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Deo Vindici

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CAMP MEETING October 14, 2013

Speaker: Arthur Oliver, RE Lee Camp

**Topic: A Short History of Militia & National
Guard Units from Memphis**

**7:00 p.m. at the Germantown Regional
History and Genealogy Center
Don't miss our next camp meeting.**

Southern Patriot, Shelby County Historian, Former Commissioner Ed Williams Dies



County Historian and former County Commissioner Ed Williams died Sunday night at his East Memphis home. He was 78.

His wife, Sue Williams, said the historian had "multiple health problems."

Mr. Williams, who was born in New York City, moved to Memphis as an infant and was considered one of the foremost authorities on the history of the city and Shelby County. Mr. Williams was appointed county

historian through the Shelby County Historical Commission in 1997, only the commission's second historian. He replaced Ellen Davies Rogers who served from the position's inception in 1965 until 1997. The county historian position is a lifetime appointment.

"He studied history from the time he was a kid," Sue Williams, his wife of 53 years, said in confirming his death Monday morning, adding: "He had a lifelong love of history. Then, he kind of centered on the Civil War."

That included an almost-obsessive knowledge of Nathan Bedford Forest. "He could tell you where he was most any day," Sue Williams said.

Mr. Williams, a County Commissioner from 1978 to 1994, also held positions in the county trustee's and assessor's offices immediately after his term on the commission ended. Then-Mayor Jim Rout appointed Mr. Williams as the county environmental coordinator in January 1995.

Mr. Williams also served in the Tennessee legislature and made a run for City Council, losing to Oscar Edmonds before his tenure on the commission. "He called it moving up to the commission," Sue Williams said of his transition from the Legislature to the county elected post.

Mr. Williams attended East High and received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn before earning a masters from Memphis State in 1974. He served three years in the Air Force, reaching the rank of captain.

He was an engineer, working for Buckeye Cellulose and other companies.

Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell said the county had "lost one of its greatest citizens." He praised Mr. Williams work on the commission and as the county historian.

"He kept our county's heritage in the forefront of the newer generations," Luttrell said. "We will miss his genuine concern for others, and his efforts to preserve our county's heritage."

Former Shelby County Mayor Bill Morris remembered Williams as a stable if stoic hand on the commission, smart and detail-oriented.

"This guy was solid. He was a very astute, knowledgeable individual," Morris said. "He was truly a gentleman in every way."

Mike Tooley Jr., son of the late County Commissioner Mike Tooley, who worked with Williams, recalled the tall, red-headed commissioner as an influential mentor.

"He was sharp as a tack. His memory was second to none," said Tooley Jr., now co-owner of Williams' former environmental engineering and consulting firm, Ed Williams & Associates. The firm is now called ECT.

While his service in politics was where many people knew him publicly, his work in local history was where his recent reputation was built. Jimmy Ogle, chairman of the Historical Commission, had gotten to the point of driving Mr. Williams to meetings as the historian's health deteriorated this year.

"I got the pleasure of listening to him on the ride," Ogle said. "He was our history hero."

Ogle said Mr. Williams' health had been slipping all year, and that he last spoke with him a week ago when he went into the hospital for dialysis.

To the end, Williams maintained an enthusiasm for historical topics, including early settlement along the Mississippi River, the Civil War and exploits of Davy Crockett. He was the go-to source for people wanting to know everything from why Memphis was the only part of Shelby County to conduct auto inspections to the benefit of the Poplar Viaduct in opening development into East Memphis.

"He was our Papa Bear of history," Ogle said. "He was grand to talk to about history. No question was out of bounds."

"He was like a walking encyclopedia," Sue Williams said.



Notes from the Field

While these are not letters from soldiers to the home front, these exchanges between two well-known participants in the War Between the States are quite revealing.

This note was waiting for the commander of the 2nd Corps after a particularly hard days march:

Headquarters 2ND Corps, A NO. -VA.

TO: Gen. Jubal A. Early, commanding Division:

GENERAL—Gen. Jackson's compliments to Gen. Early, and he would like to be informed why he saw so many straggles in the rear of your division to-day.

Respectfully,

A.S. PENDLETON, A.A.. 2ND Corps.

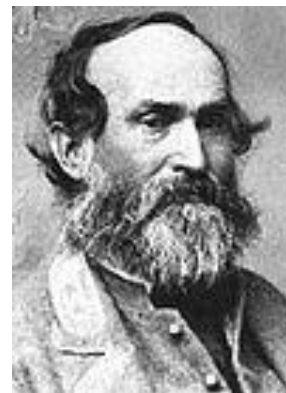
Ol' Jube replied:

HEADQUARTERS EARLY'S DIVISION, A. NO. -VA.

