

IN THE TRENCHES

NOVEMBER 2019

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

Dear Compatriots:

It is almost November and we finally are having some fall-like weather. It really feels good outside. It is getting closer everyday to my favorite time of the year. Today, October 24th, is two months until Christmas Eve. Yes, I know that Thanksgiving and Christmas have been commercialized but there is still nothing like the Holiday season. To prepare your hearts and minds and be prepared to thank God for all of his blessings to you and yours at Thanksgiving and then to thank him for the greatest gift of all at Christmas, The gift of Jesus. Forgive me for being sentimental but it is truly the "Most wonderful time of the year."

Our next meeting is November 5. That is also Election Day for the state so be sure and vote before you come to the meeting which starts at 6 P.M. at the DAV building. Our speaker is our National 1st Lt. Commander, Larry McCluney from Greenwood. Larry has written a book on the "Yazoo Pass Expedition" so please come and bring a friend and be prepared to purchase one of Larry's books. You will be in for a great talk as well.

Just as our last meeting ended in October, I received some wonderful news. The SCV has won the Charlottesville lawsuit involving the statues of Lee and Jackson, which the City Council voted to take down, despite the fact that Virginia has a strict Monument Protection Law. The law doesn't apply to our enemies or they just don't care about it. For over two years, this has been tied up in court but finally a judge made a ruling the statues are War Memorials and are thus pro-

ected by state and Federal law. Remember that Confederate soldiers are protected as American soldiers under federal law.

Therefore the statues cannot be removed and the best part is that the City Council of Charlottesville has to pay the court cost. This is a great victory and should put a stop to much of this moving of monuments but as we know, the enemy will not quit. Other good news, in Florida, one of the men who knocked down the bust of Robert E. Lee in Fort Myers, Lee County, is about to go to trial, and Florida does not even yet have a Monument Protection Law. This is also good news for us. These are winnable battles and we all need to pay attention to what is going on around the country so that we can learn what to do here.

Closer to home, I urge all of you to contact members of the Institution of Higher Learning in Ms. They will make the final decision on whether or not the statue on the Ole Miss Campus can be moved. We need to contact each member and get let them know how we feel about this issue. It may not be very long before they make the decision so I urge you to look up the members as soon as you can and contact them.

More good news, I want to thank the members of the Ms. Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy. I brought greetings to them as they met in Vicksburg the first weekend in October for their annual Convention. It was also a great honor to see three of our members Eddy Cresup, Joel Bailey and Joe Loviza receive the Military Cross of Honor from the UDC. They were honored for their service to our country and as descendants of proud Con-



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *November Meeting -
Tuesday November 5th at
6:00PM*
- *MS Monument Re-
dedication —November
11, 2:30 PM, Vicksburg
NMP*



federate veterans. Congratulations gentlemen. While they met in their business meeting,

Bryan Skipworth had a chance to tell them about our project regarding the "Arkansas" markers at Soldier's Rest. The UDC voted to make up the difference in costs for the markers so we now have all of the money that we need. Thank you to the Dear ladies of the UDC. If you have any relatives or friends who members of the Ms. Division, please let them know how grateful you are for their help in this important project.

Also, do not forget that by the next time that we meet, we will be off of Daylight Saving Time so it will be dark when we start our meeting at 6. Please be careful when entering the building. Hope to see all of you on November 5 and don't forget to vote before you come.

Edward Campbell
Commander

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Eddy Cresap

"Freedom Is Not Free" is more than a slogan on a bumper sticker to those who have servers. As the ruthless barbarians invaded their country, the men of The South left their homes to protect their altars and hearths from this brutal foreign invader.

Patriots Begat Patriots

As generations have passed, the men and women of The South have answered the call to defend our way of life and the Constitution that guarantees the freedoms granted to us by our God.

We thank these brave patriots, veterans in the LTG. John C. Pemberton Camp:

Joel T. Bailey—United States Navy
Larry Holman—United States Air force
Eddy Cresap—United States Navy
Joe Loviza—United States Navy
Thomas Collins—United States Air Force
Rev. Bryan Dabney—United States Air Force
Charles (Rusty) Brasfield—United States Navy
Mark Little—United States Marine Corps
Randall Martar
Henry Melshimer

If we have failed to mention anyone, or if your information is incorrect, please let us know by emailing inthetrenches1354@gmail.com.

