



Confederate Courier

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United Daughters of the Confederacy®

Legend Has It ...

Many a Yankee Soldier Died from North Carolina's Silver and Gold Bullets

Story by Amy Kervin Self, NC Division Historian

If you paid even a little bit of attention in one of your North Carolina history classes growing up, you are most likely familiar with our state's profound history in gold mining. A North Carolina Geological Survey issued in 1993 says the first gold mining in our state may have been by Indians in Cherokee County. The same survey also includes a report that explorer Hernando de Soto may have attempted to mine gold near the present-day town of Murphy in 1540. There are a few accounts of mines operating in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties before the Revolutionary War, and of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia receiving gold from North Carolina as early as 1793. According to state reports, the "first authenticated discovery of gold, in North Carolina, as well as in the United States, occurred in 1799, by a young boy fishing in a Cabarrus County stream. That discovery of a 17-pound nugget by farmer, John Reed's son, cemented North Carolina's place in history as home to the nation's first gold rush.

Those first few years of the 19th century were just the start of the North Carolina gold rush, which came nearly fifty years before the California gold rush even began. In fact, until 1829, North Carolina was the only state producing domestic gold for the nation's coinage, and in 1835, President Andrew Jackson decided to build a branch of the United States Mint in Charlotte to press the gold found from local mines into coins.

While all this gold rush hoopla may be familiar to you, did you know that the first silver mine in the Unit-



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From the Division President

As I am writing this, I am trying to wrap my head around the fact you will be reading it in 2026! Where did 2025 go? I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and your 2026 will be a blessed one.



Thank you to Tamra Hawkins, Convention Chair and Credentials Chair; Tracy Hughes, Registration Chair; and Lauren Austin-Moody, Convention Treasurer for a job well done on our 129th Annual Division Convention. Our theme was “Riders on the Storm” and Tamra Hawkins did an outstanding job

on our decorations. Melanie Perryman designed a beautiful charm for attendees. Kristi Rudd-Johnson and her pages made sure everything ran smoothly. Tammy Schweitzer was indispensable as my personal page. Marci Zorn and her committee did a fabulous job with the silent auction and the Gray Cup auction. Our speaker, Dan Nance, gave an entertaining talk on “A Brush with History” and shared his beautiful paintings with us. Congratulations once again to Caroline Mazzeo who was named Honorary Division President. Our After-Convention Party was a Suite Crawl. We had rooms with lots of food and fall, Halloween, and Christmas decorations. Attendees were divided into three groups and rotated rooms about every 45 minutes. It was great fun. We had a visitor from Virginia who spread the word to her Division. I had ladies from Virginia calling me to see if they could visit next year. If you missed the Convention, you missed a lot!

The theme of the General Convention was “Deep in the Heart” and the Texas Daughters worked hard to introduce us to all things Texas — friendship, the Space Center, oil refineries, bluebonnets, barbecue, Buc-ee’s, Blue Bell ice cream, and Dr. Pepper. The tour of Galveston highlighted the role of Texas in the War Between the States, showcased beautiful Victorian homes and seafood, and introduced us to the history and culture of Texas. We had a Literary Evening where attendees told stories, read poems, acted in skits, and performed musical pieces. At the Magazine Luncheon,

a member of the Texas Division showed us how ladies of the 1860s transformed a plain day dress into a beautiful gown. Friendship Evening was inspired by the Texas State Fair and featured mid-way games and line dancing. We did find time to conduct a little business and vote on some bylaws and standing rules also.

As I stated in an e-mail I sent to all Chapter Presidents to share with you, there was some disappointment at the General Convention as well. Article IV. General Per Capita Tax. Section 3.

Timeline. A. which was passed in 2023 states: Should the General per capita tax and tax reports be postmarked after April 15, the Division will not be eligible for Division awards at the Annual General Convention. For some reason, which will be further investigated, the GEC chose to interpret the bylaw differently this year than last year. While it appears our per capita tax and tax reports were sent in before April 15, four Chapters sent their per capita tax late, so the report had to be revised. That revision meant the Division was ineligible for awards. Our records have been with the auditor and have not been available for us to investigate fully. Hopefully, by Winter Board I will have more answers on exactly when our reports were sent and why the bylaw was interpreted differently. I will also attempt to find out why part of the bylaw was enforced, and part of it was not. The bylaw also states: Should the General Per Capita Tax and tax reports not be received by the business office by March 15, the Division or Chapter Where No Division, as applicable, President and Treasurer will be notified by the Treasurer General and the name of the Division or Chapter Where No Division will be posted on the Members Only page of the General Website until such tax and tax reports are sent as required herein. I have never received official notification.

Ladies, the Division Treasurer is supposed to send in the per capita tax and reports on March 1. We do not want a repeat next year of what happened this year. If you have paid your per capita for 2025-2026, thank you. If you have not paid your per capita for 2025-2026, please do so immediately. Your Chapter treasurer cannot do her job if you don’t pay on time. And the Division Treasurer cannot do her job if the Chapter or a few individuals are late paying.

Four Chapters, which represent about fifty members, should not ruin things for the entire Division. Be considerate. Pay your per capita in September when it is actually due. Then we should be able to meet the March 1 deadline with no problem and not have to wait until the final April 15 deadline.

I have also requested a copy of the bylaws from each Chapter. At this writing, I have only heard from

four Chapters. It is important the Division have a copy of the bylaws for each Chapter. Please send them to me as soon as possible.

The Winter Board meeting will be held at our House in Raleigh on January 31. I am looking forward to seeing you then!

— Beth Zeiss, President

From the Division Vice President

For those of you who were not able to be at the Division Convention in October. NC Division purchased \$17,510.97 in Insignia last year, which was an increase of \$2,212.52. Although our overall sales were up, we only sold 30 pieces of Division Insignia. Ladies, the purchase of our Division insignia helps with the cost for our Division. This year, I would really like to focus on our Division Insignia sales. We have three beautiful pins which help support our Division. They are NC Division Pin (\$50), the NC Founders Pin (\$50), and the NC 125th Anniversary Pin (\$60). Once this pin sells out, we will not be able to reorder it. For Division pins, checks need to be made to the Division Treasurer. These pins make wonderful gifts for Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary, or any other special occasion (how about your anniversary date as a proud UDC daughter).

