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Are you a Guardian? Why not? This is the final resting site of Sgt. Benjamin Cox. It is tended and cleaned several times a year by Guardians & Compatriots Ed Thompson and Edward Altman. Come join the Guardian Program and help fulfill the charge by keeping the graves of the Confederate Veterans preserved so that others in the future will be able to know what these brave men did., against overwhelming odds

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 descendents of Confederate veterans who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.

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Commander's Corner

Greetings Members of Litchfield 132 & Compatriots,

As I sit here and write to you today, the teasing of fall weather has again returned. I hope that everyone is well, but know better. We have several members that are sick and some that have had major surgery in the last month, also one member has lost a son to the grim reaper. Having said that, let us keep Dotson Owen, Tony Anderson and William Gravitt in our prayers, along with any other members that are ill or have lost loved ones.

I would like to thank all the members of Litchfield 132 and other Camps of the 7th Brigade for their hard work at the Ragin Cemetery in Summerton on Sept. 26. 40 Southron souls, from 7 SCV Camps, gathered under heavily overcast skies and in just a few short hours transformed a cemetery that resembled a jungle into a clean and recognizable cemetery. The 3 Confederate soldiers that were buried there, now have the Cross of Honor and new stones signifying their service in the Confederate Army. A fulfilling & good day was had by all. We renewed old friendships and made new friendships, the Col. Benbow Camp was a great host and treated all to a bbq chicken dinner.

As this year draws to an end, we, as a Camp, have several projects left to be done. The Loris Bog off will be here on Oct. 17, and the Stalvey cemetery in Socastee is in need of being maintained by removing the small trees and plants that have come back from next year. We also have several other small cemeteries that are in danger of being lost, due to becoming grown up with bushes and trees that we need to try to clean this winter. These sites are considered wilderness sites and need someone to sign up for Guardian of them.

If you have not sent in your dues, please do so by Oct. 24, Send to Ronnie Holmes at 6844 Enterprise Rd, Myrtle Beach 29588. The dues must reach State and National before Oct. 31, or they will be considered late and incur an additional late fee.

I look forward to seeing everyone this coming Saturday at our meeting and Family Picnic at the MB Outboard Motor Club, directions on page 6. Ronnie is cooking a small hog, with hash and rice. We will need some desserts and slaw if anyone can bring those. Hopefully the weather will be nice and a good time can be had by all. Hope to see you on the 10th.

Keeping the colors unfurled,

Ken Thrasher

Commander Litchfield 132

September Meeting

Litchfield Camp 132 held it's July meeting on Sept. 15 at Watson's Funeral Home in Conway, Mr. Francis Hardee sponsored a spaghetti dinner that was enjoyed by all, and the meeting started at 7 pm.

Commander Thrasher opened the meeting by greeting members and guests to the meeting and reading the Charge of Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee. Lt. Commander Terry Carter gave the invocation and Color Sgt. Jim O'Kelley led all in the pledges and salutes.

Commander Ken Thrasher inducted new members, Tony Anderson, Matthew Page, Jamie Gram and Wendell McCracken into the camp.

It was decided to hold our December meeting on the regular night at Watson's and will also be our Christmas party.

Compatriot Ronnie Roach traveled down from North Carolina to visit. Compatriot Roach presented an outstanding educational and informational program on the life of and military service of Gen. Wade Hampton.

The meeting concluded with the singing of our National Anthem "Dixie".

We had 21 members present along with 8 guests, for a total of 46 present for the meeting.

- Roll call of Meeting
- Bobby Scarborough
- Ed Thompson
- Ken Thrasher
- Tony Anderson
- Terry Beverly
- Joshua Beverly
- Terry Carter
- Jamie Graham
- Bob Gray
- Francis Hardee
- Bob Hill
- Ronnie Holmes
- George Howard
- Wendell McCracken
- Matthew Page
- Jim O'Kelley
- Dotson Owen
- Eddie Pippin
- Russell Richardson
- Perry Richardson
- Johnny Sessions
- Guests
- Ronnie Roach
- John Fleming
- Herbert Inman
- Paul Page
- Jacob Richardson
- Robert Quarterman
- Bill Anderson
- Phil Burton



Request from the editor

Compatriots,

If anyone has any pictures, ideas for short articles, or would like to submit an article on your ancestor for the newsletter. Please help me out with the newsletter. Just email ideas or articles to me at kt007@sprynet.com or by mail to Ken Thrasher 726 Racewater Dr, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29588. I try to get the newsletter out by the first weekend of each month.

