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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.*

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## From the Commander's Desk

**By: Camp Commander Don Green**

*Greetings Compatriots,*

*I am writing this as I watch Anarchists and Hate Groups try to take over our beloved country. Our monuments and statues are falling at a record rate due to the actions of these heavily funded, misguided rabid mobs. Worse than that is the government entities are allowing this anarchy and most are from the leftist side of the issues with full support for this destruction. Not to mention, they are going after the low-hanging fruit....US! Yes, it's a tough pill to swallow when not only the Hate Groups are after our Heritage, but many of our own politicians we support are bowing down to the pressures of RACISM- or what they determine that as. That's the key word used against us in everything we do, stand for and honor. This has spilled down to our legislators giving in to try to change the Mississippi State Flag in back room deals. And even more concerning is the all out effort to shame, harm and defund our law officers. These are the people who go to work every day to protect us. Our country is in trouble and we are caught in the middle of the madness. So, with that said, we are going to forgo meeting at the American Legion this month, but we will meet at Adjutant Mike Redmond's House at his invitation next Tuesday June 30, 2020 at 6:30pm. Feel free to bring a food item or dish and come join us. Bobbie Sue Sargent is set to come talk to us about the Beauvoir Veterans and Mike is offering to let those who want to fire the cannon he owns. He would need \$5 to pull the lanyard as powder is hard to get right now. His address is 22467 Freddie Frank Rd., Long Beach, MS. He would also like for everyone to bring your flags to fly in his yard. We must also point out that DUES are DUE at the end of August. If you have not received your dues statement, you may need to validate your address through the Division Adjutant. The statements are wrong yet again as our dues are \$50 annually which breaks down to \$35 National, \$10 Division and \$5 Camp. If you have mailed \$45, we understand if you cannot send the other \$5; we will cover that amount. We hope to see you Tuesday.*

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***Gainesville, AL Reenactment***



***The Shieldsboro Rifles took a photo at Gainesville, AL in front of a historic church.***



***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. marches off to the Memorial at the Gen. Forrest Parole Site.***



***The Shieldsboro Rifles are formed up for battle at the Cuba Station Event.***



***The officers all took a photo at the historic Aduston Hall in Gainesville, AL.***



***The world-class meal provided to reenactors Saturday lived up to its promise.***



***The reenactors are located around the Forrest Monument Saturday Morning.***

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***Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration***



***Camp members, associate members and 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Members pose for a photo at Beauvoir.***



***The Living Historians all formed up to render honors to President Davis June 6, 2020.***



***All participants posed for a photo around the President Davis Statue.***

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***3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History***



***7 Stars Artillery and Living Historians pose for a photo at 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History.***



***Camp Member Beau Ladner explains period weapons to the visitors.***



***7 Stars Artillery pose for a photo with their cannon on June 20, 2020 at Beauvoir.***

## MEET THE SPIRITS 2020



> PLEASE VISIT : [www.sparsparanormal.com](http://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

