



Order of the Steel Magnolias

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2022 Tea ~ Social

Robin Redfearn Towns



President General Message



Dear Magnolias,

I'm extremely honored to be elected as your president 2021-2024 during our April meeting. As our nation rallies to recover from a terrible pandemic the Executive Board continues with the business of the Society. Our nation also continues to struggle with the controversy of all things Confederate. Truly, the Order of the Steel Magnolias has never been about this. The American Civil War may forever be debated, however, the women of the Southland who were left behind, faced the formidable task at hand...simple daily survival. Our organization honors these who were also casualties of the War Between the States. These Steel Magnolias who struggled on with grace, dignity, and strength.

History tells us of hundreds of women who disguised themselves as men and fought in the War. Women like Belle Boyd served as spies. You can read books on their lives but what about the average Southern woman? Thousands of ladies that stepped out of their traditional household roles to manage farms, stores, and businesses when their men went off to war. These Southern women showed great courage and strength. They accomplished what women had never accomplished before.

When the hospitals were overflowing with diseased, wounded, and dying men these same women volunteered as untrained nurses in makeshift hospitals. Soldiers were taken into their homes for care. They must have hoped and prayed that someone somewhere might be doing the same for their husbands or sons.

Letters and stories spoke of unfathomable circumstances and unbelievable death tolls. Wives and mothers watched as men were buried in mass graves containing both Confederate and Union dead. They watched as their homes and towns were destroyed or burned. They watched as livestock and crops, their only source of food, were confiscated or destroyed. They anxiously waited for letters that would never come and for their men who would never return.

No reward ever arrived for these Southern women. In the end there was no victory to celebrate. They experienced the overwhelming pain of tremendous and total loss. They lost not only their husbands, sons, brothers, and fathers, but their homes, their way of life, their possessions, their dignity and their pride. Their world, as they had known it, was gone forever...everything was lost. As their courage and determination became desperation, still they stood tall and strong simply because they had to. There was no one left to rely on but themselves. We are left to wonder what prayers they lifted to heaven? What did they most often ask of God? When they sobbed quietly at night; what lay heaviest on their hearts and minds? I do not think any of us can truly imagine the despair and anguish in which they lived. When I think of my Southern grandmothers, I sometimes close my eyes and I can almost feel a touch of their thoughts and prayers whispering to my heart. I ache for their pain and loss.

Historically speaking, the Reconstruction of the South lasted from 1865 to 1877, but we all know the South never truly recovered. It is a vast understatement to say those were extremely difficult years. Towns and homes had been wiped out by the War. Few had money to rebuild. When War pensions were finally granted it was typically only to the physically-disabled soldiers. Men that returned from the War were often mangled ghosts of the men they once were. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, is rarely talked about during this era, but we know it did indeed exist. When widows were finally eligible for pensions, the documentation describes countless women who never knew what happened to their husbands. They never received news of their deaths. There were no remains to lay to rest and no way of knowing how or where their loved ones died. Husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons simply never returned. This was the heartbreaking reality of far too many ladies in the South. Nothing can compare to a mother losing her only son or in some cases all her sons in battle. While people congratulated the men for their heroism, the utter painful emptiness left in the mother's soul is beyond comprehension or description. The misery of contemplating their loved one's death and lost bodies surely led to a lifetime of emptiness and hopelessness. Often it was not their bravery that kept them going it was their inability to make their own heart stop beating. They woke up day after day and their lungs still breathed, their empty hearts still beat.

The Steel Magnolias were those Southern women who struggled and fought daily to keep their homes and families together. They were the women who tended the wounded and buried the dead. We are the descendants of these noble and honorable women. Their hearts and souls are forever a part of us. They are more than worthy of our honor, recognition, and remembrance. They are the Steel Magnolias and they have left us a cherished legacy of courage, dignity, and honor. We must never forget them!

Blessings,

Leslie

***Somebody's darling, somebody's pride,
Who'll tell his mother where her boy died?***



The days drifted into weeks, the weeks into months, the months into years. Yet, still, she watched and hoped. The sun would glisten off a shock of the dark hair of a man slowly making his way down the dusty road, and her heart would leap into her throat. Her handsome young husband in his gray uniform? Her precious oldest son, so gallant and eager to serve? Was it him? Had he found his way home to her at last? Then the crushing agony of loss pushed her to her knees, once more. She never stopped watching. She never gave up hope. Her darling and her pride. She prayed a gentle hand was there to comfort them. She prayed they did not suffer. She prayed they were given a Christian burial. She prayed... she prayed...she prayed...and she survived. She had no other choice. There was no time to grieve. There were hungry children to feed, there were crops to be planted, there was no one but left carry on, but her. And yet, she still watched and hoped until, as the light faded from her eyes, she saw them at last.

(Modified version: Originally a poem written by Marie Ravenel de LaCoste, a nurse and a poet, of Savannah.)

Announcements

The Membership Directory is scheduled to be printed this Summer. Please update your contact info if it has changed. You may email Leslie at lesliekirk@live.com

June 24th Zoom Social Invitation on page 5

We will have a Fall Zoom Social ~ Date to be announced

We are planning another Tea~Social. Possibly in January, 2022.

There are several Committee opportunities. Are you interested? Contact Leslie at lesliekirk@live.com

Steel Magnolia's Ancestor Book Submissions ~ see page 22

Prayer List: Past President General, Suzanna Rawlins, is working to rebuild her home from a terrible flood. During the same storm Founding Member Marie Sanford's home burned and unfortunately was a total loss. Jean Bradley, our Newsletter Editor, recently had her home flood. Charter Member, Cassie Tysinger, is recovering from surgery.

