



ANOTHER BIRTHDAY — Riggs Crump, resident of the Acker's Chapel community near Refuge Church, will celebrate his 104th birthday anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 23.

Mr. Crump fell several weeks ago and received a cut on his

forehead. Recently he has had a spell of illness but is reported to be improved.

The picture above was taken some time ago. The aged farmer is one of the few Confederate veterans remaining.

Probate Court Calladega County

E. A. HAMMETT
JUDGE

Calladega, Alabama

Jan. 25, 1918.

E. W. Wadsworth, Clerk,

Alabama Pension Commission,

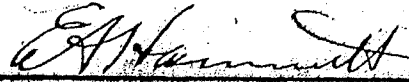
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir:

P. R. Crump:

I beg to enclose herewith application for reclassification of pensioner No. 20621, P. R. Crump, over the age of seventy (70) years.

Very truly yours,



Judge of Probate.

C/S.

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Crump, P. R.

Co. - ~~10~~ Alabama Infantry.

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See also

APPLICATION OF SOLDIER OR SAILOR, OVER 70 YEARS OF AGE, TO BE
ADVANCED FROM THE THIRD TO THE SECOND CLASS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Malladeya COUNTY.

Before me, E. D. ACKER, a Notary Public, Judge of Probate,
in and for the above State and County, personally appeared P. R. Tennant,

who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says that he is now on the pension roll of
Malladeya County, in the third class under No. 20671; that he hereby makes
application under Act approved Sept. 25, 1915, to be placed on the pension roll in the second class
on account of his age, he being at the time of making this application over the age of seventy years,
or has lost a leg, or foot, or arm, or hand, or the entire use thereof, and he further states that he
was born at Ashville, Ala., that he depends solely upon his pension for
support and maintenance; that he is unable to procure any other positive proof as to his age, as
there is no one in this part of the country can testify as to his birth.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of January, 1918.
E. D. ACKER
Notary Public, Judge of Probate

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Malladeya COUNTY.

I, Lon E. [Signature], do solemnly swear that I am acquaint-
ed with P. R. Tennant, whose name is signed to
the foregoing application, and that I have known him for 40 years; that, from personal
knowledge of him, and from his general appearance, I believe that he is over seventy years of age.
I further certify that he has lost a leg, or foot, or arm, or hand, or the entire use thereof as stated
in this application.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of January, 1918.
I hereby certify that affiant is known to me and he is a person of integrity and veracity.
E. D. ACKER
Notary Public, Judge of Probate

Note—If applicant has not lost a leg, or foot, or arm, or hand, or the entire use thereof, that
part of this application is to be stricken out.

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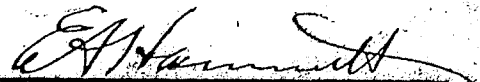
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UNDER TWO FLAGS—P. R. Crump (above) is one of Alabama's two remaining Confederate veterans. He proudly waves a U. S. flag with a Confederate flag in the background. He lives near Lincoln, Talladega County. He is still hale and hearty and frequently slips off to the barn to feed and water the stock. (Photo by R. E. (Buster) Hogan, Talladega.)



ALABAMA PENSION COMMISSION

THE STATE CAPITOL

MONTGOMERY 4

February 3, 1950

Mr. P. R. Crump,
Route 1
Lincoln, Alabama

Dear Mr. Crump:

We have an inquiry from The Progressive Farmer, a newspaper of Birmingham, which is interested in writing a story about the two remaining Confederate Veterans in Alabama. One of the questions wanted to know your age. The only information in the files regarding your age is on your application filed in June of 1915 which states that you were at that time 68 years of age. We would like for you to give us your exact birthdate, and will appreciate it if you will fill out the enclosed card and return to us so that I may place it in your file for future reference.

I trust this letter finds you well and in good spirits. If ever there is anything I can do for you, please call on me.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Jacqueline Lewis,
Secretary
ALABAMA PENSION COMMISSION

(APC—Blank No. 4)

ORDER NO. 7551

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Talladega COUNTY.

Application of P R Crump

To be placed on Pension Roll in second class, under Act of Sept. 25, 1915, on account of age, or have lost a leg, or arm, or foot, or hand or the entire use thereof.

Filed and approved in office of the Alabama Pension Commission this _____ day of _____

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A. W. [Signature]

Secretary

NOTE.—If the within application is granted, the above order number will be given; if the application is rejected, the number of rejected application must be shown below.

Rejected Application No. _____

134.—SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.—Printed and for sale by the Brown Printing Co., Montgomery, Ala.

The State of Alabama,)

Schedule of Property filed with application for pen-

Talladega COUNTY.

sion by P. R. Crump.

REAL ESTATE		VALUE
44	Acres of land situated in Talladega County, Alabama	\$600.00
Town or City Property (name place)		
Description of improvements thereon		
Total		\$600.00

NUMBER	PERSONAL PROPERTY	VALUE
1	Horses and Mules	\$100.00
1	Cattle of all kinds	30.

(Confederate.)

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Ala.

P. A. ...

Private, Co. *10*, Alabama Regiment.

Appears on a

List

of Prisoners of War, belonging to the Army of Northern Virginia, who have been this day surrendered by General Robert E. Lee, C. S. A., commanding said Army, to Lieut. Genl. U. S. Grant, commanding Armies of the United States.

Done at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, April 9, 1865.

List dated

Not dated

Remarks :

Number of rolls:

(182)

W. A. ...

...

APPLICATION

FOR THE RELIEF OF CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF PENSION EXAMINERS OF SAID COUNTY:

Your Petitioner P R Grump

respectfully represents to

your honorable Board, that he is a resident citizen of Talladega County, Alabama

enlisted in the service of the State, or Confederate States, as a private in Company A

in the Tenth Alabama Regiment, on the 10th day of October 1864

at Petersburg, Virginia in the State of Alabama; that he was transferred from the aforesaid

Company and Regiment to Company in the Regiment; that he was

honorably discharged from such services on the 9th day of April 1865

at Appomatox

that he did not desert the service of the Confederate States or the State of Alabama; that he was wounded at the battle of

XX and XX

in the State of XX; that he is at the time of filing this application 68

years of age, and that his postoffice address is Lincoln Alabama; that neither

he nor his wife is possessed of property to the value of more than two thousand dollars. Your petitioner files herewith a

complete schedule of all property owned by himself and wife. In consideration of the foregoing facts, your petitioner

prays that he may be considered for relief as provided by the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1875, and the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1877.

Your Petitioner would further state that: he has been suffering for the last past two years with Catarrhal trouble and that he is unable to work but very little on the farm, the only means of earning a livelihood.

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P. R. Grump

Applicant.

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Talladega COUNTY.

Before me, J. E. Dancy, Judge of Probate,

in and for said State and County, personally appeared P. R. Grump

whose name is signed to the foregoing application and who is known to me, who after first being duly sworn, depose and says that the statements made in said application are true and correct.

P. R. Grump

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 26th day of June 1895

and I certify that I know said affiant to be a person of truth and veracity.

J. E. Dancy
Judge of Probate.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Talladega COUNTY.

I, John W Heacock

P R Crump

do solemnly swear that I am personally acquainted with
whose name is signed to the foregoing appli-
cation, and that I know of my own knowledge that the said P R Crump
did serve as set forth in the application, and that he did not desert the service, but was honorably discharged therefrom.

I further swear that:

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26th. day of June 1915

J. E. Dancy
Judge of Probate,
In and for said State and County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Talladega COUNTY.

I, R J Cunningham

P R Crump

do solemnly swear that I am personally acquainted with
whose name is signed to the foregoing application
and that I know of my own knowledge that the said P R Crump

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 26th. day of June 1915.

J. E. Dancy
Judge of Probate,
In and for said State and County.

Charles R. Crump

(Do not write in above space.)

