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The Charge

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Given at New Orleans, LA in a speech on April 25, 1906 to the SCV National Convention by Lt. Gen. Stephen D Lee.

From the Commander's Desk

By: Camp Commander Don Green
Greetings Compatriots,

I hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy though this madness known as the Corona Virus. It appears things are slowly opening backup, with "social distancing" still being heavily encouraged. With Memorial Day past us, we can officially look towards the summer and the warm coastal heat that accompanies it. If you are looking for an event to attend, we have two coming up at very historic venues. The first will be this coming weekend with reenactors from all over the South coming to render honors to Gen. Forrest where he and his men were paroled in Gainesville, AL. This will be many of their first reenactments they have been able to attend; so the excitement has been building for several weeks with the announcement to move forward with it. Also, the weekend of June 6-7, Beauvoir will be hosting a living history along with Pres. Davis's Birthday Celebration that Saturday. We will post more on the reopening of Beauvoir set for June 1 later in this newsletter. With that said, The Division Reunion has been moved to August 21-23, 2020 still set to take place in Vicksburg. The host Camp is asking to go ahead and pre-register now in order to secure a Convention medal. Keep in mind, if you are staying overnight, you will want to secure a hotel near the Convention Center downtown. In addition, the CSS Arkansas Memorial at Soldier's Rest in Vicksburg has been moved to that Sunday August 23rd to coincide with the Division Reunion. There are a number of fine bed and breakfasts as well. We hope to meet next month, June 30th pending the status of the Legion.

Col. John B. Deason Award Presented



The Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 provided its own award to a very deserving Air Force JROTC at Bay High in Bay St.Louis, MS. This award was given in lieu of the now defunct H.L. Hunley Award given by the SCV National organization that is no longer offered to these students. This year's recipient showed true honor, courage and commitment in her program, school and community. Her name was Emily Signorelli who also received a \$100 scholarship from our Camp to boot. We would like to wish Emily good luck in her future endeavors. We also hope to continue presenting this award in the future to a deserving AFJROTC student and possibly to other JROTC students as well. Special thanks goes to Camp Adjutant Michael Redmond for spearheading this program for the second year in a row. Mike was instrumental in the design for the new award, the idea of the additional scholarship offer and the delivery to the school for presentation.

Beauvoir Reopening and Events



Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library

May 15 at 8:40 AM ·

Breaking News!! Beauvoir will be welcoming visitors beginning June 1st. President Davis's Birthday Celebration will be Saturday June 6th with Reenactors and Living Historians on site all weekend.



Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library

History Museum

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MEET THE SPIRITS 2020



> PLEASE VISIT : www.sparsparanormal.com to purchase tickets

> Registration will begin promptly at 6 PM in the library building auditorium. All ticket holders must go through registration. Please be on time.

> Once registration and orientation are complete, the paranormal investigation will begin. Some locations are outdoors, please dress appropriately.

> Refreshments will be available for a small cost

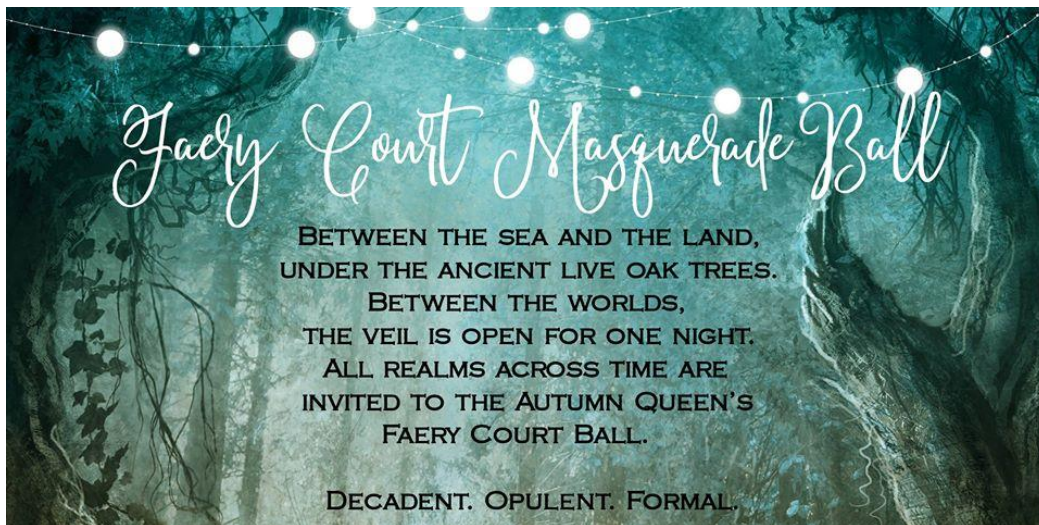
Hope to see you there !



