

She told of his record before and after the War and of the conferring upon him the highest honor in the gift of the Confederacy, the Commander-in-Chief of the Army.

Mrs. Dr. John Alison Lawton of Charleston, S. C. who shared with Confederate Veterans the privilege of being the honor guests of the meeting, spoke and urged the chapter to study three books about Lee, selecting for her list; "Lee The Southerner" by Thomas Nelson Page, "Lee The American" by Gamaliel Bradford, and "Lee The General" by Sir Frederick Maurice.

Mrs. Stroud presented Mrs. Lawton with a book on Virginia as a gift from the chapter. Mrs. Lawton was an ex Pres General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy + was before her marriage, Miss Ruth Jennings of Lbg.

Several of the Confederate Veterans present made remarks in tribute to Lee and in the interest of raising funds for the preservation of his birthplace, Stratford.

Refreshments + a social period followed.

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. J. H. Johnson.

In 1896, when the first chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized in Lynchburg the name selected was The Lucy <sup>Wilhelmina</sup> ~~Minor~~ Oley chapter in honor of the organizer and head of the Ladies Relief Hospital, an organization which had served so professionally and usefully for 4 years, Mrs. Oley had been the persistent worker who when told she could not carry on this work without a military leader, journeyed to Richmond and put her case before President Davis in person, was accepted by him, put in charge and by him given the title and authority of a Captain of the Confederate Army. Her title her authority and her word paralleled that of Captain Sally Tompkins, the mother was an honor due an indefatigable worker. Mrs Oley had 7 sons in the Confederate Army, Captain Gaston Oley (whom married Mary Elizabeth Morgan in 1856 and who was killed in action during the 1st year of the war, John Peter Oley whose descendants are active in historical work here today, Kink<sup>3</sup> Wood Oley 2<sup>nd</sup> capt. Co. G. 11<sup>th</sup> Reg Va Vol Van<sup>4</sup> R Oley (Wise Troop Co. R. 2<sup>nd</sup> reg Va Vol Cavalry 5<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. James C Oley. Davidson's Battery Co. C. 13<sup>th</sup> Va. Battalion

and 2 of her sons I have not been able to trace.

Now, since one of her sons had a daughter in the newly formed chapter it occurred to several of the ladies to change the name of the chapter in honor of that Confederate soldier rather than his mother whose efforts had benefitted so many wounded men, had saved lives and eased the ~~dieing~~ dying agony of so many who could not be cured.

So, seeing no answer to this idea except to withdraw from the proposed chapter, many ladies withdrew.

One of the ladies came to the conclusion that there was room for 2 chapters in our city and she, being no quitter herself, sent a letter to each of the ladies interested in the newly organized effort, but who had withdrawn when the name was changed. The letter asked that the recipient attend a meeting at the Y.M.C.A. at half past five o'clock

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1896 for a conference in reference  
to ~~re-organization~~ <sup>organizing a second chapter</sup>. The letter ~~came~~ <sup>was sent out by</sup> from  
Miss Ruth H. Early and 15 ladies came to the  
meeting. ~~Most of the ladies belonged to the Judy  
Minor OTC chapter, now the Hinkwood OTC  
Chapter.~~ (At the meeting Miss Early served as  
Temporary Chairman, and elected to serve the  
new Organization were -

Mrs Charles E. Heald, pres., Miss Maria Walker  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice pres., Miss Ruth H. Early, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.  
Mrs Davis Christian, secretary, and Mrs William H.  
Jones, treasurer. The group planned to meet each  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, and from a list of  
suggested names the title "Old Dominion"  
was chosen. The by-laws were written that  
summer and the charter secured.

The ~~charter~~ chapter stated that these persons  
were authorized & employed to represent it in  
Lynchburg:

Mrs. Charles E. Heald, Miss Maria Walker, Miss  
Ruth H. Early, Mrs. William H. Jones, Mrs. James J.  
Davis Christian, Mrs. Thomas S. Preston, Mrs Daisy  
P. Strother, Mrs Thomas D. Christian, Mrs. Nannie K.  
Peake, Mrs Julian Franklin Davis, Miss Bessie  
Faulkner, Miss Alice H. King, Miss Sallie King, Mrs.

