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In Their Own Words

- “I believe it is the duty of every Confederate whose opportunities were such as to enable him to speak now, with anything like accuracy, to put on record what he knows. He owes this his duty not only to himself and his associates, but to truth.”
 - Johnson Hagood

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State Convention to be held on March 16th to 17th in Columbia

The Wade Hampton Camp will be hosting the 2001 State Convention on March 16th and 17th here in Columbia. On Friday night the Cayce Museum will be the host of a reception. Seawell's Restaurant will be the site of activities on Saturday. The restaurant is located across from the State Fair Grounds.

For those who have not yet attended a State Convention, it is a rare treat to see just how our organization operates. There will be speakers from State and National levels, special awards will be issued, and new Guardians will be pinned.

This is a time to show in force the membership of our camp. Please make plans to attend this years convention.



On the inside.

Many of us have stories and photographs of our ancestors. We would like to encourage everyone to share their stories with all camp members and those outside of the camp. Page two of this newsletter displays the first of what we hope will be many stories about our ancestors and other notable South Carolinians. Please look around and find the stories which you would like to share with others.

The first story is from my great-grandfather, Alexander Hamilton Wolfe of Sandy Run, South Carolina. Born on the plantation, educated at Wofford and UVA, he and his brother Wade Hampton Wolfe left UVA to return home and signed up at Morris Island. Present during the firing on Fort Sumter they were also present at Appomattox Court House having served for the duration in both infantry and cavalry.

Commander's Comments

Dear Compatriots:

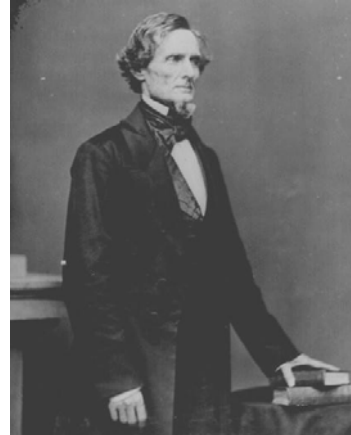
I would like to welcome Steve Wolfe as editor of the Camp 51 Regimental Report. Sharon and I appreciate his taking on this responsibility.

I hope that all of you will attend the Division Convention on March 16th and 17th in Columbia.

Our speaker this month will be John Bigham. John is the Curator of Education of the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Museum. He will bring us up to date on plans to move the Confederate Relic Room and on flag restoration.

Sincerely,

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MOS&B Spring Outing March 10th

This year's field trip will concentrate on tours of Old Fort Jackson, Fort Pulaski National Park and Fort McAllister, in that order. We will meet in the parking lot of the Best Western Motel at 412 W. Bay Street at 9:00am, and make a quick stop on that street to see two cannon given to the city by George Washington. Fort Jackson is about three miles from downtown Savannah, off the President Street Extension. Admission is \$3, and we will have a guided tour that will include the firing of their newly acquired 9-inch Dahlgren cannon. Then, on the way to Fort Pulaski and Tybee Island, we will stop for lunch at the famous Williams Seafood. Admission to Pulaski is \$2 and is mostly self-guided; however, there will be a Park Ranger available to answer any questions we might have, after the video. There is a marvelous collection of Confederate flags at the Park museum. By 3:30 we plan to get back on I-95 and drive to Exit 90, taking Highway 144 to the 144-Spur and into Fort McAllister State Park. Admission is \$2, but will have a special guided tour, arranged for our group. There are

several nice places to stay, locally, in case you want to spend Friday or Saturday night in Savannah. Best Western's number is 800-528-1234, Comfort Inn is 800-228-5150, Days Inn is 800-325-2525, and Quality Inn is 800-975-2700. Act quickly, however, since Bay Street is already filling up. Contact Brett Bradshaw for more information: P. O. Box 113; Little Mountain, SC 29075. (803) 345-3057 or tnrebel@conterra.com



