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THE MONUMENT TO CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS TO BE UNVEILED TODAY

Exercises Will Take Place This Morning, Beginning at 10:30--Patriotic Colors Adorn Many Buildings In Honor of the Occasion.

The monument will be unveiled today. At last there has been erected a fitting memorial to the long list of the "Boys in Gray", who shared in the bitter struggles between North and South. It stands on the square of our historic Laurens, a proud tribute of all the people of Laurens county. Given by them, the unveiling will be witnessed today by people from every section of the county. Many of the stores are handsomely decorated in honor of the occasion. At the foot of the court house steps a speaker's stand has been erected and gaily bedecked with Confederate flags and bunting. In front of this and around the monument, temporary seats have been placed for those witnessing the ceremonies.

Beginning this morning at nine thirty, the program for the day will open with a complimentary ride for the veterans. The ladies in charge have met with hearty co-operation in this feature and a large number of citizens have promised their carriages, buggies, and automobiles for the veterans to ride in. Following the ride there will be a short parade in which the Veterans, the Daughters of the Confederacy and the school children will take part. Promptly at 10 o'clock the Veterans and the Daughters are to assemble at the opera house. From here, they will march across

the north side of the square. At the northwest corner of the square they will be joined by the school children. The parade will then continue around the square, to the monument.

Immediately upon reaching the monument the unveiling ceremonies will begin. The program is as follows:

Opening prayer—Rev. W. E. Trayer.

Music

Address of Welcome—Hon. C. C. Featherstone.

Music

Presentation Speech—Gov. M. F. Ansel

Unveiling—By thirteen little girls.

Song, Dixie—The Graded school.

Speech of Acceptance—Hon. R. A. Cooper.

Address—Dr. Lee Davis Lodge.

Song, Bonnie Blue Flag—The Graded school.

The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Newberry Band. The ladies in charge have asked that when the band plays "America" everyone present join in the singing.

The following little girls, thirteen in number, representing the thirteen Confederate States, will unveil the monument—Misses Sarah Bolt, Hattie Sullivan, Lucy Darlington, Lucia Featherstone, Carrie Fleming, Beaufort Copeland, Flora Bennett, Virginia Simpson, Rebecca Clarke, Margaret Dial, Alpha Bolt, Louise Dendy, and Emmie Lou Washington.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF J. B. KERSHAW CHAPTER U. D. C.

The J. B. Kershaw chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was organized in October, 1898, with twenty four charter members. Mrs. W. E. Lucas was chosen as president in recognition of her zeal in effecting the formation of the chapter. Other presidents of the chapter since have been Mrs. Sue Savage Farrow, Mrs. J. A. Copeland, Miss Beulah Balle and Mrs. Robert B. Bell, the present presiding officer who was chosen to this position four years ago.

The chapter roll shows the following officers and members, for 1910: Mrs. R. B. Bell, president; Mrs. M. L. Copeland, Miss Mayme Ferguson, vice presidents; Mrs. Brooks Swygert, secretary; Miss Minnie Babb, treasurer; Mrs. J. S. Bennett, historian; Miss Laura Barksdale, registrar; Mrs. H. K. Alken, Miss Lola Anderson, Miss Beulah Balle, Mrs. R. E. Babb, Mrs. Warren Bolt, Mrs. J. F. Bolt, Mrs. B. W. Ball, Mrs. Lucy N. Boyd, Mrs. W. D. Byrd, Mrs. J. A. Copeland, Mrs. R. E. Copeland, Mrs. C. M. Clark, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Mrs. T. D. Darlington, Mrs. S. K. Dendy, Mrs. W. H. Dial, Miss Lena Elliott, Mrs. Sue Savage Farrow (honorary member for life) Mrs. Allen Fleming, Mrs. W. D. Ferguson, Mrs. J. O. C. Fleming, Mrs. C. C. Featherstone, Mrs. W. H. Gilkerson, Miss Julia Gilkerson, Mrs. C. E. Gray, Mrs. Y. C. Hellams, Mrs. W. E. Lucas, Mrs. J. R. Little, Miss Bessie Roland, Mrs. W. R. Richey, Sr., Mrs.

W. R. Richey, Jr., Mrs. J. G. Sullivan, Mrs. Arrah Sullivan, Mrs. J. H. Sullivan, Mrs. T. F. Simpson, Mrs. Jennie Hellams Sweeney, Mrs. B. H. Tabb, Miss Bettie Watts, Mrs. J. D.



Dr. Lee Davis Lodge, president of Limestone college, who today delivers the chief address.

Watts, Mrs. Josephine Watts, Mrs. W. H. Washington, Mrs. Jesse H. Teague, Miss Ella Beil Copeland.

