

LITCHFIELD INDEPENDENT

MARCH 2011

In honor of the Litchfield brothers:
Major George T. &
Captain John L.



Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Inauguration of President Jefferson Davis Feb 18, 1861-Feb 18, 2011



The Charge

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”

Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee



Ed Westbury, graduate of the Citadel and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, retired US Army Chaplain, past South Carolina Division Chaplain, and present 4th Brigade Commander, shared during Black History Month a superb program on Black Confederate Heritage.



New member induction: Dean Lewis, Ricky Floyd, Michael Rabon, & Henry Altman



Commander Carter sees Hara Thompkins off to Fort Jackson as she prepares to enlist in the United States Army.



Banana Jack Murphy interviews Commander Carter on River Talk, a 30 minute promotion of Confederate Memorial Day.



GUARDIAN REPORT

(W) denotes Wilderness Guardian (X) denotes Guardian in area's other than Horry County
14 Full Guardians / 20 Pro Tem Guardians / 135 Soldiers final resting place being guarded

Members of the Guardian Program

Edward Altman Sgt. Benjamin B. Cox (W) **Henry Altman** Pvt. William J Session (W)
Terry Carter Pvt. James J. Cook, Pvt. Alpha A. Graham ,Pvt. Robert L H Branton (W)
Jamie Graham Pvt. Moses Paul (W),Pvt. Isaac Graham (W) Pvt. Alex Bourn (W) Pvt. Thomas Parker
(W) Pvt. William H. Parker (W) Sgt. Gause A. Smith (W) Cpl. John S. Tompkins (W)
Pvt. Henry Brown (W)(X) Sgt. John R. Hucks (W)(X) Pvt. George G. McElveen (W)(X) Pvt. James Hucks
(X) Pvt. Moses Larimore (X) Pvt. Samuel W Cannon , Pvt. James Brown, Pvt. William H Alford , Pvt. John
T. Tompkins ,Pvt. Levi Moore, Pvt. Isaac Shelley, 1st Lt. Benjamin Moore
Bob Gray Pvt. Daniel M Causey ,Pvt. William H Hardee, Pvt. Jackson H Owens ,Cpl. Jonathan E Todd,
Pvt. William T Todd ,Pvt. Asa West, Sgt. Thomas M. Owens **Eddie Pippin** Pvt. James L B Burgess, Pvt.
William Burgess ,Cpl. James W. Newton ,Pvt. Daniel H. Smith ,Cpl. John F. Vereen
Pvt. Wylie Ferrell (X)Pvt. Sydney P. Green(X) **Rusty Richardson** Pvt. Wade H. Richardson (X)
Robert Scarborough Pvt. Franklin G. Burroughs, Pvt. Duncan Calhoun, Pvt. George Gatlin, Pvt. Russell
Hardee, 1st. Sgt. Charles Johnson, Sgt. Jesse H. Jollie, Sgt. John A. Mayo, Pvt. Henry Moore, 1st Lt.
Evan Norton ,Pvt. John M. Oliver, Pvt. John T. Proctor, Sgt. Jeremiah Smith, Pvt. Paisley Snowden, Pvt.
Asbury Staley, Pvt. Kelley Tisdale, Pvt. Joseph Todd, Pvt. Henry Tuton, Pvt. Isaac Williams ,Artificer
William Joseph Abrams, Capt. Samuel Bell, Pvt. Benjamin Collins, 1st Lt. Thomas Cooper, Pvt. William
Currie, Pvt. William Hardwick, Pvt. Isaac Lewis, Sgt. William McAnge, Col. Benjamin Eason Sessions, Pvt.
Abijah Hollingsworth Skipper, Pvt. Malcolm V. Wood, **Johnny Sessions** Pvt. John Marion Sessions
Robert Shelley Pvt. Eli Ben Tompkins **Ed Thompson** Pvt. Wesley F Todd (W) Pvt. Edward T. Ricks,
Pvt. Joseph M. Thompson, Pvt. John Grainger **Ken Thrasher** Pvt. James Hucks (W)Pvt. George
Stalvey (W) Pvt. James Stalvey (W) Pvt. Thomas Brown, Pvt. Samuel A. Howard, Pvt. Jeremiah Hucks,
Pvt. Thomas McCormick,Pvt. James Murdock, Pvt. Alexander Outlaw, Pvt. Robert Owens, Pvt. William
Henry Smith, Pvt. George Robert Staley, Pvt. William Turbeville, Pvt. Joseph West, Pvt. Clark Ables (X)
Ricky Todd Sgt. Joseph J. Todd **Aubrey Glen Tyler** Pvt. John J. Coats

