

VETS AND SONS OF VETS.

CAMPS PRESSLEY AND JAMES McCUTCHEM IN CHARLESTON.

Delegates, Sponsors, Maids and others Attend the great Reunion.—
Historical Sketches.

The veterans and sons of veterans of Williamsburg county are well represented in Charleston this week. Besides the regularly elected delegates, there are several others, and the lady members of Confederate families are there in full force.

The cheap rates offered by the railroads, and the promise of a "good" time by the citizens of Charleston generally acted as a great inducement for the people from all over the State to visit the grand old city, and Williamsburg has her full quota of the visitors.

Camp Pressley, United Confederate Veterans, elected to the reunion as delegates from that Camp the following members: J. A. McElveen, S. J. Taylor, William Epps, J. M. Footman, W. J. Ferrell, E. M. Smith, W. A. Flagler, and G. J. Grabam, and besides these the commandant, D. M. Gordon and the chaplain, Rev. J. E. Dunlop, are members ex-officio of the State Camp. Miss Mary McCutchen



D. E. GORDON,
Commandant, Camp Pressley.

was chosen as sponsor for the Camp, and she has selected Misses Janie Frierson and Hattie McCutchen as her maids, who accompanied the veterans to Charleston.

Camp James McCutchen, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, is also well represented at the reunion. The Camp at its meeting the first Monday in this month elected the following gentlemen to represent it in Charleston: Dr. W. V. Brockinton, John Epp, L. J. Bristow, W. W. Grayson, S. W. Montgomery, J. G. McCutchen, and besides these there is a large number of members of the Camp who are in attendance upon the reunion.

Miss Etta Jacobs was elected as the Camp's sponsor, and her maids are Misses Anna Elwell and Bessie Kelley.

Perhaps it would not be amiss right here to give a brief history of the Camps of Williamsburg county, so from the data in our possession, we will give the fol-



E. P. MONTGOMERY,
Adjutant, Camp Pressley.

lowing:
Camp Pressley was organized the first Monday in April, 1896, upon the call of Messrs. M. J. Hirsch and C. Logan. Mr. Hirsch was chosen as temporary comman-

dant of the organization, and Mr. Charles Lesesne acted as temporary adjutant. 242 names of gallant ex-Confederates were enrolled at the organization, and nine have been added since that time. The Camp was named "Pressley" in honor of a distinguished gentleman of this county by that name.

When the permanent organization was entered into, Mr. D. E. Gordon was chosen as commandant of the Camp, and he has faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties pertaining to the office ever since. Mr. E. P. Montgomery was elected adjutant, and the Camp has been so well pleased with his manner of discharging the duties pertaining to the office



MISS MARY McCUTCHEM,
Sponsor, Camp Pressley.

that it has retained him till now. The other officers elected at the organization were as follows: 1st. Lieutenant commander, James McCutchen, 2nd Lieutenant commander, S. J. Snowden, chaplain, J. E. Dunlop, quartermaster, J. E. McElveen, surgeon, W. L. Wallace.

Since its organization the Camp has lost three members by death, as follows: James McCutchen, R. B. McClary and S. J. Jordan.

The following sketch of the gentlemen for whom the Camp was named was furnished us by the adjutant of the Camp:

Lieut. Col. John G. Pressley was born in this county about fifty-six years ago, and died in the State of California about three years ago. He was a gallant Confed-



CHARLES J. LESENE,
Commandant, Camp James McCutchen.

erate soldier, an eminent jurist and a high-toned gentleman. He entered the Confederate army at the beginning of the hostilities as captain of the Wee Nee volunteers and was afterwards promoted to a Lieutenant-Colonelcy, in which capacity he served over the 25th South Carolina volunteers until the close of the war. His record as a soldier is one of which any one might well be proud. After the war Col. Pressley practiced law in Kingstree for some years, when he moved with his family to California, where he at once won a place in the ranks of the foremost men of that State. He was elected to one after another high office there until he was finally elected to a judgeship, which position he occupied at the time of his death. All of Williamsburg county has every reason to be

proud of this gallant soldier, and it was a fitting tribute to his memory that the Camp of veterans should have been given his name.

Camp James McCutchen was organized last November, as is well known by those who were in the court house when Col. James Armstrong delivered his lecture there. The organization of this Camp was the outcome of a decided effort on the part of the County Record, whose editor and Mr. W. W. Grayson issued the call for the sons of veterans to meet for the purpose of organizing such a Camp. At the preliminary meeting, Mr. Grayson was elected as commandant. When the organization was made permanent the following officers were elected: Commandant, Charles J. Lesesne, Lieutenant commandants, Hugh McCutchen and A. M. Gordon, adjutant, L. J. Bristow, Surgeon, L. B. Johnson, quartermaster, M. A. Thomas, chaplain, W. D. Moore, treasurer, N. D. Lesesne, color sergeant, A. E. Salters, historian, E. C. Epps. All of these are still



LOUIS J. BRISTOW,
Adjutant, Camp James McCutchen.

erving except the treasurer, who resigned at the last meeting, and Mr. E. C. Epps was elected to succeed him. The membership of the Camp is large, but not nearly as large as that of the Camp of veterans. Quite a number of applications have been received since the organization, and new ones are considered at every meeting.

The Camp was named after the late Col. James McCutchen, who died Sept. 26, last. Col. McCutchen was one of the bravest soldiers who enlisted from this county. He entered the State service July 15, 1861, as first lieutenant of the Williamsburg rifles; entered the Confederate service August 22, the same year as first lieutenant, company G, Kershaw's brigade, 15th De-saussure regt.



MISS ETTA JACOBS,
Sponsor, Camp James McCutchen.

Was promoted to the captaincy of company D, same regiment, Dec. 5, '61. He was later appointed lieutenant-colonel. He was present at the following celebrated battles: Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, besides many others and was a very distinguished fighter. The life of this great man after the close of the war was an exemplary one, as everybody knows. The naming of the Camp in his honor was a high tribute to his memory, and one that his services to his country and people had made deserved.

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