MOS&B

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Ancestor Highlight

Alexander Hamilton Wolfe

Taylorsville Va
Sept 4th 1864



1st Sgt Alexander Hamilton Wolfe

Dear Nis

I have as long as one with patience could for an answer to my last letter to you; but no answer comes, Can it be that you are so lost in the pleasures of home Since the Commencement of your vacation; as to foreget to answer a letter from a brother in the army or is it this; that you have greater pleasures to take up your time with than letter writing. I hope neither may be your case, for that I can assure you that nothing on earth can give greater pleasure than to receive a letter from either Mother or Sisters at home, nor can any thing give me more pleasure than that which I derive from answering those fond messages. but I can assure you, if this is not answered, That hereafter I will not be the first to write after the correspondance is dropped by you, I have not received a line from home now for near four weeks. can it be that all have come to the conclusion that I can always write and never get tired of waiting an answer. I fear it is a great mistake for I like to read letters for kindred at home as most men and consequently will have to wait for an answer. I expect you think my language used above is rather rough and plain but you must recollect that the life that I now lead is rather rough & plain itself and consequently plain terms & words must be used. Last night I returned from a five days Scout on the Rapahanoc River; ever thing is perfectly quite in that quarter, no yankees to beheard of beyond that point or rather between the above named river and the Potomac River It was my first visit to Fredericksburg and I can assure you that I have never seen such destruction of property as that at the far famed "old town" Scarcely was there a dwelling in the town that escaped the iron hail of the enemy It is hardly possible for one to imagine the extent of destruction of property in that town. I noticed that the tallest steeple was pierced through by not less than fifteen different shells all of large size, well can all say "gallant little Fredericksburg" for nobly did She bid defiance to her enemies. The people suffered considerable in that quarter but they seem as unconquerable as ever. always willing to Share with the hungry Soldier as he passes on his way to duty, I found a plenty of apples & peaches on my road there and back; a great many of the citizens are turning their crop of apples into brandy; for sale; in order to be able buy up corn to feed themselves. as the army in the Spring destroyed all grain crops in that country. The place where our Company is stationed is considered very healthy with plenty of good water to drink and vegetables to eat, though we eat the latter only by paying large prices for them. Daybefore yesterday our Government issued flour rations to us which has been the first for lo these many days; though I expect in a Short time we will be able to get regular rations of it, if not I can not say that we know for what, or to what use our Government can be puting the wheat to; that she has on hand.

We are looking for Hampie to arrive at camp by evry train that rolls in; and I hope that when he does get here that he will bring something good with him. I will now try to give you a Short description of the place at which we are at camp ie Taylorsville; which consists of three dwellings and one church; is on the Fredericksburg R Road near the Middle Anna river, we are in camp about three quarters of a mile east of the village in some log huts built last winter by North Carolina troops. The huts look more like a village than the village itself, there are between three and four hundred of these log huts all in perfect order, The one that I am in is really comfortable no rain can reach you and it has a good fire place to it; which adds much to its comfort as the nights are growing cooler and cooler. each night. That it is really pleasant to be sitting by the fire in our log cabin. Our horses are getting more grain than they have been getting for some time and mending but slow as they were quite poor before they commence raising the feed of Horses

The health of our company is very good My health is what I might term good. Dave Wise was sent to one of the Hospitals in Richmond on account of itch which was very bad on him. When you might let me know all of the news as to who is to be married and every thing in general This leaves both of us in good health,

Your Brother

A. H. Wolfe

P.S.

I wrote to mother a few days ago and to Bet Several days before that Ask mother to send out to Pecks and find out; if he has finished my boots, he was to fix them and was to have them ready by the middle of Summer. When I left home last March Willie Geiger promised to carry my boots out to Pecks for him to work on them. If they are finished ask Ma to settle with him for me, Let me know about them when you write

Nis is his sister Narcissa

Hampie is his brother Wade Hampton Wolfe who was wounded at Riddles Shop on June 24, 1864 and is now returning to his unit.

DEATH OF MR. A. H. WOLFE
Another Confederate Gone to Join His
Comrades on Another Shore.

Special to The State.