P R Crump
Talladega

REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD

We the undersigned members of the Pension Board of Examiners for the county of Talladega have examined the application of the applicant and we affirm that the applicant should be granted full the pension provided for in the act of the Legislature of the State of Alabama passed at the session of 1913.

E. A. Waller
J. G. ...
...

BOARD OF STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

We the undersigned State Board of Examiners certify that the applicant is entitled to the pension provided for in the act of the Legislature of the State of Alabama passed at the session of 1913.

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'That Thy Days May Be Long'

R. E. (BUSTER) HOGAN

News, Special Correspondent

LINCOLN, Ala., Dec. 23—"I have placed my life in the hands of the Lord," said P. R. Crump, Confederate veteran, as he quietly observed his 100th birthday in the Refuge community here today.

The day he passed his first century in this world was just another day to the man who was with Lee's Army when it surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse April 9, 1865.

He read his Bible as he has been doing regularly for more than 75 years. He read in particular his favorite chapter, John 14. He knows the chapter by heart and recites with enthusiasm the second verse, which reads:

"In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

DURING HIS LIFETIME he has read the Bible through seven times and he has lived up to its teaching. He is still active as a deacon in the Refuge Baptist Church, a position he has held for 70 years.

"I have seen whole generations live and die in this community," he said. Yet he continues to live on in good health.

"All I do is sit around and smoke my pipe," he said. But his family tells a different story. When they see his chair empty and start looking for him at the barn waiting for stock or in the crib shucking corn.

Mr. Crump joined the Confederate Army about a year before the war ended. He said he had many

narrow escapes but came through unscathed.

AFTER THE SURRENDER, he came back to St. Clair County, where he had been born 18 years before. He lived in that county near Ashville, until 70 years ago, when he moved to Lincoln.

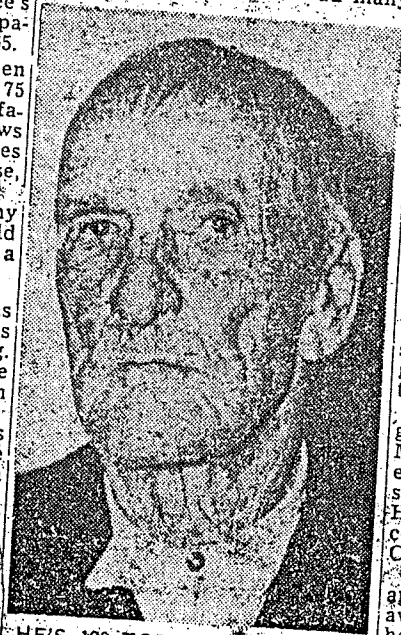
Lincoln was a wilderness then, he said. He hewed the rafters, sawed the lumber and built the house in which he lives now. In the yard he planted an oak tree, which is now a monster 70 years old and offers him shade in the hot Summer months.

Mr. Crump's first wife died after they had been married 30 years. He remarried and his second wife lived 36 years. "They were the best women who ever lived," he said, "but I wouldn't have another one if she were of pure gold."

THEN HE SAID JESTINGLY, in discussing his vision (he doesn't wear glasses), "My eyesight is sometimes poor, but I can see as good as the next man when a pretty girl comes around."

He makes his home with his grandson, M. O. Lee, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Fannie Ball, Mrs. Lee's mother. Three of his five children are still living. They are Mrs. H. E. Hollis and Mrs. M. O. Lee, Sr., Lincoln, and Mrs. Riggs Darran, Coal City.

He visits all of them regularly and goes to Lincoln, three miles away, every week. But most of all, he goes to the Refuge Baptist Church.



HE'S 100 TODAY—P. R. Crump.

- Crowen, Edward Gorff's Co. (Mobile Pulaski Rifles)
 Crowford, R.F. 34th Inf. Co.D
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 Crowford, P.A. 14th Inf. Co.G
 Crowford, S.W. 31st Inf. Co.K
 Crowford, Samuel 12th Inf. Co.D
 Crowley, Charles 53rd (Part.Rangers) Co.B
 Crowley, Daniel 21st Inf. Co.A
 Crowley, John 3rd Cav. Co.E
 Crowley, Michael 15th Inf. Co.L Cpl.
 Crowley, Thomas St.Res. Palmer's Co.
 Crowley, W. 15th Inf. Co.C
 Crowley, Patrick 8th Inf. Co.I
 Crowminus, Riley 5th Cav. Co.H
 Crownover, G.B. 11th Cav. Co.A
 Crownover, James 11th Cav. Co.A
 Crownover, Jeff 11th Cav. Co.A
 Crownover, John 11th Cav. Co.A
 Crownover, Joseph Arty. 1st Bn. Co.C
 Crownover, Moses W. 16th Inf. Co.B
 Crowse, W.L. 12th Cav. Co.E
 Crowson, Alexander N. 10th Inf. Co.K
 Crowson, James L. 30th Inf. Co.A
 Crowson, John 27th Inf. Co.I
 Crowson, John P. 30th Inf. Co.A
 Crowson, John P. Cp. of Instr. Talladega
 Crowson, Thomas W. 54th Inf. Co.C.I 1st Sgt.
 Crowson, W.B. Cp. of Instr. Talladega
 Crowson, W.P. 27th Inf. Co.I Cpl.
 Crowson, W.P. Cp. of Instr. Talladega
 Crowson, William 51st (Part.Rangers) Co.C
 Crowson, Z.C. 63rd Inf. Co.I
 Crowson, Zachariah C. 3rd Res. Co.B
 Crowther, David W. St.Arty. Co.A Cpl.
 Croxton, B.M. 3rd Inf. Asst.Surg.
 Croxton, Calwestus 14th Inf. Co.B
 Croxton, Elijah 17th Inf. Co.F
 Croxton, Lewis A. 14th Inf. Co.B
 Croxton, Milton E. 4th Inf. Co.F 1st Sgt.
 Croxton, R.A. 17th Inf. Co.F Cpl.
 Croxton, W.J. 2nd Cav. Co.F Sgt.
 Crucel, John T. 27th Inf. Co.B
 Crucel, Joshua D. 27th Inf. Co.B
 Cruch, J.E. Arty. 1st Bn.
 Cruch, William H. 6th Cav. Co.F
 Cruchfield, John 33rd Inf. Co.F
 Cruchfield, William 33rd Inf. Co.F
 Crudup, J.D. 3rd Res. Co.I
 Crues, Miller D. 30th Inf. Co.F
 Crugton, John 31st Inf. Co.A
 Cruise, John 14th Inf. Co.I
 Cruise, T.J. 14th Inf. Co.I
 Cruise, William C. 44th Inf. Co.I
 Cruise, William S. 13th Inf. Co.E
 Cruisi, J. 19th Inf. Co.F
 Cruitt, Gilbert M. Rives' Supp.Force 9th Congr.Dist. 3rd Lt.
 Cruize, James 18th Inf. Co.K
 Cruize, W.J. 18th Inf. Co.K,E
 Crum, A.M. 6th Inf. Co.M
 Crum, A.W. Cav. Shockley's Co.
 Crum, Benjamin D. Cav. Holloway's Co. 3rd Lt.
 Crum, D.L. 38th Inf. Co.H
 Crum, Daniel L. Mil. 4th Vol. Co.A
 Crum, John N. 50th Inf. Co.E
 Crum, L.S. 15th Bn.Part.Rangers Co.E
 Crum, L.S. 56th Part.Rangers Co.E
 Crum, William P. 38th Inf. Co.H
 Crumb, S.L. 15th Bn.Part.Rangers Co.E
 Crumbia, Pleasant 26th (O'Neal's) Inf. Co.B
 Crumbley, G.W. 28th Inf. Co.G
 Crumbley, L.E. 40th Inf. Co.D
 Crumbley, Thomas M. Lt.Arty. 2nd Bn. Co.F
 Crumby, Moses 31st Inf. Co.E
 Crumby, T.J. 10th Inf. Co.F
 Crumby, Wm. 31st Inf.
 Cruming, W.R.D. 19th Inf. Co.A
 Crumley, B.N. 23rd Inf. Co.H
 Crumley, B.N. Cp. of Instr. Talladega
 Crumley, Charles W. 28th Inf. Co.G Sgt.
 Crumley, J.F. 28th Inf. Co.H
 Crumley, J.F. Cp. of Instr. Talladega
 Crumley, Reuben C. 10th Inf. Co.B
 Crumley, William 31st Inf. Co.I
 Crumly, J.F. Cp. of Instr. Talladega
 Crump, C. 10th Inf. Co.A
 Crump, C.T. Lt.Arty. Tarrant's Btty.
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 Crump, Silas 51st (Part.Rangers) Co.E
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 Crump, William N. 49th Inf. Co.I Lt.Col.
 Crumpler, A.V. Coosa Guards J.W. Suttles' Co. 1st Sgt.
 Crumpler, Griffin 53rd (Part.Rangers) Co.D
 Crumpler, L.H. 8th Inf. Co.B 2nd Lt.
 Crumpler, Lewis 33rd Inf. Co.K
 Crumpler, Lewis H. 59th Inf. Co.C Maj.
 Crumpler, Lewis H. 2nd Bn. Hilliard's Legion Vol. Co.F Capt.
 Crumpter, P.A. 17th Inf. Co.D
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 Crumpton, B.H. 6th Cav. Co.A
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 Crusins, Frederick 1st Bn. Hilliard's Legion Vol. Co.A Sgt.
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 Crusius, William H. 6th Inf. Co.E
 Cruso, Jack 20th Inf. Co.E
 Crusped, W.S. 12th Inf. Co.K
 Crutch, E.C. 8th Inf. Co.H
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 Crutcher, George W. Lt.Arty. Ward's Btty.
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Crump, P. R.

