



# *Oran M. Roberts Chapter 440*

*United Daughters of the Confederacy®*

*Houston, Harris County, Texas*

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Lynna Kay Shuffield, Newsletter Editor

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P. O. Box 16604 - Houston, Texas 77222

## Message from the President



Spring is on its way bringing with it, beautiful flowers with a lot of new buds. Seven members and two prospective members attended the January 2006 meeting to listen to a delightful program about our founding president, Adelia Dunovant.

I have spoken with member, Andria **Agras**, regarding her General Scholarship applications. She indicated that I should receive her application and documentation by March 4th. Again, the chapter is pleased to sponsor her in her quest for one or more of these coveted General Scholarships. Keep your fingers crossed and say a prayer (if you wish) that this young lady, who decided to return to college, will be among the honored students at General.

The reinstatement and transfer of Lisa **Franklin** is almost completed. Our Registrar, Lynna Kay **Shuffield**, completed the applications of prospective members, Annette **Hill** and her daughter, Natalie **Stubbs** and the applications were mailed to the Division Registrar on Feb. 24th. Also, there have been six supplements mailed to the Assistant Division Registrar since January. We have several more prospective members and additional supplements possible. Thanks again to Lynna Kay.

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### Chapter Website

[http://www.geocities.com/lks\\_friday/UDC/UDC-001](http://www.geocities.com/lks_friday/UDC/UDC-001)

### Texas Division Website

<http://txudc.org/>

### UDC General National Website

<http://www.hqudc.org/>



### Chapter Officers

Carolyn Farmer, President  
Carolyn Farmer, Vice President  
Minalee Ferguson, Recording Secretary  
Connie Surrency, Treasurer  
Lynna Kay Shuffield, Registrar  
Jude Hoke Meschwitz, Historian  
Lynna Kay Shuffield, Recorder of  
Military Service Awards  
Karen Campbell, Chaplain

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March 2006 - 21 Members  
Chartered - 19 February 1901

**CHAPTER MEETING DATES  
2005-2006**

**NOTE - CHANGE OF TIME & LOCATION  
FOR NEXT MEETING**

**March 18, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Meeting Place**

DRT Log Cabin- 1510 N. MacGregor Dr.  
[Directions - see page 8]

**June 3, 2006 (Saturday)**

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Meeting Place**

Dixie's Classic Diner - 15323 Gulf Frwy  
[Directions from Downtown: I-45 South, take Exit 30  
- Dixie Farm Rd / Ellington Field Exit - bear onto  
Dixie Farm Rd toward Ellington Field, turn left onto  
I-45 Service Road]

**DISTRICT I [HOUSTON AREA] MEETING**

**March 4, 2006 (Saturday)**

Place: Bayland Community Center  
6200 Chimney Rock - Houston, Texas  
Registration: 9:30 a.m. - Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

**110TH TEXAS DIVISION CONVENTION**

**Oct. 5-8, 2006 (Thur-Sun)**

Houston Marriott West Loop  
1750 West Loop South - Houston, Texas  
Hosts - Division I [Houston]

**113th UDC Annual General Convention**

**Nov. 2-6, 2006 (Thur-Mon)**

Omni Hotel  
100 S. 12th Street - Richmond, VA

**Please send mailing address, phone  
number & e-mail address updates to:**

Lynna Kay Shuffield, Registrar  
e-mail < [lkshuffield@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lkshuffield@sbcglobal.net) >  
P. O. Box 16604 - Houston, Texas 77222  
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**Corrections / Changes / Updates  
to your Yearbook**

**New e-mail**

Nolen, Cynthia Beth  
new e-mail < [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](mailto:XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX) >

**New Member by Transfer**

FRANKLIN, Lisa Renae (Ms.) \*\*\*

telephone: xxxxxxxxxxxx  
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Houston, Texas 77xxxxxxx  
e-mail < [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](mailto:XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX) >

Ancestor: John A. Franklin, AL

**New Members by Original Application**

HILL, Cynthia Annette (Ms.) \*\*\*\*

telephone: xxxxxxxxxxxx  
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Deer Park, Texas 77xxxxxxx  
e-mail < [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](mailto:XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX) >

Ancestor: Henry Marshall Elmore, TX

STUBBS, Natalie Elyse (Miss) \*\*\*\*\*

telephone: xxxxxxxxxxxx  
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Deer Park, Texas 77xxxxxxx  
Ancestor: Henry Marshall Elmore, TX