FOR THE BRETHREN

Rev. Bryan Dabney

In St. Luke 14:16-24, our Lord presented the parable of a great supper. The Rev. Matthew Henry noted that this parable illustrated our Lord's presentation of the gospel to the Jews of his generation. He bade them come to his supper that they might enjoy the benefits of the gospel and become what God had intended for them to be. We also learned from this parable that most would not accept, so our Lord then sent his servants to call the poor, the maimed, and the halt and the blind. Now these characteristics were not meant to be understood only in their literal sense, though our Lord does extend his calling to those so afflicted.

Those referred to as being poor are similar to the description found in the Beatitudes: ***Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*** (St. Matthew 5:3). In order to be made fit for the kingdom of heaven, we must rid ourselves of those earthly desires and passions that conflict with the Christian life. Our Lord said, No man can serve two masters... (6:24) which clarifies the point being made. How many people who bear the name of our Lord are so poor in their spiritual life precisely because they are filled with the spirit of this world?

The maimed are those who realize that their lives have been crippled by sin and are seeking to be relieved of their handicap by the Great Physician and Healer of men's souls. Jesus Christ offers us spiritual healing which we cannot get anywhere else. He also can heal us of our physical ailments as well, if it is within his purposeful will so to do. How many so-to-speak Christians are crawling through this life because they will not heed the Master's call and thus find rest and healing for their souls?

The halt are those who, though technically crippled, have some capacity to move about; nevertheless, they recognize their need for a Saviour to fully assist them. How many Christians are so crippled in their faith that they simply hobble along through this life while refusing to accept our Lord's call to follow his path and keep his commandments and be healed?

The blind are those who cannot see their way to spiritual happiness but desire to have a guide to God. They will come to our Lord's supper only if the true servants of God will lead

them. How many who claim to know Christ are blind to him because they have placed their trust in false teachers and ministers who have convinced them that God's word is flawed, or some how too vague for them to understand?

Those initially called also fit the description of the membership of the Laodicean church as they are, *wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked* (Revelation 3:14-19). One's spiritual condition can be determined by whether or not one truly has a heart for God and desires to do his will as expressed in his word written. Is the Lord inside your heart, or is he outside knocking to come in?

Now let us consider the excuses of those who did not come. The first person called responded with, *I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it. St. Paul once admonished, For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called, but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty, and the base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence* (I Corinthians 1:26-29). While there is nothing unbiblical in a person acquiring property; the real message here is: if you are putting the acquisition of earthly things ahead of communing with God, then you have no heart for him.

Many souls who bear the name of Christ know who he was, but not who he is. They go through this life bowing before the gods which hold their interest and their hearts. They have so compartmentalized their lives with everything they have to do to advance themselves during the week on one side, and a smidgen of time on Sunday (and maybe on Wednesday evenings) which is reserved for God on the other. They do not understand that all of life is subject to God. What a rude awakening they will have on Judgment Day when they hear the words of our Lord, *I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity* (St. Matthew 7:23b).

The second excuse given was that of a man who had purchased a yoke of oxen and had not tried them out. What could be more important for our spiritual health and well-being than our fellowship with the Lord? When other things are more important than spending time with the very person who suffered in our place— who made it possible for us to have eternal life— one would have to question that person's relationship with the Godhead. We should follow the example of David who said, *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD* (Psalm 122:1). How can anyone who claims to love God, refuse such a wonderful

offer? And yet, many who bear the name of Christ do so every day by rejecting God's word written because they want to live life on their terms and not on God's. They will miss heaven because they refused the calling of God's Son to come and feast with him.

The third excuse was made by one who had just taken a wife. The Law said that such would be acceptable for a man going to war (see Deuteronomy 20:7). But the issue at hand in our parable is incongruent with this excuse as one is being called to attend a feast and the Law did not excuse a man from his religious duties if he had recently taken a wife. Our Lord said, *If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple* (St. Luke 14:26). What he meant is clear: he that would not love the Lord more than all else is not worthy to be called his disciple. We have to put the Lord first in all things.

When our Lord communicated this parable, he revealed the true spiritual states of those who were listening. Not many were willing to accept him as the Messiah. The Devil works to ruin our fellowship with our Saviour. For only through our fellowship with our Lord are we guaranteed a seat at his wedding feast. And only through him do we have that blessed assurance of a place in his everlasting kingdom.

The regenerate Christian understands that all who are in Christ Jesus have been redeemed from sin, death and Hell via his shed blood on our behalf. So when our Lord bids us come, we ought to drop what we are doing and come to him with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts for that is what a true child of God will do. May God touch your heart today to do his will and walk in his paths.

