

REBEL UNDERGROUND



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Following the May meeting Hutto Camp members placed flags at grave sites of 8 CSA veterans at the old Jasper Cemetery. Commander Blackston and Adjutant Trent Harris are shown at the Capt. Musgrove monument.

JUNE MEETING

Sunday - June 17
2:30 P. M.

First Methodist Church
Jasper

Program: Paul Goodridge on
Bankhead genealogy

NOTE JEFFERSON DAVIS TRIBUTE
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Q You recently wrote that this is the first time America has had six living Presidents. But in 1861-62, we had Van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan and Lincoln. —Lyle Nelson, Honolulu, Hawaii

A We both need a history lesson: It's the *third* time America has had six. In 1993-94, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton were all alive. And if you include Confederate President Jefferson Davis, we had seven in 1861-62.

Jan. '7
2002

Walter Scott

Personal
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HUTTO CAMP OFFICERS

COMMANDER	James Blackston
1ST LT. COMM	John Tubbs
2ND LT. COMM	Brandon Prescott
ADJUTANT	Trent Harris
CHAPLAIN	Wayne Thomas
EDITOR	Leonard Wilson

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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 you also cherish”. Gen. Stephen D. Lee

FLAG WREATH PLACED AT JASPER MONUMENT



Jasper UDC ladies unveiled a new flag wreath at the Confederate Monument in front of the courthouse in Jasper commemorating the Confederate Memorial holiday, in conjunction with an annual ceremony sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Hutto Camp. The ladies shown are Bonnie Englebert and Cynthia Williams.

DAILY MOUNTAIN EAGLE Jasper, Ala., Mon., April 30, 2012

"Nothing fills
me with deeper
sadness than to
see a Southern
man apologizing
for the defense
we made of our
inheritance."

Jefferson Davis



Congress as it opened its fifth session.

Two weeks after
Jefferson Davis
ran uncontested
for the presidency
of the Confederacy,
he sent the
following message
to the Provisional
Confederate

A SUBJECT OF GRATULATION

Richmond,
November 18, 1861

The Congress of the Confederate States.
... When the war commenced the enemy
were possessed of certain strategic points
and strong places within the Confederate
States. They greatly exceeded us in

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembering Jefferson Davis

In 1900 the Alabama Legislature created a state holiday commemorating the June 3rd birthday of President Jefferson Davis. This holiday is still observed each first Monday in June. It will be noted this year Monday, June 4, with closure of state and county operations.

Since our history is not currently emphasized as it once was and still should be, holidays like the Davis event are valid reminders of our history.

Not only was Davis one of the more distinguished men in American history, he was indeed a visionary. Sometime after the War for Southern Independence he said "The principle for which we contended is bound to reassert itself though it may be at another time and in another form."

Could national and even world events today reflect on the words of President Davis? Many in the free world today are committed to the principles of which Davis spoke.

Lest we forget, as we observe this holiday on June 4th.