Mrs. Robert Edward Craighill, Mrs. G. A. W. Payne  
Miss Lucy I. Watts, Miss Sarah Frances, Miss ~~Mattie~~  
Mollie J. Early, Miss Elvira A. Jones, Mrs. E. C. Claes  
Mrs. John T. Edwards, Mrs. Lottie Preston Clark, Mrs.  
William N. Welford, Miss Amanda A. Williams, Miss  
Lizzie Nowlin, Miss Lula Nowlin, Miss Lillian R.  
Franklin, Miss Jennie Harris and others

The organization was 13th of its kind in the state  
of Va. In the nation, the United Daughters of the  
Confederacy, when they organized in Lynchburg were  
division No. 69. The articles as set forth were signed  
by Mrs. H. H. Raines, president and Mrs. J. Jefferson  
Thomas, secretary. The date of the signing of this  
covenant was July 9, 1896. By Oct. the membership  
had increased from 16 to 65.

At the regular meeting Sept. 1927 the treasurer  
reported that \$956.69 had passed thru  
her hands last year. She also reported that  
119 members were paid up to date, but that  
the chapter to 5 delegates to the Division  
Convention



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~~Hunter - Pass~~

Don't forget  
the C.S.A. veter-  
ans were always  
welcome to the  
DD. meetings  
& often came

Sept 1927 - Mrs. DeMet

\$5 to Battle markers association  
Trans. 956.<sup>87</sup> passed thru her hand year just <sup>paid</sup>

\$3 each month to Miss Jane Mason  
continue 3 more months then take a vote  
119 members paid up to date

J. J. Ingram Jr. talked on Aux. Stephen

Oct. 12, 1927

9.75 programs

\$5 Miss Mason

\$3 interest on ~~note~~ in bank @ \$45 an annuity  
paid. Balance \$200. Beneficiaries paid &

flowers sent

Balance \$171.30

3 applications

Dixie Circle - flowers sent @ 25.00 paid which  
completed 35.00 to be raised by this circle  
Jane Wall Jackson @ no report

Miss Ruth Early was made Honorary Pres of  
Division at Convention in Winchester  
Mr Douglas Robertson gave interesting &  
informative talks on James Alexander  
Liddon, Secy of War for Confederacy

Oct 12 - 1927

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Miss Ruth Early  
Honorary Pres. Va. Div.  
at Oct. Convention

Dec. 14, 1927

Miss Molly Rowry present chapter with  
quilt made from wood of the Confederate  
Tunnel at Pine Gardens, Petersburg  
Mrs Lawson Turner sang songs of the Old South

Jan. 19 - 1928

Young Women's Co hostess Elks Club.  
Letter from Mrs. W. C. Merchant Pres (new) Gen.  
\$66<sup>94</sup> in dress, 33 boxes candy sent to Veterans  
\$5 each to 2 beneficiaries Paid 58.<sup>00</sup> on note  
leaving balance of \$150 One report last of Mar.  
Co of C. to raise 25.<sup>00</sup> Memorial to Father Ryan  
Mr. Dematt, pres., spoke of loss at death of Miss  
Ruth Early. Mrs Davis pointed out appropriateness of  
meeting being held at Elks Club site of old home  
of Miss Ruth Early - (was she Davis daughter)  
Read memorial written by Mrs G. S. Priddy  
Mrs. Wiggins spoke of Miss Early as a friend  
Miss Rowry told of Miss Early's expression  
appreciation by attention shown her by chapter  
during her illness. After a minute of silent  
prayer Miss Elizabeth Gooch led in a prayer  
that we may do this work in a manner  
worthy of the cause and of those who have devoted  
their lives to it

Oct. 12 cont.

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Miss Cynthia Murray - program  
Miss Lane, read paper on Stratford.  
Miss Newbauer sang, accompanied  
Morgan who sang.

Feb. meeting at Mrs. Bowles. National U.D.C.

Ritual

Dr. W. M. Brown of W. R. gave an address on  
"History in our attics"

Mrs. Wiggins gave reasons why the U.D.C. chose

Jefferson Davis as its own.

Mrs. M. Namara read poem of J. N. Page

"Old pie"

Mrs. McCausland sang.

Page torn out

Nov. 14, 1928 - Mrs. J. J. Ingram - Stuart U.D.C.  
J. E. B. Stuart Pres. announced that Miss Evelyn  
Early will take a perpetual membership in the  
Chapter, to be known as a memorial to  
Ruth H. Early. Also that she is presenting a book -  
Case to place in the Veterans' Rooms at the  
Memorial Library. The Misses Early will present  
books and papers to the chapter from time to  
time.