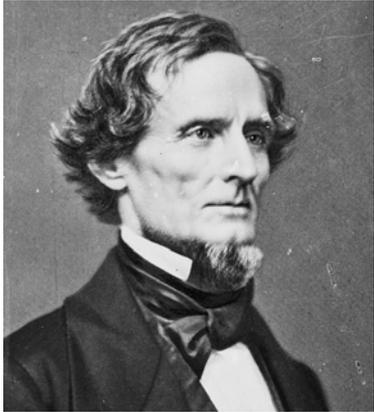
Let us pray:

Holy Father, fill us with thy Spirit that we might daily to grow into the likeness of thy Son, Jesus Christ; and that we being so transformed, might be made more effective witnesses for thee; and this we ask in his most precious name.

Amen.

WHAT JEFFERSON DAVIS WOULD TELL US TODAY (AND WHY IT MATTERS).

Boyd Cathey
The Abbeville Institute



In our turbulent times it is increasingly evident that our government is disconnected to the citizens of the republic. Rather, what we behold is a zealous managerial class, an elite buried deep in an aggressive bureaucracy which is, essentially, a “government within a government.” It is an un-

lected, self-perpetuating oligarchy that offers the illusion of popular participation, and the chimerical mirage of two political parties which tussle back and forth, each claiming to represent the wishes and views of the citizenry. Voting takes place, of course; and then one party or the other claims victory to implement its agenda. Yet, in Washington D.C. (and in many state capitals) the administrators who actually run government and its agencies—those dour faces—remain the same, and very little changes at all.

In fact, for some time now as detailed by acute observers, including most notably the late Dr. Sam Francis (and before him James Burnham), and more recently by authors such as Professor Paul Gottfried, the current American political system has been largely a charade, parading as a “democracy,” but in reality an insatiable and ruthless oligarchic Behemoth... a caste system more severe, more self-aggrandizing, and more domineering than anything traditional aristocracies ever envisaged or dreamed of.

The totally unexpected—and totally unplanned—election of Donald Trump in 2016 unleashed an immense revulsion and violent push-back by this Managerial State—by what we are now accustomed to call the Deep State and its agents and minions in both political parties, who saw that Trump in the White House might in some manner, even in a small way, endanger their power and prerogatives. It could not stand, and thus we have witnessed since November 2016 a steady attempt to reverse and nullify the results of 2016, and by any means available expel the “rabble rouser” from office. And return things back to normal.

The roots of this situation go back some distance in our history. There have been historical markers along the way—the enormous Federal seizures of power during the Great Depression and during the presidencies of Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, or earlier, during the two terms of Woodrow Wilson. And the Federal courts have echoed and canonized this growth by the managerial state by confirming its authority and reach in such judicial acts as the Supreme Court’s Everson decision (1947), which essentially perverted and abrogated the Framers’ intent in the Bill of Rights on the relations between church and state. Subsequent serious research has demonstrated just how ideological, ahistorical, and anti-constitutional that decision was. But the critical damage was done, inflicted, and chances for repairing it seem scarce to none.

Then followed the *Brown v. the Board of Education* ruling of 1954, which was a major blow against the original understanding of the Constitution on the rights of the individual states respecting education. Dr. Paul Craig Roberts, in his volume *The New Color Line: How Quotas and Privileges Destroy Democracy*, has provided a detailed account of how this decision and others similar to it and since it have all but destroyed what remained of the inherent and retained rights of the states—creators of the American Constitution—as guaranteed to them by that Constitution.

These more recent events, critical presidencies, and pivotal court actions, however, all lead back to the War Between the States and its outcome which set our republic on the road to the Managerial State. For there is a direct, if sometimes partially obscured line from the defeat of the Southern Confederacy in 1865 to the events swirling along the Potomac in our day. And it is something that all citizens of the American republic should be deeply concerned about, not just traditional Southerners devoted to their heritage and traditions, or honoring their ancestors.

In a very real sense all Americans, if they are truly exercised by what is happening to and what has happened in the country should proudly proclaim themselves “Copperheads,” for it was the arguments of the great Southern solons, writers, and authors during those crucial years that indeed represented the Framers’ designs; they were pledged to defend them, even at the cost of ending the precarious union once so hopefully erected by those same Framers.

In June 2014 *The Abbeville Review* republished a remarkable essay which had been originally published (posthumously) by President Jefferson Davis in the distinguished journal, the *North American Review* in 1890. The title of Davis’ long essay was “The Doctrine of State’s Rights,” but it is far more than just a panegyric for the defeated Confederate cause or a recapitulation of pro-Secessionist arguments. In it Davis, a

veritable constitutional scholar of evident profundity and first rank, examines in some detail both the founding and nature of the American system, just how the Constitution came to be, what the Framers explicitly intended, and why the concept of “states’ rights”—so reviled today as “racist” or reactionary—was in fact the view on which this country was founded.

