

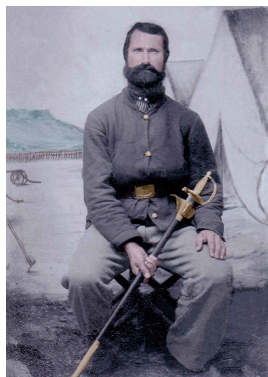
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
For the
COLONEL BEN E. CAUDILL CAMP NO. 1629



NOVEMBER, 2011

An empty chair now and forever shall sit at our table in remembrance of those who have gone before.

Mark Barger, Cecil Brown, Harold Cantrell, Jack Cantrell, Randy Cantrell, Greg Caudill, Vernon Cooper, Roy Crawford, Atlas Hall, James Hamilton, Johnny Osborne, John Wesley Roark, Jake Smith, Ben Buster Taylor, Henry Webb, William "Tom" Whitaker, Michael Wright



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From the Quarters of the 1st Lt. Commander November 17, 2011

Two months ago, our Executive Committee concluded that the time was right to compile and publish the research that has been accumulated regarding the men of the 13th Kentucky Cavalry, and of their experiences during the 1861-1865 war. Last month, Commander Smith appointed several camp members to a committee that would be responsible for putting the research in order suitable for publication. During the past month, this committee has met twice at the Perry County library in Hazard. At the first meeting on October 25, camp historian Faron Sparkman was selected as Chairman of the committee. Several ideas were exchanged, mainly regarding possible sources of additional information, getting a copyright for the existing roster, and converting the existing roster into a more suitable format. At the second committee meeting on November 7, a newly-formatted roster, consisting only of “Adams – Ayers” was presented to members for further editing. Since then, several corrections and additions have been made, and work is now in progress on the “Back – Burton” portion of the roster. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 21 in the library’s genealogy room at 1:30. You don’t have to be a committee member to attend; just show up. You and your contributions will be made welcome.

Meanwhile, the regular work of the camp has continued as usual. Our re-enactors brought down the curtain on the season at Leatherwood, “Yankee Buster” and crew were busy at several Veterans’ Day events, and our stone-setters have honored another 6 Confederates with new headstones that were placed in Knott, Letcher and Menifee Counties. More stones are waiting to be placed, others have been requested and we eagerly await their approval and arrival. With hopes of seeing you soon, in the service of our Confederate ancestors, I am honored to be your

First Lieutenant Commander
Manton Ray Cornett

Adjutant Report Richard G. Brown

The Colonel Ben E. Caudill Camp No. 1629 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has forty-six paid members at the present time. The cost to join, is now \$45 (\$35 to National Headquarters and \$10 to Kentucky Headquarters). It is now time for current members to pay their dues of \$45, as a late fee of five dollars has now been applied.

The old cemetery that Abraham Childers, his son, and grandsons are buried in looks good from the road now. I am very proud of the hard work achieved by the Camp in cleaning it up. I would like to schedule a dedication for the soldiers buried there this fall or winter. When a date is decided on, we should contact the DAR and Knott and Letcher Counties' Historical Society.

The reenactment of the Battle of Leatherwood was held on the weekend of October 21st through 23rd. The Education Day on Friday, the 21st, went good with several schools sending students. The battle was fought at 2 pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Several Camp members participated in, or supported the event. Both days saw several cannons on both sides fire upon each other. Both Camp cannon crews were in action while several camp members provided infantry support.

On November 9, the Camp was represented by Richard and Glenn Brown at the Veteran's Day observance presented by the Arlie Boggs Elementary School at Eolia. The cannon was fired much to the delight of the students. Then on November 10 (Thursday), the Camp was well represented by Garland Kiser, Quenton Childers, Wendell Brown, Glenn Brown and Richard Brown at the Veteran's day observance at the Military Museum. The Cannon crew opened and closed the event for a large crowd. Then on November 11 (Veteran's Day), Glenn Brown, Garland Kiser, John Peck, David Chaltas and Richard Brown presented a living history and fired the cannon for the students at the Letcher County Central High School. Richard was the keynote speaker for the event which has more than thirty veterans in attendance. The school fed all the veterans and the Caudill Camp members before the event. Richard discussed Letcher County's involvement in the War Between the States. The students were so impressed with the Camp that Principal Stephen Boggs, and Social Studies Director Kim Sergeant, asked the Camp to conduct a living history in the spring. In December, the Camp has been asked to participate in Christmas in the Park at Whitesburg (December 9) and the Kingscreek Park.

Trivia Questions

1. What is the claim to fame of John W. Garrett?
2. What railroad line came close to being a "trans-Confederate" railway?
3. What Virginia railway was the first to play a strategic role in a Confederate victory?
4. What Georgia railway was the favorite target of Sherman's destruction?
5. What important railway ran through Harper's Ferry, Virginia?
6. How many miles of new rail track were laid in the Confederacy during the war?
7. What 23-mile length of railway was the Confederacy's most important stretch of rail?
8. What was Henry Slocum's great contribution to the fight against the Confederacy?
9. What western Virginia railroad was important to carrying salt and lead to the Confederacy from the region's mines?
10. What vital railway connected Richmond and Petersburg with North Carolina?

