

William Porter Griggs, West Monroe, LA

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of William Porter Griggs on April 26, 2010 in West Monroe, LA. He was 86 years of age. He was a Mason and a veteran of the Civilian Conservation Corps prior to WW II. Bill was buried next to his wife and in the same cemetery as his father and grandfather and a brother. His grandfather was a Corporal in Co. B, 41st Georgia at the time of his capture on July 4, 1864 near Marietta, GA.

Our member Kay Griggs Bishop was able to visit Bill a few hours before he died. Secretary H. David Richardson of Haworth, OK attended the funeral and represented our association.

Lee Ivester Volunteers for Scout Duty

Lee Ivester, Mooresville, NC, has volunteered to scout out several specific locations in the High Point, NC area that are described in *Georgia Confederate 7,000* by Gary Goodson, Sr. I inquired about the location of Gary's notes and found out that they were stored in a location that would be hard to get to and he wasn't sure which box the specific pictures and directions were located. Gary is writing another book at this time.

Gary's book shows pictures of two metal signs in Archdale, NC which describe the last encampment of the Army of Tennessee and where they were mustered out of service. One is located a few feet from a railroad. With these clues, Lee will try to track down the exact locations in order to save time for us during this year's Congress.

This is the type of effort that helps put together a Congress that runs smoothly.

New PA System

Jack Bolen , Brandon, FL, reports that the new portable PA System that was bought by Jack and 43rd Georgia Historian Greg Land , Jasper, GA, has been tested and it works as advertised. Jack had to do quite a bit of follow-up to get it right. First the company sent the wrong microphone and several other details had to be corrected. Jack stayed on them until it was the way it should be.

Statue of General Joseph E. Johnston

The current May/June,2010 issue of *Confederate Veteran* features a picture of a new statue of General Joseph E. Johnston on the cover. The statue is located at Bentonville Battlefield. He is holding his field glasses in his right hand while pointing with his left hand. His left foot is standing on a rock He is still wearing his riding gloves, so he must have dismounted before giving instructions.

We will see this statue during this year's Raleigh Congress and discuss his plan and the