Guardians Pro Tem

Tony B. Anderson Pvt. Henry M. Anderson **Leo Cooper** Pvt. John R. Cooper
Jeff Edwards Pvt. Russell Cooper **Keith Edwards** Sgt. John E. Collins
Paul Gause Pvt. Asa G. Causey, Pvt. David Levi Anderson ,Pvt. Edward J. Gause
Pvt. Reuben Gause ,Pvt. William Gause, Pvt. William Gause, Pvt. Zebedee J. Causey
Steven Graham Pvt. Dennis Cannon ,Pvt. Samuel W. Cannon **Joe Hood** Pvt. Joshua Johnson
Robert R. Hood Sgt. Miles W. Hardee **Dean Lewis** Pvt. Isaac Lewis **Larry Lightsey**
2nd. Lt. William L. Prince(W)Pvt. Lexington E. Tompkins (X) Cpl. James E. Tompkins (X)
Anthony Martin Pvt. William Martin, Pvt. William Jordan **Olin L. Martin, Jr.** Sgt. John Skipper
Steve Maupin Pvt. George W. Jacobs **Windell McCrackin** Pvt. Peter G. McCracken (W)
Pvt. John Stroud **Fred Oakes** Pvt. Joseph A. Cox, Pvt. John Dunn, Pvt. Noah Patrick
Pvt. Sidney Jordan, Pvt. Joseph Kirton, Pvt. Tillie Lee **James O'Kelley** Pvt. James Jordan, Pvt. James
E. Dusenbury, Pvt. James Horry Dusenbury ,Sgt. Robert Green, Pvt. Benjamin Hardee, Pvt. Zebedee
Jordan **James Parker** Pvt. Daniel Stevens **Jarame Parker** Pvt. Daniel Franklin Prince **Wilton M.**
Prince Pvt. Isaac J. Parker ,1st Lt. Ethel D. Richardson, Pvt. Samuel D. Stanley ,Pvt. Asa D. Parker
Chris Tyler Pvt. W.P. Edge (W)

JOIN THE GUARDIAN PROGRAM TODAY ! IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

Conway Notebook | Confederate group rejects hate groups, helps community

Conway Notebook By [Steve Jones](#)
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Editor's note: This is the second in an intermittent series called Conway Conversations that run as part of the Conway Notebook.

Terry Carter says it's hard enough for his organization to carry out its primary mission - tending to the graves of Confederate soldiers - without having to continually fight misconceptions that the Sons of Confederate Veterans somehow longs for a return to the days when slavery was legal.

"We are not associated, we are not linked in any way, shape or form with hate groups," Carter said.

Carter is president of Litchfield Camp 132, a group that was recently given permission to hold its third annual Confederate Memorial Day service April 23 on the grounds of the Horry County Courthouse in Conway.

The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. and will include speeches, taps, prayers, pledges to the U.S., S.C., Christian and Confederate battle flags, a 21-gun salute, mortar firings and the reading of the names of the 98 Horry County residents who died fighting for the Confederacy.

Carter said the names will be read by the organization's ladies auxiliary, Daughters of the Confederate Rose, who will be dressed in mourning black. A bell will toll as each name is read.

The whole thing, he said, will take about 45 minutes.

Carter and others in the organization believe the Civil War was an economic war, and that Lincoln fought secession so the United States could continue receiving the tariffs that came from the goods imported through Southern ports. Carter said 95 percent of the tariffs at the time came through states south of the Mason-Dixon line and that the loss of that revenue would have sunk the less-than-100-year-old federal government.

The website of the state organization, scscv.com, backs up what Carter says.

It says the organization does not at all condone the institution of slavery and it understands that slavery was an issue at the time the war began, 150 years ago this year.

"The SCV has removed, and will remove, any member who expresses racist sentiments," the website says.