Leonard Wilson
Past Commander
Alabama SCV

EAGLE Jasper, Ala., Sun., June 3, 2012

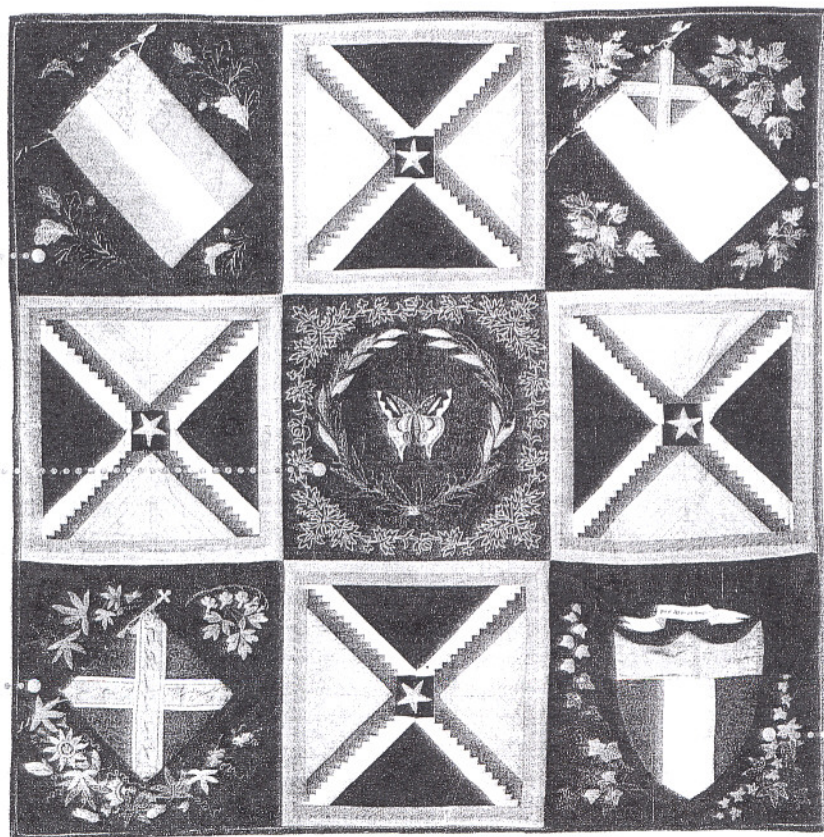
numbers, in available resources, and in the supplies necessary for war. Military establishments had been long organized and were complete; the Navy, and for the most part the Army, once common to both, were in their possession. To meet all this we had to create not only an Army in the face of war itself, but also the military establishments necessary to equip and place it in the field. It ought indeed to be a subject of gratulation that the spirit of the volunteers and the patriotism of the people have enabled us, under Providence, to grapple successfully with these difficulties. A succession of glorious victories at Bethel, Bull Run, Manassas, Springfield, Lexington, Leesburg, and Belmont has checked the wicked invasion which greed of gain and the unhallowed lust of power brought upon our soil, and has proved that numbers cease to avail when directed against a people fighting for the sacred right of self-government and the privileges of freemen. After more than seven months of war the enemy have not only failed to extend their occupancy of our soil, but new States and Territories have been added to our Confederacy, while, instead of their threatened march of unchecked conquest, they have been driven, at more than one point, to assume the defensive, and, upon a fair comparison between the two belligerents as to men, military means, and financial condition, the Confederate States are relatively much stronger now than when the struggle commenced. ★

From A Compilation of Messages and Papers of the Confederacy, Including the Diplomatic Correspondence, 1861-1865, volume 1, ed. James D. Richardson (Nashville: United States Publishing Company, 1905).

When the Civil War ended, the first lady of the Confederacy

was overcome by the devastation she and her husband, Jefferson Davis, witnessed. "All the anguish of that great struggle came over us," Varina Davis wrote. "We saw our gaunt, half clothed, and half-starved men stand vibrating with courage to their finger-tips, their thin ranks a wall of fire about their homes; we saw them mowed down by a countless host of

enemies, overcome, broken in health and fortune, moving along the highways to their desolated homes, sustained only by the memory of having vindicated their honor." In 1870 Varina created a tribute to the short-lived nation: a silk quilt now owned by the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va. But after her husband died in 1889, she shocked many who saw her as a Lost Cause icon when she moved to New York City and befriended Ulysses S. Grant's widow, Julia.



1

High Hopes

Oak leaves signifying "growth and dignity" surround the Confederacy's first national flag.

2

Twilight Visions

The stark design of the Confederacy's second national flag rests on a bed of bright fall leaves.

3

Timeless Spirit

Olive branches encircle a butterfly that represents the Confederacy's "immortal soul."

4

Dashed Dreams

Passionflowers and bleeding hearts represent "suffering heroines of the Southern cause."

5

Binding Ties

The motto "God and Country," a shield and ivy stand for the bonds that tie "a warrior people."

DAVIS HOLIDAY JUNE 4TH

The Jefferson Davis holiday is one of our three Confederate holidays in Alabama. In the past we sometimes have gotten wide publicity concerning this special day as indicated by the 2008 AP report carried in newspapers around the South. Your editor was also there in 1950.

See picture below.