We've lost several members since we began in 2018. Please see page 21 and remember these families in your prayers or meditation.



SAVE THE DATE:
Order of the Steel Magnolias
5th Annual Meeting
The Army and Navy Club
Washington, DC
April 11, 2022





*Order of the Steel Magnolias
Full Moon ~ Zoom Social
For Members & Guests*



*Speaker: Mrs. Ryan Blocker
Museum Collections Coordinator
Alabama Department of Archives and History*

June 24, 2021

7:00 Central

(No Business Session)

Zoom Invite will be emailed

<https://zoom.us/>

Meeting ID: 839 5656 0270

Passcode: 348351

*Please feel free to wear your hats and insignia
~ It's just for FUN!*

Join us with your iced coffee or a glass of wine.

Ryan Blocker has been with the Alabama Department of Archives and History for over ten years. She currently serves as the Museum Collections Coordinator, where she is responsible for the care, preservation, and exhibition of a diverse collection of artifacts, ranging from archaeological material to textiles. She is the most recent past President of the Alabama Museums Association, and was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Board of the State Agricultural Museum in Dothan, and the Governor's Mansion Authority in Montgomery. Ryan also supervises the Museum Field Services project at the Archives that advises Cultural Institutions across the state on Best Practices in Collections Care. Ryan is a graduate of Auburn University at Montgomery, where she received a B.A. in History, and the International Preservation Studies Center, where she received certification in Collections Care, focusing on Textile Conservation and Preservation.





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April 26th Memorial Day Tribute



President Leslie Kirk (photos by her husband Durward Henderson)

Steel Magnolia Ancestor Memorial Service

The name of each OSM ancestor was read aloud and a bell was rung as a tribute to these strong and often forgotten ladies. New member and supplemental ancestors, that have been added since the **Window In Time** was made for our Tea in 2018, were also read. In total, almost 300 Steel Magnolia's were remembered during a COVID-friendly service held at Oakwood Cemetery in Montgomery, AL. Oakwood is the oldest cemetery in the Cradle of the Confederacy where many Steel Magnolias are buried. Our complete list of ancestors can be found on pages 23-25.

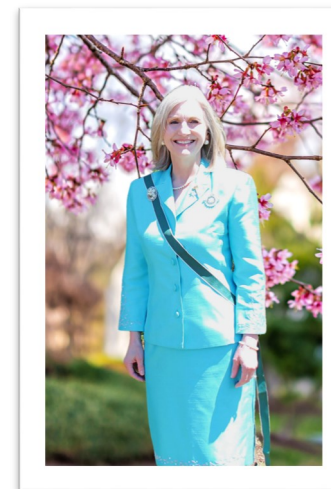
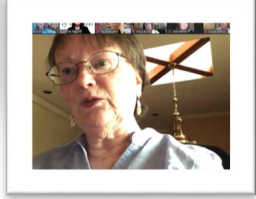
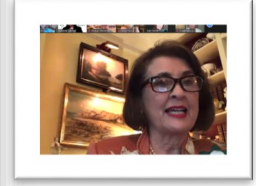
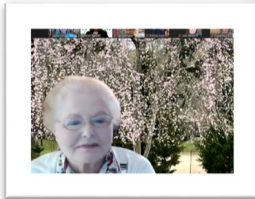
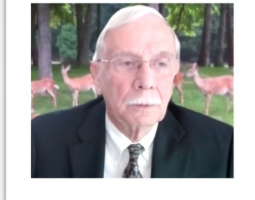
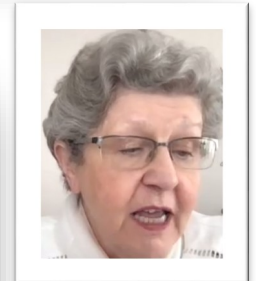
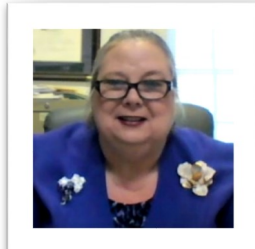
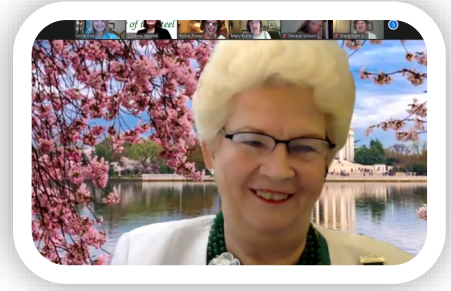
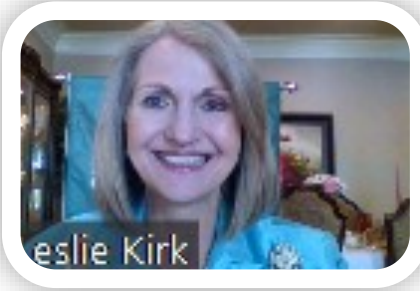




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4th Annual Business Meeting ~ via Zoom

April 12, 2021



**Order of the Steel Magnolias
2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
Meeting held via Zoom, April 12, 2021**

The Annual Meeting of the Order of the Steel Magnolias was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 via Zoom. President Suzanna Rawlins called the meeting to order at 11:15am CDT.

Secretary Julie Hesler led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Vice President Leslie Kirk led the Pledge to the Order of the Steel Magnolias Flag.

Genealogist Jane Power led the American's Creed.

Singing of the National Anthem was led by Counselor Deborah Hicks.