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had been sent to Columbus, Kentucky and transported down the Mississippi for exchange near Vicksburg. This action had succeeded in taking the pressure off Bragg in Kentucky, but the Confederates had failed to capture an important rail terminal.

The 31st did not impress General Rust with their performance during the Corinth battle. He says in his report that the regiment "behaved disgracefully at Corinth" on the 2, 3, and 4th of October 1862."

However, in a report dated January 2, 1863, Colonel Allen Thomas reported "that the regiment behaved well at the Chickasaw Bayou skirmish.

A report of Brigadier General E. D. Tracy dated January 33, 1863 says that the 31st had only eight companies with 260 men at Chickasaw Bayou.

On Sunday, the 5th of October the Federals pursued the retreating Confederates, but not too effectively. There was a small encounter but the Confederates continued their withdrawal to Holly Springs, Mississippi. Some minor action took place around Corinth and Chewalla.

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It appears that the whole regiment was reunited when Stevenson's Division was transferred to Vicksburg in December 1862. From examining the list of deaths at Knoxville it appears as though Companies A, F, G and I were left behind when the eight companies were sent West or the men were sick for some time before they died. They may have sent volunteers West.

Submitted by Leslie Cheatwood, Talladega, AL.

Civil War: Talladega County 1/Lt. Andrew Jackson Buttram, CSA Capt. B. C. Raney's Company, Low's Brigade

The last Confederate soldier killed east of the Mississippi

The battle fought...at

Munford, Talladega County, Alabama

Major General Wilson, leading a heavily armed Union Reconnaissance Cavalry force, attacked Selma, Alabama, in early 1865. After defeating the garrison mostly made up of old men and boys left to defend the town, Wilson's troops burned and sacked the city. By April 7th, he was on the way to Tuscaloosa, and meeting heroic resistance by a small corp of Confederate University Cadets, commenced to burn the University of Alabama, hardly a military target. From there he generally headed east across the Warrior River to work his way to Montgomery, and decided to split his forces and send Brig. Gen. John T. Croxton further east to Talladega and beyond on April 21st.

Croxton's force, numbering about 1500 cavalry armed with the new repeating Spencer rifles, reached Talladega April 22nd, and drove a force of about 70 Confederates out and camped in the Confederate Fort Buckner area just east of the city.

After sacking the post office, Croxton's Force then moved out April 23rd on the road to Munford towards Blue Mountain (north Anniston) to burn an iron foundry there.

Thus the stage was set for the last battle and the last Confederate casualty of the war.

Andrew Jackson "Jack" Buttram had joined the Randolph County Reserves, Low's Regiment, Hill's Brigade, and was serving as Lieutenant in Captain B. C. Raney's Company. In the same unit were his son, James K. Buttram, and James Morgan Buttram, a brother to A. J. Buttram, and nephew John M. Buttram. Another brother, Charles Jefferson Buttram, was serving as a Bvt. Lieutenant in the 41st Georgia Infantry regiment, Company H, and Charles also had a son named A. J. (This boy was about 14 years old when the war ended and has previously been confused with his uncle, A. J. Buttram).

Gen. Hill had ordered Lt. A. J. Buttram to Munford to form a blocking action to stop, delay, or divert Croxton's Cavalry force. Lt. Buttram, with his brother, son and nephew in the unit, gathered about 150 men and two cannons and set up a defense of Munford.

As the Union force approached, the battle opened with the Confederate artillery pieces firing about 10 rounds, probably canister, killing two union soldiers, including a sergeant, and wounded about 15.

The Union cavalry was led by two Michigan companies with new Spencer repeating rifles, and soon mounted an assault.

The Confederate artillery was firing from a hill where the Munford Cemetery now lies, but at that time was occupied by a Baptist church. Lt. Buttram was mounted in front of the Munford Methodist Church forward of his two cannon, probably spotting the artillery fire, when Union troops began firing from a hill about 300 yards away on the Road to Blue Mountain (Anniston).

As the two heavily armed Michigan Cavalry companies assaulted the hill, the small Confederate force stood their ground well, and Lt. Buttram held his force in place until he received a fatal wound. He fell from his horse where the road splits about 150 feet from the Methodist Church.

The Confederates were overwhelmed and their cannon was taken, but they retreated in order for they took five Union Prisoners with them.

Union Major Thatcher wrote in his book that "the battle started with a brilliant dash of two companies led by Lt. Woodruff of Company M. He stated two pieces of artillery opened on his command, and Col. Johnston ordered the advance to charge and follow them rapidly with the regiment.

The brigade did not overtake the second until night. The Confederates held on for several hours. The Confederates carried with them several of our men, who by their headlong course had become detached from their company. The battle at Munford was the last to take place east of the Mississippi. Two Union soldiers of the 2nd Michigan were killed and we don't know how many were captured or wounded. Three men from the 2nd Michigan were reported missing in action. One of them was sergeant Watson D. Moody from Grand Rapids. He returned to the regiment in June about two months later and was discharged at Nashville. Also lost was John N. Schneider from Muskegon county, Michigan. He too returned to his regiment in June and was mustered out with the rest in August, 1865. The third missing man was Tim Cloonan of White Pigeon in St. Joseph County, Michigan. He returned to the regiment in Macon, Georgia. Azariah F. Martin and Frank L. Weston were taken prisoner by the Confederates. The two union men who were killed were Edwin A. Burch of Howell, Michigan, and William R. Rogers of Easton County, Michigan. These two men were buried north of town on the road from Munford to McKibbons Mill and later exhumed after the war and returned home."

Three Confederate soldiers who were witnesses to the battle also witnessed Lt. Buttram's burial the following day. He was buried where he fell, as confirmed by Lt. Lew Parsons, J. G. Weatherly and R. Gaines Roberts in a Birmingham News article December 24, 1907.

