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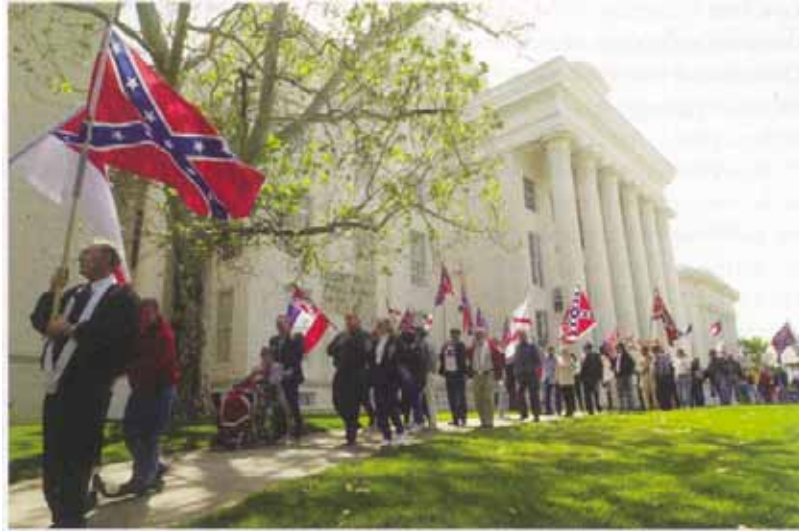
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## *Southern Discomfort*

*Flip over minor changes to capitol*

BY JAMES L. NOLES JR.

**MONTGOMERY, ALA.**-*"This has been a magnificent epic,"* Confederate Gen. John Breckenridge observed in 1865 as Union troops closed in on the Rebel capital of Richmond. *"In God's name, let it not terminate in a farce."* I Today a seemingly well intentioned effort to renovate the grounds of the first seat of the Confederacy, the 1851 Alabama State Capitol, has stumbled into a controversy that, if not a farce, is certainly raising eyebrows. Officials say that the grounds need sprucing up, but Confederate heritage groups smell a move to de-emphasize or remove Confederate monuments or to introduce civil rights memorials.

Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as the provisional Confederate president on the capitol's front portico in 1861 and returned 25 years after Montgomery fell to Union troops to lay the cornerstone for Alabama's Confederate Monument. In 1940, a statue of Davis himself was erected on the grounds, joining 22 other statues and memorials.

State legislators moved to a new statehouse across Union Street in 1986, but the governor and hit staff still keep offices in the old quarters. A six-year restoration completed in 1992 returned the building to its former grandeur, but not the grounds. Last year, the Alabama Historical Commission, caretaker of the property, received a \$5.8 million transportation enhancement grant from the Federal Highway Administration to focus on the grounds. The proposed changes include

Re-grading the front slope, planting trees and shrubs, and narrowing Bainbridge Street along

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the western side of the building to eliminate on-street parking. Although historical records of the grounds appearance in 1861 are sketchy, the project will likely create a sight more familiar to Jefferson Davis than the rows of parked cars there today. A plan should be finalized by February.

The South is "a land where the past is not dead; it isn't even past," William Paul Umber observed, and so when word of the landscape project surfaced, local Confederate heritage groups protested. Fifty miles away in the spring, Selma had moved a bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest, a Confederate hero and Ku Klux Klan founder, from the grounds of its Smitherman Historic Building to, Old Live Oak Cemetery. Some who feared that the Confederate Monument or the Davis statue risked a similar fate once earthmoving began staged a noisy protest at the capitol in April.

Ben Hestley, a brigade commander in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, says the public has had little information to go on during the project's early planning, but he fears opening the door for any changes to the grounds. "Our position is to leave the capitol grounds as they are," Hestley says. "They don't need renovation. They don't need restoration."

Other groups, notably the South Alabama chapter of the Council of Conservative Citizens, are more vehement. A commission meeting in Mobile on Aug. 1 adjourned early because council members became disruptive. Protest leader Tim Meadows argues that narrowing Bainbridge Street would extend the grounds closer to the termination point of the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march. Meadows objects to any potential association between the grounds and the Selma-to-Montgomery National Historic Trail, and "we are totally opposed to the commemoration of a civil rights monument to the Selma-to-Montgomery march on the capitol grounds," Meadows says.

The opposition has surprised the commission. "Reaching the state capitol was the goal of the civil rights marchers," says Mark Driscoll, director of the commissions property division. "We don't have to resort to subterfuge for that. We had considered the possibility of moving Davis' statue to a more visible location on the grounds," but in the face of the Confederate heritage groups' opposition, that option has been shelved.

