

**The History of the Lancaster County Chapter #1406, Division #129
United Daughters of the Confederacy**

Confederate Monument Dedication

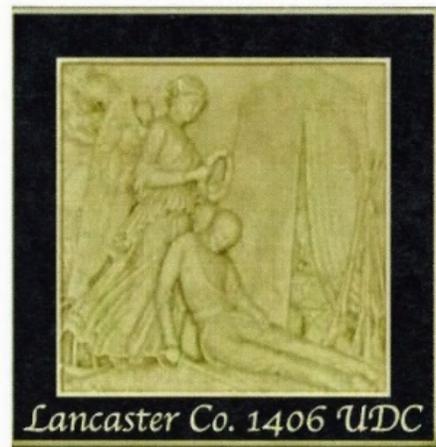
July 26th and 27th, 1872

On the afternoon of the 26th of July 1872, the Ladies Memorial Association of Lancaster opened a fair for the benefit of the Society. Dr. J. L. M. Curry of Richmond delivered an educational address at night. The Fair closed at 11 o'clock, P.M., and was reopened at 10 o'clock on the following day. At 11 o'clock Dr. Curry delivered his Memorial address to a large audience who frequently applauded him. A considerable amount of money was raised by voluntary contributions after which the Monument was unveiled. Prayer was first offered by Rev. J. William Jones. When the veil was removed by Captain Samuel Downing of the 55th Virginia Regiment, Captain William T. Chase of the 40th Virginia, Captain James K. Ball of the 9th Virginia Calvary, Rev. Captain W.F. Dunaway of the 47th Virginia and Captain B. M. Robinson of the 40th Virginia. The Monument was pronounced by Dr. Curry to be an honor to the states and to the whole South. The Fair closed finally on the afternoon of the 27th of July, a handsome sum of money having been realized there by.

Lancaster County Chapter No. 1406

**Virginia Division No. 129
Fifth District
Kilmarnock, Virginia**

**Organized May 17, 1912
Chartered July 2, 1912**



Honoring the Memory of our Founder



The Lancaster County Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized May 17, 1912, at 'Greenvale', Lancaster County, the home of Mrs. Ella Towles Poole. Mrs. Poole became the first President and remained in office until her death on May 24, 1934.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Ann Elizabeth Ball
Mary Elizabeth Fallin Blakemore
C.O. Chilton
Lillian Dunaway Cottingham
Marianna Ewell
Olive T. George
Ella Towles Poole
Frances Towles

Louise T. Beane
Mary E. Chowning
Demetria Connolle
Nannie Pollard Dunaway
Mary Chilton Ficklin
Nellie Pirece Gresham
Lucie D. Stoneham
Zelia A. Towles

All Deceased

In May 1912, the Lancaster County United Daughters of the Confederacy (U.D.C.) chapter was organized. It was an outgrowth from a group of ladies of the county who had raised money for the purchase of a Confederate monument for those heroes who had served in the War Between the States. Mrs. Ella Towles Poole was the first president, transferring from a chapter in Fredericksburg, Virginia to the new Lancaster chapter. She served as president until her death in 1934.

The chapter president was received on July 2, 1912, by sixteen members. The chapter was named "The Lancaster Greys." The Lancaster chapter was in the Virginia's sixth district when first organized, but later moved to the fifth district in 1915.

In 1914, the chapter members sent two barrels of oysters to the Old Soldiers' Home in Richmond at Christmas. The home was opened in 1885 and was located on Boulevard and Grove Avenues. In 1941 the home closed, upon the death of the last resident.

In 1915, the chapter sent three barrels of oysters to the Ladies' Confederate Home (The Home for Needy Confederate Women) in Richmond. This home, opened in 1900 on Grove Avenue, was used to house widows and ancestors of the men in the War Between the States. In this same year, the Northumberland Lee-Jackson chapter assisted the Lancaster Greys in serving dinner to veterans at the Lawson-Ball Camp, at Lancaster Courthouse.

In 1917, at the Virginia Division meeting, the chapters were advised to keep scrapbooks of the history of the chapter's activities. The Lancaster Greys had forty-three members on roll.

In 1918, the chapter supported a French orphan. A flag of Lancaster County was also presented to the state museum by the Lawson-Ball Camp group and its veterans. The fourth and fifth district of U.D.C. met in Lancaster County and at the meeting, money was collected for the Matthew Fontaine Maury (1806-1873) scholarship fund.

In 1920, the chapter of fifty-six members adopted veterans in the Old Soldiers' Home in Richmond, sending items and visiting them.

In 1921, two new members joined the chapter. In 1922, the Virginia division worked for higher pensions for the veterans, through the state legislature. There were fifty-eight members.

In 1923, the chapter continued to provide meals to the veterans of the county at the courthouse, served by some of the sixty members. Chapter officers were reelected in 1924.

