



Order of the Steel Magnolias

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Upcoming Meeting



The Sixth Annual Assembly
Meeting~Luncheon

Monday, April 10, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Joint Meeting with
Sons and Daughters of
Virginia Founding Fathers

The Army and Navy Club
Washington D.C.





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2021-2024



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President General Message



Dear OSM members,

This officer is extremely honored to serve as your President General. The last two years have flown by and in 2024 we will hold elections for new officers.

This year has been challenging for several of our officers that have been touched by personal and family health issues. The Executive Board has managed to work as a team and continue the work of the Society without interruption. A special thank you to those that pitched in and did extra duties.

After researching charities that resemble our Steel Magnolias mission and with the assistance of Historian General Lila Housden, this president chose the American Widow Project as my President's project. The American Widow Project recognizes and honors the sacrifices families of our fallen make and believes that no military widow should feel alone in their grief. Every grieving spouse deserves the opportunity to help rebuild her life, at any age and stage of loss. The AWP provides a platform for military widows to heal together and find support and hope for a brighter future. A \$1,000 donation to the American Widow Project was made on behalf of the OSM.

This officer planned two meetings in 2022. The Fifth Annual Meeting held in July 2022, with 50 members in attendance. Our guest speaker was the Director of Education John Lustrea of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. A 2022 Zoom Social entitled "Clothing in the Age of Queen Victoria" by speaker Mrs. Ryan Blocker was also held with 47 members attending. We look forward to our next Zoom Social to be held sometime this summer. If you have an interesting speaker or topic, please submit your ideas.

This officer produced three editions of the *Magnolia Messenger* newsletter in 2022. She worked closely with our incredibly talented Newsletter Editor Jean Bradley who edited each edition. Additionally, she has worked with Contributing Editor Carla Odom and Public Relations Chair Lila Housden who have submitted wonderful articles for inclusion.

We have welcomed 37 new members to the society during this administration. This officer has created certificates, as well as prepared, and mailed new member packets. I also keep the Society database current with our new members, supplementals and updates. This officer also prepared the organizations first directory that was mailed to our membership in 2022. Please help us keep our directory current by submitting changes and updates.

This officer is very grateful to have an extraordinary Executive Board consisting of elected officers and our immediate Honorary President General Suzanna Rawlins. Each have upheld their offices with the greatest integrity and dedication. Their reports are contained within.

During the meeting in April, we will select a Nominating Committee of three (3) members. One will be selected by the Board and two (2) members will be elected by the Membership at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please email me.

I continue to serve as the webmaster which includes fielding membership inquiries and keeping the website current and interesting. There are 17 pages that includes officers, history of our organization, ancestors, meeting information, photos, and newsletters. I also serve as the administrator of our Facebook platform.

I am delighted to share that our Society has over 300 members, with a treasury of substantial funds. I appreciate the dedicated and hardworking Executive Board and Committee Chairmen: Each person brings unique talents and strengths to our Society and honors our Steel Magnolias. I am very proud and honored to serve you as your President General.

Leslie Kirk

Announcements

OSM is celebrating its sixth year Annual Membership Meeting Luncheon Monday, April 10, 2023, at The Army and Navy Club (ANC) in Washington D.C., invitations were emailed.

LTC Charles Robert Odom has resigned as our Parliamentarian for medical reasons. No words can express our appreciation for his many years of service to our society. He is a founding member, founding executive board member, officer and ANC sponsor for our annual meetings. His leadership and expertise will be missed on the OSM executive board and at our April meeting. Thank you LTC Odom, you are a true Gallant Guardsman. We send our well wishes to you sir.

Charter Member **Ora Jane Johnson** has graciously accepted the appointment to the office of Parliamentarian 2023-2024. Thank you Ora Jane.

Carla Whitehurst Odom has asked to step down from the office of Recruiter to focus on her family. It is impossible to express our appreciation to Carla for everything she has done for this organization. She is a founding member, founding executive board member and officer. Carla's dedication and devotion to the OSM board will be missed but we're keeping her as a contributing editor of the *Magnolia Messenger*. We look forward to any future articles she may share with us. Thank you Carla for your gracious dedication.

The office of Recruiter is currently open. The bylaws description reads, "A Recruiter shall be appointed by the President and shall serve to recruit male members." OSM has allocated advertising funds in the budget for this office. If it sounds like something you'd enjoy please contact Leslie Kirk at lesliekirk@live.com

Registrar General and Founding Member **Robin Redfearn Towns** has generously agreed to sponsor our 2023 and 2024 meetings at the Army and Navy Club. Thank you Robin. We appreciate your leadership, service and support.

Founding Member **Julie Palmer Hesler** has agreed to take minutes at our 2023 meeting in the absence of Secretary General Sue Southern. Sue is the primary caregiver for her husband Robert at this time. Thank you Julie!

Treasurer General **Barb Allison** fell a few weeks ago and broke her shoulder and several ribs. She had emergency surgery and is currently recovering. Barb will not be able to attend the meeting in April. She is very disappointed but thankfully she's going to be okay. Our Finance Chair **Lynda Aydelott Moreau** and President **Leslie Kirk** had already met with Barb regarding the society's finances. Lynda has agreed to present Barb's report at our annual meeting. Thank you Lynda.

