

History

Appomattox Chapter

United Daughters

Of The

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Forward

On September 10, 1894. At Nashville, Tennessee a national organization was formed called the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Appomattox Chapter 11 was chartered in the national organization August 22, 1895. The eleventh in the nation and sixth in Virginia. The primary objective of the organization is to preserve the true history of the Confederacy and to keep the sacred memory the brave deeds of the men of the South, with no bitterness toward the government of the United States under which we live. Other objectives are memorial, historical, educational, benevolent and patriotic.

The emblem of the U. D. C. is the five-pointed star with a cotton ball superimposed. At the tip of the points is the motto: Love, Live, Think, Dare.

Dedication

It is with great pleasure that the Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy wishes to dedicate the history of the chapter, which has been written in one-hundred-and-fifty-year anniversary. To the dedicated ladies who have given of their time and effort in organizing and successfully unfaltering trust many rewards and honors have been bestowed upon the chapter and individual members.

In loving memory this record of significant event in the life of our organization is dedicated to all members, both past and present who have made its history one of which we can be proud and can feel honored to be called a daughter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

First 100 Years

Appomattox Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy

Part 1

1895 - 1919

The Appomattox Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized in Appomattox, Virginia on August 22, 1895. The local chapter is devoted to the memory of their Confederacy Ancestors and all who served and fell in the service of the Confederacy States of America. The members cherish the knowledge that it was through those who served and led the way in preserving our history, that we are able to continue to honor our Confederate ancestors through the Appomattox chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The close of the War Between the States at Appomattox challenged the ladies of Appomattox Court House to once again show their patriotism and love for the ancestors. On Friday, May 18, 1866, they formed a Ladies Association similar to the Ladies Memorial Association in other parts of the South. The immediate objective was to provide suitable interment for eighteen Confederate soldiers and one Union Soldier who died in the late phase of the war in this part of the country, and whose bodies had not been interred in some regular burying ground. This organization, led by Mrs. W.W. Leyburn, president, succeeded in securing land about a half mile from the Court House. Coffins required were made by local men of the county, using wood which was donated. They assisted in the removal of the bodies for the re-interment which took place with great ceremony and honor on December 1, 1866. It was through their care and devotion that the Appomattox Chapter was later deeded the cemetery now known as the Appomattox Confederate Cemetery which is in a part of the Appomattox National Park. The Appomattox Chapter continues to care for this cemetery and honor the soldiers who displayed Valor and courage and fell in love with their country.

Confederate patriotism continued in the spirit of Virginia women as they perpetuated the love of the Confederate Memorial Association sisters. Two Virginia Divisions of the United daughter of the Confederacy were among simultaneously organized in May 1894, and called "the Grand division of Virginia". Mrs. Kate Noland Garnett (Mrs. James M.) was elected president of the division. By some mistake the Grand Division did not receive its charter until February 1896. However, when the two divisions were united in 1903, the fact that this had been the first chapter was recognized, and Albemarle Chapter, Charlottesville, was given number one in the state.

The other division was known as the First Virginia Division, with an organization held in the home of Mrs. Phillip Tabb Yeatman of Alexandria, Virginia on February 14, 1895. Mrs. Kate Mason Rowland of Lynchburg, served as chairman of the meeting. A request was made to the General Organization for a charter by the Mary Curtis Lee Chapter and granted on April 17, 1895. During the summer other chapters were organized, namely the Black Horse Chapter at Warrenton, the Lucy Minor Otey (later the Kirkwood-Otey) charter at Lynchburg. And the Appomattox Chapter at Appomattox, organized August 22, 1895.

The Appomattox Chapter was chapter was chartered as number six (6) in the Virginia Division and number eleven (11) in the General United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. Lula Jones Hunter (Mrs. C.W.) served as first president. There were twenty – two charter members as follows.

Mrs. J. R. Atwood	Mrs. Joel W. Wood
Mrs. M. L. Harvey	Dr. D. A. Christian
Mrs. R. F. Burk	Mrs. Betty Caldwell
Mrs. T. A. Smith	Mrs. Thomas S. Boccock
Mrs. C. W. Hunter	Mrs. John Rosser
Mrs. J. C. Jones	Mrs. T. W. Johns
Miss Nina Jones	Mrs. John Miles
Miss Anna Jones	Mrs. William Gills
Mrs. J. L. Foster	Miss Jessie Cheatham
Mrs. Mary Norris	Miss Anna Fleshman
Miss Sue Sears	Mrs. D. Mott Robertson

Little information is available during these first years with the exception of several letters written by Mrs. Hunter. In them she relates some difficult times such as paying division and general taxes which were 5cents and 10 cents per member. However, Mrs. Hunte proved to be a devoted and determined leader. For the first-year money collected amounted to \$13.80, paid out for taxes and expenses \$12.60, leaving in the treasury \$1.20.