Although the official period for public comment on the renovation plan closed in July, the commission continues to solicit opinions as it considers care for the capitol in the next century. The next meeting is scheduled for November in Auburn. Meadows pledges to be there and warns that unless his group's concerns are heard, that meeting may also be disrupted.

Preservation  
The magazine of the  
National Trust For Historic Preservation  
November-December 2001

## — NOTICE —

Camp elections will be held at this meeting.  
*Lexington County Council Chambers*  
*6th Floor*  
*Lexington County Courthouse Annex*  
*(Glass Building)*

**Ordinances of Secession**  
**Alabama**

**AN ORDINANCE**

*to dissolve the union between the State of Alabama and other States united under the compact styled "The Constitution of the United States of America."*

**WHEREAS**, the election of Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin to the offices of President and Vice President of the United States of America, by a sectional party, avowedly hostile to the domestic institutions and to the peace and security of the people of the State of Alabama, preceded by many and dangerous infractions of the Constitution of the United States by many of the States and people of the Northern section, is a political wrong of so insulting and menacing a character as to justify the people of the State of Alabama in the adoption of prompt and decided measures for their future peace and security; therefore,

Be it declared and ordained by the people of the State of Alabama, in Convention assembled, That the State of Alabama now withdraws, and is hereby withdrawn, from the Union known as "the United States of America," and henceforth ceases to be one of said United States, and is, and of right ought to be, a Sovereign and Independent State.

**Section 2.** Be it further declared and ordained by the people of the State of Alabama in Convention assembled, That all the powers over the Territory of said State, and over the people thereof, heretofore delegated to the Government of the United States of America, be and they are hereby withdrawn from said Government, and are hereby resumed and vested in the people of the State of Alabama.

And as it is the desire and purpose of the people of Alabama to meet the slaveholding States of the South, who may approve such purpose, in order to frame a provisional as well as permanent Government upon the principles of the Constitution of the United States, Be it resolved by the people of Alabama in Convention assembled, That the people of the States of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri, be and are hereby invited to meet the people of the State of Alabama, by their Delegates, in Convention, on the fourth day of February, A. D. 1861, at the city of Montgomery, in the State of Alabama, for the purpose of consulting with each other as to the most effectual mode of securing concerted and harmonious action in whatever measures may be deemed most desirable for our common peace and security.

And be it further resolved, That the President of this Convention be, and he is hereby instructed to transmit forthwith, a copy of the foregoing Preamble, Ordinance, and Resolutions to the Governors of the several States named in said resolutions.

Done by the people of the State of Alabama, in Convention assembled at Montgomery, on this, the eleventh day of January, A. D. 1861.

**Camp meetings will now be held in the  
Lexington County Council Chambers  
6th Floor**

# Confederate Jewish Soldiers



The Hebrew Confederate cemetery on Shockoe Hill in Richmond, Virginia, is the only Jewish military cemetery in the world outside the state of Israel.

Close-up of plaque in cemetery with names of soldiers buried there.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND  
IN MEMORY OF  
THE HEBREW CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS  
RESTING IN THIS HALLOWED SPOT  
[List of names--see below]  
ERECTED BY  
HEBREW LADIES MEMORIAL ASSOC.  
RICHMOND, VA.  
ORGANIZED 1866.

## LIST OF BURIALS

M. Levy, Mississippi, killed May 31, 1862.  
J. Rosenberg, Ga.  
Henry Adler, 46th Va.  
E.J. Sampson, 4th Texas, killed June 27th, 1862.  
G. Wolfe, N.C.  
I. Hessberg, Caroline co.  
Unknown soldier  
Henry Gersberg, Salem, Va., killed June 2, 1864.  
T. Foltz, 16th Miss.  
I. Cohen, Hampton (S.C.) Legion.  
Sam Bear, Ga.  
S. Bachrach, Lynchburg, Va.

Jonathan Sheuer, La.

J. Frank, Ga.

Henry Cohen, S.C. killed June 29, 1864.

Capt. Jacob A. Cohen, Co. A, 10th La., killed at 2nd Manassas, August 30, 1862, age, 33 years.

M. Aaron, N.C.

A. Lehman, S.C.

Julius Zark, 7th Louisiana.

A. Heyman, Georgia.

Lieut. W.M. Wolf, Hagood's S.C. Brigade, died May 9, 1864.

Lieut. L.S. Lipman, 5th Louisiana, died May 9, 1863.

Erected by his brothers to the memory of Isaac Seldner, of the 6th Virg. Inf. Reg., born December 23, 1837, killed at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., May 3rd, 1863. None knew him but to love him.

