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**FCGS Calendar**

**October Meeting**

October 11, 2022, Woodward Park Library. Janet Mayhew will present DNA Results, Maximize your results on Ancestry

**November Meeting**

Due to a scheduling conflict our meeting on November 15, 2022, with Diane Manley on newspapers will be a ZOOM meeting.

**December Meeting**

On December 3, 2022, there will be a Christmas Party at the Library. Coffee and water will be provided, bring a main dish, side dish, salad, or a desert

**Did you know:**

On October 30, 1938, Orson Wells radio broadcast of War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells (First Published January 1, 1897) convinced many listeners that an Alien Invasion was happening

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From Our President Carolyn Moser

Members,

Are you looking for a group to volunteer your services? Please consider WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA as a rewarding project. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S States, at sea and abroad. In 2021 Wreaths Across America and its national network of volunteers placed 2.4 million veteran's wreaths at 3,137 participating locations in U.S. and beyond. This year National Wreaths Across America will be held on Saturday December 17, 2022.

There are many ways you can help.

Join by sponsoring a veteran's wreath at a cemetery near you, volunteering or donating to a local sponsorship group.

Visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org) to learn more or get involved.

Arlington National  
Cemetery



Wreaths Across  
America's mission  
is to honor and  
teach by touching

the lives of school, scout, civic, and religious groups for fundraising for wreaths. In return assistance is given to further their goals and projects.

As a note about Wreaths Across America, wreaths will also be placed on Confederate Cemeteries including Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery, Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery in Columbus Ohio, and Marietta City Cemetery in Marietta Georgia among others.

**Wreaths will also be laid at Liberty Cemetery, 1831 W.  
Belmont Fresno CA on December 17, 2022**

## FCGS Seminar September 17, 2022

Our September Seminar was very successful. If you were unable to attend here is a recap. The speaker was Pamela Bell Dallas, a Professional Genealogist who spoke on several topics:

### 1. Siblings Friends and Enemies – Collateral Research

People don't live in isolation; we all have neighbors and friends, social circles such as church members. This research can provide insight into the communities in which your ancestor lived. When you move into history, please remember the laws and customs could have been different than now.

### 2. Remember the Ladies

In centuries past our female ancestors lead private lives, the men in their lives controlled everything. We were given many hints to finding these women. One I found interesting are diaries and journals which can give great insight into the activities of our ancestors

### 3. Burned Counties

This was a very interesting topic as previously I wrote about the bombing of the Four Courts in Dublin, Ireland in 1922. Since courthouse records are very important to research losing them to fire or disaster can be devastating. This section gave great tips on where to look for other records.

### 4. NUCMC National Union Catalogue of Manuscript Collections

This is a catalogue and index of the records that is a project of the Library of Congress. There are printed volumes and now online searches. There are many manuscript collections that can be researched.



# Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery

## Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp No. 3

Bill Lee 30 Aug. 2022

In the fall of 2021, I went to Chattanooga to visit the son and daughter-in-law. While there I attended a Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting. The Camp Adjutant Doc Ashley ask if I would volunteer at Wreath's Across America at the Confederate Cemetery, I said yes. Some year's back the Confederate Cemetery was deeded to their camp- Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp No. 3. This cemetery and an old city cemetery (Citizen's Cemetery) are in the middle of the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

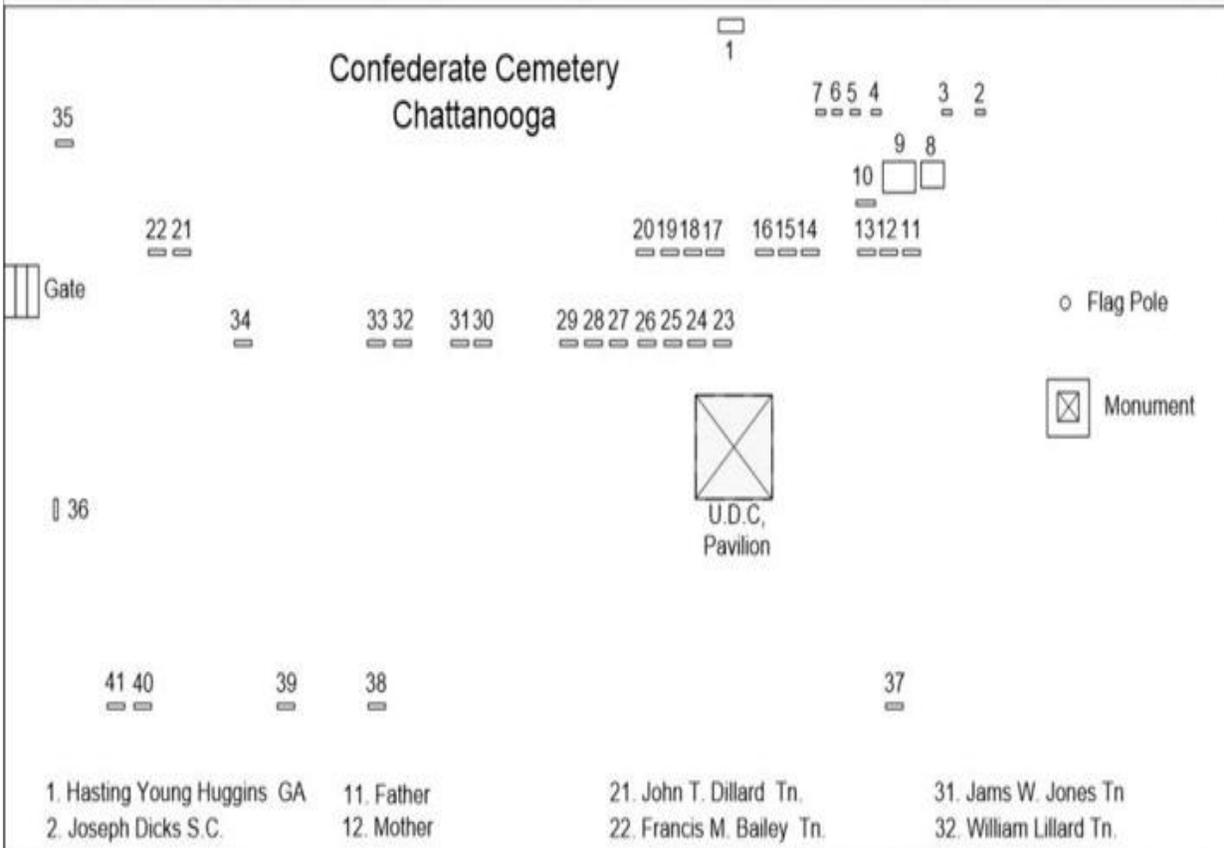
While at the cemetery another member that takes care of the grounds, Herb DeLoach told me of a year when a couple from Washington State came looking for their ancestor but could not find him. I said why doesn't someone plot the cemetery. Herb said they had no way of doing it. I said I have a drawing program on my computer I can do this. That's how this got started.