WHEN JOE LIGON RESIGNED.

The Unique Report of a Confederate Commissary of Laurens County.

(From Trotwoods Magazine) Towards the close of the war the patriots of the South were called on to pay a tax in kind or a tenth of all the land had yielded. This was one way of feeding a famished army. These were collected at and dispensed from designated points in each county.

At a little railroad station in Laurens county, Capt. Davis had detailed a trusted friend, Joe Ligon, to act as receiving and disbursing officer. Formal orders from the proper authorities were required to secure the provisions but always of a kindly nature, Joe Ligon could never refuse a ragged hungry fellow soldier, order or no order. These were passing daily, so his scanty hoard was soon gone.

As the time for rendering his report of "store on hand" drew near, he realized that by ever so charitable a construction his stewardship could not fail to fall in the class "unprofitable" so he took time by the forelock and

addressed the following unique official communication to his superior:

Martins Depot, S. C. —1865.

My dear Captain:

Pursuant to your instructions I have stayed by the stuff here until the returning soldiers have eched me out of every damn thing in sight except the boards on the commissary.

I herewith hand you my resignation in disgrace and disgust. By the time this reaches you, your former commissary officer will be in full retreat upon the peaceful village of Cross Hill, S. C., in good order—afoot.

Always your obedient servant,

Jos. T. Ligon.

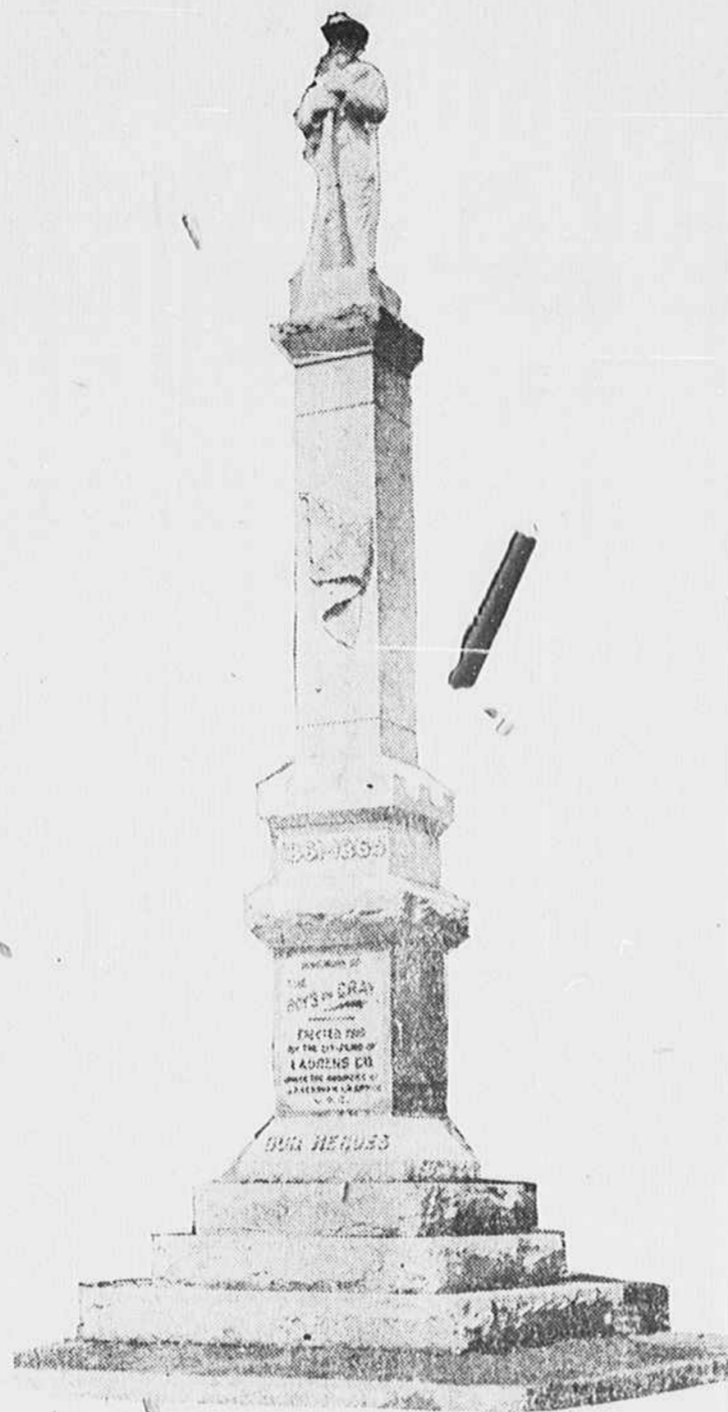
Capt. Davis has joined the majority, but his big-hearted subordinate is still a respected citizen of Greenwood, S. C.

