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MARCH 17, 1828-NOVEMBER 30, 1864

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Compatriots,

I would like to begin by thanking Kenneth Lovett for accepting his new position of Camp Officer Director. He will be responsible for getting camp officers and chairing the election of officers. I asked him to take this position for two very big reasons. The first being the importance of officers. I am a firm believer in "So go the officers, So go the camp". The second being his in depth knowledge of Roberts Rules or Order. We need to insure our elections are run correctly.

Our speaker this month is John Rickman from Tullahoma. He has researched his ancestor, Lt. Colonel Peril Columbus, who was in the 4th TN (Starnes Brigade). Should be a good talk with some local flavor.

We had some very good things coming out of last months meeting. The Applebee's fundraiser was a success and the camp raised enough money to do something positive. After some discussion, a scholarship was decided upon. The camp tabled the vote until more information is received. I have that information and will deliver to the camp at the meeting. We just need to decide some final guidelines for candidates.

Those of you who were not able to make the Capt James Madison Sparkman Chapter UDC 40th anniversary party missed a real treat. They are a wonderful group of ladies and we enjoyed their company. The food was amazing. The house was beautiful to tour. Ask Jack about the cheesecake.

Speaking of Jack, we need to get him some help. Jack has been doing the newsletter since 2001 and he needs an apprentice. He will gradually take you through the process of doing the newsletter. So do not be faint of heart. Step up and be the next newsletter editor. Jack has done his tour of duty and he has done a wonderful job. It is time for someone else to take those reins.

We are now working on getting the newsletter to as many people as possible as an email. The cost for postage is \$1 per newsletter and that adds up quickly. Please give us your email address. Maybe we will soon be able to up our scholarship money.

For the Color Guard and Honor Guard, for now, we will be drilling at 2 PM on Sunday at Jay Smiths house. This could change so let us know if you would like to get involved.

April is Confederate History Month. We will start the month in Brentwood at the TN Division Reunion. We will be helping with the Color Guard and the Honor Guard at the service on Sunday morning. Lt. Gould's Southern Cross was sandblasted and powder coated a flat black and it is gorgeous (**see photographs page**). The 3rd Saturday, April the 18th we have been asked by the Capt. James Madison Sparkman Chapter of the UDC to provide our services at Rose Hill. The service will be at 10 AM and refreshments will be served afterwards at the Athenaeum. We also will have a service the 3rd Saturday in May. More details on that as they become clear.

See you at the meeting.

In Holy Bonds of the South,

Jason Boshers

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Compatriot , James Smith ventures back in time with a photograph in front of the Mayes-Hutton House in Columbia, Tenn.

RARE AND SUPPOSED CANDID PHOTOGRAPH OF ABE LINCOLN FOUND (WEBFOOT) 3/12/09

The Associated press recently reported that a photograph collector and expert by the name of Keya Morgan has verified what is to be believed the last photograph of Abraham Lincoln before his death. Morgan has stated with utmost assurance that the 6'4" image in the photograph taken in front of the White House must be Abraham Lincoln (he's the expert).

The photograph originated in a box of items belonging to Ulysses S Grant's great-great grandson, Ulysses S. Grant VI. Grant suspected that the tall bearded man in the small photo bound in the old album might be Lincoln and contacted Morgan to see if he was correct.

Morgan coaxed Grant to take out the small photo from the album so they could inspect the back of the photograph that read (okay, wait for it), "Lincoln in front of the White House" with the date as 1865 and photographer as Henry F. Warren.

Great observation their Mr. Morgan.

News Stories From Around the U.S.

Georgia Senate designates Confederate Heritage and History month

AP

Friday, March 13, 2009

The Georgia Senate voted to designate April Confederate Heritage and History month.

A bill, which passed the chamber 48-2, on Thursday would celebrate the Confederate States of America. Governments, schools, businesses and Georgia citizens would be encouraged to participate in programs throughout the month.

The legislation is sponsored by Sen. John Bulloch, a Republican from Ochlocknee, who said it would identify and promote the state's history.

Supporters say the measure would be a boon to the state's tourism industry, encouraging visitors to come to Georgia's Civil War battlefield sites.

