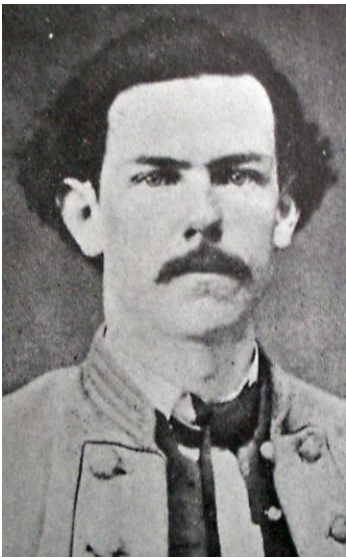
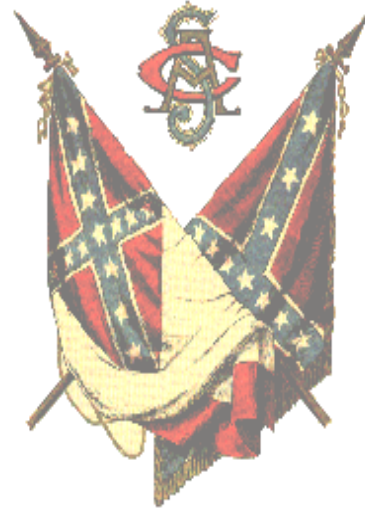

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State of Dade Booth at Tunnell Hill.



The arrival of the Federal Army at Tunnel Hill.



Special event at Tunnel Hill.



Raymond Evans represented the State of Dade Camp at the recent War Between the States festival at Chickamauga, Georgia.

What was the Purpose of the “Free Soil” Movement

Quote from Senator Jefferson Davis, Mississippi, in a speech delivered to the U. S. Senate in 1860.

“What do you propose, gentlemen of the free soil party? Do you propose to better the condition of the slave? Not at all. What then do you propose? You say you are opposed to the expansion of slavery. Is the slave to be benefited by it? Not at all. What then do you propose? It is not humanity that influences you in the position which you now occupy before the country. It is that you may have an opportunity of cheating us that you want to limit slave territory within circumscribed bounds. It is that you may have a majority in the Congress of the United States and convert the government into an engine of Northern aggrandizement. It is that your section may grow in power and prosperity upon treasures unjustly taken from the South, like the vampire bloated and gorged with the blood which it has secretly sucked from its victim. Your desire to weaken the political power of the Southern states, - and why? Because you want, by an unjust system of legislation, to promote the industry of the New England States, at the expense of the people of the South and their industry.”

Hispanic Month Tribute to Moses Ezekiel

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September through October is Hispanic History Month!

The Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans is commemorating the 150th Anniversary “Sesquicentennial” of the War Between the States. The death of Moses Ezekiel, the distinguished and greatly loved American sculptor, who lived in Rome for more than forty years, caused universal regret here---1921, The New York Times Dispatch from Rome.

Arlington National Cemetery is located in the shadow of the Custis-Lee Mansion (Arlington House) that was home to General Robert E. Lee and his family until 1861, and the beginning of the War Between the States. This cemetery was first used in 1864, for the burial of Union soldiers.

Tours, through this famous burial place of President Kennedy, General Wainwright and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, are conducted daily.

On June 4, 1914, the President of the U.S., Woodrow Wilson spoke at the dedication of a new Confederate memorial at section 16. The monument, to those Confederate soldiers who were re-interred there in 1900, has been called by some people as both striking and unique. This monument was trusted into safe keeping to the U.S. War Department by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1914.



MOSES EZEKIEL

Dr. Edward Smith, Professor of History at American University, has described this monument as probably the first to honor the Black Confederate soldiers. This monument includes a depiction of a Black Confederate marching in step with the white soldiers.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy commissioned a Jewish-Confederate Veteran, Sir Moses J. Ezekiel, to do the work on this monument. Some people say that he might have been the first Jewish-American to do this type of sculpture. It is written that the UDC was pleased with his work which depicts the multi-cultural makeup of the Confederate States of America.

