

Caroline Grays Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy
UDC No. 2473
Division No. 203
Bowling Green, Virginia

The Caroline Grays Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was chartered on April 15, 1983. It began organizing in the autumn of 1982. The chapter was named for Company E, 30th Virginia Infantry which was known as the Caroline Grays.

The nine charter members were:

- Mae Brooks
- Marcia Stokes French
- Bonnie Ann Wood Garber
- Annie Katherine Mitchell Garrett
- Karen Hughes Hebert
- Marian Lacy Mahon
- Barbara Compton Pitts
- Ruth Sandra Coghill Scripture
- Margaret Brooks Sterritt.

The Organizing officers were:

- President, Ruth Sandra Coghill Scripture
- Registrar, Bonnie Wood Garber
- Secretary, Annie Katherine Mitchell Garrett
- Treasurer, Barbara Compton Pitts

Six Real Daughters of the Confederacy have been members of the Caroline Grays.

- Nellie Motley Boulware joined the Caroline Grays on 15 January 1984. She was the daughter of Thomas Judson Motley, Co. H, 30th Virginia Infantry and the widow of James Lynwood Boulware. Mrs. Boulware passed away a few months after receiving her membership certificate at the age of 97.
- Miss Mary Dorothy Wright was a resident of the Confederate Home for Women in Richmond. She was a native of Caroline County and was the daughter of William Lewis Wright of Co. K, 30th Virginia Infantry. She joined the chapter on 30 November 1985. She was one of the Confederate ladies moved to Brandermill Woods Health Care Center and passed away there on 13 July 1991 at the age of 86.
- Mary Eliza Broaddus Broaddus was the daughter of Christopher Columbus Broaddus of Co. H, 30th Virginia Infantry and the widow of Woodford Silas Broaddus. She joined the Caroline Grays on 31 March 1989 and passed away on 6 December 2002 at the age of 109.
- Ruth Samuel Beazley was the daughter of George Washington Samuel, Co. A, 55th Virginia Infantry and the widow of Emmett Beazley. She joined on 31 May 1990 and passed away on 22 October 2002 at the age of 105.

- Miss Junie Bell Noel was the daughter of Lewis Noel of Co. I, 8th Virginia Infantry. She joined the chapter on 15 August 1990 and passed away on 21 July 1993 at the age of 98.
- Miss Alma Virginia Green was the daughter of Thomas Walter Green of Co. H, 30th Virginia Infantry. She joined the Caroline Grays on 15 July 1993 and passed away on 1 March 1996 at the age of 91.

All six graves are marked with Real Daughters Markers.

The Caroline Grays Presidents and terms of office are as follows:

- Ruth Sandra Coghill Scripture: Organizing President and President for a few months after chartering, 1982-September 1983
- Barbara Hill Allen O'Brien, October 1983-1991
- Charlotte Mae Allen Stabnau, 1991-1993
- Mae Brooks, 1993-1995
- Barbara Hill Allen O'Brien, 1995-2001
- June Madeline Sprouse Ferrell, 2001-2003
- Frances Miles Epperson Towberman, 2003-2007
- Glenda Wilkerson, 2007-2009
- Kathy McVay, 2009-2013
- Pamela Smith, 2013- Present

On April 19, 1986, Michael Raynes received a Certificate of Appreciation for his service in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Vietnam Conflict. Frank Towberman was awarded a National Defense Medal on December 1, 1997. On October 3, 2005, Davis Marshall Farmer was posthumously awarded the WWII Cross of Military Service for his service in the U.S. Army. On March 6, 2006, James Franklin Wood was posthumously awarded the WWII Cross of Military Service for his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps. The following have also received Military Service Awards Gilbert, Brittle, Jerry and Richard Chinault, Carroll Elliot, Ashton Brooks, Roy Brooks, Herbert Cantor, James Pitts and David Chichester.