President Suzanna Rawlins and Chaplain Pat Gallagher led the Ritual.

Assistant Zoom Chair Julie Palmer Hesler reported that there were 63 participants in attendance.

President Rawlins declared a quorum.

President Rawlins requested that Genealogist General Jane Power act as Parliamentarian Pro Tem.

President Rawlins introduced the Officers, Founders, and Committee Chairs of the Order:

President Suzanna Rawlins;

Vice President Leslie Kirk;

Treasurer Robert Odom;

Secretary Julie Hesler;

Chaplain Pat Gallagher;

Historian Carla Odom;

Genealogist Jane Power;

Counselor Deborah Hicks.

Committee Chairs:

Historical Preservation: Diane Dyess;

Finance: Julie Hesler;

Webmaster: Leslie Kirk.

President Rawlins recognized presiding officers of other hereditary societies:

Carla Odom - Order of Alba; Order of the Kings and Queens in the Holy Land; First Families of Massachusetts

Robert Charles Odom - Descendants of Continental Colonial Officers; Descendants of Colonial Mothers

Robin Redfearn Towns - National Gavel Society

Pat Gallagher - Descendants of Colonial Postmasters 1607-1900

Helene Warner – Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars

Cheryl Rios – National Order of the Blue and Gray

Deborah Hicks – Sons & Daughters of Virginia Founding Fathers

Jane Rouett Power - National Society Dames of the Court of Honor; Military Order of the Southern Cross in the Pacific Theatre; Descendants of Sheriffs & Constables of Colonial and Antebellum America; Legion of Vikings & Valkyries; Non Compos Mentis; Founders Fellowship

Minutes from the 2019 meeting were to have been distributed at the 2020 Annual Meeting. As no Annual Meeting was held in 2020, Parliamentarian Pro Tem Jane Power recommended that those minutes will be shared at our next meeting.

Robin Towns and Barbara Allison were appointed to approve the minutes of the 2021 annual meeting.

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**Order of the Steel Magnolias
2021 Annual Meeting Minutes Continued**

Reports of officers were presented.

Vice President Leslie Kirk reported.

Treasurer Robert Odom reported.

Secretary Julie Hesler reported.

Chaplain Pat Gallagher reported that no deaths have been reported since our last scheduled memorial service.

Historian Carla Odom reported.

Genealogist Jane Power reported.

Counselor Deborah Hicks reported.

Parliamentarian Shelby Ward: no report

Reports of Committee Chairs are attached to the meeting minutes with the Secretary.

Unfinished business:

None.

New business:

The proposed budget for 2021 was presented by Finance Committee Chair Julie Hesler.

Adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Chair Pat Gallagher. Ms. Gallagher thanked the other members of her committee, Robin Towns and Sue Southern.

The Slate of Officers:

President - Leslie Kirk;

Vice President - Pat Gallagher;

Treasurer – Barbara Allison;

Secretary – Sue Southern;

Chaplain – Robin Towns;

Historian – Felicia Wilt;

Genealogist: Suzanna Rawlins;

Counselor – Deborah Hicks.

There being no nominations from the floor, the Slate was elected by majority by Zoom poll.

The new officers were installed by Jane Power.

Announcements:

Mrs. Rawlins announced that the 2022 Annual Meeting will be held at the Army Navy Club on Monday, April 11, 2022.

Mrs. Rawlins requested that the members pose for a group photo on the Zoom screens.

Chaplain Robin Towns offered the Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned by President Leslie Kirk at 12:09 pm Central Time.

Julie Palmer Hesler

Secretary

Order of the Steel Magnolias

About OSM

Founded

In Alabama, the Cradle of the Confederacy
on 28 June 2018

Motto

“She was powerful not because she wasn’t scared
but because she went on so strongly, despite the fear.”

~Atticus

Flower

The Magnolia

Colors

Green and Cream

Objects

To honor all those women who supported
Confederate Soldiers with courage, dignity and honor
To promote genealogical, educational and historical research
To encourage camaraderie among the members and those of like pursuit.

Membership

Membership inquiries are welcome. Email Leslie Kirk at lesliekirk@Live.com

The Membership of the Order shall be limited to men and women who are 18 years of age or older, and are lineal or collateral descendants of those female family members who supported the Confederate Soldiers during the War Between the States. The qualifying female ancestors shall be limited to mothers, sisters, wives, daughters, aunts, sweethearts, and fiancés of qualifying direct or collateral Confederate Soldiers of the applicant.

Only Life Membership shall be offered. A person shall be deemed to be a life member upon approval of his/her application to the Order on its official lineage form and the payment of all fees and dues.

The current Order of the Steel Magnolias application must be completed by all applicants. Names, dates and places of birth, marriage and death must be given in each generation, as far as known, and sufficiently to prove the line. Each generation must be adequately connected to the preceding generation, consistent with standard professional genealogical practices. All sources relied on to prove the lineage must be cited and copies furnished.

Copies Military Service Records of the Confederate Soldier are required to prove service. If an application cannot be accepted, the Life Membership fee shall be refunded, less twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which shall be retained for examination services.



OSM Official Insignia

The official insignia of the Order was based on an actual magnolia bloom and leaves in Georgia and will be rendered as follows:

Top Bar

Top bar is approximately .69 x 1.5". Embellishment includes a top ribbon flanked by magnolia leaves with beaded trim around the remaining three sides. "Order of the Steel Magnolias" appears in green enamel under the ribbon and leaves. There is a hidden ribbon bar on the back to attach the official green and ivory moiré ribbon.