In addition to our beautiful pins already listed, we also have Gold (\$500), Silver (\$300-499), and Bronze (\$125-299) Donor Bars available. The proceeds from these sales go to the House Maintenance Fund. The bars are a wonderful way to honor or memorialize someone. All orders for these pins should come directly to me.

Also, some quick housekeeping reminders.

The Non-Engraved Insignia Form No. 1, dated 1 Nov. 2025, contains an error. The price of the #4 ancestor bar is incorrect; the price increased to \$30 on August 1, 2025, and remains at \$30. For now the cost of engraving remains at 75¢/letter.

Also, the price of the No. 1 Badge Set went up to \$120 as of November 1, 2025. That was also incorrect on the current form.

The cost of shipping is now \$12. Also, ONLY FIVE pins in one order.



There will likely be further price increases after January 1, 2026. General is also investigating other shipping options and will keep us updated.

A reminder, the Ultimate Sacrifice Pin is \$55. This is a pin which requires proof. You must include a copy of pages 1, 3, and 4 of the application for the soldier

which clearly states he was killed in action or died as a result of his injuries.

The POW Pin also requires proof. You must include a copy of pages 1, 3, and 4 of the application for the soldier which clearly states he was a POW and WHERE he was held. If the information is NOT on page 3, then you must include a copy of his muster roll cards with this information.

Please check the lower right-hand corner of your order form to be certain the date is November 1, 2025. All the updated forms are on the General Website.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I would rather fix the problem before the order gets to me if possible. Please remember DO NOT date your Check.

Checks for Division Pins need to be made out to the Division Treasurer.

The #2C pin may be worn on the left side alone.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Division Winter Board in January.

Thank you!

— Sandra Lumley, Vice-President

From the Division Treasurer

Per Capita forms were distributed to Chapter Treasurers at the end of November. These are due to me before February 15, 2026 and includes the Remittance Voucher for dues and Chapter contributions to Division and General funds. Please encourage all Chapter members to submit their membership dues to their Chapter Treasurer as soon as possible! North Carolina membership is right at 750 members in 32 Chapters.

The total dues for a member which are sent to the Division Treasurer is \$45 which represents \$30 for General and \$15 for Division for the 2025-2026 UDC year (2026). Chapter Treasurers, please send to me all dues collected before February 15. There will be a penalty for late per capita this year!

Former members who wish to be reinstated are always encouraged. For \$60, a former member can be reinstated. Please include a note with member's name and chapter with payment on a separate sheet of paper. I have the Reinstatement form to process for General.

There will be a dues increase next year for the 2026-2027 UDC year (2027). An assessment of \$5 per member will be collected for NC Division to host the



2035 Annual General Convention. A General Standing Rules amendment passed in November to raise General per capita to \$35. Both effective 1 September 2026 for a total of \$55 for per capita (2027).

The filing for 2024 of the annual electronic notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations to the IRS as well as completing the UDC Annual Financial Form was performed in November. It is mandatory the IRS filing be completed by January 15 for each Chapter, Club and the Division.

Individual contributions are always welcome to any of our Division funds. Checks should be made payable to NC Division Treasurer. The form is available from me, from your Chapter treasurer, and it is posted on our Division website, www.ncudc.org. We also have the Division Donation Program if you would like to set up recurring monthly donation with a credit card.

— *Caroline Mazzeo, Treasurer*

From the Division Recorder of Military Service Awards

Ladies, I hope you are having a nice, busy start of our UDC year! I am looking forward to assisting you process any Military Service Awards you may have. If you don't know, the American Patriot, Homeland Security, Meritorious Service, and Pioneers in Space awards, are Committee approved awards.



Due to the fact we, as a Division, do not have these, it falls under my jurisdiction. Saying that, please be pa-

tient with me as I have NOT processed but two, which were the American Patriot awards. These are very new to my bag o'tricks but am very willing to do my very best in order to get them approved for you.

Please, look for these service personnel to present these to! I completely understand the ones who refuse, but not all will. So Recorders, and those who may be interested, send me what you have, and I will be very happy to see what we can find. Looking forward to seeing what we can present this upcoming year.

— *Robin M. Ramsey,
Recorder of Military Service Awards*

From the Division Registrar

Now that General Convention is over, the process of approvals for OMA's, SMA's and Legacy applications should get back to a normal pace. A few reminders when submitting Original or Supplemental Applications:



1. Clear links between generations need to be established.

This can be done through birth certificates, death certificates, marriage records and probate record to name a few ways. Marriage records are a great way to establish a female's maiden name as well.

2. All Roll Numbers on page three of the Applications should be four-digits. If your form does not allow you to type four digits, please write-in a zero on the form after it has been printed. Example: 0406 vs 406.

3. Roll numbers can be found on a CMSR on fold3.com. Click on the main card of the service record and on the information panel to the left, the microfilm number is listed as well as a four-digit Roll Number. PLEASE NOTE: for North Carolina, 109, is not a ROLL Number, it is a RECORD GROUP, meaning that 109 is the category which encompasses Confederate Service Records.

4. Add the member's Division Roll Number on SMA's. This can be found on a copy of their OMA or SMA that is usually submitted with their new Supplementals.

All of the items mentioned above will help me in processing applications faster as well as a great way to get into the habit of making sure all of the correct and necessary information is provided on the applications before they are sent to me.

New pricing effective Jan. 1, 2026 for the following:

Supplemental Membership Applications are \$40 each and the fees are non-refundable. If a Supplemental application is submitted and it is not approved, no fees will be returned.

UDC to UDC Transfers \$30.

CofC to UDC Transfers \$55

New pricing for Original Membership Applications will take effect Sept. 1, 2026. Cost \$65.

I will be conducting a Registrar's and Lineage Workshop on Saturday, February 21 at the UDC House, Raleigh. Open to ALL members. More details to follow.

All the best to you and yours for a wonderful and bright New Year!

— Marian Russo, Registrar

From the Division Historian

The Winter Issue of the *Courier* is always a special one, as it contains the new Essay and Art Topics for members and students, as well as submission requirements for this year. We are excited to announce a new addition, a member art contest, see pages 6 and 8.

