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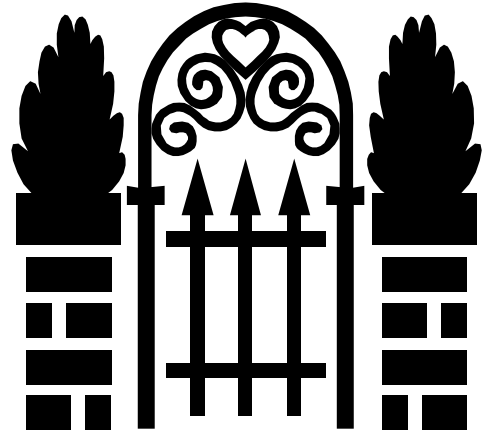
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Florida

Statehood: March 3rd, 1845 Left the Union: January 10th, 1861

Public meetings held in the towns and settlements of Florida adopted resolutions calling for state action on the course to be followed toward separation from the union. On November 8th, 1860 a public meeting at Fernandina went on record with the declaration that Lincoln's election was the first step in the dissolution of the union and a similar meeting in Jefferson county favored secession if necessary to protect Southern rights. A St. Augustine meeting of November 17, and one at Ocala November 26, added their resolutions to the General Assembly to provide for a "Convention of Delegates" to consider the expediency of dissolving our connection with the Federal Union. In General, the erstwhile Whigs joined the Democrats in denouncing the selection of Lincoln.

On November 26, 1860 the General Assembly convened in regular session at Tallahassee. Governor Madison Perry devoted his entire message to the necessity for secession at once. The governor asked the legislature to enact legislation for the election of delegates to a constituent assembly which, in turn, might take proper action toward pro-



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tecting the rights of the people of Florida. Perry also recommended reorganization of the state militia and the appropriation of \$100,000 as a military fund for the ensuing year. Governor Perry then traveled to South Carolina to arrange for the purchase of guns and ammunition and to meet with other southern leaders who had assembled there to observe the secession convention in the Pal-

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The character of the 39th Congress

The more things change, the more they stay the same

The fathers were honest men who sacrificed themselves for the public good. In the earlier history of the country our statesmen lived and died poor, and only those of large estates and liberal patrimonies when they entered public life, retired with a competency, and a large number died insolvent.

The Congressmen we elect leave us poor, sell our votes to Eastern capitalists, come home rich, prepared to buy up our lands when they

are sold for taxes. They would gladly keep the people cutting each other's throats - quarreling about other men's business; whilst they sell our birthright for a mess of pottage.

Never did a more wretched constituency of fanatics elect a representation of more arrant knaves and impracticable fools; never was there such a hybrid cross between villainy and stupidity. They went to Congress poor, came

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back rich. They were cunning villains, who, if accepting bribes, knew how to cover up every trace of their wickedness and corruption; defy investigation, investigate their own rascality, and declare themselves acquitted.

Our Congressmen grew prematurely rich. One only yesterday was a poor man, a schoolmaster and Methodist preacher. He now lives in a palatial mansion in Washington city, and condescends to visit his home occasionally to spend a few days in another magnificent baronage. Another was poor, never had heavy cases or large fees; he is now President of a bank, and very wealthy. Both of these gentlemen were losing money on their salaries, and therefore excused themselves for adding two thousand dollars per annum to their former salaries, and therefore excused themselves for adding two thousand dollars to their former salaries.

This is the history of the whole Congress. How did they make their money? Where did they get their bank stock? How did they get it? You must ask manufacturers how they got their tariffs; you must ask railroads how they got their lands; that may give you light. Did these gentlemen take open bribes? Certainly not; they are entirely too shrewd for all that. They saw other gen-

tleman in Congress get expelled for that folly. But liberal gentlemen always make presents to their friends. It is enough to know that your Congressmen are rich, and you are poor. Before they went to Congress, you were rich and they were poor. Something wrought the change. But they did not get enough to pay their expenses - were actually losing money - and voted themselves four thousand dollars each, for past services, to pay expenses. But where did they get the money? I leave this for you to answer. One-half you make has been given to the manufacturer to pay tariffs. Could not the manufacturers afford to make presents to the men who presented them with at least half of all your earnings? The bondholder gets a heavy allowance. Could he not afford to make these gentlemen a present? The railroad companies get manors and millions of acres and bonds, through their votes. Could not they afford to divide out liberally with the voter? Steamships get contracts of immense profit. Won't they contribute somewhat? Telegraph companies make fortunes. Won't they contribute to save a poor congressman from penury and want?