Additionally, any member found recruiting for racist organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan, American Nazi Party or National Alliance, disseminating racist literature or promoting the violent overthrow of the U.S. government will be immediately dismissed.

"If I heard any black jokes or if I heard statements or saw any evidence of anti-government feeling," Carter says, "the long and short of it, [the person who did it] would be banned."

That taken care of, Carter talks proudly of what his camp's 95 members do in Horry County.

He said there are 155 cemeteries in the county with the graves of 550 Confederate veterans, and Litchfield Camp members see that they are kept cleaned, have proper grave markers and display Confederate battle flags to honor the veterans. Some members see that the gravesites of World War I and World War II vets in the cemeteries they are assigned are equally well-tended and marked with American flags.

Carter's own great-great-grandfather, a private in the Confederate Army, is buried at Rehobeth Cemetery in Aynor.

The Litchfield Camp has had booths at past Aynor Hoedowns and Loris Bogoffs, and, for the first time this year, has rented booth space for the spring Harley rally. Additionally, the camp presents a Junior ROTC member at eight of Horry County's nine high schools the H.L. Hunley Award for dignity and honor.

Carter said Myrtle Beach High School won't allow the award there.

Members clean a roadway in the Conway area as part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway program. And they present baskets to the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Carter said he's taken aback by the negativity with which some automatically view the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

"Who can cast shame on a man who wants to honor the graves of his ancestors?" he asks. "We simply mind our own business and tend our graves."

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

My military resume is weak compared to the heroes and patriots that fill the ranks of Litchfield 132. I will say that I am proud of the three months spent on Drill Instructor Sgt. Laboy's Paradise Island in the summer of 1980. In leaving Beaufort, the world as I had known it to be had become very much a let down. Anything and everything was measured against the high standard of the United States Marine Corp Recruiting Station. Needless to say I was very much disappointed to be back in the slumped shouldered, droopy postured, crest fallen world. Truthfully, I pine for the days when we can return to a lock stepped mentality, whereby we march as one with purpose.

It was there that I learned how to march. The left heel was well worn because we were to set it down hard and have all eighty lefts click as one. That heel had to be replaced numerous times during the twelve week siesta. It took a special discipline to maintain the pitch and volume expected of our caring parents: Palmer, Espinosa, Laboy and McConnell. And when the effort wasn't there, we'd lose a few things: no boot blouses meant that we were pansies and needed a little air flow up the leg, no platoon flag on the staff meant we had no identity and of course we lost all measure of comfort, having to humor daddy with play time.

In Montgomery I got a renewed sense of how to march. We did not plod up the avenue as a hodgepodge mass of men with no sense of continuity. In a platoon of eighty men it's quite easy for daddy to spot one man out of step. One slacker breaks the wave-like undulating flow which is easily viewed from any angle by the kind and considerate Drill Instructor.

We ascended to the Capital with a special pride, knowing clearly our identity. When asked more than a few times we didn't have to resort to a quick peek of the wrist band. Compatriot Web Williams seemed to have a firm grasp of who he is. Compatriot Olin Martin expresses with a chiseled countenance his identity. Compatriots Anderson, Blake and Tony had a glow about them which induces a welling up when speaking of their Homeland, Compatriot Jamie Graham seems to exude with every fiber in his being that they will not be forgotten. Compatriot Matthew Page perhaps showed it best in his instruction to Caroline.

Not all though, march as these men. Some march to be seen so as to increase self. Not so with John the Baptist. When Christ came on the scene, John, without an ounce of reservation counseled his own disciples that the bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. John penned his own words in the Gospel of John 3:30 where it's written, "He must become greater; I must become less." The Baptist stumbled not upon his own ego as he marched.

Some march against the grain as did Saul the proud Pharisee, who so adeptly persecuted the church and did so with unequalled zeal and energy. It was good the Lord struck him blind as he marched upon the Syrian Desert road down to Damascus. Recorded in Acts 9 is Christ's encounter with the misguided marcher. Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

Some are unqualified to march as was Simon the Sorcerer. Recorded in Acts 8 we find a man who had practiced sorcery in Samaria. He witnessed the God-given power placed upon Peter and John and sought with money to purchase the gift of God. Perhaps our ranks would be replete with able bodied men, anxious to gain entry should they be allowed a Confederate blood transfusion. So many here take for granted this blessed Birthright. It's an intrinsic oddity. I say as Esau sold his for a bowl of porridge, so too are many a man in this generation selling his for less than a gut full of soup.