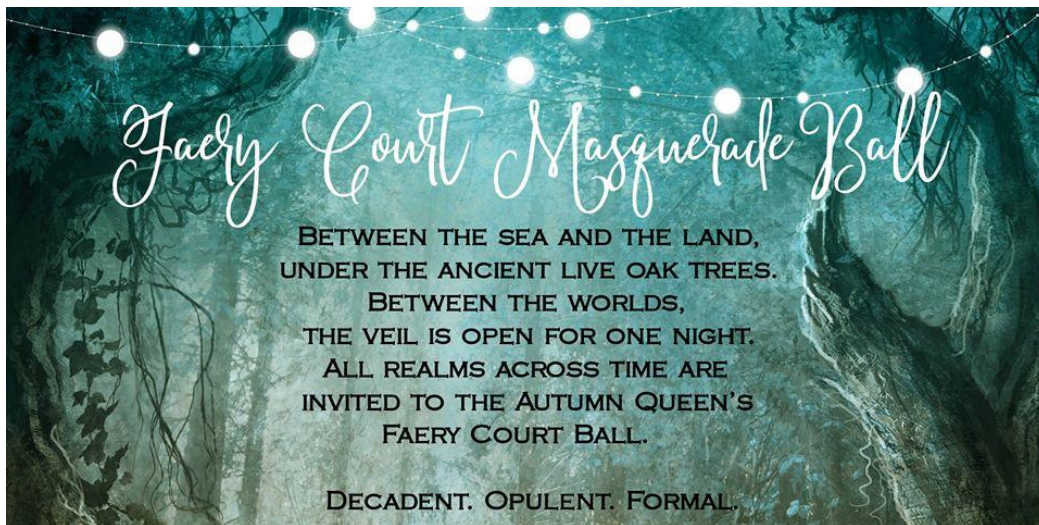
**Hope to see you there !**



***SPARS will be back at Beauvoir July 18<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets.***



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



***1<sup>st</sup> Annual Masquerade Ball September 12, 2020.***

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## 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.*