In 1928, there were seventy-six members. It was noted that seven veterans of the War Between the States are still living in Lancaster County.

In 1932, Mrs. Ella Poole served on the standing committee for the Confederate Museum in Richmond. The Museum of the Confederacy is still active and strong in Richmond today.

In 1933, the fifth district meeting was held in Kilmarnock at the Opera House. The Opera House was located on the corner of Church and Main Streets. An address by Senator Robert O. Norris was given on "The Importance of Correct History." Membership in the Lancaster Greys was seventy-four when the chapter leader, Mrs. Ella Poole, died in 1934.

In 1938, the Lancaster U.D.C. chapter had a part in restoring the old clerk's office along with many old Confederate records.

In 1941, the chapter presented a book to the Lancaster High School library titled "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government."

In 1942, the membership had declined, with forty-two members in the chapter.

In 1943, Mrs. J.O. Dameron of Weems, president of the chapter, placed the historical records in a book in the county, but they are not known where.

In 1944, with gas rationing there were only two meetings held.

1945-1965, Marguerite Simmons Wilroy was president of the chapter from 1965-1969. She was a native of Lancaster County, but had lived away until retirement when she and her husband move to a home near Indian Creek Estates.

In 1973, chapter president Linda Treacle presented a check for ten dollars to Kendall Acors, for his essay. He is the son of member Myrna C. Acors and also served as president of the Children of the Confederacy, which the chapter supports. For the first time since 1959, the chapter received an "A" rating. Mabel Kirkham, historian, won an essay contest for the fifth district and donated the money to

the monument fund. A spring trip to Richmond included the Confederate Memorial Building, the Pelham Chapel, and the home of the Confederate widows. Two of the chapter member lived there during the visit.

In 1974, the name of the chapter was changed from Lancaster Greys to Lancaster County chapter. At the fifth district meeting at Northminster Church in Richmond, more Lancaster members attended than any other chapter, excluding the host chapter. A cross of military service was awarded to a veteran of a recent war. One new member was added this year. Two local children won an essay contest and were given ten dollars each.

The chapter members traveled to Richmond, and visited the Confederate White House, the museum, and the residence of Jefferson Davis during the war. The house was built by Dr. John Brockenbrough in 1817 and in 1884 it was purchased by the Confederate Memorial Literary Society. Stewart Bryan was president of the Society (DURING THE VISIT OR DURING THE PURCHASE?) Locally, Confederate flags were placed on veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

In 1974-1975 Mr. E. E. (Marie) Trent was president and served as fifth district chairman when the Lancaster chapter hosted the meeting at Windmill Point Marine Lodge on April 26, 1975. During the event Mrs. Judy Gutowski, a member of the Goochland chapter, gave the response to the welcome. She was also sister to Lancaster member Mrs. Ann Robertson. At a later meeting that year, the president presented a Jefferson Davis charm to high school essay winner Carole Robertson, daughter of member Mrs. Ann Robertson.

In 1976-1977 the chapter members elected Mrs. Marie Trent and Mrs. Ann Robertson delegates to the October Fifth District meeting in Charlottesville. Also in October, the chapter members toured Sally Tompkins' cottage, home, and grave in Mathews County, and had a prearranged lunch at a local restaurant. Sally Tompkins was the only woman in the area who was a nurse for the Confederate Army.

In 1978-80 Bess Crosswell was president of the chapter. A Jefferson Davis medal was presented to David Ratcliff for helping the chapter in various ways, especially getting his relative, Dr. Holland as a speaker for the June meeting. Dr. Holland was a professor at a college in Richmond and came to the meeting to give talks for a number of years. About seventy-eight gifts were collected and taken to the McGuire Veterans Hospital. Mr. Cherry, fifth district chairman, was present at one of the meetings in 1978. Also in 1978, a cross of military service was presented to the husband of member Mary Meade Dameron Woodson, Bed Woodson. The cross of honor is the outgrowth of the southern cross of honor given to Confederate soldiers. It is a symbol that links the present with the past. A grave marker was gotten for one ancestor.

In March, Mary Ball Museum accepted the scrapbook for the archives. Col. David Nye, Evelyn's husband, made a base for the four flags which we salute at every meeting. Some local middle school students entered essays for a contest offered by the U.D.C. and four won, receiving a money prize.

In 1982, Mrs. Walter Harvey (Gertrude Kelly) received a fifty year pin from the chapter at the September meeting. She was chapter registrar from 1951 to 1980, longer than any registrar in the Virginia Division. She also had the most perfect papers for membership and she was recognized by the division for having reinstated the largest number of members in the chapter.

