

## **Anna Stonewall Jackson – Ann Carter Lee Chapter**

The *Anna Stonewall Jackson Chapter, UDC*, was organized at the home of Mrs. Joseph Campbell on November 11, 1897.

The Chapter met at the home of Mrs. Campbell until her death in June 1914. For the following six years, the chapter met at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert R. Campbell.

The first officers were:

President - Mrs. George E. Penn  
Vice-President — Miss Ann Preston  
Secretary — Miss Sally McBroom  
Treasurer - Miss Nannie Greenway Trigg  
Inspector — Miss Amelia McChain  
Counselor — Miss Mary Byrd Trigg

Dues were fixed at fifty cents per year, payable in January.

On November 22, 1900, the legislature appropriated a sum of money to be given to each cemetery where Confederate soldiers are buried.

In 1904, the work at Sinking Springs Cemetery, including the fence, was completed on the plot at a cost of \$215.

By 1912, three hundred thirty-two Crosses of Honor had been bestowed on Confederate Veterans. This was the last year these crosses could be bestowed.

**In 2016 the Ann Carter Lee Chapter merged with Anna Stonewall Jackson to become the Anna Stonewall Jackson - Ann Carter Lee Chapter.**

The *Ann Carter Lee Chapter* was established April 30, 1928. The aim was to memorialize the sacrifice and suffering of Confederate men and their families, and to pay tribute to their heroic efforts.

The chapter awarded the Cross of Honor for patriotic military service in a time of war to descendants of Confederate Veterans. They placed a granite marker in the East Hill Cemetery near the graves of 99 unknown Confederate dead and raised funds for the restoration of the Confederate Soldier who stands near the Bristol Train Station. This soldier honors all area Confederate Soldiers and was presented and dedicated in 1920 by Col. J. M. Barker. The inscription on the base of the soldier reads as follows:



*Presented by Col. J. M. Barker to the Chapter of the U. D. C. (United Daughters of the Confederacy) in memory of the brave men and noble women of Tennessee and Virginia from 1861 to 1865.*

## Fields-Penn 1860 House Museum

Mrs. Penn, the first chapter President and her husband, George E. Penn, Sr., came to Abingdon from Danville, VA and bought the James Fields House-Penn House that their heirs kept until the home was sold in 1971 to the Penn House Preservation Foundation, later conveyed to the Town of Abingdon. Later they deeded this property to the Town of Abingdon, and it is now a museum with furnishings from Pre-Civil War and Civil War eras. James Fields, a building contractor who operated a brick kiln and factory, built this house for his own residence in 1858. After the depression of 1893, his business failed, could not collect debts owed him, and he and his family moved to Texas.

### MOST SUCCESSFUL PROJECT

The most successful project has been taking charge of THE GRAVES OF THE UNKNOWN CONFEDERATE DEAD in the Sinking Spring Cemetery in 1897. On 22 November 1900, the Virginia Legislature appropriated \$25. bi-annually for maintenance of cemeteries where Confederate soldiers are buried. With the help of State Senator William N. Neff, the fund was raised to \$100. A wire fence that had been placed around the graves was in poor condition; therefore, *Mts.* C. H. Butt, Sr., president of Anna Stonewall Chapter of UDC and chairman of Washington County Civil War Centennial Commission Committee and members of that Committee: Robert Porterfield, founder of Barter Theatre, and Mrs. Margaret Was sum Huff, a Chapter member, got permission from the State Legislature to use monies accumulated to finance rebuilding the fence with a new brick wall with an iron fence atop, and placing a stone marker in the Square. On 30 September 1961, 4:30 P.M., a memorial service and dedication of wall, fence and marker was held.

Robert Porterfield presided. "America" was sung by the people, prayer by the Rev. E. M. Collier, Pastor of Abingdon Baptist Church; address by Dr. Earl G. Hunt, President of Emory and Henry College; placing of a red and white carnation wreath by *Mts.* C. H. Butt, Sr.; sounding of Taps by Henry Strozier; while red flowers had been placed on entrance gate by then Chapter President, *Mts.* J. Han l Tate. and many birds were singing in the shade trees - a fitting tribute was paid to our soldier boys of a century before. In 1971 the Chapter spent \$200. to replace and prune the shrubbery in the Square. Our Chapter continues to maintain this Square - refurbished the iron fence in 1991; keeps the shrubbery replaced as needed and pruned each year.

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*(Mks. J. R.) President of Anna Stonewall Jackson*

*Chapter, No. 180, VA Division of UDC*

*1992-1994*

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