

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER, 2009

Please give me a little slack this month in the Newsletter. Last Thursday , I suddenly got some sort of bug and was violently ill at both ends at the same time. It was a very uncomfortable night and the next day. It left me “drained” and out of energy. Short on patience too. So, this Newsletter will be in the mode of “get ‘er done”, rather than a “paper that would get an A in English”.

Membership Dues 2010

Membership Dues for 2010 are due on January 1, 2010. I know this comes at a bad time, following the expenses of Christmas Season. These dues help pay the down payment to hold a bus for our tour, buy stamps, pay bank fees and other expenses. So, please pay your \$40.00 per family household as soon as you can.

Please send to me at : 78892 Canyon Vista, Palm Desert, CA 92211. We have a Bank of America account so I can deposit the checks right here in Palm Desert.

Outreach Efforts

I am pleased to report that 40th Georgia Historian **Kay Borden** of Marietta, GA and **Jon Perryman**, also of Marietta, have teamed up to make a presentation and recruiting trip to another group of descendants. As I understand it, there is a website run by descendants of the “Haralson Invincibles”. Haralson County is the next county south of Cedartown, GA. I’m not clear on if we found them or they found us, but contact has been made and that is the important part. Follow-up is needed to explain what we do and how we do it.

Kay and Jon will do this and I am certain that they will find potential members that would like to join our association. If you members that are in the area have the desire to help out on this, please contact Kay or Jon.

This is the type of effort and alertness that helps build and strengthen our organization.

Index Status

In late October, I sent the manuscript of the future *Georgia Confederate 7,000 Part IV –Index* to the publisher in Colorado, as coordinated by **Gary Goodson**, author of the first three volumes. Gary is working with his publisher and the mating dance has been completed long ago. Production of the fourth volume, the Index, is expected to proceed without delay.

Everything was sent by e-mail attachment from my computer files to the publisher. Some title pages, a Preface, chapter pages and an explanation page had to be produced and sent. The long tedious work was done long ago so the extra pages required by the publisher were not too hard to do. It still blows my mind that this sort of information sharing can happen so fast, once it is developed. Well, they design airplanes now totally on the computer and pen and ink never hit a drafting page. Wow ! I still marvel at the telephone.

Room Reservations

Please refer to the October, 2009 Newsletter for details on the Hampton Inn room reservations for the 2010 Congress. Webmaster **Don Bulloch** has the past Newsletters filed on the website www.generalbartonandstovall.com. Just go there and click on October, 2009.

Missionary Ridge Celebration

A series of tours, speeches, demos, and other events are planned to celebrate the battle of Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain. The rearguard action at Ringgold will also be included. The details that were sent to me didn't get moved in my move so I am going from memory. I believe the dates are the last weekend in November. You still have time to partake in this if you contact Kay Borden for details or the Chattanooga, TN tourist website.

There is so much planned that it would be hard to do it all. However, you have the ability to pick the parts that really interest you. As a note to new members, we had a Congress at Dalton in 2005 and were able to visit historical locations for Stovall's brigade at those battles. There is always something new to learn.

Thank you for all your help. I will send Notes from the 43rd in the next issue. I have to get the new e-mail address of my laptop to **Greg Land**. His notes are no doubt at my home computer address. That is my fault, not Greg's.

Mike Griggs
President