The chapter gave Eugene V.B. Van Pelt a cross of honor. Van Pelt served in World War II as an administrative officer. President Evelyn Nye and Vice-president Virginia Conway presented it. A book was presented to the Lancaster County library in memory of Henrietta Armsworthy, a great aunt of

member Myrna Acors. Mrs. Armsworthy died in 1980. A group of members attended the General Convention in Richmond in November. At the December 1980 meeting a certificate of enlistment of Samuel Williams, given by the chapter, was presented. It had been beautifully framed by Col. David Nye. The chapter had had the certificated restored.

Someone made and donated a wooden chest to the chapter years ago. The chest has now been put in the Mary Ball Museum in Lancaster where it will be kept safe. Some of the items in the chest are Confederate flags, a muster roll of Company B&H Fields Brigade, the ledge containing the minutes of the Lawson-Ball Camp, books about the Confederacy, old artifacts of the period following the War Between the States, and old minutes of the recording secretary. The charter has been framed by Col. David Nye.

At a meeting, the story written by Mrs. Poole was read. It is a story of the Confederate monument at Lancaster County Courthouse. The paper was taken from "the chest." The book, "American Civil War" was presented to the librarian at the Lancaster County Public Library in 1973 by then president Mrs. Nye and historian, Mrs. Trent.

The chapter president and other members presented a book, "The Virginia Way" by Guy Fridell to Warren Winters, the principal at Lancaster High School in 1980 for the school library.

Mrs. Vernon (Annie) Dunaway, the patriotic chairman asked members to keep an accurate account of all hours spent at hospitals, libraries, visiting veterans, writing letters to Congressmen, and sending gifts to veterans in hospitals. Items were brought to a fall meeting to donate to the Veterans Hospital. Member Ann Robertson delivered them.

In 1981, the chapter members toured Maymont and Chimboraza Park in Richmond. They also toured the U.D.C. building on Boulevard Avenue, Old St. John's Church and E.A. Poe's Musuem after a lunch at the Tobacco Restaurant, located in an old warehouse in historic Shockhoe Bottom.

In June, members placed Confederate flags on the graves of Confederate veterans. As done each year, a flag was also placed at the Confederate monument at the courthouse.

A World War II cross of military service honor was presented to Sara West, a member of the chapter.

There were 22 members at Cobbs Hall and 13 guests for the June meeting. Mrs. Walter Harvey and her sister, Ada Hudnall were the hostess. Rebecca Lawson McReynolds died May 28, 1981. Her passing had great effect on the chapter family as she was an active member and the chapter poet. Betsy Claggett, a former chapter president, displayed a framed engraving of "The Buried of Latane" which she gave to the chapter for hanging in the Mary Ball Museum. Latane was a physician from Essex County who served during the War Between the States. Three of the school essays were read and two were chosen as possible state entries.

In December 1982, veteran's gifts were collected and a friend, Margaret Green, took the gifts to the hospital. The chapter sent ten dollars to the state treasury for essay prizes. The topic for the essay was "My Favorite Confederate General."

In 1983, the membership for a real daughter, Nora George, was presented. Ann Robertson was the chapter president from 1982 until 1986. Two members, Marie Trent and Ann Roberston, attended the November 1982 89th General Convention in Richmond.

In 1983, chapter members traveled to Bladenfield in Richmond County.

In 1985, Mrs. Andrew Bily, a member of the Williamsburg Chapter, was the fifth district chairman. Ann Robertson served as chairman on the UDC State Pension and Relief Committee for two years. The chapter gave a magazine subscription of "Civil War Times" to the Lancaster County Library.

In May 1987, some of the members toured the Confederate Chapel (Pelham) in Richmond, the business office of the UDC, and the Petersburg area. Another military cross of honor was to be presented in October. The historian gave a brief account of the Battle of Cedar Run or Cedar Mountain. It happened on August 9, 1862 and was the first offensive action by the Confederate army. Several members passed away during this year.

At the 1987 fifth district meeting, Marie Trent led in singing and playing the piano. Mr. Wetzel was the fifth district music chairman. Terry Hunter was the fifth district chairman when the meeting was held in her home in Williamsburg.

Betsy Cleggett served as president from 1986 until 1989 when she became ill. Jean Booth McKenny agreed to serve the one year left in Betsy's term.

In June 1988, Mrs. Walter Garrett (Kate) was presented a fifty year pin by Vice President Ann Robertson. We lost four members by death in 1989. The Chapter members made a trip to Mathews County in October and visited Sally Tompkins home and the church Kingston Christ Church, where she is buried. The Kingston Parish was established in 1652. We also toured the Tompkins Cottage in the town of Mathews.

Emily Lawson served as President from 1990 to 1994. She was June hostess at some of the meetings when Dr. Holland was the speaker.

There were four Confederate soldiers graves recognized in Miskimon. Nora George, our real daughter, received a letter and plaque from the sons of Union Vets.