SPARS will be back at Beauvoir June 13th. Get your tickets.



Coastfest Car Show at Beauvoir is back after a very succesful 2019 Event.



1st Annual Masquerade Ball September 12, 2020.

2020 Division Reunion



*Lt. General John C. Pemberton - Sons of Confederate Veterans - Camp 1354
April 14 at 2:44 PM ·*

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MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION RESCHEDULED

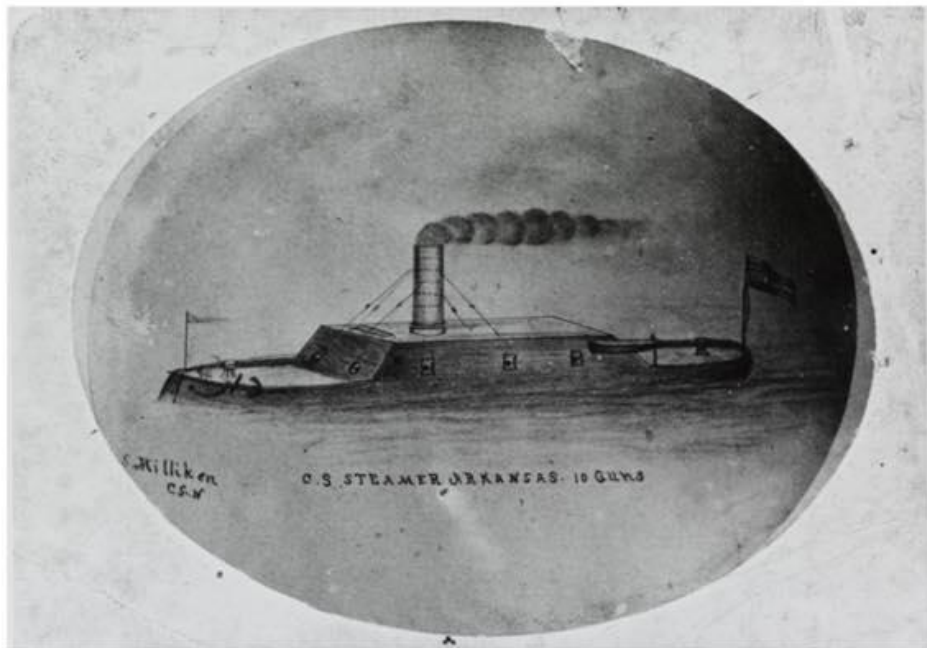
The Mississippi Division Executive Committee has decided to reschedule the Mississippi Division Reunion to the weekend of August 21-23. If you haven't pre-registered please go ahead and do so as soon as you can. The agenda for the Reunion will remain the same and it will still be held at the Vicksburg Convention Center. The only change is in the Memorial Service to be held on Sunday morning, August 23. This will be the memorial service for the dedication of the Arkansas markers (formerly scheduled for May 3rd), remembering the servicemen who died while on the CSS Arkansas.

If you have already made a hotel reservation, the only thing that you need to do is have your reservation moved from the weekend of June 5-7 to August 21-23. The hotels have extended their group rates to July 15 for those who have not yet made reservations. Please go to our Camp website for updated Registration forms (<http://scv-camp-1354.com>). We are encouraging pre-registration and Ancestor Memorials. Every SCV member has at least one Ancestor through whom they are in the organization. What better way to honor your Ancestor than to put a Memorial to him in the Program.

Hope to see you all in August.

CSS ARKANSAS MEMORIAL

C.S.S. Arkansas
Crew Memorial Dedication



*Aug. 23, 2020 9A.M. at Soldiers Rest
Cedar Hill Cemetery Vicksburg, MS*

Sponsored by the Mississippi Divisions:

*Sons of Confederate Veterans
United Daughters of the Confederacy
Order of Confederate Rose*

Hosted by:

Lt. Gen. J.C. Pemberton Camp 1354

Media Pages Update

We are looking at creating a new website for a minimum fee, possibly free, for the Camp. Our original website was a bit costly and has not been renewed as of yet. Camp Members are looking at this for us and will report to us in the very near future with possible options .