PHOTO OF JEFFERSON DAVIS
STATUE IN FRONT OF THE
CAPITOL IN MONTGOMERY
(Taken by Leonard Wilson in 1950)

DAILY MOUNTAIN EAGLE Jasper, Ala., Tues., June 3, 2008



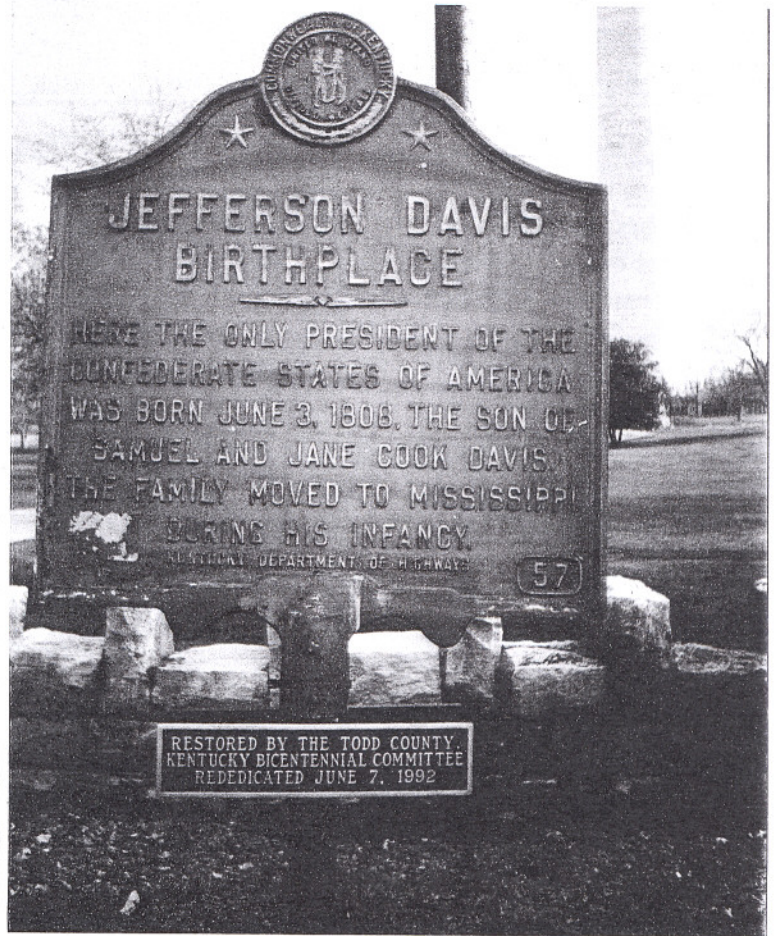
AP photo

Philip Davis, left, discusses Confederate President Jefferson Davis on the grounds of the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery on Monday. With Davis is Leonard Wilson, Commander of the Alabama Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Although Monday is the official state holiday in Alabama, Tuesday will mark the 200th anniversary of Davis' birth.

OUR CAUSE

"Our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known all that was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again. Let the rising generation learn what their fathers did, and let them learn the still better lesson to emulate not only the deeds, but the motives which prompted them. May God grant that sons ever greater than their fathers may rise whenever their country needs them to defence her cause. When I find myself reviled by Southern papers as one renewing 'dead issues,' the pain is not caused by the attack upon myself, but by its desecration of the memories of our fathers and those of their descendants who staked in defence of their rights – their lives, their property and their sacred honor.

– President Jefferson Davis



Confederate Museum, Jefferson Davis Historic Site, Irwinville, GA



June 25

1862 A strong Union probe toward the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., is repulsed by the Army of Northern Virginia. The fighting opens the Seven Days' Battles, which bring Union Gen. George B. McClellan's Peninsula Campaign to an unsuccessful conclusion and establishes Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's reputation as a daring and bold commander.

In what opens the first large-scale offensive in the Eastern Theater, McClellan's Army of the Potomac lands at Fort Monroe in March and advances up the Virginia peninsula toward Richmond in April. The Army of Northern Virginia under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston gives way and falls back toward Richmond before Johnston is wounded in the Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) and replaced by Lee on June 1.