I plotted 198 headstones to scale, numbered each one and made a master list of tombstones. The cemetery is 150' X 696' 2.4 Acres. My son had a 300' tape so I got started, I laid it out to scale and was able put it on 3-8 ½" X 11" sheet's.

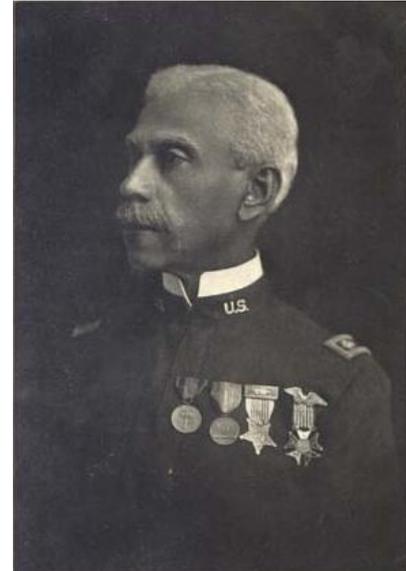
I learned from The History of the Chattanooga Confederate Cemetery, that the first Confederate Cemetery was by the river. When the river rose one year some of these graves and the wooden headboards were lost. After the war, the veterans sought to move the graves to higher ground.

In the middle of the north section sits a mass grave of the soldiers who were lost in the flood. There are 887 soldiers buried there, only 746 are listed. There is a monument listing the states, names, and regiments. In the old city cemetery that's next door, I was able to find 18 Confederates. They were scattered all over it. It is a large cemetery, so I made a list with names and GPS the location of these graves

This project took several weeks to gather the information and layout on the computer. But I was happy to be able to give the Camp the information so others could locate their family members.







## Allensworth

The first town in California established by African Americans was founded on August 3, 1908, by a group of men led by Colonel Allen Allensworth. He founded Allensworth in southwest Tulare County. The men with Colonel Allensworth were Professor William Payne, Dr William H. Peck, J. W. Palmer, and Harry Mitchell. The town was originally called Solito, later that year the name was changed to Allensworth. The settlers-built homes, streets, and established public buildings such as a church. The community also became part of the county school district, a voting precinct, and part of the regional library. Farming was the primary occupation. They formed the Allensworth Progressive Association as a form of government. There were elected officers and town meetings were held.

Colonel Allensworth died in 1914 in Los Angeles where he was hit by a motorcycle. The town continued to prosper until 1925 when the lack of irrigation water declined. Despite legal challenges towards The Pacific Water Company the land development company that controlled land sales and installed wells. They chose to install wells in neighboring towns leaving Allensworth's unusable. Then the Santa Fe Railroad discontinued the rail line by diverting it to a different community. With no water and no transportation, the community began to decline and soon was abandoned.

On May 14, 1976, the California State Parks and Recreation Commission approved the development of the Colonel Allensworth Historic Park.

## Its Membership Renewal Time

**\*\*The website will be sending invoices soon, they are just a reminder beat the rush and send in your renewal now.\*\***

Our FCGS yearly membership for 2022 ends December 31. It is time to renew your membership if you have not already done so at our recent events. We do hope that you will continue your loyalty to FCGS and join us for the 2023 year! Membership dues are \$30 for individual and \$35 for family

**Annual Membership is from January 1 to December 31.**

**Please Check one: Renewal New**

**Membership Year: 2023**

Individual Membership - \$30 Family Membership -\$35 (at the same address)

Please send Payment to: FCGS, PO Box 1429, Fresno, CA 93716-1429

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