing of an unmarked veteran's grave in the community, report it to the chapter, that a marker might be secured for it.

A lawn party was suggested as a way of making money for the various needs of the chapter.

The meeting then adjourned, to meet with Mrs. J.V. Nichols the first Monday in August at 8 P.M.

Sarah W. Case, Sec.



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November 1924

The regular business meeting of the U.D.C. was held at the home of Fannie Reid.

After the meeting was called to order the Pres. led in the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Hackley then told of the visit to the home of the Confederate veteran Mr. Tippo, who is so in need of help.

A short program followed—

A poem was read by Mrs. J.V. Nichols and article on great Stone Mountain by Mrs. V. B. Hirst.

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"Jennie" was born 13 September 1857 to her parents John W Bitzer & Amanda Lovett Bitzer; 1900 Census shows Virginia & her husband John Townsend Hirst living on Mt. Gilead with their three children.

Jennie died 12 Feb 1936 and is buried in Lincoln Cemetery, Lincoln, Va. just outside of Purcellville.

Jennie was the niece of Conrad Bitzer of the 8th Virginia.

Mrs. Lucille W. Taylor Born 2 September 1891 in Purcellville; Her parents Bailey M. Taylor and Clara H. Osborn; She too lived on Mt. Gilead with her husband Herman Piggott whom she married in 1931. Both are buried in Lincoln Cemetery, Lincoln, Va. Lucille, a Charter member, was elected Lee Chapter's First Registrar in December 1924.

Lucille was the granddaughter of Joseph C. Osburn, 7th Virginia Cav.

Mrs. Nannie Brewster Cornwell – Born 20 June 1898 to Oscar Brewster & Nannie Edna "Austin" Brewster of Arkansas. She was the wife of J. Lynn Cornwell. In 1930 J Lynn Cornwell and Nannie lived in their home on Main Street in Purcellville where he ran a grocery store. Both are buried in Hillsboro Cemetery, Hillsboro, Va.(Loudoun County). Nan was a Charter Member of the Lee Chapter.

Nan was the granddaughter of Alphonse Brewster 9th Ark. Infantry

Mrs. Louise Kilgour Nichols – Born 14 Dec 1889 to her parents Harry Kilgour & Florence "Leslie" Kilgour. Louise married Joseph VanDevanter Nichols from Mt. Gilead. In the 1930's the couple lived on Main Street in Purcellville, VA. Louise & her husband are buried in Hillsboro Cemetery just outside of Purcellville. She was a Charter Member of the Lee Chapter.

Louise is the niece of Thomas Martin Leslie 6th VA CAV – Thomas joined under age and was killed in Strasburg 1862. He is buried at Arnold Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro Cemetery just outside of Purcellville.

MRS. VIRGINIA B. HIRST
PURCELLVILLE, Feb. 12—Mrs. Virginia Bitzer Hirst, 78, widow of John T. Hirst, prominent club woman, church worker and social leader, died at her home in Purcellville at 5:30 this morning from pneumonia, following an illness of several months.
Mrs. Hirst was a life-long resident of Loudoun County and had been living in Purcellville for 50 years. She was a member of St. Peters Episcopal Church, Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy; Purcellville Garden Club, the Home Interest Club and the Ladies' Board of Managers of the Loudoun County Hospital.
She is survived by two sons, J. Terry Hirst, Leesburg and Purcellville; Dr. Virginius B. Hirst, New York, and one daughter, Mrs. William Couper, Lexington, Va. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 P. M. from the residence, conducted by the Rev. A. L. Ribble. Interment will be in the Lincoln Cemetery.

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December 1924

On Tuesday evening Dec 2nd, the regular meeting of the UDC was held at the home of Mrs. W.S. Steele.

After prayer led by the president the minutes of the last meeting were read by Ethel Hirst in the absence of the secretary.

Treasurer's report was as follows:
Amt of dues deposited May 12th - \$12.00

Amt. deposited from lunch \$30.50
Gift from Mrs. Popkins \$1.00 Total \$43.50

Money paid out as follows:
Flowers \$10.00; Millner & Speir for blankets \$3.75; Nichols & Paxson for vest \$2.50; C.K. Davis for merchandise \$7.70; Lynn Cornwell for groceries; \$2.75; Total \$26.70

Balance in Bank: \$16.80

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It was proposed that we sell the "Ann Elizabeth Wade" extracts for benefit of our Chapter, this was suggested as a way of making money. It will be considered and decided upon later.

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Katherine "Ethel" Fox Hirst Born 17 July 1893 to her parents William Alexander Fox & Katherine "Fravel" Fox; Married to Julian T. Hirst and buried in Lincoln Cemetery, Lincoln, Va. In the 1930, she and her husband JT Hirst was living with his mother in Purcellville.

Ethel was the granddaughter of John Henry Fravel, Chews Battery, Laurel Brigade VA.

Ethel Hirst was the mother of **Jane Hirst Bogle**. Jane was a Lee Chapter member who died suddenly on August 18th, 2015. Jane was member of the St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the DAR, and Colonial Dames XVII, Daughters of the Confederacy.



Delia "Ratcliff" Merchant Born 12 January 1879 to her parents James Ratcliffe & Susanna Howison Ratcliffe of North Fork (outside of Purcellville); 1900-1940 Census shows Delia living with her husband Tilden Merchant on Mt. Gilead. Delia was buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Hamilton, VA in 1936.

Delia was the daughter of:

James E Ratcliffe – 49th Virginia Infantry

Buried at North Fork Cemetery. Restoration to his final resting place was done by Ken Fleming in 2012.

Delia Merchant was the grandmother of **Page Barrett**. Page is a member of the Lee Chapter. Page was present at our 100th Anniversary Celebration and spoke on behalf of her grandmother.



James A. Ratcliff
49th Virginia Infantry

1924 CHARTER MEMBERS



Clara Ann Benedum – Born 8 July 1884 to her parents John E. Benedum & Liza Adams. Clara was the first member of our Chapter, but was not there when the Charter was signed. Signed a Demit to join The Lee Chapter on May 7, 1924 – Leaving Blue Ridge Chapter which she joined 18 March 1911. Clara never married. The 1910 Census shows Clara living with her parents in Purcellville, 3 houses down from Bessie Hackley.

Clara was the daughter of – John E. Benedum, 8th Virginia.

Clara's grand-niece, **Charlie Schneider** was present during our 100th Anniversary Celebration on July 14, 2024, to honor her Great Aunt and is applying to be member of the Lee Chapter. Clara's nephew (Charlie's father), **Chase Schneider** is a member of the Clinton Hatcher SCV Camp. Both Chase Schneider and his son (grand nephew) **Will Schneider**, were

instrumental in their assistance in removing our confederate monument in Leesburg, Virginia to a safe location in July 2020.

Catherine Brown Hirst – Born 25 August 1868 to her parents William Brown & Louisa Johnson Brown; She lived with her husband Edwin Thomas Hirst in the Mt. Gilead District. She died in 1953 and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Hamilton, Virginia. Catherine "Kate" was listed as the Corresponding Secretary, in 1951.

Catherine was the granddaughter of William Brown of the 2nd VA Batt Co H.

Annie Mayo Gregg – Born 1 Dec 1888 to her parents Daniel Gregg and Laura "Bitzer" Gregg; Perhaps related to our first President Virginia Bitzer Hirst. She was an employee at the Veteran's Administration for 32 years. 1910 Census shows Annie living with her father Daniel in Purcellville; She is buried in Lincoln Cemetery, just outside of Purcellville;

Annie is the niece of Henry H. Gregg -35th Reg VA Battalion CAV

1924 CHARTER MEMBERS



Amy Virginia Howell Holder – Born 16 May 1903 to her parents Benton Dallas Howell and Belinda Stickler Howell; She was also in the Ketocin DAR Chapter and was a direct descendant of Capt William Howell – She was born on a large farm near Oatlands and after attending Madison College taught school in a one room school at Oak Hill. Amy was a Broker Agent with Merrill Lynch Realty in Oakton and licensed to sell real estate in 1949.

Amy was a real daughter. Her father, Benton Dallas Howell served with the 35th Whites Bat VA CAV

Elizabeth Rounceville Heaton – Born 3 May 1903 to her parents Nathaniel Rounceville Heaton and Elizabeth Boone Davis Heaton both natives of Loudoun; 1920 lived in Purcellville with her parents Nathaniel & Bessie Heaton; Elizabeth along with her parents are buried here at Ketocin Baptist Church Cemetery, Purcellville, VA Loudoun County ; Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Capt Nathaniel R Heaton of the 8th VA. Co A.

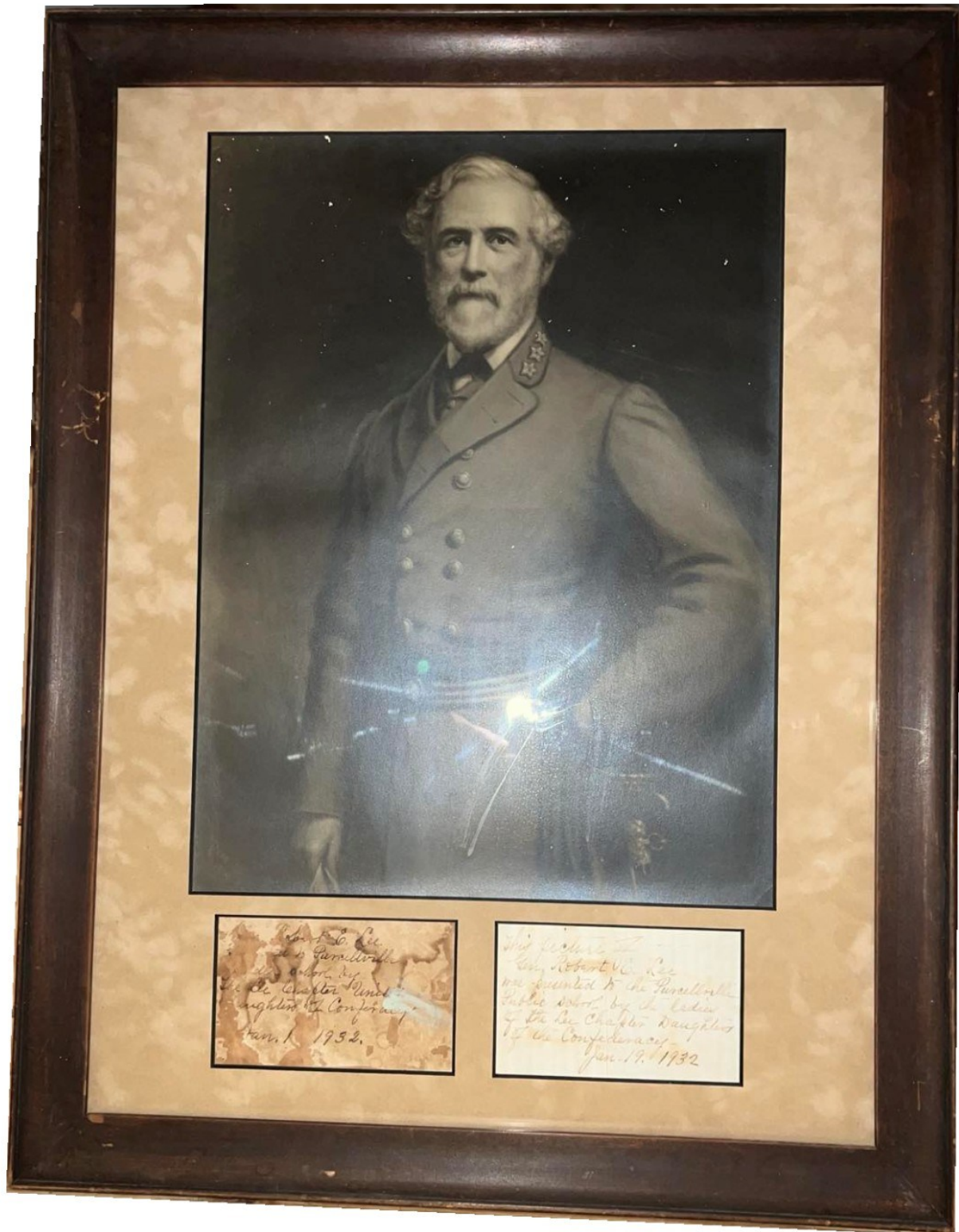
Beaumont Purcell Gregg – Born 22 March 1886 in Bluemont to her parents: Frank Purcell & Mary Elizabeth Hill. Married Gorden Bitzer Gregg in 1906; 1930 Census shows Beauma & husband Gorden living a few houses down from Bessie Hackley in Purcellville. Beauma signed a Demit to join The Lee Chapter on May 7, 1924 – Leaving Blue Ridge Chapter which she joined April 29, 1905; Both her and her husband lay to rest in the Lincoln Cemetery, Lincoln Va.(Loudoun County) She held the office of Registrar in 1951.

Beuma was a real daughter of Frank Purcell, 8th Virginia

Adelaide Chamblin Steele – Born 22 October 1861 to John W. Chamblin & Molly Burson; Married to William S. Steele; 1920 Census shows Adelaide (Margaret) and her husband William living right down the street from Virginia Purcell Carruthers and Bessie Hackley. Adelaide signed a Demit to join The Lee Chapter on June 4, 1924 – Leaving Blue Ridge Chapter which she joined April 9, 1917; She is buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Hamilton, Va. (Loudoun County)

Addie was a real daughter of John Machlon Chamblin, 35th Virginia Whites Battalion.

THE STORY OF THE 1932 GIFTING

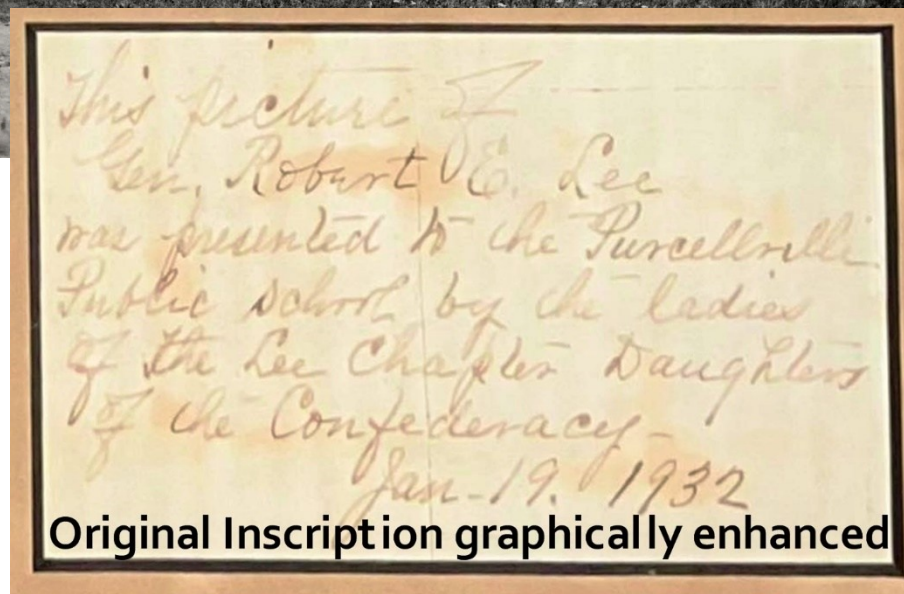


Robert V. Lee
Portrait by
the artist, by
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Jan. 1, 1932.