At a meeting held in Alexander, October 21,1895, the First Virginia Division met and elected officers. Mrs. Lottie Preston Clark of Lynchburg was elected President, Mrs. Samuel B. Davis, Vice President, Mrs. C. W. Hunter of Appomattox, Recording Secretary, Miss Ruth Early of Lynchburg, Corresponding Secretary, Miss Bell Hunter of Warrenton, Historian, Miss Virginia Beverly Cross, Treasurer and Miss Margaret Morson, Registrar.

The Second Convention of the First Virginia Division was at Warrenton in the home of Miss Amelia Smith. The chapters had increased from four to thirteen and plans were made for drawing up a constitution and by-laws.

The First Division continued to grow and in 1897 the annual conference could no longer be held in homes so the City Hall Lodge of Masons in Lynchburg was chosen as their meeting place. Mrs. Edwin A. O'Brien was elected President.

The Fourth Annual Conference was hosted by the Appomattox Chapter in 1898. Mrs. J. R. Atwood second president of the chapter welcomed the daughters and visitors. The convention was opened on Friday morning with an appropriate prayer by Rev. Patrick M. Bell of the

Methodist Church. The first memorial service here with a testimonial being read by the Mary Curtis Lee Chapter of Alexandria on the death of Winnie Davis,' The Daughter of the Confederacy'. The first printed minutes came out of this conference. A representative from the Grand Division Miss Nannie Wiseman brought greetings and asked that the committee be appointed to consider jointly a plan of union for the two Virginia Divisions. In behalf of the Appomattox Chapter, Miss Ruth Early presented the Virginia Division with a gavel made from part of the tree where General Robert E. Lee made his farewell address to his soldiers. Another gavel was made for the Appomattox Chapter and in a display case with the chapter.

In Confederate Love this union laid a foundation for our beloved "Virginia Division United Daughters of the Confederacy"

Records from the year 1898 to 1905 reveal the addition of five new members, Mrs. S. L. Ferguson, Miss Ruth Early, Mrs. J. L. Chenault, Mrs. William A. Moses and Miss Lizzie Button. Deleted for unknown reasons were Mrs. J. L. Foster, Miss Mary Norris, Miss Sue Sears, Mrs. Betty Caldwell, Mrs. T. W. Johns, Miss Jessie M. Cheatham, Mrs. Annie Fleshman and Mrs. D. Mott Robertson.

On June 6, 1908, a monument to the Appomattox Confederate Soldiers was erected on the Court House grounds and dedicated by the citizens of Appomattox and many visitors. This project was attributed to the untiring efforts of Mrs. A. H. Atwood, President of the Appomattox Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. A. H. Clements wrote describing the dedication. An Enduring monument of marble and granite now stands in our public square which will perpetuate the memory of the soldiers of Appomattox County. Speak, silent monument pile and tell generations yet to come of matchless courage, patient endurance, unquestioned devotion, loftiest patriotism, dazzling chivalry, true greatness of soul in the sad hour of defeat as well as in the glad hour of victory. A lovely floral design was placed on the monument by Mrs. Thomas S. Boccock and Miss Eula May Burk Confederate Daughters following an eloquent address by Virginia Governor Swanson.

As recorded in the minutes and the local newspaper the Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy had defaulted in paying their taxes to the General and Division U D C prior to the year 1908.

In early 1908 Mrs. C. R. Tate announced that the Appomattox Chapter had been re-instated. She stated at the meeting "I'm glad to announce to the ladies who have petitioned me to re-establish the old Appomattox Chapter that after reviewing all the laws bearing on the case and conferring with the President General they can operate under their old charter and thus retain their state number 6 and DDC number 11. Mrs. Tate congratulated the ladies that the law permitted her to render this decision. They were a suspended chapter for the nonpayment of taxes and not a dead chapter. Upon the payment of all the back taxes they could be restored to good standing and representation.