Branchville, Feb 9 –After a brief illness Mr. Alexander Hamilton Wolfe died at his home in Calhoun county on January 27. His body was interred in Andrew Chapel churchyard by the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the Masonic order, of which he was an honored member. This together with the large concourse of friends gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory, attested the love and esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Wolfe was the son of the late J. Archie Wolfe who was a wealthy planter on the Congaree river in the Sandy Run section in ante-bellum days and was raised in luxury. After a course at Wofford college he and his brother Hampie were sent to the University of Virginia to complete their education. When South Carolina seceded young Wolfe gave up his studies, and hurrying home, offered his services for the defense of his country. Joining the Richland Rifles under the command of Capt. Dan Miller, he saw his first service at the taking of Fort Sumter, afterwards, enlisting in Gregg's regiment, he went to Virginia, where for the remainder of the war, he braved the dangers and hardships of one of the most bloody conflicts ever recorded on the pages of history.

One of his comrades in arms, Mr. John Taylor of Columbia in speaking of Mr. Wolfe said, "Ham Wolfe was a gallant soldier" and like many another follower of our peerless leaders, Butler and Hampton, he bore the scars of many deadly struggle.

On one occasion at Williamsburg he was ordered out for the regiment to form on him, and while there, under the deadly fire of the enemy, his magnificent horse (one of his mother's favorites) was shot down under him. At the battle of Cold Harbor he was at the side of Capt. Frost when the latter was killed, he being himself severely wounded. He also was with the daring Col. Alex Haskell when he and a few followers cut their way through the federal lines, Col. Haskell receiving a very dangerous wound. And many like acts of heroism, too many to mention.

After the close of the war Mr. Wolfe came home and married the only daughter of Maj. Zeigler of Orangeburg county, then settled down to the quiet life of a farmer.

When the question of forming Calhoun county was agitated, he took great interest and was untiring in his efforts to establish it, after which he was prevailed upon by his many friends to run for the office of clerk of court. At a meeting, near his old home, by the voters of that section he was unanimously indorsed, but at the primary election following he was defeated by a very small majority. His supporters had the consolation of knowing however, then even though he was not elected, did not depreciate his sterling worth and unquestionable ability. He made a race on a higher plane—one that reflected credit to his honor. His consenting to entering politics was from a purely patriotic, and not a pecuniary, standpoint, being prompted by a feeling of ambition to see the new county that he had so ardently supported raised to that standard of county government that would make it our beloved statesman, whose honored name she bares, second to none of the other counties in this our proud Palmetto State.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 22nd	Next Camp Meeting
March 10th	MOS&B Spring Outing
March 16th—17th	State SCV Convention
March 24th—25th	Battle of Lexington
May 10th	Confederate Memorial Day Lexington
May 12th	Confederate Memorial Day Columbia, Services at Elmwood Cemetery followed by march to the Capitol .



We're going to be moving

Missed a few camp meeting lately? One day soon do not be surprised to see that we are no longer in the Lexington County Memorial Building. Why? Our home for the last few years is scheduled to be razed.

So where are we going? When are we going? These items are being



worked on by Commander Shealy. Several locations have been discussed: the Lexington Public Library, County renovated Kroger building, or maybe some other county facility.

In Next Month's Newsletter

In the next newsletter will be a story about the Guardian program from a personal standpoint. Several years ago as a member of a camp in another state I was wanting to get my family cemetery cleaned up and recover it from the woods. While at a celebration of the birth of JEB Stuart I was introduced to a gentleman who was well aware of the

Guardian program and gave me the name of someone to contact. The Story along with photos will take you from the beginning to the end of the project.

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“To you , Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”

Stephen D. Lee

NOTICE

If you have not paid you dues for the 2001 calendar year, they are past due. To avoid the possibility of being dropped from the ranks, you need to see Eddie Killian as soon as possible.

Re-enactors 2001 Event Schedule

February 23—25	Battle of Aiken (O)
March 2—4	The Columns, Florence, SC (O)
March 9—11	Aversboro (Palmetto Battalion Living History Assn) (O)
March 10—11	Brattonsville Living History (I)
March 23—25	Battle of Lexington (BAE)

(BAE)	Battalion Affiliated Event
(O)	Other
(I)	Information Only