I encourage everyone to participate with a member essay or art entry. As for the student entries, reach out to home school groups, homeschooler families you know, small private schools, charter schools, and your own family members to share the topics list/requirements seen here.

A huge thank you to Guilford 301, Graham 944, and Stonewall Jackson 220 members for their



generous donations to fund this year's prize money!

All entries should be mailed to:

Amy Kervin Self
5909 Legacy Circle
Charlotte, NC 28277-8115

All entries must be received no later than June 1, 2026.

Serving as your Division Historian for the past year has been an honor. One of the favorite aspects

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Division Historian Con't ...

of my role is being invited to attend Chapter events and learn more about each Chapter's history. I have also enjoyed some incredible conversations with many of you, in which you have shared the history of annual events your Chapter sponsors. In these conversations, I have encouraged Chapters to send me the information about their upcoming events so I know about the valuable work we are doing to keep our Southern history alive.

In an effort to make it easier to share information about events and invite members from other Chapters to attend, we are adding a new feature to the Division website. The members-only portion of the site will soon include an Events Calendar page. If your Chapter would like to include upcoming events on the new Events Calendar page, please use the attached writable submission form on page 7. The submission form will also be available on the Division website.

The form will be used to provide details of Chapter-sponsored, upcoming events. Chapters should include events on the Events Calendar page

that they want to encourage Daughters from other Chapters to attend. Events might include Confederate Memorial Day Ceremonies, Monument or Marker Dedications or Rededications, Iron Cross Ceremonies, Flag Ceremonies, Ceremonies, luncheons or dinners for UDC Days of Observance, such as Robert F. Hoke 78's Lee-Maury-Jackson Luncheon, holiday events, such as Gastonia 955's Christmas Tea, ceremonies to mark historic days in the Chapter's hometown, such as Joseph J. Davis 537's First Flag Ceremony, etc.

Attending other Chapters' events is a wonderful way to make new friends, show support, learn North Carolina history, and take new ideas back to your own Chapter.

The Events Calendar will enable Chapters to share information with all Division Daughters.

Please e-mail the completed form at least one to two months in advance of the event to: sweetc10@zoho.com and amykervinself@gmail.com.

— Amy Kervin Self, Historian

North Carolina Division Essay and Art Topics and Prizes 2026

- All essays should be well researched with a complete bibliography attached. Wikipedia is NOT an acceptable internet source.
- Please use caution to evaluate the validity of any web content/AI-generated information. All sources must be listed in the bibliography.
- The term Civil War should not be used in reference to the War Between the States except in a direct quotation.

Original art, poetry, and well-written, well-researched essays are all ways we keep our Confederate history alive and pass it on to future generations. We look forward to receiving your entries!

All entries must be received by the NC Division Historian by May 31, 2026. Please mail to Amy Kervin Self, 5909 Legacy Circle, Charlotte, NC 28277-8115. Essays and poetry entries will not be returned. Art entries may be returned at the Division Convention. If

you would like your art entry returned and will not be at the Division Convention, please make arrangements for someone to pick it up for you.

****Special thank you to the Daughters of Graham 944, Guilford 301, and Stonewall Jackson 220 for their generous donations to fund the 2026 prizes.*

Member Essay and Art Topic Options and Prizes

\$50 - Essay choice - "Women of North Carolina's Contributions to the Confederacy during the War Between the States," choose two or three women and give an in-depth look at their efforts. This topic also competes for the annual Silver Bowl — given through the Guilford Chapter 301 by Miss Mattie Williams in memory of Mary Louise Jones.

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UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY
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**NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION
CHAPTER EVENT FORM**

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER _____

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS/RSVP _____

DATE OF EVENT _____

TIME OF EVENT _____

EVENT DESCRIPTION _____

EVENT LOCATION _____

**ADDITIONAL DETAILS THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO INCLUDE ON THE WEBSITE
EVENT LISTING** _____

**This form is to provide details of Chapter-sponsored, upcoming events to be included on the
Events Calendar page on the NC Division website (members-only portion).**

**Please email the completed form at least one to two months in advance of the event to:
sweetc10@zoho.com and amykervinself@gmail.com.**

Essay and Art Topics 2026 Con't ...

\$50 - Essay choice - "My Personal Confederate Connection to the War Between the States," choose one or more ancestors and write about their experiences, contributions, and sacrifices during the War Between the States. As with all essays, remember to include a bibliography. Your sources might include Fold3, books which include details of your ancestor's regiment and its service, family Bibles, newspaper articles, diaries, etc.

\$50 - Poetry - Best original poem on the Confederacy or Southern heritage.

\$50 - Artwork - Best original artwork (such as painting, drawing, sculpture, carving, mosaics, fabric designs, needlework, jewelry) related to the Confederacy or Southern heritage.

High School (Grades 9-12)

Essays Topic Options and Prizes

\$50 - Essay option - North Carolina's wartime Governor Zebulon Vance and his tireless efforts to keep Confederate soldiers supplied with necessities.

\$50 - Essay option - General Robert F. Hoke, how one of the youngest commanders in the Confederacy, also became one of North Carolina's most distinguished heroes.

High School (Grades 9-12)

Art Topic Options and Prize

\$30 - Best original artwork of Governor Vance or General Hoke, or one of monuments or statues created to honor these men.

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Essay Topic Options and Prizes

\$50 - Essay option - The Union Blockade and Blockade Running in North Carolina, with particular focus on the use of the Cape Fear and its importance throughout the war. Successful running of the blockade in North Carolina was vital to the supply lines of the Confederacy. Write about how this was accomplished, by whom, the types of ships used, the routes they took, where they sailed to and from, goods which flowed through the blockade because of the successful blockade runners, battles between the Union fleet and blockade running ships, etc.

\$50 - Essay option - Homegrown remedies of the

Confederacy, how doctors, soldiers, and southern families alike used plants to treat illness and wounds. Because of the blockade, medicines and medical supplies were scarce throughout the South. In 1863, South Carolina botanist and Confederate surgeon, Dr. Francis P. Porcher, compiled a guide, "Resources of Southern Fields and Forests," to assist Southern physicians in treating sick and wounded soldiers with plant remedies. Discuss how the book and other home remedies passed down through generations helped save lives with plants. What plants, bark, etc., were used and for what purpose?

