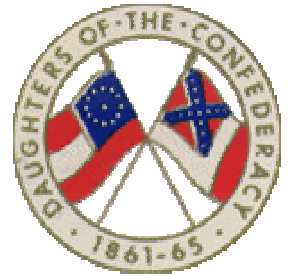




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Chapter News

Nine members of the Jubal Early Chapter of the UDC attended the 109th Annual Virginia Division Convention at the Holiday Inn Select in Lynchburg October 7 - 10th. Special guest at the Convention was Mrs. Pat Limpus, President General, UDC. Attendance was 237 and the Jubal Early Chapter had the second highest attendance at the Convention

Linda All served as Chairman of Pages with Hazel, Ditty and Martha serving as pages. Ditty served as one of the President's Pages.

Linda Nezbeth was Credentials Chairman and was assisted by Hazel, Sissy and Linda Stanley. Paula, Martha, Sissy, Frances and Linda Stanley assisted at the Sales Table. Approximately four hundred dollars was raised for our Chapter.

The Jubal Early Chapter was moved from Third District to First District and our new District Chairman is Mrs. Ramsey McNeil, who is with the Hamilton Wade Chapter in Christiansburg. Our Chapter also won awards for Membership Development, Best Newsletter, and Third District won the Minnie C. Eller Banner, which is awarded annually to the District that has compiled the greatest number of points in overall Chapter work in achieving the goals and objectives of the organization.

This was by-laws year and several changes were made to the by-laws, most significant was: Increasing the number of Honorary Division Presidents from 5 to 8. Mrs. Joanne Lipscomb was this year's honoree.

Yearbooks are ready and will be distributed at the November meeting. If you have not received yours they can only be picked up at the meetings.

Robert "Red" Barbour, Commander of the SCV will be our speaker at the November meeting. Linda All will give the program in December on Victorian Christmas. That meeting will be held at the home of Martha Hubbard in Rocky Mount. Details will be announced at the November meeting.

Donations will be taken for the Veterans Christmas Tree at the November meeting and members should plan to bring their Christmas Cards to the Veterans at this meeting as well.

Membership dues are due to Hazel by the December meeting. Dues are now \$45.00 and include the magazine, Minutes and yearbook. Please make checks payable to Jubal Early Chapter, UDC and mail to Hazel Davis or you can bring them to the November meeting.



Linda Nezbeth and Linda Stanley at the Credentials Table.



Paula returns to her seat after presenting the Confederate and "Green" flags to the Vice President & Treasurer.



LtoR: Claudia Deans, Linda N. and Hazel Davis at the Registration table.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 20, - 6:00 p.m. - SCV Christmas Party. - Woodmen of the World Building, Peters Creek Rd., Roanoke.



November Meeting
Sat., Nov. 13, 2004 - 12:00 noon
The Franklin Restaurant
See you there!

Confederate Ancestor of the Month



Each month the Jubal Early Chapter of the UDC features a Confederate Ancestor. The "Ancestor of the Month" for October 2004 is Samuel E. Wertz. The Jubal Early Chapter is proud to present his story.

Samuel E. Wertz

Samuel E. Wertz was born on 3 September 1841 in Franklin County, the son of Isaac (1813 - 1891) and Rebecca Wertz. Rebecca (1798-1884) was the daughter of Jacob and Angeline Eller.

Samuel was one of five children born to Isaac and Rebecca. Other siblings were Magadaline, born circa 1833, she married 16 September 1856 to Henry Laprade; Ann, born circa 1835, married 8 March 1853 to Abraham Barnhart; Catherine, born circa 1836, married Samuel Ferguson 27 January 1858 in Roanoke; and Noah, born circa 1841. Noah married Judith Chitwood 14 February 1867. Noah died 8 October 1873 and; Judith married second to Adam Wertz in Roanoke 4 November 1875.

On 16 January 1861, Samuel married Barbara Ann Sink, daughter of Jonathan and Susan Sink. Just three months later Samuel, along with his brother Noah, enlisted 21 April 1862 in Suffolk, Virginia in Company A, 53rd Virginia Infantry. Two months later, Samuel was listed as being Sick in Camp, AWOL on 1 September 1862 (his oldest child was born about this time) and again on 6 August 1863. It is interesting to note that Noah was listed as AWOL and having been arrested at the same time. Both returned to duty, Samuel in August and Noah in September, 1863. Samuel was surrendered on 9 April 1865 at Appomattox.

The Wertz family owned most of the land in what is now Wertz. Sam and Barbara would have at least three children: Irene, born circa 1862; Isaac, born circa 1863 and Sallie; born circa 1865. Shown living in their home in the 1870 census was his niece, Rebecca Wertz, age 13 and farmhand, William Charlton, age 26.

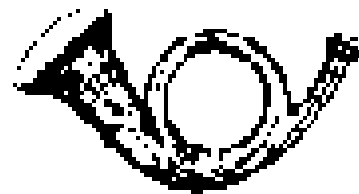
When the N&W Railway was being built between Roanoke and Rocky Mount, stations were established every few miles and many of the men who worked laying tracks and building railroad bridges boarded at the home of Samuel and Susan. Railroad officials so admired Wertz they decided to name the station and village for him, misspelling his



Samuel E. Wertz

last name as "Wirtz." The community surrounding the station and the post office adopted the name... misspelling and all! Hence the town of **Wirtz**.

Barbara died on 22 November 1931 and Samuel died on 8 August 1928. Records indicate that Samuel died in Frederick County, Virginia on 6 August 1928, however, his tombstone lists his date of death as August 6th. Both are buried in the Germantown Brick Church of the Brethern just off Rt. 220 in Franklin County near Isaac and Rebecca.



Convention Photographs



Linda Nezbeth gives the first of four Credentials Reports to the assembly.



Ditty in center, escorts Ms. Joseph Rushbrooke to the podium with Division President, Dolores C. Smith. Mrs. Rushbrooke, who is 102 years old is a member of the Kirkwood Otey Chapter and led the assembly in the Salute to "Old Glory", the Confederate flag.



Paula makes a sale. You go girl!



Ditty and Frances are hard at work at the sales table.



Linda All (left) introduces the pages to the convention. Martha is shown on far right.



LtoR: Linda N., Linda S., Hazel, Sissy, Paula, Martha and Frances at Presidents' Evening Dinner. Also present were Linda All and Ditty Speed.