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Mississippi To Restore Jefferson Davis Monument

AP

Friday, March 13, 2009

What began as legislation to place a bronze statue of Jefferson Davis on the grounds of the Mississippi Capitol is now a law to restore another monument dedicated to the president of the Confederacy.

Gov. Haley Barbour signed a bill Monday that directs state officials to restore the Confederate Monument near the Old Capitol museum, several blocks from the current statehouse in downtown Jackson. The legislation takes effect July 1.

The monument features a life-sized statue of Davis, who spent his last years living on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The bill began as an effort to authorize the state to accept a different statue of Davis from the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The group's statue depicts Jefferson holding the hands of two little boys. One was his son, Joe Davis. The other was an African-American boy named Jim Limber, who was adopted by the Davis family.

Lawmakers changed the bill to strip it of any reference to the statue offered by Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Rep. George Flaggs, D-Vicksburg, said he voted for the bill because it had been changed.

"In its original form, it was offensive to a lot of lawmakers," said Flaggs, who is black and is from a historic Civil War city.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has been shopping for a home for the Davis statue for more than a year. It was first offered to a Civil War history center in Richmond, Va., the former capital of the Confederacy. But the Confederate group later rescinded the offer because the center wasn't sure where the statue would be placed.

Richard Forte, the director of Beauvoir — Davis' last home, in Biloxi — said on Tuesday he's still waiting to hear whether the group will accept his offer to take the statue.

"It's strictly up to the national organization's executive council to approve it. They have had other requests for the statue from other states," Forte said.

Larry McCluney of Greenwood, a division commander for the Confederate group, said "it looks like it's going to go to Beauvoir." McCluney said he was disappointed lawmakers didn't consider accepting the statue.

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News Stories Continued:**-Mississippi to Restore Jefferson Davis Monument**

The monument at the Old Capitol museum was dedicated June 3, 1891, with Davis' widow, Varina, in attendance. The structure is 64 feet tall and includes a life-size statue of Davis, four columns and a statue in Italian marble of a Confederate soldier and gun in parade rest.

Under the bill, the state Department of Archives and History is authorized to restore and renovate the structure that's fallen into disrepair. The agency can use funds from public and private sources, but the bill doesn't provide any money.

The agency will spend \$95,000 in grant money to renovate the structure, said Jim Woodrick, acting director of historic preservation at the Department of Archives and History.

Woodrick said the monument doesn't have any structural damage.

Forte said he's glad the monument will soon be restored.

"We just do what we can to protect the history that's out there," Forte said. "Some people don't like what happened, but history is history."

The bill is Senate Bill 2325.

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Archeologists plan to raise Confederate Cannons from Ocean depths

AP

Friday, March 13, 2009

A team of underwater archaeologists is hoping to locate and raise three Confederate cannons from a South Carolina river.

The University of South Carolina announced Wednesday that researchers next month will begin using remote sensing technology to survey the Confederate Mars Bluff Navy Yard on the Pee Dee River.

The cannons each weigh more than five tons each, and scientists hope they'll be able to raise them early this fall.

Plans call for the cannons to be exhibited at the Florence County Museum.

The school says the Mars Bluff Naval Yard was 1 of 7 Confederate naval yards located inland so gunboats and support vessels for the war could be built and protected from Union forces.

On Friday, USC archaeologist James Spirek will start mapping out the underwater battlefield in the Charleston Harbor.

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Vandals Damage Appomattox Courthouse

AP

Friday, March 13, 2009

Officials are investigating vandalism at Appomattox Courthouse National Historic Park, where the curtain was lowered on the Civil War.

The vandalism occurred at the Peers House, an 1850s structure now used primarily by park workers as housing Park Superintendent Reed Johnson said intruders entered the structure and cut water lines, which flooded the house. He said the vandals did not take anything.

The vandalism, which occurred late last month, will require extensive repairs.

He said the park will pursue a more severe prosecution under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act.

Appomattox Courthouse is where Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered on Palm Sunday 1865.

HELP SAVE BEAUVOIR!

The SCV GEC recently approved and passed a resolution of support for the "Bricks for Beauvoir" fundraising effort.