This portrait of
Gen. Robert V. Lee
was presented to the Russellville
Public School by the Ladies
of the Lee Chapter Daughters
of the Confederacy
Jan. 17, 1932

THE STORY OF THE 1932 GIFTING

On 19 January 1932... The Lee Chapter donated a large framed Lee Photo to the Purcellville Graded School (All White) in Purcellville, Virginia. Pictured below is the school in 1940. It is now used as a Community Center and called Loudoun Valley Community Center located at 329 W. School Street, Purcellville, Va. 20132.



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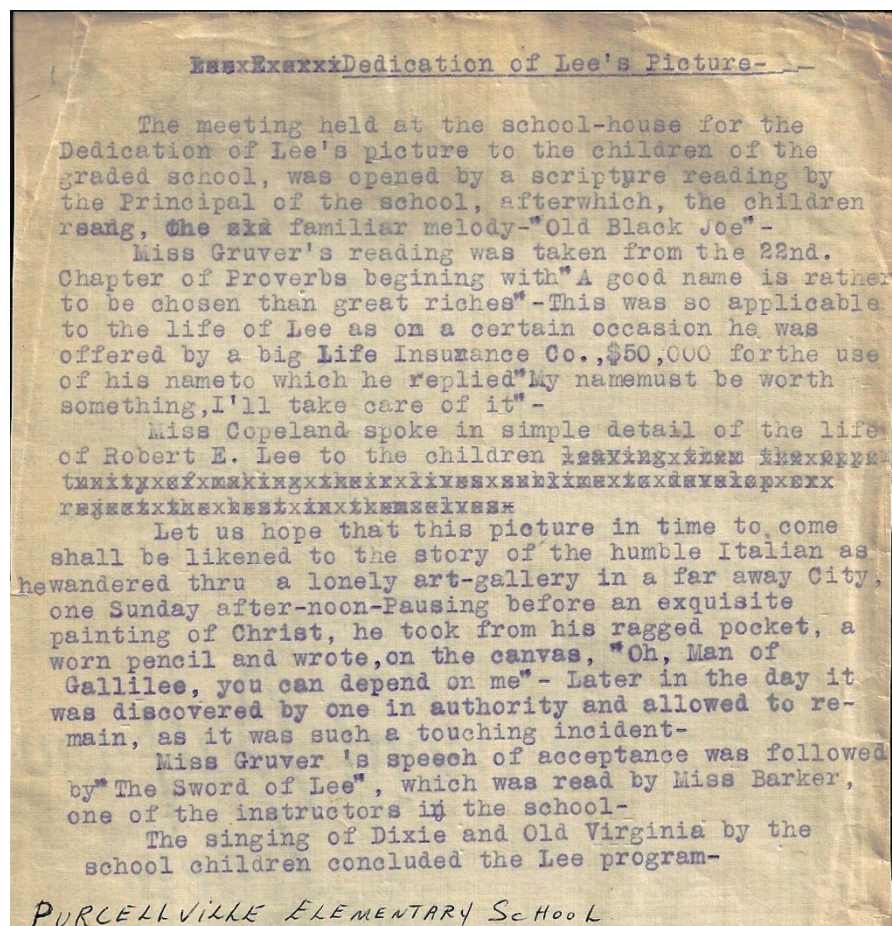
The January 1932 Minutes (pictured below) read as follows:

The meeting held at the school house for the Dedication of Lee's picture to the children of the graded school, was opened by a scripture reading by the Principal of the school, after which, the children sang, familiar melody – "Old Black Joe".

Miss Gruver's reading was taken from the 22nd Chapter of Proverbs beginning with "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches"- This was so applicable to the life of Lee as on a certain occasion he was offered by a big Life Insurance Co. \$50,000.00 for the use of his name to which he replied "My name must be worth something, I'll take care of it".

Miss Copeland spoke in simple detail of the life of Robert E. Lee to the children.

Let us hope that this picture in time to come shall be likened to the story of the humble Italian as he wandered thru a lonely art gallery in a far away City, one Sunday afternoon - Pausing before an exquisite painting of Christ, he took from his ragged pocket, a worn pencil and wrote, on the canvas, "Oh, Man of Galilee, you can depend on me" – Later in the day it was discovered by one in authority and allowed to remain, as it was such a touching incident.



Miss Gruver's speech of acceptance was followed by "The Sword of Lee", which was read by Miss Barker, one of the instructors in the school.

The singing of Dixie and Old Virginia by the school children concluded the Lee Program.

THE STORY OF THE 1932 GIFTING

Now, time marches on to current day June 25, 1987. Dorothy Rickard was the Lee Chapter President at that time and received a letter (below) from a Mr. Ronnie Ogburn of Mt. Olive Alabama. He stated that he had purchased, from an antique store in Harrisonburg, Virginia, a Lee Photo, with an inscription "Presented to Purcellville School" and was seeking more provenance information on the piece.

Mr. Ronnie R. Ogburn
496 Springdale Road
Mt. Olive, Al. 35117
June 25, 1987

Mrs. Jasper Rickard
Route 2 Box 9
Lovettsville, Va. 22080

Dear Mrs. Rickard:

Last week I purchased a framed photograph of General Robert E. Lee from an antique store in Harrisonburg, Va. There is a certificate on the back framing paper that states the photograph was "Presented to Purcellville (unreadable) School by The Lee Chapter United Daughters of Confederacy Jan. 1, 1932."

While working on other Civil War research at the Birmingham Library I mentioned the photograph to one of the staff members who is a member of one of the local chapters of the UDC. She gave me your name and address, indicating that you were a past President of the Lee Chapter. She thought perhaps you have access to your Chapter's records and might be able to tell me some of the history behind this particular photograph.

From other research and prints I know that this photograph is the same as the famous portrait by Theodore Pine that hangs in the Lee Chapel of Washington and Lee University. The face of the photograph I have has the word "Pine 1904" in the lower left hand corner. This apparently was etched on the negative prior to printing; or perhaps the photograph I purchased is one of the portrait rather than General Lee himself and the "Pine 1904" is the painter's signature on the canvas.

The information I am searching for is whether your records indicate if the photograph was one from which the artist worked or a photograph of the painting. I'd like to know what school in Purcellville received the painting and the reason behind the presentation. I'd also like to know how long your Chapter had the photograph and it's origin. The antique dealer I purchased it from bought it in an estate sale near Winchester, Va.

As I am an avid Civil War researcher and collector, any information you might be able to give me will certainly be of interest. I have taken pictures of the photograph and will enclose them with this letter if I have them back, or will forward them at a later date if you have an interest. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Ogburn
Ronnie Ogburn

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In Rickard's letter to Ogburn, she said: "It really bothers me that they (school officials) did not at least return the picture to us if they did not want to use it. I know one thing, as long as I am president of our Chapter we will not spend any funds for schools again!" No one knows how the portrait disappeared or what happened until 1987.

Mr. Ronnie R. Ogburn
496 Springdale Road
Mt. Olive, Alabama 35117
July 14, 1987

Mrs. Jasper Rickard
Rt. 2 Box 9
Lovettsville, Virginia 22080

Dear Mrs. Rickard:

Thank you for replying to my inquiry about the photograph of General Robert E. Lee.

The information you found in your Chapter's minutes is very interesting. I really appreciate the time and effort you expended to this end.

As I told you in my first letter, the photograph was purchased in an antique store in Harrisonburg in June of this year. It was a gift from my wife, an addition to my growing collection of Civil War relics and research workings. The price of the photograph was \$75.00.

Unfortunately, I am not in a position to donate the photograph back to your Chapter. If at any time your Chapter would like to purchase the photograph, I will sell it to you for the price my wife paid for it. My wife and I spend one week each spring in Virginia. If you wish, I could bring the photograph to you on our next trip.

If your Chapter is unable to purchase the photograph, it will remain in my collection. I will not sell it to anyone other than you or your Chapter.

Thank you again for replying to my letter and answering all of my questions. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Ogburn
Ronnie Ogburn

THE STORY OF THE 1932 GIFTING

We will now fast forward again to 2004. Lee Chapter was celebrating their 80th Anniversary and Dorothy Rickard, President had asked our local historian, Eugene Scheel to be our guest speaker.

Eugene Scheel writes: **(see entire Washington Post Article next page)**

“My role in returning the Lee picture began this spring when Rickard asked me to speak at the Lee chapter’s 80th anniversary dinner and meeting. In my research I came across 1987 letter from Ogburn to Rickard, which stated that anytime the Lee Chapter would like to purchase it back, he would sell it for what it cost plus shipping.”

“To me, such a sum even with mailing seemed small, and I wondered why they didn’t buy it back. But in reviewing that year’s minutes, I noticed the chapter treasury had less than \$200.00.”

“Perhaps Ogburn would sell me the picture, hopefully for \$75.00 and I could surprise the Lee Chapter at the anniversary event and Rickards retirement after 25 years as president!”

Eugene Scheel was able to finally locate the Ogburns after all those years. They had moved but he was able to track them down in Gardendale, Alabama. The Ogburn’s were still in possession of the photo and graciously sold the photo to Mr. Scheel for the \$75.00 asking price from 1987. Mrs. Ogburn stated that she always felt it should go home.

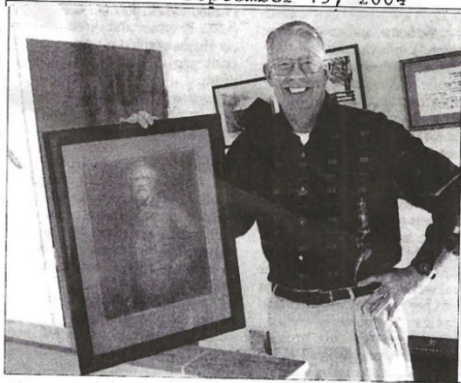
In August 2004, the following month after the Lee Chapter 80th Anniversary celebration & the return of the Lee Photo, Dorothy Rickard resigned her presidency of 25 years. Becky Hackney Fleming stepped up as president.

Fast forward another 20 years, at the Lee Chapter 100th Anniversary celebration on July 14, 2024...

Becky Fleming, President is still in possession of the Lee Photo. The photo was on display at the 100th Anniversary event. Becky reached out to Mr. Eugene Scheel, and to the Ogburn Family to thank them for their generosity.

THE STORY OF THE 1932 GIFTING

The Washington Post
September 19, 2004



Eugene Scheel holds the framed reproduction he tracked down of the "Pine Portrait," a famous oil painting of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

THE PAST RECALLED Eugene Scheel

Picture of Gen. Lee Finds Its Way Home

A framed reproduction of a famous oil painting of Gen. Robert E. Lee, commander of the armies of the Confederate states, has come home to Loudoun after a long absence.

The life-size oil portrait of Lee was painted in 1904 by Ogdensburg, N.Y., artist Theodore Pine, and was known as the "Pine Portrait." A reproduction of the painting was given to the Lee chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy by UDC member Eloise Hirst Couper of Lexington, Va. Couper's husband, William, was the Virginia Military Institute historian.

It is not clear whether the reproduction, covered in thick glass, is a photograph or a print. Experts at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, where the original hangs, said they had heard a black and white reproduction existed but did not recall having seen one. Lee was president of the school from 1865 until seven months before his death in 1870. The school was then called Washington College—for George Washington. The year after Lee's death, the school's trustees renamed the college Washington and Lee.

The Lee chapter of the UDC gave the framed reproduction to the Purcellville Graded School for white children on Jan. 19, 1932. The Lee chapter then usually met in Purcellville area homes, because most of its members were

from that area. The school had opened Jan. 19, 1923, and Jan. 19 was Lee's birthday.

Sometime after 1932, the reproduction disappeared from the school. It turned up in 1987 in an antiques shop in Harrisonburg, Va., where it was bought by collectors Ronnie and Linda Ogburn of Mount Olive, Ala.

Ronnie Ogburn said he could not read the full ink inscription on the back of the picture: "Presented to Purcellville Graded School by Lee Chapter United Daughters of Confederacy Jan. 1, 1932" because the word "Graded" was partly obliterated. A graded school was one that had one grade in each classroom—in Purcellville, first through seventh grade—as opposed to the many one- and two-room schools where all grades were taught together.

Ogburn wrote to Dorothy K. Rickard, president of the Lee chapter, for information on the picture's provenance. Rickard then had the UDC chapter's minutes, which are now at the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg. She replied to Ogburn and enclosed a copy of the Jan. 1, 1932, minutes and a text titled, "The Dedication of Lee's Picture," which took place in the auditorium of Purcellville Graded School on Jan. 19, 1932.

The ceremony reflected an era when memories of an antebellum Loudoun, both through its few remaining Civil War veterans and

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the children of those veterans, pervaded the culture of much of the county's white population.

Bertha Gruver, principal of the school since its opening, read Proverbs 22:1: "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches. . . ." Gruver said Lee had been offered \$50,000 by a life insurance company to use his name in some manner but replied: "My name must be worth something. I'll take care of it."

Students and members of the audience sang Stephen Foster's "Old Black Joe," a popular parlor song during Lee's adult years and described in the UDC minutes as "the familiar melody." The students also sang "Dixie," a popular Civil War-era song in both the South and the North, and James Bland's "[Carry Me Back to] Old Virginny," then the state song.

UDC member Maria Copeland spoke "in simple detail" of Lee's life. The chapter had selected her as the main speaker because her father, noted Hillsboro and Round Hill physician James E. Copeland, had served in the Confederate army.

Gruver then accepted the Lee portrait, and sixth-grade teacher Mildred Barker read selections from Abraham J. Ryan's book "The

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chapter's 80th anniversary dinner and meeting. Curious as to what the organization was about, I wrote an article about the changing role of the UDCs in the Virginia Piedmont for the July 18 Loudoun Extra ["Bound to the Past, Beholden to the Future]."

In my research, I came across the 1987 letter from Ogburn to Rickard in which he said: "If at any time your chapter would like to purchase the photograph, I will sell it to you for the price my wife paid for it [\$75]."

To me, such a sum, even with mailing costs, seemed small, and I wondered why the Lee chapter didn't buy the heirloom. But in perusing that year's minutes, I noticed the chapter treasury had less than \$200.

Perhaps Ogburn would sell me the picture—hopefully for \$75—so I could surprise the Lee chapter on its anniversary—and on Rickard's retirement after 25 years as president. Why not? I thought. Jan. 19 is also my birthday—my link to Lee.

The Ogburns had moved since 1987, but in July, I tracked them down in Gardendale, Ala. They had the reproduction "somewhere," Linda Ogburn told me. "We never hung the picture in our home. There was just no place to hang it."

Yes, they would give it to me for the price they had paid for it, plus

SCHEEL, From Page 3

I called the chapel, and curator Angelika Kuetner and director Patricia Hobbs verified it was an out-of-print copy. They do sell a color print.

Kuetner also mentioned that the Lee family believed the chapel's Pine portrait was the finest rendering of the Confederate leader. Hobbs said another Pine portrait of Lee hangs in the Pack Memorial Public Library in Asheville, N.C.

Kuetner said in an e-mail that Pine painted Lee after studying photographs of the general, who posed in Richmond for Julian Vamerson in 1864.

After looking through many likenesses of Lee in Roy Meredith's book "The Face of Lee in Life and Legend," I saw that the postures of both paintings were similar but concluded that Lee's kind facial expression closely matched a spring 1865 photograph by Matthew Brady, taken in Richmond shortly after Lee's surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House.

