

1924 CHARTER MEMBERS



Amy Virginia Howell Holder – Born 16 May 1903 to her parents Benton Dallas Howell and Belinda Stickler Howell; She was also in the Kectoctin DAR Chapter and was a direct descendant of Capt William Howell – She was born on a large farm near Oatlands and after attending Madison College taught school in a one room school at Oak Hill. Amy was a Broker Agent with Merrill Lynch Realty in Oakton and licensed to sell real estate in 1949.

Amy was a real daughter. Her father, Benton Dallas Howell served with the 35th Whites Bat VA CAV

Elizabeth Rounceville Heaton – Born 3 May 1903 to her parents Nathaniel Rounceville Heaton and Elizabeth Boone Davis Heaton both natives of Loudoun; 1920 lived in Purcellville with her parents Nathaniel & Bessie Heaton; Elizabeth along with her parents are buried here at Kectoctin Baptist Church Cemetery, Purcellville, VA Loudoun County ; Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Capt Nathaniel R Heaton of the 8th VA. Co A.

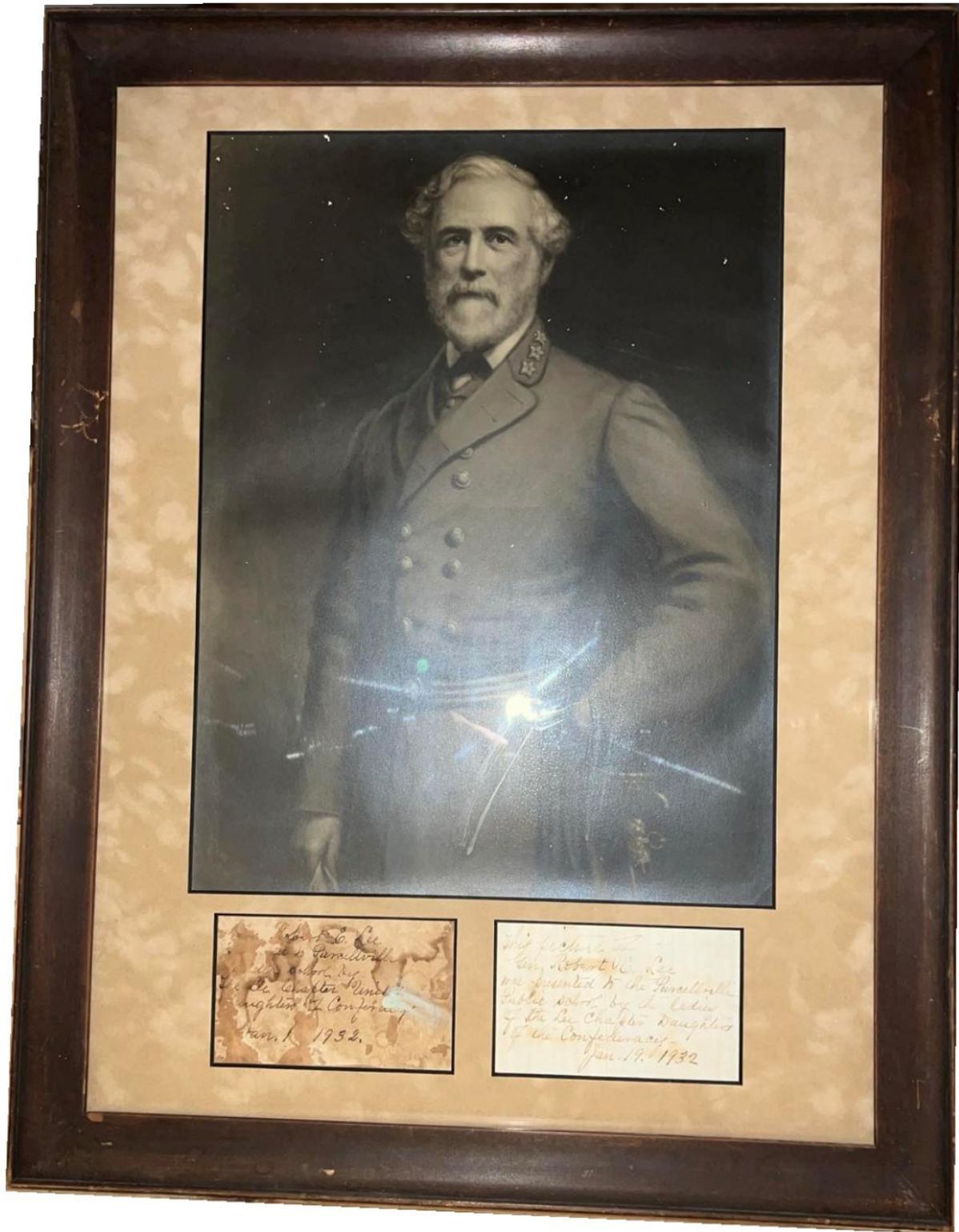
Beaumont Purcell Gregg – Born 22 March 1886 in Bluemont to her parents: Frank Purcell & Mary Elizabeth Hill. Married Gorden Bitzer Gregg in 1906; 1930 Census shows Beauma & husband Gorden living a few houses down from Bessie Hackley in Purcellville. Beauma signed a Demit to join The Lee Chapter on May 7, 1924 – Leaving Blue Ridge Chapter which she joined April 29, 1905; Both her and her husband lay to rest in the Lincoln Cemetery, Lincoln Va.(Loudoun County) She held the office of Registrar in 1951.