Jefferson Davis is often pilloried and criticized in our time for his actions as president of the Confederacy, in particular for his military decisions. Much of this criticism is unfair. But in his profound understanding of the nature of the American confederation as the Framers devised it and of the doctrine of states’ rights, so essential to the successful and beneficial operation of the country, he was in many ways unparalleled and prescient.

As with authors such as Robert Lewis Dabney, Davis’ writings demand our attention, for they have much to say to us, much to teach us in an era when the demonic Deep State, unleashed upon the corpses of hundreds of thousands of young men on the battlefield 158 years ago, threatens to completely overwhelm us.

TO THE SOUTHERN SOLDIERS

Neil Kumar

The Abbeville Institute

Heartbroken, I have learned that my beloved Bentonville, Arkansas, has been attacked. The Confederate monument that rests in the center of our town square has been defaced. The carpetbaggers that have lately inundated Bentonville have chosen to eradicate part of our history; our history, not theirs. James Henderson Berry served as a second lieutenant with the 16th Arkansas Infantry, losing his right leg during the Second Battle of Corinth in Mississippi. Berry became a lawyer and was elected as an Arkansas Representative and then as Governor of Arkansas, later serving as a U.S. Senator. He passed in 1913 and is buried in Bentonville. The statue was erected in 1908 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. 111 years later, the rifle the figure leans on has been destroyed, much as the pillars our society leans upon have been broadsided. We celebrated the centennial of its installation in 2008. What has changed in 11 years? Bentonville has been afflicted with those sowing discord among us, ridiculing our supposedly benighted and backward traditions. These interlopers dare to decry ‘the shame of Bentonville’ and to dictate to us how we must change our town to fit their craven image of the ‘enlightened’ cities from whence they came. How dare they? How dare we allow this?

The monument’s inscription, beautiful in its solemnity, reads:

To the Southern soldiers...They fought for home and fatherland.

Their names are borne on honor’s shield. Their record is with God.

We must remember that the Confederate soldier did not fight for any ideology, but rather for his home. They fought for the posterity of their descendants and for the backyard graves of their fathers before them, for the hills and streams of their communities. They fought out of the purest love of family, not out of hatred. These monuments were erected to honor the memory of those who sacrificed so much, often everything, to defend hearth and home. To disfigure these is as the Taliban annihilating the Bamiyan Buddhas. For those scalawags who support the effort to erase our inheritance: to allow people who know nothing about Bentonville, who look at us with nary but a sneer, to deny us our heritage is to defile the graves of your ancestors. We are not worthy of our descendants if we do not deign to honor our forefathers, those giants among men who served us so faithfully.

MISSISSIPPI MONUMENT RE-DEDICATION

Vicksburg National Military Park



On November 11, 2019 at 2:30pm Vicksburg National Military Park, the State of Mississippi, and the Friends of Vicks-

burg National Military Park and Campaign will re-dedicate the Mississippi State Monument within Vicksburg National Military Park.

Earlier this year, the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center completed an extensive restoration and repair project that included masonry repairs, testing of the monument's lightning suppression system, and a thorough cleaning. Funds for the \$75,000 project were donated by the State of Mississippi and championed by the Friends of Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign.

A brief ceremony will take place at the Mississippi State Monument, along Confederate Avenue within Vicksburg National Military Park, and feature several speakers who were involved in the project. More details will be announced closer to the event.

The Mississippi State Monument was dedicated on November 12, 1909 and honors the sacrifice of Mississippi's 32 infantry units, 17 artillery units, and 37 cavalry units which served in the 1863 Vicksburg Campaign of the Civil War. The monument was designed by R.H. Hunt of Chattanooga, TN and constructed at a cost of \$32,000.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Scott Babinowich, NPS, (601) 642-6882 or Bess Averett, Friends of Vicksburg NMP, (601) 831-6896

BEAUVIOR

Beauvoir, the historic post-war home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi.



*Beauvoir - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis.
Biloxi, Mississippi*

Friends of Beauvoir

For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.



Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir

Bricks for Beauvoir

Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvoir. Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit, and company. The memorial bricks will be laid creating a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate soldier.

For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400

SOLDIERS REST

The city of Vicksburg served as a major hospital center in the early years of the Civil War. A section in the Cedar Hill Cemetery was set aside to provide a fitting burial place for Confederate soldiers who died of sickness or wounds. Known as "Soldiers' Rest," the plot in Cedar Hill Cemetery is the final resting place for an estimated 5,000 Confederate soldiers.

