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"It is our duty to keep the memory of our heroes green." Jefferson Davis



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even if no one believes it
a LIE is a LIE
even if everyone believes it

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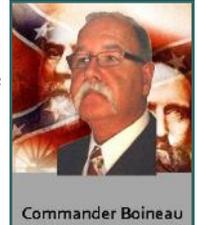
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Compatriots and friends,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all doing well in spite of the abundance of negativity that is going around these days. Be of good cheer and hold onto what is right and encourage one another; that is how we will prevail. God will vindicate - Deo Vindice.



Commander Boineau

We had the good fortune to have as our guests Jeff and Michael Cook at our last meeting; we hope that they will return and we can move their paper-work forward. We, like the Marine Corps, are looking for a few good men. If they happen to be younger and full of energy, so much the better.

We continue to march with Sherman, or should I say, "shadow his movements" as he passed through our area in 1865? At the last meeting we examined his activities around Hickory Hill and at our October meeting we move to Whippy Swamp and Barker's Mill. Join us, won't you? Bart will be our guide.

We made the decision to have a Glock 43 9mm with night sights as our next raffle prize. More information is on the last page of this newsletter.

I hope to see you at Barker's Mill on the 16th; come and bring a friend.

Compatriots,

On the night of August 30, a group of unknown cowards toppled and destroyed the Screven County, GA Confederate Monument. The monument was originally erected by the UDC and SCV in 1909, and has been in the cemetery since the 1950s. Investigators say a reward will help those who know something come forward. We have raised almost \$10,000, but need your help to turn up the heat. We must catch those guilty of this heinous crime! We must set an example for others who wish to erase American history. Remember, an attack on the Confederate soldier's good name is a personal attack on your family.

We thank you in advance for your courage and generosity. If you prefer a return of the unused reward money due to lack of an arrest and conviction, please indicate that on the memo line of the check.

Please remit checks to:

SCV Camp #549
141 Bell Pond Road
Sylvania, GA 30467

Sincerely,
Adam Bazemore
Commander
Black Creek Volunteers Camp #549
Sons of Confederate Veterans



Broken, but not defeated

What We Need

A noted university professor has given his thoughts as to what the greatest need for our nation is. After considerable thought on the subject he said, "I could give you a variety of answers all the way from tax relief to disarmament. . . . But I believe that the greatest need we have at this hour is a spiritual awakening that will restore individual and collective morals and integrity throughout the nation."

Admit it or not the heart of the world is longing for peace, for reality and for God. The Prophet Habakkuk once stood in the midst of a people who had been showered with every conceivable blessing but who had lost their spiritual sanity, and he cried, "**O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years!**" (Habakkuk 3:2). That is the heart cry of thousands of people everywhere. It is our greatest need.

"But how," you may ask, "do we achieve renewal and revival? What are the steps to spiritual awakening?" First, there must be earnest prayer. Second, we must forsake our sins. Third, God must be real to us.

The church, we who call ourselves by His name and trust in His perfect sacrifice for salvation, hold the key to revival. It is within our grasp. Will we rise to the challenge?



Deo Vindice!

A Simple Testimony to a Life Well Lived – Doctor Benjamin W. Lawton

The following is a timeline of the life of Doctor Benjamin W. Lawton a signer of the South Carolina Ordinance of Secession.

09/22/1822 - Born, St. Helena Island, Beaufort District, SC [father: Joseph James Lawton (1777-1858); mother: Phebe Jane Mosse (1781-1858)]

1841-1843 - Attended, Medical College of the State of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

1843 - M.D. degree, Medical College of the State of South Carolina, Charleston, SC (from: Barnwell District, SC; preceptors: Drs. John Edward Holbrook and Thomas Lewis Ogier, Sr.; Thesis: "Physiology of Digestion")

00/00/1845 - Married, Josephine Barksdale Polhill

08/05/1850 - Practiced medicine, Barnwell District, SC (living with wife, Josephine, and two children - indexed in the 1850 U.S. Census as B. W. Lawton)

