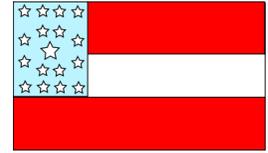




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Don't Look Back

## Let's Keep Pushing On!

Men

With all the garbage that has been happening within the SCV I sometimes wonder "what am I doing here in this mess?-- With my job, my family, and the community where I live, why do I continue to belong to this organization."

As the California Division Commander-- it makes me wonder. I wonder as much as anyone, especially with some of the internal fighting we have had here in our own Division. I ask myself "is it worth all the heart ache?"

What do you do when you get tired and nearly fed up? I usually go to a quiet place to just sit down and reflect, or, I pick up a book to read in hopes I can take my mind off what ever is bothering me.

I just recently finished the toughest two months I have ever been through at the school I teach. My duties increased twofold during those two months. After graduation the district requested I take a class for two weeks on a topic I do not believe we should be taking.

I finished the class this past week and I did retreat to my gun room, the quiet place, and picked up a book. I had already read it, but I marked a few pages to look back upon. *The Damned Red Flags of the Rebellion*, by Richard Rollins, was given to me by our Division Adjutant, Vern Padgett.

I reviewed those pages I had marked and I typed up a few excerpts. I hope you enjoy reading them.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has been cleaning house. It has not been an easy chore but something that needed to be done.



**Sons of Confederate Veterans, Alexandria, Va., march down Independence Avenue in front of the U.S. Capitol in the first ever National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, Monday, May 30, 2005, honoring American veterans from the revolutionary era through Operation Iraqi Freedom. (AP Photo/Lauren Victoria Burke)**

We need to step out and beyond all the garbage that has been going on. Let us not spin our wheels by looking for the bad in others or other organizations. We must remain on a positive approach.

I am so proud of the Camps in the California Division as I can see growth, dedication, and National attention. The truth should continue to be taught, and all our ancestors who sacrificed their all for a belief they felt right, and just be honored. It is our duty to honor them.

My favorite oldies song "Back in the Saddle Again" by Gene Autry should be the objective of the

California Division meaning "Let's Get On" and "Get-R-Done!"

### Chuck Norred

At about the same time a squad from the 78<sup>th</sup> New York also went out to look at the grisly scene in the Confederate positions. They found an unidentified North Carolina flag, probably from the 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> North Carolina of Stuart's Brigade, surrounded by the remains of its men. Its mortally wounded bearer had torn it off its staff and buried it beside a large rock. "Eleven dead Confederates representing seven different regiments lay piled around the rock where it fell."

From Richard Rollins's *The Damned Red Flags of the Rebellion*, page 135.

See Richard Rollins's books at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com). Among his other outstanding works on Confederate heritage are *Black Southerners in Gray*—Editor.



## Camp 2007 Has Their Own SCV Hat

-- Floyd Farrar

Here is the sample SCV Camp 2007 hat I picked up this afternoon.

The middle logo is ours to keep, it is paid for, now the text is easy to alter, kind, size and so on. It costs five bucks per hat per sewing run. The Carolina blue hat with a mesh back and Velcro closure is around four bucks. The mesh can be white. The kinds of hats are endless! I was choosing from a one inch thick catalog and finally just picked one.

I want the text to be a little thicker and maybe bigger but we gotta see exactly what the computer will let the sewing machine do. If anyone wants a hat or whatever, the design is ours, all you do is go there or call and request a hat with our design and text. Tell them Floyd Farrar sent you and it had Sons of Confederate Vets logo and Thom Camp 2007 on the front. The place is KB Design, 102 West La Palma Ave., Anaheim CA 92801, phone 714.563.5220, and I worked with a gal by the name of Betsy.

– Floyd Farrar, Camp 2007 Long Beach

## Heritage News

### California Division Confederate Ancestors

Men: I have been having a lot of fun with the work Compatriot Ro King did for us this year as our Division Historian. Please check this out. My great-grandfather was at Chickamauga, for example. Many of your ancestors were there with him, and may have fought alongside of my great-grandfather.

California Division Members had family in these Southern units-- **Chuck Norred**

**Georgia:** 18th Infantry, 59th Infantry, 39 Inf, 54th Inf, 4th Cav, 24th Inf, 30th Inf, 32nd Inf, 7th Cav, 10th Cav, 1st Inf.