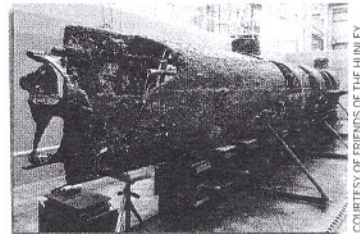
On June 26 and 27, north of the Chickahominy River, Lee launches assaults on elements of the Union Army under

Union Gen. Fitz John Porter at Mechanicsville and Gaines' Mill, respectively. An unnerved McClellan abandons his drive for Richmond and begins a retreat back down the Peninsula. However, poor coordination and the uncharacteristic and unreliable performance of Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson rob Lee of a decisive blow as his army pursues McClellan and engages the Federals at Savage's Station (June 29) and Glendale (June 30). Still, Lee's fierceness immobilizes McClellan, who refuses to counter-attack the obviously weakened Army of Northern Virginia, even after Lee orders a disastrous July 1 assault at Malvern Hill.

The casualties of the Seven Days' Battles are staggering: Confederate killed, wounded, and missing total 20,000; the Union's reach 16,000. Although Lee's tactics lacked polish, he had taken the initiative from McClellan, saved Richmond, and cemented his reputation as a daring and aggressive commander.

Hunley Emerges From Steel 'Shroud'

Restorers in North Charleston, S.C., have freed the Confederate submarine CSS *H.L. Hunley* [www.hunley.org] from the 8-ton steel truss that has supported the

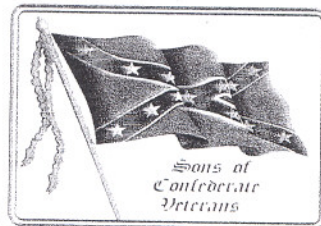


COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF THE HUNLEY

vessel since its raising in 2000, granting visitors an unobstructed look at the sub—the first to sink an enemy warship. On Feb. 17, 1864, *Hunley* rammed and sank the blockading Union sloop USS *Housatonic* with an explosive spar torpedo. Soon afterward the sub itself mysteriously sank, taking eight crewmen to the bottom.

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MILITARY HISTORY



*I salute the
Confederate Flag
with affection,
reverence and
undying devotion
to the Cause
for which it stands.*

Home of Confederate Gen. Wheeler reopening

By Sarah Cure

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HILLSBORO — Meandering under a lush canopy of kudzu-tangled red oaks, Kara Long walked toward the resting place of three families from the 19th and 20th centuries.

"This is the family cemetery," said Long, curator of the 50-acre Pond Spring, the historic grounds best known for its final residents, the Wheelers. "But he's not buried here."

Long ends her tour of the plantation, commonly referred to as the Gen. Joseph Wheeler home, by noting that the Napoleon-sized soldier — and later congressman — is one of only two Confederate generals buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

"He had the honor of being buried there because of his service to the U.S. after the Civil War," said Long, a veritable encyclopedia of everything Pond Spring.

Long is just one of four employees who are elated about the reopening of the Wheeler Home after a three-phase, \$2 million restoration effort that forced the group to close the 1870s Victorian-style structure — Pond Spring's focal point — 12 years ago.

Although some work continues, such as



The 50-acre Pond Spring grounds is best known for its final residents, the Wheelers.

POND SPRING

- **Where:** 12280 Hwy. 20, Hillsboro.
- **information:** wheelerplantation.org or see Facebook page.

landscaping and fixing up the gift shop in the neighboring Sherrod home, the staff is ready for visitors to tour the site's 12 historic structures and delve into the museum.

"It's rare for a house museum to have a collection this complete," Long said. "We have everything; furniture, military uniforms, china, books, Victorian dresses.

"From the most monumental to the most insig-

nificant piece of history that belonged to this family, we have it," she said.

Listed as a preserved site by the Alabama Historical Commission, the Wheeler Home offers much for history enthusiasts.

When the house was donated in 1992 to the state by Gen. Wheeler's granddaughter, most of the family's possessions were included. Trunks containing items such as textiles, ranging from garments from the Victorian era to the Roaring 20s, are constantly being unearthed and catalogued by the staff.

"There is so much in the collection to work with to show the personalities of the family members," Long said.



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