The purpose of the effort is two-fold:

1. to raise desperately needed funds for the operation and rebuilding of Beauvoir
2. to raise funds to create the "Monument to the Unknown Soldier," which will dramatically enhance the existing Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier

Please note the following important considerations regarding this project:

- ANYONE may purchase a brick, whether an SCV member or not
- The ONLY information that can appear on a brick is name, rank, and unit of a Confederate soldier; the name of the purchaser, veterans of other wars, personal messages, etc. CANNOT be put on the bricks, which are intended SOLELY to honor Confederate veterans because the bricks are to form a plaza surrounding the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier, who should be surrounded by his comrades in arms only

ANCESTRAL BRICK ORDER FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the lines as laid out or come up with your own layout but no more than three lines of info and no more than 15 spaces per line. You may use abbreviations when necessary.
(SEE SAMPLE)

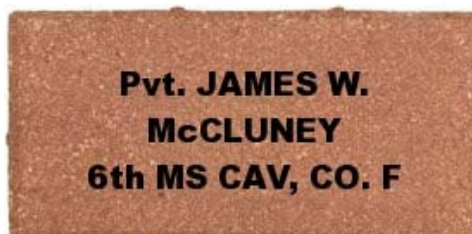
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Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Make Checks out for \$50.00 per brick to:
 Mississippi Division, SCV
 Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir C/O Larry McCluney 1412 North Park Drive Greenwood, MS 38930

Sample





Friends of the SCV- Membership Application

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Date of Birth: _____

Name and location of Sponsoring SCV Camp:

Name of recommending SCV member:

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$40.00, made payable to the SCV for an initial membership in the Friends of the SCV for which I will receive a membership certificate, lapel pin and a one year subscription to the Confederate Veteran magazine which is published six times each year. I promise to always conduct myself in a manner that will reflect positively on the Sons of Confederate Veterans, its members, camps and divisions and especially the Confederate soldiers and sailors whose good names and military service the organization honors by its very existence. Furthermore, I declare that I am not a member of any anti-American or hate group such as the KKK, neo-Nazi or other White supremacy organization, including groups whose objectives are contrary to the mission and purpose of the SCV as described above and in official SCV literature.

(Signature of applicant) (Date)

The SCV General Headquarters (GHQ) will provide notice annually, beginning about one year after the initial membership is processed, that a payment of \$30.00 is required to maintain active membership in the Friends of the SCV in order to continue the magazine subscription.

February 17th, 2009 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Commander, Jason Boshers. Sergeant-at-arms Boshers secured the door. Lt. Commander Taylor gave the invocation. Following the prayer, Mike Hatten led the pledge to the U.S. flag and salute to the Confederate flag.

Commander Boshers welcomed our guest Larry Nicholson, he joined the SCV today and was encouraged to attend our camp meeting.

No speaker for the month. It was decided that due to inclement weather, speakers would not be scheduled for the months of January and February.

The General Camp Meeting followed:

Reading and acceptance of the minutes from last meeting as posted in the camp newsletter.

Adjutant Smith gave the treasurer's report of \$1,864.46. It was reported that 48 members have paid dues in full.

Special Communications –

Newsletter-cost & editor – Jack has done the newsletter since 2001. He needs an apprentice to assist and eventually take over the newsletter. As of now, cost to print is free and to mail is \$1 per person. The camp feels that it is imperative to continue producing the newsletter. To save cost, the camp would prefer to email the newsletter instead of paper mailing.

Past Commander Kenny Lovett's new position will be Officer Developer. He will develop camp members into officers and chair the elections.

UDC Anniversary, February 28 – Our camp has been invited to attend the Captain James Madison Sparkman, UDC Chapter, Anniversary celebration February 28th, 3pm – 4pm. It will be held at 305 West 6th Street. Dress in period uniform or coat and tie.

Standing Committees Reports –

Color Guard & Honor Guard – The Commander will start posting a drill schedule in the newsletter.

Fundraising – Lt. Commander Taylor would like to have a silent auction or yard sale as a fundraiser.

Special Committees Reports – n/a**Old Business –**

Adoption of event/marker/cemetery –Still in discussion.