Chapter members, Bonnie Garber and Ollie Clarke, have been awarded the Jefferson Davis Historic Gold Medal. Winnie Davis Medals have been presented to Bonnie Garber, Marjorie Morse, Lucy Welsh, Mary Wright, June Ferrell, Barbara O'Brien, Katherine Garrett, Frances Towberman, Cheryl English and Angela Smith.

Many Confederate graves have been marked by the Chapter over the years. Ollie Clarke was instrumental in finding many of these graves, especially the ones that were dedicated on September 18, 2005. The ceremony was held in the chapel at Greenlawn Cemetery, Bowling Green. One grave in Lakewood Cemetery was dedicated that day, along with 20 markers in the Greenlawn Cemetery. The markers were for James B. Acors, Paul C. Acors, George T. Boulware, William Boulware, Dallas Bruce, William S Bruce, William S. Campbell, Ruffin R. Carter, David Semple Cash, Andrew Jackson Greenstreet, John A. Greenstreet, Samuel L. Fanner, James R. Micou, Joseph R. Penney, James Preston Saunders, John Saunders, David Sterne, Francis G. Sterne, Peter Thornton, Robert C. Thornton, and William Lewis Wright. About 100 people were present at the dedication with Mr. Richard E. Page as the guest speaker.

Other grave markers dedicated, besides those of our six Real Daughters, include granddaughters, Margaret Sterna and Mae Brooks dedicated on September 18, 2005. The Confederate grave of Atwell Coleman Perks at Round Oak Baptist Church

Cemetery, Corbin, Virginia, was dedicated on October 5, 2002. On May 17, 2003, a grave marking ceremony was held at Grant United Methodist Church Cemetery, Lerty, Westmoreland County, Virginia for Thomas Lewis Tate. At Danieltown, Virginia in the New Hope Christian Church Cemetery, a grave marker dedication was held on November 2, 2003 for Nicholas Hardaway Epperson. On April 2012 Edward Mordecial Puller was added to this list. The chapter completed grave marking ceremonies for our members Mary Wright and Kathryn Garrett.

The members have donated money to help restore the 30th Virginia Infantry Flag located at the MOC and in July 2010 member Barbara Byrd designed our Chapter Pin. In October 2022 the chapter won the Alice Whitley Jones Banner for the work we accomplished to move the Confederate Soldier Monument from the Bowling Green Courthouse lawn to the Greenlawn Cemetery where we had a rededication ceremony. In 2023 funds from the chapter were used to recover the Little River Jefferson Davis Highway Marker and had it moved to property owned by Thomas Sprouse.

Members who have served Division and General include:

- Fran Towberman served 2 terms as General Chaplain, Honorary Division President, Third Vice President VA Division, Custodian Virginia Division & 5th District Chair
- Pamela Smith served as Virginia Division RMSA & 5th District Chair
- Angela Smith served as Virginia Division Custodian & Chairman of Memorial Building Hostess Committee
- Barbara Compton Pitts transferred to the Arizona Division and served as the Arizona Division Second Vice President from 1990-1992 and the Arizona Division Treasurer from 1991-1992.

Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter Children of the Confederacy, #807

The Caroline Grays Chapter sponsors the Captain Sally Tompkins Chapter, Children of the Confederacy, #807. It was named for Captain Sally Tompkins, the famed nurse of the Confederacy. After the war, Captain Sally Tompkins resided in the Caroline County town of Port Royal and lived there until moving to the Confederate Home for Women in Richmond. The chapter was chartered on 12 May 1986 with the following charter members:

- Ashby Stuart Brooks
- Christopher Hunter Brooks
- Heather Elizabeth Brooks
- James Thomas Garber
- Robert Ormand Johnson, Jr.
- Ronald Garland Johnson
- Joshua Daniel Raynes

James Thomas Garber served the Virginia Division CofC as Third Vice President 1996-97, Second Vice President 1997-98, Vice President 1998-99 and in 1999 he was made Honorary President of the Virginia Division, CofC. The chapter sponsored the Division CofC Convention in June 1999 in Caroline County at Round Oak Baptist Church, Corbin, Virginia. It was at this church that General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson formed the Chaplain Corps for the Confederate forces.