Nine of the former members were present at this meeting which re-established the chapter. Present were: Mrs. J. W. Flood, Mrs. William H. Giles, Mrs. C. W. Hunter, Mrs. A. E. Caldwell, Mrs. Pichard F. Burk, Mrs. Thomas S. Boccock, Mrs. W. J. Trent, Miss Lucy Smith and Miss Nina

Jones. Mrs. J. W. Flood was elected temporary president and Miss Jones temporary Secretary. The president set the next meeting for May 27 at 2:30 PM

Mrs. J. W. Flood called the meeting to order in May 1908 and Miss Nina Jones read the report of the meeting when reorganized. A large number of new members applications were read including the following: Mrs. B. G. Anderson, Mrs. J. B. Abbitt, Mrs. H. T. Allison, Mrs. W. B. Caldwell, Mrs. D. E. Cardwell, Mrs. Lizzie H. Christian, Mrs. E. F. Collins, Mrs. W. A. Coleman, Mrs. R. E. Caldwell, Mrs. Howard Dillard, Mrs. Thomas H. Hancock, Mrs. Mary W. Hughs, Mrs. R. E. Haga, Mrs. Hubbr, Mrs. Henry Hughes, Mrs. Fanny Jenkins, Mrs. M. L. Moore, Mrs. W. C. McGill, Mrs. J. O. O'Brien, Mrs. B. F. Ogden, Mrs. S. B. Reynolds, Mrs. B. H. Wear and Misses Eula Burk, Annie Caldwell, Mattie Caldwell, Mary Caldwell, Clara Caldwell, Vivian Coleman, Ethel Fleshman, Maude Gregory, Helen Gregory, Alice Hubbard, Daisy Hughes, Lolia B. Inge, Mary E. Paris, Rose Paris, Venona Sears, May Stephenson and Cherry Wear. The applications were approved by the credentials committee.

Mrs. Betty Caldwell made the motion to welcome the new members and it was second by other ladies. The election of officers was held. Mrs. Flood was elected president, Mrs. Sallie Boccock Vice President, Mrs. J. O. O'Brian Second vice president, Mrs. J. B. Abbitt recording secretary, Miss Nina Jones corresponding secretary, Miss Helen Gregory Registrar and Mrs. B. G. Anderson treasurer.

One of the most cherished and thoughtful acts of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was the presentation of the Southern Cross of Honor to all eligible living veterans of the confederacy. Records are incomplete, however, the list that follows includes twenty-one soldiers who were presented the cross by the Appomattox Chapter between 1909 and 1913.

B. S. Loyd	E. B. Gardner
Georgee W. Cheatham	C.W. Cardwell
Madison Coleman	Silas Martin
J. M. Webb	A. W. Abbitt
J. W. Cawthorne	C. H. Bagby
W. J. Bryant	Joel W. Coleman
James C. Whitaker	J. W. Shearer
F. B. Jones	H. C. Shearer
R. C. Stratton	J. N. Tanner
Edwin Delk Taylor	Warren A. Thornhill
P. C. Ranson	

In the minutes of the twentieth Annual Convention of the General United Daughters of the Confederacy. Held in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 12 – 15, 1913, the Appomattox

Chapter No. 11, listed thirty members, with Mrs. C. W. Hunter as president. The roll listed the following members: Mrs. B. G. Anderson, Miss Annie Abbitt, Mrs. James B. Abbitt, Mrs. Thomas S. Boccock, Mrs. Walter Booth, Mrs. R. F. Burke, Mrs. Eula May Burke, Mrs. Lindsay Crawley, Mrs. Ben Cardwell, Miss Mary Cardwell, Miss Clara Cardwell, Mrs. W. A. Cardwell, Miss Mabel Davidson, Miss Grace Davidson, Miss Kate Davidson, Miss Annie Davidson, Miss Sue Davidson, Miss Bell May Evens, Mrs. J. w. Flood, Miss Ethel Fleshman, Miss Anna Jones, Mrs. Nina Jones, Mrs. Ben F. Oden, Mrs. Maude Gregory Moore, Mrs. Helen Gregory Morris, Mrs. Mary Paris Runner, Mrs. Sallie Reynolds Roberts, Miss Venona Sears, Mrs. Alice Burke Steele, Mrs. Mary E. Stratton, Miss Janie Thornhill, and Mrs. Carrie Hunter Willis.