Hugh K. Alken.

Laurens, S. C.

Splendid Show Scheduled for the City Opera House.

Coburn's Minstrels, the famous entertainers, will give a performance at the city opera house Tuesday night, October 4.



The Gift of Laurens County

This handsome memorial to the soldiers who participated in the War Between the States is the gift of the people of Laurens county. To the members of the John B. Kershaw Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy is due mainly the honor of having inaugurated and carried out the movement towards its purchase and erection.

Three years ago, at a reunion of one of the companies from Laurens county, the idea of commemorating the deeds of the Southern soldiers was mentioned. Mrs. R. B. Bell, president of Kershaw chapter was present and she at once accepted for the Daughters the task of raising the necessary funds. From then until now, through the energetic work and continual encouragement of Mrs. Bell and the loyal assistance of the Daughters, the fund has slowly increased until the desired amount has almost been subscribed.

The monument is thirty two feet high. The lower section is built of Winstboro granite of a light gray color. Crowning the monument is the figure of a Southern soldier, a private, standing erect and almost in the attitude of "parade rest." This figure is of delicately carved, white, Vermont marble and bears in its every curve the proud looks that the "Boys in Gray" rightly bear.

The soldier is facing the south, and on the main shaft below him is carved the Confederate flag. The section underneath this bears the memorable dates 1861-1865. Below the dates is this inscription:

In Memory of
The Boys in Gray
Erected 1910
By the Citizens of
Laurens Co.
Under the Auspices of
J. B. Kershaw Chapter
U. D. C.

On the top stone of the base, carved on the South and North sides, are the words: "Our Heroes."

The North side of the monument bears this inscription:

"On Fame's Eternal Camping Ground,
Their Silent Tents are Spread,
And Glory Guards, with Solemn Round
The Bivouac of The Dead."

"Who shall break the guards that wait
Before the awful face of fate?
The tattered standards of the South
Were shriveled at the canons mouth
And all her hopes were desolate.

"Fold up the banners! Smelt the guns!
Love rules. Her gentler purpose runs.
The mighty Mother turns in tears
The pages of her battle years,
Lamenting all her fallen Sons!"

LAURENS COUNTY CONTRIBUTED FULL QUOTA OF MEN TO THE CONFEDERACY

It is Estimated That During the Four Years Struggle 3,000 Men and Boys Responded to the South's Call--The Monuments They Built.

BY JUDGE O. G. THOMPSON

When the climax of the long drawn-out quarrel between the two great sections came in 1861, a time when there seemed no longer hope of a peaceful settlement of questions arising from the flagrant breach of their obligations under the Constitution on the part of the Northern States, South Carolina, acting under the established principle, that nations, as well as individuals, may strike first in anticipation of a blow, and involving the doctrine that "he is not necessarily the aggressor in war who first uses force, but he who first renders force necessary," attacked and captured Fort Sumter in April 1861, the volunteers that had responded in January preceding, to the call for ten regiments, were hurriedly summoned to rendezvous at Columbia and Charleston. Under this call the following companies had organized, and were partially drilled: "The State Guards," Capt. B. C. Darlington; "The Laurens Belles," Capt. R. P. Todd; "The Musgrove Guards," Capt. B. S. Jones; "The Wadsworth Guards," Capt. Tandy Walker; "Company Rabun," Capt. Mat Jones.

These five companies, each numbering over one hundred men, together with Independents, and Laurens boys in commands from other districts made up an aggregate of about six hundred of the very flower of the youth of old Laurens district, that hurried to the front at the first call for troops to resist Northern invasion. The first four of these companies, with four from Newberry and two from Spartanburg made up the 3rd Regiment of Kershaw's Brigade, McLaw's Division, Longstreet's 1st Corps, Army of Northern Virginia.

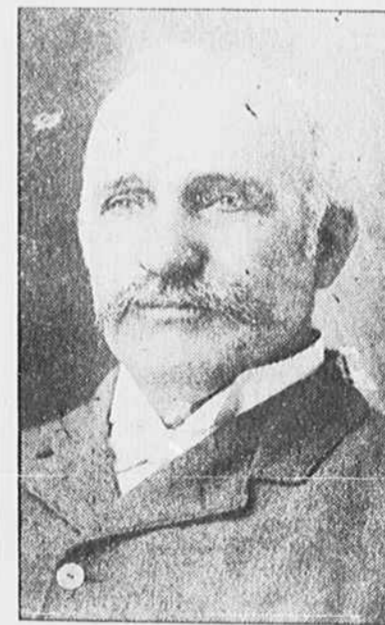
Later in August 1861, the three companies, "E," Capt. Joseph N.