**Texas:** 6th Inf, 8th Cav, 17th Cav, 5th Inf, 15th Inf/Cav, 14th Cav.

**North Carolina:** 30th, 13th, 37th, 55th Inf, 25th Inf, 37th Inf, 26th Inf, 51<sup>st</sup> Inf, 50<sup>th</sup> Inf, 52<sup>nd</sup> Inf., 14<sup>th</sup> Inf, 2nd Cav.

**Arkansas:** 10th Inf, 38th Inf, 8th Inf, 2nd Art.

**Virginia:** 19th Inf, 27th Inf, 1st Inf, 58th Inf, 56th Inf, 22nd Inf, 9th Inf, 1st Art, 18th Cav, 14th Cav, 45th Inf, 1st Cav, 37th Inf, 12th Inf, 15th Cav.

**Kentucky:** 5th Cav, 7th Cav, 3rd Inf, 7th M-Inf, 15th M-Inf

**Missouri:** 10th Inf, 1st Cav, 3rd & 5th Consolidated, 6th Inf, 3rd Inf, 3rd Art.

**Florida:** 1st Cav.

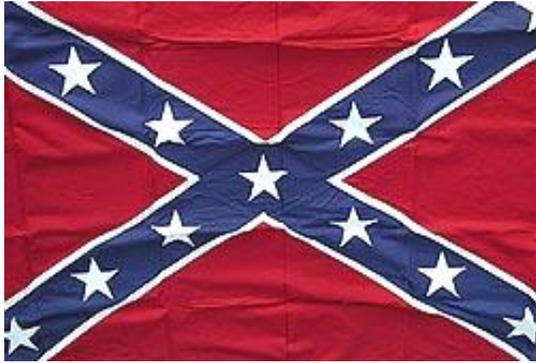
**Mississippi:** 8th Inf, 9th Cav, 34th Inf, 23rd Inf, 32nd Inf, 14th, 34th Guards, 31st Inf

**Louisiana:** 28th Inf, 4th Cav, 16th Inf, 28th Inf, 1st Inf.

**Tennessee:** 4th Cav, 12th Inf, 9th Cav, 44th Inf, 55th, 20th Inf, 9th Cav, 16th, 6th Cav, 2nd Inf, 5th Cav, 35th Inf.

**Alabama:** 28th Inf, 3rd Cav, 37th Inf, 46th Inf, 1st Inf.

**South Carolina:** 2nd Art.



## Mt. View Cemetery Update: Headstones Dumped Into Humboldt Bay

By Don Davis, Camp 1627 Sacramento  
General Cosby

It seems that Roy Nunn and I are on the "same channel" as far as locating graves. I made two trips to the Myrtle Grove cemetery here in Eureka looking for Lt. Col. Arthur St. Claire Cunningham's final resting place. The people at City Parks & Rec have maintenance on the site and have assisted me as far as they can with what limited resources they have.

I made 3 trips to the library looking for The Col's obituary and found it but the article did not list a grave site.

I was able to find a newer version of the info that the Park & Rec folks have, and it contained some chilling news: In 1958 the cemetery had fallen into such disrepair that it was "cleaned up" by someone, perhaps city public works crews, and according to a local historian, there were headstones dumped into the Humboldt Bay. They are still visible at low tide.

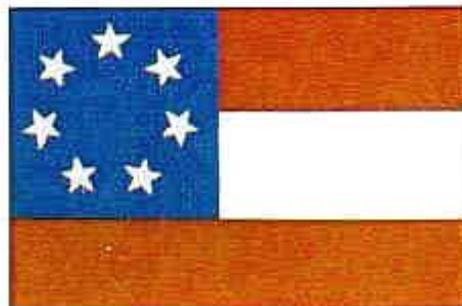
I had hoped that these stones were the tall versions that had already been replaced with flat

ones. Alas, the historian has since passed on himself. I haven't seen the stones at low tide.

I cannot locate the gravesite but am considering looking into church records, as they may note his final resting place. There was a Bella Cunningham marker there, but it didn't seem that she was related-- being a native of New Hampshire born in 1867, at a time when Cunningham was supposed to be in San Francisco.

I found through the obit that Arthur was married, but there was no name for his wife other than her maiden name was Thompson and her father died in San Salvador in 1906 or so. Perhaps she had Arthur dug up and moved to San Francisco as that was where their home was. He'd died here on a visit to her father. That's my next move, to check into rootsweb.com for Colma, California and see if ol' Arthur is peacefully sleeping near Emperor Norton and Wyatt Earp.