Camp Website: In Progress

Brigade Website: www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv

Division Website: www.mississippiscv.org

Beauvoir Website: www.visitbeauvoir.org

National Website: www.scv.org

Upcoming Speakers List

**All Subject to change.*

Tuesday February 18, 2020 – Jay Ginn – John Ford Home Renovations

Tuesday March 31, 2020 – John Weaver – 3rd System Forts of the Gulf Coast

Tuesday April 28, 2020 - Tristan Dunn – Period Music

Tuesday May 26, 2020 – Jay Peterson – Collections of Beauvoir Part 2

Tuesday June 30, 2020 – Bobby Sue Koch – Beauvoir’s Confederate Veterans

Tuesday July 30, 2020 – Larry McCluney – “On to Vicksburg: The Mississippi Central Railroad Campaign”

Tuesday August 27, 2020 – TBA

Tuesday September 25, 2020 – Ronald Kennedy – Make Dixie Great Again

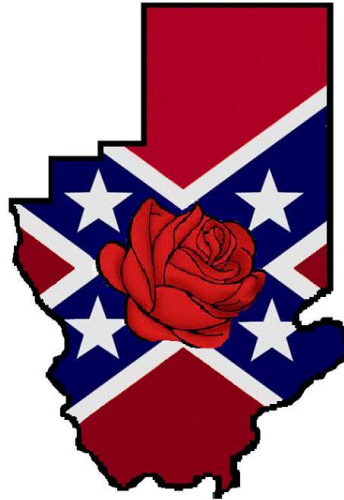
Tuesday October 30, 2020 – TBA

Tuesday November 19, 2020 – Conor Bond - Miss Division Commander

Tuesday December 17, 2020 – TBA

Order of the Confederate Rose

ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE



HANCOCK COUNTY CHAPTER HANCOCK COUNTY, MS

The Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose has been Chartered as of January 18, 2020. We are very proud to have Chartered our Chapter and look forward to supporting our host Camp. Some activities we hope to accomplish in the coming year include cleaning historical cemeteries, raising funds and awareness for the Cause, promoting the OCR in the local community and more.

Our Chapter currently boasts a membership of eight ladies with our President being Callie Bunter and our Historian/Secretary being Bobby Sue Koch.

We are hoping to expand our membership. Membership criteria for the OCR is as follows:

“The Order of the Confederate Rose is open to all ladies, twelve years of age or older, regardless of ancestry. It is non-racial, non-political and non-sectarian. The Order of the Confederate Rose will not compete with the United Daughters of the Confederacy or with any other genealogical organization. We invite other members from other genealogical organizations to join with us.”

If you have a female family members who would like to join the Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose, please email the Chapter at pearlriverocr30@gmail.com – membership fees are minimal and we are looking to start some great benevolent work in the coming months.

Yours,

***Callie Bunter
President
Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose***

3rd Mississippi Infantry Update

3rd Miss Infantry Regiment **2020 - Spring Campaign Reenactment Schedule**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/27084956691036/>

Max Effort, Best Effort, Scouting event, and other event:

1. January 24-26, 2020 – **Raid on Euchee Anna Reenactment**; Lake Defuniak; Defuniak Springs, FL. (Scouting Event)
2. February 21-23, 2020 – **Battles for the Texas Hospital Reenactment**; Archusa Creek Park; Quitman, MS. (MAX EFFORT)
3. March 13-15, 2020 – **Fort Randolph Reenactment**; Forts Randolph & Buhlow Park; Pineville, LA. (Best Effort)
4. March 27-29, 2020 – **"Siege of Port Hudson" Reenactment**; Port Hudson State Historic Site - Jackson, Louisiana (Best Effort/Scouting event)
5. April 3-5, 2020 – **Pleasant Hill Reenactment**; Pleasant Hill, LA. (MAX EFFORT)
6. April 11, 2020 – **Live Oak Rifles Memorial**; Gautier Cemetery; Gautier, MS. (Best Effort)
7. April 17-19, 2020 – **Battle for Cuba Station** (30th Anniversary); Gainesville, AL. (MAX EFFORT)
8. April 25, 2020 – **Gulfport Statue Memorial**; Gulfport, MS. 9am (Best Effort)
9. April 25, 2020 – **Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir**; Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 10am-3pm (MAX EFFORT)
10. April 26, 2020 – **Thunder on the Bay; Fort Gaines**; Dauphin Island, AL. (MAX EFFORT) (Sunday Only)
11. May 1-2, 2020 – **Surrender Oak Festival**; Camp Pushmataha; Citronelle, AL. (MAX EFFORT) (GCB Event)
12. May 16-18, 2020 – **Trail of Honor**; Harley-Davidson Shop; Jackson, MS. (MAX EFFORT) (Company Meeting)
13. June 6, 2020 – **Miss Div SCV Conv.**; Vicksburg, MS. (Color Guard Duty)