Beuma was a real daughter of Frank Purcell, 8th Virginia

Adelaide Chamblin Steele – Born 22 October 1861 to John W. Chamblin & Molly Burson; Married to William S. Steele; 1920 Census shows Adelaide (Margaret) and her husband William living right down the street from Virginia Purcell Carruthers and Bessie Hackley. Adelaide signed a Demit to join The Lee Chapter on June 4, 1924 – Leaving Blue Ridge Chapter which she joined April 9, 1917; She is buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Hamilton, Va. (Loudoun County)

Addie was a real daughter of John Machlon Chamblin, 35th Virginia Whites Battalion.

THE STORY OF THE 1932 GIFTING



Robert V. Lee
of the Pamlico
Co. Va. was
present at the
battle of the
Confederacy
Jan. 1, 1932.

This picture of
Gen. Robert V. Lee
was mounted to the Pamlico
table top by the ladies
of the Dr. Charles Douglas
of the Confederacy
Jan. 17, 1932

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On 19 January 1932... The Lee Chapter donated a large framed Lee Photo to the Purcellville Graded School (All White) in Purcellville, Virginia. Pictured below is the school in 1940. It is now used as a Community Center and called Loudoun Valley Community Center located at 329 W. School Street, Purcellville, Va. 20132.



*This picture of
Gen. Robert E. Lee
was presented to the Purcellville
Public School by the ladies
of the Lee Chapter Daughters
of the Confederacy -
Jan. 19, 1932*

Original Inscription graphically enhanced

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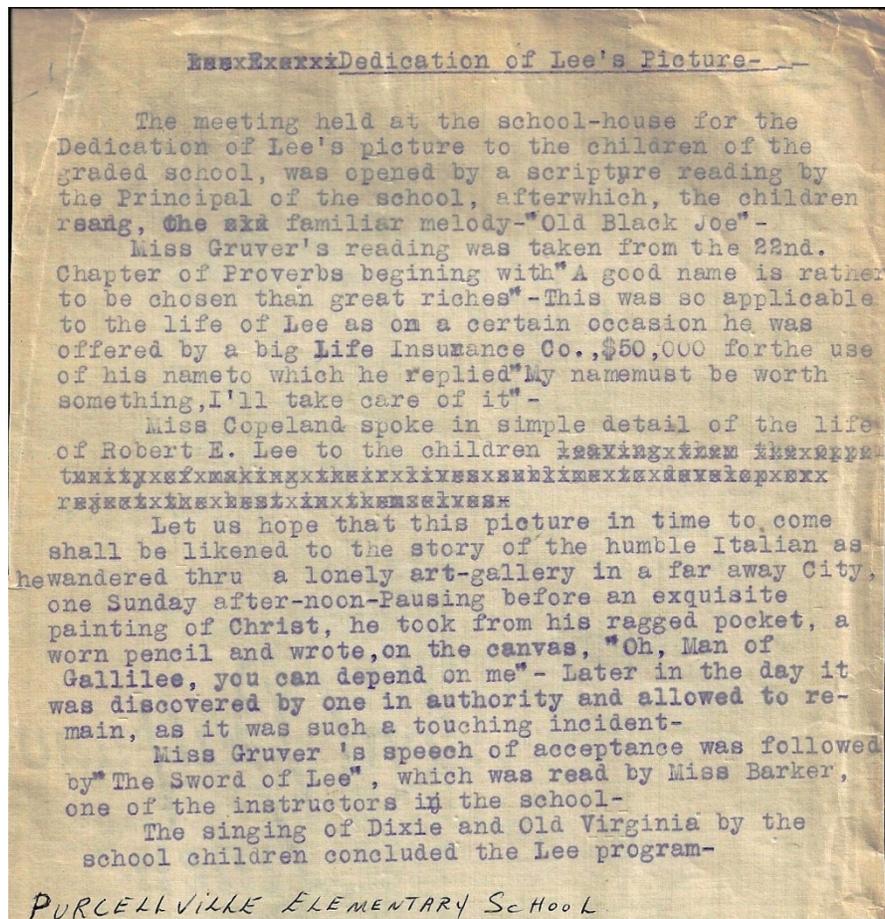
The January 1932 Minutes (pictured below) read as follows:

The meeting held at the school house for the Dedication of Lee's picture to the children of the graded school, was opened by a scripture reading by the Principal of the school, after which, the children sang, familiar melody – "Old Black Joe".

Miss Gruver's reading was taken from the 22nd Chapter of Proverbs beginning with "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches"- This was so applicable to the life of Lee as on a certain occasion he was offered by a big Life Insurance Co. \$50,000.00 for the use of his name to which he replied "My name must be worth something, I'll take care of it".

Miss Copeland spoke in simple detail of the life of Robert E. Lee to the children.

Let us hope that this picture in time to come shall be likened to the story of the humble Italian as he wandered thru a lonely art gallery in a far away City, one Sunday afternoon - Pausing before an exquisite painting of Christ, he took from his ragged pocket, a worn pencil and wrote, on the canvas, "Oh, Man of Galilee, you can depend on me" – Later in the day it was discovered by one in authority and allowed to remain, as it was such a touching incident.



Miss Gruver's speech of acceptance was followed by "The Sword of Lee", which was read by Miss Barker, one of the instructors in the school.

The singing of Dixie and Old Virginia by the school children concluded the Lee Program.

THE STORY OF THE 1932 GIFTING

Now, time marches on to current day June 25, 1987. Dorothy Rickard was the Lee Chapter President at that time and received a letter (below) from a Mr. Ronnie Ogburn of Mt. Olive Alabama. He stated that he had purchased, from an antique store in Harrisonburg, Virginia, a Lee Photo, with an inscription "Presented to Purcellville School" and was seeking more provenance information on the piece.

Mr. Ronnie R. Ogburn
496 Springdale Road
Mt. Olive, Al. 35117
June 25, 1987

Mrs. Jasper Rickard
Route 2 Box 9
Lovettsville, Va. 22080

Dear Mrs. Rickard:

Last week I purchased a framed photograph of General Robert E. Lee from an antique store in Harrisonburg, Va. There is a certificate on the back framing paper that states the photograph was "Presented to Purcellville (unreadable) School by The Lee Chapter United Daughters of Confederacy Jan. 1, 1932."

While working on other Civil War research at the Birmingham Library I mentioned the photograph to one of the staff members who is a member of one of the local chapters of the UDC. She gave me your name and address, indicating that you were a past President of the Lee Chapter. She thought perhaps you have access to your Chapter's records and might be able to tell me some of the history behind this particular photograph.

From other research and prints I know that this photograph is the same as the famous portrait by Theodore Pine that hangs in the Lee Chapel of Washington and Lee University. The face of the photograph I have has the word "Pine 1904" in the lower left hand corner. This apparently was etched on the negative prior to printing; or perhaps the photograph I purchased is one of the portrait rather than General Lee himself and the "Pine 1904" is the painter's signature on the canvas.

The information I am searching for is whether your records indicate if the photograph was one from which the artist worked or a photograph of the painting. I'd like to know what school in Purcellville received the painting and the reason behind the presentation. I'd also like to know how long your Chapter had the photograph and it's origin. The antique dealer I purchased it from bought it in an estate sale near Winchester, Va.

As I am an avid Civil War researcher and collector, any information you might be able to give me will certainly be of interest. I have taken pictures of the photograph and will enclose them with this letter if I have them back, or will forward them at a later date if you have an interest. I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Ogburn
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In Rickard's letter to Ogburn, she said: "It really bothers me that they (school officials) did not at least return the picture to us if they did not want to use it. I know one thing, as long as I am president of our Chapter we will not spend any funds for schools again!" No one knows how the portrait disappeared or what happened until 1987.