Founding Member Pin

The Founding Member pin measures approximately .35 x 1.25" with coordinating beaded trim to match the top bar. "Founding Member" appears in green enamel centered on the pin.

Charter Member Pin

The Charter Member pin measures approximately .35 x 1.25" with coordinating beaded trim to match the top bar. "Charter Member" appears in green enamel centered on the pin.

Officer Pin

The Officer pin measures approximately .81 x 1.13". The 10 different offices each appear in green enamel in the center of the decorative repousse edge. The years of service will be engraved under the office title.

Ancestor Bar

The Ancestor Bar measures approximately .25 x 1.37". The ancestor name will be engraved on the bar.

Lower Insignia

The lower insignia consisting of a magnolia bloom and leaves measures approximately 1.13 x 1.5" and will dangle from the official ribbon.

Miniature Insignia

The miniature insignia will be a miniature silver magnolia in the appropriate size to wear on the branch bar with the miniature insignia of other societies.

The ribbon of the Order is dark green with a trim of cream.

The miniature insigne of the Order may be worn at any time. If worn together with other miniature insignia, it will be placed in the order of its founding in relation to the founding dates of other societies.

The President's Regalia shall be in sterling silver and will be a single enlarged magnolia bloom and leaves suspended from a bow and embellished with stones.



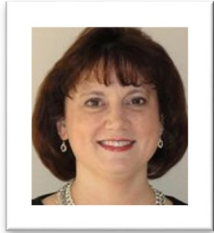
The Insignia order form, additional photos, and prices are on the website.





Order of the Steel Magnolias History

Honorary President General



Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins
2018-2021

Past Meetings

Inaugural Membership Tea & Social

~ November 18, 2018 ~ Montgomery, AL

2nd Annual Meeting

~ April 8, 2019 ~ Washington, DC

3rd Annual Meeting

~ April 13, 2020 ~ Washington, DC

~ Canceled Global Pandemic

4th Annual Meeting

~ April 12, 2021 ~ Zoom Meeting

Founding

Executive Board

2018—2021

Founder and President
Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins

Founder and Vice President
Leslie Ann Kirk

Co-Founder and Secretary
Laura Rowell

Co-Founder and Treasurer
Charles Robert Odom

Co-Founder and Historian
Carla Whitehurst Odom

Co-Founder and Chaplain
Patricia Gallagher

Co-Founder and Counselor
Deborah Whitmore Hicks

Co-Founder and Registrar
Jane Routt Power

Co-Founder and Parliamentarian
Shelby Dean Ward

Honorary Co-Founder
Alex Bannerman





Order of the Steel Magnolias

A Look Back

The Inaugural Membership Social & Tea

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Montgomery County Club

Montgomery, Alabama



Front (L to R): Founders Leslie Ann Kirk and Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins,
Co-Founder Patricia Gallagher
Middle: Co-Founders Laura Rowell, Carla Whitehurst Odom,
Deborah Whitmore Hicks,
Top: Co-Founders LTC Charles Robert Odom, Shelby Dean Ward



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The Inaugural Membership Social & Tea





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Founding Members

F1	Suzanna Rawlins	FM24	Robin Readfearn Towns	FM47	Sharon Linthicum Sanders
F2	Leslie Ann Kirk	FM25	Camille Redfern Lowery*	FM48	Judy Dunaway Blackwell
F3	Jane Routt Power	FM26	Patricia Lynette Lewis	FM49	Constance Bourgeois Townsend
F4	Deborah Whitmore Hicks	FM27	Sally Elizabeth Patterson	FM50	Lucinda Morgan Manint
F5	Laura Rowell	FM28	Lora Sue McDaniel	FM51	Dresden Green Henderson
F6	Patricia Gallagher	FM29	Jack Grady Dyess	FM52	Lisa Bryant Shipman
F7	Charles Robert Odom	FM30	Diane Agerton Dyess	FM53	Brandi Henderson Crowe
F8	Carla Whitehurst Odom	FM31	Anne Travis Kilgrow	FM54	Sandra Gray
F9	Shelby Dean Ward	FM32	Marie Barker Sanford	FM55	VOID (unused)
H10	Alex Bannerman	FM33	Mary Paulette Lollar	FM56	Sandra Hendrick Staley
FM11	Linda Edwards	FM34	Sally Hellums Woolley	FM57	Alicia Golmis MonCrief
FM12	Pamela Wright	FM35	Lynda Aydelott Moreau	FM58	Laura Francis Rowell
FM13	VOID (unused)	FM36	Melissa Fischer	FM59	Loretta Heisler Martin
FM14	Teresa Roane	FM37	Karen E. McClendon	FM60	Brenda Fleenor Haynie
FM15	Llene Cox	FM38	Helen Shipman Crowe	FM61	Sue Jaworowski-Southern
FM16	Charles Bryan Poland	FM39	Ruth P. Haney	FM62	Bonnie Shanks
FM17	Lila L. Burner Housden	FM40	Mary Powers Williams	FM63	Suzanna Butler Koski
FM18	Anne Farley	FM41	Jan G. Stancil	FM64	Mary Lou Young Fabian
FM19	Cheryl Rios	FM42	Carol Martin Dowdy	FM65	Julia Palmer Hesler
FM20	Marilyn Blankenship Tucker	FM43	Denise Kirk Dennis	FM66	Mary Shepherd Kuntz
FM21	Lori Christen Adams	FM44	Rosemary G. Gilliland	FM67	Jean Troy Schaum Bradley
FM22	Vickie E. Gallagher Bates	FM45	Rita Rozelle Schimpff	FM68	Sandra Mavis Grace Pennington
FM23	Annette Edgeworth Smith	FM46	Barbara Bourgeois Lewis		