This job seems best for someone with a LOT of spare time on his hands, not some working stiff trying to make it from payday to payday. When the job scene opens up here, I doubt I'll have time to do much.



Roy and I had quite a discussion of GPS and I made some suggestions such as

1) all SCV graves reg folks get the same type machine to use so there would be consistency in our results;

2) laminate the GPS instruction sheet for the units so it could be used in inclement weather and preserved for a long while;

3) get the icons on the machine translated so that anyone could understand what those stupid little symbols mean,

4) and try to get GPS units donated to SCV by "some filthy rich liberal who feels guilty about denying us our rights as Confederate Americans."



Richard Kline of Camp 1804 Stands Guard at SCV Division Reunion, March 2005, Pasadena Old Town.

## California Center for Military History

By Don S. Davis, Eureka

At the California Center for Military History, at [www.militarymuseum.org](http://www.militarymuseum.org) the Historian and webmaster, SgtMaj Daniel M. Sebby, said that "No, there aren't any Confederate veterans registered there" because "no one has submitted any is why."

I suggest this site be investigated for possible registration of Confederate veterans.

And no, I do not wish to be chairman of that committee. It would likely require the talents of someone who is aware of all the ramifications of SCV using the site, (I'm not....) it may not work for us if it involves getting somebody not in SCV to register our veterans (i.e.: do the work). This may just be a one-

man operation for all I know. Have yet to check it out down to the nitty-gritty. Just a heads-up for possible free publicity for the Division. I asked him if it was OK to submit Confederate vets but haven't gotten a response yet. Will keep you apprised.

I remain, yr humble Svt,

Don Davis, Eureka, Cal'a

## Old Honest Abe! The Lies of the Lincoln Lovers!

Tom Hale, Camp 1208

Most of us grew up hearing stories of American History such as the tale of Betsy Ross sewing the first U.S. Flag. Up until the time when the public schools in this country stopped teaching history, and began teaching the liberal minded, communist centered, social studies, you could ask any school-age child "Who sewed the first flag?" and they would dutifully chime out, "Betsy Ross!" While I fully support the teaching of history over social studies, there's a problem here! You see, Betsy Ross did not sew the first U.S. Flag.

Oh, she sewed a flag to be sure. In fact, we have in the National Archives a copy of the receipt for payment to her for the sewing of this flag. But it was not the first. It is merely the earliest that we have record of being purchased by the government. There are many references to a U.S. Flag already being in existence long before Mrs. Ross put needle to cloth.

So, where did the story come from? A little research reveals that Betsy Ross' granddaughter made the whole thing up.

It is one of the earliest examples in this country of what we now call Urban Folklore. A few others include a young George Washington cutting down a cherry tree or that Christopher Columbus was Italian; Columbus was actually Spanish. He was from Barcelona.

The Betsy Ross tale spread quickly due to its patriotic quality and the warm and fuzzy feeling it gave to those who told and heard it. Someone once said that if you tell a lie long enough, the majority of people will believe it. We see that everywhere today, especially in politics. And nowhere does it raise its

ugly head more prominently than when a discussion of the Tyrant Lincoln comes up.



**Wesley Enloe, half-brother of Abraham Lincoln**

We have been told many things about this Lincoln fellow over the years. He was "Honest Abe." He was the "Great Emancipator." He saved the glorious union, etc. All of which plays well in the newspapers. But, unfortunately, it all has the stench of an unwashed pig sty! Most of what is considered public knowledge about this American Tyrant is nothing but bald-faced lies! The rest can best be described as a serious distortion of the facts. From his beginning to the end, the truth is not what it appears to be. Or, at least it's not what we have been told it is.

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*From the site [www.genealogytoday.com/us/lincoln/wesley.html](http://www.genealogytoday.com/us/lincoln/wesley.html):* Mr. Enlow said the real proof could be in the DNA and he is pushing for tests on Thomas Lincoln's remains in Illinois and Abraham Lincoln's in Washington, D.C. He said he believes the Enloes descended from three Scot schoolteachers who came to the western panhandle in Maryland in 1670, one of whom figures to be Mr. Enlow's ancestor, too. That's partly why he is interested in the story which he has pursued for 10 years. Both Dr. Rogers and Mr. Enlow put these stories in different historical context. For the professor, it's just another story, because people have a hard time believing "that this great man, perhaps the greatest man in history--

came from this uneducated farmer who had no real vision." Mr. Enlow said the truth should be known because "Abraham rose to great heights, he was a giant among us all, yet he rose from worse circumstances than we ever knew."