Jean Mercer Luttrell bought early UDC items she shared with the chapter of her mother's (Mrs. Virginia Mercer) who had been a past chapter President and a long time member.

In 1988 a Memorial and Wreath laying ceremony was held at the Monument in Lancaster Court House. The assembly said in unison,-- "May this Monument continue to remind all who pass this way of the noble deeds of these Confederate heroes and show the need for continuing need for unselfish service to our country".

Emily Lawson had previously been appointed chairman of the CofC to fill the unexpected term of Myrna C. Acors who resigned the post by the President, Marie Trent (she appointed Emily).

Some members attended a spring meeting at Fredericksburg in April 1988. Mrs. Burton Chapman was hostess chapter for Hanover and Mrs. Andrew Bily of Williamsburg was fifth district chairman.

The members made a trip to Stratford Hall in October 1988. Ann Carter, President attended the fifth District meeting held in Roanoke. At this meeting Nora George, our real daughter was given recognition. Also, Marie Trent was recognized in memory of her service locally and the district. She has held various offices in each. In November, our guest speaker was Andrew Packett, a park ranger at George Washington's birth place, a National Park now. He gave an

informative and interesting talk on early life and the middle years of Washington influenced by his mother Mary Ball, a native of Lancaster County.

In 2001 our chapter had representation at the fifth district meeting in Richmond and one of the members gave the Invocation. The Chapter members voted to have the time of the meetings (1:30 pm) under “Standing Rules” and remove it from the By-laws.

A special project for our Chapter was voted on concerning marking all the Confederate graves buried in the area. Iris L. Smith was asked to be the Chairman of a committee to organize this project. In September we had a display in the casement window at the County library. Ann Carter and Ann Robertson fixed the display.

The birthday of Robert E. Lee celebration was held in Richmond at the Old Capitol Building in February. Some members attended it. A wreath was placed by Ann Robertson representing Lancaster Chapter. It was placed at the statue of Lee.

In September some members attended a town council meeting in West Point to talk about the placement of flags on Confederate graves.

The December meeting was a luncheon held at Indian Creek Country Club. A program of music was provided by Peggy Davis and Jean Covington, the attendees enjoyed it. A gift was presented to Ann Carter.

Some of the events happening in 2002 were:

- A book “Standing Like a Stonewall” was given to libraries in Lancaster and Northumberland, an age appropriate to young.
- The 5th District meeting was held in Ashland in May.
- Peggy Davis and Leah Pittman invited the members to a celebration of their 100 year old mother (Nora George), our real daughter, April 27, 2002 at Lancashire. An article is to be put in the magazine in the near future (National UDC magazine).
- An Amendment to the By-laws: ‘If any person elected to an office by the Chapter should become ill and not able to fulfill their duties of the Office to which elected, or any member so elected should fail to attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings for a period of three(3) months, the President after conferring with the members of the Nominating committee for that year, may appoint another member of the Chapter to fill that position and take over for the rest of the elected term’.
- In September there was a discussion on items in the trunk (the box). A decision on the scholarship fund was discussed; members were reminded the fund is used by lineal descendants of a Confederate Vet. only.

In 2003 a donation for the postage was made to the Chapter Treasurer.

In March Admiral Bertran Chase, our speaker talked about the 9th Virginia Cavalry and the 4th Virginia Infantry.

Four poems written by member Virginia Hasky were read by Ann Robertson.

Five (5) members plan to attend the 5th District meeting.

A contribution to West Point, VA Chapter included a square Ioncona quilt in the name of the Chapter, done by Betty Jo Covington.

In April 2003, five members attended the 5th District meeting in Richmond at Pine St. Baptist church.

It was announced that the Chapter would be hostess at March 2004 5th District meeting, a discussion followed as to where and various foods to serve. Also artifacts and other items will be displayed.

It was noted that we have five daughters that have been members for twenty-five or more years. They are Betty Jo Covington, Margaret Welch, Jean Lewis, Curtis Harlow and Ann Robertson. Each received a certificate.

In February, Betty Enoch was presented with a twenty-five year certificate of membership.

Plans were made for the 5th District meeting to be held at White Stone United Methodist church on Saturday March 27, 2004. Betty Jo Covington will give a credentials Report at the meeting.

In November, Ann Robertson, representing the Chapter presented a check for \$100.00 to Robie Spies, the high school band director, for their trip to London this year.

An archival Box and tissues had been bought for \$50.00 to protect the artifacts donated by Vernon Buckam and other chapter papers and records. The Chapter sent a \$50.00 donation toward the preservation of the Confederate Powder Magazine and received an acknowledgement from the Jamestown 2007 Commission.

The Christmas meeting was a lunch at Bomberry's Restaurant near Heathsville on December 8, 2004. Peggy Davis and committee arranged the event.

