

8 *Our Confederate Ancestors Birthdays and Dates*

*January 19, 1807-----Birthday of Gen. Robert Edward Lee of Virginia*

*January 21, 1824--Birthday of Gen. Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson of Virginia*

*February 6, 1832----Birthday of Gen. John Brown Gordon of Georgia*

*February 11, 1812—Birthday of Alexander Hamilton Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate States of America*

*March 17, 1828—Birthday of Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne who was called the ‘Stonewall Jackson’ of the west*

*November 9, 1833---Birthday of Captain Sally Louisa Tompkins called Angel-Nurse of the Confederacy*

*April 12, 1861—Beginning of the War Between the States with the Confederate Bombardment of Fort Sumter in Charleston, S. Carolina*

*April 9, 1865—Gen. Robert E. Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia*

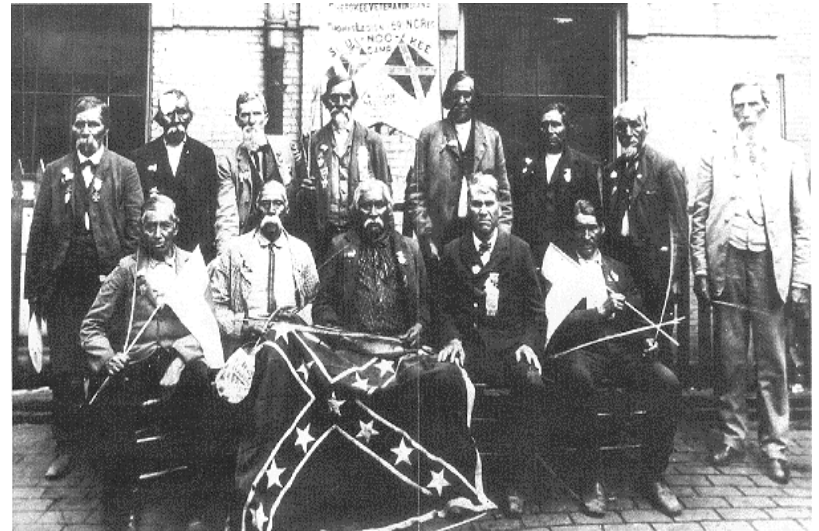
*April 26, 1865—Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrenders the Army of Tennessee in Durham Station, North Carolina*

*May 26, 1865—Gen. Simon B. Buckner surrenders the Army of Trans Mississippi at New Orleans, Louisiana and*

*June 3, 1808-----Confederate President Jefferson Davis’ birthday*

*July 13, 1821-----Birthday of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest*

# *April is Confederate History Month*



*Cherokee Indian Confederate Veterans at 1903  
Confederate Veterans Reunion in New Orleans*

*The Georgia General Assembly in 2009 passed Senate Bill No. 27, signed by Governor Sonny Perdue, officially designating April of each year as Confederate History and Heritage Month throughout Georgia*

*For church, school, library, civic groups and all!*

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*Town of Columbus. Disease killed more soldiers in that war then did the many battles.*

*Mrs. Williams and her daughter visited his grave and often cleaned the weeds from it, then placed flowers on it. Her daughter also pulled the weeds from other soldier's graves near her father. With tears of pride she said to her mother, 'these are my soldier's graves.' The little girl became ill and passed away in her childhood. Mrs. William's grief was almost unbearable.*

*One day, while visiting the graves of her husband and daughter, Mrs. Williams looked at all of the unkept soldiers' graves and remembered the words her daughter had told her. She knew what she had to do.*

*With Permission from the Ladies' Memorial Association, Williams wrote a letter that was published in many Southern newspapers asking the women of Dixie for help. She asked that organizations be formed in taking care of Confederate graves from the Potomac River to the Rio Grande. She also asked state legislators to set aside one day to remember the men of gray.*

*With her leadership many Southern states did just that. Mrs. Williams died in 1874, but lived long enough to see her native State of Georgia adopt April 26<sup>th</sup> as Confederate Memorial Day. Today, it is still a legal holiday.*

*The men and women who served the Confederacy came from many races and religions. There was Irish born General Patrick R. Cleburne, Black Southerner Amos Rucker, Jewish born Judah P. Benjamin, Mexican born Colonel Santos Benavides and Confederate Nurse Captain Sally Tomkins.*