Charter Member **Gabrielle Smith Hadyka** needs our thoughts and prayers. On April 14, she and her son will undergo a procedure allowing her son to receive a kidney transplant. Gaby will donate to a couple and one of them will donate to her son. The procedures will be performed at the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. Gaby gave OSM permission to share this information and commented, "I personally pray everyday that this happens. They will continue testing all four until the final date to insure we'll be ready for the surgery."

Prayer List: **LTC Charles Robert Odom, Carla Whitehurst Odom, Barb Allison, Co-Founder Shelby Dean Ward, Lila Burner Housden, Sue Hansford Southern, Gaby Hadyka and family.** To be added to our list please contact Chaplain Teresa Roane and/or President Leslie Kirk.

Steel Magnolia's Ancestor Book Submissions ~ see page 22

We've lost several members since we began in 2018. Please see page 23 and remember these families in your prayers or meditation.



Washington D.C. meetings in April



Special Appreciation to SDVAFF for the invitations to this year's meeting

The Order of the Steel Magnolias is proud to support the Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America "HSC" as a **PERPETUAL SPONSOR**. HSC is a non-profit organization, founded in 2002, which reports the information and activities of over 300 lineage societies throughout the nation. The organization meets every April, in Washington, D.C., for an annual meeting and gala event. If lineage societies interest you, be sure to visit HSC's website. It provides a wealth of information and an extensive list of organizations and family associations.



Website address: www.hereditary.us





Order of the Steel Magnolias Fifth Annual Business Meeting Minutes



Held via Zoom - July 24, 2022

Approved by committee:
Pat Gallagher and Jean Bradley

President Leslie Kirk called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. CST, welcoming the following attendees, 50 in number and reminded all to cut down on background noise using the mute option at this time. Those in attendance were: Alicia MonCrief, Ann Cheney, Ann Coupland, Ann Waggaman, Anne Farley, Audrey Armstrong, Bonnie Shanks, Carla Odom, Bob Odom, Cindy Waters, Claire Lorrie White, Deborah W. Hicks, Diane Dyess, Doris Bush, Dorothy Thompson, Elizabeth Sewell, Gabrielle Hadyka, Helene Werner, Jean Bradley, Jennifer Rowan, John Lustrea, Judy Malachowski, Kate Sklikas, Laura Allen, Leslie Kirk, Lila Housden, Llene Cox, Mara Wilson, Marie Sanford, Mary Borgeson, Mary Lou Fabian, Melissa Fischer, Myra Hall, Nancy Hoffer, Nancy Thompson, Olivia Chandler, Ora Jane Johnson, Ouida Sue Southern, Pat Gallagher, Renee Hamilton, Sandra Floberg, Selena Levitt, Suzanna Rawlins, Suzanne Anderson, Teresa Roane, Tresa Tatyrek, Trisha Moseley and Vincent Balducci.

The invocation was given by Chaplain General Teresa Roane. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice President General Pat Gallagher, The Salute to the Order of the Steel Magnolia Flag was led by Historian General Lila Housden; The American's Creed was led by Secretary Sue Southern.

Credentials Report by Suzanna Rawlins – 48 online, 47 in attendance.

Bylaws for Meetings were read by Parliamentarian Lt. Col Charles Odom:

General Meetings

Section 1: The fiscal year of the Order shall be January 1 through December 31.

Section 2: A General Membership meeting may be held electronically, or in person, provided 45 days advance notice is given.

Section 3: Ten members shall constitute a quorum of any General Meeting.

Section 4: Electronic/Telephone Meetings

a. Voting by e-mail may be used at meetings.

b. A telephone conference meeting is authorized as long as all participants may simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.

Section 5: Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Board. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the Call. Three (3) weeks' notice shall be given.

Section 6: There shall be no voting by proxy.

President General Kirk declared a quorum, introduced Honorary President General Suzanna Rawlins and introduced the General Officers. President General Kirk expressed special appreciation to Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Charles Robert Odom for sponsoring our meeting each year at The Army and Navy Club. National and State presiding officers of other hereditary societies attending were introduced.



Order of the Steel Magnolias 2022 Annual Assembly Meeting Minutes Continued



Officer reports were given and are included in the *Magnolia Messenger* newsletter Volume 7 Summer Edition II, July 2022, along with the minutes from the 2021 annual meeting. Reading of the minutes was waved as they were approved by committee and published. PG Kirk expressed appreciation to Robin Towns and Barb Allison for serving on that committee. VP Pat Gallagher and Newsletter Editor Jean Bradley are appointed to review the minutes of this meeting. Thank you Pat and Jean.

Officer Reports:

- a. President General Leslie Kirk
- b. Vice President General Patricia Gallagher
- c. Treasurer General Barb Allison (absent)
- d. Secretary General Sue Southern
- e. Historian General Lila Housden
- f. Chaplain General Teresa Roane
- g. Registrar General Robin Towns (absent)
- h. Counselor General Deborah Hicks
- i. Recruiter General Carla Odom
- j. Parliamentarian Lt. Col. Charles Robert Odom

New Business:

In the absence of Treasurer General Barb Allison, Suzanna Rawlins presented the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year 2021. It was filed for review. In the absence of Finance Review Chairwoman Lynda Moreau, Finance committee member Suzanna Rawlins presented the 2022-2023 budget. It had been submitted to the Executive Board for review and approved by the membership for adoption.

Chaplain General Teresa Roane presented a moving and meaningful Memorial Service for Historian General Felicia Wilt.

No other new business was brought before the assembly.