Then there's those who flat out choose not to march. I'm speaking of SCV members. The steps of credibility, lost. The stride of momentum, lost. The gait of continuity, lost. Men, you and I need a stiff challenge in the manner given by the likes of General Patton. Perhaps the greatest obstacle is the indifference we find from within. This is fully intended to stir and offend. I find that at worst, there will be no reaction at all; deadened of conviction. At best, perhaps your true inner self and mine will muster the courage to confess the sin of omission and thus repentance and salvation is the result of a great Spiritual Awakening.

Commander Carter

February's Guests

Carlyle Dawsey
Tony Howell
Pat Williams
Joe Matheson

Kevin Corroll
Tim Jordan
KC Williams
34 Litchfield Members

Christian Corroll
Ron Newhouser
Ed Westbury
7 from visiting camps

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MAR 12, 2011 9:00am Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up (Vernon Thompkins)
El Bethel Rd
- MAR 15, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting 6:00pm
Watson Funeral Home
**Guest Speaker past Division Commander
Randy Burbage (see below)
Program- Fort Sumter**
- MAR 26, 2011 11:00am Memorial/Rededication service for
Pvt. Elijah Fipps (Graham West Cemetery)
- MAR 31, 2011 Vidalia Onion Order Sales Deadline
- APR 8 & 9, 2011 Division Convention
Charleston, SC
- APR 19, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting 6:00 pm
Watson Funeral Home
War Service Medal presented to Compatriots Olin Martin and
Bob Hood
Program honoring War Veterans
- APR 23, 2011 11:00 am Confederate Memorial Day
Old Horry County Courthouse
**Program- Army of Northern Virginia
Councilman, Gene Hogan**
- MAY 7, 2011 Confederate Memorial Day Service-
Columbia, SC
- MAY 17, 2011 Litchfield Camp 132 Meeting 6:00pm
Darling Lake Hunting Club

Randall B. Burbage

- Born in Charleston, SC July 9, 1949
- Graduate of St. Andrews High School
- Attended University of South Carolina and College of Charleston
 - Owner of Randy Burbage Equipment Company
- He and his wife Judy have six children and six grandchildren
 - Member of John Wesley United Methodist Church
 - Past Commander of the Palmetto Battalion 1990-1992
- Awarded Order of the Palmetto by Gov. Carroll Campbell 1993
- Appointed to the Hunley Commission by Gov. David Beasley 1995
 - Chairman of Hunley Funeral Committee 2002-2004

SCV Offices Held: 2 time commander of Secession Camp #4, SC Division Lt. Commander 1992-1994, Army of Northern Virginia Councilman 2004-2006, and South Carolina Division Commander 2006-2010



FROM THE SECOND LIEUTENANT:

Greetings my friends and fellow compatriots,

I can hardly believe that March will soon arrive, and the first quarter of our new year will be in the past. My father always said, "Time stands still for no man". And how true it is as it marches on and leaves with us yet a few more memories. What do we do with our time? Do we really live life to the fullest? Do we make the most of each day...? An old clock face once read. "Do not squander time for it is the stuff life is made of". I find myself at times engulfed in life... and sometimes allow myself to be cheated of more precious moments. When my boys graduated – I told them to leave this world better than the way they had found it. I told them to live - really live and to love as they have been loved and to make their own mark. I asked them to make a difference and to not live a life of vanity. We all have a purpose, and we must seek it out and make the best of it.

For the ones of you who joined my oldest son, Blake and myself on our journey to Montgomery for the Sesquicentennial Celebration and Commemoration of the Inauguration of Jefferson Davis – let me say – Bravo and Thank You...! What a great time we had.... I felt a deep sense of pride as we marched through town and up to the Capital resounding - **SOUTH CAROLINA!** Standing, listening and experiencing the speech and the oath of office took me back through time to another era, another dimension and another world. Oh what exciting and troubled times they were, and yet in February of 1861 – no one could have conceived what tragedy lay in store. But with this in mind I recall reading that Davis said years after the war that as terrible as it all was – he would have done it all over again. Now that my friends is conviction...!