All this background I condensed into a one-minute cadenza after my planned Loudoun Civil War lecture to the Lee chapter and friends yesterday. A presentation of the picture was to follow.

Eugene Scheel is a Waterford historian and mapmaker.

Sword of Lee," a treatise on music about Lee.

In Rickard's letter to Ogburn, she said: "It really bothers me that they [school officials] did not at least return the picture to us if they did not want to use it. I know one thing, as long as I am president of our Chapter we will not spend any funds for schools again!"

No one knows how the portrait disappeared or what happened to it until 1987.

Gruver retired in 1937. Purcellville Graded School closed in May 1967, and none of the six teachers I contacted who had taught during the school's final years could recall the photograph. They also didn't remember seeing the photograph at the school's successor, Emerick Elementary, after it opened as an integrated school in September 1967.

The old graded school remained vacant until it became the Loudoun Valley Community Center in March 1970. Alice Power, who became director that summer, does not recall seeing the Lee reproduction at the center, although she told me recently that half of the building was blocked off by chicken wire because of a leaking roof and ceilings likely to collapse.

My role in returning the Lee picture began this spring, when Rickard asked me to speak at the Lee

shipping. "I always thought it needed to come home, and now the time has come," Linda Ogburn said.

She said she first saw the Lee picture while looking for a third anniversary present for Ronnie, who was then researching forebears who had fought for the Confederacy.

"I saw it in this shop," she told me a few months ago. "The picture kept saying, 'Take me home.' But I didn't buy it and went back to my cousins, where I was staying. A few days later, I came back. It was still there, and I bought it."

During several phone calls over several weeks, she assured me that she and her husband were "so tickled that it's going home."

Lee's picture was late arriving from Alabama, and when I called Linda Ogburn to get the shipping details, she said that while the picture was being packed for mailing, she received two offers for it—both for more than \$75. She told the prospective purchasers: "But you don't understand. He's going home."

Linda Ogburn checked with UPS as to the picture's whereabouts and was told it had reached Lexington, Va. I thought, "How apropos." Lexington would be its last stop before Waterford.

Upon receiving the picture, I saw it was a black and white copy of the original in Lee Chapel at Lexington.

LOUDOUN U. D. C. UNIT ACTIVE IN SUCCORING NEEDY CONFEDERATES

Band of Women Devoted to the
Cause of Southland in '61-'65
Keep Alive Ideals for
Which Lee's Men
Fought

ORGANIZED IN 1896

Mrs. N. S. Purcell Was First
President—Successors Have
Carried On Noble Work
to Which Chapter Is
Dedicated

By MRS. MAGNUS THOMPSON
When the editor of the Loudoun Times-Mirror asked me to write an article for publication on the subject of the Loudoun Chapter, U. D. C. I at first hesitated, feeling the task a stupendous one to handle. However, should any of our members in reading this publication find an error or error, I pray they overlook such and know it was through love and not intended, as an error.
Loudoun Chapter, U. D. C. was organized May 26, 1896 with 30 members. Of that number eleven still survive.
Mrs. (Helen Vandeverter) N. B. Purcell was elected the first president of Loudoun Chapter, October 29, 1896. Mrs. Purcell tendered her resignation and all officers retired with her. The same date, Mrs. Sterling Murray was elected president, December 5, 1917. After the death of Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Wm. N. Wise was elected the third president. Upon leaving Leesburg Mrs. Wise tendered her resignation, July, 1920. On August 4, 1920, Mrs. E. H. Heston succeeded Mrs. Wise. August 8, 1924 Mrs. Magnus S. Thompson was elected to the office as president.
The terms of office are as follows: Mrs. Purcell, one year and five months; Mrs. Murray, twenty years; Mrs. Wise, two years and eight months; Mrs. Heston, four years and Mrs. Thompson, eight years. The gain in membership as quoted, during Mrs. Purcell's regime, fourteen members; Mrs. Murray, forty-five; Mrs. Wise, ten; Mrs. Heston, twenty-five, six of these being demitted on our Chapter; Mrs. Thompson, eighty-one, one a demitter to us. Of this number, including the charter members, twenty have left us to join the friends who have entered into their reward. Fourteen have been demitted members, twenty have left us to join the friends who have entered into their reward. Fourteen have been demitted to other chapter and we are very sorry to be compelled to report fourteen dropped for non-payment of dues.

Active In County Affairs
Loudoun Chapter has always been active and interested in County affairs. The chapter bears the name of the County in which it is operated. May 28, 1908 a most beautiful and appropriate monument of gray granite, with bronze figure, was erected to the memory of the Confederate soldiers of Loudoun by the Chapter. Colonel Elijah V. White, who was the prime figure in this move for the erection of such a gift to Loudoun County, for it was he who not only made the battle of Ball's Bluff a complete victory for the Confederates, but he wrote the history of the battle. This he had printed in booklet form, and presented five hundred copies to the members of Loudoun Chapter to be held for the erection of the monument, which now stands as the testimony and pride, not only of the Confederate veterans, sons and daughters of Confederacy, but of the county.

Loudoun Chapter members have been very active and watchful of the education of boys and girls descendants of Confederate soldiers of Loudoun County in securing scholarships for them, for in no other way could they have had a college course and enabled them to be able in a dignified way to support themselves. Alas, through our efforts we have made it possible for a number of elderly folk of Loudoun County to remain in their homes, instead of an institution, by aid of a small pension.

In 1929 we erected a granite marker with costly bronze inset at a cost of over \$200 on Ball's Bluff battlefield as a guide to visitors seeing this historical spot, as well as to commemorate the victory of our Confederate forces. We have also participated in helping to keep fresh in the minds and hearts of the people the heroic work of the World War boys and the supreme sacrifice they made.

Services Conducted
For three years Loudoun Chapter conducted services at its monument in the court yard and we felt it a privilege and honor granted us. In 1931 the Loudoun Post of the American Legion joined us and we held our first joint memorial service on Memorial Day, 1932. We held joint services also on one occasion to show to those gallant warriors our love and appreciation, invited them to a banquet. Also to the splendid body of men, the Firemen of Leesburg, we tendered an invitation to banquet with us and we were much pleased and gratified to see the good-

THE SOUTH'S BATTLE FLAG



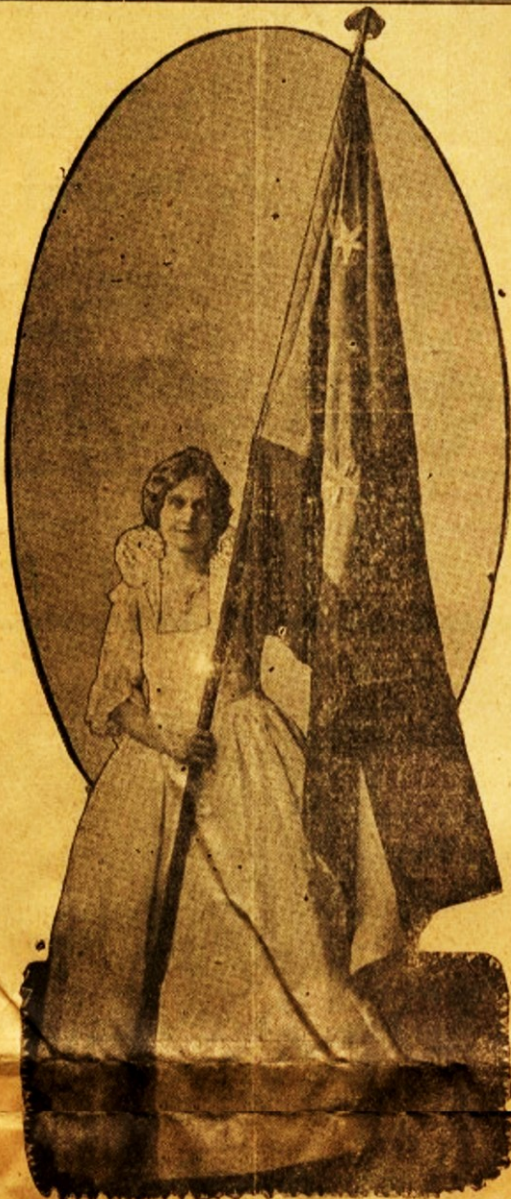
In every U. D. C. Chapter in Virginia, including the Loudoun Chapter, there rests in a place of honor, the proud banner of the Confederacy—the Stars and Bars, under the folds of which Southern men fought with high courage in 1861-65.

ly number who responded.
We have erected over three hundred Confederate markers on the graves of Confederate soldiers in Leesburg and other cemeteries of the county. Also in 1931 we put a marble tombstone to the grave of one who had lain unmarked for over sixty-seven years. We have contributed largely to the necessity and physical needs of several aged people of the county. Many convalescents also have been aided, enjoying restful days and positions by the use of our invalid's chair without cost to the individual.
Our Chapter is 100 per cent and A-1 in the State. Our membership now totals one hundred and sixty-two. On the first Wednesday of every month we hold our business meetings. Our motto is "Love Makes Memory Eternal," and a goodly number of us are living up to our motto.

In closing this little tribute, I want to say if we were privileged to make public every feature of the work done by our Chapter, it would read like fiction, but this privilege is not accorded us in compliance with our By-Laws and Constitution, nor is it our desire.

1932 LOUDOUN TIMES MIRROR ARTICLE

THE SOUTH'S BATTLE FLAG



In every U. D. C. Chapter in Virginia, including the Loudoun Chapter, there rests in a place of honor, the proud banner of the Confederacy—the Stars and Bars, under the folds of which Southern men fought with high courage in 1861-65.

"In every U.D.C. Chapter in Virginia, there rests in a place of honor, the proud banner of the Confederacy – the Stars and Bars, under the folds of which Southern men fought with high courage in 1861-65"

1949

To District Meeting

REPORT OF LEE CHAPTER U.D.C. PURCELLVILLE

May 17, 1949

The Chapter has held ten meetings this year opening with Ritual and flag salutes. Historical programs as outlined by Historian General have been presented at each meeting. Taxes paid and all obligations met. A special contribution of 15¢ per member was sent to the Red Shirt Shrine. We have sent our quota for this year of 20¢ per member to Hector W. Church Foundation Scholarship Fund. We contributed \$5.00 to the Stuart Memorial Window. Have bought two copies of Division Minutes and have six subscriptions to the U.D.C. Magazine.

We have added one new member and one member re-instated. We are nearer by several points to becoming an A-1 Chapter. We have attractive year books prepared by our historian. One of the highlights of the year was a pilgrimage to Stratford in the autumn.

We are honored to have the District Meeting come to Purcellville. We look forward to a most successful year, with special emphasis on increasing our membership.

Respectfully submitted by
N. S. M. Cockey, Sec.

1951

REPORT OF LEE CHAPTER U. D. C.
PURCELLVILLE, VA.

We hold ten meetings during the year in homes and a pilgrimage to a Shrine in July. Our membership is thirty five, with an average attendance of fourteen.

At December meeting, election of officers brought a change to our chapter. After twenty three years of devoted service, Mrs. J. B. Hackley was forced to resign on account of serious eye trouble. Mrs. C. K. Davis, another faithful member who had served as treasurer for the same length of time also resigned.

We have followed the Historian-generals programs which have proved most interesting.

We met our quota for Headquarter Fund 100%. We purchased two copies of Division Minutes and have eight subscriptions to The Magazine. All our obligations have been met. We raised our dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50 to meet additional expenses.

A mahogany hall table, in memory of John E. Benedum, the last Confederate Soldier of our town was placed in the enlarged Loudoun County Hospital on Saturday, May 12, 1951, National Hospital Day. A simple card has been placed under the glass on the top of the table with the following inscription:

A gift of Lee Chapter, U. D. C.
Purcellville, Va.
In Memory of John E. Benedum
Confederate Soldier

The table will stand under the Hospital's Memorial Board and will bear a container of fresh flowers daily.

The following is a list of Officers for 1951:

President.....	Miss Addie Purcell
	Round Hill, Virginia
First Vice President.....	Mrs. J. Terry Hirst
Second Vice President.....	Mrs. Charles Steele
Third Vice President.....	Miss Clara Benedum
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Edward A. Cockey
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. Ed. Hirst
Historian.....	Mrs. T. N. Carruthers
Registrar.....	Mrs. Gordon Gregg
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Walter Payne
Magazine Agent.....	Mrs. Ed. Hirst

Cordially submitted by

Mrs. Edward A. Cockey, Sec.

For District Meeting - May 24th Manassas - 1951

1955

Loudoun Times-Mirror

Leesburg, Loudoun County, Virginia, Thursday, March 24, 1955

Lee Chapter, U.D.C., Has 13 "True Daughters"



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Prize Winning Float of Lee Chapter, U.D.C., Purcellville, Va.



PICTURED ABOVE the float entered by Lee Chapter No. 1842 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Purcellville, Virginia, in the Loudoun County Bicentennial Parade at Leesburg, Va., August 19th, 1957. Lee Chapter won first prize, \$50.00 cash for best "Individual Period Costumes" (1860). Four open cars, three red and one gray, decorated with Confederate flags followed, with twenty more

daughters in period dress, making a most impressive sight. Those in photo are, left to right: Miss Addie Purcell, Custodian Virginia Division; Mrs. I. Clifton Warner, President, Lee Chapter and Chairman 4th District; Mrs. Charles S. Steele, Mrs. Charles F. Brower, Mrs. W. P. Frazer, Mrs. C. K. Davis, Mrs. Lee VanDeventer, Mrs. Stuart J. "Pat" Smith.

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1957



1965



**Mrs. Lula Turman Warner, Lee Chapter President
Confederate Monument – Courthouse - Leesburg, Virginia
Memorial Day _ May 30, 1965**

1967



HUGH GRUBB PHOTO

JANUARY 17, 1967

Head Lee-Jackson Celebration

Around the speakers table on Lee-Jackson Day for the Purcellville United Daughters of the Confederacy luncheon and program are Mrs. Deward E. Walker, president of Warren Rifles Chapter and Real Daughter of the Confederacy; Miss Frances Jenkins, chairman of the 4th District; Mrs. J. B. Hackley, 25 years

a president of Lee Chapter, U.D.C.; Mrs. Dewey Reese Wood, Registrar General U.D.C.; Miss Clara Benedum, Real Daughter of the Confederacy and Mrs. I. Clifton Warner, president of Lee Chapter. The observance was held last Tuesday in Bethany Methodist Church.

1974

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

LEE CHAPTER

Division 173

General 1842

**UNITED DAUGHTERS
OF THE
CONFEDERACY**

PURCELLVILLE, VIRGINIA



1924 - 1974

"Love Maketh Memory Eternal"

JULY 15, 1974

1974

Lee Chapter Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Loudoun's only Confederate organization in existence. Lee Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy at Purcellville, celebrated its golden anniversary with a dinner and program in New Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Lovettsville on July 15, 1974. Mrs. W.P. Frazer, President presented 50 Year Chapter pins to two Charter Members, Miss Amy Holder and Miss Fannie Reid.

UDC Celebrates 50th Anniversary With Dinner Program

Loudoun's only Confederate organization now in existence, Lee Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy at Purcellville, celebrated its golden anniversary with a dinner and program in New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Lovettsville, Monday night with a number of visitors participating.

Music of the South, the awarding of Crosses of Military Service and special awards were highlights of the celebration.