The Confederates, outnumbered about 10 to 1, stood their ground well and defended it until totally overwhelmed. They retreated in good order, some being taken prisoner, and taking some Union prisoners with them.

General Croxton had to delay his advance and fall back to Curry Station, about two miles south, and set up a hospital unit and tended to his wounded. The Confederate prisoners were paroled later in Talladega, and among them were his son, James K. Polk Buttram, Jack's brother, James Morgan Buttram, and his nephew, John M. Buttram were also paroled. When the unit reported for surrender according to the armistice ending the war, all but the company Lieutenant (Lt. Buttram) surrendered, as he was killed in action.

A militia unit, such as the Randolph County Reserves, had only one Lieutenant and one Captain. Records researched by Historian William Snowden of Jacksonville, Alabama, do not show a Lieutenant surviving for the surrender of the unit.

On November 4th, 1914, The United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) placed a gravestone monument of rough marble carved with a draped Confederate battle flag over A. J. Buttram's grave, which lay about thirty feet from the parsonage near the north property line of the Munford Methodist Church. The monument reads "In Memory of A. J. Buttram, Confederate Soldier killed here April 23rd, 1865, during Croxton's Raid. Erected by Veterans and their descendants."

According to a statement by Celena House, an elderly Munford Resident for years, "When I was a young girl, ceremonies and hymns were sung over the grave, and several times a year, wreaths of flowers were placed at the grave site."

Mrs. Ray Timmons, living in her house about forty feet from the grave and monument, stated the marker remained where the grave was until about 1972, and the railing and small wall around the grave were stuck by a car about that time. The grave site was less than three feet from the road. Mrs. Timmons and her husband



Theo Buttram, great-grandson of Lt. A. J. Buttram, at the re-dedication of monument (5-3-1998).

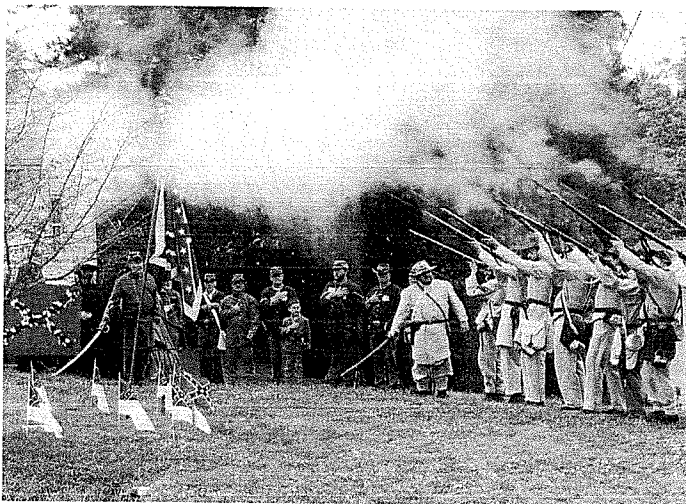
cleaned and cared for the grave site for many years.

Members of Munford Methodist Church then moved the monument to a location between the parsonage and the church, without the wall and rails that originally surrounded the monument. After several members backed into the monument that now was placed near the church parking lot, the Munford Ladies Beautification Committee led by Mrs. Helen Ford then had the monument moved across the road and placed in the "Y" where the road splits, about 70 feet from the original grave site. A flag pole was erected and a

flag flies over the grave 24 hours a day.

Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) Camp #493 of Talladega has placed a grave marker over the grave, and a Confederate soldiers marker has been ordered for the head of the Grave. Those markers were rededicated on Sunday, May 3rd, 1998, at 2:00 PM by Mrs. Katherine Johnson, President, Gen. William H. Forney Chapter #468, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and a Confederate Honor Guard of the 48th Alabama Confederate reenactors regiment.

Confusion reigned for many years over A. J. Buttram, questioning where he was from and the identity of his military unit. The Buttram Family Association confirmed that Andrew Jackson Buttram was born in Jasper County, Georgia in 1817 to James and Elizabeth Buttram. He lived in Jasper and Newton counties,



48th Ala. Honor Guard, CSA, firing salute over grave of Lt. A. J. Buttram (5-3-1998)

Georgia, until his father moved the family to Rhea County, Tennessee. They lived in Rhea County until about 1830-1838 when James moved the family to Carrol County, Georgia.

A. J. sold real estate and was active as a farmer while investing in land. Over the next 23 years he bought and sold over sixty parcels, the last sold consisting of 400 acres known as the Epshey Mill place in Carrol County, Georgia, on April 23rd, 1863, exactly two years before his death.

Considered a responsible citizen, he was appointed Guardian of Sarah Ann Buttram on June 5th, 1843. And again in 1858, the court

appointed him guardian of five orphan children of David and Nancy Posey, as well as overseer of their estate.

A. J. then moved to Calhoun County, Alabama, probably to Edwardsville, now Cleburne County, in 1863, as his widow was living there in 1870.

He married Sabrina Patton, March 18, 1845, in Pike County, Georgia. He enlisted with the Randolph County Reserves, Confederate States Army, and was elected lieutenant under Captain B. C. Raney. His son and brother and nephew also joined the unit and at the time of his death, Lt. Buttram was about 48 years of age.

Bvt. Lt. Charles J. Buttram, his brother, had a son born in 1852 who was also named A. J. Buttram, and the boy was afflicted with epilepsy. Records show the boy was admitted to a hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama three times between May 21, 1869, and August 11, 1871, the last admission before his death November 10, 1873. His father was listed as C. J. Buttram on the hospital records. The boy was buried on the hospital grounds in grave number 667, and probably exhumed and taken home to Cross Plains, Alabama, near Piedmont, by his family. The 1870 Alabama census of Tuscaloosa confirms young A. J. Buttram, Lt. Buttram's nephew, as a resident of Tuscaloosa during that time. Thence, the mistaken information confusing the two A. J. Buttrams.

The battle of Munford has been confirmed as the last official battle east of the Mississippi, and Lt. A. J. "Jack" Buttram the last Confederate soldier killed defending the Southland. The heroic stand by his 150 Confederates against 1500 heavily armed Union Cavalry was indicative of the bravery and fearless sacrifice of the Confederate Army. Lt. A. J. Buttram led a responsible and dedicated life before serving the Confederacy, and continued his service to family, God and county as a Confederate Officer. He was truly the best the South had to offer, and well deserves his place in history.

The Alabama Historical Commission will be petitioned to erect a historical marker on State Highway 21 in Munford commemorating the last battle fought and the last Confederate soldier killed, 1/Lt. Andrew Jackson Buttram.

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Submitted by Patrick Reaves, Historian, 732 Cheaha Rd., Munford, AL 36368.