President General introduced Program Speaker John Lustrea Director of Education, National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland.

Mr. Lustrea explained what medicines were available to be used during the many surgeries that were necessary; advancements made in emergency medicine with the developments of ambulance service and triage of patients. Gave information on why there were so many amputations as well as the survival rate for different injuries and stressed that two thirds of deaths came from disease that proved deadlier than bullets with 50,000 from diarrhea and dysentery alone.

A donation was made to the Museum in Maryland from the OSM.

Announcements:

The 6th Annual Business Meeting will be held in Washington DC at The Army Navy Club on Monday, April 10, 2023. Group Zoom Meeting photo was taken by screenshots.

Chaplain General Teresa Roane gave the Benediction.

President General Leslie Kirk adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p. m. CST.

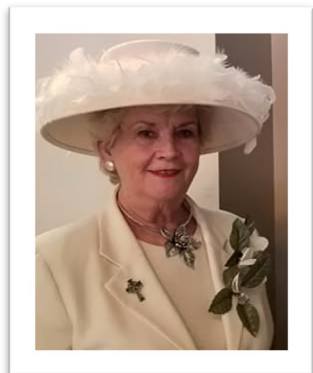
Submitted by:

Secretary General Sue Southern



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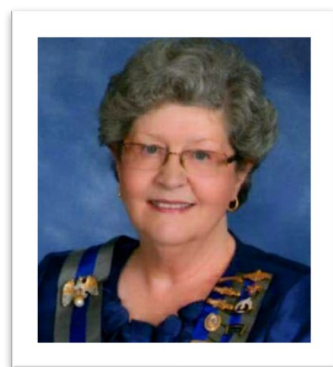
Vice President General

Patricia Gallagher

Co-Founder

This officer has been honored to serve in this administration under the leadership of Leslie Kirk. I've been available to assist whenever called upon and willing and supportive to do anything asked of me. It's been a pleasure to serve and watch our organization grow and prosper. I have enjoyed keeping track of the pins that were ordered and forwarding all necessary information concerning membership insignia from our enthusiastic membership. It has been a pleasure to serve. OSM had a total of 17 insignia pieces ordered at the cost of \$1,375.00

Patricia Gallagher



Treasurer General

Barb Allison

Treasurer's report will be presented at the annual meeting.

This officer filed the 990-N for tax year 2022.

Checking Account Balance 12/31/22: \$8220.38

Money Market Balance \$20,987.27

Total Combined: \$29,207.65

Barb Allison





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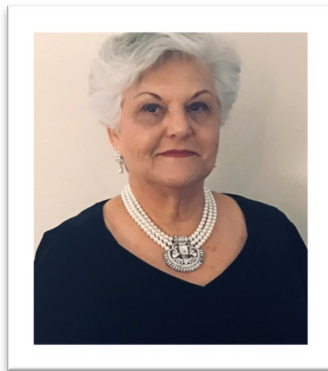


**Secretary General
Sue Hansford Southern**

This officer has taken the minutes, made corrections, and distributed as necessary. She has performed all duties assigned to her by President General Leslie Kirk.

It has been a pleasure to serve as this organizations Secretary General.

Sue Southern



**Historian
Lila Burner Housden**

As Historian for Order of the Steel Magnolias I have written an article for publication. Additionally, I have contributed to the OSM Facebook page.

At the request of President Kirk, I have worked closely with her in establishing the Gallant Guard for gentlemen members. It is my greatest pleasure to serve the Kirk Administration.

Respectfully,

Lila Housden





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Chaplain General

Teresa Roane

This officer has lead prayers when called upon by President Leslie Kirk. I held a memorial service at the 2022 meeting for Historian General Felicia Wilt, sent one sympathy card, three get well cards, and two thinking of you cards. I remain available for the spiritual needs of the membership. It has been a pleasure to serve as this organization's Chaplain General.



Councilor General

Deborah Whitmore Hicks, Esq.

Co-Founder

This officer has participated in the business of the executive board via email, cast my vote as appropriate, and has assisted the President as called upon.

This officer checked the irs.gov 990-N filings and note that the Order filed for 501(c)(3) public charity status on 4/2/2021, which application was granted on 7/26/2021, effective April 2, 2021. The Treasurer filed the 990-N for tax years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

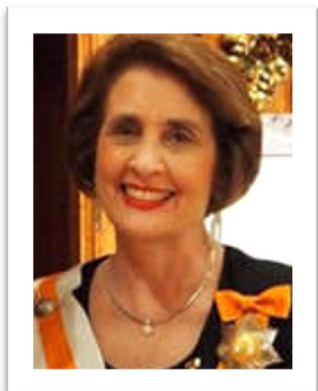
It is a pleasure to serve in the Kirk administration and I look forward to seeing you at the 2023 annual meeting in Washington, D.C.





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Registrar General

Robin Redfearn Towns

This Officer appreciates the opportunity to serve as Registrar for this term.

The Registrar has distributed Order of the Steel Magnolias membership application information to numerous individuals, as requested, and as directed by the President.

Eleven (11) applications have been reviewed and approved to date. The member numbers approved are as follows: 306 - 316. Two (2) Supplemental applications have been approved. Both lists are on the following page. Upon approval of each application, the appropriate Executive Officers have been notified of the member's approval and provided with an electronic copy of page one of the approved application. The President prepares the new member packet, the Membership or Supplemental Certificate and mails to the member. She enters the complete membership information on the Society's spreadsheet. Checks for application fees are recorded and mailed to the Treasurer in a timely manner.