09/21/1858 - Mother, Phebe, died in Allendale, SC

09/23/1859 - Father, Joseph, died in Allendale, SC

09/15/1860 - Practiced medicine, Barnwell District, SC (living with wife, J.B., and five children - indexed in the 1860 U.S. Census as B. W. Lawton)

12/20/1860 - Signed South Carolina Ordinance of Secession

03/28/1862 - Enlisted as Capt., Capt. B. W. Lawton's Co., (Barnwell Dragoons), South Carolina Volunteers [This unit subsequently became Co. D, 3rd SC Cavalry.], Hardeeville, SC

03/14/1862 - Capt., Barnwell Dragoons, Hardeeville, SC

05/00/1862 - Capt., Co. A, 2nd Battalion SC Cavalry [This unit subsequently became Co. D, 3rd SC Cavalry.]

05/30/1862 - As Capt., Barnwell Dragoons, submitted a requisition for one pound of tallow candles, "I have a prisoner in the guard tent and the candles are required expressly for the use of the guard tent"

07/14/1862 - Capt. 2nd Battalion Cavalry, South Carolina Volunteers, Hardeeville, SC

12/00/1862 - As a South Carolina State Senator, absent from the 3rd SC Cavalry to attend the session of the South Carolina State Legislature

02/00/1863 - Capt., Co. D, 3rd SC Cavalry, Provisional Army of the Confederate States

03/00/1863 - Received the following letter from Grahamville, [SC], dated 03/02/1863, "Dear Sir, We the citizens of the lower part of Barnwell Dist desire again to appeal to you to resign your commission in the Army and resume in our midst the practice of your profession. For the past eighteen years you have been practicing medicine in most of our families, until your name has become a household word. You have familiarized yourself with the constitutions of the different members of our families and we feel the utmost confidence in your ability to administer correctly to our necessities when weighed down by the hand of disease. But there are



Dr. Benjamin W. Lawton

other relations in which your absence is most keenly felt. You have always given to the poor and made their wants your care. In this time of need and destitution among that class, your presence in the community would be of incalculable advantage. To say nothing of the scarcity of men in this Section, your influence in the District is very much needed, and your active & zealous efforts in ameliorating the condition of our poor Soldiers abroad, and their suffering families at home, would, we are sure more than compensate the Confederacy for your loss as an officer. We know the motives that influenced you to abandon your practice and raise a company for Confederate Service were pure and patriotic. You raised a large company, when perhaps no other individual in the District could have succeeded. You have led it forth into the field well officered & well disciplined. We know all those of your lieutenants to be gentlemen possessing military attainments of the very first order. Your 1st Lt. having commanded a cavalry corps for ten years previous to the opening of hostilities and the other two having received military educations. Independent of your medical profession your age and your position as a member of the State Senate fully exempt you from conscription. We therefore earnestly intreat you to come back and relieve our daily pressing necessities. In a very short time we shall be left wholly destitute of a medical advisor as the only physicians within twenty miles of our neighborhood are young men liable to military duty. With are [sic] earnest hope that this petition may touch your Sympathies and induce you at once to resign your position as Captain in the Army, and return to minister to the necessities of the Sick and Suffering among your old patrons. And your petitioners will ever pray (Fifty nine signatures)"

03/02/1863 - In a letter from Camp Moultrie, SC, to Col. C. J. Colcock [commanding, 3rd SC Cavalry], "Sir, Annexed you will find a copy of a petition recently handed me by one of the signers (the original being also inclosed for your examination). This appeal has more than once been made to me, and I have as often resisted it; but I cannot under existing circumstances, refuse to yield to the wished of a community who are to left wholly destitute of medical assistance. Small Pox, that dread scourge [sic] of the human family, is now prevailing within four miles of my wife & children. I have a widowed, and a maiden sister, whose slaves together with my own, number over one hundred, and yet on neither of our three plantations (all of which adjoin) is there a white man to discipline the negroes. I have made repeated efforts to secure the services of an overseer, but have failed in every instance. In leaving my company I feel assured that I yield command to a Lieutenant whose tastes & abilities peculiarly fit him for the position which I have so imperfectly filled. Without enlarging as to other motives which tend to influence my decision, I herewith most respectfully, yet unconditionally tender you my resignation of Company D, 3rd Regt. Cavalry, S. C. V. Very Respectfully &c, B. W. Lawton, Capt., Co. D, 3rd Regt. Cav. S.C.V."