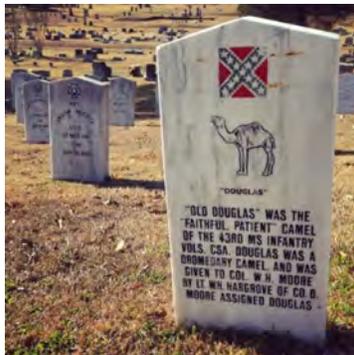
A local undertaker, Mr. J.Q. Arnold, was hired by the Confederate government to bury Southern soldiers, and carried out those duties throughout the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Arnold meticulously maintained records of the soldiers he buried, assigning each one a grave num-

ber. Regrettably, his list and map of the cemetery disappeared after the siege, although a portion of his list was re-discovered in the early 1960s, giving the name, rank, company, unit, and date of death for 1,600 soldiers. Approximately 3,500 names are unknown. The document is now part of the archival records at the Old Courthouse Museum in Vicksburg, MS.



*A soldier of stone stands guard over the resting place of Confederate Heroes.
Soldiers Rest - Vicksburg, Mississippi*

Due to the disappearance of Mr. Arnold's records, only a few private headstones marked the plot until 1893. On April 26 of that year, the ladies of the Confederate Memorial Association dedicated a beautiful stone monument featuring the standing figure of a Confederate Soldier. It was not until the early 1980s, following the discovery of the partial list, that the headstones were erected through the combined effort of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Veterans' Administration. The stones were arranged with military precision and placed in state groupings. In 1998, an additional 72 headstones were erected by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to honor soldiers whose identities were established on a second list which surfaced in the collection of the Old Courthouse Museum.



*"Old Douglas"
At Soldiers Rest
Vicksburg, Mississippi*

Soldiers Rest also contains memorial markers for those who died at Cooper's Wells in Hinds County, and an effort is being made to honor the lives lost on the CSS Arkansas. Unfortunately, stones could not be placed at the actual resting places for the soldiers in both of these groups, so a decision was made to honor their memory by

placing memorials for them in Soldier's Rest.

Discoveries continue to be made about the history of Soldier's Rest. As recently as August 2018, a new list of more than 150 previously unknown soldier and widow burials was discovered and is in the process of being added to the records. Ms. Anna Fuller, in cooperation with several other volunteers, researches and maintains the information about those Confederate heroes who are interred there. The information that has been collected can be viewed online at soldiersrestvicksburg.com and on Facebook by searching for "Soldiers Rest Confederate Cemetery Vicksburg MS." Soldiers Rest is located inside Cedar Hill Cemetery, 326 Lovers Lane, Vicksburg, MS.

CAMP BIRTHDAYS

November 12—Charlie Carlisle

CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS

November 3—General Jubal A. Early

November 9—Ambrose P. Hill





A SOUTHERN ROMANCE

*Andrew and Rachel Jackson
Shared the truest of love
It was born here on earth
But ordained in Heaven above*

*Their lives knew many troubles
But they were joined at the heart
God had brought them together
And no one could tear them apart*

*Many times he had to be away
And he hated to leave her alone
But she stayed home and waited
Thru the long days he was gone*

*They hoped to grow old together
But this was never to be
For she would not be with him
When he took his place in history*

by: Joel T. Bailey

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Vicksburg—John C. Pemberton Camp—June 5-6, 2020

Tupelo—2nd Brigade Hosting—June 2021

Biloxi—5th Brigade Hosting—June 2022

Jacksonville, Florida—National Reunion—July 2020



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DEFENDING HISTORY SINCE 1896
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The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is a hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate veterans. It was formed in 1896 as the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans and serves to preserve the history and legacy of the Confederate soldier. There are ongoing programs at the local, state and national levels in the form of preservation work, marking Confederate soldiers' graves, historical re-enactments, scholarly publications, and regular meetings to discuss the military and political history of the War Between the States and the colorful and heroic men who fought it.

Membership is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces, and can be obtained through direct or collateral family lines which must be documented genealogically.

For more information, please visit www.scv.org

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Larry Holman

Adjutant / Membership

Rev. Bryan Dabney

Chaplain

Sam Price

Historian

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 5th—1st Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney— *Battle of Yazoo Pass Expedition*

December 3rd—Christmas Dinner

January 7th—Sandy Mitcham—New Book: *Why the War Wasn't Over Slavery*

If you are interested in presenting, please contact Commander Edward Campbell : ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

From the stirring speech delivered by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General of the United Confederate Veterans at the New Orleans, Louisiana

UCV Convention of 1906.