How convicted are we? How serious are we about what we do? Well let me tell you something. ... When I arrived back home from Alabama – I was excited to show off my pictures, video, program, ribbons and such. But most proudly I showed and displayed my Jefferson Davis medal which included his picture and cross. Monday was Presidents' Day and Tuesday was actually Washington's Birthday. And as I prepared to leave home and take on that day, my television found itself tuned on the history channel. The title of the show was: "Jefferson Davis: The Traitor President". My trip into the past came crashing forward into a blasting view of reality...! This show went on and on about him being treasonous and how the war was fought for something we know is a lie. I nearly changed the channel but decided to endure just to see what all would... be said.

What I say to you is this. "*They*" call Davis a traitor and therefore our ancestors are categorized likewise. What will you do about it? The SCV is practically the only organization that I am aware of which promotes the true history of the South and her people. Go forth Now and Proclaim your Southern Heritage! Stand Up and Stand Tall. Our ancestors were not traitors! They were the bravest of the brave and the most patriotic of citizens... and the sheer embodiment of duty and honor. Truth is indeed on our side, but you better KNOW it. Support the Sons of Confederate Veterans in any way you can. Image is everything too. Perception is reality. Live a life and present yourselves in such a way that our forefathers would be proud. And please bring a friend to a meeting.

God bless and thank you.

**Tony B. Anderson, Sr., Second Lieutenant Commander –
Litchfield Camp #132**

Pledge to the Confederate Flag

**I salute the Confederate Flag with Affection, Reverence,
and Undying Devotion to the Cause for which it stands.**



Palmetto Guard Members:

- Johnny Creel
- Ed Thompson
- Jamie Graham
- Terry Carter



CAMP OFFICERS:

- Commander:
Terry Carter 457-5079
- 1st Lieutenant:
- 2nd Lieutenant:
Tony Anderson Sr. 457-5713
- Adjutant:
Keith Edwards 254-9941

Leadership

Guardian Program	Jamie Graham
Genealogist	Jamie Graham
Chaplain	Buster Benton
Color Sergeant	Paul Gause
Historian	Paul Gause
Greeter	Glen Tyler
Adopt-a-Hwy	Vernon Thompkins
Newsletter	Terry Carter
Member Retention	E. K. Altman
Aide-de-Camp	Ed Thompson
Judge Advocate	Ricky Todd
Quartermaster	
Web Master	Jamie Graham

Chaplain's Comments

No report at time of publication.


Prayer needs

Tinky Altman	Hara Thompkins
Ed Thompson	Martha Altman
Jim O'Kelley	Lanny Anderson
Pensa Cola Martin	JC Graham
Johnny Creel	Doris Benton
Buster Benton	Herman Hilburn
Bobby Hill	George "Billy" Muse
	Benji Strickland

Adjutant's Report
No report at time of publication

Historian Report
By: Paul Gause

The Battle of the "Iron Clads".....March 9, 1862
A Naval engagement in The War Between the States at Hampton Roads, Va. The *Merrimack*, originally a federal frigate, had been salvaged by the Confederates, fitted with iron armor, and renamed the *Virginia*. It sank several wooden Union warships before meeting the Union's *Monitor*. After a four-hour battle, both ships were damaged, but each side claimed victory. Both ships were destroyed later in 1862, the *Virginia* by its crew to avoid capture and the *Monitor* in a storm. The battle is notable as history's first duel between ironclad warships and as the beginning of a new era in naval warfare.



March meal to be catered by Benji Allen (Outer Limits). Fried pork chops, rice, gravy, green beans, rolls, dessert and sweet tea is to be the evening's fare. The meal is \$5.00 for members and guests. Camp, please pitch in and help set up and clean up the facilities afterwards.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendent of Confederate veterans who served honorably in the Confederate armed services.