It continues to be an interesting and enlightening endeavor, and it is an honor to serve.

Robin Towns

~ Continued



To our newest members





Welcome ~ Steel Magnolias

NEW MEMBERS

306 - Audrey Pauline Manly Mabe; SM: Winnafred Sarepta Rickman Manly

307 - Glenda Jeanne Harkins; SM: Martha Christian Phillips Adair

308 - Vincent Silvio Balducci; SM: Jane Martin Pitney Hurd

309 - Jeffery Clayton Wells; SM: Martha Sharpe Conner

310 - Janet Ruth Decker Otterness; SM: Nancy Brown Miller

311 - Mollie Sue Morton; SM: Roseler Aker Rollins

312 - Donna Lou Odum Loudermilk; SM: Martha Magness Cantrell

313 - Patricia Ann Baugh Thompson; SM: Elizabeth Gilbert Pound Frazier

314 - Judith Sue Crawford Creamer; SM: Susan Jane Bishop Helms

315 - Verna Kay Brakefield Tatum; SM: Emeline Thomas Brakefield

316 - Brenda Eatmon Dorsett; SM: Clarke Boykin Winborn

SUPPLEMENTALS

C176 - SUP # 3 - Ora Jane Johnson; SM: Minerva Ann Lewis

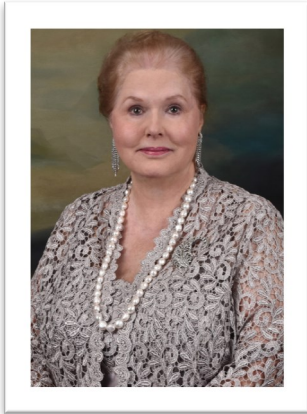
306 - SUP # 1 - Audrey Pauline Manly Mabe; SM: Martha A. Daves Volrath





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**Recruiter General
Carla Whitehurst Odom
Co-Founder**

Thank you for the great honor to serve as Chairman of the Gallant Guard. The purpose of this office is to promote male membership. This officer has worked with President Kirk, Public Relations Chair Lila Housden and the general officers to designate a webpage and a featured newsletter page for the Gallant Guards. Currently I am not traveling. I regret having to resign this special appointment to serve this term and will remain 60 days, if needed.

Carla Odom



**Parliamentarian General
LTC Charles Robert Odom
Co-Founder**

This officer served from 2021-2022, assisted the President and advised on parliamentary procedures when asked.

It has been my pleasure to serve in the Kirk administration. Medically it has become more of a challenge to engage in activities of daily living, therefore it is impossible to travel to DC in the future. Parliamentarian is an in-person duty.

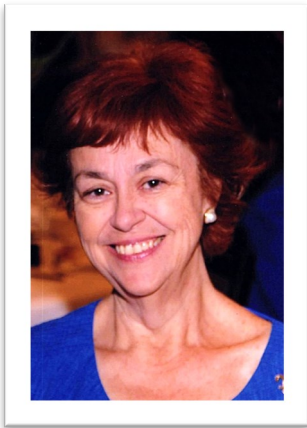
Considering these developments, with regret I hereby resign as Parliamentarian. It has been my pleasure to serve.





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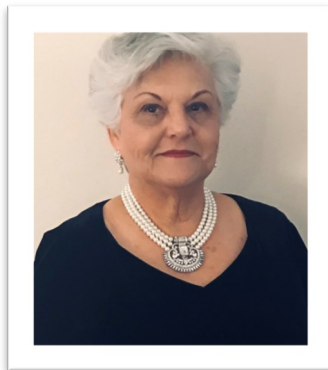


Finance Chairman

Lynda Aydelott Moreau

The Finance Report and proposed 2022-2023 Budget will be presented at the annual meeting.

Lynda Moreau



Public Relations Chairman

Lila Burner Housden

I am honored to serve as the Chairman of Public Relations for the Order of Steel Magnolia.

I have worked closely with Mrs. Kirk on newsletters and the Order's Facebook page, including posting items of interest to the membership.

I am very excited to continue to assist where asked to promote the Order of Steel Magnolia.

It is my great pleasure to serve the Kirk Administration.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila Housden





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Steel Magnolia Stories (Ancestor Bio Project)

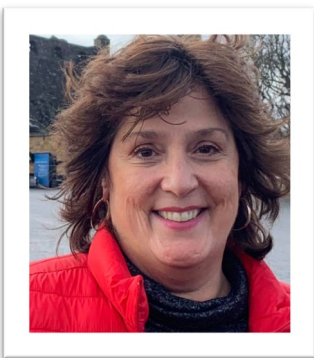
Julie Palmer Hesler

Thank you for your support of our Ancestor Bio Project. To date, we have 33 biographical sketches of our ancestors toward our target of 100 for publishing our first volume. Many of these touching submissions include photographs of headstones, historical homes, and the Steel Magnolias themselves.

Please continue to submit your stories and encourage other members to do the same. You can find the submission form on the Members Page of the Order of the Steel Magnolias website.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve in the Kirk administration.

Julie Palmer Hesler



Newsletter Editor

Jean Schaum Bradley

It's a pleasure to edit the Order of the Steel Magnolia Newsletter *Magnolia Messenger*. It's fascinating to read and President Leslie Ann Kirk does an incredible job of pulling bits and pieces of history to share. I'd encourage anyone to submit news, appropriate articles (both old and new!) and other information to share.