Capt. Don P. Green, Jr.
3rd Miss Inf. Co. F

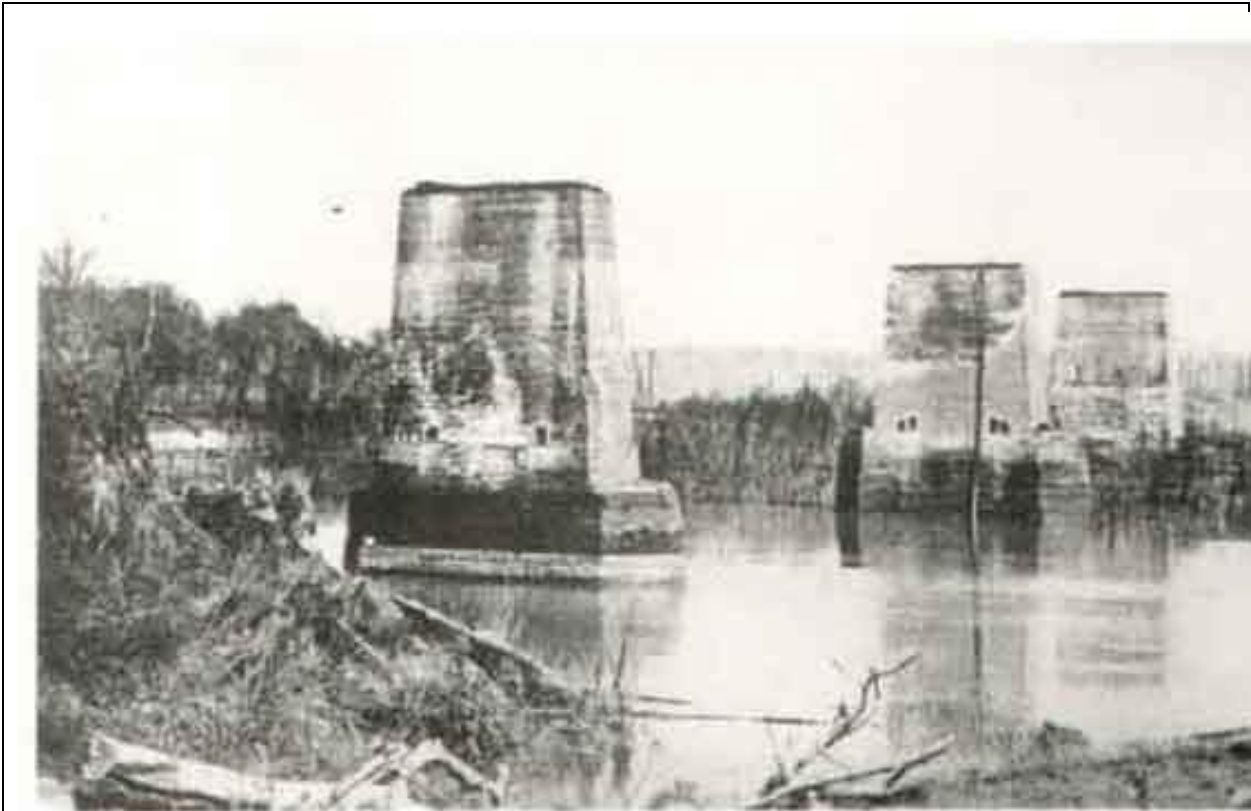
Battle of Big Black River Bridge May 17, 1863

By Rebecca Blackwell Drake

Reeling from their defeat at Champion Hill on Saturday, May 16, 1863, the Confederates quickly retreated westward and reached the Big Black River Bridge that night. General Pemberton ordered General Bowen and his three brigades to prepare fortifications on the east side of the river in an attempt to halt the Union pursuit.

Prior to the Battle of Champion Hill, Major Samuel Lockett, Confederate engineer, had already prepared make-shift bridges over the Big Black should there be a need for an escape route. *"In addition to the railroad bridge, which I had caused to be floored for the passage, even of artillery and wagons, the steamer **Dot**, from which the machinery had been taken, was converted into a bridge, by place her fore and aft across the river."* Three Confederate steamers, **Dot**, **Charm** and **Paul Jones**, were located at the boat bridge, approximately 800 feet south of the railroad bridge.