*Did you know Chinese soldiers also fought for the South?*

*special time for parades and memorial speeches at the local soldiers' cemetery. Tens of thousands of people made their way to the near-by Confederate Cemetery and children delighted in catching a glimpse of a Confederate Veteran.*

*When the War Between the States ended, the women of the North and South formed memorial organizations. They made sure that the soldiers got a Christian burial and were remembered. Great Monuments were erected to the soldiers of Blue and Gray that still can be seen in many town squares and soldiers cemeteries.*



*Confederate Gen. Stand Watie of  
The Cherokee Nation*

*For over 100 years the folks of the Ladies' Memorial Association, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Confederate Veterans have continued the tradition of Confederate Memorial Day in April. Some states recognize Confederate Memorial Day on May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*It is written that the first Confederate Memorial Day was held in Columbus, Georgia. Some say it was Lizzie Rutherford, President of the Columbus Chapter of the Ladies Memorial Association, and their secretary Mrs. Charles J. Williams. Mrs. Williams's husband served as Colonel of the 1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Regiment, CSA during the War Between the States. He died of disease in 1862 and was buried in his home*

*The last home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis 'Beauvoir' is owned by the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. <http://www.beauvoir.org> and is located on Mississippi Gulf Coast.*

*What is your state, county or city planning to remember our Southern ancestors during April--Confederate History Month? Let us here from you, today, and throughout the month of April. Get your whole family involved in remembering the wonderful Heritage of Dixieland.*



*Ladies of the South Care For graves of Confederate Dead*

*April is a Confederate History Month of Remembrance*

*When the Confederate soldier lived, no one dared to criticize him or his blood stained battle flag of many hard fought battles.*

*Georgia's Governor Sonny Perdue signed two proclamations—one December 1, 2009, proclaiming April 26<sup>th</sup> as Confederate Memorial Day and the second on January 3, 2010, designating April as Confederate History and Heritage Month.*

**4** Ask your governor, mayor or county commission to do the same. Read the text of Georgia Senate Bill No. 27 that was passed during the 2009 Session of the Georgia General Assembly and signed by Governor Sonny Perdue:  
<http://sonsofconfederateveterans.blogspot.com/2009/04/text-of-georgia-confederate-history.html>

*April is the month in which the Confederate States of America began a four year struggle in the War Between the States. Confederate Memorial Day on April 26<sup>th</sup> is a time when many Southerners honor the brave men and women who served the Confederate States of America. Georgia joined the Confederacy in 1861.*

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*Dates of Confederate Memorial Day throughout the South*

*Texas observes Confederate Heroes Day on January 19<sup>th</sup>*

*Georgia and Florida observe April 26<sup>th</sup>*

*Virginia observes the last Monday in May*

*North and South Carolina observe May 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Mississippi and Alabama observe last Monday in April*

*Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky observe June 3<sup>rd</sup>—The birthday of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America*

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*The History of the South is an important part of our nation's history!!*

*Once young people were taught from history books about the famous month of April when the War Between the States began (1861) and ended (1865.) Grandparents told children stories that included 'The Great Locomotive Chase' of April 12, 1862.*

*Do you know what your children are taught in school?*

*This is a time to remember great Southern-Americans like Ms. Lizzie Rutherford of Columbus, Georgia who on a cold January day worked to clean the graves of Confederate soldiers. She and members of the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus led in efforts to take care of Southern soldiers' graves and help get Confederate Memorial Day recognized from the Potomac River to the Rio Grande.*

*Did you know that the Congress of the United States, in past years, recognized the war in America as the War Between the States? After the war men of Union Blue and Confederate Gray came together in great reunions with their families and shared war stories.*



*Black Confederate Veteran Bill Yopp at far-left in 1919, handing out Christmas gifts of 3 dollars each to Old Soldier at Atlanta's Confederate Soldiers' Home assisted by Georgia Governor Hugh Dorsey.*

*Southerners were once proud people who knew who they were...But, today, how can we expect our children to know about their Southern Heritage 'America's Heritage' when many school bands are no longer allowed to play 'Dixie'?*

*Once upon a time the South's businesses and schools closed in reverent observance of Confederate Memorial Day. This was a*