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Rebuilding Already Started, Funds Being Raised

BEAUVIOR AND MEMORIAL HALL SURVIVE STORM

Beauvoir, the last home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Biloxi, Mississippi, has stood for 153 years and has survived, attempted arson and 21 past hurricanes, but Hurricane Katrina almost did it in. Although severely damaged the home is still standing, partially due to solid construction and the fact that the house stands 12 feet off the ground on brick piers, allowing floodwaters to surge through.

According to a Beauvoir Press Release, "Only

two of the buildings remain, the mansion (Beauvoir itself) and the Presidential Library. The positive news is that both of these will be repaired, with adequate time and funds." "It is with great sadness that the Library pavilion, where Jefferson Davis penned *The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government*, the Hayes Cottage, Soldier's Home Barracks replica, Confederate Soldier's Museum, gift shop and director's home were totally destroyed, according to

the release." The Presidential Library's first floor interior was nearly blown away, except for a large statue of President Davis.

Beauvoir's elegant porches, which had just recently been refurbished to the tune of \$220,000, are simply gone. So is the graceful front staircase. Entrance doors, each with nine oval glass panes, were destroyed. A corner of the roof is missing. Original windows have been broken. Louvered green shutters are badly

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Dinner Meeting To Honor Dr. Buddy Patterson

Dr. B. D. (Buddy) Patterson, the former Dean of the Harold B. Simpson History Complex at Hill College in Hillsboro, will be the featured speaker and will be honored by Camp #1250 at its October Dinner meeting on the 8th.

Dr. Patterson was instrumental in helping form the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250. Camp founder John Perry was a member of Dr. Patterson's

camp in Hillsboro when he solicited Dr. Patterson to help him form a new camp in Temple. With help from Dr. Patterson, who attended the camp's organizational meeting at John's home, and from the late Pete Orlebeke, the then Texas Division Commander, the camp was launched in 1988.

For the first few years, as Camp #1250 was growing it held some joint

meetings with Dr. Patterson's camp, including several Lee-Jackson dinners.

Dr. Patterson served as the Dean of what at first was known as the Confederate Research Center (CRC) at Hill College, later as the museum expanded the entire complex was known as Harold B. Simpson History Complex, of which the CRC was one component.

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CONFEDERATE PROFILE FRONTIER TEXAS COMMANDER

Fauntleroy Served On The Frontier With Kit Carson

He earned high marks in the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and in several Indian campaigns, but he never was a success in his service to the Confederacy.

Thomas Turner Fauntleroy was born in Richmond County, Virginia, October 6, 1796; He was commissioned a lieutenant in the War of 1812, when he was only seventeen years old.

After the war, he studied law in Winchester, practiced in Warrenton, and in 1823 was elected to the legislature.

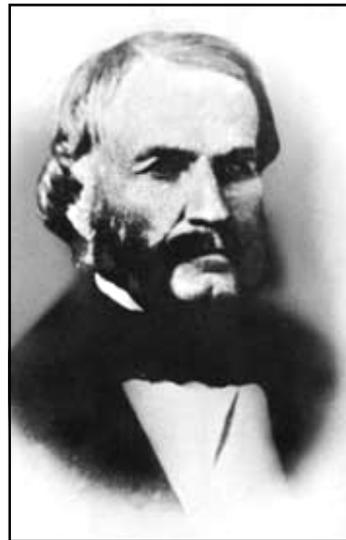
In 1836 he was commissioned a major of dragoons in the regular army, and served in the Seminole war. In September 1845, he was detached from General Taylor's army to hold in check the Indians on the frontier of Texas.

From this duty he was ordered to join General Taylor, and subsequently, in Mexico, he commanded the cavalry of General Scott's army. In 1849 he was promoted to lieutenant colonel of the 1st dragoons, and commanded the troops on frontier duty in Texas. In 1850 he was promoted colonel.

In the winter of 1854-55 he conducted a campaign against the hostile Indian tribes of the Rocky Mountains, and in 1858 he made another midwinter campaign against the

Indians in New Mexico.

During his Indian fighting days he served with the legendary Kit Carson on several expeditions against the Apaches. The "brave and chivalric" Fauntleroy was thanked by



Thomas Turner Fauntleroy

the New Mexico Legislature for his efforts in protecting settlers. He served as the Commander of the Department of New Mexico from 1859 to 1861.

In May 1861, he entered the Confederate service. He was commissioned a brigadier general by the convention of Virginia, and placed in command of Richmond and its defenses, succeeding future Confederate Major General John B. Magruder. But, after the organization of the Confederate government, it refused to confirm his commission, although

he out-ranked all the officers, but one that had resigned from the U. S. Army to serve the Confederacy. He was relieved of his position at his own request and consequently never officially held rank in the Confederate Army.

He was offered an appointment as Brigadier General from Adjutant General Samuel Copper on July 9, 1861 to command the Virginia militia in the Shenandoah Valley, but he declined the appointment. He returned to his estate near Winchester, Va. He remained there, retired from active duty, until fighting during the war pushed close to his land. He eventually fled to Charlotte County where he lived until wars end.