Moses J. Ezekiel was born on October 28, 1844, in Richmond, Va. He was one of fourteen children born to Jacob and Catherine de Castro Ezekiel. He was born in a house on "Old Market Street" that is said to have been in the poorer side of town. His grandparents came to America from Holland in 1808, and were of Jewish-Spanish Heritage.

Ezekiel talked his parents into letting him attend Virginia Military Institute and he did enroll on September 17, 1862. Some people say, he was the first Jewish-American to enter there at this the school of General Stonewall Jackson.

After three years at VMI, Ezekiel saw military service during the War Between the States. The Cadets, of Virginia Military Institute, were called to support Confederate General John C. Breckenridge at the Battle of New Market, Virginia. Ezekiel joined his fellow cadets in the charge upon the Union lines.

Ezekiel, after the war, went on to finish his education at VMI. It was during this time that he had the fortune to meet General Robert E. Lee who was president of Washington College. Lee gave him the following words of encouragement in his quest to be an artist; quote

"I hope you will be an artist, as it seems to me that you are cut out for one. But, whatever you do, try to prove to the world that, even if we did not succeed in our struggle, we are worthy of success and do earn a reputation to whatever profession you undertake." unquote

Ezekiel would travel to Italy to study and work as an artist and would become known worldwide. He was honored by King Emmanuel who knighted him and gave him the distinction of "Sir Moses Jacob Ezekiel."

It was Ezekiel's wish to return to his native Virginia but World War I kept him from doing so. He spent his final days in Italy where he died in 1917. His remains were not brought back to the United States until 1921.

Among his many great works are: "Christ Bound for the Cross", "The Martyr", and "David Singing his Song of Glory."

His funeral service was held at the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. Cadets, of the Virginia Military Institute, stood by his casket that was draped with a flag of the United States. Ezekiel was buried at the base of the Confederate monument. Also buried around the monument are 450 Confederate soldiers, wives and civilians.

ANNUAL DUES

Dues payable August 1 of each year and are delinquent November 1 of each year.
Anyone who joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans before August has owed dues as of August the first.

I will be sending in DUES the last week of October

DUES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Sons of Confederate Veterans	\$30.00 per year
Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans	\$12.00 per year
State of Dade Camp #707	\$ 5.00 per year

TOTAL **\$47.00 per year**

This is your last chance!!!

If dues are sent to me after 1 November 2006 the Sons of Confederate Veterans will add a \$5.00 re-instatement fee for a total of \$52.00.

You may pay me at the meeting or mail your DUES to:

Larry D. Wheeler (Adjutant)
639 Canyon Park Dr.
Trenton, Georgia 30752-2640

Thank you for being a Son of the South. The South needs the support of all of her Sons.
Please continue your membership and support THE CAUSE.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.
Yours in Service to the South,

Larry W. Wheeler, Adjutant

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans: Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.



The Chaplain's Corner

It is easy to be nostalgic about the past. We can feel the very emotions we knew when living in a favorite house, even as we drive past it when visiting the former hometown.

Sometimes it is hard to give up the happiness of the past that we overlook the opportunities of the present, and are able to plan certain joys for the future. Forgetting the past is hard discipline, but a

necessary prerequisite for a new blessing.

Philippians 3:13 Forgetting those things which are behind.

May God Bless,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 9-10: New Salem Art Show: The annual New Salem Art Show will be held on Lookout Mountain on Saturday and Sunday October 9-10, 2010. The Camp 707 sales booth will be set up and this is our last sales event of the year. This is always a relaxed and fun event. It is hoped that all State of Dade members can plan to come and spend the one or both days with us. We need help on Saturday.
- October 19: Camp Meeting: The October 2011 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at Ben Brandon's Target Range. The Range has a site at www.ontargetfoxmtn.com and is located in Rising Fawn GA. Bring your firearms for shooting practice at 5:00PM We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat! Call 298-4544 for directions.
- Nov.12th: Veteran's Day Parade. The Veteran's Day Parade will be November 12th, 2011. starting at 10:00A.M.. More information will be given at the camp meeting. The Trenton Christmas parade will be the first Saturday in December.



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