This much, however, you know, that you pay taxes and are poor, and they receive salaries, paid with your taxes, and are rich,

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The Union's Total War Policy

The strict conditions for legitimate defense by military force require rigorous consideration. The gravity of such a decision makes it subject to rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy.

Total war differs from the Christian concept of limited war in its erosion of the distinction between combatants and noncombatants.

Total War is war on an entire society, often escalation by degree according to military or political expediency or desire for vengeance on a demonized enemy. Total War pursues victory and dominance by whatever means without regard to moral or humanitarian considerations.

United States General William T. Sherman, perhaps the most famous practitioner and champion of Total War, summed up the Total War philosophy that prevailed in Washington by saying, "This war differs from other wars, in this particular. We are not fighting armies, but a hostile people and must make old and young, rich and poor, feel the hard hand of war."

In January of 1864 Sherman opined that "The government of the United States has any and all rights which they choose to enforce in war -- to take their lives, their homes, their land, their everything -- war is simply unrestrained by the Constitution ... to the persistent se-

cessionist, why death is mercy, and the quicker he or she is disposed of the better."

Continuing his hatred of those he considered the enemy, he wrote in June of that same year to like-minded Secretary of War Edwin Stanton that: "There is a class of people, men, women and children, who must be killed or banished before you can hope for peace and order."

This was the prevailing sentiment of the United States against the Southern people some 140 years ago. An attitude conspicuously absent from study in contemporary education.

Today, there is much controversy regarding the war policy of the United States. However, one thing's for sure; while the sword has been sheathed and the battlefield has been militarily quiet for many decades, the animosity, hostility and bitterness against the Southland persists. Reconstruction was more than a horror of military domination and economic exploitation. It was and is a program of ideological and ethnic cleansing through re-education, which continues to damage the American people in our own time.

Thanks to Mike Scruggs for the inspiration

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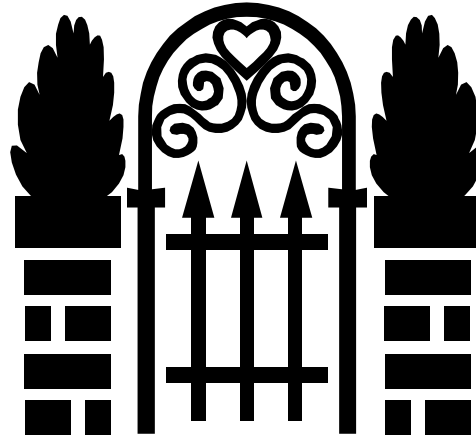
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and make bankers and manufactures rich by their votes.

These men, whose sworn duty is to maintain the public peace, after having sold their votes for gain, fear the inquiry and investigation of the people, and cry offensive names of "copperhead," "secesh," "rebel," etc., to avert the curses of the people from their own to the heads of others. So long as they could keep the country engaged in actual warfare, they had the most perfect immunity of murder, arson and robbery. Peace would promptly arrest their crimes and their profit together. But unlike high-minded highwaymen, who rob only their enemies, these Congressmen rob their friends whilst they butcher their enemies, and leave devastation in their pathway, to attest their success in the prosecution of the purposes of their ambition. In the present Congress you have no hope. The men who compose it have your ruin deliberated. They have sought the public treasury as a means of enriching their private purse. They have used the public sword to gratify their private personal malice. They have employed the halls of Congress to de-

fame the American people, and have covertly prostituted every sacred principle of law and liberty, to elevate themselves upon a pedestal imbedded in the ashes of the Constitution, sprinkled with the blood of the people. Your only hope is in yourselves - your thorough, and complete, and compact organization, in sending to represent you men of ability and integrity, who love liberty and fear God.

Judge Henry Clay Dean, 1868



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A Biblical Admonition

"Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture!", declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 23:1)

Through Jeremiah, God warns the country's negligent shepherds. In this case, shepherds becomes a metaphor for government officials, rather than religious leaders, who are constantly open to the temptation to take care of themselves instead of the needs of the people.

Camp Meeting Update

The November Meeting of SCV Camp 745 was held at The Pig Restaurant on November 2H. A new slated of officers for 2006 was elected.

There were approximately 40 members and guests present. Paymaster Fred Sanders gave a report on our finances and verified addresses of members. Mike Tubbs gave a update on our Color Guard and announced the next practice would be held on November 27th. Discussion was held on preparation for SCV and OCR participation in the Callahan Christmas Parade on Dec. 3rd. Volunteers are needed Dec. 1st and 2nd to help prepare and decorate the float. Contact Mrs. Woody at 904-879-7348 if you can help.

New members Cadet Ryan Dapprich and member Gordon Matthews were sworn in during this meeting.