After the war he lived with a son, Thomas T. Fauntleroy, who became Judge of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. Another son, Archibald Magill Fauntleroy, was a surgeon in the Confederate army and chief officer on the medical staff of General Joseph E. Johnston. A daughter, Mary Thurston Fauntleroy, married Surgeon General Joseph K. Barnes, of the U. S. Army. It was Dr. Barnes who performed the autopsy of John Wilkes Booth.

He died on September 12, 1883 while at the home of a granddaughter in Leesburg, Virginia. He is buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester.

Storm Damage

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damaged.

The wraparound porches may have offered some protection from the hurricane, according to Richard Cawthon, chief



Left: Front of Beauvoir, before Katrina; Below: Front of Beauvoir after Katrina

conditions that occur on the Gulf Coast," he said. "It was constructed to maximize its survivability."

The first restoration step will be to repair the roof, so that rain does not further damage the interior, said Cawthon. Because the foundation of the house is sound,

architectural historian of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Beauvoir's broad and low hipped roof, with a slope on each side, was also less vulnerable to wind than a traditional vertical roof. "The house was designed to accommodate weather



it will be able to support its weight during restoration.

Although many arti-
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Camp Schedule

October 8, 2005 Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Cotton Patch Cafe in Temple Mall, 7:00 PM. Speaker: Dr. Buddy Patterson.

October 14-16, 2005 Ogletree Gap Heritage Festival, Copperas Cove, TX., 8:00 AM. Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers

October 22, 2005 Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up. Meet at the Belton McDonald's at 7:45 AM

November 8, 2005 Camp's monthly meeting at the Cotton Patch Cafe in Temple Mall, 7:00 PM.

November 18-20, 2005 Battle for Liendo Plantation Reenactment, Hempstead, TX , 8:00 AM, Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers.

November 26, 2005 Old Time Christmas Festival, Bertram, TX , 8:00 AM, Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers.

December 2-4, 2005 Krist Kindl Markt, Copperas Cove, TX , 8:00 AM, Camp store to be set up, if we have enough volunteers.

December 10, 2005 Camp's Annual "Southern Christmas Party," Bliss Hall, Little River, TX, Time to be determined,

Next Camp Meeting:
October 8th
7:00 P.M. at
Cotton Patch Cafe,
Temple Mall,
Temple, TX
Speaker:
Dr. Buddy Patterson

Buddy Patterson To Be Honored

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Dr. Patterson served as the Dean of the History Complex since 1990. He led the History Complex as it expanded its facilities on the Hill College Complex.

Dr. Patterson has been a member of the SCV for many years and served as the Texas Division's Archivist.

He has won virtually every SCV award, including



the Division's Confederate of the Year Award and the Division's highest honor the Deo Vindice award. Dr. Patterson retired earlier this year from Hill College.

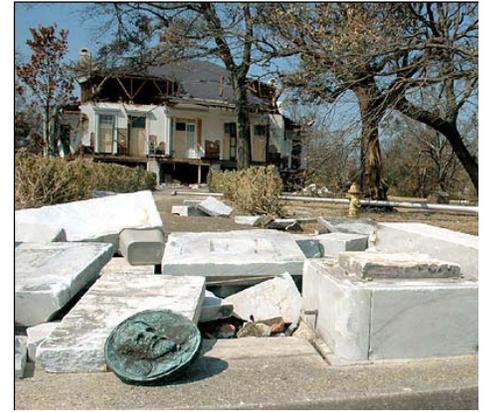
The Major Robert M. White Camp#1250 honors Dr. Buddy Patterson for his service to our camp, the Texas Division, and the overall efforts of the SCV.



Above: Only the statue of Jefferson Davis survived intact on the ground floor of the Presidential Library. Right: What is left of the front entrance gate of Beauvoir.

Storm Damage

Although the structure of the Presidential Library, located on the grounds of Beauvoir survived, the ground floor of the building was devastated. Wind and water ripped through the lower floor according to news accounts. Still standing however was a statue of President Davis. on the grounds of Beauvoir.



News was also good in New Orleans where Confederate Memorial Hall, home to the second largest collection of Confederate memorabilia in the world in the oldest continually operating museum in Louisiana, survived mainly unscathed. Their biggest concern will be with diminished tourism in New Orleans for the foreseeable future, revenues at the museum will shrink to virtually nothing. A relief fund has also been sent up for Memorial Hall at:

Memorial Hall Museum Relief Fund
Box 278

6658 Youree Drive, Suite 180
Shreveport LA 71105

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facts had been removed before the storm, it is not yet know exactly how many were lost due to the storm. Beauvoir officials reportedly have provided a list of military artifacts to the eBay online auction Web site, so that any items listed for sale can be confiscated and returned to Beauvoir. After the hurricane the jacket of a Confederate soldier was found suspended from a nearby bush.

The library was opened after the State of Mississippi authorized \$3 million in 1995 to build the library. The two-story 13,500 square foot facility opened in 1998

Funds are being solicited to restore the home, which may take until 2008 to complete. Because Beauvoir had been listed by the National Park Service as a National Historic Landmark, the highest ranking, it will be among those first in line for federal restoration money. Send contributions to:

Beauvoir Relief
P O Box 7

Meridian, MS 39302-0007



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