Jean Bradley

Website

Leslie Ann Kirk

This Committee Chair has kept the website current with officers, ancestors, meeting announcements and photos. She encourages members to visit the website and to share OSM with others. It's my pleasure to serve the Steel Magnolias.

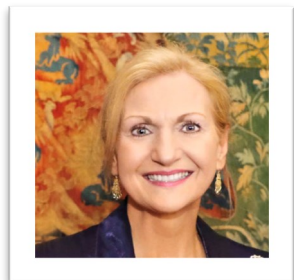




Photo Credit: *The Historic Oakland Foundation*

Atlanta Women Take a Stand

During the Civil War, women all over the nation took on new roles both in the public and private spheres to protect their respected causes and families. Women were important in both supporting and helping in the Civil War effort. Many women took charge of their families while their husbands and sons were off fighting. Other women worked as volunteers, nursing soldiers near the front or providing aid to struggling neighbors at home. A few ladies even joined the fight, disguising themselves as soldiers to fight for their country. Even though a lot of the work that the women did was behind the scenes, their labors were critical to the war effort – on both sides.





Gallant Guards **OSM Gentlemens Page**



**Southern
Gentleman**



The Order of the Steel Magnolias announced the formation of the Gallant Guards in 2022. Each of our Steel Magnolias certainly had one or more gallant men in their lives. Husband. Son. Father. Brother. Some came home to their beloved ladies, heartbreakingly, many did not. Gentlemen who are approved for OSM membership will be known as the Gallant Guard, and will be honoring their Steel Magnolia great grandmothers and great aunts.

Honoring the Order of the Steel Magnolias Gallant Guards

Honor Guard LTC Charles Robert Odom, Co-Founder
Honor Guard Charles "Chuck" Poland, Founding Member
Honor Guard Jack Grady Dyess, * Founding Member
Honor Guard Baxter Keith Bedell, Charter Member
Honor Guard Mark Anthony Chambers, Charter Member
Honor Guard Harold Douglas Ford, Charter Member
Honor Guard Mr. J Purkaple, Charter Member
Honor Guard Terry Martin DeWitt, Member
Honor Guard Vincent S. Balducci, Member
Honor Guard Dr. Jeffery C. Wells, Member



The first 25 Gallant Guard members will be known as the Honor Guard



Sowing and Reaping ~ Bread Riots



The panel on the left showed southern women
“hounding their men on to Rebellion.”

The panel on the right depicted them “feeling the
effects of Rebellion and creating Bread Riots.”

Photo Source: *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, May 23, 1863

Gaunt, hungry women (at right)—several wielding clubs, another a smoking pistol—take to the streets of Richmond, Virginia, on April 2, 1863, to protest food shortages, hoarding, speculation, and spiraling inflation in the Confederate capital. When a group of Richmond women took their complaints to Virginia governor John L. Letcher that day, he refused to see them. Their anger turned into a street march and attacks on commercial establishments. Several eyewitnesses reported seeing an emaciated woman raise a skeleton of an arm and scream, "We celebrate our right to live! We are starving!" Others heard a chant of "Bread or blood!" The mob then began attacking government warehouses, grocery stores, and various mercantile establishments, seizing food, clothing, and wagons, as well as jewelry and other luxury goods. Only after troops were deployed and authorities threatened to fire on the mob did the rioters disperse. More than sixty men and women were arrested and tried for their actions during the riot.

Riots took place over food or flour in Atlanta (March 16), Salisbury, North Carolina (March 18), Mobile and High Point (March 25), and Petersburg (April 1) but the largest and most important of these was in Richmond on April 2.

Source: *Encyclopedia Virginia*



Steel Magnolia Stories



Ancestor Spotlight

Only One Came Home

Submitted by Founding Member Julie Palmer Hesler



She was born Elizabeth Lee on October 22, 1803. According to the 1850 and 1860 censuses, she hailed from North Carolina. She married Charles Palmer and had 11 children—5 boys and 6 girls.

Her husband, Charles, was a farmer. The 1860 Agricultural Schedule provides an idea of what farm life was like for them. Their small farm included 70 improved acres, and 175 unimproved acres. It was valued at \$1,000 with \$10 worth of machinery. It also included 250 bushels of "Indian corn" and \$300 in livestock, including:

1 Horse

10 Milch cows

10 other cattle

20 head of Swine

When the war began, Elizabeth's sons were all grown and married. All five served as Confederate soldiers, but only one survived the war.

Samuel, about 41, served as a Private in the 6th Georgia Infantry. He died of typhus in Richmond in September 1864 and was buried there in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

Seaborn "Seab," about 40, served as a Private in the 29th Georgia Cavalry. He died of unknown causes at Mosely Hall in May 1864, and the location of his interment is also unknown.

Charles Jr. was about 38, served as a Private in the 19th Georgia Infantry. The last known record for him was at a hospital in Richmond, Virginia in March of 1863.

Their youngest son, John Milton, nicknamed "Mitt" about 29, served as a Private in the 50th Georgia Infantry. He died of disease in Macon, Georgia in April 1862 and he was buried near his parents and his brother William at Mizpah Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Grady County, Georgia.