In the September 2005 meeting a program on the By-laws was given. There was an update on the yearbook given.

The 5th District meeting, held in Richmond at the Sheraton Hotel, with guest speaker the well known professor Dr. James Robertson a noted historian. Two of the Chapter members plan to attend.

Jean Luttrell, a daughter of a former deceased member Mrs. J. J. Mercer, died recently. Her son John, had recently brought the flag and papers from the Half-Century Memorial Reunion in 1908. Items are now in the Kilmarnock Museum with their permanent collection.

2011: President: Virginia Boudreaux
Vice President: Jo Ann Fickling
2nd Vice President: Peggy Davis (Real Granddaughter)
3rd Vice President: Shelva Gaskins
Recording Secretary: Irene Walker
Treasurer: Gay Packett
Registrar: Katherine Stout
Historian: Ann Robertson
Recorder of Military Service Awards: Jean Lewis
Corresponding Secretary: Helen Mitchell
Parliamentarian: Ann Carter

Lancaster County Chapter which will celebrate its 100 Anniversary in May of 2012, consists of 23 members from Lancaster County, as well as neighboring counties of Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland, and we have one new member this year. The Chapter had ten historical programs – including several in which members gave short histories of their ancestors who served in the Confederate Forces, and one reports or reviews of books on the Confederacy. We also had a program on Music during the War. We have continued to support the VA Hospital in Richmond and to give the UDC Magazine to two local museums or historical societies and donated to Lancaster County Educational Association to sponsor two elementary school students for a field trip to Washington, D.C. in April. Three members attended 5th District Conference in March. Our Vice President Jo Ann Fickling invited Chapter members to a ‘Grave Marking and Iron Cross Dedication Ceremony’ for her ancestor, William Addison Wright, on Saturday May 14, at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Upperville, VA. She later reported that there had been over 60 attendees and a 21 gun salute as part of the ceremony. Several members attended various Historical or Memorial Day celebrations, one of which was held at White Marsh Methodist Church and where Confederate Flags were placed on the graves of nine Confederate soldiers who are buried there. The Chapter was pleased to present a Past President’s Pin to our former President, Ann Carter who served in that position for nine years.

2012: President: Jo Ann Fickling
2nd Vice President: Peggy Davis (Real Granddaughter)
3rd Vice President: Shelva Gaskins
Recording Secretary: Irene Walker
Treasurer: Shelva Gaskins
Registrar: Cheryl Davis
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Report by Virginia Boudeaux

Lancaster County Chapter celebrated its 100th Anniversary this year with a celebration on May 12. A rededication ceremony was held at the Lancaster County Confederate memorial which was first unveiled in July, 1872. The neighboring Mary Ball Museum opened an Exhibit of UDC items and memorabilia from May 12 to June 11th which was open to the public. A second ceremony was held at Saint Mary Whitechapel Church near Lively, Virginia, where a UDC Grave marker was placed on the grave of the founder of Lancaster County Chapter, Ella Towles Poole who served as President from the founding in Mat 1912 to her death in 1934. Reenactors from the Virginia 40th served as Honor Guard, and the graves of 12 Confederate Veterans who are buried nearby were marked with Confederate Flags. A reception was held in the Parish Hall, we were so pleased to have so many Representatives from the Virginia Division and Fifth District and other Chapters join us for the day. During Reception, Mrs. Lois Bailey, Fifth District, Recording Secretary presented a Proclamation to the Chapter from Virginia Division; our new members were presented their certificates by Jean Frawner, 5th District Chairman and Mrs. Pat Graves as President of H. A. Carrington Chapter also presented a Commemorative Flag to the Chapter from their Chapter in honor of the occasion. One of our members, Irene Walker, had researched all the past presidents of the Chapter and had commissioned a framed composite with pictures and their dates of service. Seven members attended 5th District Conference in March, New Officers were elected in May.

2013: President: Jo Ann Fickling
Vice President: Deborah Beauchelt
2nd Vice President: Peggy Davis (Real Granddaughter)

Recording Secretary: Irene Walker
Treasurer: Shelva Gaskins
Registrar: Cheryl Davis
Historian: Ann Carter
Recorder of Military Service Awards: Jean Lewis
Chaplain: Betty Christopher
Corresponding Secretary: Helen Mitchell

Lancaster County has had a wonderful year. We started the year with our membership at twenty two and we ended with thirty four having lost one member during the year. Chapter members attended the 117th Virginia Division Convention; 119th General Convention; Fifth District Conference; Spring Board and Massing of the Flags. Ten meetings were held during the year and all included Confederate Music. The Chapter donated money to the local Food Banks, McGuire Veterans Hospital, The Haven, a local women's shelter, and several Hospital Thrift Shops. Yearbooks were mailed to members that have not been able to come to the monthly meetings and invitations mailed to prospective members. An email goes out to every Chapter member on line to let them know what happened in the monthly meeting and the ODB is sent quarterly. In April, the local community, family members and UDC members dedicated a Real Daughters grave marker at a ceremony for Nora George Moore. At the Lancaster Court Days we had an information table, UDC information was passed out and contact data collected for prospective members. A committee has been formed to start work on the cleaning and restoration of the Lancaster Confederate Monument erected in 1872. The Chapter is very proud of the work we have been doing. We remain a very vital part of the community and letting people know what the Lancaster County Chapter and UDCV are all about.