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

Compatriots

I hope this newsletter finds all of you and your loved ones doing fine. We all know we have several members that we need to keep in our prayers. We had a great meeting last month with Brother Ronnie Roach as our guest speaker I really enjoyed him being there and I know the members that could make it to the last meeting also enjoyed him being there. A special thanks to the members that could attend the Ragin Cemetery clean up we had a good showing of members from our Camp and a great deal of work was done with great pride. We were blessed with great weather for the Aynor hoedown this year. A special thanks to the members that could help with the event. We raised over 600.00 for the Camp. I look forward to the family outing at the Myrtle Beach Boat club there will be plenty of Bar-b-Que and all the fixings I hope to see you all there. we have many new members that haven't been to the boat club for a Family outing so bring a lawn chair and enjoy the Intercoastal water way as the Club house is on the waterway. As of now we have 2,309.67 in the bank. Until we meet again take care and enjoy the oncoming fall weather. Your Servant

Ronnie Holmes
Adjutant Litchfield 132



Jamie Graham being inducted into the SCV

UPCOMING MUSTER CALLS

Oct 10 Meeting Family picnic MB Outboard Motor Club Folly Rd, Socastee

Oct 17 Loris Bog off recruiting & fundraising tent 9 am-5 pm SET UP TENTS 6:30 AM

Nov OR DEC Camp cleanup of Stalvey Cemetery

Nov 17 6 pm dinner 7 pm Meeting

Dec.? Meeting and Family Christmas dinner date A& place to be determined

Jan 16, 2010 6 pm 7th Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet, Springmaid Beach resort \$30 per person

1st Lt. Joseph Francis Thompson

1st Lt. Joseph Francis Thompson was my Great Great Grandfather. He was born in Horry County in 1818 and died in 1880. He was the ranking officer in Co. A, 9th Battalion (Pee Dee Legion). Serving under his command were 2nd Lt. Samuel Scarborough Sarvis, Lt. Benjamin Moore, and Lt. Henry L. Buck. Upon the reorganization, Co. A, 9th Battalion (Pee Dee Legion) became Co. A, 26th SC Infantry Regiment. My Great Great Grandfather was discharged after the reorganization due to advancing age. His successor was Henry L. Buck.

His son, my Great Grandfather Pvt. Joseph Masters Thompson became a member of Co. A, 26th SC Infantry Regiment. He enlisted at Charleston, SC on March 13, 1864. He was stationed in Northern Virginia during the war and was captured at Southside Road, Virginia on April 1, 1864. He was sent to the Union Civil War Prison Camp at Point Lookout, Maryland. On April 9, 1865 General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at the Appomattox Court House, Virginia. On June 21, 1865 he swore oath of allegiance and was released at Point Lookout, Maryland.

After the war, he worked on the main highway in Horry County, the Waccamaw River. There he got his license as a Chief Engineer of Steam Vessels and transported goods up and down the river. That boat that you see painted on the wall across from the Conway City Hall is a replica of the steam ship that he operated.

Pvt. Joseph Masters Thompson was born on March 15, 1844 and died on June 12, 1918. He was laid to rest next to his 2nd wife Ann Rebecca Lee at Lee Cemetery off Lee's Landing Circle on Confederate Drive. His grave is marked by a Veterans stone and a Southern Cross of Honor.

Ed Thompson

Tony Anderson, Matthew Page and Wendell McCracken being inducted into the SCV
by Commander Ken Thrasher



Litchfield Camp #132 Members of the Guardian Program

Edward Altman

Eddie Pippin

Robert Scarborough

Johnny Sessions

Ed Thompson

Ken Thrasher

Ricky Todd

Guardians Pro Tem

Terry Carter

Rusty Richardson

The next will be Meeting OCTOBER 10, 2009 , 10:30 am at the Myrtle Beach Outboard Motor Club on Folly Rd. Folly Road is off Hwy 707 between the Back gate of the Base (Hwy 17 Bypass) and the Compudirect store, in Socastee. From Conway take Hwy 544 toward surfside, after crossing the waterway bridge, exit onto Hwy 707 and head back toward Myrtle Beach. About a mile past the high school turn left onto Folly Rd, just past the stop light at Compudirect. From Myrtle Beach, take US 17 bypass south, at the stop light (back gate) past the Costal Mall about 1 & 1/2 miles turn right onto Hwy 707 go approx. 1 mile and Folly Rd is on the right. Follow Folly Rd to the Waterway and we will be the fenced building on the right.

Membership fees are due. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. **All renewals must be received by National & the State no later than Oct. 31 or a late fee will be charged.** So, If you have not renewed yet, be sure to send the renewal in to Ronnie Holmes as soon as possible. Any dues received after Oct. 25 may not get to National and State in time to avoid the late fees.



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