**Dropped Member**

SMITH, Gladys G. "Gem" (Miss) \*\*



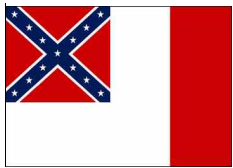
**Upcoming Chapter Birthdays**

Mar. 11th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Apr. 11th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Apr. 15th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Apr. 18th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Apr. 22nd	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Apr. 29th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
May 11th	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

**Confederate Gravemarkers**

Do you have a Confederate ancestor who does not have a gravemarker? If you would like help to obtain a FREE gravemarker for your ancestors, contact: Judy Hoke Meschwitz - xxxxxxxxxxxx  
xxxxxxxxxx - Houston, Texas 77xxx  
e-mail < [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](mailto:XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX) >

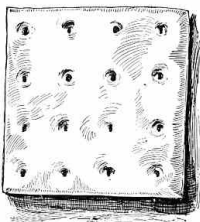
### Third National Flag of the Confederacy 1865



Concern over the Second National Flag led to the introduction of a bill in Dec. 1864 to change the national flag yet again. Although the Civil War was in its final stages, Pres. Jefferson Davis

signed legislation on 4 March 1865, creating the Third National Flag of the Confederacy.

The new banner had a width two-thirds of its length. The flag's canton (*i.e.*, the Confederate Battle Flag) changed from a square to a rectangle of a width three-fifths the width of the flag, and of a length so that the field beyond it measured twice the width of the field below the canton. The flag continued to use a white field, except that the outer half of the field to the right of the Battle Flag canton consisted of a vertical red band. Authorized in the final months of the war, relatively few copies of the Third National Flag were made, and even fewer survived.



### Hardtack

Hardtack was a biscuit made of flour with other simple ingredients and made up a large portion of a Union soldier's daily ration. It was square or sometimes rectangular in shape with small holes baked

into it, similar to a large soda cracker. If the hardtack was received soon after it was made, they were quite tasty and satisfying. Usually, the hardtack did not get to the soldiers until months after it had been made. By that time, they were very hard, so hard that soldiers called them "tooth dullers" and "sheet iron crackers". Sometimes they were infested with small bugs the soldiers called weevils, so they referred to the hardtack as "worm castles" because of the many holes bored through the crackers by these pests. Soldiers were usually allowed six to eight crackers for a 3-day ration. There were a number of ways to eat them- plain or prepared with other ration items. Soldiers would crumble them into coffee or soften them in water and fry the hardtack with some bacon grease. One favorite soldier dish was salted pork fried with hardtack crumbled into the mixture. Soldiers called this "skillygallee" and it was a common and easily prepared meal.

### UDC Historian General's 2005-2006 Programs

**MARCH 2006** - CONFEDERATE CHILDHOODS - Reading: "My Childhood Recollections of the War," Margaret B. S. Robertson, *Southern Historical Society Papers*, Vol. XLV; "The Educational Assn. of the CSA," O. L. Davis, Jr., *Civil War History*, Vol. 10, No. 1.

**APRIL 2006** - WHEN THE CONFEDERATE STATES CAVALRY DEFEATED THE U.S. NAVY - Reading: Naval Official Records; *Southern Historical Society Papers*, Vol X



### District I News

Jamie Davis, Chairman

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### Scholarship Information

District I, Texas Division, UDC has a scholarship available for award this year and the deadline is 1 July 2006. This means that all applications must be in the hands of the District I Scholarship Chairman no later than that date.

We urge each Chapter within our District to submit applications for all eligible students that the Chapter considers worthy of receiving this scholarship. Please review the requirements for the scholarship very carefully. If you need more information or have questions, please contact the Scholarship Chairman, Pam Boyer at < [XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX](#) > District I Scholarship Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a lineal or collateral descendant of a worthy Confederate.
2. Applicant must be the child or grandchild of a member of a District I Chapter.
3. Applicant must make application on the District I Scholarship Form.
4. Applicant must submit all requested information.
5. The application must use full names (no nicknames).
6. The recipient of a scholarship must:
  - (a) be enrolled in an accredited college or university;
  - (b) carry a minimum of 12 hours each semester; and,
  - (c) maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

### January 2006 Meeting Minutes

*Date:* 21 Jan 2006 - *Place:* Dixie's Classic Diner - 15323 Gulf Frwy

Our president, Carolyn Farmer, opened the meeting in ritualistic form at 2:05 p.m. with pledges to the United States, Texas and Confederate flags. She introduced Annette Hill and Lisa Franklin as prospective members.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved as correct. Treasurer's report was read by Carolyn as Connie Surrency, Treasurer, was not present. As of Nov 2005, the balance was \$543.25 and the ending balance on Jan. 21, 2006 is \$771.08.

