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LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID LEWIS DONALD.

In appreciation of Lieutenant-Colonel David Lewis Donald. Dedicated to Co. F. 2nd. S. C. Rifles—by Mrs. Ella Cox Cromer, Abbeville, S. C., Abbeville Chapter U. D. C.

Lieutenant-Colonel David Lewis Donald was born Jan. 25th. 1825 at Donalds, S. C., this well known town having been named for his distinguished father, Major John Donald an officer in the War of 1812 in the home service corps. Col. Donald's twin brother was Dr. James P. Donald an able physician of Greenville County.

Col. Donald was educated in the schools of Abbeville County, by private tutors and at Erskine College. At the age of twenty-one he volunteered for service in the Mexican War. The records of the National War Office in Washington, D. C., show that he entered this service on Dec. 21, 1846 as a private in Captain, later Col., S. Foster Marshall's Company E., Palmetto Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers and that he was honorably discharged from this service July 3rd. 1848 as a Second Lieutenant. His brother Dr. Robert Donald also served in the

Mexican War as Surgeon. His nephew John Donald Hill was also a volunteer in Mexican War and is buried at Jalapa, Mexico. Col. Donald was in battles of Vera Cruz, Belin and Chapultepec in which last mentioned battle he was severely wounded.

The Legislation of South Carolina voted a handsome gold medal to each officer, and a silver medal to each private, with a section of public land in Kansas to every soldier. Col. Donald's medal is in the keeping of his daughter Mrs. Janie Donald Sproles, President of the D. A. P. of Greenwood, S. C.

He was twice married, his first wife, Miss Janie Agnew passed away in a few months of scarlet fever. His second wife was Miss Ella Barmore. She was devoted to her handsome, gallant husband and at his sudden death at the age of 47 life was never the same to her. She devoted her mind and strength to the upbringing of her eight children, and died at the age of 79 loved and respected by all. Her children rise up and call her blessed. Five children survive her, Mrs. J. D. Archer

and Mrs. A. E. Arnold of Atlanta, Mrs. A. J. Sproles of Greenwood, S. C., Mr. E. B. Donald of Goldville, S. C. and Dr. David Lewis Donald of Williamston, S. C. Two of his grandsons served in the United States Army in the late World War, thus completing the historic cycle of military service of their family since Colonial days.

Col. Donald's Mother was Mary Houston a member of the distinguished Houston family of Augusta County, Virginia. Her father Samuel Houston served in the South Carolina Infantry in Revolutionary War at the age of sixteen. His father John Houston served also in Revolutionary War from Abbeville County. Having enlisted as shown by records of War Office at Washington on March 4, 1776 in the artillery. John Houston married Lydia Armstrong of Augusta County, Virginia, whose Grandfather Robert Armstrong was a captain in the Colonial Militia of Virginia, thus rendering the women of his family eligible to membership in the Colonial Dames of America.

Col. Donald's first ancestor to come to America was John Houston first a Founder and Ruling Elder in Providence Presbyterian Church in Augusta County Virginia. This John Houston served under George Washington in Virginia Colonial Wars, and is mentioned by name in a letter which the Col. Washington wrote to Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia asking him to have surveyed out to his soldiers the public lands which had been promised them by the Governor's proclamation. John Houston received 246 acres for this military service. His descendants still live upon his old homestead near Warrenton Virginia and show a coat of arms given to another ancestor John Houston in Scotland, who came to the help of his King when sore beset by foes. The coat of arms is an hour glass with a greyhound on each side with the motto "In Time." The Scottish King knighted John Houston and a descendant of his was a Royal Governor of Georgia and is buried at Savannah. The celebrated General Sam Houston, Governor of Tennessee, hero of the Alamo, President of Texas, and first Governor of Texas after its entrance in

to the Union was a first Cousin of Col. Donald's Grandfather, Samuel Houston. His Grandmother Anne Hamilton Houston was a direct descendent of James Hamilton Earl of Arran, who married a granddaughter of Robert Bruce, King of Scotland. Kings are at a discount just now, but any Democrat may be proud of descent from the brave Scot, Robert Bruce.

Col. Donald volunteered for service in the Confederate States Army and was mustered in as a First Lieutenant on October 29th, 1861 was promoted to a Captaincy, and later to Lieutenant Colonel.

On April 9th. 1865 he was paroled at Appomattox Court House with his beloved Commander General Robert E. Lee, and the star of the Confederacy went down to rise again in the splendid valor of her sons upon the battle fields of France.