Confederate Veterans Living in Talladega County, Alabama Receiving Medals From The United Daughters of the Confederacy

1907

Name	Residence	Birth Date	Place of Birth
Andrew Jackson Adams	Talladega	7 Mar 1847	Talladega Co., AL
Edward Alexander Aderholt	Talladega	9 Jun 1833	Lincoln Co., TN
Bailey Peyton Allen	Talladega	11 Oct 1837	Limestone Co. AL
Jonathon Henry Amerine	Childersburg	31 Dec 1844	Talladega Co., AL
Augustus Milton Ballard	Talladega	5 Dec 1842	Fayetteville, AL
William Alex Bell	Alpine	11 Aug 1840	Talladega Co., AL
Thomas Alexander Best	Talladega	24 Jul 1841	Munford, Tall. Co., AL
Hugh Clemens Bigbee	Munford	6 Sept 1836	Anderson Co., S.C.
James Osgood Andrew Brown	Munford	20 Mar 1833	Goshen GA
Jasper Bush	Sylacauga	30 Nov 1830	Houston Co., GA
Lewis Nelson Butterworth	Munford	6 Nov 1846	Hall Co., GA
William Joseph Camp	Munford	29 Jul 1846	Campbell Co., GA
Name	Residence	Birth Date	Place of Birth
Wilson Campbell	Fayetteville	11 Apr 1845	Coosa Co., AL
Allen Ivey Carter	Sylacauga	7 May 1842	Goldville, Tall. Co., AL
Davis Elmore Cason	Talladega	7 Mar 1836	Pickens Co., S.C.
Edward Clark	Munford	14 Mar 1841	Gilmore Co., GA

William Alexander Conville	Childersburg	1 Oct 1834	New York, NY	Minion Jefferson Thomas	Childersburg	26 Oct 1843	Troup Co., GA
John Wiley Cooper	Tall. Springs	17 Mar 1839	Coosa Co., AL	William Marion Thomas	Sycamore	18 Dec 1843	Shelby Co., AL
Felix Grundy Coxby	Talladega	3 Jul 1836	Talladega Co., AL	Hinchey Mitchell Thompson	Munford	11 Jan 1834	Henry Co., GA
Abel Crawford	Lincoln	31 May 1843	Cotton Valley, AL	Frank Anderson Turner	McFall	17 Oct 1848	Calhoun Co., AL
William Clark Crow	Sylacauga	27 Sept. 1828	Upson Co., GA	Robert Cotton Turner	McFall	26 Oct 1826	Madison Co., AL
Rob Joseph Cunningham	Talladega	6 Dec 1840	Talladega Co., AL	William Hardee Wade	Munford	24 Oct 1840	Lumpkin Co., GA
Hiram Fuller Darrah	Lincoln	12 Jun 1840	Putnam Co., GA	Ambrose Lee Watts	Sylacauga	25 Sept 1841	Wilkes Co., NC
Felix McConnell Deason	Lincoln	26 Jul 1838	Coosa Co., AL	Wilson Thomas Webb	Barkley, AL	13 Aug 1832	Anson Co., NC
Michel Ruben Dowdy	Munford	21 May 1836	Claiborn Co., GA	Samuel Thomas Weed	Lincoln	18 Nov 1830	Columbia, SC
James Thorn Dye	Ironaton	8 Apr 1819	Chester Co., SC	James Knox Weisinger	Talladega	28 Jun 1843	Dallas Co., AL
Thoams Fletcher Elliott	Talladega	17 Jun 1836	Talladega Co., AL	Lorenzo Dove Whitehead	Lincoln	17 Dec 1836	McDonald, GA
James Milam Fain	McFall (Eastaboga)	24 Dec. 1845	Calhoun Co., AL	William Anderson Whitmire	McFall	26 May 1844	Pickins Co., SC
James Circero Forshee	Childersburg	17 Oct 1846	Chambers Co., AL	Artillery Wilcox	Munford	31 Aug 1845	Sevier Co., TN
William Long Gannaway	Silver Run	10 Jun 1839	Talladega Col, AL	William Silas Williamson	Sycamore	9 Jul 1840	Dadeville, AL
William Germany	Talladega	18 Feb 1829	Meriwether Co., GA	Benjamin Worthington	Lincoln	24 Sept 1841	Talladega Co., AL
James Madison Giddens	Munford	16 Jul 1840	Cleveland, TN	<i>Submitted by: Mildred Smith Laney, 1720 Circle Drive, Oxford, AL 36203-3210</i>			
John Martin Gilbert	Talladega	9 Jan 1829	Carrollton, GA				
Seaborn Flake Glawson	Lincoln	14 Nov 1842	Jones Co., GA				
Harris Taylor Golden	Munford	11 Oct 1837	Talladega Co., AL				
Chelsey Gray	Ironaton	4 Oct 1842	Autauga Co., AL				
Jared Edison Grace	Talladega	20 May 1844	Talladega Co., AL				
James Elbert Hall	Lincoln	23 Mar 1843	Talladega Co., AL				
Whatley McGhee Hall	Lincoln	4 May 1843	Anderson, SC				
Joseph Heath	Silver Run	25 Aug 1833	Carroll Co., GA				
Anonemus Henderson	Childersburg	5 Jan 1836	Rutherford Co., NC				
John Jefferson Henderson	Sylacauga	23 Aug 1845	Newton CO., GA				
Robert Pinkney Henderson	Talladega	26 Sept 1837	Louisville, TN				
John Toliver Hughes	Munford	29 May 1837	Talladega Co., AL				
Samuel Wesley Huston	Childersburg	20 Jun 1830	Talladega Col, AL				
William James	Lincoln	3 Apr 1836	Henry Co., GA				
James Montgomery Jackson	Talladega	3 May 1843	Talladega Co., AL				
John Luther Jenkins	Oxford, AL	18 Oct 1837	Knoxbee Co., MS				
Roswell Asberry Johnson	Childersburg	1 Jul 1833	Tuscaloosa Co., AL				
Daniel Benton Jones	Munford	19 Mar 1843	Talladega Co., AL				
George Willis Jones	Lincoln	16 Mar 1834	Henry Co., VA				
James Knox Jones	Talladega	17 Apr 1845	Talladega Co., AL				
John Bryant Jones	Alpine	14 Feb 1833	Abbeville Co., SC				
William Washington Jones	Oxford	28 Oct 1828	Iredell Co., NC				
Francis Marion King	Sylacauga	25 Dec 1832	Henry Co., GA				
Edward Kelton Lackey	Ironaton	7 Apr 1844	Talladega Co., AL				
Washington Sanwich Ledbetter	McFall (Eastaboga)	15 Jan 1839	Talladega Co., AL				
Cornelius Mandeville Lide	Talladega	2 Jun 1824	Darlington, SC				
Nathaniel Brown Linder	Oxford	3 Sept 1822	Spartinburg, SC				
William Henry Malone	Sylacauga	19 Feb 1840	Sylacauga, AL				
Zacheriah Taylor Marler	Talladega	17 May 1842	Barbour Co., AL				
Thomas Calvin Martin	Ironaton	15 Sept 1832	Guinnett, AL				
John Washington McCain	Lincoln	12 Mar 1840	Decatur, TN				
Robert Monraville McClatchey	Nottingham	20 Mar 1831	Talladega Co., AL				
James Wiley McClerkin	Oxford	1 Dec 1844	Silver Run, AL				
Samuel Preston McClerkin	Talladega	11 Jan 1845	Hamilton Co., TN				
Albert McGhee	Childersburg	22 Aug 1842	Talladega Co., AL				
George Knox Miller	Talladega	30 Dec 1836	Georgia				
Alonza Montgomery	McFall (Eastaboga)	17 Nov. 1835	Jefferson, GA				
Thomas Presley Montgomery	Talladega	13 Jul 1836	Taliaferro Co., GA				
William Alexander Morris	Alpine	15 Jul 1832	Dallas Co., AL				
Demps Bassy Oden	Childersburg	15 Aug 1831	Talladega Co., AL				
Turner Watson Ogletree	McFall (Eastaboga)	6 Feb 1839	Clarke Co., GA				
Francis Marion Parker	Alpine	15 Jun 1837	Farmerville, LA				
Henry Whitfield Parker	Childersburg	21 Feb 1847	Abbeville, SC				
James Edward Parnell	Munford	16 Mar 1841	Nicholasville, KY				
George Wake Parson	Talladega	26 Apr 1843	Dallas, GA				
William Trion Patterson	Talladega	21 Jun 1841	Sevene Co., TN				
James Perryman	Fayetteville	25 Nov 1830	Montreal, Canada				
Frederick Phillips	Talladega	18 Mar 1826	Calhoun Co., AL				
Frederick Ross Pilkington	Talladega	23 Feb 1840	Sevierville, TN				
William Fairburn Ponder	Talladega	14 Mar 1829	Montevallo, AL				
William Roberson	Talladega	10 Apr 1827	Warrenton, GA				
John Sherwood Roberts	Childersburg	23 Mar 1835	Chambers Co., AL				
John Lawrence Russell	Talladega	16 Nov 1845	Abbeville Co., SC				
James William Rusell	Sylacauga	22 Oct 1829	Talladega Co., AL				
Thomas Franklin Russell	Fayette	3 Oct 1836	Mt. Comfort, GA				
Jefferson Johnson Sims	Munford	10 Jun 1845	Tallapoosa Co., AL				
Andrew Jackson Solley	Fayette	5 Jul 1843	Nash Co., NC				
John Calvin Smelley	Talladega	9 Dec 1824	Jasper Co., GA				
James Madison Spence	Hollins, AL	4 Dec 1831	Clarke Co., GA				
Overton Stephens	Oxford	24 Dec 1820	Randolph Co., AL				
Joseph Alexander Stewart	Sylacauga	5 May 1845	Morgan Co., AL				
Samuel Marion Stewart	Sylacauga	11 Nov 1834	Edgefield Co., SC				
John Lark Stockdale	Munford	12 Aug 1831	Clay Co., AL (?)				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>				
Judson Wood Street	Munford	28 Jan 1843	Calhoun Co., AL				
Samuel Thomas Strickland	Talladega	17 Jan 1843	Wedowee, AL				
Archobald Robert Stroud	Munford	23 Aug 1846	Talladega Co., AL				
Josiah Boone Terry	Talladega	3 Jul 1843					