My third great grandfather, William, was about 37, and he served with his brother Seab in the 29th Georgia Cavalry. William survived until the end of the war, was paroled at Thomasville, GA and was the only of Elizabeth's sons to return home. He lived a modest life in Grady County, GA, filing for and receiving a soldier's Indigent Pension in 1900. By that time, he was sadly described as "Old and worn out. Infirm and not much service." He lived to the ripe old age of 80, outliving his first wife—my third great grandmother—and fathering 11 children.

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Ancestor Spotlight

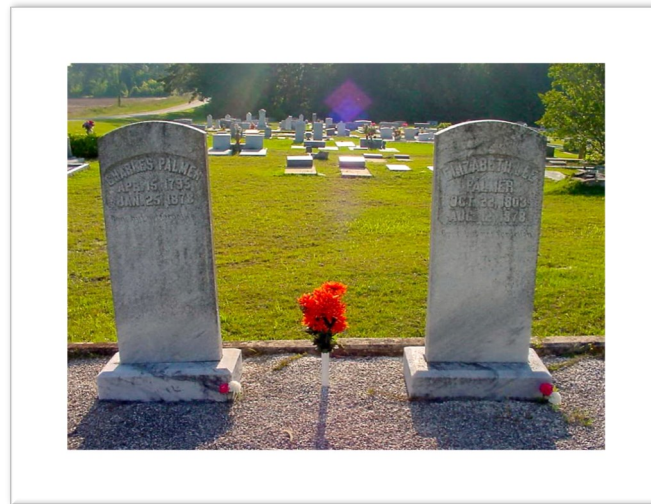
Only One Came Home Continued

Submitted by Founding Member Julie Palmer Hesler



Fortunately for the Elizabeth and her husband Charles, all of her sons left behind children to carry on the family name. Elizabeth herself lived to the age of 75, passing away just months after Charles, her husband of over 50 years. She is buried by his side near her sons William and Mitt in the Mizpah Primitive Baptist Church cemetery, just around the corner from their old home place in Grady County, Georgia.

To me, Elizabeth epitomizes a Steel Magnolia. By 1870, the family farm had less than half the value of their property 10 years before, but more significantly, she had lost four out of five of her sons during the war. However, in spite of it all—as women are expected to do—Elizabeth carried on.



Graves of Charles and Elizabeth Lee Palmer
at Mizpah Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Pelham, Georgia





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 Julie Hesler and the project email is 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. (i.e. Smith – Jane Doe.docx)
- Submit the form via email to: OSMancestorbook@gmail.com.
- Attach photograph as a separate .jpg file to the same email message.

Member Contact Information

Member First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Member Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
Member Email Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Member Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>		

Ancestor Information

Ancestor First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Ancestor Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
Confederate Soldier’s Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Ancestor’s Relationship to Soldier:	Select One		
Photo Included (300 dpi or higher)	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Narrative

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Ancestor’s biographical narrative (no character limit):

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Date received:	<input type="text"/>
Notes:	<input type="text"/>





In Memoriam

Founding Member 25 - Camille Rycroft Redfern Lowery
Died: December 4, 2018

Ancestor: Henrietta Jerkins, wife of Warren Lumpkin Story

Founding Member 29 - Jack Grady Dyess
Died: June 5, 2019

Ancestor: Mary Ellen Holt, wife of Orville Columbus Younglood

Charter Member 92 - Lavalon Kernon Collie Wall
Died: October 17, 2020

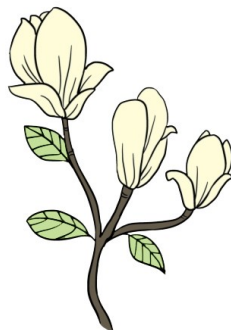
Ancestor: Mary Alice Williams, wife of James Henry Collie

Charter Member 85 - Mary Jane Inge Tingle
Died: March 3, 2021

Ancestor: Fanny Iredell Jones, wife of George Erwin

Historian National & Charter Member 153 - Felicia C. Wilt
Died: November 30, 2021

Ancestor: Mary Elizabeth Bateman, wife of Pleasant Potts



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.



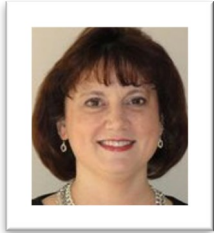
The Insignia order form, additional photos, and prices are on the website.





Order of the Steel Magnolias History

Honorary President General



Suzanna Etheridge Rawlins
2018-2021

Past Events

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

Zoom Social

June 24, 2021

Zoom Social

February 23, 2022

5th Annual Meeting

Sunday, July 24, 2022 ~ 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
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Co-Founder and Historian
Carla Whitehurst Odom

Co-Founder and Chaplain
Patricia Gallagher

Co-Founder and Counselor
Deborah Whitmore Hicks, Esq.