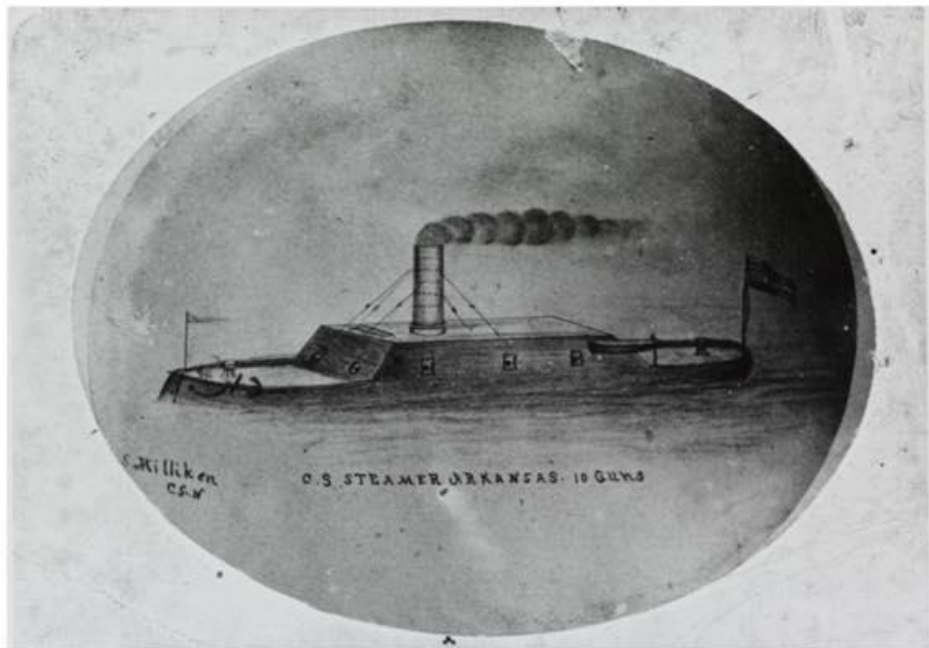
*Hope to see you all in August.*



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*CSS ARKANSAS MEMORIAL*

*C.S.S. Arkansas*  
*Crew Memorial Dedication*



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

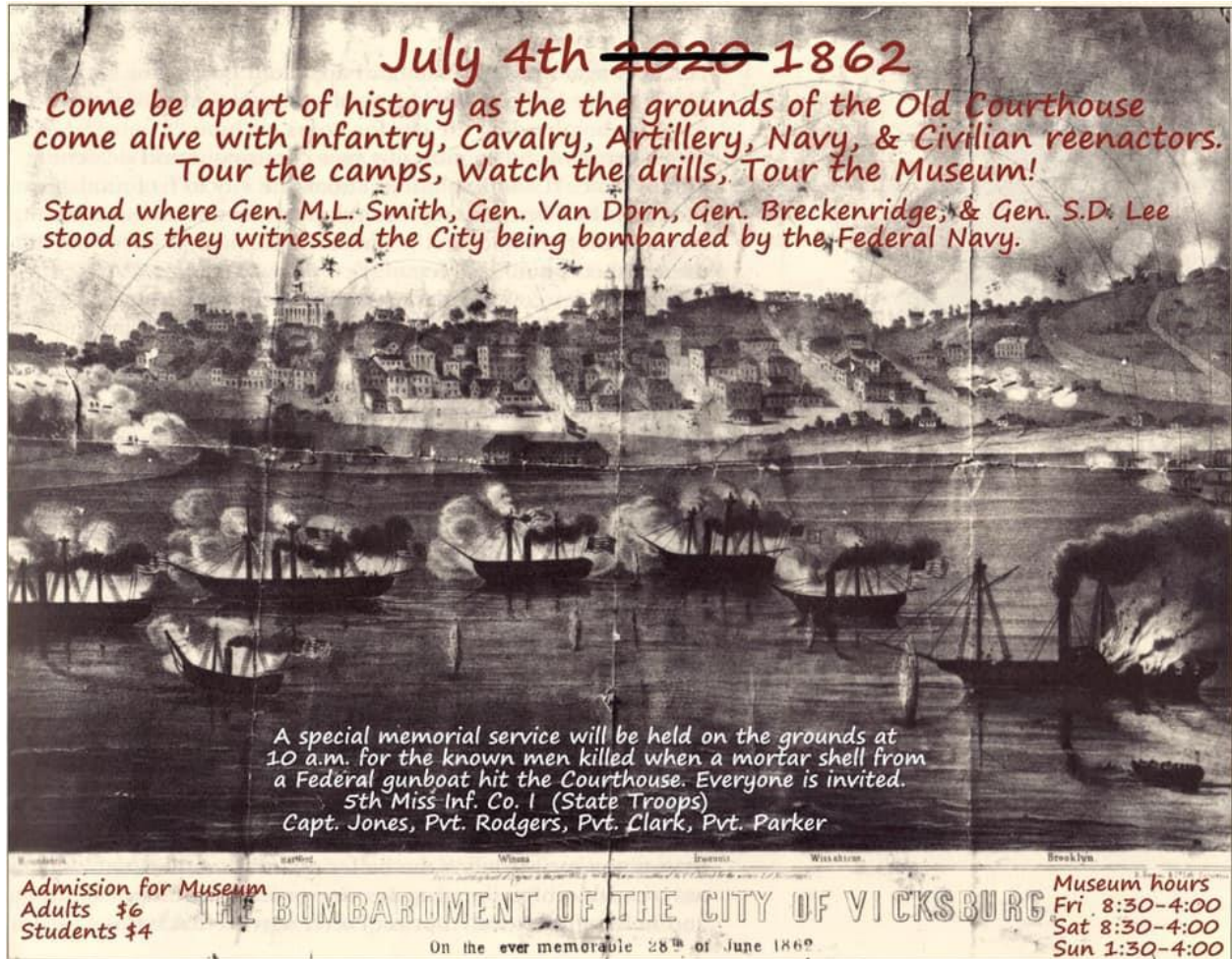
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*Sons of Confederate Veterans  
United Daughters of the Confederacy  
Order of Confederate Rose*

*Hosted by:*

*Lt. Gen. J.C. Pemberton Camp 1354*

## Vicksburg Living History



**July 4th ~~2020~~ 1862**

Come be apart of history as the the grounds of the Old Courthouse come alive with Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Navy, & Civilian reenactors. Tour the camps, Watch the drills, Tour the Museum!

Stand where Gen. M.L. Smith, Gen. Van Dorn, Gen. Breckenridge, & Gen. S.D. Lee stood as they witnessed the City being bombarded by the Federal Navy.

A special memorial service will be held on the grounds at 10 a.m. for the known men killed when a mortar shell from a Federal gunboat hit the Courthouse. Everyone is invited.  
5th Miss Inf. Co. 1 (State Troops)  
Capt. Jones, Pvt. Rodgers, Pvt. Clark, Pvt. Parker

Admission for Museum  
Adults \$6  
Students \$4

**THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG**  
On the ever memorable 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1862

Museum hours  
Fri 8:30-4:00  
Sat 8:30-4:00  
Sun 1:30-4:00

*Okay all, here's an update from the coordinator Brian for the Living History at the Old Courthouse in Vicksburg on the 4th of July. Keep in mind, these events where we can portray Confederates at historic sites are dwindling down. We just don't know what the future holds. I hope you can make this unique venue on this historic date so we can help these nice people out as well as honor our ancestors.*