Presidents who served during the period 1895 – 1919 were

Mrs. Lula Jones Hunter (Mrs. C. W.)

Mrs. J. R. Atwood

Mrs. Joel W. Flood

Mrs. Vara Abbitt Abbitt (Mrs. J. B.)

Mrs. Sarah Taylor Cardwell (Mrs. J. B.)

Miss Eula Mae Burke

Even though minutes of this period are unavailable, we know that these daughters were most dedicated and gave their time and efforts in keeping the purpose of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Part II
1920 – 1949

In 1920 Mrs. Lindsey Crawley became the seventh president of the Appomattox Chapter UDC. Following her was Mrs. D. N. Twyman who took office in 1923. During this time a faithful member who served as treasurer for many years, Mrs. Anna Guthrie Anderson, passed away. The committee on Resolutions reported that she measured up to every opportunity and responsibility. As president, Mrs. Twyman appointed a committee to care for the Confederate Cemetery at Old Appomattox with an appropriation of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per year.

On May 7, 1925, Miss M. Anna Jones became president of the chapter. She served from 1925 – 1928 and from 1930 – 1945 a total of twenty years. Under her leadership much worthwhile work was accomplished.

In 1925 a granite marker was erected at the old courthouse to hold the tablet presented by the Battlefield Marker Association. In 1930 a Camp of the Confederate Veterans was organized through the efforts of Miss Eula May Burk. In 1931 a chapter of the Children of the Confederacy was formed with forty members. In 1933 \$661.00 was spent Beautifying the cemetery.

Miss Ella Wheeler and Miss Bettie Wheeler were made honorary members of the chapter in September 1926. At the March meeting of 1927 thirteen towels, a pair of pillowcases and a table cover were donated by members for the Confederate Women's Home in Richmond.

Mrs. Ned Wagers served as president in 1929 and 1930 after which Miss Jones served again from 1930 to 1945. After she became president in the fall of 1930 Appomattox and Buckingham Chapters were transferred from second District to third District in the Virginia Division.

During the year 1931 two other chapters were chartered in the county. Pamplin Chapter was organized in May and Robert Edward Lee was organized in September of that year. The longevity of the Pamplin chapter was only two years as it became inactive until 1942. Report to the General Conference showed that Pamplin had eleven members and Robert Edward Lee had sixteen members when they became inactive.

In 1931 the chapter voted for the first time to present Crosses of Military Service to eight young men of Appomattox who were in the World War. They were: Adam Clement, Leonard Gregory, Evant Hunter, Kendall Hunter, Frank Stratton, Joel Flood, Don Moses and tom Christian. It was voted to present a cross to a Spanish American War veteran, Hallie Burke formerly of Appomattox.

At the January 1932 meeting the chapter presented to Senator S. L. Ferguson, Chairman of the State Democratic Caucus a gavel made of a walnut tree site of the surrender Grounds. He in turn was to Present it to Lieutenant Governor James Price, Chairman of the Senate. It was to be in Permanent Possession of the Senate as an expression of gratitude to the state of Virginia for its

contribution to the beautification of the highway and approaches in front of the cemetery. The Senate resolved that an appropriate metal inscription to be suggested by donors be placed on the gravel.

By the year 1933 much interest had been shown by the chapter in the improvement and maintenance of the Confederate Cemetery. In it there are eighteen Confederate graves and one union soldier. In April of that year the chapter received five dollars (\$5.00) from Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller of Illinois in appreciation of care given the union soldier's grave with the money two pink dogwood trees were purchased for the cemetery and named the "Flo Jamison Miller" trees. Granite slabs for shrubbery were purchased in April of 1937. The chapter voted to name the road leading to the cemetery and surrender grounds the Appomattox Memorial Highway. In the 1940s interest continued and the cemetery was being well cared for with the help of state funds.

In March of 1933, Appomattox Chapter lost one of its charter members by death, Mrs. Annie Abbitt Pretlow.

It was announced at the June meeting of 1936 that directors of the Appomattox Historical Park Association had granted the Appomattox Chapter the privilege of furnishing the McLean House when restored. Miss Anna Jones had made the request at the association's first meeting, and it was granted after approval by the authorities in Washington. The chapter had an article concerning this published in the Richmond Times Dispatch newspaper on December 22, 1936. Names of the members of various committees published and they were to retrieve or duplicate originals in the building where Lee surrendered. The article stated: The Appomattox U. D. C. Chapter desires to obtain as many pieces of McLean furniture as possible, to be supplemented by other furniture of the 1848 – 65 period.