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Art Topic Options and Prize

\$30 - Best original artwork related to blockade running or best original artwork related to home remedies of the Confederacy.

Elementary School (Grades 1-5)

Essay Topic Options and Prizes

\$35 - Essay option - Emeline Pigott, a North Carolinian and clever Confederate spy. Share how a young woman from an eastern North Carolina farm became one of the Confederacy's most famous spies, organized a network of fishermen to gather information, operated as a courier, transported mail and supplies in specifically made pockets under her hoop skirt, was imprisoned as a spy, and remained committed to the Confederate cause until her death.

\$35 - Essay option - History of the Confederate Flags. The Confederate States of America adopted the First National Flag, known as the Stars and Bars, in 1861. A Second National Flag and a Third National Flag were adopted at later dates, as was the Confederate Battle Flag. Write about the history of the flags, their designs, and what inspired the original design and the subsequent changes.

Elementary School (Grades 1-5)

Art Topic Options and Prize

\$20 - Best original artwork of the flags of the Confederate States of America (First, Second, and Third National Flags, and the Confederate Battle Flag) or of Emeline Pigott.

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DISPOSITION OF UDC INSIGNIA AND PINS REQUEST FORM

PRESERVING, DISTRIBUTION AND RETURNING
AUTHORIZED FOR USE WITH UDC AND OTHER LINEAGE SOCIETIES' INSIGNIA

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First and last name: _____

I am/was a member of the UDC Chapter & No. _____

I am/was a member of the UDC Division/Chapter Where No Division _____

INSTRUCTIONS

When I am gone or can no longer wear my insignia, please ensure it does not fall into the hands of the general public or sold at a flea market or on-line auction websites such as eBay.

Please follow these same instructions for the other lineage societies I have listed in this form.

Location of my UDC and/or other lineage societies' ribbon(s) with insignia and pins is:

REQUESTS

I request that my ancestor pins from all affiliated organizations be preserved for the use of any of my daughters, granddaughters, nieces, or other female descendants who are, or may become, members of these organizations and are eligible to wear them. (Please note that proper documentation must be submitted in accordance with each organization's requirements. The foundational research has already been completed by me, so the remaining process should be straightforward.)

I request if no one wishes to wear my ancestor pins, that they be mounted on their original ribbons, framed, and retained within the family, provided there is interest in preserving them. If there is no such interest, please refer to the instructions outlined in the following paragraph.

I request that any other ribbons and pins in my possession — whether service, commemorative, or donation-related — be offered first to the same female descendants previously mentioned. Any pins they do not wish to retain should be returned to the General (National) organization for resale or appropriate disposition. However, I ask that my Division be given the right of first refusal followed by my local chapter(s) prior to any return to the General (National) organization, as they may have the opportunity to use the pins for fundraising purposes.

I request that: _____

NOTE: This Disposition Form may be completed and referenced in a will or trust; however, it is not legally binding on its own unless it is properly incorporated into a valid estate plan. Estate planning laws vary by state. To ensure that your wishes are carried out as intended, it is strongly recommended that you consult with a qualified estate planning attorney.

WHERE TO SEND MY RIBBON(S) AND PINS

Any items that my family, friends or my local chapter(s) do not wish to keep, please ensure they are returned with an accompanying cover letter to the following organizations that I am/was a member of.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

Entry Date and/or Membership Number: _____
328 North Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23220-4009; Phone: (804) 355-1636; Email: udc@hqudc.org

NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Entry Date and/or Membership & National Number: _____
Office of the Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR; 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006-5303;
Phone: (202) 879-3325; Email: organizing@dar.org

NATIONAL SOCIETY UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS OF 1812

Entry Date and/or Membership & National Number: _____
1461 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20005-5402;
Phone: (202) 879-3325; Email: ecomunications@usdaughters1812.org

Organization: _____

Entry Date and/or Membership & National Number: _____

Address: _____

Organization: _____

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Organization: _____

Entry Date and/or Membership & National Number: _____

Address: _____

Other information I wish you to know: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Review my previous Disposition Insignia Forms for other Lineage Societies to ensure consistency.

I have attached additional information.

Bylaws Update

2025 was the year for changes to Chapter, Division and General Bylaws. The process of making changes is a tedious and boring one, but it is essential for any organization. Many times, we gloss over these proposed changes and do not take the time to read them carefully and think about the possible impact they may have. That became painfully clear at this year's General Convention when several Divisions and CWNDs were disqualified from receiving awards because of an ambiguous bylaw passed in 2023. Please take bylaws at all levels seriously! Be present at Division and General Conventions so your voice can be heard.

All Division Bylaws and Standing Rules proposed changes passed with the exception of the bylaw concerning the Annie Rogers Newell Scholarship which was withdrawn. Thank you, Melanie Perryman, Bylaws Chairman, and committee members for your hard work. We had a visitor from Virginia at our Convention, and she was amazed at how well organized and orderly the presentation of the proposed bylaws changes was.

All General Bylaw proposed changes passed except for the following:

1. Article V. General Officers. Section 2. Eligibility. Paragraph C. Other Offices. FAILED
2. Article V. General Officers. Section 6. President General. Paragraph D. Finances. New Subparagraph 4. WITHDRAWN

All Standing Rules proposed changes were passed with the following amendments:

1. Standing Rule 1. Fee Schedule for General

Membership. The proposed General Per Capita Tax increase to \$40 was amended to \$35.

Transfer membership CofC to UDC will be \$35 for General Per Capita Tax and \$5.00 for the certificate – total \$40.

Original membership (not CofC transfer) will be \$35 for Per Capita, \$15 new member fee, and \$5 membership certificate – total \$65.

Effective September 1.

Supplemental membership application will be \$35 (nonrefundable) – Effective January 1, 2026.*

2. Standing Rule 6. Finances. a. Allocations. Effective September 1, 2026. The Per Capita Tax will be divided as follows: a. General Fund \$30. Memorial Building Grounds and Maintenance Fund \$5.

Be sure to purchase Division and General Minutes Books and read all Bylaws changes.

*The North Carolina delegates were against this change to supplementals. It is unclear whether another \$35 will have to accompany an application that was returned for corrections or additional information and had to be resubmitted. The question was asked and the answer was equally ambiguous. Martha Pickering said she thought an additional amount would not be charged if the application was resubmitted in a timely manner. However, Martha does not do supplementals and “timely manner” was not defined. Just be aware that this standing rule could pose some problems depending on how it is interpreted.