Col. Donald with his brave men of Co. F. participated in the battles of Richmond, Deep Bottom, The Wilderness, First Manassas, Ft. Harrison, Fraziers Farm, Gaines Mill, 2nd. Manassas, Sharpsburg. He was wounded at the battles of Richmond, The Wilderness and at Deep Bottom.

At the Reunion of Co. F. on Aug. 21, 1885 sixty-five of these heroic men were living but were scattered from North Carolina to Texas. The Company consisted of 133 men. Fifty-seven were lost in the war.

When Lee surrendered at Appomattox Co. F. had ten officers and twenty-three (23) privates to be paroled as follows:

Lieutenant-Colonel D. L. Donald
Captain J. A. McDavid
Third Lieutenant W. H. Manly
First Sergeant, Samuel Agnew
Third Sergeant, R. D. Newell
Fourth Sergeant, W. J. Stevenson
Fifth Sergeant, Bartley Hall
First Corporal, L. E. Campbell
Second Corporal, W. D. Hall
Third Corporal, J. N. Barrett
Privates:

W. C. Brock, Rob't Brooks, R. C. Brownlee, A. M. Dodson, W. Rob't Dunn, B. F. Dacus, W. Frank Davis, Amos Esker, J. C. C. Featherstone, Moses Glasby, W. L. Green, P. W. Hewin, E. McAlister, John P. Morgan, John McCorley, Thos. McGukin, John Owens, C. S. Robinson,

W. S. Sharpe, E. Stevens, William Watt, Thos. M. White, Ben Barnett.

In 1865 First Sergeant Sam'l Agnew wrote a most interesting history of Co. F. from which the above roll is taken. Several editions of that history have been published.

Of this number only six survive, four of whom attended the recent Reunion at Greenwood and were guests of Mrs. A. J. Sproles the daughter of Col. Donald. These were First Corporal L. E. Campbell, Anderson, W. C. Brock, Spartanburg, W. Frank Davis, Easley, W. Robert Dunn, Donalds, who went with their snowy hair and beard to talk over their campaigns, their victories and their dear departed comrades for whom Tom Moore's pathetic lines to the beloved dead ring out like the sad notes of the bugle,

"Fond memory brings the light,
Of other days around me
The smiles, the tears of other years
The eyes that shone now dimmed and gone.

The tender hearts now broken.
I feel as one who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled
Whose guests are dead
And all but me forsaken!"

I think every soldier of the Confederacy and every civilian who knew Col. Donald will bear me out in the assertion that he was a golden hearted gentleman, respected and loved by all with whom he came in contact. He passed away April 25th, 1872, a comparatively young man, but he made a noble record as a brave and patriotic officer, in two great wars in the service of his country. He has "passed over the river and rest under the shade of the tree" with his beloved Commander Robert E. Lee and his greatest Field Marshall Stonewall Jackson where enough can wake them to glory again.

Men of Co. F. 2nd South Carolina Rifles, living and dead! Ye did not fight in vain, your valor, your patriotism, your endurance lives again in your sons! The great World War in Europe was a draw for five long agonizing years, until, again, your rebel yell was heard at Chateau Thierry and in the Forest of the Argonne, from the threats of your

grandsons of the 30th. Division. The glorious rebel yell, will be heard on His side when the Captain of our Salvation shall shall His Hosts as the final addressee.

We render this tribute to Co. 2nd. S. C. Rifles C. S. H. and to gallant lovable Grand-uncle tenant-Colonel David Lewis Donald. His beloved Sister's Granddaughter (Mrs.) Ella Cox Cromer, Abbeville, S. C. July 27, 1919.

WOOD CUTTING PROFITABLE IN FARMERS OFF SEAS

Farmers, as a rule, have too much to do at certain times of the year to do as much as they should not enough at others. Many are unprofitable because their fields have little or nothing planted for winter. Wood cutting done at any time, but cool weather favors the rate of production in the winter the work does not conflict with that on regular field crops. If cut in winter logs are not so subject to rapid drying, nor to deep rotting at the ends of the logs, often occurs in summer-cut logs. Wood cutting appreciably reduces their sale price.

Because of the injury resulting from the southern pine bark beetle in the hot season, it is practically necessary to cut pine in the fall and winter months. Damage and loss in summer often come from wood-boring fungi, including the "blue stain" and other staining of wood. These reasons a good many farmers turn profitably to logging and milling for a few fall or winter months each year. Nearly every species of wood product can be satisfactorily handled in winter, according to the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.



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