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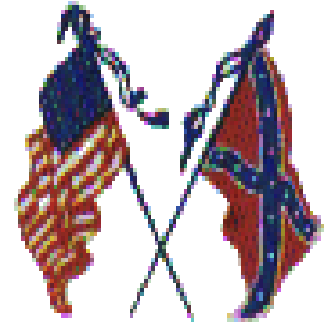
Civil War Round Table

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### Christmas with Ogden

Our festive Christmas dinner meeting will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Dillsboro on Monday, December 12th. We welcome James (Jim) Ogden III as our speaker. His topic will be *MOUNTAIN DIVISIONS AFLAME, or LITTLE REBELLIONS IN BIG REBELLIONS*, a look at the Appalachian Unionists

uprising and of the bridge burnings of November 1861. Jim states that not all in the mountains of the South believed Southern rights would be best protected by the creation of a Southern Confederacy. On the night of November 8th, 1861 opposing views erupted into flame, and became a war within a war. Jim will tell us the complete story.

Jim is a native of St. Mary’s County, Maryland. He has had an interest in the Civil War since childhood, getting a degree in American History through the Civil War period, and American Military History from Frostburg State college. During college summers, Jim worked at the Maryland Park service at the Point Lookout State park, site of the largest Civil war prison. As part of a college internship he worked four months at Harper’s ferry doing research and writing on an aspect of that site’s history that had not been previously addressed.

Jim began work with the NPS in 1982. He has served at Chickamauga-Chattanooga, at Russell Cave National Monument , Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Parks, as their Historian.

Jim speaks regularly to groups on the civil war, and leads tours of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga battlefields, stones river, Nashville, and some of the Atlanta Campaign sites. He has taught a number of Civil War history courses at UT Chattanooga, and has published articles in several publications.

Jim, his wife Lora and son Jamie live in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. We warmly welcome the Ogden’s to our Roundtable Christmas meeting.

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Our **Christmas banquet** will be at the Holiday Inn Express in Dillsboro on Monday, December 12th. The event is open to members and the public.

Refreshments and social hour begin at 6pm, followed by a buffet dinner and program. The cost is \$25 per person. A cash bar will be available. Reservations need to be made by December 7th, send checks to Chris Behre, Box 322, Tuckaseegee, NC. 28783.

Attire is “period dress” or Sunday best.

By Betty Rouser

1. Who said this? "I have stood your meanness as long as I intend to. You have played the part of a damned scoundrel... If you ever again try to interfere with me or cross my path , it will be at the peril of your life"
2. What monument by sculptor Augustus Saint-Gauden is one of the most enduring of the Civil War?
3. Put these commanders of the Army of the Potomac in the order they served - Ambrose Burnside, Ulysses Grant, Joseph Hooker, George McClellan, Irving McDowell, and George Meade.
4. Who were the "Redeemers"?
5. What prominent mountain overlooked Moccasin Point?
6. What was the "meeting in the woods' about?



### Johnnie Perry Pearson is November Speaker

Our November speaker was Johnnie Perry Pearson, author and historian of Hickory, NC, who gave an outstanding program on the Civil War letters of the confederate soldier, Irby Goodwin Scott. Entitled YOUR AFFECTIONATE SON UNTIL DEATH, the letters provided a vivid description of the hardships and suffering Scott and other soldiers endured during their service. Scott, related Pearson was elected First Lieutenant of Company G of the Putnam Light Infantry, of the 12th Georgia Volunteer Infantry from Putnam Ga. The series of letters home, is compiled into a book entitled LEE and JACKSON'S BLOODY TWELFTH, by Pearson, and begins with Scotts letter home

from Richmond in 1861, and ends with his last letter to his father in 1865. During the war years, Scott saw action in many of the Eastern theaters, most important campaigns, including the Shenandoah, Peninsula, Second Manassas, and Gettysburg. He spoke of the painful loss of his brother, camp life, friendships with comrades, and the emotional duress of war.