COLONEL- General Early's compliments to General Jackson, and he takes pleasure in informing him that he saw so many stragglers in the rear of my division to-day, probably because he rode in the rear of my division.

Respectfully,

JUBAL A. EARLY, Commanding Division.



It is said that Jackson smiled and dismissed the matter. It is hard to believe that a soldier would send such an impertinent response to his commanding officer. But such was the relationship Early had with Jackson. Those who performed were precious to the war effort, Early was one of those men, and Jackson understood him like no other.

(Submitted by Lt Commander Mark Buchanan)

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I would like to donate to the following projects my Camp is currently undertaking:

Ft. Germantown Cannon Project	\$ _____
Forrest Boyhood Sign Project	\$ _____
Citizens to Save Our Parks	\$ _____
Camp's General Fund	\$ _____

I would also like to pay my annual dues at this time. \$ 60.00
(If previously paid, please mark through this item.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

OR

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$ _____
(enclosed or to be paid within 60 days)

Please **print** and update your information
and mail to camp address above by September 15th.

Name: _____
(Print)

Address: _____
(Print)

City	State	Zip Code
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Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____
(Print)

"SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT"

CANNON CARRIAGES TO BE PLACED IN
FORT GERMANTOWN

OCTOBER 3, 2014

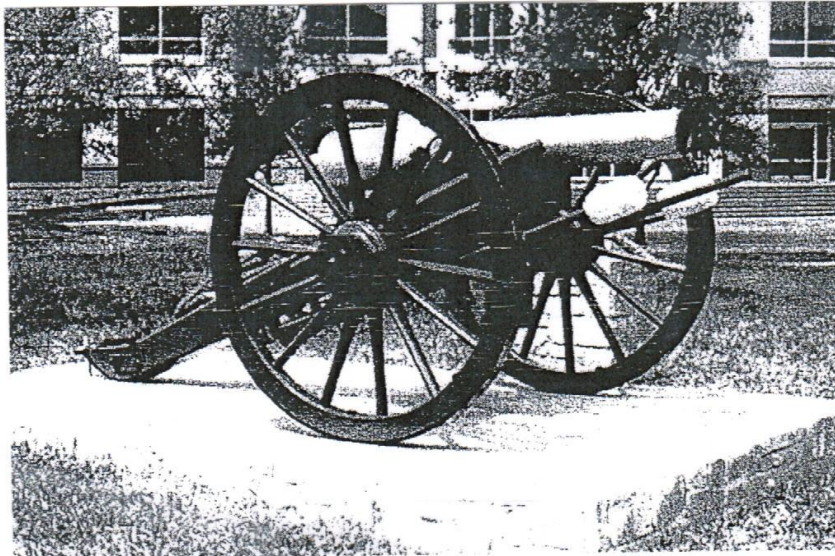
Painting !!!!! PARTY !!!!! Picnic

October 12, 2014 @ 9am
at Fort Germantown

Bring: Chair, Drink, Snack, Paint Brush (1/4" or 1")

Camp will order Pizza or BBQ for lunch

CALL: Tarry Beasley @ 901-240-2014 if you can help!



Confederate Silver Dollar

Coin in plastic sleeve \$65.00 ea.
Coin encased in plastic \$75.00 ea.
Add \$20.00 for shipping & handling

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The coin itself is one troy ounce of .999 fine silver. It was minted in Washington State by the Northwest Territorial Mint (NWTM).

One side of the coin features the Great Seal of the Confederacy, showing Colonial George Washington astride his horse. The other side of the coin was designed in 2002. The scripture "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" is from Psalm 33:12 and celebrates the strong Christian faith and tradition of the old South. The centerpiece is an eagle from a U.S. 1830s silver half-dollar, a coin in circulation during the war. The Breastplate or shield has the "Stars and Bars" of the battle flag with CSA (Confederate States of America) above.

Much history rests in this coin. It can be kept as a treasured keepsake or given as a gift.