Mr. Ronnie R. Ogburn
496 Springdale Road
Mt. Olive, Alabama 35117
July 14, 1987

Mrs. Jasper Rickard
Rt. 2 Box 9
Lovettsville, Virginia 22080

Dear Mrs. Rickard:

Thank you for replying to my inquiry about the photograph of General Robert E. Lee.

The information you found in your Chapter's minutes is very interesting. I really appreciate the time and effort you expended to this end.

As I told you in my first letter, the photograph was purchased in an antique store in Harrisonburg in June of this year. It was a gift from my wife, an addition to my growing collection of Civil War relics and research workings. The price of the photograph was \$75.00.

Unfortunately, I am not in a position to donate the photograph back to your Chapter. If at any time your Chapter would like to purchase the photograph, I will sell it to you for the price my wife paid for it. My wife and I spend one week each spring in Virginia. If you wish, I could bring the photograph to you on our next trip.

If your Chapter is unable to purchase the photograph, it will remain in my collection. I will not sell it to anyone other than you or your Chapter.

Thank you again for replying to my letter and answering all of my questions. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Ronnie Ogburn

THE STORY OF THE 1932 GIFTING

We will now fast forward again to 2004. Lee Chapter was celebrating their 80th Anniversary and Dorothy Rickard, President had asked our local historian, Eugene Scheel to be our guest speaker.

Eugene Scheel writes: **(see entire Washington Post Article next page)**

“My role in returning the Lee picture began this spring when Rickard asked me to speak at the Lee chapter’s 80th anniversary dinner and meeting. In my research I came across 1987 letter from Ogburn to Rickard, which stated that anytime the Lee Chapter would like to purchase it back, he would sell it for what it cost plus shipping.”

“To me, such a sum even with mailing seemed small, and I wondered why they didn’t buy it back. But in reviewing that year’s minutes, I noticed the chapter treasury had less than \$200.00.”

“Perhaps Ogburn would sell me the picture, hopefully for \$75.00 and I could surprise the Lee Chapter at the anniversary event and Rickard’s retirement after 25 years as president!”

Eugene Scheel was able to finally locate the Ogburns after all those years. They had moved but he was able to track them down in Gardendale, Alabama. The Ogburn’s were still in possession of the photo and graciously sold the photo to Mr. Scheel for the \$75.00 asking price from 1987. Mrs. Ogburn stated that she always felt it should go home.

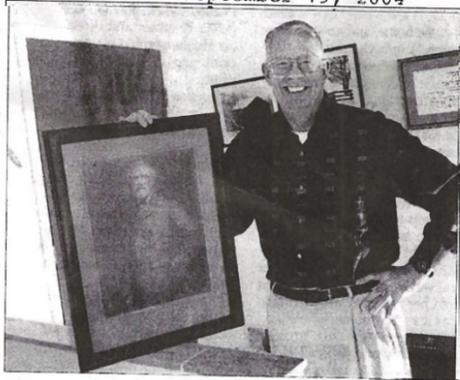
In August 2004, the following month after the Lee Chapter 80th Anniversary celebration & the return of the Lee Photo, Dorothy Rickard resigned her presidency of 25 years. Becky Hackney Fleming stepped up as president.

Fast forward another 20 years, at the Lee Chapter 100th Anniversary celebration on July 14, 2024...

Becky Fleming, President is still in possession of the Lee Photo. The photo was on display at the 100th Anniversary event. Becky reached out to Mr. Eugene Scheel, and to the Ogburn Family to thank them for their generosity.

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The Washington Post
September 19, 2004



Eugene Scheel holds the framed reproduction he tracked down of the "Pine Portrait," a famous oil painting of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

THE PAST RECALLED | Eugene Scheel

Picture of Gen. Lee Finds Its Way Home

A framed reproduction of a famous oil painting of Gen. Robert E. Lee, commander of the armies of the Confederate states, has come home to Loudoun after a long absence.

The life-size oil portrait of Lee was painted in 1904 by Ogdensburg, N.Y., artist Theodore Pine, a great admirer of Lee, and was known as the "Pine Portrait." A reproduction of the painting was given to the Lee chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy by UDC member Eloise Hirst Couper of Lexington, Va. Couper's husband, William, was the Virginia Military Institute historian.

It is not clear whether the reproduction, covered in thick glass, is a photograph or a print. Experts at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, where the original hangs, said they had heard a black and white reproduction existed but did not recall having seen one. Lee was president of the school from 1865 until seven months before his death in 1870. The school was then called Washington College—for George Washington. The year after Lee's death, the school's trustees renamed the college Washington and Lee.