At the November meeting of that year, it was voted that Mrs. Russell Wagers represent the U. D. C. in its effort to secure funds for the purpose by writing a letter seeking an appropriation from Mr. Henry Ford. At the February 1937 meeting Mrs. Waters read the reply that she received from Mr. Ford, but the minutes did not record the contents.

In December 1936, the chapter voted to purchase the book, "Gone With the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell and present it to the Appomattox County Library. Other books contributed to the library were "Confederate Leaders" by Sallie Bruce Dickinson, books on the life of Washington, and Douglas Southhall Freeman's book on Robert E. Lee. In her report to General in 1945, the chapter purchased ten sets of "Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government" and place a set in every school in Appomattox County.

Delegates elected to the Thirty-eight Annual General Convention in Jacksonville, Florida in 1931 were Mrs. E. E. Gills and Mrs. Mollie H. Lawson. Miss Louise Gills won the Martha Washington prize for the best essay on "Alexander Stevens, Vice- President of the Confederacy" at this convention. Elected Delegates in November 1934 to attend the General Convention in New York City were Mrs. D. N. Twyman and Mrs. L. Crawley. In 1936 Mrs. W. T. Steele and Miss Anna Jones were elected to General in Dallas, Texas.

While serving as president of the Virginia Division during World War 11 Mrs. William A. Coleman concluded her written report to General with the following statement: "A cycloramic view of the daughters of Virginia would show them everywhere busily in such work as will help to bring the war to an end more quickly; ministering to the comfort and happiness of our service personnel; keeping the homes unchanged and ready for their return." Mrs. Coleman succeeded Miss Jones as President of the Appomattox Chapter after serving as president of the Virginia Division. Records show the chapter engaged in many activities during this time with interest centered upon helping our servicemen restore peace in the world and return home safety.

In the June 1944 issue of the U. D. C. magazine, it was reported in the Division News that the Appomattox Chapter recently celebrated the 100th birthday anniversary of Mr. Charles Coleman, a confederate veteran. The report stated. Remarkable well and in full possession of his mental faculties, he discusses the problem of the day with intelligence. Not being daunted by the physical handicap of deafness and poor eyesight, he is a large and successful tobacco grower, managing his own plantation.

Harriette P. Cunningham

Ethel Lee P. Stanley

Part III

1950 – 1979

The Appomattox Chapter UDC had many projects during these years. In January the annual Lee, Jackson, Maury dinner to honor our Confederate leaders. Services held at the Confederate Cemetery in memory of our deceased military service members were on April 9, Memorial Day and veterans day November 11th.

In the early years of our chapter and through the sixties, pensions were obtained for widows of our Confederate veterans. Grave markers were placed on several Confederate graves that could be located. The chapter also fixed fruit baskets and gave floral arrangements to shut-in members.

During the war years of the forties and through the seventies, the chapter made lap robes, Afghans, crutch pads and other items that were sent to the veteran hospitals.

Essays on Confederate activities were written every year, several members received awards for their entries. High school juniors and seniors also participated and were given awards.

Memorial Books pertaining to the Confederacy were presented to the library in memory of each deceased member. During 1950 the chapter placed thirty-two books in the schools and sponsored contests in which Fifty-two essays were written. The chapter had a contract with Dietz Press, Inc to sell its publications to be placed in homes.

During that same year a tribute to Helen Ferguson Coleman was written after her accidental death on September 8, 1949.

On April 16, 1950, the restored McLean House was dedicated. Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt presided and Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman was the speaker. During 1950-51 the Appomattox Chapter donated to the McLean house a mahogany chest of drawers, a mahogany washstand, a pine spool table, a Childs armchair and a coffee measuring cup engraved with the courtship of Washington and a Mahogany nursery chair. In 1957 a rosewood veneer drop leaf table was donated. All donations were acknowledged by the park superintendent, Hubert A. Gurney.

Historical relics were donated to the Park Service Museum by a member, Mrs. Clarke Bledsoe. Two statuettes which were in the McLean House at the time of the surrender were given through the Appomattox Chapter by a descendent of Major McLean.