**Cap'n Don**

*Wanted to let you know that i made it by OCHM today and talked to the man in charge. Everything is good, will leave gate unlocked, outside restroom unlocked, power supply is in restroom, candles/lanterns are fine, we will do a rifle salute during memorial service (I will call VPD before hand)They will only charge reenactors \$5 give us a ribbon and you can go in and out (to tour, gift shop or cool off) as much as you want. They only have one stipulation they ask no heelplates because of the hard wood floors. Can you pass this along to your men.*

**Brian Skipworth**

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## **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](http://www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv)*

*Division Website: [www.mississippiscv.org](http://www.mississippiscv.org)*

*Beauvoir Website: [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org)*

*National Website: [www.scv.org](http://www.scv.org)*

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## **Upcoming Speakers List**

*\*All Subject to change.*

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

*Tuesday March 31, 2020 – John Weaver – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

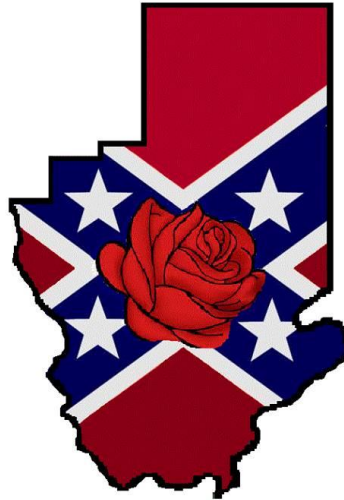
*Tuesday November 19, 2020 – Conor Bond - Miss Division Commander*

*Tuesday December 17, 2020 – TBA*

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## **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](mailto: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***

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## Battle of Trevilian Station

Contributed by [Peter C. Luebke](#)

*The Battle of Trevilian Station, fought June 11–12, 1864, during the [American Civil War](#) (1861–1865), was a victory for Confederate cavalry under Wade Hampton when they turned back Union raiders under the command of General Philip H. Sheridan. Fought solely by cavalry, this was the largest such battle during the war (the larger Battle of Brandy Station, fought a year earlier during the [Gettysburg Campaign](#), involved some infantry). Union general-in-chief [Ulysses S. Grant](#) had hoped that Sheridan's troopers might destroy the Virginia Central Railroad west to [Charlottesville](#) while distracting [Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia](#) enough that Grant might sneak across the James River and around to Petersburg. Instead, Hampton's cavalry blocked the way, and although Sheridan claimed to have decommissioned the railroad, he was unable to fulfill the last part of Grant's plan: to reinforce Union general David Hunter in the [Shenandoah Valley](#).*

### Background

*Even while the [Army of the Potomac](#) stalled at Cold Harbor during the bloody and as yet inconclusive Overland Campaign, Union general-in-chief Ulysses S. Grant determined to move ahead with other offensives he had planned for the spring of 1864. In particular, he decided to send his cavalry under Sheridan on a raid westward. Sheridan's primary objectives were to destroy the Virginia Central Railroad as far as Charlottesville, thus disrupting a vital Confederate supply line, and then unite with Union general David Hunter's army in the Shenandoah Valley in its orders to take Lynchburg. In addition, Grant hoped that Sheridan's raid would draw Confederate cavalry away from the Army of the Potomac so that it might cross the James River undetected and then take the strategically vital city of Petersburg.*

*Sheridan set off on June 7, 1864, with a force two [divisions](#) from the cavalry corps, or approximately 9,300 men. He took a northerly route along the north bank of the [North Anna River](#), intending to continue eastward to Louisa County before crossing the river and falling upon the Virginia Central Railroad near Trevilian Station. Confederate scouts, however, soon discerned the Union movement. Wade Hampton, a South Carolinian and ranking general in the Army of Northern Virginia's cavalry ([J. E. B. Stuart](#) had been mortally wounded nearly a month earlier at the [Battle of Yellow Tavern](#)), set off in pursuit with his own division and that of [Fitzhugh Lee](#). By June 9, the two Confederate divisions, numbering about 6,000 troopers, were in motion eastward.*

*By June 10, Hampton's lead Confederate division lay along the Virginia Central Railroad near Trevilian Station, while Lee trailed behind at Louisa Court House. Sheridan had crossed the North Anna, and was positioned northeast of the Confederate forces. He had failed to reach his objective, and the Confederate cavalry stood in the middle of his path.*