Co-Founder and Registrar
Jane Routt Power

Co-Founder and Parliamentarian
Shelby Dean Ward

Honorary Co-Founder
Alex Bannerman



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 Kilgrew	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
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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
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- 313 Patricia Baugh Thompson
- 314 Judith Crawford Creamer
- 315 Kay Brakefield Tatum
- 316 Brenda Eatmon Dorsett



* Deceased





Our Steel Magnolia Ancestors



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~A~

Celia A. possibly Kennemer (Adams)
Amy Elizabeth Agerton (Camp)
Roseler Aker (Rollins)
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 MNU (Baker)
Martha Jane Barr (Langston)
Mary Elizabeth Bateman (Potts)
Nancy Ann Batey (Gaddy)
Jane Battle (Lawson)
Elizabeth Ann Beck (Prater)
Mary Susan "Sudie" Beck (Powers)
Elvira Jane Bedwell (Mohon)
Augusta Bellinger (Cheney)
Tabitha Cumi Bennett (Hudson)
Eliza Jane Berry (Read)
Susan Jane Bishop (Helms)
Mary Ann "Polly" Blevins (Whitt)
Cecilia C. Bonner (Sample)
Sarah Catherine Boswell (Culpepper)
Martha Rebecca Bowden (Maddox)
Clarkey Boykin (Winborn)
Mary Ann Eliza Boykin (McLemore)
Susanna Agnes Bozeman (Sansom)
Nancy Emeline Bradley (York)
Martha Braxton (Washington)
Frances Ann Bridges (Carter)
Rebecca MNU (Brock)
Mary Jane Browder (Lewis)
Nancy Brown (Miller)
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)
Sarah Ann Cates (Dutton)
Tabitha Artemissa Cato (McGee)
Elizabeth A. Chambers (Milam)
Rachel LaDosca Chambers (Thomas)
Araminta Vashti Chambliss
Mary Ann Chapman (Hightower)
Sarah A. Chisenhall (Shackelford)
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)
Louisa Crowder (Mercer)

~D~

Martha A. Daves (Valrath)
Elizabeth Davidson (Fleenor)
Emeline Cynthia Davis (Patrick)
Mary Jane Davis (Cline)
Laura Dawson (Holcome)
Marie Laure de la Houssaye (Murphy)
Rebecca Jane Dean (Frame)
Sostenes Diaz (Gonzalez)
Bettie Ann Elizabeth Dickens (Nunnally)
Mary Catherine Dillard (Wilson)
Zenora Flournoy Dillard (Mahone)
Exia Dilworth (Kay)
Henriette Dolle (Adams)
Susan Samantha Donaldson (Johnson)
Sophronia A. Dozier (MNU)
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)
Easter Ferguson (Young)
Sarah Ann Ferguson (Gamble)
Celeste Thomas Ferrell (Chambers)
Louisa Adeline Findley (Kuykendall)
Sallie Wier Fort (Conger)
Caroline Jane Fountain (Johns(ton))
Amelia Ann Fowler (Wright)
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)
A. Eudora Gantt (Puckett)
Drucilla P. Gardner (Butler)
Mary Catherine George (Beckham)
Elizabeth Emeline Gilbert (Holland)
Elizabeth Giles (Agerton)



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Ellen Gillum (Pillow)
Mary "Mollie" Gladden (Hurst)
Martha Ann Frances Glenn (Dyer)
Mary Jane Glisson (Roberts)
Eliza (Jane) Good (Burner)
Permelia Carolyn Goodwin (Childress)
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)
Ann Theodocia Griggs Griggs (Ward)
Mary A. Grumbles (Pumley/Pumlee)
~H~
Amanda M. Hancock (Smothers)
Permelia Harmon (Schmidt)
Amelia Harrellson/Harrison (Hester)
Virginia Harris (MNU)
Martha Ann Hayes (Jackson)
Serena Haygood (Thompson)
Malissa Caroline Henderson (Beall-Cadenhead)
Amelie Victoire Herbert (Boudreaux)
Clarinda Herrington (Kirby)
Emma Jane Hicks (Dent)
Elizabeth Hickson (Johnson)
Rebecca Chisum Hill (Robinson)
Margaret Elizabeth Hillman (Osborne)
Crescentia Hoelle (Gulden)
Mary Jane Holden (Wardlaw)
Charlotte Julia Holman (Byers)
Marian (Mary) Holmes (Price)
Rachel Holmes (Bell)
Mary Ellen Holt (Younglood)
Nancy Jane Hough (Smith)
Ruth House (Crunk)
Savannah House (Cobb)
Tarlisha Howell (MNU)
Sarah Elizabeth Huey (Parsons)
Georgia (George) Ann Hughes (Statham)
Katherine Elizabeth Hunsucker (Smith)
Susan Hunter (Corn)
Malvina C. Huston (McShan)
~I~
Elizabeth Ingram (Dunaway)
~J~
Alice Rachel Jacks (Norton)
Mary A. Jacobs (MNU)
Caroline Virginia James (Thomas)
Henrietta Jerkins (Story)
Lillian Johnson (Green)
Martha M. Johnson (Willingham)
Fanny Iredell Jones (Erwin)
Sarah Catherine Jones (Stover)
Thirza Jones (Ricks)
Elizabeth Jordan (Shaw)
~K~

Lucy Keith (MNU)
Lucy Leffingwell Kelley (Connely)
Zilphia Jane Kennedy (Shelton)
Mary Ellen Kershaw (Bellinger)
Charlotte Ann Kesler (Seeders)
Mary Kilcrease (Etheridge)
Mary Adalin King (Lightfoot)
Emily E. Kitchens (Manning)
Rachel Knight (Hunter)
Matilda Knighten (Missildine)
~L~
Angelina Lair (Lovelace)
Nancy A. Lamb (Johnston)
Mary Frances Langford (Young)
Mary Langston (James)
Mary Ann Elizabeth Law (Bedell)
Irene Leach (Craven)
Elizabeth Lee (Palmer)
Mary Lee (Wesley)
Almeda Jane Leggett (Kolb)
Madeleine Lemoine (Blake)
Minerva Ann Lewis
Rebecca A. Lewis (Morgan)
Caroline Lightfoot (Sparks)
Mary J. Lindsey (Washburn)
Jane Little (MNU)
Frances Ann Lock (Brewer)
Margaret Loftin (Tysinger)
Sally Margaret Lord (London)
Frances Ann Lowe (Day)
Sarah Ann Lummus (Thomas)
~M~
Mary Elizabeth Machen (Hammond)
Martha Magness (Cantrell)
Lucy Steptoe Marshall (Marshall)
Senny Martin (Coody)
Sarah Matthews (Handy)
Sonora Matthews (Cranford)
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 (Whitesid(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)