S. Weiss, Ga.

H. Jacobs, S.C.

E.B. Miller, died April 6, 1864.

Corpl. G. Eiseman, 12th Miss.

M. Bachrach, Lynchburg, Va.

S. Oury, 16th Miss.; died June 10, 1861.

A. Robinson, 15th Ga., died Jan. 26, 1863.

Soldiers killed in battle and buried elsewhere in the cemetery are Gustavus Kann, 16th Mississippi; Henry Smith, Richmond, Otey Battery; Marx Myers, Richmond Grays;

**Isaac J. Levy, Richmond Blues**, and Captain M. Marcus, 15th Georgia, killed October 13, 1864.

<http://www.jewish-history.com/shockoe.htm>

## Camp Christmas Gala

Saturday December 15th, 2001

7 PM

Boiling Springs Community Center

Our Speaker will be ***Rick Hatcher***  
Historian, National Park Service, Charleston

## Ancestor Highlight

### Thomas Jamison Glover

From Orangeburgh District History and Records  
1768 - 1868  
Daniel Marchant Culler

Thomas Jamison Glover, Confederate soldier and representative of Orange Parrish, was born in Orangeburgh on July 30, 1820, the eldest son of Judge Thomas Worth and Caroline Elizabeth Jamison Glover and the grandson of Dr. Van da Vastine Jamison. He was educated in local schools and graduated second in his class at South Carolina College in 1849. He read law in the office of his father, and was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1851, and began practice in his father's office. He soon built up a lucrative business and, by the beginning of the Confederate War, stood at the head of his profession.

On December 27, 1859, Glover married Elizabeth Tecco Whitner of Anderson, South Carolina, who was the daughter of Judge Joseph Newson and Elizabeth Hampton Harrison Whitner. They had two children, Caroline J., and Thomas J.

Glover was elected to represent Orange Parrish in the South Carolina House in 1860. When the Confederate War broke out, however, he volunteered in the Edisto Rifles and was elected captain in January 1861. Through a series of rapid promotions, Glover attained the rank of full colonel of the First South Carolina Regiment of Volunteer Infantry by July 1862. He was wounded three times while leading his regiment at the second Battle of Manassas and died the following day, August 31, 1862, at Haymarket, Virginia, at the age of thirty-three. He was buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery at Orangeburgh. His last words were: **"Tell my wife that I died with my face toward the enemy."**



## MOS&B



Greetings to all of the members of Camp 51. The Maxcy Gregg Chapter would like to extend an invitation to all SCV members who are descendants of members of the Confederate Officer Corps and/or members of the Confederate Government. Our next meeting will be January 19th 2002, celebrating the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Our Lee-Jackson Dinner this year will be hosted by the Greenville Chapter. Details of the dinner will be in your next Camp Newsletter.

The Maxcy Gregg Chapter will be having our annual field trip for members and guests. This year we will be exploring Charleston and her defenses. Plans are still in the making, but we will be going to Charleston the first weekend in March. We also have secured the services of the National Park Service for a private tour of the area. Some places normally not available to the general public will be visited. Look for details in upcoming issues of your Camp Newsletter.

Questions about the MOS&B can be directed to either Wayne Roberts, Eddie Killian, or Steve Wolfe.

## Compass is discovered aboard Hunley

**Water-logged navigational device found concreted to the submarine's hull**

**Saturday, November 10, 2001**

**BY SCHUYLER KROPF  
Of The Post and Courier Staff**

Looks like H.L. Hunley commander George Dixon had a ship's compass to guide him.

Archaeologists spent most of last week examining a wooden box compass they discovered resting on a shelf near where Dixon was stationed when he navigated the sub on its final voyage.

The box measures about a foot square, while the floating brass compass inside is the size of a grapefruit.

The box is in terrible condition after more than 135 years of being submerged in silt and seawater. "Not that it's totally eaten with worm holes, (but) it's water-logged," project archaeologist Maria Jacobsen said of the outside cover. "It's basically soft, like butter."

X-rays show the compass has fallen out from its gimbals - the circular rings that keep a compass steady in an unsteady ocean.

Part of the compass is also concreted to the sub's hull.

Jacobsen didn't know if it was an actual major ship's compass, only that it looked similar to what would have been available to ship captains during the Civil War.

"The removal process is going to be one of the most complicated procedures in this phase of the excavation," said project manager Bob Neyland.

The discovery comes as archaeologists are continuing to remove Dixon's skeletal remains, some of which are still trapped in sediment in the forward part of the sub. Those remains include his shoes, which are actually half-boots similar to the footwear worn by the seven other members of the sub's crew that have already been recovered.

