

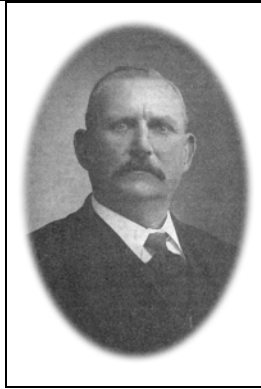


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Andrew T. Harllee

[A note and a portion of a letter written to his mother on September 4th 1861 from Camp Darlington Va.]

I have to write letters for a great many in our Company for those who can not write. They ask me and I have not the heart to refuse, in fact I take pleasure in doing it for I know they have anxious mothers who often think of them and want to hear from them. It is a great satisfaction to me to do them a favor of this sort for it is not their fault that they are not blessed with learning to write. I have written letters today for Stewart (Cottingham) to Kid, for little Joe Freeman to his mother, for Bob and Make Jackson to their mother (Polly), for Evander Lane to his father & mother, and for Jas. Fenagan to his wife and this one for myself, and all of them over 3 pages. A. T. H.

I should feel much better satisfied if I knew you were not troubled so much about me. I shall endeavor to take care of myself the best I can, never shrinking from a duty or avoiding a danger where the bright and shining bayonet is seen to glitter and the incessant war of the musketry is heard to rattle and the thundering of booming cannon come deafening to the ears. There amidst that din and roar, it is sweet and honorable to die, especially to die in such a just and glorious cause. Fear not that I am rash or will be so; there is no bravery in rashness. But if I fall remember that I fell only as a South Carolinian falls. I trust however, that a kind Providence who has protected me and conducted me through many dangers seen and unseen will continue to shield me through future dangers which I may have to pass. I am fully conscious of the great debt I owe to a Supreme Ruler for His protection in many instances of

danger and trial. I hope our difficulties may soon come to a close and that we may all be permitted to return again to our homes, to the bosom of our families and associations of our friends.

[A paragraph from a letter written to his brother John W. Harllee from Camp Lucas, near Fairfax Court House, July 13, 1861]

I am not as well satisfied with our Confederate Government as I would like to be. I fear that aspiring politicians have had too much to do in the formation of it. I fear that many of them entertain a hope of reconstructing the Union and of some day reuniting us with the free States again. I do not like the delay. We should do something and do it promptly. We are not hirelings to be commanded and driven as slaves, but are volunteers who have sacrificed much to defend a great principle. We have opinions of our own, we have rights which have been trampled upon by a horde of invading thieves and we want to drive them from our soil. We want to receive the order and we will execute it promptly. We never volunteered to make Generals & Colonels & make reputation for them. Every soldier himself is a judge of the wrongs and the insults which he has volunteered to resist, but I do not attach the motives of our officers. I merely speak my private opinion. (Captain Andrew T. Harllee is the namesake of this SCV Camp. He was an honorable man who deserves our respect. We use his name—let's use it with respect and honor.)

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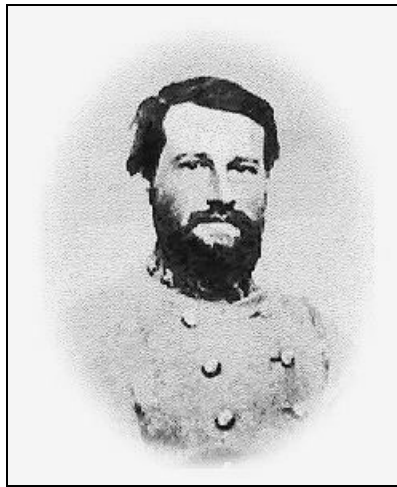
"The Union government liberates the enemy's slaves as it would the enemy's cattle, simply to weaken them in the conflict. The principle is not that a human being cannot justly own another, but that he cannot own him unless he is loyal to the United States."—The London (England) Spectator

"The whole army is burning with an insatiable desire to wreak violence upon South Carolina. I almost tremble for her fate."—William T. Sherman—As he prepared to march his army into South Carolina following his March to the Sea.

Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee

We know that Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee gave us the 'Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans;' but what else do we know about him? Did you know that he was the

founder of the United Confederate Veterans? Did you know that he was an 1854 graduate of West Point? Did you know that he served as aide-de-camp to General Beauregard while negotiating the surrender of Fort Sumter? Did you know that he was a native of Charleston? Did you know that early in the war, he was in the forefront of the fighting in northern Virginia when he was promoted to Lt. General at the age of 30? Did you know that at the age of 30, he was the youngest Lt. General in either army? Did you know that he was the only Confederate general officer both respected and liked by Nathan Bedford Forrest? (Quite a compliment) Did you know that after the war he became the first president of Mississippi A&M College (Mississippi St. University)? Not too shabby for a Southern Boy!



Stephen Dill Lee

The First National Flag of the Confederacy

Orren Randolph Smith of Louisburg, N. C. designed the original Stars and Bars, the first national flag of the Confederacy. He stated that a soldier's flag must be his inspiration. According to Major Orren Smith, the flag would stand for home, kindred and country; it must be more than a piece of bunting or the blending of bright colors. He said that when he designed the flag of the Confederacy, the three bars were for the Church, State and Press. Red represented the State, legislative, judiciary and executive; white for Church, Father, Son and Holy Ghost; blue for press, freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and liberty of press—all bound together by a field of blue (the heavens over all), bearing a Star for each State in the Confederation. The seven white stars, all the same size, were placed in a circle, showing that each State had equal rights and privileges, irrespective of size or population. The circle, having neither head nor foot, stood for eternity, and signified You defend me and I'll protect you. That—is what the designer had in mind when he designed the first flag of the Confederacy. If only our present country could lay claim to these beliefs.

This Months Meeting

May 18, 2006 at 7: 00 P. M. the Andrew T. Harlee Camp will meet at the American Legion Building on Hwy 9. Please come join us for our evening meal to be served at 6:30. All visitors are welcome and all members are expected. Make it a point to come out and support your SCV Camp and honor your Confederate ancestor. If you

don't honor yours—plan today, what you will tell your ancestor when you finally meet him face to face.

History in the Month of May

May 20, 1861—North Carolina becomes the eleventh and last full state to secede from the Union

May 24, 1861—For the first time, the North sets its foot upon Southern soil

May 2, 1863—Battle of Chancellorsville, Gen. Stonewall Jackson's flank march is successful. Later he is accidentally wounded by his own men

May 10, 1863—Lt. Gen. Stonewall Jackson dies of his wounds

May 7, 1864—Gen. Sherman's force numbering 100,000 men, began their March on Atlanta

May 22, 1865—Confederate States President Jefferson Davis is imprisoned at Ft. Monroe, Virginia

May 26, 1865—Gen. Simon B. Buckner meets Federal authorities and surrendered the Confederate Army of the Trans-Mississippi, the last significant Southern force still in the field

The Hardwicks Make the News



In the website "American Renaissance" the Hardwicks story is briefly written. That is ok, because we know the story. What we need to hear is some of the responses to the story.

Margaret says, "My great grandparents were northern abolitionist...As far as I know, none of my ancestors ever lived in any of the confederate states. But if this censorship keeps up, I may buy some confederate flags..."

Another Patriot says, "Same old 'shuck and jive', this is just a symptom of the virus...I certainly commend this young lady and her family for fighting this nonsense."

White Activist says, "Here is a perfect situation where PC "teachers" can embrace diversity. The "teachers" can rally around "multi-culture". The PC teachers can stand with this girl and express "freedom of speech" and show "outrage" that her rights are being "violated".

GetBackJack says, "Born a Yankee (It's not my fault cause if I had a choice I'd been born a proud Rebel). They are the only ones that stand up for themselves....When is the South going to rise again?"

BAW says, "I'm from Western Pennsylvania, so that means I'm a Yankee...Even so, I side with Johnny Reb on this one all the way."

Cracker says, "Well, God bless this young woman. The Confederacy should have won the damn Civil War."

Larry says, "As a California resident who grew up in New Jersey, I regard the campaign to suppress the Confederate flag with contempt."