The president reported that Gem Smith had called to be dropped from membership.

Our chapter and the William Mosby Eastland Chapter will co-host the Real Daughters Luncheon at the Texas Division Convention on Oct. 6th at the Marriott Hotel West Loop. Our part will be centerpieces, favors and printed programs. There will be no speakers. Carolyn will meet with Eastland's president to work on the luncheon details.

A hat was passed to collect contributions for Confederate Heroes Day on Jan. 22, 2006. The total was \$10. The District I Workshop will be Mar. 4th at the Bayland Community Center on Bissonnet.

Carolyn announced it was time for a nominating committee of three and she read the current by-laws on nominations.

**MOTION:** She moved to rescind the current Chapter By-Laws as follows:

**ART VII Nominations, Elections and Terms of Office, Section 3**

(a) . . . No member of this Committee shall serve two consecutive terms and must have been an active member of the chapter for one year prior to Jan. 1 of that year.

(b) A member proposed for any office in the chapter shall be an active member of the chapter for one year prior to Jan. 1 of that year.

**RATIONALE:** The above by-laws are rescinded for the year 2006 only in order to elect a Nominating Committee and officers for 2006-2008.

The motion was seconded by Judy Meschwitz and **PASSED.** Minalee Ferguson nominated Connie

Surrency. Lee Etta Sloan nominated Minalee Ferguson. Lynna Kay Shuffield nominated Judy Meschwitz. Judy Meschwitz nominated Karen Campbell as alternate.

Lynna Kay gave a program on our founder Miss Adelia A. Dunovant.

The benediction was given by Karen Campbell, Chaplain.

Minalee Ferguson, Secretary



### SHILOH, A REQUIEM

by Herman Melville (1819-1891)

April 1862

Skimming lightly, wheeling still,  
The swallows fly low  
Over the fields in cloudy days,  
The forest-field of Shiloh --

Over the field where April rain  
Solaced the parched one stretched in pain  
Through the pause of night  
That followed the Sunday fight

Around the church of Shiloh --  
The church, so lone, the log-built one,  
That echoed to many a parting groan  
And natural prayer  
Of dying foeman mingled there --

Foeman at morn, but friends at eve --  
Fame or country least their care:  
(What like a bullet can undeceive!)  
But now they lie low,  
While over them the swallows skim,  
And all is hushed at Shiloh.



### Civil War Fact: Battle of Shiloh

**NOTE:** There were more casualties in the Battle of Shiloh, than in all other previous battles combined. General Sherman would later refer to this battle as being, "The Devil's own day." The Battle of Shiloh is famed for letting the world know that the Civil War was serious. After fighting in this battle, soldiers from both sides realized that the war was not going to be short-lived. This battle was the largest battle in the Civil War up to that time.

### Profile of Our Ancestors

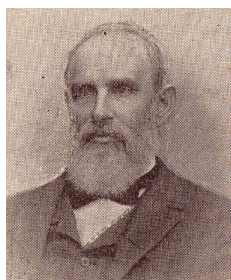
[NOTE: Please submit your biographical sketch / narrative to Lynna Kay Shuffield, Newsletter Editor.]



#### 2nd Sergeant William Farrington Malone

Danville Mount Riflemen, Texas State Troops  
Co. I, 9th Infantry Regiment, (Nichols') Texas  
[a/k/a 5th Infantry Regiment]  
Co. H, 20th Infantry Regiment (Elmores), Texas

[Great-great-grandfather of Judy Hoke Meschwitz;  
Great-great-grandfather of Charline  
Meschwitz Cardwell & Melanie Meschwitz]



William Farrington Malone was the son of Nancy Baker Reding Malone and Andrew Jackson Malone. He was born on Wednesday, 18 Nov 1835 in Fayette Co., TN and prior to 1850, he moved with his mother and step-father, John L. Conn, to Montgomery Co., TX.

His twin brother was Thomas Monroe Malone and a younger brother was Henderson F. Malone. Both brothers served in The War.

William was a member of the Danville Mounted Rifleman, a unit of Texas State Troops which formed under Capt. S. D. Wooldridge at Danville in Montgomery Co. on Saturday, 4 May 1861.

On Thursday, 10 Oct 1861, at the age of 26, he enrolled at Montgomery in Co. I, 9th Infantry Regiment, (Nichols') Texas [a/k/a 5th Infantry Regiment] and was elected Second Sergeant of the unit under Captain R. F. Oliver. This unit was a 6-month regiment formed for the purpose of building fortifications at Galveston and served in the Dept. of Texas. He was mustered-out on Thursday, 24 April 1862.