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Charter Members

C76	Donna Kirk West Strossner	C101	Patricia Harris Fullerton	C126	Charlotte Henley Dockray
C77	Rhonda Lievsay	C102	Barbara Ann Waggaman	C127	Mary Elizabeth White McIntyre
C78	Sandra Kay Cook Bassett	C103	Amy DeShay Kirk	C128	Julie Harper Rohling
C79	Brittney Nicole Kean	C104	Rebecca GravesHardwick	C129	Sandra Ard Rackard
C80	Bree Morse Berner	C105	Loretta Taylor Klein	C130	Janice M. Elliott
C81	Mary Laraine Young Hines	C106	Selena Swisher Levitt	C131	Barbara W. Webb
C82	Christina Hurst-Loeffler	C107	Cheryl Nestler Odell	C132	Patricia P. Mercer
C83	Denese Aline Wilson	C108	Judith Ann Ford Osborne	C133	Laura McFalls Bales
C84	Lorraine Gaston Ennis	C109	Brenda Clardy Winter	C134	Linda Martin Songy
C85	Mary Jane Inge Tingle*	C110	Eve Davenport Holder	C135	Barbara Smith Allison
C86	Marguerite Ann Bock Mogila	C111	Kathryn Martin Beck	C136	Elizabeth Bandy Hill
C88	Susan Cook Davis	C112	Taylor Marie Beck	C137	Caroline Jennings Fafeita
C89	Ann Hatchett Cheney	C113	Jessica Fregia Nash	C138	Bonnie Jo Bridger Mittelmaier
C90	Janice M. Snead	C114	Ruth Cattles Cottrell	C139	Patricia Miller Loomis
C91	Ruth Elaine Carson	C115	Teresa Ann Young	C140	Bonnie Jo Slaughter
C92	Lavalon Kernon Collie Wall*	C116	Greer Mahaffey	C141	Nancy Munnerlyn Spears
C93	Ann Warren Wilkerson	C117	Carol Ann Kay Dunn	C142	Susan Kelley Schofield
C94	Ann Fields Bridges	C118	Margaret Hughes Ellis	C143	Ginger Moseley Bedell
C95	Nancy McKee Anthis	C119	Valerie Hartnett	C144	Baxter Keith Bedell
C96	Elizabeth Darden Corbin	C120	Martha Morgan Bender	C145	Dorothy Frerich Thompson
C97	Bonnie Gail Hurford	C121	Dale Boggs	C146	Cheryl Phillips Monteith
C98	Jeanann Goss	C122	Terri A. McCullough, Ph.D.	C147	Georganna Hastings Triplett
C99	Karen Hodges Johnson	C123	Claudia L. Pugh	C148	Linda Standridge Graham
C100	Gabrielle Smith Hadyka	C124	Lynne Allen Tate	C149	Christina Jameson McCurtain
		C125	Sylvia Gomez Budd		





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Charter Members Continued

C150	Frances DiAnne Collins	C174	Sylvia Dee Shore	C199	Rena Verret Labat
C151	Maria Muller Clemenceau	C175	Sandra Diane Tarbox	C200	Patrice Renee Donnelly
C152	Susan Kay Michael	C176	Ora Jane Johnson	C201	Eunice Connally Carr
C153	Felicia C. Wilt	C177	Nancy Steele Brown	C202	Marcea Lynn Oetting
C154	Kimberly Martin Johnson	C178	Colleen Lynch Petosa	C203	Brenda Baker King
C155	Tresa Tatyrek	C179	Debra Maddux Wilson	C204	Cynthia Pruitt Spencer
C156	Patsy Carolyn Parmer	C180	Sarah Tullis de Barcza	C205	Nancy Bosenberg Karrick
C157	Mary Lee Hunley Norris	C181	Pamela Kay Hotary	C206	Barbara Hardwick Collier
C158	Kathryn Stirck Sklikas	C182	Olivia Bates Chandler	C207	Virginia Eubank Carter
C159	Kathryn Ann Tysinger	C183	Cathy Culverhouse	C208	Janet K. Taylor-Crusi
C160	Valerie Phillips Gildehaus	C184	Brenda Stewart Reeder	C209	Marilyn Crockett Marion
C161	Laura Tonkin Allen	C185	Lucy Ayers Gunthorpe	C210	Teresa Hammonds Chapman
C162	Diana Bass Blankenship	C186	Helene Kirby Werner	C211	Julene Decker Ignacio
C163	Ann Elizabeth Little Jones	C187	Elizabeth Chaney Sewell	C212	Nancy Lyons Thompson
C164	Sandra W. Griffith	C188	Ann Ware Coupland	C213	Doris Edwards Bush
C165	Gayle Mast Coan	C189	Audrey Armstrong Johnson	C214	Lyndy Winkler Logan
C166	Marilynn "Lynn" Mast Long	C190	Scarlett Rene Gibson	C215	Wanda Wilbanks Sato
C167	Sandra Meacham Floberg	C191	Martha Marshall Scott	C216	Stacy Komaraus McSwain
C168	Judith Polsgrove Mattila	C192	Harold Douglas Ford	C217	Martha Jacqueline Utley
C169	Melanie McCool McDaniel	C193	Anne Bunyan Bush	C218	J. Purkapple
C170	Diane Hart Deci	C194	Susan Shults Chambers	C219	Brenda Hall McDonald
C171	Lucinda Robertson Waters	C195	Judith Baker Malachowski	C220	Marie Horrell Le Cour
C172	Wanda Davis Samek	C196	Desiree Taylor Billeaud	C221	Barbara Ann Bartling Rooney
C173	Marjorie Ray Curtis	C197	Janet Price Bryant	C222	Marcia Gulden Szedula
		C198	Mark Anthony Chambers		