Minutes of the Colonel Ben Caudill Camp No. 1629
October 20, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Colonel Ben Caudill Camp No. 1629, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, was held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Letcher County Military Museum in Whitesburg. In attendance were members Richard Smith, Mark Bowling, Manton Ray Cornett, Richard Brown, Quenton Childers, Carlos Brock, Okie Blair, Garland Kiser, Larry Kiser, Leathan Whitaker, Anthony Hawkins, Buster Whitt and Danny Estep and guest Tim Kelly and Paul Miles.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Brown. Leathan then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and Richard Smith led the Salute to the Confederate flag. Commander Smith took prayer requests and offered the opening prayer, after which Richard Brown stated that we did have a quorum and that we could conduct official business. Everyone present then took part in the Ancestral Roll Call.

Richard Brown read the minutes from the last meeting. Okie made a motion that the minutes be accepted with minor corrections, Quenton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Commander Smith welcomed everyone, and said that Howard Swarts, an old friend to the Camp, donated the original message from Colonel Hawkins to Colonel May to the Caudill Camp. He showed the letter to the Camp; Leathan made a motion that the Camp have the original letter and the letter stating the translation matted and framed. Mark seconded and the motion passed. Richard Brown is to check on the price to do so. He apologized to the Camp members that conducted the living history at Ary as he did not attend the event. He then appointed Manton, Richard Brown, Carlos, Leathan, Anthony and Faron to the new book committee. Also, consultants, Buford Caudill, Stephen Bowling, John Wells, Leathan's mother, were added. (It was noted that the Commander is automatically placed on the committee) The commander also noted that he attended the Letcher County Fiscal Court meeting to voice his displeasure with the changing of the old names of hollows and areas for 911, he said that the fiscal court meets on the third Monday of each month. He reminded every one to be careful at the Education Day and the reenactment at Leatherwood.

The Lt. Commander thanked the executive committee for progress on the book about the 13th Kentucky Cavalry. He will notify everyone when the first meeting of the committee is. He said that they had set eight stones in six counties. He is very proud of Britt Smith as he pulled off a great living history at the Home Place. The teachers appreciated the event. He noted that Willis, Randall and Britt represented the Camp at Barbourville and Wildcat.

Adjutant Brown gave the adjutant report, reminding everyone that dues of \$40 is now due. He also reported the loss of Camp member Danny Day, Sr., who lost his battle with cancer. Carlos gave the tombstone report, 1,266 stones set, 9 since last meeting, 8 are on the ground, 23 are ordered. He then talked about the Wise Cemetery. The Commander gave the Blacksmith Report, noting that they went to Ohio for an event, stating that the next meeting would be Tuesday at Willis' house. Danny will be setting up at Cornettsville for the reenactment there. The Commander took prayer request; Anthony will check on Lawrence Cook who has had a stroke. Wayne Watts said that the Letcher County High School wanted the Camp to perform a living history on Veteran's Day.

Anthony will be meeting with the Historical Society to tell them about the war in Eastern Kentucky. Leathan noted that there will be a story telling at Killing Rock at Pound Gap on October 28.

An auction was held to raise money for the Camp. Richard Brown asked the Trivia Questions. Leathan made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Mark seconded, motion passed.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM, at the Military Museum in Whitesburg.

Answers to the Trivia Questions

1. President of the important Baltimore and Ohio railroad, Garrett brought a curse on his company when he committed himself to helping the Federals. His railroad suffered continuous destruction by the Rebels.
2. The Memphis & Charleston, which would have linked the Mississippi with the Atlantic Coast.
3. The Manassas Gap Railroad, which swiftly carried Rebels to Bull Run, where they were victorious.
4. The Western and Atlantic.
5. The Baltimore and Ohio.
6. Not one.
7. The Richmond and Petersburg Railroad, connecting the capital with the vital rail nucleus at Petersburg.
8. The idea that Confederate railroad rails needed to be not just bent, but twisted to make them unusable, which was correct.
9. The Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, running from Bristol to Lynchburg.
10. The Weldon.

From the Journal of Captain Edward Guerrant
Thursday, November 17, 1864
Near Milford, Virginia
(in the Shenandoah Valley in support of General Early)

Waiting orders to return to southwestern Virginia. They appear to be slow in coming. We looked for them to come today, but they didn't. Staid in same camp, very pleasant day, warmer than the last several. Charlie Carter's horse having about "played out" (very much to his satisfaction)obtained an order to report to Col. Giltner in western Virginia and transportation, started this evening to Luray. A Lynchburg Republic constituted our mail this evening. I almost despair of hearing from Kentucky anymore. Cannot imagine the cause! Breckinridge has defeated the Enemy at Bull's Gap, East Tenn. And captured 200. Very Good. Forrest has burned up 4 gunboats, 14 transports and 20 barges at

Johnsonville, Tenn. Hood's army moving northward. Sherman's forces at Atlanta demonstrating some fighting. Lincoln reelected by a tremendous margin, say 225,000. McClellan only got New Jersey, Delaware, and Kentucky. Poor "Little Mack" he has resigned his commission in Lincoln's army. Good! Am really glad that Lincoln is elected. Believe that it is all for the best.

Financial Report

The Caudill Camp has approximately \$252.03 in our checking account. The savings account has \$811.22 in it. From our checking's, we will owe Rokie at least \$250 or more for the stone for Wolfe Cemetery.

AGENDA

1. Sergeant at Arms/Commander, Call the meeting to order.
2. Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Salute to the Confederate Flag.
4. Welcome all members and any guest.
5. Ancestral Roll Call.
6. State if a Quorum is present.
7. Reading and Approval of the previous minutes.
8. Officer's Comments.
9. Committee Reports, if any.
10. Old Business.
11. New Business/Open Floor
12. Trivia Questions
13. Adjourn