Alabama Salutes Thinning Ranks of Men in Gray

The Confederate flag waves over Alabama today. It flies from public buildings and from monuments in memory of those men in gray whose ranks have dwindled to a mere platoon.

On this Confederate Memorial Day there are only two left in Alabama to raise their hands in salute to the Stars and Bars. They met this week in a little farm house near Lincoln, Ala., and recalled events of nearly 90 years ago.

Gen. James W. Moore, resplendent in the uniform like that worn by Gen. Robert E. Lee, came up from Selma to call on Col. P. R. (Riggs) Crump at the Lincoln farm house.

Col. Crump sat on the porch of the home he built with his own hands 75 years ago. His yard was shaded by an oak tree he planted at the same time.

Gen. Moore, who is commander in chief of the Veterans of the Confederacy, saluted snappily and bounded up the steps. He is 98-1/2 years old and spry. Col. Crump removed his pipe from his mouth and arose slowly from his seat. He is 102 years and 4 months old.

The two old soldiers clasped hands and held their grip as they talked. Events of 85 and 90 years ago were as recent to them as if they had occurred yesterday. Both are hard of hearing, but they seemed to understand each other without difficulty.

Col. Crump recalled that he was standing just across the road from the McLean house when Lee surrendered to Grant. After that he came back to St. Clair County and then moved over to Lincoln in Talladega County.

Gen. Moore recalled his service with Morgan's Rangers. He ran away from school when he was 13 and joined Morgan's outfit, where his father, Dr. James Franklin Moore, was serving. After about a year it was decided the Confederate Army no longer needed boys his age. He was sent back to school.

Gen. Moore's main interest today lies in the Virginia Military Institute. He is its oldest graduate and has the run of the place when he visits there. He also is vitally interested in Hollywood. He recently returned from there after a long visit. His most amusing experience was with the wheel chair brought out for him in Hollywood. He literally kicked it out of the way.

From the farm house, the two old soldiers visited the cemetery where Col. Crump's two wives lie buried - one wife lived for 30 years and the other for 36. Near the cemetery is the Refuge Baptist Church. Col. Crump has been a deacon in that church for 72 years.

The two old soldiers looked at pictures of themselves and other veterans of the War Between the States. They recalled that some faces in the magazine, published only a few months ago, are no longer around. Flowers and a Confederate flag marked their graves today.

There are only 23 of the old warriors in gray, scattered over the Southern states. But they out-number the Union veterans. The men who followed Grant now number only 16. One died this week.

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Alabama's Last Gray Vet Dies as Old Year Passes Col. P. R. Crump Succumbs at Lincoln

Lincoln, Jan. 1, 1952 - The last of Alabama's gray-clad warriors who battled valiantly under Stars and Bars in the War Between the States, died here last night in the last hours of the old year.

Col. P. R. (Riggs) Crump, who last week celebrated his 104th birthday, died at his home here - a town bearing, oddly enough, the name of the commander-in-chief of the Union forces against which he fought.

Colonel Crump became the last surviving Alabama Confederate veteran when Gen. James Moore of Selma died some months ago.

Colonel Crump, who as 104 on Dec. 23, was an eye witness to the surrender of General Robert E. Lee's forces to General U. S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse.

He was born in 1848 in St. Clair County when James K. Polk was president.

In 1863 when one of Colonel Crump's young neighbors, who had been fighting as a soldier in the 10th Alabama Regiment in the Virginia Campaigns came home on leave, Col. Crump decided to enlist. He returned with the neighbor to Virginia and enlisted in the Alabama regiment.

He fought through many of the Virginia battles and then saw the end of the Confederacy at Appomattox.

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Talladega County's First World War Recruits

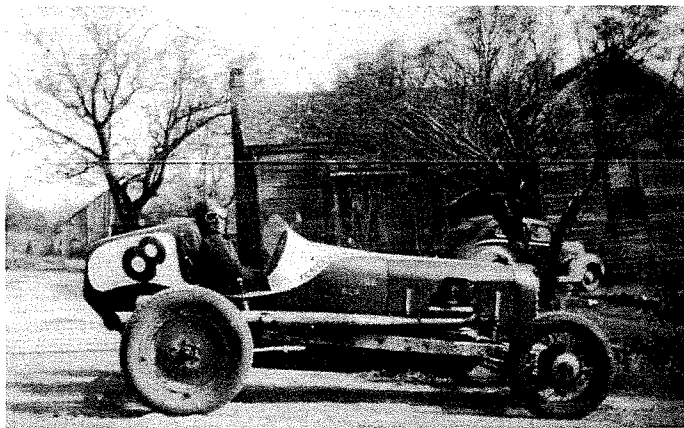
This photo was made on September 19, 1917 in front of the Talladega County Courthouse. The men are recruits for the United States Army headed for boot camp.

Red Cross During World War II

Red Cross volunteers in Talladega met every afternoon in the upstairs room of the Masonic Building on North Court to make surgical dressings for war use. The building is presently known as the Ritz Furniture Annex. Mrs. H. B. Harris, who was in charge of the Tuesday afternoon group, recalls that in winter it was often so cold that bare hands hurt. She made up the coal fire herself.

RACING

One of Talladega's First Race Cars



This race car was home-grown, being hand-built by Howard Lanier in the 1940's. Lanier was the builder and the mechanic who kept the car in the Winner's Circle in the 1940's. Shown seated in the car is Pete Harrison. In the background is the old Lanier home in the Laniers community. Lanier worked for Cheaha Motors which was owned by Jim Hicks.

Submitted by Leslie Cheatwood, Talladega, AL.

The International Motorsports Hall of Fame

The International Motorsports Hall of Fame & Museum was founded to preserve the history of world-wide motorsports. It is owned by the State of Alabama.

Hall of Fame founder Bill France, Sr. convinced Alabama Governor George Wallace to build it adjacent to Talladega Super-speedway in north Talladega County. France donated the land, Wallace had it built, and France called on his contacts around the world to help stock it.

The original three-building complex opened in 1982. Wallace appointed Representative Gerald Dial to head the Motorsports Hall of Fame Commission, along with 23 original board members. Don Naman, who was also the general manager of the speedway, served in a dual role as the museum's first director.