Brigade Commander Earl Green was in attendance and talked about the 2006 SCV Florida State re-union to

Be held in Lake City . and the need for all Camps in our brigade to participate.

The contest for the Confederate Sword Replica ended in October. The winner was OCR member Mrs. Janice Sain, with A total of 1850 points earned. Congratulations to Mrs. Sain for her participation and hard work .

Also thanks to Compatriot Andy Smith for his presentation and lecture on Confederate money during the War for Southern Independence at our October meeting.



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Historical Quiz

On January 1, 1776, General George Washington, Commander in Chief of the Continental Army unfurled the first "American" flag. The field consisted of 13 alternating red and white stripes. What was displayed in the canton (upper left portion)?

Mail your answer to: **Historical Quiz, P.O. Box 37338, Jacksonville, Florida 32236**, or send an email to: neflos@net-host.net. The first correct answer will win a free Florida State Flag, suitable for outdoor display of your patriotism.

Answer to last quiz:

The word "person" was declared by the U. S. Supreme Court in 1884 to be "not merely subject in some respect or degree to the jurisdiction of the United States, but completely subject".

On what document did the Court base it's decree?

Answer: The Court used the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on which to base it's ruling.

Separatist Movement Alive in Duval County?

On Wednesday, October 18, *Florida Times Union* columnist **Tonyaa Weathersbee** editorialized on the increase in local scholarships to Hispanics.

She opined that Hispanics "are adding more cultural richness to the area ... with new radio stations and publications popping up everywhere. Hispanic Americans have also, for the first time, formed their own chamber of commerce."

Is our own Southern culture so lacking that we need more richness? While some

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embrace foreign culture in our midst, many mainstream citizens criticize minority immigrants for their separatist attitude and unwillingness to assimilate and to be inclusive.

Are separate social and civic organizations the right way to go for those who settle here from different cultures?

Give it some thought and then ...

Ya'll make the call.

We Call Them Southrons

The Southern people are the descendants of men who marched twenty miles in the heat of August, subsisted on rations that would not fill the belly of a child, fought an enemy that outnumbered them three-to-one, and won the day. They are a patient people, jealous of their freedoms, and determined to succeed.



The Southern Spirit

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Mallory decries "injustice and insecurity"

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metto State.

The news of secession in Florida reached Washington by telegraph; Senator David Levy Yulee and Senator Stephen Mallory refrained from participation in the proceedings of the Senate, but did not make a formal withdrawal until January 21st. In his farewell speech Senator Yulee reminded the Senate that one of the conditions of the cession of Florida from Spain to the United States was that the residents of the territory should be admitted into the union on terms of equality with the citizens of that nation. Thus, in seceding, Florida was exercising the equality

gained on entrance in the union in 1845. Senator Mallory was more eloquent when he said: "From the Union, governed by the Constitution as our fathers made it, there breathes not a secessionist upon her soil, but a deep sense of injustice and insecurity... is brought home to the reason and patriotism of her people; and to secure and maintain these rights which the Constitution no longer accords them." Mallory concluded with the statement: "We seek not to war upon, or to conquer you; and we know that you cannot conquer us."

With more than 15,000 men, Florida provided the highest percentage of

available men, from any Confederate state, to the Confederacy. These troops were organized into eleven regiments of infantry, two regiments of cavalry, and many smaller units, including artillery, home-guard, militia and the Cow Cavalry. Our Florida men fought in most of the major battles, including the 2nd Manassas, Antietam, Chickamauga, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Petersburg, Sharpsburg, and the Appomattox Campaign. Over 5,000 Florida soldiers lost their lives in the war and nearly an equal number were captured and imprisoned until the end of the war. Florida had the highest per capita casualty rate of any of the Confederate States.

Reliving Florida's Past

JANUARY 3 1861 Delegates to the Florida Secession Convention meet in Tallahassee to take up the question of secession. Edmund Ruffin of Virginia arrives to confer with Governor Madison Starke Perry and members of the convention.

JANUARY 5 1861 The Florida Secession Convention reconvenes today. John C. McGehee, a passionate state-rights planter from Madison County, is elected permanent chairman. McQueen Macintosh of Apalachicola introduces a resolution declaring Florida's right to secede and urges the passage of a proclamation declaring the state is no longer a part of the United States. The following day U.S. Senator Stephen F. Mallory of Florida recommends that the state's Secession Convention secede. This declaration followed a caucus of Southern senators called by Jefferson Davis and John Slidell of Mississippi.