The Lee chapter of the UDC gave the framed reproduction to the Purcellville Graded School for white children on Jan. 19, 1932. The Lee chapter then usually met in Purcellville area homes, because most of its members were

from that area. The school had opened Jan. 19, 1923, and Jan. 19 was Lee's birthday.

Sometime after 1932, the reproduction disappeared from the school. It turned up in 1987 in an antiques shop in Harrisonburg, Va., where it was bought by collectors Ronnie and Linda Ogburn of Mount Olive, Ala.

Ronnie Ogburn said he could not read the full ink inscription on the back of the picture: "Presented to Purcellville Graded School by Lee Chapter United Daughters of Confederacy Jan. 1, 1932" because the word "Graded" was partly obliterated. A graded school was one that had one grade in each classroom—in Purcellville, first through seventh grade—as opposed to the many one- and two-room schools where all grades were taught together.

Ogburn wrote to Dorothy K. Rickard, president of the Lee chapter, for information on the picture's provenance. Rickard then had the UDC chapter's minutes, which are now at the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg. She replied to Ogburn and enclosed a copy of the Jan. 1, 1932, minutes and a text titled, "The Dedication of Lee's Picture," which took place in the auditorium of Purcellville Graded School on Jan. 19, 1932.

The ceremony reflected an era when memories of an antebellum Loudoun, both through its few remaining Civil War veterans and

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the children of those veterans, pervaded the culture of much of the county's white population.

Bertha Gruver, principal of the school since its opening, read Proverbs 22:1: "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches. . . ." Gruver said Lee had been offered \$50,000 by a life insurance company to use his name in some manner but replied: "My name must be worth something. I'll take care of it."

Students and members of the audience sang Stephen Foster's "Old Black Joe," a popular parlor song during Lee's adult years and described in the UDC minutes as "the familiar melody." The students also sang "Dixie," a popular Civil War-era song in both the South and the North, and James Bland's "[Carry Me Back to] Old Virginny," then the state song.

UDC member Maria Copeland spoke "in simple detail" of Lee's life. The chapter had selected her as the main speaker because her father, noted Hillsboro and Round Hill physician James E. Copeland, had served in the Confederate army.

Gruver then accepted the Lee portrait, and sixth-grade teacher Mildred Barker read selections from Abraham J. Ryan's book "The

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chapter's 80th anniversary dinner and meeting. Curious as to what the organization was about, I wrote an article about the changing role of the UDCs in the Virginia Piedmont for the July 18 Loudoun Extra ["Bound to the Past, Beholden to the Future]."

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To me, such a sum, even with mailing costs, seemed small, and I wondered why the Lee chapter didn't buy the heirloom. But in perusing that year's minutes, I noticed the chapter treasury had less than \$200.

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I called the chapel, and curator An-
gela Kuetner and director Patri-
cia Hobbs verified it was an out-of-
print copy. They do sell a color
print.
Kuetner also mentioned that the
Lee family believed the chapel's
Pine portrait was the finest render-
ing of the Confederate leader.
Hobbs said another Pine portrait of
Lee hangs in the Pack Memorial
Public Library in Asheville, N.C.
Kuetner said in an e-mail that
Pine painted Lee after studying pho-
tographs of the general, who posed
in Richmond for Julian Vannerson
in 1864.
After looking through many like-
nesses of Lee in Roy Meredith's
book "The Face of Lee in Life and
Legend," I saw that the postures of
both paintings were similar but con-
cluded that Lee's kind facial expres-
sion closely matched a spring 1865
photograph by Matthew Brady, tak-
en in Richmond shortly after Lee's
surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Ap-
pomattox Court House.
All this background I condensed
into a one-minute cadenza after my
planned Loudoun Civil War lecture
to the Lee chapter and friends yes-
terday. A presentation of the picture
was to follow.

Eugene Scheel is a Waterford
historian and magnum.

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Gruver retired in 1937. Purcell-
ville Graded School closed in May
1967, and none of the six teachers I
contacted who had taught during
the school's final years could recall
the photograph. They also didn't re-
member seeing the photograph at
the school's successor, Emerick Ele-
mentary, after it opened as an in-
tegrated school in September 1967.

The old graded school remained
vacant until it became the Loudoun
Valley Community Center in March
1970. Alice Power, who became di-
rector that summer, does not recall
seeing the Lee reproduction at the
center, although she told me recent-
ly that half of the building was
blocked off by chicken wire because
of a leaking roof and ceilings likely
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shipping. "I always thought it need-
ed to come home, and now the time
has come," Linda Ogburn said.