A UDC Fairy Tale

By Karen Gillilan

Once upon a time in a far-away place called North Carolina there lived some beautiful sisters. These sisters lived in different places in North Carolina called Districts and there were eight districts in North Carolina.

At one time the sisters gathered together once a year at a convention. All the sisters looked forward to the convention so they could visit with their sisters from all the districts. They met in different districts each year so that the sisters could travel to see what

each district looked like because North Carolina went from the sea to the mountains with the flat land in between and all the sisters were excited to see where everyone else lived.

The convention would last for three days with meetings and socials and workshops where lots of information was exchanged. There would be a Magazine Luncheon, a President's Night, and a Historical Night where soldiers were honored and there would be a wonderful speaker to share their knowledge and history of North Carolina and the War Between the States. And, the sisters would wear hats and gloves and enjoy being Ladies and on President's Night and Historical Night they would dress up in sparkly dresses.

Then things changed. A darkness came over the land and things began to cost too much and many of the sisters stopped coming to convention. So several of the sisters decided to see if they could streamline the convention so it would not last as long in the hopes the sisters would come back to convention to be with their sisters again. But, it was not so and so many people did not know what the sisters were celebrating began to break down all the monuments the sisters' moms and grandmothers had worked so hard to erect to honor their sons, fathers, and brothers. And this made many sisters scared to go to convention.

At the latest convention not even 10 percent of all the sisters came and this made all of the sisters who did go to become very sad.

Daughters, this may sound like a fairy tale but it is not. The United Daughters of the Confederacy is an honorable collection of women who have the blood of at least one Confederate soldier running through our bodies. I know it can be expensive but the Convention Committee tries their best to find us the most reasonably priced hotel for the convention. Those ladies who live close by have no excuse for not coming. Registration is not that expensive, and you can come for only the day. If you decide to stay overnight you can put two, three, or four in a room and share expenses. And it is so nice to meet people that you know. It is like a family reunion. Then you meet people that you didn't know but become sister to them.

We are all proud of our ancestors and I hope that next year each and every one of you will think long and hard about attending convention. So much work is put into the convention from the Convention Committee to the chapter historians who compile the scrapbooks all year long to the officers who give the over-all work of their offices to each committee chairman who tells what good works their committees have done.

My late husband was one of 13 children and he had told me sometimes they slept four to a bed. I am not asking you to do that but please find a buddy you could room with for two nights and let's make our next convention a big one!

Save the Dates!

The following are important 2026 dates for your Chapter Yearbooks:

January 31 — Winter Executive Board Meeting – UDC House, Raleigh

**March 27-29 — Massing of the Flags/Tour and General Spring Board Meeting –
Memorial Building, Richmond**

April 25 — Spring Executive Board Meeting – UDC House, Raleigh

July 15-18 — CofC Convention, Marietta, GA

October 29-November 1 — UDC General Convention, Williamsburg, VA

Recognition of Black Confederates

Anthony T. Welters

Story and Photograph by Karen Powers

The latest Recognition of Black Confederates showcases Anthony T. Welters. Anthony served as a Private in Company B, 3rd Florida Infantry. He enlisted as a Fifer. He was born into slavery being a servant of John M. Fontane. When Fontane died he had directed Anthony to be freed. In 1858, shortly after receiving his freedom, Anthony married Cydra Benet in a Catholic ceremony.

When the war broke out Anthony enlisted, June 24, 1861, as a fifer in a militia regiment called the St. Augustine Blues. This unit joined Company B, 3rd Florida Infantry when the war broke out. Anthony has 12 cards in his military file under the name of Tony Fontane. He was discharged in late 1861 due to his age. However, it appears he stayed with the unit until the end of the war. He surrendered with Company B on April 26, 1865 at Bennett Place near Durham, North Carolina.



After the war, he changed his name to Anthony T. Welters to honor his parents whose last name was Welters. He and his wife had six children — Lizzie, Frank, Sara, Annie, Necal, and Sadie. He died on January 5, 1902 and is buried in the San Lorenzo Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida. He is listed on a death register and has no death certificate. He is one of at least two known black Confederate soldiers buried in this cemetery with many graves not marked. His wife applied for a widow's pension on July 16, 1909.

Anthony was a freeman of color who chose to join. He stayed even though he was discharged and served honorably.

Remember to honor our ancestors, and teach others that the narrative being taught is not reflective of the true history of our Southland and of our Brave Confederate soldiers.

Personal Ballad of Samuel Alexander Scott

By Dorothy Jane Scott McCaskill 9-23-25

On Kingstree's soil where pine roots run,
A soldier rests, his journey done.
His stone is worn, yet still it bears
The weight of time, the life he wears.

In eighteen hundred, twenty-seven,
He drew first breath 'neath Carolina heaven.
A farmer's hand, a steadfast heart,
Till war would call, and he'd depart.

In sixty-two, with fife and drum,
He marched where cannon thundered from.
The 26th, Company One
He fought beneath the Southern sun.

Through bloodied fields, through smoke and
rain,
Through May and October's pain—
Wounded twice, yet still he stood,
A private true, both brave and good.

Till sixty-five, his duty sealed,
The muskets hushed, the war's fate healed.

He came back home to plow and sow,
To raise his children, watch them grow.

And in that house his hands had made
My granddaddy's first small cries were laid.
I've walked those floors. I've touched that door,
The very boards his boots once wore.

The same red earth still stains my shoes,
The fields my great-grandfather knew.
Beneath the oaks Spanish moss dips low,
A quiet witness to long ago.

Though stone may fade,
his name holds fast,
A soldier's tale
that ever lasts.

So sing his story, let it stay,
Though stones may crumble, names decay,
For Samuel Scott, my own great grandsire,
Still lights my heart with faithful fire.

Editor's Note

Ladies, have you wondered why your pictures might be blurry in this newsletter? When you submit pictures please, please, DO NOT reduce their size when emailing them to me. Send them actual size. The higher the resolution, the better, please! Some mail programs give you the option to reduce the size prior to sending, but please do not do that. Send them at original or actual size. Also please don't send screen shots. Just the original picture, please. We request this so your pictures will be the best quality and we want your newsletter and your pictures to look their best. Also, please do NOT imbed photos in your document. Send as a

separate file.