Mrs. Ethel Abbitt Burke continued her presidency of the Appomattox Chapter into 1950. On March, 1951, there were 36 members listed, 15 of whom were Real Daughters.

Mrs. Earle Patterson Robinson (Mrs. Calvin) followed as president during the years 1951 – 53. She not only served her chapter with distinction, but also served the Virginia Division as District Chairman in 1951 – 52, as Division Scrapbook Chairman in 1951 – 52 as Virginia

Division Vice- President in 1958 – 59, and as Division Historian in 1960 – 61. In 1965 – 67 she served her local chapter a second time as president.

In 1953 Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Robinson donated a picture of General Robert E Lee to the chapter. This was framed and presented to the Appomattox County High School.

The Appomattox Chapter was host to the Spring District Conference in 1953. A lovely program was presented with many of our Division Officers participating.

On October 6, 1953, a program was held at the Virginia Hotel in Lynchburg for viewing the film, "Sunset at Appomattox". Remarks were made by Major General U.S. Grant, 111, Rev. Richard H. Lee and Conrad L. Wirth. Toastmaster was Congressman W. M. Abbitt. At McLean House at 4:00 p.m. acceptance of the film by Mr. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, took place. Members of the Appomattox Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy were those who attended.

During these years the chapter had occasional combined meeting with the Kirkwood Otey Chapter and the Old Dominion Chapter of Lynchburg. Chapters from other areas came for tours and met with the Appomattox Chapter.

Mrs. Avis Brown Smith received the gavel and became president of the chapter in 1953 – 57. She planned a program giving special recognition and Real Daughters, Mrs. W. M. Black, Mrs. L. H. Childers, Mrs. T. M. Goldsby, Miss Mable Harris, Mrs. Grace Winters, and Mrs. A. J. Zastrow. The names of deceased Real Daughters, Miss Anna Jones and Miss Eula Mae Burke would be inscribed in the Book of Remembrance of the Virginia Division and the National Book of Remembrance.

During April 9 -11, 1965, there was a centennial observance of our nations at the Appomattox Courthouse National Park. An address was given by Bruce Catton, author of "Stillness at Appomattox" and other war Between the States Books. Others participating in the program were Robert E. Lee, 1V, General U. S. Grant 111, and Virginia Governor Albert S. Harrison, Jr. Other Programs, including one held at the elementary school paying tribute to men of Appomattox County who served in the war, Mrs. Calvin Robinson, who served as moderator. Mrs. Otho Martin, Jr. served on the County Centennial Committee.

Mrs. Gladys Patterson Johnson was elected president in 1959 – 61. Several of our formal presidents served a second term during the sixties, including Mrs. Brown, 1961 – 63, Mrs. Johnson in 1963 – 65, and Mrs. Robinson during 1965 – 67.

In 1967, Mrs. Emma C. Zastrow (Mrs. A. J.) became president of the Appomattox Chapter and served through 1974. She was a most vibrant and devoted daughter and leader. During her presidency the membership reached its highest number, as in 1975, our tax records listed eighty-one members.

Other officers installed in 1967 were: Mrs. A. B. Cole, vice-President, Mrs. Louise Plunkett, recording secretary, Mrs. grace winters, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Thelma Dickerson, registrar, and Mrs. Gladys Johnson, treasure.

In 1967, the iron fence around the Confederate Cemetery was repaired and painted at a cost of \$255.00. With state aid, the Appomattox Chapter cares for all expenses of the cemetery. Each year a Memorial Service in cooperation with the local American Legion Post, is held at the cemetery.

In 1968 – 69 two cements seats were placed in the cemetery. A gift was made to the Memorial Building, and a metal locker was purchased in which to keep the chapter records.

In 1969, Mrs. Louise Plunkett (Mrs. Clifford), serving as Virginia Division Registrar, was awarded the General 75th Anniversary Plate for having enrolled the most members in the same family.

In 1970, a granite speaker's stand was placed in the Confederate Cemetery. This was dedicated during the Memorial Day Service with the American Legion participating.

The Appomattox Chapter was given a "Certificate of Merit" from the Virginia Division for seventy-five years of continuous service, in 1971. That year the annual spring conference was hosted by the Appomattox Chapter. On Memorial Day it hosted Hanging Rock Rangers. Children of the Confederacy, and guess from the Roanoke U. D. C. chapter. The children Placed wreaths on the Confederate graves and the one Union grave in the cemetery. The Richmond U> D> C. Chapter joined the group for a tour of the Appomattox National Park and Saylor's Creek Battlefield Park.