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I will attempt, in this article, to shed a little light on some of the Lincoln misconceptions:

### **1. Illinois, The Land of Lincoln**

Well, sort of. Lincoln did indeed live in Illinois. He moved there as a young man. Upon reaching adulthood, he opened what can best be described as a failing law practice. It was in Illinois that he went into politics. And by doing so probably saved himself from starvation. He was credited with being one of the worst lawyers of his day. Unfortunately this set him on the path to the presidency, and the most despicable period in American History.

### **2. Lincoln was from Kentucky.**

Probably the most commonly told story of Lincoln is that he was born in a log cabin in Kentucky and that he was self-educated by reading books in this cabin by candlelight. A claim that the State of Kentucky vehemently denies!

You see, Lincoln was not born in Kentucky. He wasn't even born with the name Lincoln! The man we now know as Abraham Lincoln was actually born in North Carolina. His mother worked in the home of a fairly prominent businessman in North Carolina. The man who became Abraham Lincoln was the bastard son of this businessman-- Abraham Lincoln was the illegitimate offspring of Nancy Hanks by an affair with a North Carolinian named Abraham Enloe. This is discussed in detail in R. Vincent Enloe's article. And a comparison of photographs of Abraham Lincoln and Abraham Enloe is conclusive! He is the spitting image of Enloe-- and bears no resemblance to Thomas Lincoln.

Because of her illegitimate son, his mother was forced to move to avoid disgrace. She moved to Kentucky and married the village idiot, Thomas Lincoln. By all accounts Thomas Lincoln was a dolt. With barely the intelligence to form a conscious thought. So it was easy for the new Mrs. Thomas Lincoln to either pass Abraham off as his son.

Also, the concept that he was self-educated by candlelight is laughable. At this time in history most Americans were self-educated. And since most worked their fields or jobs during the day, studying in the evening by candlelight was the most common option. Therefore, Lincoln was no different than 75% of the population at that time. There was a three out of

four chance that anyone who was elected during that period would have been self-educated by candlelight!

There is also an interesting comparison here between tyrants. Lincoln was a Southerner who hated Southerners-- Much as Hitler was a Jew who hated Jews! One of the first things Hitler did when he came to power was to have his town of birth burned to the ground in hopes that his birth records would be destroyed. In much the same way, Lincoln claimed he was from Kentucky. While this was most likely done to cover the fact that he was illegitimate, there is an interesting argument that this may have also been done to cover the fact that he was a Southerner. Public knowledge of his Southern roots would have complicated things for a Yankee president as he prosecuted the War of Northern Aggression!

It is also now easy to see the fallacy of the "Honest Abe" label. We haven't even passed his childhood and already his life is a pack of lies!

### **3. Lincoln fought the war to preserve the Union.**

The Union Lincoln was said to have preserved did not exist at the time of his Presidency! The Southern states had already seceded! They had formed their own country: The Confederate States of America. So, by prosecuting this war, Lincoln was actually invading a sovereign nation! He wasn't preserving a Union! He was creating one! And not the one envisioned by our Founding Fathers! Which is one of the reasons that Southerners referred to the war as the Second War of Independence. The Lincolnesque concept of converting States Powers into Federal Powers is the antithesis of the plan laid out by our founders. The original plan, as drawn up in the late 18th century, was for each State to be an independent country, bound only loosely to a Federal Government for their common good.

Lincoln's plan was for the States to be enslaved to the federal government for the common good of nobody except the Federal Government. And it is this system of federal slavery that we all live under today.

It is by no mistake that I use the term slavery in this description, as you will see next.

### **4. Lincoln Freed the Slaves-- Or, The War was Fought Over Slavery**

Lincoln said repeatedly the war was not being fought over slavery. In August 1862, over a year after the war started, Lincoln wrote an open letter to a prominent Republican abolitionist, Horace Greeley, in which he said he did not agree with those who would only "save" the Union if they could destroy slavery at the same time. Lincoln added that if he could "save"

the Union without freeing a single slave, he would do so. Said Lincoln,

"If there be those who would not save the Union unless they could at the same time destroy slavery, I do not agree with them. My paramount objective is to save the Union and not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it. If I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it. And if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that" (Letter to Horace Greeley, August 22, 1862, published in the *New York Tribune*).