She said she first saw the Lee pic-
ture while looking for a third anni-
versary present for Ronnie, who was
then researching forebears who had
fought for the Confederacy.

"I saw it in this shop," she told me
a few months ago. "The picture kept
saying, 'Take me home.' But I didn't
buy it and went back to my cousins,
where I was staying. A few days later,
I came back. It was still there, and
I bought it."

During several phone calls over
several weeks, she assured me that
she and her husband were "so tick-
led that it's going home."

Lee's picture was late arriving
from Alabama, and when I called
Linda Ogburn to get the shipping
details, she said that while the pic-
ture was being packed for mailing,
she received two offers for it—both
for more than \$75. She told the pro-
spective purchasers: "But you don't
understand. He's going home."

Linda Ogburn checked with UPS
as to the picture's whereabouts and
was told it had reached Lexington,
Va. I thought, "How apropos." Lex-
ington would be its last stop before
Waterford.

Upon receiving the picture, I saw
it was a black and white copy of the
original in Lee Chapel at Lexington.

LOUDOUN U. D. C. UNIT ACTIVE IN SUCCORING NEEDY CONFEDERATES

Band of Women Devoted to the Cause of Southland in '61-'65 Keep Alive Ideals for Which Lee's Men Fought ORGANIZED IN 1896

Mrs. N. S. Purcell Was First President—Successors Have Carried On Noble Work to Which Chapter Is Dedicated

By MRS. MAGNUS THOMPSON When the editor of the Loudoun Times-Mirror asked me to write an article for publication on the subject of the Loudoun Chapter, U. D. C. I at first hesitated, feeling the task a stupendous one to handle. However, should any of our members in reading this publication find an error or error, I pray they overlook such and know it was through love and not intended, as an error. Loudoun Chapter, U. D. C. was organized May 26, 1866 with 30 members. Of that number eleven still survive. Mrs. (Helen Vandevender) N. S. Purcell was elected the first president of Loudoun Chapter, October 29, 1896. Mrs. Purcell tendered her resignation and all officers retired with her. The same date, Mrs. Estling Murray was elected president, December 5, 1917. After the death of Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Wm. N. Wise was elected the third president. Upon leaving Leesburg Mrs. Wise tendered her resignation, July, 1920. On August 4, 1920, Mrs. E. H. Heaton succeeded Mrs. Wise. August 8, 1924 Mrs. Magnus S. Thompson was elected to the office as president. The terms of office are as follows: Mrs. Purcell, one year and five months; Mrs. Murray, twenty years; Mrs. Wise, two years and eight months; Mrs. Heaton, four years and Mrs. Thompson, eight years. The gain in membership as quoted, during Mrs. Purcell's regime, fourteen members; Mrs. Murray, forty-five; Mrs. Wise, ten; Mrs. Heaton, twenty-five, six of these being demitted on our Chapter; Mrs. Thompson, eighty-six, one a demitter to us. Of this number, including the charter members, twenty have left us to join the friends who have entered into their reward. Fourteen have been demitted members, twenty have left us to join the friends who have entered into their reward. Fourteen have been demitted to other chapter and we are very sorry to be compelled to report fourteen dropped for non-payment of dues.

Active In County Affairs Loudoun Chapter has always been active and interested in County affairs. The chapter bears the name of the County in which it is operated. May 28, 1908 a most beautiful and appropriate monument of gray granite, with bronze figure, was erected to the memory of the Confederate soldiers of Loudoun by the Chapter. Colonel Elijah V. White, who was the prime figure in this move for the erection of such a gift to Loudoun County, for it was he who not only made the battle of Balls Bluff a complete victory for the Confederates, but he wrote the history of the battle. This he had printed in booklet form and presented five hundred copies to the members of Loudoun Chapter to be sold for the erection of the monument, which now stands as the testimony and pride, not only of the Confederate veterans, sons and daughters of Confederacy, but of the county.

Loudoun Chapter members have been very active and watchful of the education of boys and girls descendants of Confederate soldiers of Loudoun County in securing scholarships for them, for in no other way could they have had a college course and enabled them to be able in a dignified way to support themselves. Alas, through our efforts we have made it possible for a number of elderly folk of Loudoun County to remain in their homes, instead of an institution, by aid of a small pension.

