

EYES AND EARS



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July Meeting	July 31st
August Meeting	August 28
Wilson Co. Fair	August 15 - 23

Special Observance Days:

- July 1-3, 1863 Gettysburg
- July 1, 1898 Battle of San Juan Hill, Cuba. Commanding General was Fightin' Joe Wheeler, former Maj. General, CSA.
- July 13, 1821 Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest born, Bedford Co., Tennessee.
- July 13, Nathan Bedford Forrest Day in Tennessee T.C.A. 15-2-101
- July 13, 1862 Forrest's raid on Murfreesboro [1st Battle of Murfreesboro]

**Join us for
the June
Meeting on
Thursday,
June 26, 7:00pm**

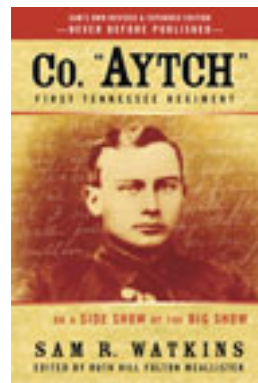
CO. "AYTCH" COMES TO LEBANON

The Camp is pleased to announce this month's speaker is **Ruth Hill Fulton McAllister, the Great Grand-daughter of Sam Watkins**. As you are probably familiar with, at the end of the American Civil War, Sam Watkins was one of only seven survivors of the original 120 men who had enlisted in Company H of the First Tennessee Infantry when the war began. At his family's urging, he committed to paper his memories of that experience. The accounts first saw publication as a series of newspaper articles, and in 1882, those articles were collected and published under the title *Co. Aytch*.

Among the multitude of books written about the war, *Co. Aytch* stood out



**Sam R. Watkins
1st Tenn. Inf., CSA**



New Edition

because of the "soldier's-eye-view" it provided of this pivotal time in

American history. Watkins' engaging style and clear-eyed understanding of the political dynamics of the Confederacy quickly elevated the original *Co. Aytch* to the status of a classic.

After the book was first published, Sam Watkins began editing and revising the text in anticipation of a second edition, and the passage of time provided him with a new

perspective on the events he wrote about. He died in 1901 before publishing the new version.

Now, over one hundred years after Sam Watkins died, his great-granddaughter, Ruth Hill Fulton McAllister,...

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Commander's Corner..

A group from our Camp had the privilege of attending the 200th anniversary of Jefferson Davis birth at Fairview, KY on June 7th. We were able to socialize with many of our fellow SCV members from across the Southeast. Members of the General Staff for our organization were in attendance. It also

provided a great opportunity to get to know each other on a more personal basis.

There were many excellent presentations about Jefferson Davis and his wife's life and service to the Confederacy, and other heroes and heroines of the War of Northern Aggression. We had the opportunity to meet and talk with several authors including the well known William C. Davis who has written a biography of Jefferson Davis life.

There were many other activities throughout the day. All in all it was a fun and rewarding trip. I know several of you wanted to attend but were unable for a variety of reasons.

Remember, the Wilson County Fair is quickly approaching as it begins on August 15 and will run through the 23rd of August. Your Camp will once again be setting up an SCV information booth as well as selling our

...Commander's Corner continued

famous Caramel Corn at the same time. We will need two people per shift during the fair hours to man the booths. This is our only fundraiser during the year, and these dollars are very important to allow us to perform our projects to enhance our heritage around the area.

We will begin passing around a work sign up sheet for you to pick the shifts you can help in this effort. As in the past each shift will be 2 hours as we try to make it as convenient and unobtrusive to your personal schedule as possible. Your participation in this effort is vital to our success in contacting people about the SCV and raising funds for our Camp at the same time. Many great contacts have been made over the years at the fair, and several of our Camp members are a result of that effort.

Our Camp continues to grow, not only in numbers, but also in members enthusiasm and excitement about our camp accomplishments and activities but even more importantly in keeping alive our Great Southern Heritage. It's up to all of us if we are to succeed.

I look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting.

Confederately,

Tom Wood, Commander



Co. "Aytch" comes to Lebanon... Continued



is completing his dream, with the publication of a new edition of *Co. Aytch*, the very first one incorporating the changes Watkins himself made, and adding new material from his own hand. Using his yellowed, aged, and pencil-marked copy handed down through different family members, Ruth Hill has crafted a masterpiece that combines the ageless text with Sam Watkins's intended revisions.

This new edition incorporates actual images of Watkins's handwritten additions, all his desired editorial changes, and more than fifty images, some never before published. True to both her ancestor's wishes and the classic status of the original work, Ruth Hill

skillfully includes Watkins's additions and carefully indicates what he would have omitted, leaving the original text intact. The result is a rich, expanded "director's cut"

version of *Co. Aytch*, sure to fascinate historians, Civil War enthusiasts, and new readers alike.

Ruth Hill Fulton McAllister

is Sam Watkins's great-granddaughter. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Vanderbilt University. After earning her degree, Ruth taught high school history and government in LaFayette, Georgia, then served as a staff member for Campus Crusade for Christ. She is currently assistant producer of the syndicated call-in radio show "Dawson McAllister Live." Ruth Hill and her husband, Dawson, live in Columbia, Tennessee, and have two sons. Ruth Hill's grandmother was Louisa Watkins Fulton, Sam's daughter. It is her great pleasure to make her greatgrandfather's dream come true.

"The only thing better than Sam Watkins is more Sam Watkins. This is a marvelous expansion of the best memoir of a fighting soldier south of the Mason-Dixon Line we have."

**Ken Burns,
Filmmaker**



A Confederate Veteran Said It



"I've got no respect for any young man who won't join the Colors."

Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest



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