In addition to the above records, a pay voucher included in William's file states that he was born in Fayette Co., TN, was aged 26, five-feet nine-inches high with a fair complexion, grey eyes, dark hair and occupation farmer. He signed the receipt showing that he had received a travel allowance of \$6 from Galveston, the place of discharge, to Montgomery, the place of enrollment, "transportation being furnished in kind from Cypress to Galveston and back."

On Saturday, 3 May 1862, he again enlisted, as a private this time, in Co. H, 20th Regiment (Elmores), Texas Infantry at Huntsville, Walker Co., TX with Captain Jesse Dickie (Dickey), commanding.

The unit contained men from Hempstead, Houston, Austin, Kaufman, Galveston, Huntsville and Walker County. The regiment was assigned to the Trans-Mississippi Dept. and served in Texas. It performed guard duty along the coast from Galveston to the Sabine River and in April 1864, reported 21 officers and 622 men present for duty. On Friday, 2 June 1865, it was included in the surrender.

On Thursday, 17 Dec 1868, William married Willie Caperton in Walker Co., TX. She was the daughter of James B. Caperton and Nancy Cannon Brooks. She was born on Monday, 1 April 1850 in Mississippi.

William was elected to the Texas House of Representatives from District 54 and served in Texas Legislature from 1891-1892.

The children of William and Willie: Carrie Malone; Emma Malone who married James Martin; Robert Malone who married Alma Hayden; and, Willie Malone.

He died on Tuesday, 8 Oct 1907 and is said to have been buried in a cemetery that is now covered by the lake of a power plant.

In 1931, Willie applied for a widow's pension and it can be found in the Confederate Pension files at the Texas State Archives in Austin, TX.

In 2006, James Thomas Hoke, a great-grandson, and the ORAN M. ROBERTS CHAPTER 440, placed an "in memory" Confederate gravemarker for him next to his wife, Willie who died on Monday, 24 April 1933 and is buried in the Willis Cemetery in Montgomery Co., TX.



U.S. Postal Stamp 2004  
"Giant Magnolias on Blue Velvet Cloth"  
by **Martin Johnson Heade** (1819-1904)



He is one of the most varied painters of the 19th Century in America and his works include still lifes, botanicals, seascapes & landscapes.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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No one was able to attend the Confederate Heroes Day event at the Museum of Southern History in Sugar Land on January 22nd; however, we passed the hat and collected \$10, which was used to purchase a vegetable platter for the event, enabling our Chapter to participate by contributing food.

Also, if any member would like to make a contribution to any UDC General, Texas Division or Chapter sponsored event or fund, please write a note indicating your contribution designation and include with your check to Connie Surrency, Treasurer, for Chapter recognition. Make your checks payable to: ORAN M. ROBERTS 440 and mail to Connie at: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Houston, Texas 77xxx.

I will be attending the District I Meeting on Saturday, March 4th and conduct the Annual Memorial Service, which ORAN M. ROBERTS 440 has done for over 60 years. The Chapter will also make a contribution toward the Scholarships as we have done in the past.

For each \$20 contributed to a Division Scholarship, you can acquire a "Bonnie Blue" or a "Bobby Blue" Bear. If you have young children, grandchildren or just need a "comforting gift" for a young person; a baby shower, etc; honor your ancestor, and assist a worthy student in college, then this is the way to go. You would also have a tax deduction and ORAN M. ROBERTS 440 would also get credit for the contribution.

For those who live in the Houston area but cannot attend our meetings, please call me (xxxxxxxxxxxx) and we can work out the details for delivery of your "Bear(s)". Purchase a couple and sell them to your friends for our worthy scholarship cause. "Bonnie and Bobby" are very cute bears.

A chapter memorial designated for the Kathryn Noble Wilcox Scholarship was made in memory of our deceased members, Mrs. Emma Bellew and Mrs. Margaret Earthman.

We hope to have two Military Awards this year, Connie Surrency's husband, Walter M. Surrency and Judy Meschwitz's father, James Thomas Hoke.

Lynna Kay presented a very informative program about our Chapter's organizing President, Adelia Dunovant and her family. We are still hoping for a

dedication ceremonies for Miss Adelia (UDC Emblem) and Confederate gavemarkers for her brother, Capt. Wm. Dunovant, both in Glenwood Cemetery in Houston and their father, Col. A.Q. Dunovant in Colorado Co., TX.

The Texas Division Minutes Books are now available for \$14. Make your check payable to Treasurer, Texas Division and mail to: Jan Hobbs, Recording Secretary, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Cisco, Texas 76xxxxxxxx. The Minutes Book is one of several ways of learning about the UDC objectives: Historical, Educational; Benevolent; Memorial and Patriotic, and staying abreast of Division activities.