Our Newest Members

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279 Nancy Plummer Hoffer

280 Mary-Sue Vaughn Quinn

281 Joy Flint Huskey

282 Lori Cook-Folger

283 Victoria Hinton Johnson

284 Lillian Warthen Lavine

285 Sheila June Beatty





Support for Confederate Women Pin

In the late 1800's through the 1920's fundraisers were held for the homeless Women of the Confederacy. Below is an example of an original pin that was sold in an effort to raise money for women that lacked family support and homes of their own. Confederate soldier homes were common across the South for the men but there were also group homes for Confederate women. These ladies had lost everything during and after the War. Recovery during reconstruction for some was impossible.



This is a circa 1920s Home for Confederate Women donation pin. The Richmond, Virginia refuge was set up by the Robert E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans. It measures approximately 7/8" in diameter and is celluloid wrapped tin. (From Leslie Kirk's collection)

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In Memoriam

FM25 - Camille Rycroft Redfern Lowery
Died: December 4, 2018

Ancestor: Henrietta Jerkins, wife of Warren Lumpkin Story

FM29 - Jack Grady Dyess
Died: June 5, 2019

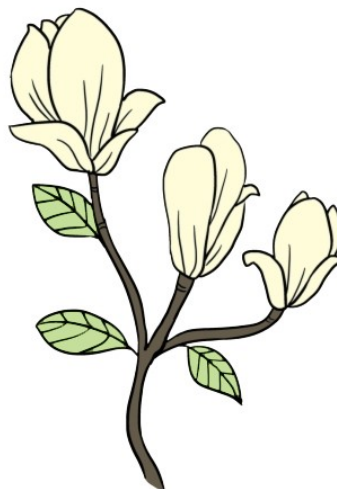
Ancestor: Mary Ellen Holt, wife of Orville Columbus Younglood

C92 - Lavalon Kernon Collie Wall
Died: October 17, 2020

Ancestor: Mary Alice Williams, wife of James Henry Collie

C85 - Mary Jane Inge Tingle
Died: March 3, 2021

Ancestor: Fanny Iredell Jones, wife of George Erwin





Steel Magnolia Stories Ancestor Book



OSM is gathering biographical sketches for our Steel Magnolias. To date, we have received 15 submissions. We have a goal of reaching at least 100 narratives before we go to print with the first volume. Please continue to research and write about your Steel Magnolias and their experiences. You may submit photographs, stories, recipes, etc.

The Book Committee Chairman is: Julie Hesler. The project email: OSMancestorbook@gmail.com
See the OSM website "Members" page to download the submission form and instructions:

<https://orderofthesteelmagnolias.weebly.com>

While we wait, from time-to-time, we will share some of the sketches that have been received so far as inspiration to other members.

Steel Magnolias: Biographies of Our Soldiers' Loved Ones
Book Narrative Submission Form

- Complete the form and save it with your last name and your ancestor's name in the file name. (Ex: Smith - Jane Descend)
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- Attach photograph as a separate .jpg file to the same email message.

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Ancestor Spotlight

Submitted by: Deborah Whitmore Hicks, Co-Founder and Counselor



Ollie Turpin was born circa 1822 in Kentucky. She married **Dorris Woods** circa 1838 and died in Webster County, KY on 5 June 1885. She is buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery. Dorris Woods was born in Tennessee on 12 Aug 1816, and died in Webster Co, Kentucky on 29 Dec 1894. Both Ollie's and Dorris' parents were born in North Carolina according to the 1880 barely-legible census. Dorris was a farmer.

They had the following children:

Rebecca "Beckie" A., born 20 June 1839, died 12 Dec 1930 at age 91

Lucinda "Lucy" born 25 Dec 1845, married James W. Crews

Elvira, born about 1848

Isabella "Bell" born Apr 1852, died 1928

Almeda

Andrew Jackson "Ike", born 25 Dec 1851, married Laura Frances Moore 12 Dec 1895, died 17 May 1942

William, born 8 Aug 1855

Mary

John



Our Steel Magnolia Ancestors

Listed by Maiden Name (if known)
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~A~

Celia A. possibly Kennemer (Adams)
Amy Elizabeth Agerton (Camp)
Mary Allen (Myers)
Mary Henrietta Allen (Jefferies)
Caroline Anderson (Eubanks)
Ruth Andrews (Phillips)
Mary Archer (Gillet)
Martha Ashburn (Ring)
Martha Caroline Taylor Ashford (Turnipseed)

~B~

Albina L. Bailey (Nelson)
Mary (Baker)
Martha Jane Barr (Langston)
Mary Elizabeth Bateman (Potts)
Jane Battle (Lawson)
Elizabeth Ann Beck (Porter)
Mary Susan "Sudie" Beck (Powers)
Elvira Jane Bedwell (Mohon)
Rachel Holmes Bell (Blackard)
Augusta Bellinger (Cheney)
Tabitha Cumi Bennett (Hudson)
Eliza Jane Berry (Read)
Mary Ann "Polly" Blevins (Whitt)
Martha Rebecca Bowden (Maddox)
Mary Ann Eliza Boykin (McLemore)
Susanna Agnes Bozeman (Sansom)
Nancy Emeline Bradley (York)
Martha Braxton (Washington)
Frances Ann Bridges (Carter)
Lavina Burkhalter (Owens)
Mary Isabell Burson (Mallory)
Sarah Burton (Agee)
Winefred Elizabeth Byrum (Robinson)