Ivan, 6th Regiment South Carolina Cavalry; Company "E", Capt. James Williams 7th Regiment, South Carolina Cavalry; Company "E", Capt. J. Wash Williams 7th Regiment South Carolina Cavalry; Company "H", Capt. Nesbitt, 1st South Carolina Cavalry; part of Company "E", Capt. Dean, 2nd South Carolina Cavalry.

Data at hand gives seventeen companies, which, judging from the rolls of some companies must have had, first and last, an average of 110 to 150 men, aggregating nearly, or quite, 2,500 men. Adding those enlisted in other commands, together with boys under calls from the "Cradle to the Grave," in the last days of the Confederacy, and we will have a grand total of more than 3,000 men and boys that went from Laurens. And it is estimated that of this number about 280 survive, less than ten per cent.

With a voting population of 60,000 in 1860, South Carolina gave 63,000 for the struggle. Of this number it is estimated that more than 25,000 went down in battle, died in the hospital, or perished in Northern prisons.

South Carolina furnished her full contingent of the 600,000 Confederates, that for four long years on all the great fields of the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Maryland and Pennsylvania met the embattled hosts of the North, nearly 3,000,000 of men, inflicting upon them such humiliating defeat as to excite the wonder and admiration of mankind. Amongst Carolina's twelfth thousands that went to battle right nobly did the sons of old Laurens redeem their pledges. No county in the State gave a greater per centage of her population. Some districts having a greater population, as Charleston, Spartanburg, Greenville, Abbeville and Anderson, furnished more men. These boys went forth to battle with the parting benediction of their mothers, Grand self-sacrificing women of the Southland! They were the women who hide husbands, sons, brothers and sweethearts, don the soldier garb in "61", and go forth to battle for the right of the South, the women who nursed in hospital and on the field, stood by the couch of the sick and dying and whispered words of comfort; the women who wove and spun and knit during the long and trying days and darkened nights that the poor soldier boys might not suffer too much; the women who brushed away the tears from the dimmed eyes when the sword was sheathed and went to work bravely to clothe and feed the widow and the orphan and bring back health and strength to the returning soldier. Of her it may be said—"She bore without care the trials and horrors of war placed on the altar of her country's freedom, by sacrifice of her best beloved, and so bravely trained her daughters, that if no other inheritance came to them, they were enriched, indeed, in the heritage of their mothers' lives. And the daughters have verified the mother's prayers in their unselfish and devoted care of the resting places of the men who fought for a cause which men defend at Appomattox bay of which:



Gov. Martin F. Ansel of South Carolina who delivers the presentation address today.

Brown; "I", Capt. R. S. Owens; "C", Capt. Wm. J. Wood, volunteered and were a part of the 14th S. C. Regiment, Gregg's (McGowan) Brigade, A. P. Hill's Division, "Stonewall" Jackson's Corps.

About the same time Company "A", Capt. Romulus L. Bowden, of the 15th Regiment, Gregg's Brigade, was formed.

Still later, about December '61, the five companies that with two others, one from Fairfield and one from Richland, made up the 3rd South Carolina Battalion, Col. George S. James, were organized—Company "A", Capt. W. G. Rice; Company "B", Capt. J. G. Williams; Company "C", Capt. J. J. Shumate; Company "D", Capt. G. M. Gumbels; Company "E", Capt. M. M. Hunter. These aggregated thirteen full infantry companies. Besides, we had men in various other commands. On all arms of the service, in the Hampton Legion, the Holcomb Legion, McBeth Artillery, heavy Artillery around Charleston, in different cavalry companies that were partially recruited from Laurens.

During the period named, and later, Laurens furnished for the Cavalry arm, Company "A", Capt. Arnold Sul-

"The world shall yet decide,
In truth's clear, faro's light,
That the soldiers who wore the Gray
and died
With Lee, were in the right."

At the close of the war the Confederate soldier had "lost all save honor, and there was much honor. Yet they have stood shoulder to shoulder since the war with little but their wants, infirmities and scars to reward them; they have felt the "cold hand of poverty without a murmur, and have seen the insolence of wealth without a sigh."

Speaking through its regularly constituted authorities, the South said in the beginning: "In independence we seek no conquests, no acknowledgment, no cession of any kind from the States with which we have freely been confederated. All we ask is to be left alone—that those who never held paper over us shall not now attempt our subjugation by arms. This we will do with

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