

Jubal Early Chapter 553

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Chapter News

Fourteen members were present at our September 8th meeting which was held at the Franklin County Library.

Treasurer Arlene Cundiff reminded members that dues of \$55 are now due and can be mailed to her.

Wreaths Across America was also discussed and announced that it will be held on Saturday, December 15th. The Chapter donated \$200 again this year in remembrance of Franklin County's CSA soldiers buried there. Members should plan to arrive by 11:00 a.m.

Registrar Linda Nezbeth announced that she is working on a new membership application.

The 123rd Annual UDC Virginia Division Convention will be held at the Roanoke Holiday Inn at Valley View on Oct 4th – 7th. A registration fee of \$10 should be mailed to Arlene by Sept. 24th. Our Chapter has reserved a sales table for the event.

Pictured below, Past Chapter President, Beverly Woody presents Arlene Cundiff with three Supplemental Certificates for her Franklin County ancestors: Calohill M. English, James A. English and John Henry English.



Our December meeting will be held December 8th in conjunction with the Holiday Remembrance Ceremony which will be held at the High Street Cemetery. More information will be made available at the October meeting.

Several members plan to participate in a Veteran's Day Parade at Stuart on Sunday, November 11th. Period dress is appreciated. More information will be available at the October meeting.

Other News

The Fincastle Rifles SCV Camp will be hosting their Annual Camp Picnic on Sunday Sept. 30th at the Jubal Early Homeplace. Please plan to bring a covered dish.

Author Tom Perry will also be the Speaker of the Month at the Fincastle Rifles Camp of the SCV on Monday, Sept. 24th. His program will be on his newest book, "*Unreconstructed: Jubal Early and Franklin County, Virginia*". The meeting will begin at 7:00 and will be held at the Woodman of the World Bldg. on Peters Creek Road.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 4 – 7th - 123rd Annual Virginia Division Convention
Holiday Inn Valley View
- Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day Parade
Stuart, Virginia

October Meeting
Sat., Oct. 13th – 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 September 2018 is Creed Lemon. The Jubal Early Chapter is proud to present his story.

Creed Lemon

Born in Franklin County on 10 May 1825, Creed was the son of Benjamin and Frances (Walker) Lemon. Known siblings were: Sparrell, born circa 1830; Malinda, born circa 1832; Amelia, born circa 1834; and Benjamin, born circa 1830. On 9 November 1843, Creed married Marcia Menefee. She was born in Franklin County in 1815, the daughter of George and Mary (Rigney) Menefee. Marcia and Creed would have the following known children: George B., born circa 1845; Eleanor, born about 1847; Henrietta, born circa 1849; and Peter T., born about 1851.

On 14 October 1864, Creed would enlist in Franklin County as a Private in Co. B, 37th Va. Infantry. Military records indicate that he was over six feet tall with grey eyes and dark hair. Creed was taken Prisoner of War on 2 March 1865 at Waynesboro, Virginia and later confined to Ft. Delaware where he would take the Oath of Allegiance on 9 June 1865. He was released that same day and would return to his home in the Long Branch area of Franklin County.

Marcia died on 25 June 1870 and Creed married Elizabeth King. She was born on 30 July 1835, the daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Turner) King. They would have the following children: Henry L., born on 10 April 1872 and died on 10 April 1891; Millard, born circa 1873; Fannie E., born circa 1875; Ada, born circa 1877; and Creed, born 13 September 1877 and married in 1906 to Lillie Ross of Franklin County.

In 1902, Creed applied for and received a Confederate pension. He died 12 November 1914 and Elizabeth died on 7 September 1918. They are buried in the Lemon Family Cemetery in Long Branch.



Creed Lemon



Growing-Up Before They Had Too:

Children of the Civil War: From the Home Front

Carrie Berry, 10 year old girl: Atlanta

We can hear the canons and muskets very plane, but the shells we dread. One has busted under the dining room which frightened us very much. One passed through the smokehouse and a piece hit the top of the house and fell through.... We stay very close to the cellar when they are shelling.

Aug. 4 The shells have been flying all day and we have stayed in the cellar. Mama put me [to work] on some stockings this morning and I will try to finish them before school commences.

Aug 5. I know all the morning. In the evening we had to run to Auntie's to get in the cellar. We did not feel safe in our cellar, they fell so thick and fast.

Aug. 6. We have been in the cellar all day....

Aug. 9. We have had to stay in the cellar all day the shells have been falling so thick around the house. Two have fallen in the garden, but none of us were hurt....

Aug. 11. Mama has ben very busy to day and I have been trying to help her all I could. We had to go to the cellar often out of the shells. How I wish the federals would quit shelling us so we could get out and get some fresh air.

Aug. 14. We had shells in abundance last night. We expected every one would come through and hurt some of us but to our joy nothing on the lot was hurt.... I dislike to stay in the cellar so close but our soldiers have to stay in ditches.

Aug. 22. I got up this morning and helped Mama pack up to move. We were glad to get our of our small cellar. We have a nice large cellar here where we can run as much as we please and enjoy it. Mama says that we make so much noise that she can't here the shells.

Aug. 23. We feel very comfortable since we have moved but Mama is fretted to death all the time for fear of fire. There is a fire in town nearly every day. I get so tired of being housed up all the time. The shells get worse and worse every day. O that something would stop them!

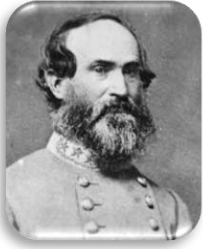
[September 2, 1864] Everyone has been trying to get all they could before the Federals came in the morning. They have been running with saques of meat, salt and tobacco. They did act rediculous breaking open stores and robbing them. About twelve o'clock there were a few Federals came.... In about an hour the cavalry came.... We were all frightened. We were afraid they were going to treat us badly. It was not long till the Infantry came in. They were orderly and behaved very well. I think I shall like the Yankees very well.

[Sept 10] Everyone I see seems sad. The citizens all think it is the most cruel thing to drive us from our home, but I think it would be so funny to move. Mama seems so troubled and she can't do any thing. Papa says he don't know where on earth to go.

[Nov. 16] Oh what a night we had. They came burning the store house and about night it looked like the whole town was on fire. We all set up all night. If we had not sat up our house would have been burnt for the fire was very near and the soldiers were going around setting houses on fire where they were not watched. They behaved very badly. They all left town about one o'clock this evening and we were glad when they left for nobody knows what we have suffered since they came in.

[August 1864] I was ten-years-old today. I did not have a cake. Times are too hard.... I hope that by my next birthday, we will have peace in our land.

This activity is based on work done by Alexandra Roosenburg and Jaime Lacore for EDIS XXX at the University of Virginia.



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