~C~

Lucretia Cannon (Fordham)
Cecile Sarah Carey (Mayans)
Martha Carnel (Clark)
Mary Susan Carroll (Issacs)
Mary Ann "Polly" Carter (Shore)
Mary "Polly" Cartwright (Ragland)
Manerva Carver (Brooks)
Tabitha Artemissa Cato (McGee)
Elizabeth A. Chambers (Milam)
Araminta Vashti Chambliss
Mary Ann Chapman (Hightower)
Mary Cassie Choice (Rickets)
Lydia Christian (Pruitt)
Catherine Clark (Lee)
Isabel Clark (Davis)
Rebecca Matilda Collier (Collins)
Jane Collins (George)
Rebecca Cooke (Pryor)
Columbia Anna Cooper (Millan)
Mary E. E. Craven (Blackledge)
Matilda "Tillie" Evelyn Crosby (Bryars)

~D~

Elizabeth Davidson (Fleenor)
Mary Jane Davis (Cline)
Laura Dawson (Holcome)
Rebecca Jane Dean (Frame)
Marie Laure de la Houssaye (Murphy)
Sostenes Diaz (Gonzalez)
Bettie Ann Elizabeth Dickens (Nunnally)
Mary Catherine Dillard (Willson)
Zenora Flournoy Dillard (Mahone)
Exia Dilworth (Kay)
Henriette Dolle (Adams)
Susan Samantha Donaldson (Johnson)
Sophronia A. (Dozier)
Caroline Durbridge (Vallette)
Luna Hester Durkee (Power)

~E~

Miriam Earle (Lee)
Henrietta Maria Elliott (Mitchell)
Sarah Ann Melinda Ellis (Edwards)
Sarah Emerson (Brabham)
Rebecca Emmons (Davis)
Eliza C. Eubanks (Holcome)
Susan Evans (Patten)
Elizabeth Ann Ezell (Dean)

~F~

Sarah Jane Farris (Adams)
Sarah Ann Ferguson (Gamble)
Celeste Thomas Ferrell (Chambers)
Amelia Ann Fowler (Wright)
Sallie Wier Fort (Conger)
Caroline Jane Fountain (Johns(t)on)
Sarah Ellen Freeman (Missildine)
Mary Agnes Frierson (Burton)
Eliza Jane Fuller (Keith)

~G~

Mary A. Gaines (Hunt)
Frances Permelia Gambel (Dyer)
Cynthia Elivira Gambill (Smith)
Mary Catherine George (Beckham)
Elizabeth Emeline Gilbert (Holland)
Elizabeth Giles (Agerton)
Ellen Gillum (Pillow)
Mary "Mollie" Gladden (Hurst)
Martha Ann Frances Glenn (Dyer)
Mary Jane Glisson (Roberts)
Eliza (Jane) Good (Burner)
Mary Goss (Huddleston)
Winifred Malone Gotcher (Sherman)
Samantha Ann Graham (Wascom)
Margaret "Peggy" Gray (Ross)
Samantha Ann Green/Thomason (Choat)
Amanda Greenwood (Foote)
Emily Catherine Griffin (Butler)
Mary A. Grumbles (Pumley/Pumlee)



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~H~

Amanda M. Hancock (Smothers)
 Permelia Harmon (Schmidt)
 Virginia (Harris)
Amelia Harrellson/Harrison (Hester)
 Serena Haygood (Thompson)
 Martha Ann Hayes (Jackson)
Malissa Caroline Henderson (Cadenhead) (Beall)
 Amelie Victoire Herbert (Boudreaux)
 Elizabeth Hickson (Johnson)
Margaret Elizabeth Hillman (Osborne)
 Mary Jane Holden (Wardlaw)
 Charlotte Julia Holman (Byers)
 Marian (Mary) Holmes (Price)
 Mary Ellen Holt (Youngblood)
 Crescentia Hoelle (Gulden)
 Nancy Jane Hough (Smith)
 Ruth House (Crunk)
 Savannah House (Cobb)
 Tarlisha (Howell)
Sarah Elizabeth Huey (Parsons)
Georgia (George) Ann Hughes (Statham)
 Malvina C. Huston (McShan)

~I~

Elizabeth Ingram (Dunaway)

~J~

Alice Rachel Jacks (Norton)
 Mary A. (Jacobs)
 Henrietta Jerkins (Story)
 Lillian Johnson (Green)
 Fanny Iredell Jones (Erwin)
Sarah Catherine Jones (Stover)
 Thirza Jones (Ricks)
 Elizabeth Jordan (Shaw)

~K~

Lucy (Keith)
Lucy Leffingwell Kelley (Connely)
 Zilphia Jane Kennedy (Shelton)
 Mary Ellen Kershaw (Bellinger)
 Charlotte Ann Kesler (Seeders)
 Mary Kilcrease (Etheridge)
 Emily E. Kitchens (Manning)
 Rachel Knight (Hunter)
 Matilda Knighten (Missildine)

~L~

 Angelina Lair (Lovelace)
 Rachel LaDosca (Chambers)
 Nancy A. Lamb (Johnston)
 Mary Frances Langford (Young)
 Mary Ann Elizabeth Law (Bedell)
 Irene Leach (Craven)
 Elizabeth Lee (Palmer)
 Mary Lee (Wesley)
 Madeleine Lemoine (Blake)
 Rebecca A. Lewis (Morgan)
 Caroline Lightfoot (Sparks)
 Mary J. Lindsey (Washburn)