Vicki Lemp and Carolyn Kretsinger sang "The Yellow Rose of Texas." "Lorena" and

"Somebody's Darling." The climax in music came with Mrs. Michael Kretsinger's piano performance of "Battle of Manassas." She prefaced her selection with the story of the music.

Mrs. Francis C. Palmer, president of the Virginia Division, UDC was there to assist Mrs. I. Clifton Warner in the bestowal of Crosses of Military Service to Thomas Ashton Lynn (Jack) Lightner and Dr. William Penn Frazer, World War II service and Toby Lee Rickard for service in the Vietnam War. Young Frederick Keister Rickard of Lovettsville received posthumously a Cross of

Military Service for his grandfather John David Keister who saw service in World War I.

Two charter members of Lee Chapter, Amy

Holder and Fannie Reid (also a Real hter) and Fannie Reid of Purcell received 50 year UDC pins presented by Mr. P. Frazer.

president of Lee Chapter who presided at Monday night's anniversary.

Visiting officials besides the Virginia Division President were Mrs. Dewey Wood, a past president of the Virginia Division and ex-Registrar General and Mrs. J.W. Armentrout, also a past president of the Virginia Division both from Front Royal. Mrs. Cutter Smith and Mrs. Callie Baer from Arlington Chapter; Mrs. Joseph Norman, president of Black Horse Chapter, Warrenton and Ed Senn, president of Virginia Division Children of the Confederacy and Historian General, from Arlington.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Michael Kretsinger, pastor of New Jerusalem.

The program concluded with singing of the national anthem and "Dixie."



Original Lee
Chapter 50th
Anniversary Pin

1974



PROGRAM

Call to Order. Mrs. William P. Frazer
President

*Invocation The Rev. M. W. Kretsinger
Pastor, New Jerusalem Lutheran Ch.

MENU

Turkey	Fruit Cup	
Green Beans	Dressing	Gravy
Cranberry Sauce	Sweet Potatoes	Cole Slaw
Iced Tea	Hot Rolls	Butter
	Lemon Meringue Pie	

* "How Firm a Foundation". . (favorite hymn of General Lee)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can He say, than to you He hath said.
To you who for refuge, to Jesus hath fled.

*- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

*- SALUTE TO VIRGINIA FLAG

"I salute the flag of Virginia, with reverence and patriotic devotion to the 'Mother of the States and Statesmen' which it represents-- the 'Old Dominion' where liberty and independence were born."

*- SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG

"I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence, and undying remembrance."

1974

Special Music: "Battle of Manasses"
Mrs. M. W. Kretsinger

PRESENTATION OF THE DIVISION PRESIDENT----
-----Mrs. Francis C. Palmer

* CEREMONY OF BESTOWAL OF CROSSES OF MILITARY SERVICE:
Mrs. Francis C. Palmer
Mrs. I. Clifton Warner

RECIPIENTS OF CROSSES OF MILITARY SERVICE:
John David Keister. World War I
(to be received post humously by Grandson, Frederick Keister Rickard)
Thomas Ashton Lynn Lightner World War II
William Penn Frazer. World War II
Toby Lee Rickard. Vietnam Conflict

* THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL AWARDS. . . Mrs. W. P. Frazer

* DIXIE LAND

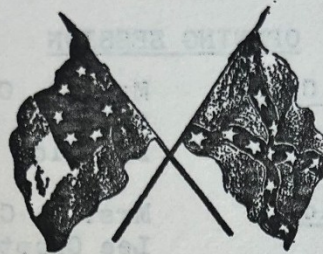
* Benediction. Rev. Kretsinger



OFFICERS

Mrs. William P Frazer President
Mrs. Frank Terrill Vice President
Mrs. Leonard Bowman 2nd Vice President
Mrs. Charles Brower Recording Secretary
Miss Addie Purcell. Treasurer
Mrs. Wilbur Arnett. Registrar
Mrs. Norman Fowler. Historian
Mrs. I. Clifton Warner. Recorder of Crosses

1979



VIRGINIA DIVISION
UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

FOURTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Lee Chapter No. 173

Hostess

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

Lovettsville

April 21, 1979

Mrs. John G. Williams
President Virginia Division
United Daughters of the Confederacy

Mrs. Thomas C. Jennings
Chairman Fourth District

Mrs. W. Jasper Rickard
President Lee Chapter

1989



LEE CHAPTER CENTURION MEMBER

Our very own, **Mary Esther Dogan Terrill** celebrated her 100th birthday on November 22, 1989. Esther transferred to the Lee Chapter on May 15, 1969 from Manassas Chapter #175. Esther had transferred to the Manassas Chapter in 1943, where she had transferred (demit) from the Bull Run Chapter.

Esther Terrill had served as a Delegate in U.D.C. Convention at Washington DC. in 1923. (See pin above).

Mary Esther Dogan Terrill was born on November 22, 1889 in Manassas, Virginia. She was the grand-niece of Amos Benson of the 4th Virginia.

1989

Centenarian has ties to Civil War

By Georgia Caldwell

Courier Staff Writer

When he was a soldier for the Confederacy, Amos Benson found a horribly wounded Yankee. A ball wound in his chest was infested with maggots, and the man had given up hope of living. Benson cleaned him up, fixed the wound as best he could, and nursed the man back to health.

After the Civil War was over, the man from Massachusetts contacted Benson, and asked him how he could repay Benson's efforts for him. Benson said, "Our church at Sudley was destroyed. If you could help to raise some money for that, we would appreciate it." The Massachusetts veteran contacted his regiment, and \$125 was raised, a substantial sum in those days. From that beginning, Sudley Methodist Church was reborn.

Esther Dogan Terrill told that story to the *Courier* on Monday. It was made the more vivid because Mrs. Terrill is 100 years old, and Amos Benson was her great-uncle, and the man who raised her.

Mrs. Terrill was born on November 22, 1889, in Grove-ton, the Dogan family home, now restored and a part of the Second Manassas battlefield. The house she was born in was shelled during the battle; the shell came down along the chimney column and into the kitchen where her grandmother had just set the table for breakfast. That breakfast was never eaten; in addition to damaging the house, the shell blew the leg off the table. Mrs. Terrill had the leg replaced, and still owns the table.

Mrs. Terrill shares a room with Frances Hersperger in Linda McFarland's home here in Berryville. Her days are quiet now, as befits a person of her age and dignity. She watches "Days of Our Lives," and looks forward to the times when her daughter, Mrs. Jack Lightner of Bluemont, comes to visit. She also enjoys visits with Jessie Shackleford of Berryville, who reads to her regularly.

Mrs. Terrill was a governess and teacher. She met her husband in 1912, when she was working as a governess in Culpeper, and they mar-

ried in 1913. In 1918, Mr. Terrill died of lung cancer, leaving her with a daughter. She never remarried, and later worked as a public school teacher, teaching grades 1, 2, and 3. At her 100th birthday party, one of her former students, Jimmy Senseny of Charles Town, W. Va., came to offer her congratulations, and she had

cards from three other students, one of whom is in a nursing home herself now.

Mrs. Terrill is an active member of United Daughters of the Confederacy, and of the prayer group of Purcellville Methodist Church, which sometimes comes to meet with her at Mrs. McFarland's home. At the time of

her birthday, she received a greeting from President and Mrs. Bush. "We send our heartfelt congratulations on your birthday. We are proud to share this memorable occa-

sion with you, and send our warmest greetings. Happy birthday, and God bless you."

Well said, Mr. and Mrs. Bush.

Dorothy Keister Rickard

The Lee Chapter President

1977-2004



In Remembrance



Dorothy Keister Rickard



Dorothy Keister Rickard, 90, died June 7, 2015. Born near Bluemont, she was the daughter of John David and Lillian Neff Keister. Her husband Walter Jasper Rickard preceded her in death in 1981.

She was an active member of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church. Also an active member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy where she served as president of Lee Chapter of Purcellville for 27 years and had also served as Virginia Division Treasurer and Historian.

At various times during her life she was active in 4-H Club, Scouting, Lovettsville Historical Society, Lovettsville Oktoberfest and New Jerusalem Lutheran Cemetery Restoration. She was a recipient of the Thomas Balch History Award in 2001 for her contribution for preserving Loudoun County History.

She is survived by sons Toby L. Rickard of Purcellville, VA, John W. Rickard of Lovettsville, VA, and Frederick K. Rickard of Winchester, VA. Brothers Robert N. Keister of Harpers Ferry WV, Shirley A. Keister of Newark, CA, Mack W. Keister of Lovettsville, VA, and Keith T. Keister of Lexington Park, MD. Sisters Wanda Biller of Harpers Ferry WV, and Johanna Keister of Fairfax, VA. 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

A private family graveside service will be held. Memorials may be given to New Jerusalem Cemetery Restoration, 12942 Lutheran Church Road, Lovettsville, VA 20180. Or to: Waterford Union Cemetery, P.O. Box 275, Waterford, VA 20197. ♦

Served 27 Years

DOROTHY KEISTER RICKARD

LEE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

1977 to 2004

Dorothy “Dot” Keister Rickard was The Lee Chapter President for 27 years. She joined the UDC on November 27, 1972 under her grandfather, William Cooney Keister. During her presidency she orchestrated the Lee Chapter 50th Anniversary celebration in 1974; hosted the Fourth District Conference in 1979 and hosted the Lee Chapter 80th Anniversary in 2004, to name a few.

Dot Rickard was elected President of the The Lee Chapter in September of 1977. At that time The Lee Chapter was the only chapter in Loudoun County and had about 40 members. Other known officers were Anne Frazer as Vice President and Sheila James was the Treasurer.

Dot served as an exemplary president her entire 27 years. Her history was left well documented in three large volumes stored at the Balch Library,



Leesburg. She was a great historian as well as archivist. Her love for history spoke to every event she managed for The Lee Chapter & the UDC.

For me, Dot Rickard was the first person to share with me about the UDC. At this point in my life, I was very much into genealogy, preserving history and of course the Civil War. Being a Loudoun County native, I had a great interest in preserving the Leesburg Courthouse Monument, so I had reached out to Dot, who was a longtime family friend, to ask her if the ladies had any interest in its preservation. By September 2003, Dot had me enrolled in the Lee Chapter and by August of 2004 I was the new president. The rest is history of course!

Becky Hackney Fleming
President, 2024

ANNE CLARKE SNIDOW FRAZER



Anne Clarke Snidow Frazer was admitted to the Blue Ridge Chapter, Hamilton, Virginia on January 6, 1941 and transferred into the Lee Chapter on January 18, 1965 when the Blue Ridge Chapter went defunct. The Blue Ridge Chapter's original Charter & Minutes are held in the Lee Chapter archives.

She was the great granddaughter of Miles K. Lucas of the 11th Battalion of Virginia Reserves.

Anne was born Dec 29, 1918 to her parents Lacie Lucas and Henley French Snidow in Pembroke Virginia. A graduate of Pembroke High School, Anne attended Radford College, coming to Loudoun County in 1937 to teach first grade at Hamilton Elementary School. Anne married Dr William Penn Frazer and they moved to a farm, later named Prospect Hill, where they raised their family.

A lover of history and genealogy, Anne participated in many historical societies: a member of the Ketocin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy, the National Huguenot Society, and she served as a former president of the Huguenot Society of Virginia. Her memberships included The National Society Magna Charta Dames, The Sovereign Colonial Society, Colonial Order of the Crown, The Society of the Most Order of the Garter.

Anne served for many offices in the UDC including President for both the Blue Ridge Chapter & Lee Chapter. Anne was most lovingly remembered for her numerous ancestor bars that adorned her UDC ribbon. Last count was 11 or 12! Sadly, Anne passed away 30 September 2018, less than 3 months from her highly anticipated 100th Birthday.

50th Anniversary Membership Award

This certificate is hereby awarded to

Anne Snidow Frazer

for her continued service in and dedication to the United Daughters of the Confederacy for over 50 years. Whereas, this great obligation having been fulfilled, defending her Confederate soldier's good name and preserving our principles and Southern heritage, strengthening our vindication of the cause for which he fought.



In gratitude and appreciation this award is hereby issued by

**Lee Chapter 1842
United Daughters of the Confederacy**

on this 12th day of April in the year 2015

President

Vice President



SHEILA LEE PAYNE JAMES



Sheila Lee Payne James was admitted to the Lee Chapter on February 16, 1976. She served as an exemplary Treasurer for over 25 years.

Sheila Lee Payne was born 26 October 1935 to her parents Edwin Nelson Payne and Elsie Elizabeth Schwab in Warrenton, Virginia. Sheila married Howard Scott Payne and they lived on Lee Street in Round Hill, Virginia.

Sheila's mother, **Elsie Elizabeth Schwab Payne**, born 1913, was also a member of the Lee Chapter, joining in 1973. Elsie held the office of Registrar for several years. Elsie was the granddaughter of Antonio Schwab of the 4th Virginia Cavalry.

Sheila's sister, **Elizabeth Ann Payne Gorrell**, is also a current member and joined the Lee Chapter 16 February 1976.

Sheila's (& her sister Ann) lineal confederate ancestor was *John Rice Payne of the 7th Virginia Cavalry.*

On a personal note, Sheila always carried to each meeting her blue canvas tote bag. She surrendered it when she gave up her office (due to health issues). The bag is in the Lee Chapter archives and holding many archived documents for the Chapter.





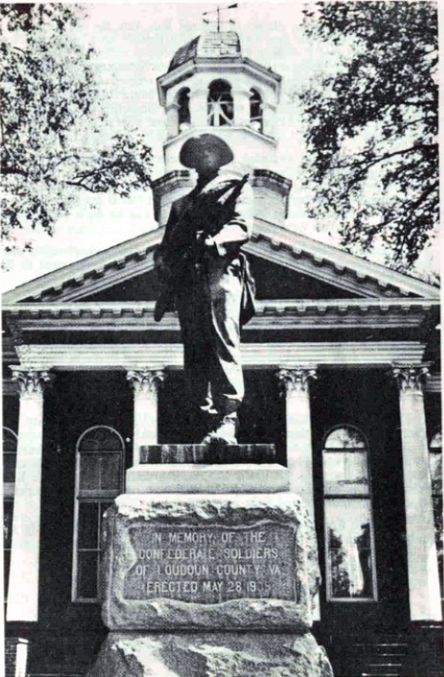
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2004-2006

LEE CHAPTER MINUTES May 2004

First meeting to discuss the preservation of the confederate monument located on the Leesburg Courthouse lawn, Leesburg, Virginia. This monument was erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1908. The base of the monument reads as follows:

**"IN MEMORY OF THE
CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS
OF LOUDOUN COUNTY VA
ERECTED MAY 28 1908."**

24 THE BULLETIN OF THE LOUDOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  Confederate Monument in front of the Court House, Leesburg.	Confederate Monument Leesburg, Virginia Erected by the UDC on May 28, 1908 Preservation Project May 2004 The proposal for the preservation of our Confederate monument located on the grounds of the Leesburg, Virginia Courthouse was brought forth in our UDC meeting on May 17, 2004 by Becky Fleming. Agenda items discussed: 1. Cost of Project 2. Selection of Conservationist 3. Fund Raising 4. Notification & Approval of Judge Home Information collected to date: 1. Estimated cost of the preservation of our Confederate Monument - \$15,000.00 2. Conservationist Contacts: a. Kardadoulis Bronze Art - Mercene 4903 Paddock Rd Bond Hill, OH 45237 513-751-5375 / 513-314-7452 Cell b. Gettysburg Museum Greg Goodell 717-334-7101
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2004-2006

LEE CHAPTER MINUTES

June 2004 *(Excerpts)*

Lee Chapter met June 21st at 7:00 pm in the home of Esther Cowart in Hamilton, with seven members and two prospective members present.