The Union advance got an early start on Sunday, May 17 as they began their march from Edwards Station to the Big Black. Grant wrote of the pursuit in his Personal Memoirs: *"The advance division, Carr's (McClelland's corps), resumed the pursuit at half-past three a.m. on the 17th, followed closely by Osterhaus, McPherson bringing up the rear with his corps. As I expected, the enemy was found in position on the Big Black."*



Ruins of the railroad bridge over the Big Black River near Bovina. The railroad bridge, as well as the boat bridge, was burned by the Confederates on May 17, 1863, to cover their retreat during the Battle of the Big Black.

Expecting the Yankees to follow closely on their heels, the Rebels quickly constructed a line of defense along the banks of a bayou in front of the Big Black. Grant described the Big Black battlefield and the Union deployment: *"The bayou was grown up with timber, which the enemy had felled into the ditch. At this time there was a foot or two of water in it. The rebels had constructed a parapet along the inner bank of this bayou by using cotton bales from the plantation close by and throwing dirt over them. The whole was thoroughly commanded from the height west of the river. At the upper end of the bayou there was a strip of uncleared land which afforded a cover for a portion of our men. Carr's division was deployed on our right. Lawler's brigade forming his extreme right and reaching through these woods to the river above. Osterhaus' division was deployed to the left of Carr and covered the enemy's entire front. McPherson was in column on the road, the head close by, ready to come in wherever he could be of assistance."*

Early Sunday morning, the Union made their advance toward the Confederates' line that formed an arc with its left flank resting on the Big Black River and the right flank on Gin Lake. A bayou of waist-deep water fronted a portion of the line and eighteen cannons were placed to sweep the flat open ground to the east. When the firing began the Confederates were overwhelmed. They threw down their rifle-muskets and fled toward the bridge. Grant recalled the moment of victory: *"I heard great cheering to the right of our line and, looking in that direction, saw Lawler in his shirt sleeves leading a charge upon the enemy. I immediately mounted my horse and rode in the direction of the charge."* The Rebels, already torn and tattered from their loss at Champion Hill, fled their cover and either retreated or surrendered.