Also, please **do not use the pound (#) symbol** when you are including the chapter number. For example, do NOT do this: Capt. Samuel A. Ashe Chapter #2572 ... it should be Capt. Samuel A. Ashe Chapter 2572.

More chapter participation is also requested. Most chapters do at least one event a year, so please share with me so we can have more chapter news! There are 35 chapters and we only have news from nine. Surely other chapters are doing stuff they would like to share! Please send news and pictures to powellsn@icloud.com. Thank you! We want your newsletter to be the best!

— Sara Powell, Editor

Thank You for Your Support!

In the past year your donations to the House Maintenance Fund have allowed us to do some much-needed work. The front porch and the back porch roofs were repaired. Both leaked and had caused the wood supports and molding to rot. Andrew Pankratz did the repair. His work is impeccable and it looks wonderful. All repairs were done in compliance with the Raleigh Historical Commission.

We will also be conducting an inventory of items in the house in the coming year. The list will be printed in 2026 *Minutes Book*. Only items of significance will be listed. The library inventory is up-to-date. Additions are made as items are donated to the library.

Your current board members are Pam Barry, Donna Snipes, Tiffany Patterson, Regina Griggs, and An-

drea Sanderson. A huge thank you to Peggy Johnston and Debbie King who served on the board last term. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Also, talk to your chapter about making a donation to the house maintenance fund. You will receive a bar to wear on your ribbon when you donate any of the following amounts:

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—Teresa Langley, Board of Trustees, Chairman





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Historic Town Will be a Buzz

This historic town will be buzzing with activity all year long being that **it's the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026**—making it the perfect backdrop for our Convention. Rooms will go quickly, and once our block is filled, it may be difficult to get a room at the Williamsburg Lodge or nearby venue.



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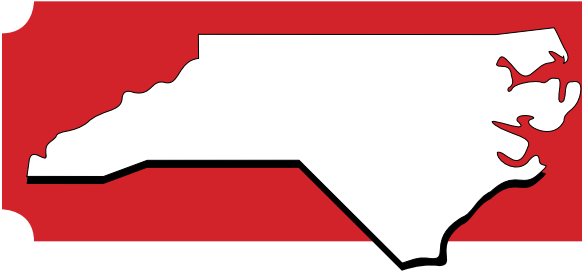
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Chapter News

From Across North Carolina

Pamlico 43 Washington

For more than five years the members of Pamlico Chapter 43 have collected items to put into stockings that are then sent to military service members stationed overseas.

This year 24 stockings for members and two K-9 stockings were filled with snacks, personnel hygiene items, puzzle books, candy. For the K-9 they received chew bones, toys and snacks.

The stockings then were delivered to Paul's Funeral Home in Washington, NC, who will then send them along with other organizations contributions to service members overseas.



Amy Self and Beth Zeiss attended the Division Convention in October and Amy Self and Beth Zeiss attended the General Convention in November. The Chapter donated an "America 250" themed basket to the Division for the silent auction.

The Chapter purchased twenty wreaths for Wreaths Across America and presented a gift card to the veteran's hospital in Salisbury to purchase Christmas gifts for the veterans on our ward. The Chapter partnered with Ross Camp of the SCV to have additional work done on the large Confederate Monument in Elmwood Cemetery. The SCV was able to find a gentleman who paid to have all of the mortar removed and replaced. A small monument in the cemetery was recently knocked over. The staff of Elmwood Cemetery was able to put it back in place.

The DVD produced by General, *America's Forgotten People of Color*, was shown at the September meeting. A very interesting program on *The War on the Outer Banks of North Carolina* was presented in October, *Dixie: An Inspiration for Heroic Confederate Deeds and Its Unlikely Composer* was presented in November, and *Strange Happening in the War Between the States* was presented in December.

The Chapter presented a 25-year pin and certificate to Joy Cooper. Joy joined the UDC on February 29, 2000, on the record of her ancestor, William H. Alley. In addition to her original ancestor, Joy has supplements on nine other Confederate Soldiers.

Stonewall Jackson 220 Charlotte

Stonewall Jackson 220 has had a busy and productive Fall. Proposed changes to the Chapter bylaws were submitted to the Division Bylaws Committee and the Chapter voted to accept the changes at the December meeting. Division and General Bylaws were also submitted to Chapter members for review and comment before they were voted on at the Division and General Conventions.

Sharon Edwards, Carol Frost, Valerie Guildehaus,





J.E.B. Stuart 483 Fayetteville

On September 10, 2025 the JEB Stuart's chapter opted to finally have the Confederate Women's Home Cemetery, located in Fayetteville behind Terry Sanford High School, re-dedication in lieu of the chapter's normal meeting. It had been a long-awaited event with several obstacles causing the delay. The ceremony consisted of the unveiling of the new pedestal and the granite headstone where the UDC Bronze grave marker had been attached. A wreath was placed beside the pedestal. White carnations were placed in a vase in front of the granite headstone. Honorary President of General Pat Gasson along with Division President Beth Zeiss were speakers. Division President Zeiss placed the First National Flag at the granite headstone. The weather was perfect and the ceremony concluded with refreshments.

The Chapter's 2nd VP and Division Recording Secretary Belva Demendoza was in charge of extending the invitations to the Division Officers and coordinating their transporting to the cemetery since parking at the cemetery was problematic.

The work on the cemetery grounds was performed in 2024, which actually was a work in process, taking place over a period of more than 12 months.

Many days members worked in the cemetery in 100-degree weather just to maintain the appearance of the grounds since Terry Sanford High School was not performing maintenance properly. The Cumberland County School system is responsible for the maintenance

of the grounds since they actually own the area. The following projects were completed prior to the re-dedication.

Archway to the entrance of the cemetery which holds white marble plaques were restored to a brilliant white after being washed and sprayed several times with D2 biological solution. These plaques name the people who were instrumental in establishing the cemetery.

The pedestal, which was originally placed in the cemetery as an Eagle Scout project in 2005, was replaced. The pedestal contains the 64 names along with their birth and death dates of the women who rest there.