The meeting began with the UDC Ritual. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1,327.95.

Esther Cowart



Under unfinished business Becky Fleming reported on the Confederate Monument Project. She read a reply from her letter to Judge Horne in which he stated that the proposal would have to be brought before the committee in charge of the Courthouse Grounds.

Plans are going forward for a luncheon meeting to be held September 18. Jane Bogle announced that she secured the Loudoun Golf and Country Club for the event. President Rickard announced she had secured the guest speaker, Eugene Scheel. Becky Fleming will do the invitations to go out to all the members.

Dorothy K. Rickard, President

LEE CHAPTER MINUTES

July 2004

New Officers Elected:

President – Becky Fleming
Vice President – Dorothy Rickard
Treasurer = Sheila James
Historian – Gladys Ogilvie
Assistant Historian – Anne Frazer
Registrar – Shelly Zaback
Recorder of Military Service Awards – Lynn Folk



LEE CHAPTER
No. 173

2004-2006

APRIL 2005

NEWSLETTER (Excerpts)

Confederate Monument Project -

12 April 2005 Becky Fleming attended the Leesburg Task Force meeting to update the committee on her findings of the sculptor William Frederick Sievers. She was able to obtain the copyright for the Leesburg monument along with an original photo of the statue from her trip down to the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. Unfortunately, the copyright only describes the sculpture but did not give any details as to the foundry or alloys used. As requested by the Committee she is to continue searching for additional information in order to save money on this project.

In her research she discovered many interesting facts about our monument. Copies of articles from "The Mirror" dated 1901 and 1908 in which she will bring to the meeting to share with you. In 1901, the Clinton Hatcher Camp C.V. and the Loudoun Chapter UDC had a meeting and discussed raising funds for a monument. In 1908, the "Loudoun Mirror" gave a delightful account of the Dedication Ceremony. Over 6,000 people attended this event and the town was decorated with white bunting. I also have copies of the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes from 1901, 1906 & 1907 that describes the Daughters' requesting permission for the monument to be placed on the courthouse lawn.

Burial of Four Confederate Soldiers

The Capital of the Confederacy Memorial March and Burial of four North Carolina soldiers was held in Richmond, Virginia



on April 2nd, 2005. It started out as a dreary rainy day,

but this did not deter Becky Fleming and her husband Kenneth Fleming (pictured below left) from attending this historical event. These four Confederate soldiers were found in a field near Gaine's Mill and were relocated to Hollywood Cemetery.





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JULY 2005

NEWSLETTER (Excerpts)



**June 17 2005
Becky Fleming & Winifred
Copeland**



**June 17 2005
Dolores Smith & Betty Jean
Giragosian**

Confederate Monument Project

To date we have collected \$6,200.00. Becky Fleming met with Court Task Force on Tuesday, June 28, 2005. It was determined by this committee that I was to obtain 3 certified conservators to assess the monument to ensure that it does indeed need restoration. The three companies or individuals selected are to submit bids to the County. The County will select one from the three assessment bids to do the appraisal. I have selected & contacted three certified conservators from the AIC website. The parties have received photos of the monument and are in complete amazement that the County does not realize that this monument is in desperate need of restoration.



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AUGUST 2005
NEWSLETTER (*Excerpts*)



August Court Days Fundraiser

Lynn Folk, Hannah Torrence, Melanie Torrence,
Becky Fleming & Sheila James

Our August fundraiser for the monument was a great success!! Melanie Torrance, Sheila James & Lynn Folk put in a lot of hard work and our efforts paid off! Ms. Hannah Torrance (Melanie's daughter) receives a definite "Honorable Mention" as she orchestrated her organization talents by instructing the "new" volunteers on how much BBQ to put on the buns and made us a lovely donation box! During this event we brought attention to our work in progress including the cemetery restoration. In addition, we obtained one prospective member who is a descendant of John Singleton Mosby. Several members of the Clinton Hatcher Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans also assisted with this fundraiser including C.M. Piggott, Kenneth Fleming & Murrell Lee Partlow. Scott Warner of the Loudoun Saloon in Leesburg should be recognized for not only donating all of the BBQ & Slaw, but delivering it to us "hot" daily in chaffing dishes.

A special thanks to my husband Ken, for his many hours of labor & love for helping me with the Museum Display portion of this fundraising project.

Becky J. Fleming, President



Partial Museum Display



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2004-2006

OCTOBER 2005

NEWSLETTER (Excerpts)

110th ANNUAL DIVISION CONVENTION

On the weekend of October 6-8th I had the ultimate pleasure of attending this year's convention in Richmond. The cultivated friendships and education that I obtained from this convention will certainly be a lasting memory. I was so elated to bring back with me two first place awards that our Chapter obtained this year!! **We were awarded first place in the Publication category for our newsletter and we also tied for first place in the Military Service Awards category!!** How exciting ladies!!

Confederate Monument Project

On the evening of September 20th, 2005 I attended a Loudoun Courthouse Grounds & Facilities Task Force Committee meeting. The members of the board had received the monument assessment from the certified conservator, Mr. Brian Howard of Pennsylvania. He clearly stated in his report that the monument is indeed in need of restoration. I was instructed by the LCGTF to prepare documentation to submit to the committee which in turn will be presented to a panel of judges at the Loudoun County Courthouse for final approval. During this meeting it was suggested again that perhaps the SCV & UDC organizations should obtain a preservation committee to front the project or volunteer to clean the Massachusetts monument in Aldie to help pave the way for this final approval. I was quite appalled at this suggestion and sent a letter to Judge Horne requesting his support and explaining our position. I submitted the requested documentation (restoration photos, letter & copy of the November 2005 monument article in the national publication of America's Civil War magazine stating that the Clinton Hatcher Camp restored the cemetery gates where only Union soldiers are interred) to the LCGTF committee to be presented at the Oct 6th courthouse meeting. In addition, I have been asked to run press releases to the local papers and magazines explaining to the public what the monument is going to look like once it has been restored. These press releases will be run after the final approval and before the restoration is allowed to begin.

MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS

Our Military Service Awards Ceremony will be held on November 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Train Station Depot in Purcellville. We will be awarding ten deserving veterans with medals & certificates. Mrs. Lynn Folk will be in charge of the refreshments.



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A Note From Your President:

I cannot believe that my first year as President has already whisked by! Where does the time go? I am very energized by the convention and hope that we can contribute more to our organization in the coming year. There is so much we can do! During the convention, I listened to what the other chapters are doing and I feel that, we are sorely lacking in many areas. One chapter made 160 homemade items for the veteran's hospitals. One lady was even sitting at my table during the President's Banquet knitting caps for veterans with cancer. Does anyone sew or knit? One chapter collected and cut coupons throughout the year and sent them overseas to a military base. The coupons for the year totaled over \$30,000.00. Does anyone get the Sunday edition of the Washington Post? Would you like to adopt an overseas military base? I can certainly find us one! These two effortless projects can make a difference in people's lives and can simply be achieved while watching your favorite TV show. For some of you, I realize that the projects that we have done in the past is not something that some of you could physically do, but small goals such as these are easily attainable for any of us. I know in my heart that each of you have so much to offer and hope that you can find that bit of southern tenacity to enable you to say Yes! I can do it!

Becky J. Fleming, President

UPDATE ON BEAUVOIR



Beauvoir House



Beauvoir House

As was feared, Beauvoir and the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library suffered heavy damage from Hurricane Katrina. These two structures can and will be restored given time and funding. However, it is with great sadness that the Library pavilion (where Jefferson Davis penned "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government"), the Hayes cottage, Soldier's Home Barracks replica, Confederate Soldier's Museum, gift shop, and director's home were totally destroyed.

Artifact search and recovery has already begun, with restoration to begin soon. Replicas of those buildings totally destroyed will be built after the restoration of Beauvoir House and Presidential Library are complete.

<http://beauvoir.org/>

During the convention a hat was passed to collect for our UDC sisters affected by Katrina. A total of \$800.00 was collected.



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NOVEMBER 2005
NEWSLETTER (Excerpts)

Military Service Awards

It is with great honor that I can report that our Military Service Awards ceremony was a huge success! The old depot was standing room only and filled with a sense of pride. Many members and guests were in attendance to honor our 10 veterans. Light refreshments were served after the closing rendition of Dixie! Reporting papers include the Purcellville Gazette & Loudoun Times Mirror.

Loudoun Times Mirror Reported:



Times-Mirror Staff
Photo/Jason Hornick

Another salute

Staff
11/15/2005

Vietnam war veteran Larry Wilson Hackney, an Ashburn native now living in Winchester, displays the Cross of Military Service given to him by the Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in a Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11. Other veterans receiving the Crosses of Military Service were Thomas J. Hackney of Paeonian Springs (Vietnam), Ronald Hackney of Paeonian Springs (Vietnam), Allen C. Horton of Purcellville (Vietnam), Jerry E. Horton of Lovettsville (Vietnam) and the late Leo Player of Purcellville (Vietnam). Receiving the National Defense Medal for service during war were Irving Byrne of Annandale (Vietnam), Mack Keister of Lovettsville (Korea), Shirley Keister, a Virginia native now living in California (Korea), and Jason Lee Rickard of Winchester (Persian Gulf).

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Confederate Monument Project

On the evening of October 25, 2005 I attended the Loudoun Courthouse Grounds & Facilities Task Force Committee meeting. Committee member, Ms. Sharon Hodges gave an update on the responses the County had received on our monument literature &



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recommendations that was disbursed to the courthouse members in early October. She stated that they had only received one response which came from Ms. Judy Waddell of the General District Court. Ms. Waddell stated that she was elated that we were taking on this well needed project! At the close of this meeting a motion was made to submit to the courthouse members the committee's final approval/recommendation for this project. The motion was passed unanimously.

On November 3 2005 the answer that has been so long awaited was received from the County and it read as follows:

Becky,

The Courts Advisory gave their nod to your efforts on educating the public and restoring the Statute. If you would forward me copies of any printed articles regarding this effort, I would be most appreciative.

*Sharon R. Hodges
Dept. of General Services
Capital Projects Division*

I cannot tell you how elated I was to hear those magical words! Finally after 18 months of deliberations we finally have the absolute "go ahead" on our monument! Regrettably we will have to wait until May 2006 to start this project as the cold weather is beginning to set in. The only thing left is the public education portion of this project that is currently in the works. Hopefully we will have several articles released in the next few months.

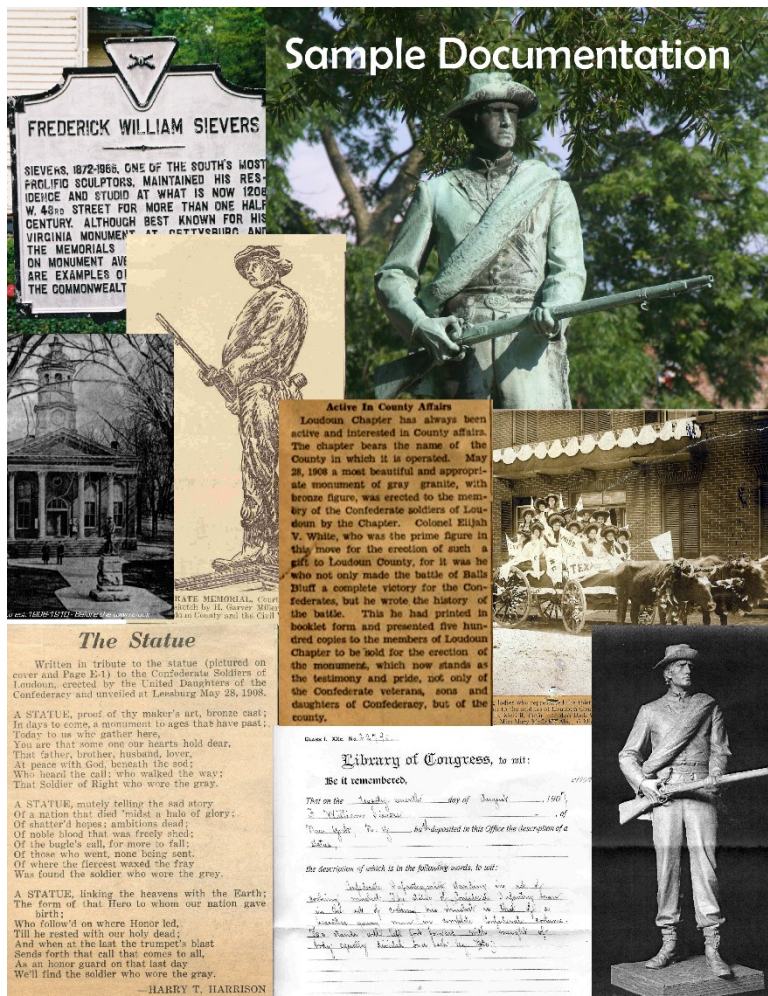
As to the fundraising, to date we have collected \$8929.68 with new funding arriving daily. Nicholas Veloz has been selected to do this project. He has quoted us \$6,185.00 for the restoration of the bronze statue and \$3700.00 for re-pointing the joints in the granite portion, for a total of \$9885.00. We are a little shy if we want to do the granite portion as well, but I feel confident that by May 2006 we will have collected the needed funding. I continue to receive emails which have spawned off of the America's Civil War magazine. In early December I received one email from Western Australia!

Becky J. Fleming, President

JANUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER (Excerpts)

Confederate Monument

Funds raised to date: \$ 10,197.68 with our latest contribution of \$500.00 coming from Nelson Warfield of Delaplane, Virginia. Also, in early December 2005, the Clinton Hatcher Camp 21 SCV members donated \$768.00 which were funds collected from their Christmas Party. This year's SCV hostesses, David & Harriet Condon of Middleburg, catered & funded the entire party and requested that each member place a donation in the "Confederate Monument Preservation donation box" in lieu of paying their usual per plate fee.



It has also been noted that Judge Horne has expressed an interest in also preserving the Vietnam memorial. Interestingly enough, our conservator, Nick Veloz states in his proposal that he would be happy to wash the Vietnam Memorial free of charge if the County provides hot water for the Confederate Monument cleaning. In addition, I believe that we are going to have an overage in funds, so I have requested from Nick Veloz, to also quote us a price to clean the Vietnam memorial as well.

Our next step in this project is to begin the public education portion of this project. We need to let the public know what it is going to look like when the restoration is complete as well as why it needs to be done. This includes newspaper articles, posters and perhaps a public meeting or two.

JUNE 2006 NEWSLETTER (Excerpts)

Confederate Monument Update



June 16, 2006 – Nick Veloz



As one of our contributors eloquently stated.... **"Git R Done!"** and that is just what we did. How excited I am to report to you that the bronze portion of our monument has been restored!! It all started on Friday morning, June 16, 2006. The picture perfect weather unfurled just as the front page news of the *Leesburg Today* hit the streets, **"Confederate Statue To Be Restored This Weekend"**. Nicholas Veloz and his helper James unloaded & assembled the scaffolding and the restoration process was finally off to a glorious start. They finished up with the bronze portion of the monument late Saturday evening.