Which leads us to the Emancipation Proclamation:

### **5. The Emancipation Proclamation**

Everyone can agree that slavery needed to be abolished. However, the Emancipation Proclamation, signed on January 1, 1863, left 400,000 slaves in bondage. Let's consider the purpose, nature, and legality of the Emancipation Proclamation.

The proclamation was a war measure. The Radical Republicans hoped the proclamation would produce a slave revolt in the South, even if this resulted in the deaths of thousands of women and children on plantations and farms. (Perhaps it's an indication of how most slaves were treated that no such revolt ever occurred, even though many plantations and farms were being run by women and children at the time, since most of the men were engaged in the war effort.)

The proclamation did not free one slave in any of the four Union slave states nor in any of the regions of the South under Union control. The proclamation only applied to slaves in the Confederate states, where Lincoln had no authority to enforce it. Slavery continued in the Northern slave states and in the South for the rest of the war, and wasn't abolished until the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified in Dec. 1865. Historians John Blum and Bruce Catton commented on the limited nature of the proclamation:

The Emancipation Proclamation asserted freedom for slaves in those areas that were not under control of the federal government and left slavery untouched in areas where federal control was effective. It seemed a halting measure of dubious effect and shaky legality, and Confederates denounced it as a call for a slave revolt.

African-American scholar Lerone Bennett documents that Lincoln only issued the proclamation under intense pressure from the Radical Republicans, who were threatening to cut off funds to the army if emancipation wasn't made a war objective, and that Lincoln only began to seriously consider the Radicals' demands after Union forces suffered several defeats.

## 6. John Wilkes Booth was a Psychotic, Deranged Killer.

John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of Abraham Lincoln, has been vilified since that fateful day at Fords Theatre. He has been described as being deranged, a nobody who came from the woodwork to kill a President without cause. But the facts, once again, do not jibe with the story!

John Wilkes Booth was the most prominent thespian of his day. By today's standards we would consider him to be on a par with John Wayne or Charlton Heston. He traveled in the highest circles. He was engaged to be married to Kathy Hale, daughter of Lincoln's ambassador to Spain. Lincoln had seen Booth perform many times.

He was neither deranged nor psychotic. He was a Southern Patriot. He used his clout and recognition to gain access to Lincoln to wipe out what he perceived to be the worst thing that ever happened to America. And for this act of what he saw as patriotism, he was forever demonized.

What we may actually be able to lay at Booth's feet is the horror that was Reconstruction! If Booth had killed Lincoln five years earlier, we may have had a completely different outcome to the war. Killing Lincoln as he did, left Johnson in power, and began one of the darkest periods in American history.



**Paul Williams sends news that he swore in compatriots James Parsons and Norm Braly. Pictured from L to R are Paul Williams, James Parsons, Michael Robbe, Norm Braly, and Compatriot Hugh Richards, at Johnny Reb's in Long Beach, 20 June 2005.**

Lincoln had grown very weary of the war. And he was something of a benevolent dictator. Most scholars agree that had Lincoln lived, the period of so-called Reconstruction would most likely have been easier on Southerners. I point this out in the interest of fairness. But it is a point with which I do not agree.

Yes, I know I probably skipped over your favorite pet peeve about the lies concerning the Tyrant Lincoln. He suspended the U.S. Constitution. He purposefully and with malice of forethought had thousands of civilians raped, murdered and pillaged. He approved of the policy of starving POWs even when there was sufficient food to feed them-- unlike Union POW's who starved because the CSA had no food to feed them. They received the same ration as the Confederate Soldier. And he ruined the system of government set forth by our Founding Fathers.

But the worst thing that can be said about Lincoln was that he was not a Gentleman! He had no sense of honor. He had no sense of integrity. In many ways he was much like the politicians that we have today. He proved, by his own actions, that he would lie, steal, cheat, kidnap, murder, and coerce to gain or maintain his political clout. He had no respect for rule of law or the national sovereignty of a foreign nation. In short, he was a Cad! A personality trait found so commonly in attorneys. Had he been but some country lawyer, it may not have made a difference. But as the President of the United States, it made a big difference.

It is said that Lincoln freed the slaves. The fact of the matter is that Lincoln enslaved us all into a system of Federal tyranny: A great sprawling octopus with its tentacles in everyone's lives and pockets!