### The Battle



### General George A. Custer

*One June 11, Sheridan pushed one of his divisions—that of Alfred T. A. Torbert—southward. Torbert divided his forces, sending one brigade, under Wesley Merritt, along the Fredericksburg road and the other brigade, under George Armstrong Custer, along a ridge to the east. Sheridan hoped that the two brigades would brush any Confederate resistance out of the way before reuniting near Trevilian Station to begin their destruction of the rail line. Unfortunately for Sheridan, Wade Hampton was also in motion. One of Hampton's brigades, under Matthew C. Butler, was moving north. By six thirty in the morning, Butler had engaged Merritt's division, arresting its advance. Despite being outnumbered, the Confederate cavalry held until Torbert fed two more brigades into the fight. Butler's men managed to fall back in good order, however.*

*While Merritt and Butler fought, Custer reaped great rewards. His easterly route put him behind Hampton, and his brigade happened upon the Confederate cavalry's wagon trains. Custer captured dozens of wagons and several hundred prisoners. Still, despite this initial success, Custer was soon in trouble. Confederate cavalry converged on the Union force from two sides—Thomas L. Rosser from the west along the Gordonsville Road and Fitzhugh Lee from the east—and soon surrounded the Union brigade. By noon, the Confederates had retaken most of their wagons and had closed the circle around Custer's men. The Union troopers held on until elements of Merritt's command managed to drive away the Confederates in the mid-afternoon.*



### Marlboro Jones

*By six in the evening, the fighting had wound down. Sheridan had saved Custer, but the Confederates still blocked his path. Overnight, both sides consolidated their forces and*

*prepared for combat the next day. Sheridan also ordered his troopers to burn Trevilian Station itself and to tear up any stretches of railroad within reach.*

*June 12 began quietly, with the opposing sides warily eyeing each other. Finally, at three o'clock in the afternoon, Sheridan dispatched Torbert's division west along the Gordonsville Road to look for the enemy. Soon, Torbert's men collided with Butler's troops, who had spent the night and morning creating fortifications and entrenchments. Torbert launched at least six attacks against the Confederates before night fell, ending the battle.*

### *Aftermath*

*Following Torbert's unsuccessful push along the Gordonsville Road, Sheridan retreated eastward around midnight. Hampton's exhausted men pursued from a distance, not managing to land a significant blow on the Union cavalry until an engagement near Samaria Church in Charles City County on June 24. Although Sheridan claimed victory, his raid had been a failure. He had failed to join with Hunter and had managed to damage only a small portion of the Virginia Central Railroad. [Jubal A. Early](#), detached by Robert E. Lee to deal with Hunter in the Valley, had little difficulty in his passage, boarding trains in Charlottesville to transport his command to Lynchburg. Torbert's division had been wrecked, and the cavalry of the Army of the Potomac had suffered many casualties. Sheridan had managed to distract the Confederate cavalry while Grant crossed the James on June 14, but Grant's men failed to take the city of Petersburg, resulting in an [extended siege](#).*

### *Time Line*

- *June 7, 1864 - Union general Philip H. Sheridan sets off on a raid westward with the goals of destroying the Virginia Central Railroad and linking with David Hunter's army in the Shenandoah Valley.*
- *June 9, 1864 - Confederate cavalry under the command of Wade Hampton sets off after Union general Philip H. Sheridan, who is leading a raiding force west toward Charlottesville.*
- *June 11, 1864, 6:30 a.m. - Confederate and Union cavalry clash in Louisa County, beginning the Battle of Trevilian Station.*
- *June 11, 1864, 6:00 p.m. - The fighting around Trevilian Station between Union and Confederate cavalry winds down. Overnight and early into the next morning, Union troops work to destroy the Virginia Central Railroad.*
- *June 12, 1864, 3:00 p.m. - Fighting between Union and Confederate cavalry resumes near Trevilian Station and continues until nightfall.*
- *June 12–13, 1864, midnight - Union cavalry, under Philip H. Sheridan, begins its retreat following defeat at the Battle of Trevilian Station.*
  
- *Categories*
- [Civil War, American \(1861–1865\)](#)

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### *External Links*

- [\*Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation\*](#)

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*\*\*\*Editor's Note: My third great-grandfather John C. Young was injured at Trevilian Station eventually losing one of his legs.*