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Lee Camp Members Only

*See Camp Commander
for more information
Tarry Beasley*

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Commander's Corner

Gentlemen,

SEPTEMBER CAMP MEETING probably the best presentation I have heard in years and it took an unusual view of the battle by starting with the command and tracing it all the way down to a single man on the front lines. Dr Brad Waters out did himself with this marvelous presentation and I am sorry that some of you missed it. The meeting was also the anniversary of the founding of the Lee Camp 1640 SCV. We celebrated by having BBQ at 6:00 before the meeting on the patio of our meeting place the TENGEN offices at 7779 Poplar Pike. If you have not been recently you need to visit with us a lot is going on that cannot get into the Traveller. We had 40 present including several guest which we always appreciate having with us.

DUES are about to be PAST DUE. If you have not sent in your dues for the 2013 to 2014 year please do so now. They are 60.00 if paid NOW. They go up next month an additional 5.00.

It would be very helpful for you to send to the adjutant at PO Box 171251 Memphis, TN 38187 any up date you may have as to your address, phones or email. Likewise you may make additional contributions to the various projects we have undertaken at the same time you send your dues.

FT GERMANTOWN CANNON CARRIAGES are to be placed in the Fort on October 3 and we will have a **PAINT PARTY** on the following Saturday to trim out the carriages. See the flyer attached. Come and join in on Saturday the 12th at the park beginning at 9:00a am. About lunch time the camp will order some pizza or BBQ for lunch so bring a drink, paint brush and lawn chair for the fun. I hope to see everyone there for the event even if you can not paint a straight line.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS will occur in November so if you are interested in serving in any capacity let it be known or if you wish to nominate someone contact them and be sure they are interested in the office. We elect 3 officers; Commander, LT Commander and Adjutant/Treasurer for the Camp and the others are appointed as they make their interest known.

FORREST BOYHOOD HOME is just about funded but we still need a couple hundred more dollars to fully finish funding it. Consider making a contribution to it so we can get the signs needed for the marking of one of our hero's homes. You can accomplish this by donation a book or other artifact to the Camp to be auctioned at

the end of the meeting. I know that in my library I had several books that were duplicates. We will auction anything (within reason) just bring it to the meeting October 14th.

EATING & DRIVING if you do either or both of these activities you should have a Kroger card and a SCV license plate on your car. The Kroger card gives the TN Division 5 percent of everything that goes thru the card to the SCV without it costing you anything. The points build up and with them you may buy a life membership in the SCV, a TN Division life membership and a Camp life membership over time. Several members now have life memberships in National and the TN Division as a result of the Kroger card, and it gives you a 3 cent discount on you gasoline as well. The TN SCV license plate allows the Division to restore Confederate Flags in the Tennessee State museum in Nashville and the museum is really pumped up as a result of the amount of funds we have given them over the years. You have to buy tags anyway, why not tags that help promote your Great Grandfather's and your heroes deeds in defending the South against the yankee hoards.

RECRUITING do your part ask someone to come with you to the Camp meeting. That is the only way they will find out about our organization (which is not a club) but a fraternal organization dedicated to the purpose of honoring our forefathers and defending the original constitution.

Tarry Beasley, Commander

American by Birth

Southern and Saved by the Grace of God



Lee camp & Bankhead's Battery members at Chickamauga. They are L to R: Bill Simmons, Brad Waters, Tarry Beasley, Rick Lantz and Bruce Lynch

SCV LIFE MEMBERS ROSTER

T. Tarry Beasley II	T. Tarry Beasley III
Winston Blackley	Eugene Callaway
John Cole	W. Kent Daniel Jr.
James Anthony Davis	Hubert Dellinger Jr., MD
H. Clark Doan	Eugene Forrester
Robert Freeman	Donald Harrison
Frederick Harrison	Frank Holeman
M. Gary Hood	William P Hunter, Jr.
Bobby Lessel	Jerry C. Lunsford
Frank M. McCroskey	Steve McIntyre
Arthur Oliver	Charles Wendell Park
Steve Reason	Bill Simmons
Larry J. Spiller, Jr.	Larry J. Spiller, Sr.
Osborn Turner, IV	Charles L Vernon
William C. Wilson	

41% of active members

A Letter to the President

Upon his election as President, a disgruntled Southerner sent the following letter to Lincoln:

"Deformed Sir,

The Ugly Club, in full meeting, have elected you a member of the Hood-Favored Fraternity. Prince Harry was lean, Falstaff was fat, Thersites was hunch-backed, and Slowkenlergus was renowned for the eminent miscalculation which Nature made in the length of the nose; but it remained for you to unite all species of deformity and stand forth the Prince of Ugly Fellows.

Your Obedient Servant, etc."



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Next Camp Meeting ** October 14, 2013

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