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New Members

I am happy to announce that we have two new members. Daniel Crone from Dayton, Ohio is a 40th Georgia descendant. Michael B. Griggs, son of VP Harris Griggs, is from Franklin, Tennessee and is a 40th Georgia and 41st Georgia descendant. The roster now contains 125 members and contacts of interested persons.

Gary R. Goodson, Sr. Retirement

Founder and first president Gary R. Goodson, Sr. has announced his retirement from his work as gymnastics coach. His job required extensive travel so this retirement promises to give Gary more time for his other interests. For us, his retirement should give him more time to do further research and activity concerning the history and heritage of Barton's and Stovall's brigade.

Communications

Someone said that communication is perishable. I think that it is seldom perfect and that it must be worked on all the time. In this organization, our communication is based upon the Website, electronic contact through e-mail and phone contact. Since September, 2005 this Newsletter feature has been added to the Website. I am trying to highlight activities once a month so that all members can have an idea of what is happening.

To print and mail a Newsletter to each member or contact is too expensive and time consuming. We are set up so that each person can check in whenever they want to in order to find out what is new. If you would like to have more detail or clarification on a topic please call me. If you have information that should go to a wider audience, please contact our Webmaster Don Bulloch or me.

Because of the reliance on e-mail, we need to know your new e-mail address when it changes. Please try to remember to let David Richardson know of changes. Another element has been discovered concerning e-mail. Some members have their spam filters set so that our e-mail will not go through. If our messages get stopped it is hard to communicate.

Burial List

Webmaster Don Bulloch, on his own, started a list of burial sites for soldiers of the 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, and 52nd Georgia Infantry regiments. This is one form of honoring our ancestors who died in combat, from disease, as a POW or as a survivor who died later as an older man. We remember and we care. Don collected information from members and the names, units and dates were arranged by cemetery.

New member Daniel Crone has done extensive work on the same subject and has added new information from his research. He has made an electronic list that can be searched by name, by regiment or by cemetery. So far, he has 946 entries and new information will be added as it is found. Please take a look at his lists at the following address : <http://xrl.us/gabgraves> Check to see that the information for your family members is correct. Various lists may have allowed errors to creep in over the years.

If you have burial information that is not on the list, please take the time to inform both Dan and Dan so that it may be added.

I am going to make his address known to the Barton County Geneology Society who has an interest in the regiment rosters. I'm sure they will like to know the burial sites in order to help their families. This is a way to make friends with them and perhaps find more graves and more members.

Finding all of the graves will probably not be possible, but 1,000 out of 7,000 is a great start and an accomplishment for sure.

Vicksburg Staff Ride Book

David Richardson, our acting Secretary, has found a free publication you need to know about. *Staff Ride Handbook for the Vicksburg Campaign, December 1862-July 1863* by Dr. Christopher R. Gabel and the Staff Ride Team,