Effective on 1 March 2006, UDC General increased by \$5 the New Member Applications to \$41.00 and Supplemental Applications to \$21.00. The chapter will have to make necessary adjustments and perhaps consider an increase of \$1.00 chapter fee to cover the increase in postage rates.

The Chapter's participation in the Real Daughter's Luncheon (Friday, Oct 6th) at the Texas Division Convention, scheduled for 5-8 Oct 2006 in Houston, was discussed. I went shopping with Lyn Knapp, President, William Mosby Eastland Chapter 2609, (our co-host chapter) last week to get some ideas for centerpieces and individual table favors. It had been decided at the last meeting that we should have a joint chapter meeting after obtaining approval on our "initial ideas" by the Convention Officers. There will be several ideas for centerpieces and favors available at the joint meeting.

Therefore, our next meeting scheduled for Saturday, 18 March 2006 will take place at the DRT Log Cabin, 1510 N. MacGregor Drive, (Hermann Park) at 11:00 a.m. A postcard reminder will be mailed to members in the immediate area to attend.

This will be a "Brown Bag" Luncheon and ORAN M. ROBERTS' members will meet at 11 a.m. to conduct necessary business, eat our lunch and, hopefully, by 12:30 p.m., initiate our joint meeting with the William Mosby Eastland Chapter members to discuss the Real Daughters Luncheon's tentative plans. Both chapters have less than 20 members and have a very tight budget that we will pool.

Again, purchase a "bear" by making a personal contribution to a Division scholarship in the name of the chapter; then sell the "bear" to our friends for ORAN M. ROBERTS as a fundraiser.

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The facility was obtained for this joint meeting at NO COST to either chapter. I want to thank Lanelle Killebrew, member of the William Mosby Eastland Chapter, for obtaining the Log Cabin for this joint meeting. Lanelle must also drive in from Victoria for this meeting that day.

I look forward to seeing our members at the Log Cabin on Saturday, March 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Carolyn K. Farmer, President



## Driving Directions - DRT Log Cabin



The DRT Log Cabin is located 1510 N. MacGregor Dr. in Hermann Park between Ben Taub Hospital and the Houston Zoo. Go down Fannin - turning left onto N. MacGregor Drive,

which is the light where Hermann Park ends and Hermann Hospital is across the street. After turning left, just past the Hospital, there is a driveway on the right - alongside of the fence and the Log Cabin - there is a log fence around the whole property. Turn into the driveway along side the log fence (Log House) and the Hospital. Go to the back of the cabin turning left and there will be an opening in the fence to pull into at the back parking lot. You can go in the back door thru the kitchen into the dining area.



## Have you been keeping track of your reading material related Southern history?

Remember to keep a record and report all newspaper, magazine articles or books (fiction & non-fiction) you read related to Southern History and/or the Civil War from 1 Sept. 2005 through 31 Aug. 2006.



## Book Review



Hicks, Robert, *The Widow of the South*, New York, NY: Warner Books, 2005 [Note: Available in book or CD sound-recording through Houston Public Library] (ISBN: 0446500127)

Robert Hicks' book, *The Widow of the South* centers on the life of Carrie McGavock, the mistress of the Carnton Plantation before, during and after The War Between the States.

Carrie McGavock witnessed the Battle of Franklin in Tenn., on 30 Nov 1864 when 9,000 soldiers were slaughtered; the vast majority of them Confederate.

Carrie, the central character in this gripping novel, was an actual historical figure. Her farm was near the scene of the battle and her home was commandeered as a makeshift hospital.

What Carrie, the fictional character, does after the battle, the actual Carrie did in real life. When more than 1,500 Confederate bodies buried in a neighboring field were threatened with desecration, she and her husband moved them to their own land and organized the only private Confederate cemetery.

The brewing of the battle, its events, and the wound-healing time afterward are told by Hicks not only from Carrie's perspective but also from the points of view of Mariah, Carrie's slave-turned-friend; Carrie's plantation-owning husband; Union and Confederate soldiers and officers; and Carrie's neighbors.

Carrie was a woman whose life was forever changed by the Civil War and the saving of these remains and establishment of the largest private military cemetery in the United States. The book also includes an Epilogue section with a factual history of Carrie, her family, the Carnton Plantation and the cemetery, which also includes numerous photographs.

To learn more about the Carnton Plantation and the McGavock Confederate Cemetery, visit on-line < <http://www.camton.org/> >