The re-pointing on the base will be done at a later time. On Sunday morning, my husband Kenneth & I headed back down to Leesburg to help Nick clean the other monuments on the courthouse lawn which includes the Vietnam, WWI & WWII/Korea. The difference (below) in the monuments were absolutely incredible!! The

inscriptions and dedications on these limestone monuments are now actually readable. I must say it was a wonderful feeling to also honor our other veteran's bravery by scrubbing off those years of neglect.



Memorial Day Celebrations



*Melanie Torrance & Becky Fleming at the UDC
Jefferson Davis Service in Arlington – June*



Kenneth & I wanted to start off our Memorial Day weekend properly so we headed off to Union Cemetery in Leesburg on Saturday morning (May 27th) taking battle flags to mark the soldier's graves. We took fifty flags with us but ended up with a bunch more! As we were marking the graves we were approached by a group of ladies and a gentleman who said they were with SCV & UDC on a field trip in search of E.V. White's grave. They stated that they noticed our SCV license plate and asked if we could assist them in locating his grave. Needless to say in moments we were all chatting! I met Linda Atwell and the ladies of the E.V. White Chapter #1360, a brand new Chapter out of Poolesville, Md. After locating the grave, Linda and her husband stopped back by and left us about 20 more battle flags. How glorious all of the graves looked around the monument, each marked with a flag, waiving proudly at the passerby's.



United Daughters of the Confederacy Lee Chapter 1842

February 2007 Newsletter



Military Service Awards 2006

How proud I am of what our organization does to honor our veterans!! This year we decorated eight deserving recipients! This was certainly record breaking as we took 1st place at the state and national levels!!

Fortunately, nice weather prevailed for this event. It was held on a sunny Saturday afternoon on 11 November 2006 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Purcellville. Seven of this year's recipients were selected from our local SCV Clinton Hatcher Camp 21 and were as follows: Richard E. Crouch; Arthur H. deButts; Lewis Leigh, Jr.; John R. Lumsden; Henry G. Plaster; John A. Ward; Edward Whitehurst, Jr. Our eighth recipient was given post humus to our very own Shelly Zaback's late Uncle Forrest G. Thompson.

Ladies each of you should be proud of all the hard work you put forth at our yard sale to make this happen! Special thanks to Lynn Folk, Dot Rickard & Jane Bogle for their extra efforts! I truly look forward to this year's service!

Field Trip

We were off to a chilly start on the morning of the 10th day of November 2007. Anne Frazer, Mary Ann Wertz, Elizabeth Johnson, Sheila James and I all met at 10:30 a.m. in the old IGA parking lot in Purcellville. Everyone was right on time! We had decided in advance to take a packed lunch and all of the ladies came through with their luncheon favorites which included pimento sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, potato salad, ice tea, and a delicious coconut cake. We loaded up our goodies in the rental van and headed to the Amerisist Retirement Home in Front Royal, Virginia, to see our dear friend and sister member Miss Mary Ann Nichols.

We arrived at the Amerisist around 11:30 and were greeted by a most delightful staff. Our arrival was near lunch time and I noticed several folks eating in a warmly decorated dining hall. In a matter of minutes, one of the staff members came to escort us to a private dining room and shortly there after Mary Ann appeared with the brightest smile upon her face. It was truly a blessing to see her in such great spirits! We unpacked our lunch, and sat around the table eating and visiting. After lunch we had a small tour of the facilities and were able to see Mary Ann's new apartment. Walking down the hallway you could see lots of activity photos on the bulletin board and several of the residents had personalized their doors in the spirit of



Thanksgiving. Mary Ann's room was filled with her personal belongings and photos from her old home place, thus radiating her room with quite the feeling of home.

The trip was delightful.



Mary Ann Nichols born June 8, 1908
Joined UDC in 1953



**United Daughters of the Confederacy
Lee Chapter 1842**

October 2006 Newsletter

Division Convention News

**1st Place
Lee Chapter 1842**

\$15.00

**Most National
Defense Awards!!**



**1st Place
Lee Chapter 1842**

\$25.00

**Most Military
Service Awards!!**

**Alice Whitely Jones Banner
Awarded to Lee Chapter 1842 for the
best historical project in the Division**

This year's convention was held at the Omni Hotel in Roanoke Virginia. The whole convention seemed to run effortlessly under the command of our most gracious Division President, Mrs. Pat Bryson. Words cannot express my overwhelming feeling of pride for our Chapter when they called our name to receive the Alice Whitely Jones Banner. "Miss Alice" was the Division President in 1959-61 and especially interested in ensuring the fiscal soundness of the Virginia Division and in promoting historical work.

I am proud to also announce that we took 1st place in both the Military Service and Defense Award categories. A hearty thanks to Mrs. Lynn Folk for her efforts in fulfilling her role as our Military Service Award Officer.

Confederate Monument

Base Reconstruction:

Mr. Neal Barnes of Virginia Conservators has been contracted to complete the monument restoration by replacing the old mortar in the monument base. Neal operates a small historic masonry and plaster restoration business and limits his activities to the use of lime mortars and plasters; the only products that should ever be used for the repair or restoration of work originally produced in lime.

Update:

Mr. Barnes removed the old mortar this past summer and left the joints open to properly air & to allow for some rain water cleansing. Due to the drought conditions in the latter part of 2007, the open joints in the monument base were not sufficiently cleansed with rain water and remain open. I spoke with Mr. Barnes and the target date for the mortar replacement is now early spring. This delay is due of to the fact that we are now into cold weather which is not suitable for the laying of mortar. He assures us that he will have the mortar repair finished prior to the Monument unveiling.

100th Anniversary Celebration:

Our Monument's 100th Birthday celebration is well underway!! Your Monument Team members include Susan Crouse, Melanie Torrance, Shelly Zaback and Becky Fleming. We are working hard to make this a great success. Well, we may be shy of the 6000 spectators which visited in 1908, but are in hopes of recreating the same feel as it was then, with white bunting covering the town, oxen wagon filled with 13 lovely ladies representing our states, period music & food, lots of military and women in their period finery, a small cavalry overlooking the ceremony just to name a few!! We are awaiting approvals from the Town of Leesburg and are scheduled to appear in front of the Courthouse Grounds Committee on February 26th.



100th ANNIVERSARY
LOUDOUN'S CONFEDERATE MONUMENT
1908-2008

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THE LEE CHAPTER UDC
PURCELLVILLE, VIRGINIA

Loudoun's Silent Sentinel
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Mark your calendar!
Rededication celebration
of the
Monument to the
Confederate Soldiers
of Loudoun County,
Virginia



This May 2008 marks the 100th Anniversary of one of Loudoun's oldest monuments. To honor this occasion a celebration will be held on the Leesburg courthouse lawn

31st May 2008 at 1:00 pm

LEESBURG COURTHOUSE LAWN
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

Step back in time, witness the gallant armies of yesterday. Become part of Loudoun's rich Civil War history. Join the infantrymen of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia and the mounted cavalry that once patrolled our country roads.



100th ANNIVERSARY *continued*

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1908 - 2008

**CELEBRATING
100 YEARS**

**Loudoun's
Silent Sentinel**

*Erected by the United
Daughters of the
Confederacy on
May 28, 1908 to
honor all of Loudoun's
Confederate Veterans*

31 MAY, 2008
Leesburg Courthouse
Leesburg, Virginia



Deo Vindice
"God Will Vindicate"

***The Ribbon
Handouts***



100th ANNIVERSARY *continued*



100th ANNIVERSARY *continued*

Loudoun County Confederate Soldiers

*The Southern dead are sleeping
In a thousand Southern glens
The moss and willows beechon
With the breath of Southern winds
Some would have their deeds forgot
Their monuments swept away
But while Southern blood flows in our veins
Those knaves shall never see the day.*

Joseph Abbott	Edwin J. Ashby	Andrew J. Bailey	Reuben Bennett	Oscar S. Braden	William O. Butler
Jed O. Adams	W. B. Atkins	B. R. Barton	James Benton	W. Bradley	I. C. Buttsworth
Albert Adams	John J. Atwell	Bailey R. Barton	Thomas H. Benton	Harrison Brawner	G. W. Byrne
Edwin T. Adams	Richard Atwell	Benjamin F. Barton	Charles Berkeley	James F. Brawner	James N. Byrne
J. W. Adams	Thomas Atwell	Charles Barton	Charles F. Berkeley	John E. Brawner	George Callahan
John M. Adams	James K. Aubrey	James S. Barton	John Bennett	Daniel C. Brody	A. I. Camp
N. H. Adze	William Ayre	John W. Barton	Alfred C. Best	A. Mont Brent	Albert G. Camp
Stephen C. Adams	James Baggett	William Barton	John F. Bickler	William Brent	Charles H. Camp
Thomas Adams	Charles L. Bailey	Henry Bascue	Noah Billar	John H. Broward	Carter Campbell
William Adams	Edwin S. Bailey	George A. Baxter	C. C. Billert	Joe Brichette	George Campbell
Isaac Ager	Henry G. Bailey	William F. Baxter	Thomas J. Billups	Freeman C. Bridges	John Campbell
E. P. Aitrop	John L. Bailey	Charles H. Bayles	F. E. Birch	Joseph Campbell	L. C. Campbell
Flavius J. Alder	William E. Bailey	H. Baylis	John L. Birch	Lemuel Brien	W. J. Campbell
Churchwell Alexander	G. M. Baker	A. J. Beach	Eljan E. Bishop	Lemuel Brien	Enoch J. Cartwell
David Alexander	James B. Baker	John W. Beach	Robert A. Bishop	R. S. Brooks	Isaac Caplinger
George Alexander	Samuel Baker	William Beadle	William R. Bissell	Abraham Brown	Jackson Caplinger
James F. Alexander	Silas H. Baker	Charles Beales	Conrad R. Bitzer	Albert O. Brown	James L. Carbery
John Alexander	Thomas R. Baker	Emmanuel Beam	George W. Bitzer	C. J. Brown	Andrew J. Carlin
William Alexander	Charles A. Barnes	Aaron H. Beans	Robert Blackwell	J. W. Brown	Albert Carlisle
George F. Alder	Charles H. Ball	Albert Beans	George Blakemore	John Brown	John H. Carlisle
James W. Alder	John Ball	John W. Beans	Gaston Blardieu	Joseph Brown	Reynold R. Carlisle
Joseph Alder	Nathan Ball	William Beans	John W. Bogges	Thomas Brown	Philip W. Carter
Nathan Alder	Spencer P. Ball	Lawson G. Beard	John W. Bolon	William Brown	James W. Carr
John T. Allison	William Ball	William A. Beatty	John H. Bolon	Isaac N. Broy	Peter H. Carr
Robert H. Ancarrow	Charles Bathus	T. L. Beaver	Lorenzo J. Bolon	Henry Bull	Thomas E. Carr
Colmore Anderson	John Barps	Benjamin E. Beavers	T. M. Bolye	Edgar F. Burch	James F. Carroll
F. W. Anderson	Thomas Barber	Ludwell Beavers	Wills Bonner	I. W. Burch	Lewis Carroll
John Anderson	A. Jones Barbour	Samuel C. Beavers	W. C. Booth	James Burch	Thomas Carroll
Joseph A. Anderson	Thomas J. Beavers	Frederick A. Boryer	Frederick A. Boryer	John L. Burch	Joseph A. Carruthers
Nimrod F. Anderson	Andrew P. Beedle	Henry Boss	James P. Boss	Thomas Burch	A. F. Carter
M. J. Angle	Theophilus Bell	W. H. Boswell	Henry L. Bowen	Charles W. Burke	Dilwin S. Carter
James E. Ankers	Thomas Bell	Henry L. Bowen	Alexander Bowie	William Burkett	Furlong R. Carter
Stephen Arbogast	John E. Benedum	James H. Benjamin	John W. Brackett	John A. Burstin	Gustavus A. Carter
Bowles Armistead	Edward J. Bennett	Henry C. Bennett	J. Hecton Braden	M. C. Burt	Henry F. Carter
Walker Armistead	John W. Barnett	James Bennett		Samuel Bush	Isaac L. Carter
Samuel M. Arnett	William F. Barnett			Orlander M. Bussard	James P. Carter
William Arnett				John R. Carter	
Robert Arnold					
William M. Arthur					

1908

HARRY TAZE WELLS HARRISON

contributed to this historical day by writing a poem called "The Statue"

Mr. Harrison is best known as the founder of the Loudoun Times.



The Poem

The Statue

A STATUE, proof of thy maker's art, bronze cast;
In days to come, a monument to ages that have past;
Today to us whir gather here,
You are that some one our hearts hold dear,
That father, brother, husband, lover,
At peace with God, beneath the sod;
Who heard the call; who walked the way;
That Soldier of Right who wore the gray.

A STATUE, mutely telling the sad story
Of a nation that died 'midst a halo of glory;
Of shatter'd hopes; ambitions dead;
Of noble blood that was freely shed;
Of the bugle's call, for more to fall;
Of those who went, none being sent,
Of where the fiercest waxed the fray
Was found the soldier who wore the grey.

A STATUE, linking the heavens with the Earth;
The form of that Hero to whom our nation gave
birth;
Who follow'd on where Honor led,
Till he rested with our holy dead;
And when at the last the trumpet's blast
Sends forth that call that comes to all,
As an honor guard on that last day
We'll find the soldier who wore the gray.

—HARRY T. HARRISON



The Program Handout—each tied with a red ribbon

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

1908 - 2008



Programme of Ceremonies



Attending the rededication of the
Monument to the Confederate Soldiers
of Loudoun County, Virginia

Saturday, May Thirty-First

Two Thousand Eight

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

100th ANNIVERSARY *continued*



CONFEDERATE HEADSTONE RESTORATIONS

(OVER 15 COMPLETED)



Before Restoration

Private George T. Cummins
Co. F, 8th Virginia Infantry
Ketocin Baptist Church



After Restoration

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CONFEDERATE HEADSTONE RESTORATIONS

John A. Vansickler, Co. E, 8th Va. Inf.

