



# The Gen. Gordon Dispatch

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## Welcome Our New Members!

We welcome Steve Clark and Jeff Coker as new members this month.

**S**teve joined under his 3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Uncle, James Washington Clark. James Washington Clark was born at Anderson County, South Carolina in 1822. He enlisted as a Private in Company E, 28<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry Regiment on August 1, 1862. Private Clark was wounded in the left leg in 1864 and died of wounds at Richmond, Virginia on July 12, 1864. He is buried in Hollywood Cemetery at Richmond, Virginia. The 28th Infantry Regiment, organized at Big Shanty, Georgia, during July and August, 1861, recruited its members in Irwin, Sumter, Washington, Crawford, Cherokee, Stewart, Toombs, Jefferson, and Emanuel. Ordered to Virginia the unit contained 518 effectives in April, 1862, and served in General Featherston's and Colquitt's Brigade. It participated in the various campaigns of the Army of Northern Virginia from Williamsburg to Chancellorsville, then moved to Charleston, South Carolina, and later Florida where it fought at Olustee.. Sent back to Virginia, it was active at Drewry's Bluf, Cold Harbor, and the Petersburg trenches north of the James River. Of the 371 engaged at Seven Pines, the unit lost thirty-two percent. It reported 73 casualties during the Maryland Campaign, 34 at Chancellorsville, and 95 at Olustee. In 1865 the regiment saw action in North Carolina and surrendered with the Army of Tennessee.



**J**eff joined under his 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandfather, John T. Dennis. John T. Dennis was born on May 10, 1845 in Coweta County, Georgia. He enlisted as a Private in Company A, 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion Georgia Light Artillery at Pocotaligo, South Carolina on January 1, 1864. He surrendered at Appomattox, Virginia on April 9, 1865. Private Dennis is buried at the Buchanan City Cemetery in Buchanan, Georgia. The 12th Artillery Battalion was organized at Augusta, Georgia, in May, 1862, with men from Ramsey's 1st Georgia Volunteers Regiment. It contained five companies and was called the Savannah Siege Train Heavy Artillery Battalion. Its members were recruited at Newnan, Augusta, Sandersville, and in the Atlanta area. In June it was assigned to the Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and was active at Fort McAllister, Fort Sumter, and Battery Wagner. Then in May, 1864, the battalion was transferred to General C.A. Evans' Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. Serving as infantry it fought at Cold Harbor, was with Early in the Shenandoah Valley, and took part in the Appomattox operations. The unit surrendered with 6 officers and 125 men.

### MONTHLY MEETING!

Date: Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Place: Thomaston Upson Archives

Time: 7:00 PM

Program: Mrs. Shanna English will speak on "Researching Confederate Pensions" We will elect Camp Officers for 2009. If you would like to serve as a Camp Officer, please put your name in the hat.

### Lee-Jackson Dinner

Date: Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

Place: Savannah Square

Time: 6:00 PM

Speaker: Donnie Kennedy

Dress: Period Attire or Coat & Tie

Cost: \$16.00 per person. Please have payment in by January 10<sup>th</sup>, we must have a headcount so they will know how much food to prepare. Friends and family are welcome, let's make this our best Lee Jackson Dinner ever. Payment can be made at the December meeting or mailed to:

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