2014: President: Jo Ann Fickling
Vice President: Susan Hudson
2nd Vice President: Betty Christopher
Recording Secretary: Carole Fletcher
Treasurer: Susan Augur Beer
Registrar: Cheryl Davis
Historian: Ann Carter
Recorder of Military Service Awards: Judith Degen
Chaplain: Margaret Welch
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Lancaster County Chapter has been quite busy this year with our main focus being funding, restoration and conservation of the two Confederate Monuments in the lower Northern Neck. The entire chapter has worked with the Monument Committee to help with the fundraising and we hope to start the restoration work early in the coming year. Chapter members attended the 118th Virginia Division Convention, Fifth District Conference and Spring Board meeting. Lancaster County continues to be very active in our local community. Members volunteer hundreds of hours at local Museums, Churches and Church Thrift Shops. Money is donated to schools, homeless veterans, Charitable Foundations and museums. Items were donated to the local food bank, The Haven Shelter for Women, McGuire Veterans Hospital and church Thrift Shops. The Chapters first scholarship was awarded to a high school senior from Northumberland County pursuing a career in nursing. In May we held a Real Daughter grave marking ceremony for Elizabeth Beauchamp McKenney, her entire living family was present for the dedication ceremony. On May 15th the Lancaster Chapter along with the local VMI Alumni Association held ceremonies commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of New Market and the

VMI Cadets who fought in the battle. The Chapter was pleased to participate with a flag dedication at the grave of Captain Thomas Beverly Robinson Commander of Co. D, VMI Cadet Corps. Captain Robinson was the father of Fannie Robinson who joined Lancaster County 1406, UDC in 1931. We continue to have a booth at local Farm Markets getting information out about UDC. The Lancaster County Chapter is very proud of the work we are doing and remain a very vital part of our community.

2015: President: Jo Ann Fickling
Vice President: Susan Hudson
2nd Vice President: Betty Christopher
Recording Secretary: Carole Fletcher
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Lancaster County Chapter 1406 members have been very busy and had a fulfilling year. We attended toe 119th VA Convention and won awards for our yearbook and the Alice Whitley Jones Banner. The Confederate Monuments in Lancaster and Northumberland Counties were cleaned, restored where needed and conserved. Rededication of these monument was held on October 25th 2014. We collected items for the local food bank, the Haven Women's shelter and McGuire Veterans Hospital. Money was donated to the Educational foundations in Lancaster and Northumberland Counties, Homeless Veterans, McGuire Veterans Hospital and the Virginia Historical Society. The Chapter scholarship was awarded to a Lancaster High School senior. There was 100% participation from the chapter for restoring the Crenshaw Flag in commemoration of the Sesquicentennial. The Chapter contributed to help with the cost of the CofC Division Convention. We enjoyed an afternoon at the Lancashire Rehabilitation facility singing Christmas carols and serving punch and cookies. We held a Military Service Awards ceremony to honor veterans from WWII, Korean Conflict and Vietnam. Iron Cross ceremonies were held for three Confederate soldiers. Four Grave Markers were dedicated and a Flag dedication was held in honor of Maj. Charles M. Lawson. Our members continue to be very active in the community by volunteering many hours and using their many talents for the enjoyment of all. The chapter membership continues to grow and the new members are becoming active in carrying out the objectives of our organization. This year we lost one of our beloved members, Ann Robertson, she loved UDC and the Chapter.

2016: President: Susan Hudson
Vice President: Dr. Cheryl Davis
2nd Vice President: Betty Christopher
Recording Secretary: Carole Fletcher
Treasurer: Carolyn Cook
Registrar: Judith Ann Degen
Historian: Ann Carter
Recorder MSA: Jo Ann Fickling
Chaplain: Margaret Welch
Corresponding Secretary: Helen Mitchell