JANUARY 10 1839 The first

Florida Constitution was adopted in the assembly at St. Joseph's (Tallahassee) today and signed by members of the constitutional convention on the day after. Although



the document would not become the law of the land in 1839, it provided the basic framework for the first state constitution in 1845

JANUARY 11 1861 The Ordinance of Secession, approved by the Secession Convention yesterday, was signed today. Florida became

an "independent nation" until it joined the Confederate States of America on January 28. Soon-to-be governor, John Milton, unfurls the new flag of Florida, a white silk banner with three stars. The stars represent the three southern states, which have seceded-South Carolina, Mississippi, and Florida.

JANUARY 24 1989 Convicted serial killer Theodore Bundy was executed today in Starke's Raiford Prison. Bundy died from electrocution in "Old Smokey." On July 23, 1979, Bundy was convicted of the murder of two co-eds at Florida State University. During a period of 15 years, it is suspected that Bundy killed more than thirty young women in Washington, Utah, Colorado, and Florida.

JANUARY 25 1814 Petitioners representing the "Republic of East Florida" asked Congress to admit their republic, with its capital at Fernandina, into the Union. They were unsuccessful in their quest.

Dates to Remember

- **Jan. 15** - Camp 745 Monthly Meeting
- **Jan. 19** - Robert E. Lee 200th Birthday.
- **Jan. 27** - Robert E. Lee 200th Birthday Celebration. St. Augustine. Contact Jim Davis, 904-797-2686 scvcamp1316@att.net

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OCR News and Events

Lt. Edward K. Johnston, CSN Camp 745 Sons of Confederate Veterans and Rebecca J. Higginbotham Jones Chapter 6 Order of Confederate Rose Christmas party:

Time 7:00PM, December 9, 2005 Location: Callahan County Building, Callahan, Florida

There will be a one hour program of music and possibly some games, a buffet of finger foods, desserts and drinks. It will be a time of good fellowship, eating and fun. Presents will be provided for children 12 and under. For those adults who wish to participate in gift giving: men, please bring a gift for a man and ladies, please bring a gift, for a lady. A limit of \$10:00 maximum on gifts please. Tickets will be sold for a chance to win a beautiful quilt made by Patti Sanders.

Period dress is appreciated, but not required. We are expecting to have a great time no matter how you are dressed.

Please notify Lana Woody at 904-879-7348 ASAP or email her at: flajaglady@alltel.net if you and your family will be able to attend. Volunteers are needed to bring finger foods and desserts. Drinks and buffalo wings will be provided.



Have a Happy and Holy Christmas

Directions to County Building:

From Pig Restaurant in Callahan, go left to stop light and thru intersection two blocks to caution light on Hwy 301 turn right on Mickler Street. The County building is in the second block on the left across from Teenie's Beauty shop.

Southern Heritage News

Victories and Battles

Alabama:

The Lawrence County Commission has voted to allow a Southern Heritage group,

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, to erect a monument to the county's Confederate soldiers on the courthouse lawn.

Jacksonville, Florida:

There is trouble brewing in Jacksonville. The NAACP has decided that they want to change the names of 2 high schools. One being the Robert E. Lee (built in 1929) and the other being Nathan B. Forrest.

Of course, (in the eyes of the NAACP) ties to the Confederate States of America is what makes

these men un-deserving of having a school named in their honor.

Hate Mongers:

"We are going to exterminate white people because that in my estimation is the only conclusion I have come to. We have to exterminate white people off the face of the planet to solve this problem" **Dr.**

Kamau Kambon.

Kamau Kambon is author several books and runs the *Blacknificent Bookstore* in Raleigh, N.C.

The South

"The South is a land that has known sorrows; it is a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with tears; a land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and billowed with the graves of her dead; but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories.

Edward Carmack, (1858-1908)
United States House of
Representatives
Representative and Senator from
Tennessee

"To that land every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever. I was born of her womb; I was nurtured at her breast; and when my last hour shall come, I pray GOD that I may be pillowed upon her bosom and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms."

A Challenge to all Southerners

"The cause in which we are engaged is the cause of the advocacy of rights to which we were born, those for which our fathers of the Revolution bled - the richest inheritance that ever fell to man, and which it is our sacred duty to transmit untarnished to our children. Upon us is devolved the high and holy responsibility



of preserving the Constitutional liberty of a free government."

Can anyone among us say it isn't so today?

President Jefferson Davis, June 1, 1861

Spotswood Hotel, Richmond

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Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

“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. Are you ready to die for your country? Is your life worthy to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourself the greatness of soul?”

Not in the clamor of the crowded street,
Not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng,
But in ourselves are triumph and defeat”

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General. United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

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