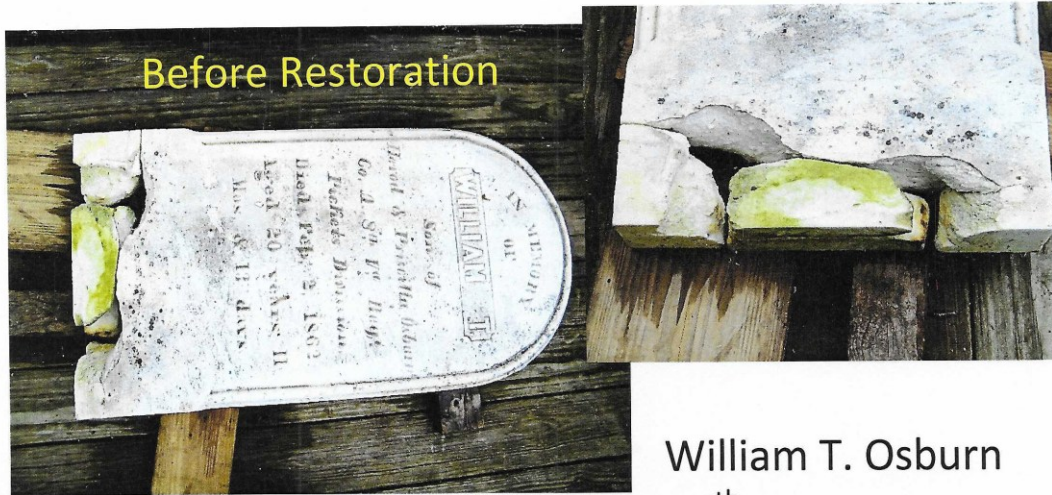


After Restoration



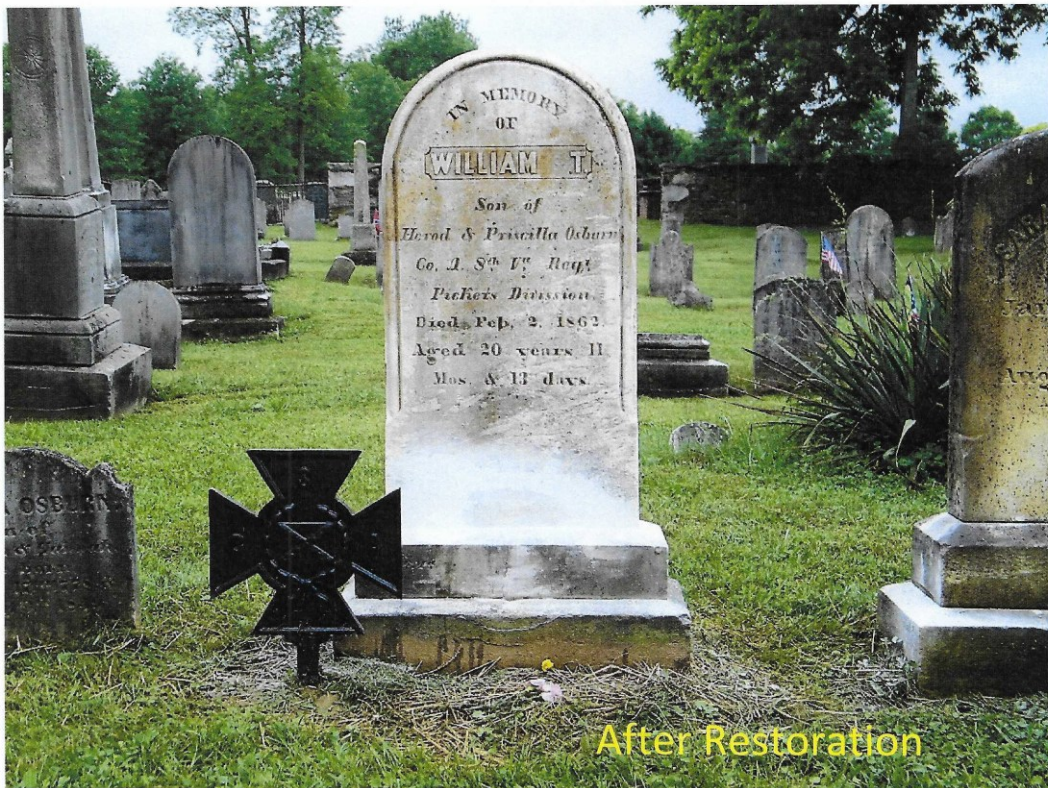
Before and during restoration

CONFEDERATE HEADSTONE RESTORATIONS



Before Restoration

William T. Osburn
Co. A, 8th Virginia Infantry
Ketocin Baptist Church



After Restoration

CONFEDERATE HEADSTONE RESTORATIONS

Although we have many more photos of our Confederate Headstone Restoration Project, unfortunately space does not allow us to display them all.

I wish to extend my gratitude and appreciation to my husband, Ken Fleming for all his hard work and dedication in helping us with these restorations. Each restoration ranges from \$350 - \$500 depending on the amount of work needed, but bless his heart, he always charged us about half of that! Ken is a member of the SCV Clinton Hatcher Camp in Leesburg, Va. Ken and his SCV Camp are now in charge of flagging all of Loudoun County, VA.

In addition to the Confederate Headstone Restoration Projects, we have built an excel database that has all of Loudoun County's Confederate Soldiers in it, which include, gravesite location & regiments.

Becky J. Fleming
Lee Chapter President

Lee Chapter Members 2015

Back L-R Becky Fleming, Pres.; Page Barrett; Mary Seekford

Middle L-R Shelly Mason (Registrar); Brenda DeJarnette; Victoria Daly; Rosalie Leigh; Susan Crouse (Vice Pres.); Michaela McIntyre

Front L-R Anne Frazer (Assistant Historian) Sheila James (Treasurer) Mary Alice Wertz; Jane Hirst Bogle & our beloved monument.



CONFEDERATE MONUMENT REMOVAL

JULY 20, 2020



A sad day indeed this was removing our confederate monument from a place it has graced for over 100 years. The events leading up to this decision is as follows:

In **2017** – The political climate was changing for the worse in regards to our history and heritage. In August 2017 our monument was vandalized and in Richmond they were throwing tarps over Robert E. Lee Monument in Charlottesville.

“On Sept 2017 After long and heated debate over the Confederate war memorial at the steps of the old courthouse in Leesburg on Wednesday night, Loudoun supervisors did not pass a resolution asking the General Assembly to give localities the power to move war monuments. County Chairwoman Phyllis J. Randall (D-At Large) had proposed that the county ask the General Assembly for the authority to move war monuments, which it currently cannot do”. There are monument attacks everywhere.

By **January 2018**, there were many new bills prefiled in the House of Delegates, all to remove our monuments from any location regardless if it is in a cemetery etc. In Feb 2018 the tarp wars to cover Lee and Jackson in Charlottesville are ongoing. Discussion amongst Loudoun’s UDC & SCV are pursing possible camera installations to protect our monument. Antifa attacks South Mountain. August 2018, Lee Monument is defaced with spray paint.

In **Feb 2019** we had Virginia Legislature trying to pass bills (House Bill 2377) to remove our monuments. Phyliss Randall Loudoun County BOS Chair, installs her friend Pastor Michelle Thomas as the new NAACP President for Loudoun County, replacing Philip Thompson. In November 2019, I was asked to be part of a debate at the BOS hearing on whether or not to keep the monument.

In **February 2020**, I decided to reach out to Judge Horne, as not only had he been quite the advocate for our monument during the restoration etc. years before but his mother was in the UDC and he gave me her Robert E. Lee book series, so what did I have to loose?

The email wrote as follows:

Dear Judge Horne - As I am sure you are aware, many of our BOS members are ready to remove the Confederate monument before a single bill is passed by the State to allow local governments to do so. I received a call last night about an attendee of the Black History meeting and was told that Randall was telling all to basically be watching, over the next few months, to be ready for the march of removal. She was also said to have states in private that the removal was in the bag as she had 5 BOS going to vote to remove. Today I see in the newspaper Randall and followers clearly hell bent on taking it down.

There are so many folks still here in our lovely County that do not wish to have it removed. I remember, while working on the cleaning of the monument, I believe you mentioned that (something to the effect of) it was protected by the National Register because the monument resides on the courthouse lawn. Research shows that the Loudoun County Courthouse is part of the Leesburg Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Not sure how to begin to fight this but I just cannot set by and meekly watch it happen. You are a wealth of knowledge regarding the courthouse, courthouse grounds, and historical/legal matters involving the monument. I am at wits end but am willing to do my due diligence to make a difference as I am not a stranger to hard work. Do you have any suggestions on how we can even begin to take a stand on this?

HIS RESPONSE:

Dear Becky: I cannot become involved in this conflict. T.D. Horne

On **May 31, 2020** the following email was sent from our UDC President General Nelma Crutcher

Ladies,

This is a very sad day in the history of UDC. Saturday night about midnight, in the dark of night as cowards usually travel, there was a riot in Richmond. These people with a directed agenda hit various Confederate monuments down Monument Row spraying graffiti and attempting to bring them down. Then they turned on us.

Our building was covered with graffiti, windows were broken all across the front, in the dining room, in the pantry and across the very back.

The breaking point was when the curtains hanging out of the Goodlett Library window were set on fire and our building blazed. Thanks to the quick actions of Mary Valentino, Business Office Manager the majority of our building was saved.

When the riots started, Mary was at home and with the problems in Richmond she decided to monitor, from home, the security cameras surrounding the building. When she saw the people (about 150-250 people) approaching our building she called the police and then me. As she watched the mob of protesters on her phone she sent pictures to me. When she saw the smoke and then flames coming from the building she called the fire department. The police came with lights flashing and sirens on and the rioters left running. The fire department was close behind. Had it not been for Mary's dedication to her job, monitoring our building (on her time off) and calling the authorities, we might have lost everything.

Mary, Teresa Rhone and Terry O'Donahue all went to the building to assess the damage. They had to wait for the fire department to allow them to enter the building. It appears the fire was contained in the Goodlett Library but smoke and soot has covered every inch of the building and there is water damage to parts of the building. Teresa tells me all of the books in the Goodlett Library have some sort of damage but it can be days before a complete assessment can be made. She thought the shelves storing the Division History books and whatever else was in that area are a total loss.

June 2020 Governor Northam announced the removal of the Lee Statue in Richmond while back home there were protesters on the courthouse lawn with people climbing on top of our monument hanging antislavery signs on him to take him down as we stood helpless unable to respond.

With SHPS (organization comprised of local UDC & SCV members) well on its way and we were working with Steve Price (attorney & SCV Clinton Hatcher Camp member) on the ownership of the monument and how to present it filing with the BOS.

On June 17, 2020 after talking in length with Steve Price on the ownership topic I (Becky Fleming) issued the following email to the SHPS members.

Due to the recent Loudoun Times Mirror article which states "Loudoun Clergy and Faith Leaders Group call for Leesburg Confederate statue's removal" we have been advised by Steve Price, our attorney, to move forward with Plan B effective immediately, (Pre-Hearing) before any other haters step forward to claim it. He further stated that we state that we will pay for the move. I inquired about the necessity of having some sort of plan in place for storage (contract or something) to present to the Board at the time of claim, but he said no, not necessary.

On to the ownership. I will try and be as transparent as possible here by including my correspondence with Steve Price over the past few days (below) regarding the ownership aspect of the monument and who should reclaim it. It is of the Lee Chapter's member's opinion that the rightful owner should be the Lee Chapter as this Chapter is the one, for the past 15 years, has worked earnestly with the County & BOS to restore, represent, educate & defend it. When the original Loudoun Chapter went defunct those members came to the Lee Chapter (attached is one of the original transfer from the 1950's). It wasn't until a few years ago, that this Chapter was re-charted thus the newly created Loudoun 170 was formed. (More facts below). When speaking with Steve this morning, Ginger (Stephens - included in this email), upcoming new President of Loudoun Chapter, had reached out to him regarding her thoughts to the Loudoun Chapter being the rightful owner/claimant of the monument. He further stated he felt since Loudoun Chapter 170 was named (in my research) the original Chapter, that Loudoun 170 should be the claimant as it would be the best chance of us getting the monument returned to us. Although I do not agree with Ginger Stephens nor Steve Price, I, on behalf of Lee Chapter 1842, hereby withdraw our Chapter from this equation and will concede to the advice of the attorney. (As I was assured it was in name only and that we would be responsible for its storage & funding of removal & true ownership)

On to the vote.

Our attorney, Steve Price, would like to begin:

- 1. The process of filing a ownership claim and requesting the return of the monument to the rightful owner Loudoun Chapter 170 (pre-hearing before the end of the month)*
- 2. The claimant will take responsibility for the funding of the removal of said monument*
- 3. The claimant will be storing the monument but not submitting any documentation as to where etc.*

Please let me know by Thursday, June 19, 2020 by 9:00 am. My vote would be yes.

A letter was sent by legal counsel to Loudoun County BOS Chair Phyllis Randall last Friday (June 26) stating the UDC Loudoun Chapter 170 is the proper owner of the Memorial and wished to have it returned to their control.

In an article published on the Loudoun Times-Mirror website today (June 29), along with some other dubious comments, Chairwoman Randall has declared "I certainly support the United Daughters of the Confederacy retrieving their statue."

July 7, 2020 - As of 9:37 p.m. on July 7, 2020, the Confederate Veterans Memorial is acknowledged as the property of Loudoun Chapter 170 of the UDC by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors in a vote of 9-0. It is to be removed from the Courthouse grounds by September 7, 2020, by the UDC, which will be granted access and cooperation by the County.

Not even a week later we were told by a Loudoun County employee in the General Services department that Phyllis Randall had already instructed them to build a crate, (which was then finished) under the courthouse to put the monument in permanently so it never saw daylight again. They were planning on attempting to reverse the decision of the ownership at the next Board Meeting Tuesday July 21st. More discussions amongst the attorneys where Steve Price, our attorney reiterated to them that they could not touch that monument until September 7th deadline had passed. Not trusting Phyllis Randall and her band of cronies, a call to arms was made and immediate plans started forming to remove the monument under the cover of darkness Monday July 20, 2020.

Below is an "After Action Report" filed by my husband (Chief Coordinator) Kenneth Fleming (SCV) of the removal of our beloved monument.

After Action Report for Monday July 20th, 2020 Loudoun Confederate Monument Rescue and Recovery

On Wednesday July 15th, after several weeks of off and on negotiations between Loudoun's County Attorney Leo Rogers and Attorney Steven Price, who was representing the Southern Historic Preservation Society (SHPS), I received a call advising me to make contact with Mr. Andy Barrington, Assistant Director of the Loudoun County Department of General Services. I was instructed to set up a meeting between Mr. Barrington, Russell Fink, a supervisor with R.E. Lee Electric Company out of Newington, Va. and myself. The R.E. Lee Electric Company was the company that had volunteered their services and their equipment to remove the Silent Sentinel monument located on the courthouse grounds in Leesburg. Attorney Price advised me that county Attorney Rogers would not sign off on a blanket liability waiver and that Loudoun County Administrator Tim Hemstreet had instructed Attorney Price to contact Mr. Barrington, who would work out the details with our coordinator to get the job done. I made contact with Mr. Barrington on Thursday morning the 16th and was able to get the tentative date for our meeting of Friday morning the 17th, which would be dependent upon Mr. Fink's availability. I then reach Mr. Fink about mid-morning and locked in the date and time of 1000 hrs. Mr. Barrington agreed to the time and date and asked that we meet at 114 Edwards Ferry Road, a county building that housed an office that we could use if needed. On Friday July 17th, Andy Barrington, Tom Tippet, (Assist. Division Manager with General Services), Russell Fink and Dave Dill of R.E. Lee Electric Co. and myself, met in the parking lot at 114 Edwards Ferry Road and began to lay out the final plans to reclaim the Confederate Monument in front of the old Courthouse. Both Andy and Tom made it quite clear that they were employees of the county and would have to do what they were told to do, even though they did not personally agree with the order. The five of us walked to the courthouse complex, where we did a walk thru of the job site. It was at this time that I discovered a large wet area with standing water in front of the gates that any equipment would have to pass through in order to enter the courthouse grounds. Tom immediately called for a county crew to come to the Law Library next to the courthouse lawn to reroute drain lines from the two large AC condenser units located on the roof of the Law Library that drained into the courthouse lawn. During our meeting, it was decided that because the Board

of Supervisors were scheduled to meet the following day, Tuesday July 21st, and because they possessed the power to reverse any decision made during the previous meeting, that if the ground dried enough for equipment to cross the now saturated wet spot, we would do the job on Monday night, July 20th. Andy would examine the area on Monday morning and call me by noon to give me the go- or no-go assessment. The library annex parking lot at North Street and Old Waterford Road was chosen as our staging area location for all equipment and personnel to meet. We were to meet at that location at or before 2200 hrs. and the town of Leesburg was not to be notified until after the fact. Andy would notify Tom at 1700 hrs. on Monday afternoon and no permits would be obtained and no one was to talk with anyone about the time or date of the job at hand. We walked back to the office on Edwards Ferry Road where we met Major Cox of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department. Major Cox would also advise his men to be at the courthouse security office before 2200 hrs., but would not advise them why until they arrived for briefing. All agreed that no one except those directly involved were to know what the night would hold. Russell further advised the group that, *"If a group of people were assembled in the area of the courthouse, he and his crew would just keep driving, all the way back to Newington."*

On Sunday afternoon I drove to Bobby Lowery's residence in Round Hill, to pick up one of the 6-ton construction trailers that would be used to transport portions of the granite stone base structures. On both Saturday and Sunday evening, I drove to Leesburg to personally examine the progress of the effort to dry up the wet area behind the gates.