Our project to present our Daughters, a Real Daughter Identification Pin was continued in 1972 with recognition and awarding pins to Mrs. Ethel Childers, and Mrs. Marian Tweety.

The 1975 Memorial Day project for the year was the cemetery. All the stones were cleaned and a 4" X 4" bronze plaque was affixed to each to each known to replace the lettering which had been obliterated by weather. There are nineteen graves, eight known and eleven unknowns.

In 1976 the chapter participated in the annual Railroad Festival at Appomattox. Its float won second place honors in the parade. The chapter sponsored a costume contest on "Ye Olde Fashion Days" Since this was the year of the bicentennial celebration. Mrs. Tilden Lee made a display recreating the surrender scene for the festival.

In 1977, the iron fence around the cemetery was painted and a wreath was placed in front of the monument during the Memorial Service and at Christmas. Six baskets of fruit were taken to our shut-ins. Mrs. Vera Cyrus, Mrs. W. M. Black, Mrs. C. S. Jenkins, Mrs. Bessie Smith, Mrs. Earle Roberson, Mrs. T. M. Goldby.

The chapter participated in the "Old Fashion Christmas" at the Appomattox Courthouse National Park. It also participated in the performance of "We've Come Back for a Look Around" presented at the McLean House in 1977.

Following Mrs. Zastrow as president, were Mrs. Thelma Webb Martin in 1974-75, Mrs. Lena Cardwell Eversole, 1975-77, Mrs. Harriette Powell Cunningham (T.M.), 1977-79, and Mrs. Hazel Lee Coleman Martin (O.W.) in 1979-81

Officers elected on September 27, 1979 were Hazel Lee Maartin, president, Catherine Godsey, vice – president, Helen Gunter, second vice – president, Julia Wingfield, third vice – president, Thelma Martin, recording secretary, Geneva Childers, secretary, Francis Harvey, treasure, Lucille Ferrell, historian, and Louise Plunkett, registrar.

In 1979 the Appomattox Chapter in cooperation with Mr. Harold Wyatt, sponsored an educational Exhibit of War Between the States Memorabilia in the Farmers Nation Bank during the Railroad Festival in October. Special recognition was given by the Festival Committee.

Part IV

1980 – 1995

We were privileged to begin the year 1980 as host to the annual District III Conference in Appomattox at St. Ann's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Harriette Conningham, District III Chairman, presided at the meeting, assisted by Mrs. Otho W. Martin, Jr., president of the Appomattox Chapter. Mrs. Frank I. Silek, president of the Virginia Division, and other officers of the Division shared information regarding the work of the Daughters. That year Mrs. Rachel Lawson, program chairman, planned a very festive Christmas Party for the chapter. Following dinner, an interesting address was made by Dr. Mervyn Willianson, professor at Lynchburg College.

During the years 1980-82, the chapter began a program of recognition of all real daughters of the Confederacy who lived in the county but not members of the U. D. C. Chapter. Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin, Mrs. Alice Martin and Mrs. Elaine Bollinger served on the committee. Special articles were written and published in the Appomattox Times-Virginia newspaper on the life of these daughters. A dinner was held in their honor with family and friends on October 17, 1980. The following were honored and presented Certificates of Appreciation.

Mrs. Ruth Williamson	Mrs. Hattie McFadden
Mrs. Ruth Clapp	Mrs. Nettie McCormick
Miss. Lennie Gordon	Mrs. Harry Almond
Mrs. Walter Payne (absent)	Mrs. Minnie Martin
Mrs. Marion Tweedy	

In 1981, Mrs. Margaret Beale, real daughter, was welcomed into the chapter and presented membership certificate by the president by the president, Mrs. Martin. The April 9th Memorial Service was to be held at the Appomattox Confederate Cemetery but was moved to Maude's restaurant due to rain. Reverend David Camden, Pastor of Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church, was quest speaker. At the Virginia Division Eighty-sixth Annual Conference. October 8th, Mrs. Otho Martin was installed as District 111 Chairman.

In 1982 the annual Memorial Service date was changed to April 15th. The program was held at the Confederate Cemetery with Reverend Rex J. Bennett, pastor.