Sons of
Confederate Veterans
Litchfield camp 132



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Litchfield Camp #132, respectfully requests your attendance at a ceremony to honor Horry County's Confederate war dead. Though the war was so long ago, these men, who left behind property and families to defend their young nation, did so with honor and dignity, and deserve to be remembered as heroes. They fought gallantly against a foe of overwhelming numbers to protect their families and homes. Many did not own slaves. They did their duty as a soldier to their country and to God, and we welcome the attendance of the general public to a solemn ceremony to be held in their honor. Prayers will be offered in remembrance of their supreme sacrifice. Following, the name of each Confederate soldier who died in the service of his country will be read, reflected by the tolling of a bell. At the end of the service, salutatory devices will make this a service you will remember. After the service, the Sons of Confederate Veterans would deeply appreciate your making known to us if you have Confederate ancestors which would give us reason to welcome you with heartfelt personal greetings.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

DATE: April 23, 2011

TIME: 11:00AM

**1201 3rd Avenue Conway SC 29526
(Old Horry County Courthouse)**

Let not their names be forgotten, but let them live in the
memories of those who love liberty.

David Jackson Logan, 17th South Carolina Volunteers
March 28, 1862

Memorial Day Committee:

Web Williams (492-7442), Lisa Graham (397-7320), and Debra Edwards (246-1285)

REFLECTIONS OF A CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR

The Bourne Connection

Written by Jamie Graham



Today, I write about two brothers, two heroes, and their connection to me. Thomas J. (T.J.) Bourne (my GGGUncle) was born in 1842, and his brother Alexander (Alex) J. Bourne (my GGGrandfather) was born in 1844. They were the sons of Moses and Charlotte Bourne of Horry County. They owned no slaves and farmed their lands in the Bucks Township until they left to fight in the War for Southern Independence.

T.J. enlisted on July 19th 1861 at Camp Marion, Georgetown in Co. A of the 10th SC Infantry, under the command of Captain Plowden Weston. Captain Weston (my GGGGrandfather Faithful Graham's neighbor at the time) furnished his men with uniforms, equipment, and English Enfield rifles. Winter camp was set up at South Island, Winyah Bay. The men suffered through typhoid fever, measles, and mumps.

The men left for Charleston in March of 1862. On the 12th of April 1862 the regiment left Charleston, passing through Augusta, Atlanta, Montgomery, and Mobile arriving at Corinth Mississippi on April 25th 1862. They found Corinth to be a wet, and muddy place. They battled against Union Gen. Henry Halleck's Yankees in knee deep mud. With sickness, death, and narrowly escaping capture, on the evening of May 29th 1862, Gen. Beauregard evacuated Corinth, withdrawing to Tupelo.

T.J. while a strong South Carolinian, fell sick with disease, and died on the 13 of June. His body was buried at Odd Fellow Cemetery in Macon, Mississippi, along with 300 of his fallen brothers. This was only recently discovered, and I had the privilege of being the first in the family to visit his grave, on Sunday February 20th 2011.

Alex enlisted on January 1st 1862 at Camp Waccamaw, Horry in Co. A of the 26th SC Infantry, under the command of Captain Sam Smart. The 26th was made up from a consolidation of the 6th and 9th Infantry Battalions in late 1862 because the two battalions were essentially wiped out in that first summer of fighting in Virginia. The 26th Infantry Regiment was organized at Charleston, South Carolina, in September, 1862. During an engagement on the 16th of June 1862 (3 days after the death of his brother) at James Island, Secessionville, Alex was seriously wounded. He survived his wounds, and after serving in South Carolina he, along with his unit, moved to Mississippi, and was placed in N.G. Evans' Brigade, where they confronted the Federals at Jackson. Later the regiment returned to Charleston, then in the spring of 1864 was sent to Virginia. Here it was assigned to Elliott's and Wallace's Brigade. It participated in the long Petersburg siege south and north of the James River and ended the war at Appomattox. The 26th suffered their greatest single battle loss at the Mine Explosion, (The Crater) July 30, 1864 when they lost 72 men. They lost many more at Saylor's Creek, and surrendered at Appomattox with General Robert E. Lee.

Alex returned home to Horry County, where he married Charlotte Ann Lowrimore. They worked the lands on their farm in Bucks Township, and raised a family. On 6 August 1877, he and Charlotte had a beautiful baby girl named Cora Mae. Cora Mae would grow up, and marry my Great Grandfather, Charley Graham.

Alex died a young man. On 22 December 1884, at the young age of 40 Alex left this world to join his heavenly father. He is buried at Parker Cemetery. *Deo Vindice*