A UDC bronze grave marker, which had originally been placed in front of the large granite headstone,



Left is chapter registrar Frances Kelly and right is chapter VP Ruth Lucas.

went missing for years only to be found placed in the Gee private cemetery located beside the Confederate Women's Home Cemetery, was professionally attached to the large granite headstone.

The JEB Stuart Chapter is proud to announce that our chapter presented our second supplemental since 2012 to Ruth Rankin Nimocks Lucas on November 12th. Her Confederate ancestor William Rufus Rankin was her Great Grandfather and served Co. H, F & S, 37th Regiment Co. B, 28th Regiment, NC Infantry CSA.

Gastonia 955 Gastonia

Gastonia 955 was very proud to host our second annual Christmas Tea at the Ridge Baptist Church in Gastonia. We welcomed Division officers, President Beth Zeiss, Historian Amy Self, Chaplain Carol Frost and Western Regional Director Tamra Hawkins as well as many other ladies from Asheville, Charlotte, and Salisbury. Ladies showed up in festive attire, some complete with hats.

Our J. D. Moore Chapter 8 CofC led the pledges, tended to all the ladies' needs, helped with checking in and teacup raffle ticket sales.

Our menu consisted of various festive teas, and finger foods. There were cucumber sandwiches, scones, and lots of cookies to go with the tea. Members made baskets which were raffled off at the teacup auction, and the money raised will be used for MSAs.

The program presented was multifold, we were able to award two Judah P. Benjamin awards, one to Gloria Kimbrell for her work galvanizing supply teams of Sons of Confederate Veterans to send necessities to the mountains last year and Elaine Glenn helped

with the Shriners and Sons of American Revolution to load trucks and send supplies. Elaine also selected and wrapped Christmas presents for each child in Bakersville that were identified. The other parts consisted of a bit on Confederate Music with an album played, a reading from the book of John to remind us of the seasons reason and reminiscences were read from Mrs. Jefferson Davis and other various soldier viewpoints of the holiday season. Recovered items from estate sales were presented to Beth Zeiss for our NC UDC house in Raleigh. The items, a basket, and gavel were once owned by Lincoln Chapter.

We hope to continue this again next year, so ladies, start looking to add our event to your holiday calendar!



Bennett Place 2241 Durham

The Bennett Place Chapter members are proud of member Caroline Mazzeo. Caroline became an Honorary Division President at Division Convention. Caroline Mazzeo holds many positions within our chapter. She is our Treasurer and Registrar, and she



maintains BP chapter newsletter. Caroline is also the Division Treasurer and handles Purchases and Sales of Division merchandise.

Congratulations and Thank You to Caroline Mazzeo for the wonderful work you do for Bennett Place Chapter and the NC UDC Division.

Captain Samuel A. Ashe 2572 Raleigh

The Capt. Samuel A. Ashe Chapter met jointly with the 47th Regiment NC Troops Camp 166, Wake Forest and the Capt. James I. Waddell Chapter, Military Order of the Stars and Bars for the Christmas meeting. UDC members from other chapters were in attendance also! Dr. David Lanier of the Col. Maurice T. Smith Camp, Oxford, regaled all with Christmas music and told the history of the songs, some having beginnings during the War Between the States. Darwin Roseman of the Col. L. L. Polk Camp, Garner, also presented a



Darwin Roseman of the Garner SCV Camp was presented a National Defense Medal for his service during the Vietnam Conflict at the December joint meeting.

program about the Confederate Post Office. He explained how some stamps began as well as the cost of the stamps being relative to the distance a letter had to travel.

President Sara Powell and Historian Karen Powers presented Dr. Lanier with a Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal for his programs he gives and the knowledge of music he shares with others. We recognize and appreciate your talents!

President Sara Powell and Registrar Marian Russo, acting on the behalf of Recorder Kimberly Froeschner, presented Darwin Roseman with a National Defense Medal for his service during the Vietnam Conflict. We appreciate your protecting our freedom!

We also welcomed Grace Danks into the chapter with the presentation of her membership certificate!

Members and guests brought new, unwrapped toys, which were donated to Toys for Tots. Thank you to those who brought toys in an effort to make some children's Christmas just a bit brighter!



Dr. David Lanier, Commander of the Oxford SCV Camp, was presented the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal at the December joint meeting of the Capt. Samuel A. Ashe Chapter and the 47th Regiment NC Troops Camp 166. President Sara Powell and Historian Karen Powers made the presentation.



Legend Has It ... con't ...

ed States also opened in our beloved North State? On January 7, 1839, the country's first silver mine opened at Silver Hill, near Lexington in Davidson County. Prospector Roswell King first discovered the silver in 1838 and purchased the land. In 1839, King and John Thomas were issued a charter by the state General Assembly, and the site became known as the Washington Mine, later the Silver Hill Mine.

So what does any of this have to do with Yankee soldiers being struck by silver and gold bullets? We know as the War Between the States approached, the Davidson County silver mine was idle, having shut down production after a change in ownership, and financial problems led to its closing its operation. By the start of the war, any gold and silver mining operations remaining in the state halted as miners became soldiers.

Silver Hill would not stay idle for long. In addition to silver, it was known the Silver Hill mine could also produce significant quantities of lead. With limited options for obtaining lead, General Josiah Gorgas, head of the Ordinance Bureau of the Confederate War Department, reported his intention to reopen the Silver Hill Mine. "Besides the Wytheville mine in Virginia, the Confederate Government has directed the working of a mine in North Carolina," wrote Gorgas. In reference to this, North Carolina Governor Warren Winslow reports: "I have written to Pasco, an experienced miner, to come down and get ready to open the Silver Hill Mine in Davidson County. It will not require much means. The furnace will cost only \$500."

This Pasco wasn't the only experienced miner to work the Silver Hill Mine for the Confederate States. Service records for Pvt. James Varker of Davidson County list his occupation as "miner." Varker enlisted in Confederate service on May 14, 1862, at age nineteen. After a few months of being marked as present with Co. A, 54th NC Infantry, the remainder of his service records report him on "detached service," serving at Silver Hill Mine as a miner. No doubt his experience as a miner was invaluable to the army. It is highly likely other young men from Davidson County who worked as miners at Silver Hill prior to the war were also placed

on detached service at the mine during the war. Their mining skills were vital to the war effort.