Postscript first 100 years

Old town Alexandria was the perfect site for the Virginia Division United Daughters of the confederacy Conference in the year 1995, October 6th through 8th. It was here that the Virginia Division was founded 100 years ago.

It would be an incomplete history unless we recorded here cherished events of this division conference since the Appomattox chapter was one of six chapters recognized as part of the early organization. The Appomattox charter was organized August 22, 1895 and listed in the general organization as Chapter #11 and in the Virginia division as Chapter #6.

Mrs. Otho W. Martin, Jr. president of the Appomattox chapter and her husband attended the conference and were awarded certificates of attendance at the 100th Anniversary Convention of the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Memorial Service was held in Christ Church where both Lee and Washington worshiped. A special Chapter Memorial was read in memory of Appomattox chapter real daughter, Mrs. Marian Cardwell Tweedy. Following the program, a wreath was placed on the Confederate Mound in the church yard.

Historical Evening was exceptional: the music of Wilson S. And Shannon Starke pianists; the invocation and Benediction by Rev. Larry W. Sizemore, Chaplain of the Army of Northern Virginia (SCV); the Southern Guard color bearers and the bestowal of 6 crosses of Military Service, two National Defense Medals, one Jefferson medal and one Winnie Davis Medal.

President Banquet evening was filled with history, fun and excitement. Our 100th Birthday cake was in 2 separate layers with a bridge joining both. A doll in colonial dress was on one layer and a doll in modern dress on the other. To the music and chorus of "Dixie" the great cake was wheeled in. After a Virginia reel around the cake by our gracious and charming president,

Mrs. Haike M. Giragosain the chapter presidents marched in, one at a time and gave the charter date of their Chapter.

This convention was one that none of us who were present will ever forget!

Hazel Lee C. Martin (Mrs. O. W.)

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Lula Johns Hunter (C.W.)	1895 – 1898
Mrs. J.R. Atwood	1898 – 1908
Mrs. Joel W. Flood	1908 –
Mrs. Vera Abbitt Abbitt (J.B.)	
Mrs. Sarah Taylor Caldwell (W.B.)	
Miss Eula Mae Burke	
Mrs. Lucy Holzclaw Crawley (Lindsay)	1920 - 1923
Mrs. Mrs. Phoebe Shaw Twyman (Dr. D.N.)	1923 – 1925
Miss M. Anna Jones	1925 - 1928
Mrs. Russell Ferguson Wagers (N.A.)	1928 – 1930
Miss M. Anna Jones	1930 – 1946
Mrs. Helen Ferguson Coleman (W.A.)	1946 – 1949
Mrs. Ethel Abbitt Burke (J.A.)	1949 – 1951
Mrs. Earle Patteson Robinson (C.H.)	1951 – 1953
Mrs. Avis Brown Smith (E.C.)	1953 – 1957
Mrs. Ethel Abbitt Burke (J.A.)	1957 – 1959
Mrs. Gladys Patteson Johnson (H.G.)	1959 – 1961
Mrs. Avis Brown Smith (E.C.)	1961 – 1963
Mrs. Gladys Patteson Johnson (H.G.)	1963 – 1965
Mrs. Earle Patteson Robinson (C.H.)	1965 – 1967
Mrs. Emma Sue Coleman Zastrow (A.J.)	1967 – 1973
Mrs. Thelma Webb Martin (J.E.)	1974 – 1975
Mrs. Lena Caldwell Eversole	1975 – 1977
Mrs. Harriette Powell Cunningham (T.M.)	1977 – 1979
Mrs. Hazel Lee Coleman Martin (O.W.)	1979 – 1981
Mrs. Lucille Cralle Ferrell	1981 – 1983
Mrs. Hazel Lee Coleman Martin (O.W.)	1983 – 1989
Mrs. Ellen B. Christie (H.B.)	1989 – 1991
Mrs. Shelby C. Huff	1991 – 1993

Mrs. Hazel Lee Coleman Martin (O.W.)	1993 –
Mrs. Carolyn Austin (T.E.)	
Mrs. Carol Williams	2005 - 2011
Mrs. Susan Reynolds	2011 - 2012
Mrs. Carol Williams	2012 – 2013
Mrs. Joyce Coleman	2013 – 2017
Mrs. Marjorie Karen Sale (W.G.)	2018 –