Confederate Memorial Services Held

On Saturday, April 29, 2006 two local services were held to honor our Confederate dead. The Marion Camp held their service at 11:00 A. M. at the Confederate monument on Main Street in Marion. This is the monument erected for all of the Soldiers of the Confederacy who were from the Marion District. This included our present day Dillon County. It is always an honor to visit that location. The Marion Camp had a very successful and impressive service. Then at 3:00 P. M. the Dillon Camp held our service at the Harlee Cemetery. Thanks to a number of Camp members for the clean-up, the ladies of the OCR for planting colorful flowers, the Pee Dee Artillery for their show of support, the Harlee Guard, the speakers and especially the guests. It is hoped that this service will be a true memorial to all who witnessed it. This is always a service of which our Camp can be proud. All who took part did a great job. A special thanks goes out to Compatriot Asa McDuffie for his single-handed effort in planting the Azaleas where the old ones failed to live.

Speaking of Confederate Memorial Services

[Editor]

What are these services all about anyway? I suppose the answer would differ depending upon whom you asked. We have those who really think that it is a total waste of time because those Confederate Soldiers were a bunch of hate filled men who were overtaken with evil. They were just a bunch of racist who thought they were the superior race and believed a war should be fought to preserve slavery, therefore, allowing them to subjugate an entire race of people for their own personal pleasure. This bunch of Confederates was a disloyal set that set out to destroy the Union—therefore, making them traitors. Well, as the old saying goes, everyone has an opinion—but I prefer facts. It is hard for a simple-minded fellow like myself to see any hate in a man like Sgt. Richard R. Kirkland of Kershaw County South Carolina. He was part of the 2nd S.C. Volunteers at Fredericksburg where the skirmishing all this particular day in December of 1862 was described as 'murderous.' The dead and dying Federal troops practically bridged the opposing lines, the wounded soldiers who were laying there from the day before were groaning and crying for water. Sgt. Kirkland pleaded with his officers to allow him to take water to these men, but they would only defer him to General Kershaw. He approached Gen. Kershaw and said, "All day and all night I have heard those poor people crying for water, and I can't stand it any longer. I came to ask permission to go and give them water." Gen. Kershaw was opposed to the idea, but reluctantly consented for Kirkland to do what he felt he needed to do. The Gen. refused Kirkland's request to show a white handkerchief. Kirkland filled as many canteens as he could carry and over the wall he went amidst the hail of bullets, and delivered the water to the suffering Federal soldiers. As soon as the enemy understood what Kirkland was

doing, they ceased fire and cheered. From all parts of the field the wounded cried, "Water! For God's sake water!" Kirkland, for an hour and a half conducted his mission of mercy, going back and forth until he had offered relief to all the wounded on that part of the field. He remained unhurt. Then, at the battle of Chickamauga, Sergeant Kirkland was killed. Now, for those who can find evil in a man such as this, I say go ahead, but my simple mind just can't see that. So, for the Sergeant Kirkland's, for the General Kershaw's, for the Andrew T. Harlee's, for the Confederate ancestors of yours and mine, who were neither hate filled, evil, racist nor traitors—we have Confederate Memorial Day. We owe it to them, and as we learned from them—we should pay our debts.

The Chaplain's Corner

Fellow Compatriots, I greet you in Christ's name. There is much happening with the SCV and the Dillon Camp. This is the Memorial Season, which will last until June. There are several events the Harlee Guard will be participating. I hope you will attend the events and support your Camp by remembering your ancestors. The Hardwick case is progressing and we pray for justice in the outcome and pray for the Hardwick's as they endure the hardship of this case. We will all benefit from their courageous fight. Not long ago Lt. Commander Price lost his mother, now Commander Quick has lost his mother. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Heavy and now Artie and their families. There have been other losses in our Camp, including sickness, lest we forget our own citizen soldiers fighting in Iraq and other places around the world. Let us remember to pray without ceasing for our Camp and the needs of others. Saturday April 22, we had the inaugural Brigade Chaplains Meeting in Darlington County. Brigade Commander and Pee Dee Rifles Camp Chaplain was Master of the meeting. The Holy Spirit led us and many positive suggestions came to bear. Commander Allan Kelly implored us to bring the Gospel to the Camps. Much like the revival, which swept through the Confederate camps in the summer of 1863 where tens of thousands accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We pray for a revival in the 4th Brigade and the SCV. In closing, unto that cause, we have adopted 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5:11-18 as our theme. "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you are doing. And we urge you brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Donald R. Hayes

Brigade Chaplain, Camp 2010 Chaplain

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