Jane Little

 Frances Ann Lock (Brewer)
 Margaret Loftin (Tysinger)
 Sally Margaret Lord (London)
 Frances Ann Lowe (Day)
 Sarah Ann Lummus (Thomas)

~M~

Mary Elizabeth Machen (Hammond)
 Lucy Steptoe (Marshall)
 Sarah Matthews (Handy)
 Eliza Jane Maxwell (Bunch)
 Celia Ann McAskill (Wilson)
 Mary Adeline McClendon (Roberts)
 Eliza Jane McCrary (Rogers)
 Letitia Ann McDearmont (Allen)
 Rebecca Angeline McDonald (Banta)
 Mary Jane McLesky (Whiteside(s))
 Amanda Jane Meadows (Edwards)
 Eleanor Jane Mecklin (Willbanks)
 Elizabeth Frances Mercer (Douglass)
 Mary Jane Meredith (Ingram)
 Sarah Prudence Merritt (Tinsley)
 Esther Elmina Miller (Harris)
 Samantha Miller (Crow)
 Emma Victoria Missildine (Dorman)
 Kenzie Elizabeth Mitchell (Horton)
 Elizabeth Morton (Smallen)
 Sarah Jane Mouser (Parrish)
 Martha Foster Murphy (Kean)

~N~

 Sara Elizabeth Nabors (McCool)
 Eliza P. New (Adams)
 Jane Hollins Nicholas (Randolph)
 Mary Nicholson (Peebles)
 Penelope M. Nicholson (Wear)
 Matilda Hester Norris (Robbins)

~O~

Mary Oliver (Crawford)

~P~

Louisa Emmaretta Parchman (Slater)
 Dorothy Elizabeth Perry (Stone)
 Sarah Peters (Morgan)
 Sarah Ann Peyton (Eubank)
 Eliza P. Piercie New (Adams)
 Ellen M. Pilcher (Goodrich)
 Louisa Ann "Louisiana" Pleham (Slaughter)
 Minerva Posey (Suttles)
 Debbie (Dobey) Powell (Anderson)
 Nancy Tabitha Prewitt (West)
 Rachel Price (Bass)

~R~

 Maria Jane Rabb (Barnidge)
 Mary Ann Randle (Sexton)
 Jane Nicholas Randolph (Kean)
 Mary Margaret Rawlins (Berry)
 Nancy S. Reynolds (Womack)



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 Charlotte Richardson (Pool)
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 Amanda Caroline Roberts (Carter)
 Jane Haseltine Roberts (Allen)
 Sarah Ellen Roberts (Blankenship)
 Elvira Robertson (Roberson)
 Nancy Robinett (Barnett)
 Margery Rogers (Clark)
 Mildred Ann Ross (Casey)
 Isadora Ross (Kelvin)
 Sarah Marinda Ross (Johnson)
 Temperance Parazah Rucker (Austin)

~S~

Charity Missouri Sands (Bass)
 Marie Felicie Sauve (Waggaman)
 Sarah Jane Scott (Henderson)
 Mary Jane Seal (Stevenson)
 Catherine C(ivill) Selkirk (Inglehart)
 Penny Serls/Surls (Bird)
 Eatha Malinda Shellnut (Langley)
 Nancy Lavina Sisk (Ayers)
 Elizabeth Smith (Messer)
 Margaret Snodgrass (Holloway)
 Nancy Ann Wagley Spiker (Errington)
 Margaret Louisa Stark (Montgomery)
 Susan Catherine Starr (Cook)
 Drucilla C. Kathryn Staton (Slater)
 Mary Stinson (Moore)
 Mary Jane Sutherland (Bartholomew)
 Rebecca Swords (Odom)

~T~

Permelia Tankersley (Crank)
 Julia Ann Taylor (Ringo)
 Martha Thompson (Wilkins)
 Elizabeth Tillery (Fitts)
 Nancy Ann Tison (Perry)
 Sarah Travis (Smyth/Smith)
 Mintie Mallissa Tucker
 Ollie Turpin (Woods)
 Emily F. possibly Clark (Tyler)

~U~

Sarah Ann Underwood (Young)
 Julia Ann Upton (Merrill)
 Nancy Elizabeth "Nannie" Urquhart (Wilson)

~V~

Elizabeth (Vail)
 Mourning Adeline Vandiver (Westmoreland)
 Margaret L. Vaughan (Fitch)
 Nancy Vaughn (Thompson)

~W~

Pricilla Wainwright (Miller)
 Amanda Elizabeth Walker (Etheridge)
 Mary Elizabeth Warmath (Rosamond)
 Mary E. Weeks
 Tobitha (possibly Welch) Welborn
 Mary Jane Wellborn (Lyle)
 Lucy Elma Whitelaw (Rowan)
 Sally Margaret Wiggins (Braswell)
 Telisia Wiggs (Talbot)
 Charity Wilkes (Crews)
 Juda Woodward Williams (Powell)
 Mary Alice Williams (Collie)
 Missouri Louise Williams (Willingham)
 Alice A. Williamson (Stringer)
 Sidney Williamson (Boyett)
 Agnes Caroline Wise (Phillips)
 Elizabeth Jane (possibly Calima) Wood
 Nancy Wood (Gillihan)
 Edith Emmaline Worrell (Gillette)
 Maria P. Wright (Alcorn)

MNU - Maiden Name Unknown