03/08/1863 - Capt., Co. D, 3rd SC Cavalry, Grahamville, SC

03/13/1863 - Tendered resignation from the Confederate States Army

03/19/1863 - Resignation accepted from the Confederate States Army

05/07/1863 - On a Certificate of Disability prepared in Barnwell, SC, "This is to certify that I have examined Sergt E. W. Miller of Co K, 20 Georgia Regt of Volunteers, who was wounded on the 17th day of Sept last at the battle of Sharpesburg [sic - Sharpsburg] and find that he [is] suffering from [a] compound fracture of the shoulder blade, which in my opinion will never reunite - hence he has little or no use of his right arm and his general health is suffering to a corresponding degree. Sergt Miller seems anxious to serve his country, but cannot do so in the ranks. I take pleasure in recommending him to the consideration of the Secretary of war for an appointment as Qr Master or Asst. Qr Master. He is every way qualified for the Post. Very Respectfully, B. W. Lawton M.D."

11/25/1863 - One gray horse was impressed by Confederate Capt. G. H. Kirkland, for the use of the Confederate Army at residence of B. W. Lawton, Esqr., Barnwell Dist., State of South Carolina which was valued at \$500. [Dr. Lawton was reimbursed \$500 for the loss of this animal on December 16, 1863]

02/00/1865 - House in Allendale, SC, "torched by Gen. Sherman's forces" and "all Lawton's possessions dissolved in flames"

09/01/1870 - Farmer and Merchant, Bullpond Township No. 1, Barnwell Co., SC (living with wife, "Joseph B." and seven children - indexed in the 1870 U.S. Census as "Benjamin W. Lawton")

08/05/1879 - Died, after a short but intensely painful illness, Allendale, Allendale Co., SC (buried: Smyrna Baptist Church Cemetery, Allendale, SC)

11/20/1900 - Widow, Josephine, died

Anna O'Quinn Richter and Sonya Eason provided input to this biography.

This biographical sketch is from: Hambrecht, F.T. & Koste, J.L., Biographical register of physicians who served the Confederacy in a medical capacity.

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Camp No. 842 Calendar

Oct 16	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
Nov 10	Dedication of SC Signer's Monument
Nov 20	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
Dec 18	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
Dec 25	Merry Christmas
Jan 15, 2019	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM

Glock GLK 43 9MM PST 6RD GNS

- Model: 43
- Caliber: 9MM
- Action: Safe Action
- Capacity: 6+1
- Finish: Black Matte
- Stock: Black Polymer
- Sights: Glock Night Sights
- Barrel: 3.39 Length Overall: 6.26



**More
raffle info
soon!**

BE A PART OF HISTORY !

Be in attendance on



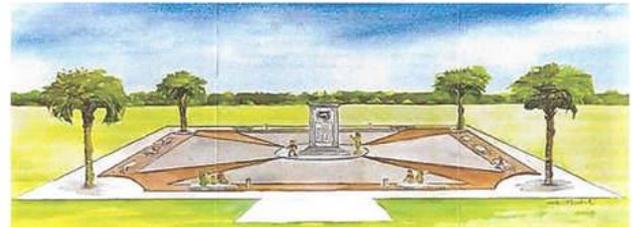
November 10, 2018



in Abbeville, SC for a

Monument Dedication Ceremony

An edifice erected to honor the 170 duly elected men, who risked their lives, families, & fortunes to decide the best action to protect South Carolina citizens from an un-fair & over-bearing government.



Parade steps off at 1:00PM from the town square with unveiling & dedication at Secession Hill

(Festivities to include period dress, music, cannon, & musketry)

Check website for updates at www.scsignersmonument.com

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A once in a lifetime event!!! See you there!!!

194 and Counting!