Johnnie was born in Alexandria Va. Growing up in an area that provided him the opportunity to visit most of the historic sites in northern Virginia. In college, he majored in History receiving a BS degree in Political Science. Following a stint in the military, he found employment in the retail industry, followed by a 30 year career with the NC Division of Veteran Affairs until retirement. During his military service, he received a bronze star, a purple heart, and a V device for heroism. He is active today in Boy Scouting, church work, and most of all his family.

We thank Johnnie for a great program.

-Betty Rouser



Our thanks to the McGirts, Eberts and Richard Smith for your donations to the book raffle. Your generosity helps fund our great speakers.

The newsletter editors welcome articles by the members. Tell us your Civil War ancestor's stories, and include pictures, if available.

Call Betty or Ray - 456-8425, or e-mail Gabriell at

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

December 12: **Christmas Party**

At Holiday Inn Express, Dillsboro

**James Ogden**

The Battle of Resaca

\*January 9, 2012: - Currently Open

February 13: At Sylva

**(Ray Rouser, Paul Turner and Chuck Beemer)**

Three member panel and audience discussion on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

Kennesaw will be our Spring Field Trip in mid-April, 2012.

March 12: At Sylva

**Chris Hartley**

Col. George Stoneman's Raid

April 9: At Sylva

**Thomas Cartwright**

Gen. Patrick Cleburne and the

Battle of Franklin

May 14: At WCU Auditorium

**Susan Thomas and Sister**

**(Two for the price of one)**

Belle Boyd, Confederate Spy

Sister portrays Dr. Mary Edwards



1. This ultimatum was given to Gen. Braxton Bragg by Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest. Bragg backed off, knowing that Forrest would not hesitate to make good on his threat.
2. Looming over Boston Common, the Saint-Gauden bronze bas-relief depicts the 54th Massachusetts Regiment led by Col. Robert Shaw's black troops, honors their bravery at Fort Wagner.
3. McDowell, McClellan, Burnside, Hooker, Meade and Grant.
4. The "Redeemers" were white supremist who were opposed to Republicans in the South.
5. Lookout Mountain
6. At the battle of Chancellorsville, Lee and Jackson met on the evening of May 1st to talk about the possibility of turning the Union flank.

## Book Raffle

I would like to remind everyone that we are selling raffle tickets for the Time Life Book Series. This collection includes 30 hard back volumes all written by Civil war participants. The tickets are 3 for 10\$. Please see me, Gabriell, if you would like to purchase tickets or acquire some to sell to your friends and family.

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Paroled at Appomattox

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Army Co. B**

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Great Grandfather)

Pvt. John Ferry

Pvt. Charles Ferry

Captain Issac Ferry,-Commander

Pvt. Hugh Ferry - Died 5/20/62,

from wounds suffered at Shiloh

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## Backward Glances: Snippets of Civil War History

### Betty Rouser

A canal to bypass Vicksburg was first proposed in the spring of 1862, but Grant was less than enthusiastic about it. He did give his reluctant approval because no better plan emerged to avoid the confederate cannons on Vicksburg bluffs, and it would give his idle army something to keep them busy. The concept was simple enough, but ambitious. It would take thousands of workers to cut and dig a canal across Desoto peninsula. The Union army needed a way to move soldiers, gunboats and material, avoiding the firepower of the Confederate so they could move up and down the river. Digging began in early June of 1862 using slave labor confiscated from nearby plantations and soldiers serving under Union General Thomas Williams. By early July, more than 1000 slaves and nearly 3000 soldiers had almost completed the canal, which needed a depth of 10 feet to float the gunboats. Mother Nature was not cooperating, however. Predicted spring rains failed to materialize and the river dropped lower and lower. Weary workers fell ill with swamp fever and snake bites and accidents added to the toll. Work was abandoned. Curious confederates rowed across the river to see what the Yankees had been doing and found 600 hundred soldiers graves and hundreds of slaves left to fend for themselves. In August Grant still had no other way to move his troops so he sent engineers to take another look at the canal project. By January work was resumed, but once again flooding and other problems forced grant to abandon the project. Giving up efforts to open the canal that now bore his name he finally marched his men around Vicksburg, and 44 days later took the town from the East. More than a thousand men died building a canal that never saw a ship pass through it.

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