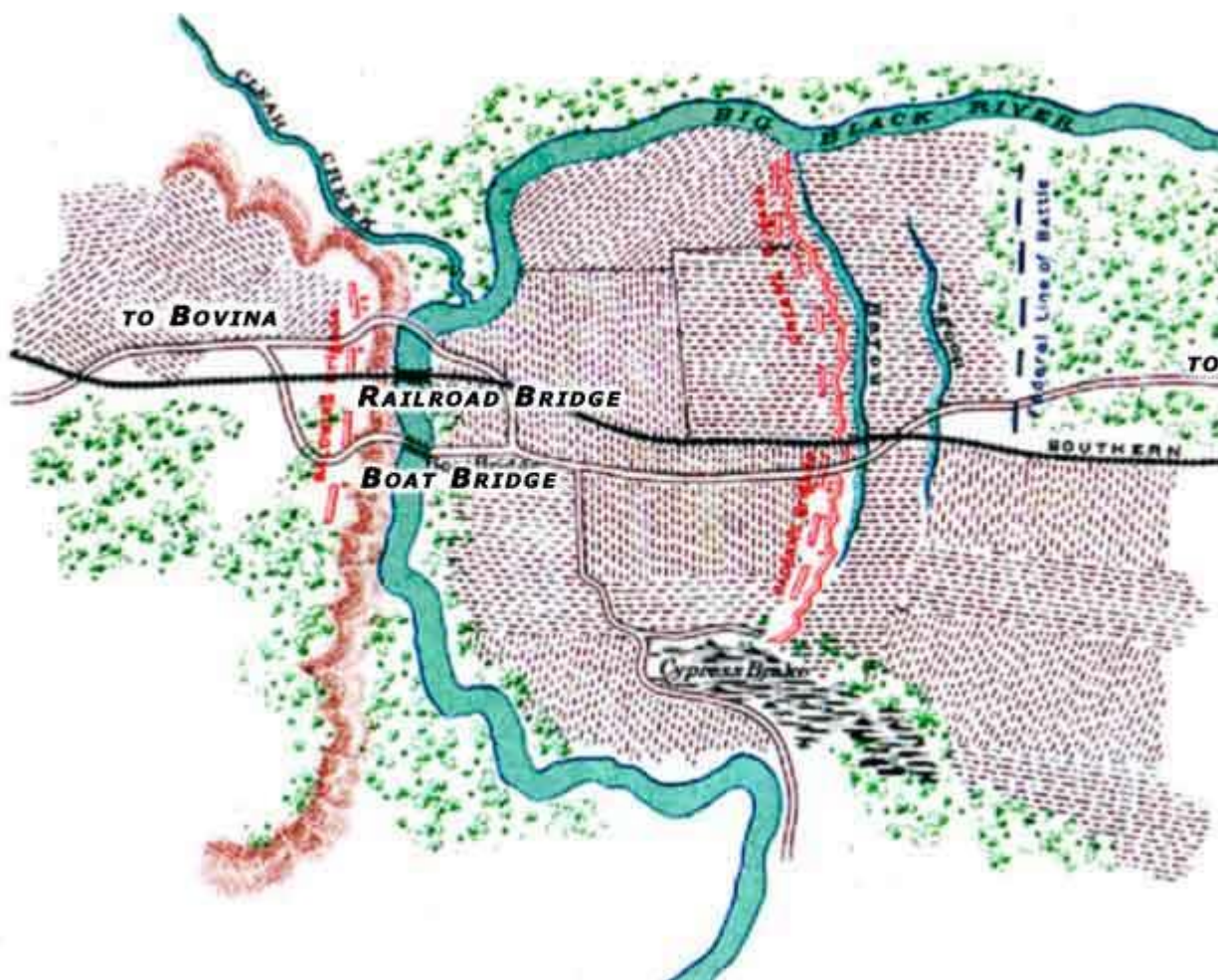
From a hill on the west bank of the river Lockett observed the chaos on the battlefield and decided the time had come for him to order the railroad and boat bridge torched to slow down the pursuing Yankees. A large number of the Confederates made it safely across but others were not so lucky. Approximately 1700 were stranded on the east bank and taken prisoner while others drowned as they attempted to swim the rain-swollen river. Lockett later wrote of the burning of the bridges: *"I made preparations for firing the railroad bridge by piling rails and loose cotton at intervals, and had a barrel of turpentine prepared on the boat bridge. At about 9 a.m. our troops on the left were stampeded, and, leaving the trenches, came pell-mell toward the river. I stationed an officer at each bridge, and after seeing that all our men were across, I gave a signal to apply the torch. In a few moments both bridges were in flames, and were quickly and thoroughly burned."* By mid-morning, the **Dot**, **Charm**, and **Paul Jones** had been burned and sunk.

[Col. W. H. Raynor, 56th Ohio Infantry](#), mentioned the battle in his diary: *"The main body of our army at daylight this morning, pressed forward, fought at Big Black Bridge where the enemy offered but feeble resistance. Thousands of them were captured with several pieces of artillery. The Rail Road Bridge was burned by the enemy, together with 3 or 4 steamboats.....the **Paul Jones**, **Dot**, and **Charm**, the remains of which lay below us. These boats were run up from Grand Gulf and fearing they might be made useful to us, the enemy Confederates burned them."*

General Grant hailed the success of the battle at the Big Black: *"The assault was successful. But little resistance was made. The enemy fled from the west bank of the river, burning the bridge behind him and leaving the men and guns on the east side to fall into our hands. Many tried to escape by swimming the river. Some succeeded and some were drowned in the attempt."*

As a result of the Confederate loss at Champion Hill and the Big Black Bridge, Pemberton felt the ultimate weight of defeat. While traveling back to Vicksburg, he admitted his humiliation to Lockett: *"Just thirty years ago I began my military career by receiving my appointment to a cadetship at the U. S. Military Academy, and today- the same date – that career is ended in disaster and disgrace."*

Ultimately, the battles of the Champion Hill and Big Black River changed the course of the war. Grant was handed his victory in Vicksburg.



Map of Tete-De-Pont and Battle of Big Black Bridge, May 17, 1863, Major Samuel Lockett, Chief Engineer

Courtesy of: <http://battleofchampionhill.org/history/big-black.htm>

*****Editor's Note: The 3rd Mississippi Infantry were in retreat with the Confederate Army from Champion Hill and were in the area of the Big Black River Bridge. Many of the 3rd Soldiers helped build, support and re-support the bridges over the Big Black River.