Report by Jo Ann Fickling

Lancaster County 1406 has accomplished much this past year. Members attended the 120th Virginia Convention in Harrisonburg where the Chapter won the Division Award for the most new members and

the Excellence for Membership Development. We welcomed 20 new members. Items were collected for the local Food Bank, the Haven Women's Shelter and McGuire Veterans Hospital. Money was donated to the Educational Foundations in Lancaster and Northumberland Counties, Veterans Hospitals and the Virginia Historical Society. The Chapter scholarship was awarded to a Northumberland High School Senior pursuing a career in Nursing. JROTC Medals were awarded to Cadets in Lancaster and Northumberland High Schools. During the Christmas holiday the Chapter enjoyed an afternoon at the Lancashire Rehabilitation facility singing carols and serving punch and cookies. The Lancaster Confederate Monument restoration has been completed, the fence painted and a fourth Bronze Plaque with 110 new names has been added and dedicated. The Confederate Graves Committee has compiled over 200 names to be added to the UDC database. Research is still ongoing in Northumberland and Lancaster Counties. The Chapter is working to add the veteran's names to the Northumberland Confederate Monument. We continue to have a presence at local Farmers Markets to increase the community awareness of our Chapter and UDC. We also use the Farmers Markets to raise funds for the Monument via raffles, donations and sales. Multiple articles were published in historical publications, newspapers and presentations to other community forums. In June, we held a Real Daughter Grave Marker ceremony for Cecilia Cox Tebbs. The Chapter awarded the Winnie Davis Medal to Dr. Cheryl Davis for fund raising and Susan Hudson, who cleared, fenced and held an Iron Cross Ceremony in an old forgotten family cemetery. The Chapter lost three members to death; they were Jean Lewis, Peggy Croft and Shirley Stoneham.

2017 President: Susan Hudson
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Lancaster County Chapter celebrated our 105th anniversary and added seven new members to our rolls! We donated \$105 to support the beautification of our Memorial Building grounds and donated to the Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund. A scholarship was awarded to a Northumberland senior who is pursuing a nursing degree and the JROTC medal was presented to a Lancaster and Northumberland County cadet. Three Military Service Awards were bestowed. The Chapter contributed to the local food bank, The Haven women's shelter and McGuire Veterans Hospital. We hosted a patriotic-themed Veterans Day celebration and Christmas ornament workshop at Lancaster Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center. Members took multiple walking tours of battlefields and heritage events. Members attended the 121st Virginia Division Convention, Lee-Jackson Observation at the House of Delegates and hosted a reception for the June 3rd Massing of the Flags ceremony at UDC's Memorial Building. Members took a day trip to visit the Confederate White House and Museum where the Chapter presented the Winnie Davis Medal to Jo Ann Fickling. A Chapter first, the Chapter successfully nominated a candidate. Mr. Richard Covington in Northumberland County, who was presented the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal. Members completed the work to compile a list of all who served in the War from Northumberland County and verified the military service record and residency for 479 men. We anticipate dedicating the markers in 2017. To increase community awareness about UDC and our Chapter's activities, we have had exceptional monthly coverage in four local papers. Additionally, two members were invited speakers on the topic of the War Between the States to outside organizations. *We are Virginia Division Strong!*

2018 President: Dr. Cheryl Davis
Vice President: Mrs. Betty Christopher
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Carole Fletcher
Treasurer: Carolyn Cook
Registrar: Mrs. Susan Hudson
Historian: Melinda May
Recorder of Military Service Awards: Betsy Trexler-Pastoor
Chaplain: Catherine Bennett
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Report by Susan Hudson

We welcomed five new members and one associate to our rolls. One member, Iris Smith, passed this year. We supported the local food bank, shelters and school educational trips as well as McGuire Veterans Hospital, ACWM and the Randolph Relief Fund. We hosted a Veterans Day celebration and Christmas Ornament and Valentine Card Making workshops at Lancashire Convalescent Center. We awarded the Josie Dorcsis scholarship to a Northumberland high school senior. In addition to awarding the JROTC medal to a Lancaster and Northumberland cadet, we awarded to cadets at “adopted” schools in Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Four Military Service Awards were bestowed. This year we additionally supported the UDC Headquarters’ HVAC Project, the Lee Chapel at W&L, the Journey Thru Hallowed Grounds Living Legacy Project and the White House of the Confederacy. Members contacted elected representatives to ensure they support the protection of all veteran memorials across the state. We acquired and placed four bronze plaques to the base of the Confederate Memorial in Heathsville to honor 480 CSA veterans. Eight members were recognized with letters of appreciation for tireless dedication to and to documenting this project over 12,000 Northumberland courthouse records dating from the mid-18th to the end of the 19th century. Members maintained iron crosses, family cemeteries, with graves of CSA veterans and cleaned the Northumberland memorial. Members attended the Division and General Conventions, hosted the 5th District Conference and participated in numerous period events. To increase community awareness about the UDC and our activities, fifty three articles were published. One member was invited to speak to an outside organization and we hosted, with Capt. Sally Thompkins, a standing room only dinner and talk by Patrick Schroeder, NPS. We are proud to Honor and Remember!