After brief stints by other directors, Naman returned in 1988 and guided the facility to a higher level. In 1990, the 15,000 square foot Unocal building was constructed to house the Hall of Fame inductees. The first class of 20 was chosen in 1990. In 1992, the McCaig-Wellborn Motorsports Research Library was opened with



International Motorsports Hall of Fame

Betty Carlan as the librarian. In 1993, a roof was built over the open courtyard, creating the Mark III Pavilion.

The newest addition to the Hall of Fame complex is a 37,000-square-foot exhibition and banquet hall known as the Speedvision Dome, which was completed in 1996. Since then, all induction ceremonies have been held here.

IMHOF houses more than 140 vehicles representing all forms of motorsports, as well as other memorabilia. The value of these exhibits approaches \$20 million.

Submitted by Betty Carlan.

Talladega-Texaco Walk of Fame

Dedicated during the summer of 1994, The Talladega-Texaco Walk of Fame is a beautifully landscaped park that covers two city blocks in downtown Talladega just off the historic courthouse square. The park's focal point is a memorial to the Alabama native Davey Allison. Also displayed are the plaques of park inductees selected annually by the NASCAR fans. These large bronze monuments honoring each driver's likeness and accomplishments are mounted on an ornamental wrought-iron fence, which circles the park's outer sidewalk, designed in the shape of Talladega Superspeedway.

The Talladega-Texaco Walk of Fame is dedicated to the "best" in NASCAR racing as determined by NASCAR fans each year. The annual balloting process takes place each year across the south-east, covering Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and portions of the Carolinas and the Florida panhandle.

Each fall, in conjunction with Winston 500 race weekend in

APPLICATION OF SOLDIER OR SAILOR, OVER 70 YEARS OF AGE, TO BE
ADVANCED FROM THE THIRD TO THE SECOND CLASS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Halladega COUNTY.

Before me, E. D. ACKER, a Notary Public Judge of Probate,
in and for the above State and County, personally appeared P. R. Tennant

who being by me first duly sworn deposes and says that he is now on the pension roll of
Halladega County, in the third class under No. 20671; that he hereby makes
application under Act approved Sept. 25, 1915, to be placed on the pension roll in the second class
on account of his age, he being at the time of making this application over the age of seventy years,
or has lost a leg, or foot, or arm, or hand, or the entire use thereof, and he further states that he
was born at Ashtville, Ala., that he depends solely upon his pension for
support and maintenance; that he is unable to procure any other positive proof as to his age, as
there is no one in this part of the country can testify as to his birth.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of January, 1918.
E. D. ACKER
Notary Public, Judge of Probate

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESS

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
Halladega COUNTY.

I, John E. ... do solemnly swear that I am acquaint-
ed with P. R. Tennant, whose name is signed to
the foregoing application, and that I have known him for 40 years; that, from personal
knowledge of him, and from his general appearance, I believe that he is over seventy years of age;
I further certify that he has lost a leg, or foot, or arm, or hand, or the entire use thereof as stated
in this application.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of January, 1918.
I hereby certify that affiant is known to me and he is a person of integrity and veracity.
E. D. ACKER
Notary Public, Judge of Probate

Note—If applicant has not lost a leg, or foot, or arm, or hand, or the entire use thereof, that
part of this application is to be stricken out.

Physicians' Certificate.

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TALLADEGA, ALA. June 26 1915

Name P. R. Crump

Age 68 ; Pulse 80 ; Temperature *low* ; Respiration 20

Physical Appearance too old for one of his age

Remarks: Applicant has a fatty tumor under right arm which hinders in his work, and is troubled with neuralgic pain in right eye

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of the physical condition of

P. R. Crump

E. B. Wynn M. D.



The last one—P. R. (Riggs) Crump, Alabama's only surviving Confederate veteran, leans on the barn gate at his home near Lincoln and looks back in memory through 103 years.

Rebel yell only a whisper—

The thin gray line
fading, fading away

Col. P. R. Crump,
of Lincoln, last
remaining veteran

"Old soldiers never die. They just fade away."

All have faded in Alabama except P. R. (Riggs) Crump. He is Alabama's sole surviving Confederate veteran.

He's tired now. After 103 years and four months, his eyes see things dimly. You have to shout to make him hear what you say. No longer can he read his Bible, even the one a preacher gave him which has large print.

HE SITS in a leather upholstered rocking chair with head erect, looking forward. Occasionally he fills one of several pipes and puffs smoke.

He sleeps well and eats well. His health is good for his age. A Spring cold struck him last week and the doctor visited him once.

He doesn't remember the reporter who visited him a year ago. He called the newsman by another name, the name of a man he knew well, but hadn't seen recently.

When told that his story was wanted for Confederate Memorial Day, he said, "I won't be here much longer. I may be gone before you get over that hill."

But he and 13 others who fought under Robert E. Lee were still living on the eve of Memorial Day.

THERE'S A LOT of life left in Riggs Crump yet, despite his long years. He helps his grandson Oliver Lee, in the garden. But Mr. Lee sends him away. He says his grandfather can't see too well and might step on the vegetables or dig up a choice plant.

Riggs Crump has never sought the limelight. He holds the rank of honorary colonel, but has never been addressed naturally by that title. His last comrade in arms in Alabama, Gen. James W. Moore, who became famous over the land, died in Selma last February 26.

BORN IN St. Clair County Dec. 23, 1847, Riggs Crump lived on a farm there until after his 18th birthday. He went into the Army during the latter part of the war and was standing in ranks on the other side of the road at Appo-

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April 26, 1950

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

They Simply Fade Away

Alabama Salutes Thinning Ranks Of Men In Gray

BY JOHN B. ATKINS
News Staff Writer

The Confederate flag waves over Alabama today. It flies from public buildings and from monuments in memory of those men in gray whose ranks have dwindled to a mere platoon.

On this Confederate Memorial Day there are only two left in Alabama to raise their hands in salute to the Stars and Bars. They met this week in a little farm house near Lincoln, Ala., and recalled events of nearly 90 years ago.

Gen. James W. Moore, resplendent in the uniform like that worn by Gen. Robert E. Lee, came up from Selma to call on Col. R. R. (Riggs) Crump at the Lincoln farm house.

Col. Crump sat on the porch of the home he built with his own hands 75 years ago. His yard was shaded by an oak tree he planted at the same time.

GEN. MOORE, who is commander in chief of the Veterans of the Confederacy, saluted snappily and bounded up the steps. He is 98½ years old and spry. Col. Crump removed his pipe from his mouth and arose slowly from his seat. He is 102 years and 4 months old.

The two old soldiers clasped hands and held their grip as they talked. Events of 85 and 90 years ago were as recent to them as if they had occurred yesterday. Both are hard of hearing, but they seemed to understand each other without difficulty.

COL. CRUMP recalled that he was standing just across the road from the McLean house when Lee surrendered to Grant. After that he came back to St. Clair County and then moved over to Lincoln in Talladega County.

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'That Thy Days May Be Long'— He's 101 Today

BY R. E. "BUSTER" HOGAN
News Special Correspondent

TALLADEGA, Ala., Dec. 23—P. R. Crump celebrated his 101st birthday at his farm home three miles from here today in the same manner he has been celebrating his birthday for 75 years. He talked with the Lord.

"People who pass the house see me sitting on the porch and think I'm asleep," he said. "But I'm not. I'm just talking with the Lord."

Today was just another day to the man who was with Lee's Army when it surrendered at Appomattix Courthouse April 9, 1865.

He read his Bible, as he has been doing for more than 75 years. He read in particular his favorite chapter, John 14. He knows it by heart and recites with enthusiasm.



HE'S 101 TODAY—P. R. Crump, Confederate Veteran, of Lincoln, playing with his dog, Spark.