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## CW Medicine

# CHOLERA

By Tim Desmond, Division Surgeon General

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My story of Grandma's grandma getting the Yankees to drop "cholered" hogs, which they were attempting to steal, must have been my earliest knowledge of the disease. That was also a direct oral history of a reference to cholera from rural west Georgia. If that was during the war, and Yankees were in Carroll or Coweta County foraging, it must have been between late 1864 and spring 1865.

My next reference for cholera came from the novel by Kyle Onstott called *Mandingo*. During lunch breaks in 100-degree summer heat of my father's wheat fields, I read the battered, dog-eared paperback with its vivid description of the dreaded illness of cholera. It was what I came to learn later was the universal description of the symptoms. Cholera is described as an "attack" of watery diarrhea [like rice water] with severe loss of body fluids [up to one liter per hour,] until dehydration is so severe that it leads to

circulatory shock, electrolyte imbalance and death. Death can occur in two days. Post-mortem examinations of the victim reveal that their blood is “tarry” in consistency because of the dehydration.

The most famous physician who studied the epidemiology of cholera was John Snow MD in London during the mid-1850s. His careful tracking and study as he investigated several outbreaks, lead to one contaminated community well and pump in London. That well had been contaminated by seepage from nearby basement and underground cesspits of human waste. In what has become a famous story of community health, the cases ceased when the pump handle was removed.

Even though the symptoms and Snow’s findings confirmed that the various cases were part of the same epidemic, it was left to the future health investigators to describe the causative agent of the infection. Even in his day, Snow’s work in England was not accepted by all the then current scientific community, many of whom believed in an “ambient air” type of cause called the “miasma theory.” The story is complicated further by the scientific community ignoring the findings of Italian Filippo Pacini, a physician who specialized in the use of the microscope, published a paper in 1854 describing the comma shaped bacillus [rods] he called Vibrio. He published five other papers from 1865 through 1880. Pacini recommended as a treatment ten grams of salt in one liter of water to be administered intravenously, which is a good treatment today. [UCLA Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health website 05 August 2001.]

Thirty years later, the famed Robert Koch duplicated Pacini’s findings and was credited with the Cholera [*Vibrio cholerae*] discovery in 1884, for many decades. Snow never knew of Pacini, but Koch eventually found Pacini’s papers.

As long as I am digressing, if I may refer to the previous piece on Salmonella and Typhoid Fever, the Salmonella bacterium was first discovered and described by Theobald Smith [1859 –1934], and Salmon in 1885. This was about the same time that Koch was doing his work. I found it fascinating that Salmon had isolated his strain of Salmonella from pigs with hog cholera! He was investigating swine plague. He called this organism “Hog-cholerabacillus. It is now called Salmonella cholerae suis. It is NOT the real cause of swine plague, which is viral disease.

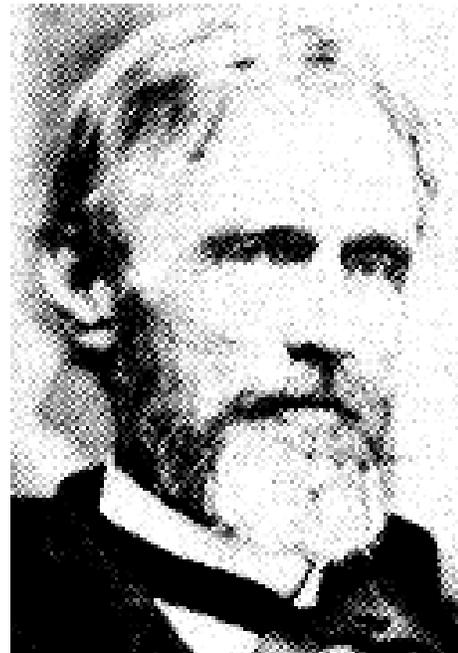
It was many decades before a systemic antibiotic could be used as an individual treatment, but clean water, sanitation and community health was a beginning to controlling epidemics.

So, my Great great-grandma knew about hog cholera, and so did those hungry Yankees who dropped perfectly healthy hogs in fear that that Southern lady may be right. Nobody in the 1860’s wanted a dose of CHOLERA. -- February 18, 2005

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## WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



**"I worked night and day for twelve years to prevent the war, but I could not. The North was mad and blind, would not let us govern ourselves, and so the war came."-- Letter to J. Jacquess & J. Gilmore, 17 Jul 1864.**