Commander Boshers suggested that a \$500 scholarship for students to attend college be awarded from the camp. A motion was made to accept, than it was tabled until further information regarding guidelines from the Scholarship Foundation Board at Columbia State was received.

New Business –

Marshall Rangers have found nine Black Confederate soldiers. VA will not give them markers. Camp may want to donate funds for the markers.

Announcements –

April 3 – 5th TN Division Reunion at Travelers Rest in Nashville. Provide Color Guard and Honor Guard for Lt. Gould ceremony on Sunday, April 5th.

April 18th – Rose Hill Dedication at 10:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:50 p.m. Benediction by Chaplain Hatten.

The James M. Keller Camp #648 of Hot Springs, Arkansas

~ Invites you to ~

The 2009 Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion!

July 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th

Come for a Reunion, Stay for a Vacation!

Often times when we begin to think about planning to attend next year's reunion, we're faced with a choice- Do I and my family use our limited vacation time and money to attend the reunion for a few days where I have lots to do, but my wife and children may feel left out? Or do we skip the reunion and go to a family vacation spot where we as a family have a great time, but I feel like I've had to sacrifice what's important to me?

The 2009 reunion won't present the problem for you. That's why we say "Come for a Reunion, Stay for a Vacation"! Because Hot Springs is the vacation capital of the mid-south!

The city is nestled in the Ouachita Mountain range surrounded by three lakes, of which Lake Ouachita is considered to be one of the ten cleanest in North America. It's also nationally famous for its bass, crappie, and striper fishing. So you and your family can fish, swim, water ski, para-sail, jet-ski, or just sunbathe on the beach. If you prefer something a little drier, try the many hiking and mountain biking trails located in the surrounding hills.

Hot Springs has lots to do for everyone! Magic Springs theme park and Crystal Falls Water Park are a great way to spend a day. The Gangster Museum of Hot Springs is the city's newest attraction, on the same block at the Arlington - and Oaklawn Park now has casino gambling! Take a "Duck Ride" around Lake Hamilton and downtown. Be filled with interactive wonder in the Mid-America Science Museum. Don't miss the huge Tesla coil there -it'll shock you! Check out the famous Josephine Tussaud Wax Museum. Visit the many art galleries and antique stores that line downtown. Dig for your own quartz crystals or drive a few miles south and dig for real diamonds in the only diamond mine in North America that's open to the public. There's go carting, miniature golf, aquariums, alligator farms, petting zoos, live family entertainment, and historical sites plus lots more that we don't have room to list.

Our host hotel and reunion site is the Arlington, where the famous and infamous have stayed. Babe Ruth, Ronald Reagan and Harry Truman loved hiking the trails surrounding the Arlington. Rose Kennedy vacationed here as did gangster Al Capone whose entourage would take up an entire floor at the hotel. Tell the ladies about the hotel's day spa. Many of the attractions and best shopping of the city are within walking distance of the Arlington.

Hot Springs is where individuals and families come for vacation. There are lots of hotels, restaurants and night life, so the fun ends only when you want it to.