"In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

DURING HIS LIFETIME he has read the Bible through seven times and he has lived up to its teaching. He is still active as a deacon in the Refuge Baptist Church, a position he has held for 71 years.

"I have seen whole generations live and die in this community," he said. Yet he continues to live on in good health.

When members of his family see Mr. Crump's chair empty and start looking for him, they may find him at the barn shucking corn or in the pasture with the cattle. At his side always is his little dog, Spark.

Mr. Crump is one of the two remaining Confederate Veterans in Alabama. The other is Gen. James W. Moore, of Selma. He is 98.

WHEN ASKED TO WHAT he attributes his long life, Mr. Crump quotes the Bible: "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

He said he is just waiting for the Lord to come and take him. "The main trouble with people today," he said, "is that they don't seek first the Kingdom of God."

EVERY DISCUSSION in which he enters brings from him quotations from the Bible. He said the atomic bomb is nothing more than a fulfillment of the Scriptures. He attributed the warm weather in December to fulfillment of the Bible.

Mr. Crump joined the Confederate Army about a year before the war ended. After the surrender, he came back to St. Clair County, where he had been born 18 years before. He lived in that county near Ashville, until 71 years ago, when he moved to Lincoln.

Lincoln was a wilderness then, he said. He hewed the rafters, sawed the lumber and built the house in which he lives today.

In the yard he planted an oak tree which is now a huge tree 71 years old and offers him shade in the Summer.

MR. CRUMP'S FIRST WIFE died after they had been married 30 years. His second wife lived 36 years. "They were the best women who ever lived," he said. "But I wouldn't have another one if she were pure gold."

He Saw Lee At Appomattox—

P. R. (Riggs) Crump Smokes His Pipe, Reads Bible On His 102nd Birthday

BY R. E. BUSTER HOGAN
News Staff Writer

TALLADega, Ala., Jan. 21. — P. R. (Riggs) Crump saw the smoke in Appomattox, Va., 70 years ago. He was standing there, across the road from the house where Lee surrendered to Grant.

Lee died two days later of what may have been self-inflicted wounds. But Riggs Crump is still here, the only one of the 1000000 who lived.

The day passed quietly for him as he ate, bathed, and smoked his pipe. He smoked his pipe as he always does, in a chair at the end of the bed.

He also read the Bible. He has been doing for more than 70 years. He said the Bible is a "strong green tree" which he "reached back" to in infancy. He said he never forgets to have placed his life in the hands of the Lord.

HE MAKES NO DISTINCTIONS as to who he may love. For that he has a wife, four sons, and more than 100 grandchildren. He has a farm near Talladega, Ala. A big oak tree stands in his yard. He cut it out.

Riggs Crump does some chores around the farm, such as bringing in water, mowing water, and feeding the stock. He likes to go to the rock crib and shuck corn.

But for the most part he takes it easy. When it's warm he likes to sit on the porch and watch the people go by, especially the children. They all love to him.

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By R. E. (Buster) Hogan

News Staff Writer

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The day passed quietly for him as have birthdays for many years back. He smoked his pipe as he is wont to do , sat in a rocking chair and “talked with the Lord”.

He also read the Bible as he has been doing for more than 70 years. He has read the Bible through seven times. When he reached his 100th birthday two years ago he declared “I have placed my life in the hands of the Lord.”

He makes no predictions on how long he may live. Nor does he have any recipe for living to be more than 100. He has lived a normal life on a farm near Lincoln for 70 years. A big oak tree stands in his yard. He set it out.

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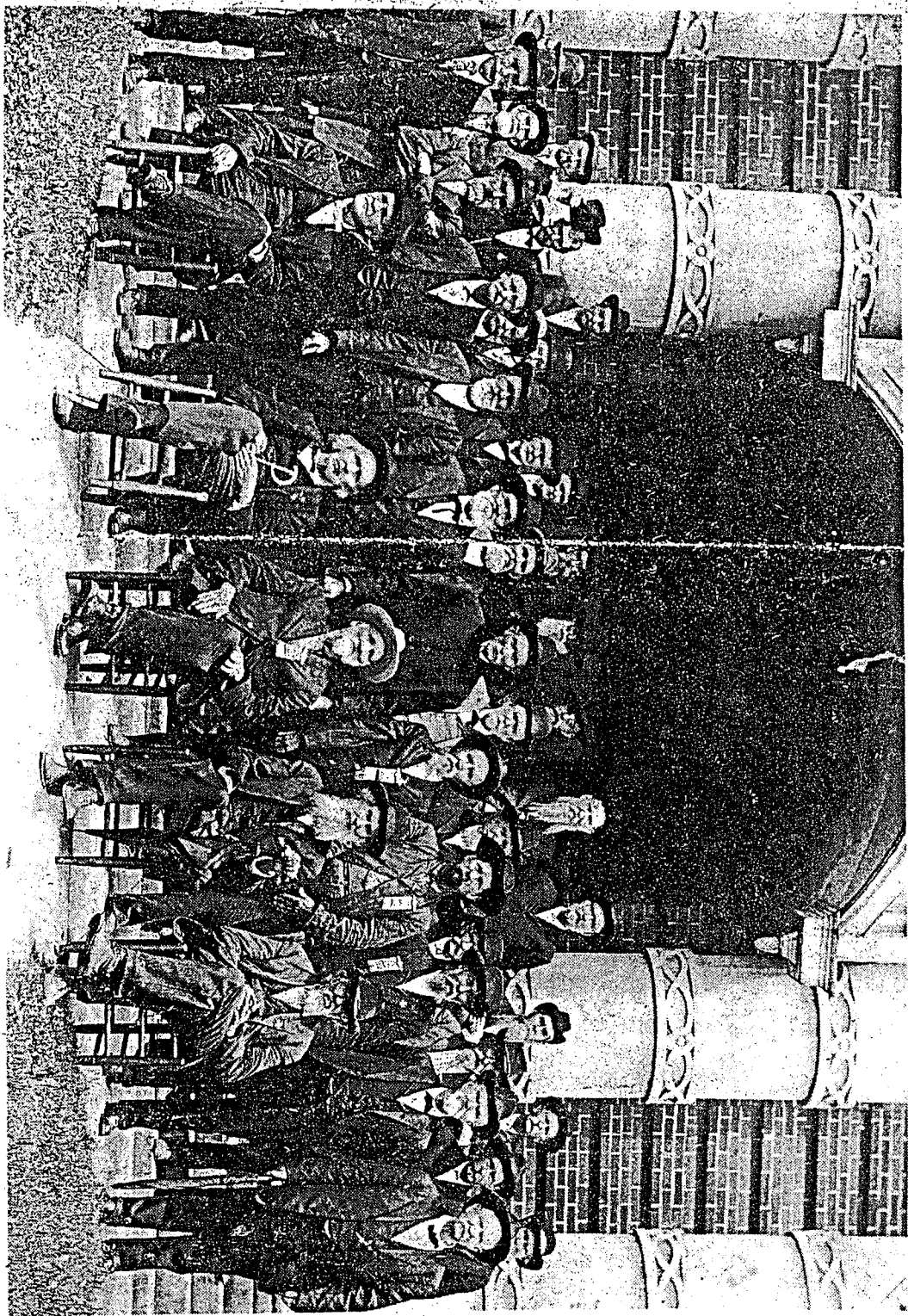
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Last Confederate
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THERE IS ALSO AN R.D. CRUMP
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ARE THEY RELATED.



Civil War Veterans

Civil War veterans from Talladega County assembled for this photograph in front of the courthouse in 1909 or 1910. The man tipping his hat second from the left in the back row is Isaac Knox Albright. A number of people in the county

may be able to identify their grandfathers in this clear and historically significant photograph. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. A.L. Albright.)

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