Manseum

(K)

Miss Evelyn Higgins gave a talk on J. E. B. Stuart & Mrs Stuart & Miss Root of Holy College accompanied by Prof. Berger sang several selections  
Salad plate.

Mrs. Crawley Williams

May 9 - 1928

Usual business

Letter from Mrs. Ella Dillard inviting Chapter to meet with her in her country home Mrs Davis moved motion carried, that Chapter meet with Mrs. D. in June.  
Mrs. DeMott & Mrs. C. R. Shumaker & Mrs. Richard Booth reported on District meeting at Crew.  
Mrs. Richard Booth read the deed conveying the Fort to the City of Lynchburg to the Chapter, after much discussion Mrs. J. & L. Davis moved that the President of the Chapter be authorized to sign the deed.

That the Early Memorial Arch shall never be moved from the spot over which it is now erected, without the consent of the Old

Dom in ion Chapter, d. D. C.

(5)

and that said Old Dominion

Chapter shall always have full access

to use of building and the said

Old Dominion Chapter have repre-  
sentation on the board of Governors

Mrs. H. C. Barrow spoke to the  
Chapter in behalf of the Fort Hill Club.

Miss Cary Langhorne wishes to resign  
from the Chapter as she is unable to attend,  
Mrs. John Anderson wishes her name  
dropped from the Chapter.

Miss Lowry, Chairman of Fort Committee  
reported having paid the entire amount of  
our indebtedness on Arch on Mar. 31, 1928

Each member reported having been responsible  
for 1 program at the home in which to meet  
& all but one had raised their quota of  
\$ 35 since Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

Mrs. A. S. Priddy read a paper on Nathan B. Forrest  
Miss Mary Thomas, accompanied by Mrs.  
J. H. Haskins (or Hoshins) sang 2 numbers.  
Mrs. W. M. McNamara gave a reading

Mrs. Crawley Williams  
Secy.

June 15 - 1928 - Mrs. Ella Dillards  
beautiful country house near Elon.  
Mrs. Demott, sitting pres. presented Mrs.  
C R Skumate new pres.  
Miss M<sup>c</sup> Cice (?) brought message to the  
Chapter from the mayor asking the Chapter  
approval in the view of the Confederate  
monument from Court Street down on Tenth  
ninth street, just above the soldiers monu-  
ment. After much discussion Miss M<sup>c</sup> Cice  
made a motion that the Chapter approve  
the move. This was carried by a large majority.  
Bill for 96¢ was presented by Mrs. Atwood  
from the News Office for a corrected notice  
dated to be paid.

Mrs. M<sup>c</sup> Namara reported on Memorial Day  
exercises where the Chapter bestowed crosses of  
Honors on the sons of Mrs. John Campbell  
Mrs. Stroud reported on Memorial Day  
exercises at the Cemetery, Secy. Told to write notes  
of thanks to Mr. Harry Brown for the Memorial  
Day wreath Mrs. Witt reported on the Reunion  
at Little Rock which  
Miss M<sup>c</sup> Cice paper on J. D.  
Mrs. Davis's clippings of O. D. Chapin early years  
also printed from house at Beauvoir Biloxi Miss  
now thanking Mrs. Cammiller Christian order &  
be sent thanking for the above. Mrs. Smith  
Present to Chap as new member.

Mar. 14 - 1928 continued.

Report of the Post Committee. Miss Lowry made a motion that a motion be entertained to pay the note due the 1st of March. After discussion Mrs. Booth made a motion as follows:

Whereas the note for \$150 representing the final payment on the debt on the Memorial Arch matures on Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>, before the quotas of the various circles are due, and when there are sufficient funds in the Treasury to advance the money for the circles who have not yet raised their quotas, therefore be it resolved that the Treasurer anticipate the payment of those circles who have not as yet paid, and retire the note when it matures, and that the monies which are paid into the Treasury by May 9<sup>th</sup> by circles be used to reimburse the Treasury.

Motion carried that Treasurer pay to Janet Randolph General Relief Fund. The amount given last year.