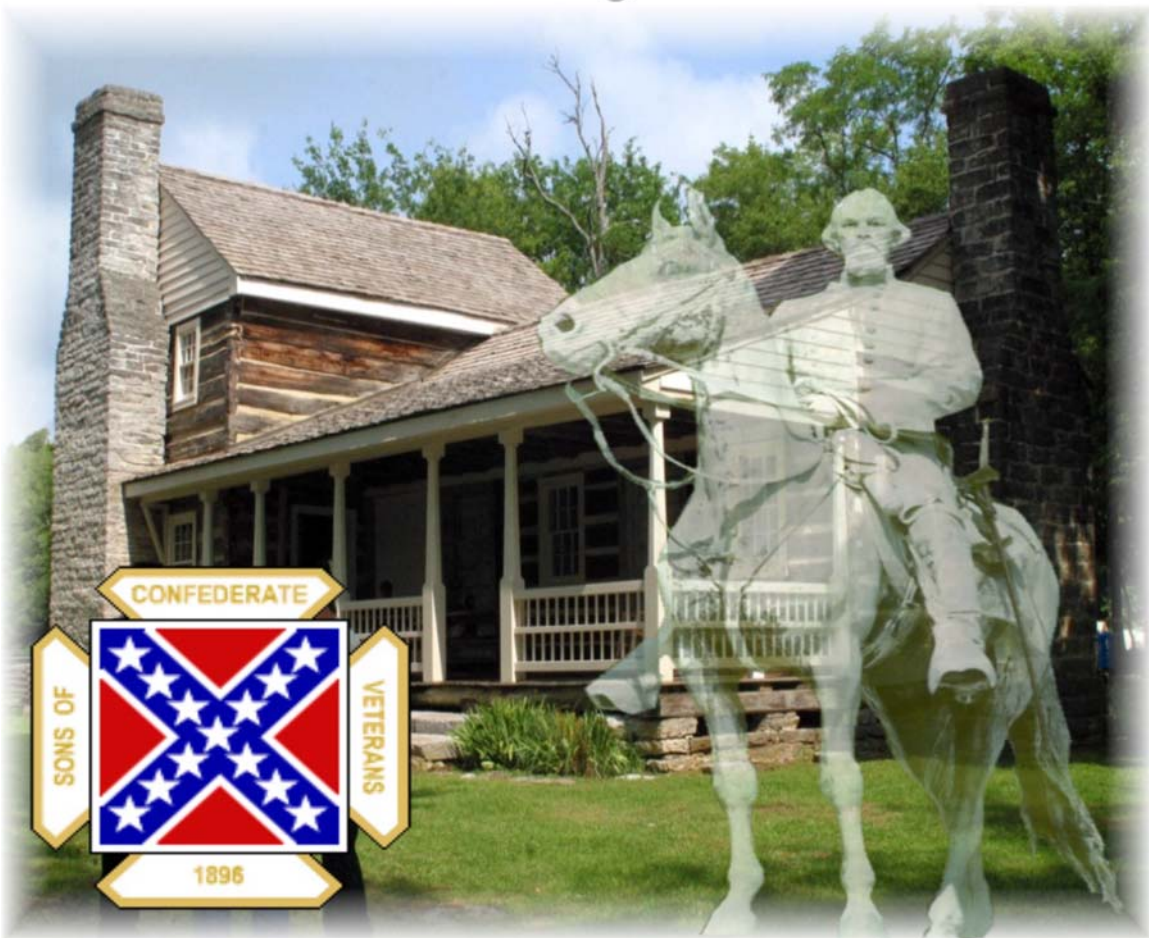
When you're making your plans for next year vacation and reunion, we encourage you to make Hot Springs your destination for both. Stay for a week, bring the whole family, we promise that you won't run out of things to do! That why the James M. Keller Camp Says

"Come for a Reunion, Stay for a Vacation!"

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Visit www.scv2009reunion.com/ for more information or talk to your camp leadership for an application!

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Photographs

Recently the Sam Watkins Camp had a grave marker restored that will be dedicated for Lt. Gould who was killed by General Forrest in a duel (see Commander's Corner).

The cross was sandblasted by Camp Commander, Jason Boshers and it was powder coated by Eagle Machine company in Columbia, Tenn. The cross's color will be more resilient with a powder coat instead of regular paint and it is theorized that the heat and sun will not harm the coating but only make it stronger. Hopefully, this might become a good camp project for other neglected markers. At the cost of 20 dollars each to be restored, you can't beat it.



Commander, Jason Boshers and Adjutant, James J. Smith at the recent UDC function on 6th St. in Columbia, Tenn.

Civil War in the Heartland:

The Cavalry, A Conference on Mounted Warfare



Belle Meade Plantation Friday and Saturday, March 27 & 28, 2009

Hosted By:

Belle Meade Plantation, Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area and the Tennessee State Museum

Conference Highlights:

Civil War in the Heartland, The Cavalry will examine the importance of cavalry and mounted warfare actions that occurred in Tennessee during the tumultuous period of the Civil War. Through lectures, walking tours, and discussion, the conference will focus on the varied aspects of the war, evaluate the cavalry leadership of both the Union and the Confederacy, and examine the powerful ways in which horse mounted soldiers shaped the outcome of the war. The conference will bring together various viewpoints on mounted warfare and its impact on Tennessee and the role of Belle Meade Plantation as the post-war home of Confederate cavalry General William Hicks Jackson.