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Song below to be performed to the tune of “The Irish Jaunting Car”,
Otherwise known as “The Bonnie Blue Flag”
Here’s FIRST to General Ginger, who traveled forth with wings
With Linda and Dawn whose healing touch made Christmas angles sing.
We laid our wreaths, we prayed for peace, our ritual shared between
Over 11,000 community hours served, a feat rarely seen.
News articles number thirty-four in print our heads were in the sand.

We raffled quilts, we cared and shared, above our 17 GRAND.
We rallied not dallied, WE flew our flags, honored veterans times three.
We SING the praises of those who served with no apology.

Chorus: Hurrah, Hurrah to DAUGHTERS go the extra mile.
We Lancaster Daughters of the Northern Neck Serve Virginia Division in Style!

And here's to Lancaster Daughters, the rarest in the Neck,
Above, below, beside, beneath, between they're all on deck.
Our muster records grave gals found and saved - they did not swerve.
The Haven, Food Bank and JROT-C and scholarships-WE served.
Confederate dolls to hold and love, love letters from man to wife,
Shared Northern Neck Confederate Soldiers tales of death and strife.
And Susan spoke of hidden "grands" that we all hope to find,
And Laura gave us "Ties that Bind" our SISTER daughter kind.

Chorus

And LAST to daughter SUSAN, and six she snared, NO lie!
What Joy to initiate a 90m year daughter the 4th of July!
Our ancestors known by bronzen plaques are NOW displayed to see.
One Iron cross now stands to guard Northumberland History
And here's to Peggy and those before us we love, and hope to see.
OUR gals – DO raise your DAUGHTERS glass, we'll live our history!

Chorus

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Above, below, beside, beneath, between they're all on deck!
Here's FIRST to OUR Teresa, who shared her Durham trip
A challenge face, fierce tales of strife, she bravely "Let 'er rip"
We prayed for health, we prayed for peace, our ritual shared between
Over 9,000 community hours served, a feat but rarely seen.
Our Hilary moved us forward, a force of will and wit
With "Grave Gals" resurrecting Blundon's gravesite plans forwith

News articles number 16 in print, our heads weren't in the sand.
Our community served, we cared and shared, above 36 GRAND.
We dallied not, WE flew our flags, honored veterans and more
Worked shelters, taxes, researched, school board, meals on wheels galore
OUR Susan spoke of hidden "grands" that we all hope to find,
And found us eight more sisters, the SISTER Daughter kind.

Chorus

Hats off to Barb, Annette and District V, we'll meet next year
Our Lancaster raffle basket will be delivered, never fear!
Here's to courageous Lucy who was "here" to fill us in
With stories of the aftermath, all honor, soot and pain
And statues Stuart, Jackson, Maury, and Robert Lee, the boss
An emptiness in each of us remembering our loss.
And last to Joyce and Suzi and all we loved, and hope to see.
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Lancaster County Chapter is happy to report, that despite the unusual year, we have still been a very active chapter. The Chapter officers formed a calling tree that kept us in touch with our members and to find out how they were doing. With reduced monthly meetings and not being able to volunteer because of the virus, the chapter members have still tried to accomplish the objectives of UDC. Dinah Balderson, MSA Chairman, furnished the high schools in Northumberland and Lancaster counties, UDC JROTC medals and certificates that were presented to cadets by their commanding officer. The chapter Josie Dorcsis scholarship was presented to a Northumberland High School student pursuing a degree in a medical field.

Chapter members volunteered 878 hours of their time and talent, donated \$700.00 dollars' worth of items to local charities and contributed \$11,975.00 to museums, churches and other charitable organizations. For Confederate Memorial Day wreathes were placed at the Confederate Memorials in Northumberland and Lancaster counties, flags were placed on the graves of Confederate soldiers at Roseland Cemetery in Reedville, VA.

At our regular meetings Melinda May, Historian presented the Historian Generals program, members shared the history of their confederate ancestors, we welcomed two living history interpreters, and the CofC Virginia President. The April meeting was a luncheon shared with the Capt. Sally Tompkins and Rebecca Lloyd Tabb chapters. In place of the June meeting the chapter visited Blandford Cemetery, along with Rebecca Lloyd Tabb, chapter for a special guided tour.

We have no new members to report, however, members have been doing a lot of research and documented nine new ancestor supplemental applications.

In July, the chapter held a Confederate Marker dedication in Hollywood Cemetery for Charles H. Haydon, Co. F., 40th Virginia Infantry. Members attended and presented wreaths at Memorial Ceremonies at Hollywood Cemetery, for 15 Confederate soldiers and Susan Hudson presented at Point Lookout Prisoner of War camp.

It has been a challenging year, but also a year filled with learning and sharing about Confederate History and our ancestors who served in the Confederate States Army.