In 1929 we erected a granite marker with costly bronze inset at a cost of over \$200 on Balls Bluff battlefield as a guide to visitors seeing this historical spot, as well as to commemorate the victory of our Confederate forces. We have also participated in helping to keep fresh in the minds and hearts of the people the heroic work of the World War boys and the supreme sacrifice they made.

Services Conducted For three years Loudoun Chapter conducted services at the monument in the court yard and we felt it a privilege and honor granted us. In 1931 the Loudoun Post of the American Legion joined us and we held our first joint memorial service on Memorial Day, 1932. We held joint services also on one occasion to show to those gallant warriors our love and appreciation, invited them to a banquet. Also to the splendid body of men, the Firemen of Leesburg, we tendered an invitation to banquet with us and we were much pleased and gratified to note the good-

THE SOUTH'S BATTLE FLAG



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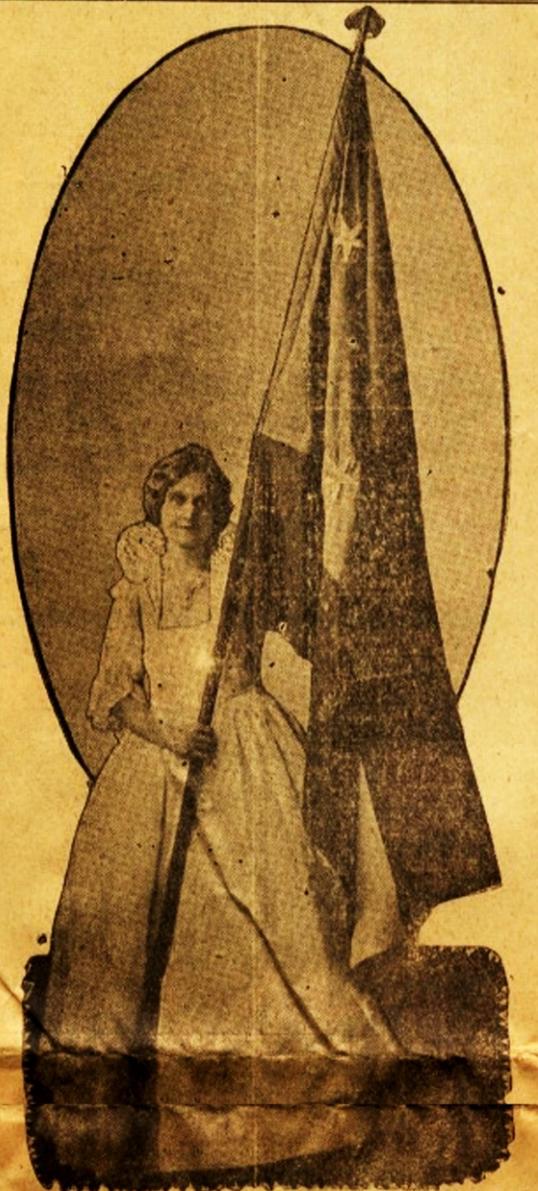
ly number who responded. We have erected over three hundred Confederate markers on the graves of Confederate soldiers in Leesburg and other cemeteries of the county. Also in 1931 we put a marble tombstone to the grave of one who had lain unmarked for over sixty-seven years. We have contributed largely to the necessity and physical needs of several aged people of the county. Many convalescents also have been aided, enjoying restful days and positions by the use of our invalid's chair without cost to the individual.

Our Chapter is 100 per cent and A-1 in the State. Our membership now totals one hundred and sixty-two. On the first Wednesday of every month we hold our business meetings. Our motto is "Love Makes Memory Eternal," and a goodly number of us are living up to our motto.

In closing this little tribute, I want to say if we were privileged to make public every feature of the work done by our Chapter, it would read like fiction, but this privilege is not accorded us in compliance with our By-Laws and Constitution, nor is it our desire.

1932 LOUDOUN TIMES MIRROR ARTICLE

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1949

To District Meeting

REPORT OF LEE CHAPTER U.D.C. PURCELLVILLE

May 17, 1949

The Chapter has held ten meetings this year opening with Ritual and flag salutes. Historical programs as outlined by Historian General have been presented at each meeting. Taxes paid and all obligations met. A special contribution of 15¢ per member was sent to the Red Shirt Shrine. We have sent our quota for this year of 20¢ per member to Hector W. Church Foundation Scholarship Fund. We contributed \$5.00 to the Stuart Memorial Window. Have bought two copies of Division Minutes and have six subscriptions to the U.D.C. Magazine.