"We are finishing the central compartment, still hoping to find some answers as to why she sunk," Neyland said.

The archaeologists still have not found any pieces of glass from the sub's smashed front conning tower porthole area that could give a clue as to what brought about the Hunley's demise. Those pieces may still be buried in the sediment on the sub's floor.

"That glass and its location will be a key clue to solving the mystery of the Hunley sinking," said state Hunley Commission Chairman Glenn McConnell.

The Hunley was lost on the night of Feb. 17, 1864, after ramming a black powder charge into the Union blockade ship Housatonic.

It was recovered last year approximately 4 miles off Charleston and is currently being housed at a cold-water storage tank at the Warren Lasch Conservation Lab at the old Charleston Navy Base.

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**The Friends of the Hunley are still in need of volunteers.**

**Keep the Hunley crew's memory alive.**

**Volunteer to work weekends at the lab in Charleston.**

# November Camp Meeting Agenda

Lt Commander Roberts advises that the November meeting will be a two part meeting. The first part will consist of Camp elections, to be followed by a program for and by our membership.

This is your opportunity to express your opinions about our camp and to suggest plans for camp projects and events for the upcoming year. This is our camp and every voice will be heard. Come this month and let your opinion be expressed to the entire membership.

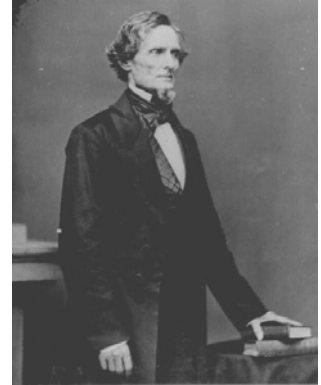


All camp members are requested to bring items which they would like to share with others in a show and tell format. So now is the time to go through your collections and find those special items that are near and dear to your Confederate ancestry.

# Commander's Comments

## From the desk of the editor

Special thanks are extended to Dennis Todd for securing a new meeting place for our Camp meetings. As we have known for some time, the Memorial Building is being razed and thus our previous meeting place is no more. For the next year we are booked for the Lexington County Council Chambers. The council chambers are located on the sixth floor of the Lexington County Courthouse (the big glass building). According to Dennis we have the chambers reserved from 6:30 to 9 PM on the last Thursday of each month. The only exception being November 2002, when we will meet on the last Monday of that month.



As you have noticed, there are no Commander's Comments this month. Commander Shealy regrets to inform us that due to the demands of his employer, he will not be able to perform his remaining duties of Commander, nor will he be able to attend the November or December meetings. Lt. Commander Wayne Roberts will fill the position for these last two meetings of the year. Wayne will also be hosting the elections this month.

I have been able to secure the services of the Historian of The National Park Service in Charleston. Historian (and SCV member) Rick Hatcher will speak to our camp at the Christmas meeting next month. Rick will speak on Fort Sumter and the Charleston area.

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002 Rick Hatcher will be serving as guide for the MOS&B's annual Spring outing. The MOS&B extends an invitation to all SCV members to join us on this special private tour of the Charleston area. A couple of years ago I was with friends when Rick gave us a similar tour of areas that the public rarely goes or needs special permission to have access to. Rick's knowledge to this time in our history makes this a trip that should not be missed. Please see Wayne, Eddie, or myself for more information on the tour.

A couple of months ago we sent out membership renewal notices to all camp members. Eddie Killian reports that we have many camp members who have yet to pay their 2002 Dues. We need to have these dues paid before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Camp 51's voting strength is based on the number of paid members. State convention is not that far away. Pay your dues now and avoid the late fees.

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

- November 29th      Camp Meeting
- December 15th     Christmas Gala
- December 13th     Civil War Roundtable
- January 19th       Lee-Jackson Dinner MOS&B
- January 31st        Camp Meeting



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**Next Camp Meeting**

**November 29th 7 PM**

Lexington County Council Chambers  
6th Floor Lexington County Courthouse Annex

**“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*

## *Re-enactors 2001 Event Schedule*

August 3-5	First Manassas (National Event)
September 16	Battalion Elections
October 6	Rose Hill Living History (I)
October 12-13	Ghost Walk, Charleston, SC (I)
October 20-21	Honey Hill (O)
October 26-28	Brattonsville, York, SC (BAE)
November 2-4	Saluda Tractor Show (I)
November 9-11	Secessionville, Boone Hall Plantation (BAE)
December 1-2	Raid on Gramling, Inman, SC (BAE)
(BAE)	Battalion Affiliated Event
(O)	Other
(I)	Information Only