On Monday morning July 20th, at 0821 hrs. I received a call from Andy, giving me the go ahead to proceed with plans to do the job. I immediately began to make the calls to notify the personnel that would take part in the reclamation process of the Confederate monument, telling them that we were a go for 2200 hrs. that night. The first to be called was Will Schneider, then Chase Schneider, Tom Wright, Mike Thomas, Russell Fink and Allen Cochran. Additionally, I notified Attorney Price and SHPS President Becky Fleming that Monday night would be our go date and 2200 hrs. our start time. Following all notification's, I went to Loudoun Lumber to pick up 30 sheets of particle board plywood, which would be used to protect the brick sidewalks and any areas of the courthouse lawn where any vehicle would be operated. Loudoun Lumber had agreed to supply SHPS the material needed at five dollars per sheet, a savings of over twenty-three dollars per sheet. From Loudoun Lumber I proceeded back to Bobby Lowery's saw mill where I loaded 30 - 3"x4" x3' support planks which would be used to set each section of the stone base on for transport and storage. From Lowery's, I returned home, dropped the trailer and headed to Browning Equipment to pick up Chase Schneider, taking him to his home to get his ¾ ton pick-up truck. From Chase's home, we drove to Dana Malone's residence to pick up his 6-ton trailer with two-foot side boards which would be used to transport the bronze monument portion of our monument. This equipment was also taken back to the Fleming residence, where a mattress and box spring, donated by the Marty Beamer family, a guide rope, a heavy duty dark brown tarp and two heavy duty ratchet straps were loaded into the trailer before taking Chase back to his work place. The single axle dump truck was hitched to the Lowery trailer that had been picked up on Sunday and a final check of all equipment was performed. At 1605 hrs., after a strong thunder storm with heavy rain had passed through the area, I called Andy to confirm that conditions were still good enough at the courthouse to continue, to which he responded, "Yes, let's go with it". courthouse complex. I advised Andy that he had better sit on her, keep her away from the work crew and the work area and that if she started running her mouth or creating any kind of scene, I could not and would not guaranty her safety or that we would not stop, drop what we were doing and leave. He guaranteed me that he would stop them from creating a scene and would prevent them from interfering.

At 2200 hrs. the stake body truck and its crew along with the plywood truck and trailer left the annex parking lot and headed toward the courthouse complex, followed by Andy and Tom. Upon arrival, Andy unlocked the gates while the rest of the crew hustled plywood and rubber mats. As the plywood was being laid, the first and smallest of the two crane trucks arrived at the courthouse complex. Plywood was literally laid under his tires as he pulled through the gates and onto the lawn. As the first crane backed to the monument, two men from the rigging crew were already up on the monument placing straps around the bronze portion of the monument creating a cradle around his waist and crotch and removing the single bolt that held him to the stone base. As David Dill was swinging his boom around to the overhead position above the statue, the second, larger crane arrived at the courthouse complex and pulled up onto the sidewalk at the North King Street walk in gate. The operator, Tommy Jenkins, quickly set his outriggers and swung his boom over the courthouse fence and over to the bronze statue that was being placed on plywood that had been laid on the sidewalk between the stone base and the North King Street walk in gate. The hook from the first crane was removed from the sling cradle and the hook from the second crane was attached. As the bronze was again lifted by the second crane, Chase Schneider pulled up in front of the large crane truck and backed into position. The bronze

statue was lowered into the trailer and laid down on the mattress and box spring, covered with the large, heavy tarp and secured with the two heavy duty ratchet straps. Within less than 20 minutes of the first vehicle arriving at the courthouse complex, the bronze statue had been reclaimed and was on its way to its temporary home, out of harm's way.

While the bronze statue was being secured, the rigging crew and stone mason were already hard at work placing slings around the top granite stone of the monument. While this was happening, I was taken back to the annex parking lot to retrieve the single axle dump truck and trailer to head back to the courthouse complex. When I returned to the courthouse complex, Andy and Chair Randall and Vice Chair Saines had arrived and were standing in the yard over by the Law Library. They had completely missed the reclaiming and exit of the bronze statue portion of the monument, thanks in great part to Andy. As I pulled up alongside the large crane parked on the street side of the courthouse fence, the first stone was being lifted and swung over the iron fence and was then placed in the back of the dump truck bed on 3"x 4"x 3' wooden spacer boards. The second large stone was also placed in the back of the dump truck alongside of the first stone in the same manner. Then, the next row consisting of two long flat granite stones were stacked one on top of the other on 3"x 4"x 3' wooden spacer boards and then lifted as one unit and placed on the trailer being pulled by the dump truck. Once strapped and secured, the dump truck was pulled forward ahead of the plywood truck and trailer and the stake body truck was backed into position in front of the large crane. With the long stones removed, the base stone layout and design was now visible. The six-piece stone base created a sort of frame like barrier around a mixed pour concrete center. Its age allowed for somewhat easy separation of the granite stone from the concrete. After close examination of the base stones, Russell made the determination that the stake body truck of R.E. Lee's would be capable of hauling all six sections of the monument base. I called Mike Thomas at 2318 hrs., who was standing by at the annex parking lot and advised him that his truck and trailer would not be needed and that he was free to go. Each piece of the six-piece monument base was carefully freed from its setting, strapped and lifted off of the original foundation and carefully set on the plywood covering the brick sidewalk between its original location and the North King Street gate. The second crane hook was attached to each piece and one by one each piece was lifted and loaded into the stake body truck and placed on 3"x 4"x 3' wooden spacer boards. With the last piece of the stone monument loaded and secured, the crane on the courthouse lawn was wracked, down riggers secured and carefully moved from the courthouse lawn. At 0002 hrs., once all equipment had been moved into position on the street and all tools were secured, our caravan headed north on North King Street out of Leesburg. Members of the security/escort team that had return to the courthouse complex after completing their first important task, along with the remaining volunteer ground crew members reloaded the plywood and rubber mats, policed the entire area and then at 0017 hrs. dispersed from the courthouse complex area.

It should be noted that two uniformed Leesburg Police officers were assigned to stay in front of the courthouse complex on North King Street. From the moment the second crane arrived on site in front of the courthouse, until everything was done, they diverted all traffic traveling on North King Street between Market Street to North Street. Both Officers were given this assignment at no additional cost to SHPS. Chief Gregory C. Brown also arrived at the courthouse complex shortly after Randall and Saines and stayed with them until we were done. I was later told that he did so as a deterrent to trouble, in order to keep an eye on them as well as to keep things under control should anyone step out of line. Additionally, we learned from Attorney Price that on Tuesday, the Loudoun Times Mirror attempted to gain a copy of the courthouse grounds security video tape by means of a "Freedom of Information" request, but Sheriff Chapman had denied the request, saying that to release the video tape could place county employees in harm's way.

This After-Action Report was submitted by;

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Project Coordinator,

It is to the best of my knowledge, a true and correct account of the monument reclaiming project which occurred on Monday night July 20th, 2020.

July 2024: The removal of our monument was a tragic event indeed. I do however feel very grateful for the end results and very proud to be a part of another historic event in time. All the village of supporters for the cause came out in droves to help us. We all feel our ancestors would be so proud of what we accomplished in saving our beloved monument. A monument erected for the confederate soldiers who fought with such honor & much courage in 1861-1865.

Ending this story on a happy note. I am happy to report that our beloved monument is tucked away safely as we work diligently to place it back in its rightful place for all to enjoy. We also have in its company the Alexandria, Virginia monument, owned and loved by the Mary Custis Lee Chapter Division No. 2, also waiting its return to its rightful place as well as the Fairfax County Marr monument. Pictured below left is Loudoun's Monument and right is Alexandria's monument.

Lee Chapter No. 173, celebrated its 100th Anniversary this July 2024 but it also marked a personal anniversary for me. It has been 20 years this past May since I first started the journey to save Loudoun County's Confederate Monument.

Becky J. Fleming
Lee Chapter President





Left to right: Brenda DeJarnette, Rosalie Leigh, Victoria Daly, Dawn Diehl (Virginia Division President), Mary Seekford, Page Barnette, Becky Fleming (President), Shelly Mason (Registrar).

JULY 14,

1924 – 2024

On July 14, 2024 Lee Chapter 1842, celebrated their 100th Chapter Anniversary. It was held at the Purcellville Train Station, Purcellville, Virginia. On display was our original Charter (pictured above left); original Charter minutes, photos of our Charter members from 1924 and their applications, numerous scrapbooks, and plenty of Lee Chapter memorabilia.

Virginia Division President, Dawn Diehl gave opening remarks and graciously pinned each Chapter member with their 100th Chapter Anniversary Pin. Becky Fleming, President introduced the guests which were descendants of several Charter Members.

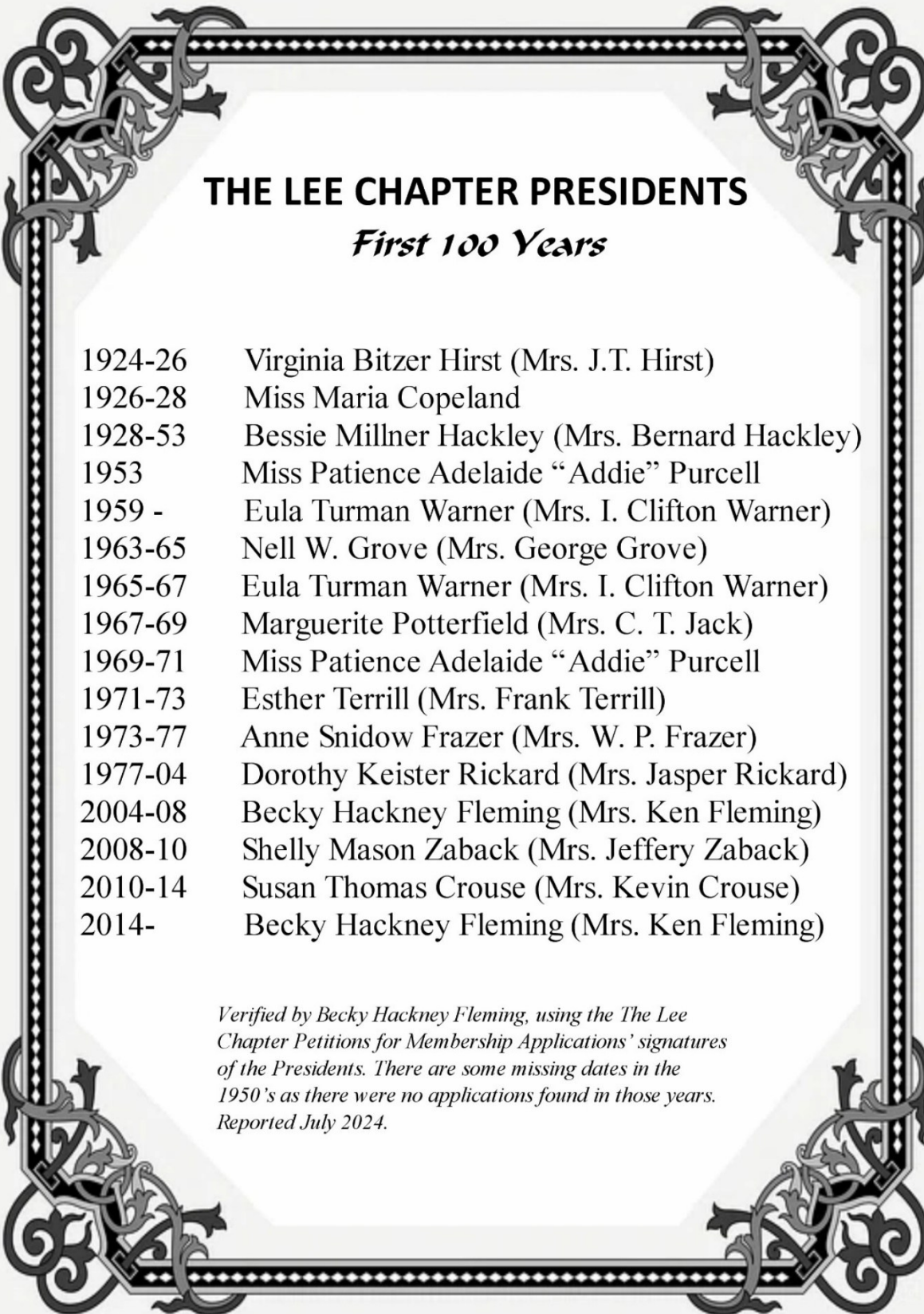
- Trudy Hackley Dawson granddaughter of Bessie Hackley
- Charlie Schneider great niece of Clara Benedum
- Page Barrett, UDC member, granddaughter of Delia Ratcliff Merchant.

Becky also gave a brief history on each of the Charter Members and history on the 100-year old Chapter. A small luncheon & celebratory UDC cake was served.

Lee Chapter has in their archives all their members applications, original signed Charter, original charter organization minutes book; 50th Chapter Anniversary Pin; UDC wooden gavel; 1932 Photo of General Robert E. Lee that was donated & returned in 2004.

Becky J. Fleming
President





THE LEE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

First 100 Years

1924-26	Virginia Bitzer Hirst (Mrs. J.T. Hirst)
1926-28	Miss Maria Copeland
1928-53	Bessie Millner Hackley (Mrs. Bernard Hackley)
1953	Miss Patience Adelaide "Addie" Purcell
1959 -	Eula Turman Warner (Mrs. I. Clifton Warner)
1963-65	Nell W. Grove (Mrs. George Grove)
1965-67	Eula Turman Warner (Mrs. I. Clifton Warner)
1967-69	Marguerite Potterfield (Mrs. C. T. Jack)
1969-71	Miss Patience Adelaide "Addie" Purcell
1971-73	Esther Terrill (Mrs. Frank Terrill)
1973-77	Anne Snidow Frazer (Mrs. W. P. Frazer)
1977-04	Dorothy Keister Rickard (Mrs. Jasper Rickard)
2004-08	Becky Hackney Fleming (Mrs. Ken Fleming)
2008-10	Shelly Mason Zaback (Mrs. Jeffery Zaback)
2010-14	Susan Thomas Crouse (Mrs. Kevin Crouse)
2014-	Becky Hackney Fleming (Mrs. Ken Fleming)

Verified by Becky Hackney Fleming, using the The Lee Chapter Petitions for Membership Applications' signatures of the Presidents. There are some missing dates in the 1950's as there were no applications found in those years. Reported July 2024.