

# Jubal Early Chapter 553

## Newsletter

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#### Chapter News

Members met in the Children's Reading Room at the Franklin County Library on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Prospective member, Melanie Webster is currently working on her application to join our Chapter under her third great-Uncle, Jacob Spangler who served in Co. C, 54<sup>th</sup> Va. Infantry.

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virginia Division Convention was held at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Richmond from October 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>. Election of Division Officers was held and are as follows:

President	-	Ms. Ginger Stephens
V.P.	-	Mrs. Patt Graves
2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P.	-	Deborah Mullins
3 <sup>rd</sup> V.P.	-	Mary Wasenko
Recording Sec.	-	Mrs. Carla Waldron
Treasurer	-	Mrs. Debbie Thomas
Registrar	-	Mrs. Pamela Taylor
Asst. Registrar	-	Mrs. Rebecca Ferguson

Members voted to donate \$200 toward wreaths for this year's Wreaths Across America project, which will be held Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Old City Cemetery in Lynchburg.

Seven members participated in a program at Burnt Chimney Elementary School October 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Members in period attire spoke to several classes of fifth graders from Franklin County on "Life in the 1860s".

**Please note: Membership Dues are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. They have increased this year and are now \$50 per year which include the UDC Magazine. Please make checks payable to Jubal Early 553, UDC and mail to Treasurer, Ms. Arlene Cundiff. A re-activation fee will be required after Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.**



*Burnt Chimney School Program: pictured above, from left: Doris Eames (seated left), standing are: Beverly Woody, Marcia Bauserman, Linda Nezbeth, Paul Nezbeth, Martha Hubbard, Linda Stanley and Janet West.*

#### Other News

Members have been invited to attend a presentation by Carl Jackson to The Campbell Guards SCV Camp on Nov. 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Rustburg Courthouse in Rustburg. The topic will be an overview of the CSA Post Office Dept., a short biography of Confederate Postmaster General John Henninger Reagan, and the postage stamps of the CSA.

#### Upcoming Events

Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m.	-	Old Rustburg Courthouse
Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.	-	Holiday Remembrance
		High St. Cemetery
Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Wreaths Across America

**November Meeting**  
**Sat., Nov. 11th – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Franklin County Library**  
**Rocky Mount**

# 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 2017 is Skelton Coleman. The Jubal Early Chapter is proud to present his story.

## Skelton Coleman

Skelton was the fifth of nine children born to Samuel E. and Priscilla (Beheler) Coleman. He was born in Franklin County on 14 April 1831. Siblings were: Sophia, born in 1821; George Washington, born in 1822; Mary Ann Frances, born in 1823; Lucy, born in 1830; Chapman J., born in 1834; Minerva J., born in 1837; Mary A., born in 1839; and Martha Adaline, born in 1841.

In 1854, Skelton married in Franklin County to Julia Frances Mason. She was born on 15 August 1834 in Franklin County. Ten children were born to this marriage: Eliza Emma; Marshall Leftwich; William Lee; Lula Alice; Emmett Griffin; Watt Judson; Leona Frances; and Theodocia Mae Coleman.

Traveling to Norfolk, Virginia, Skelton enlisted on 1 May 1862 as a Private in Co. A, 6th Va. Infantry. His military records indicate he was sick on 1 August 1862. No further records are available. His pension application of 1902 indicated he was in the army for three years, one month and seven days and was in A.P. Hill's Corps. "I left with Lee at Appomattox Court House."

Skelton's brother George enlisted in Co. A, 57th Va. Infantry on 31 October 1864. He was taken POW at Five Forks, Virginia and held at Point Lookout, Maryland until he took the oath there on 24 June 1865.

Julia died in Franklin County on 15 August 1890. On 22 October 1891, at the age of 60, Skelton married Mary E. (Martin) Waid. She was born in 1843 and died in 1925. At some point, Skelton became a Preacher and Sexton at the Missionary Baptist Church of Providence. Reverend Skelton Coleman died on 6 January 1910 and is buried at Providence Baptist Church Cemetery.



*Skelton Coleman*



## **The Death of Robert E. Lee**

**Source: A Life of Gen. Robert E. Lee**  
**By John Esten Cooke**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, 1870, after laborious attention to his duties during the early part of the day, General Lee attended, in the afternoon, a meeting of the Vestry of Grace Church, of which he was a member. Over this meeting he presided, and it was afterward remembered that his last public act was to contribute the sum of fifty-five dollars to some good object, the requisite amount to effect which was thus made up.

After the meeting, General Lee returned to his home, and, when tea was served, took his place at the table to say grace, as was his habit, as it had been in camp throughout the war. His lips opened, but no sound issued from them, and he sank back in his chair, from which he was carried to bed.

The painful intelligence immediately became known throughout Lexington, and the utmost grief and consternation were visible upon every face. It was hoped, at first, that the attack would not prove serious, and that General Lee would soon be able to resume his duties. But this hope was soon dissipated. The skillful physicians who hastened to his bedside pronounced his malady congestion of the brain, and, from the appearance of the patient, who lay in a species of coma, the attack was evidently of the most alarming character.

The most discouraging phase of the case was, that, physically, General Lee was—if we may so say—in perfect health. His superb physique, although not perhaps as vigorous and robust as during the war, exhibited no indication whatever of disease. His health appeared perfect, and twenty years more of life might have been predicted for him from simple reference to his appearance.

The malady was more deeply seated, however, than any bodily disease; the cerebral congestion was but a symptom of the mental malady which was killing its victim. From the testimony of the able physicians who watched the great soldier, day and night, throughout his illness, and are thus best competent to speak upon the subject, there seems no doubt that General Lee's condition was the result of mental depression produced by the sufferings of the Southern people. Every mail, it is said, had brought him the most piteous appeals for assistance, from old soldiers whose families were in want of bread; and the woes of these poor people had a prostrating effect upon him. A year or two before, his health had been seriously impaired by this brooding depression, and he had visited North Carolina, the White Sulphur Springs, and other places, to divert his mind. In this he failed. The shadow went with him, and the result was, at last, the alarming attack from which he never rallied. During the two weeks of his illness he scarcely spoke, and evidently regarded his condition as hopeless. When one of his physicians said to him, "General, you must make haste and get well; \_Traveller\_ has been standing so long in his stable that he needs exercise." General Lee shook his head slowly, to indicate that he would never again mount his favorite horse.

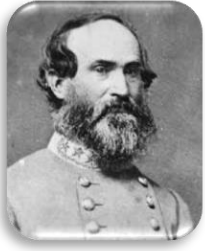
He remained in this state, with few alterations in his condition, until Wednesday; October 12<sup>th</sup>, when, about nine in the morning, in the midst of his family, the great soldier tranquilly expired. -

[http://www.sonofthesouth.net/leefoundation/Robert\\_E\\_Lee\\_death.htm](http://www.sonofthesouth.net/leefoundation/Robert_E_Lee_death.htm)

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