The Civil War brought deprivation and danger to all Tennesseans and nowhere was this more true than Belle Meade. During the Battle of Nashville, the home served as the headquarters for Confederate cavalry commander James Chalmers; Union and Confederate cavalry skirmished in the front yard, and the mansion's stone columns still bear the bullet scars from the battle. This lasting reminder of the war and the actions which occurred around the house make Belle Meade a truly fitting location for this conference.

Civil War in the Heartland: The Cavalry, A Conference on Mounted Warfare

March 27-28, 2009 Nashville, Tennessee

Hosted By:
Belle Meade Plantation,
Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area
and the Tennessee State Museum

Registration Form

Please complete the registration form and mail with payment to: Belle Meade Plantation Attention: Jenny Lamb 5025
Harding Road Nashville, TN 37205

Registration Deadline: Friday March 20, 2009

Name _____

Title(optional) _____

Organization(optional) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Registration Rate Includes: Friday evening reception and Keynote address. Saturday lunch, all speakers, Belle Meade tour, and book signing.

Full Registration: \$65 Military/Teachers \$50 Students \$25

To pay by credit card, please complete the information below. Cardholder Name (as shown on card) _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Three digit security code _____

Signature _____

Questions regarding the conference?

Please Call Myers Brown at (615) 253-0123, Jeff Sellers at (615) 253-0142 or Jenny Lamb at (615) 356-0501

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How did you hear about this conference? Please circle all that apply.
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“Our Irish Heritage”

On the cover

On Tuesday, March 17th many across the world will celebrate St. Patrick’s day. Cities will color their rivers green and parades honoring Irish ancestry will be marched all across the US.

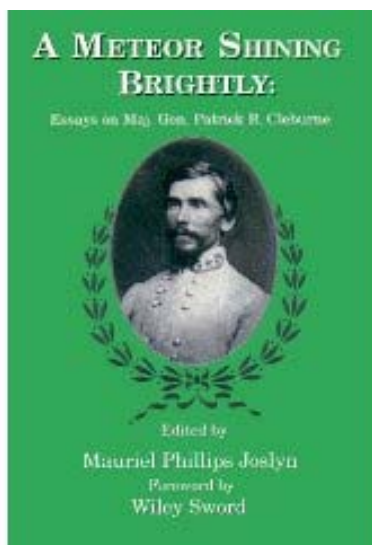
Many do not know that Confederate General Patrick Cleburne was born on St. Patrick’s day. Touted as the “Stonewall of the West”, Cleburne died in that horrific battle at Franklin, Tennessee on November 30, 1864. First buried at St. John’s Episcopal church in Mount Pleasant, Tennessee. His body was later moved to Arkansas.

Cleburne was born in County Cork Ireland and the second son of Dr. Joseph Cleburne. Patrick's mother died when he was an infant and he was an orphan by his mid teenage years. He tried to get into medicine like his Father before him but failed his entrance exam. It is said that he immediately enlisted in the British army in the 41st Regiment of Foot after his medical school attempt, making it to the mere rank of corporal after 3 years of service.

After being discharged honorably from service in 1849, Cleburne emigrated to the U.S with his two brothers and a sister. After spending a short time in the Midwest he settled in Helena, Arkansas, where he worked as a pharmacist. By 1861, he was a citizen, successful lawyer and quite popular with the local establishment.

Cleburne sided with the South when the war broke out and signed up with the Arkansas “Yell Rifles” and his skills were quickly noted. He rose in rank quite quickly and fought at many battles including Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold Gap and the Atlanta Campaign.

Knowing the war was coming to a close, Cleburne wrote his famous letter where he said freeing all the slaves officially for Confederate service would behoove the CSA. He also warned that *“Every man should endeavor to understand the meaning of subjugation before it is too late ... It means the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern schoolteachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the war; will be impressed by the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit objects for derision...”*



Recommended reading:

A Meteor Shining Brightly: Essays on Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne (Hardcover)

by Mauriel Phillips Joslyn (Editor)