We have added one new member and one member re-instated. We are nearer by several points to becoming an A-1 Chapter. We have attractive year books prepared by our historian. One of the highlights of the year was a pilgrimage to Stratford in the autumn.

We are honored to have the District Meeting come to Purcellville. We look forward to a most successful year, with special emphasis on increasing our membership.

Respectfully submitted by
N. S. M. Cockey, Sec.

1951

REPORT OF LEE CHAPTER U. D. C.
PURCELLVILLE, VA.

We hold ten meetings during the year in homes and a pilgrimage to a Shrine in July. Our membership is thirty five, with an average attendance of fourteen.

At December meeting, election of officers brought a change to our chapter. After twenty three years of devoted service, Mrs. J. B. Hackley was forced to resign on account of serious eye trouble. Mrs. C. K. Davis, another faithful member who had served as treasurer for the same length of time also resigned.

We have followed the Historian-generals programs which have proved most interesting.

We met our quota for Headquarter Fund 100%. We purchased two copies of Division Minutes and have eight subscriptions to The Magazine. All our obligations have been met. We raised our dues from \$1.00 to \$1.50 to meet additional expenses.

A mahogany hall table, in memory of John E. Benedum, the last Confederate Soldier of our town was placed in the enlarged Loudoun County Hospital on Saturday, May 12, 1951, National Hospital Day. A simple card has been placed under the glass on the top of the table with the following inscription:

A gift of Lee Chapter, U. D. C.
Purcellville, Va.
In Memory of John E. Benedum
Confederate Soldier

The table will stand under the Hospital's Memorial Board and will bear a container of fresh flowers daily.

The following is a list of Officers for 1951:

President.....Miss Addie Purcell
Round Hill, Virginia
First Vice President.....Mrs. J. Terry Hirst
Second Vice President.....Mrs. Charles Steele
Third Vice President.....Miss Clara Benedum
Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Edward A. Cockey
Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. Ed. Hirst
Historian.....Mrs. T. N. Carruthers
Registrar.....Mrs. Gordon Gregg
Treasurer.....Mrs. Walter Payne
Magazine Agent.....Mrs. Ed. Hirst

Cordially submitted by

Mrs. Edward A. Cockey, Sec.

For District Meeting - May 24th Manassas - 1951

1955

Loudoun Times-Mirror

Leesburg, Loudoun County, Virginia, Thursday, March 24, 1955

Lee Chapter, U.D.C., Has 13 "True Daughters"



Back row, left to right, Mrs. Gordon Gregg, Miss Katherine W. Kilgour, Mrs. Charles F. Brower, Mrs. Paul Myers, Miss Jessie Osburn, and Mrs. Flora Roszel. Front row, left to right, Mrs. Humphrey Chamblin, Mrs. Helen Weadon, Miss Laura A. Potterfield and Miss Clara Benedum. —Photo by Dick Frye

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Prize Winning Float of Lee Chapter, U.D.C., Purcellville, Va.



PICTURED ABOVE the float entered by Lee Chapter No. 1842 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Purcellville, Virginia, in the Loudoun County Bicentennial Parade at Leesburg, Va., August 19th, 1957. Lee Chapter won first prize, \$50.00 cash for best "Individual Period Costumes" (1860) Four open cars, three red and one gray, decorated with Confederate flags followed, with twenty more

daughters in period dress, making a most impressive sight. Those in photo are, left to right: Miss Addie Purcell, Custodian Virginia Division; Mrs. I. Clifton Warner, President, Lee Chapter and Chairman 4th District; Mrs. Charles S. Steele, Mrs. Charles F. Brower, Mrs. W. P. Frazer, Mrs. C. K. Davis, Mrs. Lee VanDeventer, Mrs. Stuart J. "Pat" Smith.

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Head Lee-Jackson Celebration

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Around the speakers table on Lee-Jackson Day for the Purcellville United Daughters of the Confederacy luncheon and program are Mrs. Deward E. Walker, president of Warren Rifles Chapter and Real Daughter of the Confederacy; Miss Frances Jenkins, chairman of the 4th District; Mrs. J. B. Hackley, 25 years

a president of Lee Chapter, U.D.C.; Mrs. Dewey Reese Wood, Registrar General U.D.C.; Miss Clara Benedum, Real Daughter of the Confederacy and Mrs. I. Clifton Warner, president of Lee Chapter. The observance was held last Tuesday in Bethany Methodist Church.