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Eliza P. New (Adams)
Jane Hollins Nicholas (Randolph)
Mary Nicholson (Peebles)
Penelope M. Nicholson (Wear)
Matilda Hester Norris (Robbins)
~O~
Mary Oliver (Crawford)
Bedi Caroline Osborn (Sparks)
~P~
Louisa Emmaretta Parchman (Slater)
Martha Parten (Aydelott)
Dorothy Elizabeth Perry (Stone)
Sarah Peters (Morgan)
Sarah Ann Peyton (Eubank)
Loucretia Phillips (Perry)
Martha Christian Phillips (Adair)
Elizabeth Cassandra Obedience Philpott (Bruce)
Eliza P. Piercie New (Adams)
Ellen M. Pilcher (Goodrich)
Jane Pitney (Hurd)
Louisa Ann "Louisiana" Pleham (Slaughter)
Minerva Posey (Suttles)
Elizabeth Gilbert Pound (Frazier)
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)
Permelia Adaline Richards (Ware)
Charlotte Richardson (Pool)
Winnafred Sarepta Rickman (Manly)
Sarah Anne Elizabeth Ridley Fitzgerald)
Amanda Caroline Roberts (Carter)
Jane Haseltine Roberts (Allen)
Sarah Ellen Roberts (Blankenship)
Elvira Robertson
Nancy Robinett (Barnett)
Annie Lipscomb Robinson (Brown)
Margery Rogers (Clark)
Isadora Ross (Kelvin)
Mildred Ann Ross (Casey)
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)
Alice Shackelford (Brown)
Martha Sharpe (Conner)
Eatha Malinda Shellnut (Langley)
Nancy Lavina Sisk (Ayers)

Elizabeth Smith (Messer)
Frances Smith (Holdway)
Margaret Snodgrass (Holloway)
Nancy Ann Wagley Spiker (Errington)
Margaret Louisa Stark (Montgomery)
Susan Catherine Starr (Cook)
Drucilla C./Kathryn Staton (Slater)
Frances Caroline Steed (Bailey)
Mary Stinson (Moore)
Mary Jane Sutherland (Bartholomew)
Rebecca Swords (Odom)
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Permelia Tankersley (Crank)
Agnes E. Tate (Landrom)
Emeline "Milley" Thomas (Brakefield)
Martha Thompson (Wilkins)
Sarah Thompson (Francis)
Elizabeth Tillery (Fitts)
Nancy Ann Tison (Perry)
Julia Ann Tolan (Ringo)
Sarah Travis (Smyth/Smith)
Mintie Mallissa Tucker
Belvidere S. Tully (Shackelford)
Ollie Turpin (Woods)
Emily F. Tyler (MN possibly Clark)
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Sarah Ann Underwood (Young)
Julia Ann Upton (Merrill)
Nancy Elizabeth "Nannie" Urquhart (Wilson)
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Elizabeth Vail (MNU)
Mourning Adeline Vandiver (Westmoreland)
Margaret L. Vaughan (Fitch)
Nancy Vaughn (Thompson)
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Pricilla Wainwright (Miller)
Amanda Elizabeth Walker (Etheridge)
Mary Elizabeth Warmath (Rosamond)
Mary E. Weeks
Tobitha Welborn (MN possibly Welch)
Mary Jane Wellborn (Lyle)
Lucy Elma Whitelaw (Rowan)
Sally Wiggins (Braswell)
Eliza J. Wiggins (Story)
Telisia Wiggs (Talbot)
Charity Wilkes (Crews)
Juda Williams (Woodward)
Mary Alice Williams (Collie)
Missouri Louise Williams (Willingham)
Alice A. Williamson (Stringer)
Sidney Williamson (Boyett)
Agnes Caroline Wise (Phillips)
Nancy Wood (Gillihan)
Elizabeth Jane Wood (MN possibly Calima)
Mary Jane Woods (Griffith)
Edith Emmaline Worrell (Gillette)
Maria P. Wright (Alcorn)
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The Last Ride

Abbreviated version with various titles

by Kent Nerburn

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes, I honked again. Since this was going to be my last ride of my shift I thought about just driving away, but instead I put the car in park and walked up to the door and knocked... 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets.

There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman.

She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb.

She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her... 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.'

'Oh, you're such a good boy,' she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?'

'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly...

'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice.'

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a soft voice... 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter.

'What route would you like me to take?' I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring at the building's, saying nothing.

As the first hint of the sun setting on the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'.



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We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico.

Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move.

They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse.

'Nothing,' I said.

'You have to make a living,' she answered.

'There are other passengers,' I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly.

'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.'

I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim evening light... Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life...

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments.

But great moments often catch us unaware-beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID
BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.