Mrs. Jas Scott reported having \$25 belonging to this chapter for the fee

Note from "Misses Eesary asking  
daughters to send books about the Confederacy  
to book case.  
Mrs. Dillard asked that we work for World Peace  
Mrs. Shumate responded  
Mrs. D. got fried chicken, hot rolls etc

Sept. 1928

Mrs. H.C. Burrow - Old Forest Road

Treas. Bk. Bal 100.64 Deas Collected 3.00

2 deaths 2 marriages - 5 cities presented at <sup>meeting</sup>  
Mrs. DeWitt reported 3 essays for Dio. meeting  
Mrs. S.W. Johnson, Mrs. J.H. Davis Mrs. Mary Thomas

Voted to send Miss Maria Walker flowers

Dio. meeting at Alexandria, we have 44 votes -  
141 members on roll now.

\$10 to Frank Randolph memorial  
\$5 to Mrs. Norman & Randolph fund

Other appeals were tabled

Miss Ingram reported 6 crosses to be  
bestowed (are these crosses honor or W.W.I)

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> urged for an elaborate occasion  
Mrs. Rawson & Mrs. Hardway said  
Meeting tonight & Tuesday Mrs. L. Turner  
read 2 little confederates.

Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 1928 Treasurer 91.19 Mrs. Moonaw  
sent check for \$24. from A.P. Hill from last year  
Deas 19.50

Mrs. DeWitt reported that Miss Evelyn Early

gave \$50.00 to the chapter as a perpetual membership fund for Miss Ruth Early. Cot. Secy. The Historian reported 2 essays. prizes won by O.D. Mrs. J. H. Davis, Mrs. Mary Thomas.

(Treasurer - Mrs. C. G. Massie June 1928)

Feb. 1929 - Miss Lowry, Chair man of Fort Committee reported the Fort being formally turned over to the City. Mrs. Fitzhugh Lewis of Bristol was a guest & made an appeal that something be done by U.D.C. members to mark the surrender grounds at Appomattox.

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March 1929

Mrs. Wiggins reported on memorial inscription tablet to Miss Ruth Early. Chapter voted to accept the inscription as drawn up by the committee. Also voted to have Confederate flag on the tablet which will cost \$3 more per circle. 5 circles agreed to raise this \$3 per circle with Mrs. W.H. Bowles as chair man.

June 23, anniversary of organization of Old Dominion was decided the time to unveil the tablet of that date suited nurse Evelyn Henrietta Early.

Mrs. J. H. Davis asked that we send a letter to our representatives in Richmond protesting a dam being built across North River at Goshen Pass

Miss Bessie Long asked that all Minutes  
& papers of importance be given Mrs. Scowd,  
Custodian for safe keeping. (9)

Miss McCue recommending that O.D. go on  
record as favoring election of women on school  
board. Tabbed.

April 10 - 1929

Mrs. Arthur E. Stump,

2013 Park Ave.,

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Jan. 1931 - April 1934



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## January Meeting of O. D. C., 1931.

The January meeting of the O. D. C. was held <sup>on Jan 19<sup>th</sup></sup> at the home of Mrs. H. E. Gilliam's 2525 Rivermont Ave. with the Jefferson Davis circle, Mrs. W. W. Couch chairman, hostess for the afternoon.

The business session passed as usual with the Pres. Mrs. Stroud in the chair and the reading of the ritual and the reports from the secretaries and chairmen of the circles.

The minutes were read by the recording secretary and approved. The cor. sec. and historian were absent on account of church affiliations.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in the bank of \$166.80. No report on finances. The regent had fifteen papers out.

Mrs. Davis gave a fine report of the work children's chapter, told of the celebration in memory of Jefferson & Jackson, of their many Christmas gifts, a lamp to Commandant Wood, gloves to Mr. Rucker, an etching of Rhein's Cathedral to Mrs. Davis and eighteen boxes of candy to Confederate Veterans.

A letter was read from Mrs. Charles Bolling, Pres of Va. Division expressing appreciation of the work of the chapter.

Fontaine Maury & Jefferson Davis Circles tied for having the most members present. Eighteen boxes of candy were sent by the chapter to the Confederate veterans as Christmas remembrances.

Mrs. M. Wane's report for the benevolent committee showed that the beneficiaries of the chapter were receiving added aid on account of the depression this winter.

Notes of thanks for Christmas presents from veterans were read.

Progress was reported in the campaign for funds for the restoration of Stratford. Mrs. C. L. DeWalt reviewed the history of the Lee family, paying glowing tributes to the Confederate chieftain, <sup>General</sup> Robert E. Lee. She told of his career at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, his achievements in the Mexican War and his renunciation of honors and benefits of remaining in the federal army in order to obey his conscientious decision to cast his lot with the Confederate forces.