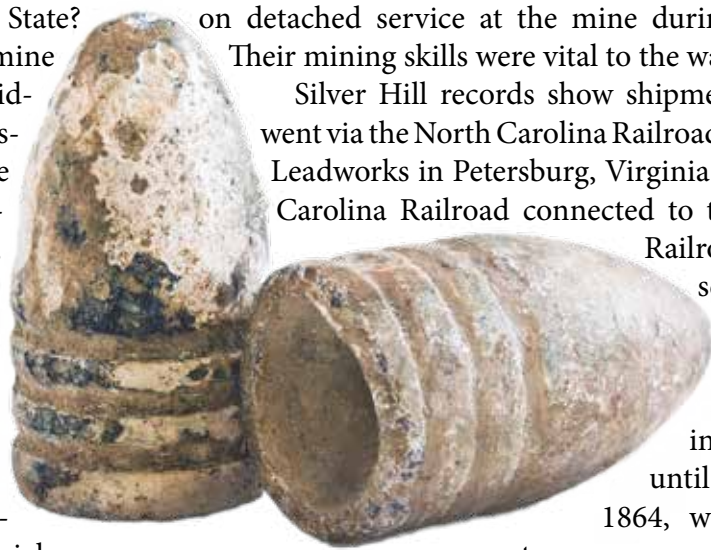
Silver Hill records show shipments of lead went via the North Carolina Railroad to the CSA Leadworks in Petersburg, Virginia. The North Carolina Railroad connected to the Weldon Railroad, which served Petersburg. This railroad stayed in operation until August 18, 1864, when Union troops severed the line

south of Petersburg. Lead shipments by rail from Silver Hill continued, but had to travel the last thirty miles to Petersburg by wagon.

The Petersburg Leadworks was constructed by the Confederate Government to produce lead for ammunition. It remained safely behind Confederate lines until the fall of Petersburg on April 2, 1865, a week before General Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

With the Confederate Army in constant need of ammunition, Silver Hill miners worked as quickly as possible to send the lead to Petersburg. Since removing the silver and gold from the lead was an expensive and time-consuming process; any silver or gold was not recovered from Silver Hill's ores before being shipped to Virginia, it remained in the lead used to manufacture ammunition. It wasn't long before stories began to circulate among Union soldiers that the Confederates were shooting them with silver and gold bullets from North Carolina. True or legend ... either way, it makes a great story. And, it is safe to say "many a Yankee soldier died from North Carolina's silver and gold bullets," is a fact.

Just like the Silver Hill Mine, Pvt. Varker continued to serve the Confederacy until the end of the war. His name appears on a list of Confederate soldiers belonging to General Johnston's command, who were included in the surrender and received an individual parole since they were not present with their command at the time of the surrender.





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To: NC Executive Committee, Executive Board, UDC Members

From: Beth Zeiss, NC Division President

Subject: 2026 Winter Executive Committee Meeting
2026 Winter Executive Board Meeting

When: **Friday, January 30, 2026, at 7:00 pm** – Executive Committee Meeting
Division Officers should bring any items of interest or concern from their office to be discussed. (Snacks, Dessert & Coffee to be served)

Saturday, January 31, 2026, at 10:00 am – Executive Board Meeting
Open to all members

Lunch will be served for \$10. Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich or wrap, fruit, dessert and beverage. Cash only please. No advance payment needed.

Presidents: Please let Belva DeMendoza know how many from your chapter will attend - demendob@gmail.com or 910-527-9459

Location: North Carolina Division UDC Headquarters House
302 North Blount Street
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Zoom link: Provided below to those who want to join remotely

[Zoom Link](#)

A Memorial Service for Mildred Goss will immediately follow the Board Meeting

132nd General Convention



North Carolina Division President Beth Zeiss presented the North Carolina Flag at the opening business session.



Kentucky Daughters offered a delightful skit of old soldiers reminiscing after the War as part of the Literary evening.



President Julie Hardaway addresses the attendees at the Magazine Luncheon.



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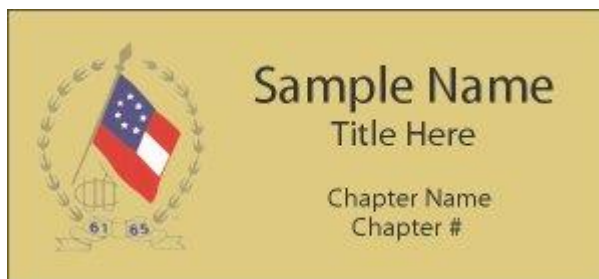
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Let's Say The "War Between the States"

The Conflict (1861-1865) between the Northern States (The Union) and the Southern States, which seceded from the Union to form the Confederate States, has been given many names.

The Official Union designation was "The War of the Rebellion." Other names have been "The War of Secession," "The War for Southern Independence," or the "Late Unpleasantness." In the South, the Conflict is sometimes called "The War Between the States."

The Congress of the United States used the term "War Between the States" in two measures enacted into law; one measure became Public Law 834 in 1950, and a Resolution, H.580, was adopted by the House in 1944. The term "War Between the States" has been used in various reports on bills during the 70th, 71st, 72nd, 74th, 80th and 81st Congresses.

The name "civil war" has also been widely accepted, no doubt because it is short. Actually the term "civil war" is misleading and inexact. The war was not a class struggle, but a sectional combat, having its roots in such complex political, economic, social and psychological elements — it is difficult for historians to agree on all its basic causes.

The fact that for four years the Confederacy maintained an entirely separate government (with its own currency, commerce, army and navy) established the Confederate States of America as a separate nation.

This nation, the Confederate States of America, levied and collected revenue, had its own post office, enlisted its armies and issued cotton bonds which were accepted in foreign commercial marts.

Its navy, though small, fought brilliantly, and introduced with the *Virginia* (Merrimac) a new type of warship, the ironclad.

The Confederate Flag was recognized all over the world as belonging to a nation other than the United States of America.

The "War Between the States" does not imply a war between individual states. The noun, "States" is used in a collective sense. The official titles of the contending parties during the conflict were the "United States" and the "Confederate States."

Therefore, since the war was between two groups of states, the United States and the Confederate States — the most exact name for that great conflict of the 1860s is the "War Between the States."

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