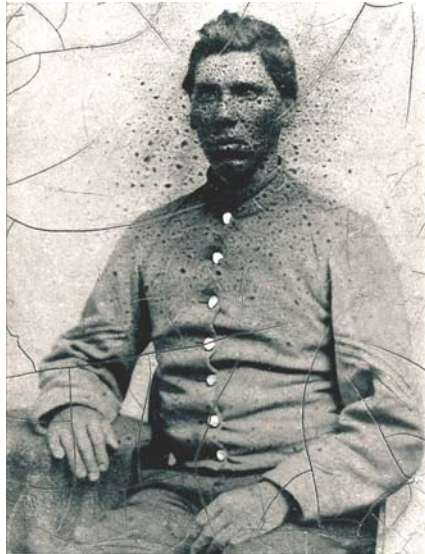


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## **Sons of Confederate Veterans Welcome Descendants to Join New Caswell Chapter**

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A new Caswell County Chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is recruiting new members this Thursday night October 14<sup>th</sup> at Brown's Restaurant in Yanceyville, starting at 6pm. In the past, Caswell County residents have had the opportunity to join the SCV group in Person County, the Fletcher-Satterfield Chapter.

Commander Joey Chandler of Caswell County is leading the charge for the county to have its own chapter, "Come celebrate your southern heritage with us," Chandler said. Chandler's great-great-great grandfather served with the Confederate Army in what Chandler prefers to call "The War Between the States." Five generations ago, George W. Chandler fought in the James T. Mitchell Ranger Unit of the NC 4<sup>th</sup> Calvary, 59<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company B.

**George Chandler in Confederate uniform in the mid 1860s**

George Chandler's gravesite in Blanch is honored with a new tombstone recently installed by Chandler and other family & chapter members. Women are also involved with the preservation of that period in the nation's history. There is a United Daughters of the Confederacy that is active nationwide.

The following information is taken from the SCV website on the internet.

What is the Sons of Confederate Veterans?

The SCV is the direct of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to insuring that a true history of



**George Chandler's tombstone in Blanch**

the 1861-1865 period is preserved. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all make descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either direct or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for membership is 12.

Proof of kinship to a Confederate soldier can take many forms. The easiest method is to contact the archives of the state from which the soldier fought and obtain a copy of the veteran's military service record. In addition, the former Confederate states awarded pensions to veterans and their widows. All of these records contain a wealth of information that can be used to document military service.

The SCV has a network of genealogists to assist in tracing Confederates.

The SCV has ongoing programs at the local, state, and national levels which offer members a wide range of activities. Preservation work, marking Confederate soldier's graves, historical re-enactments, scholarly publications, and regular meetings to discuss the military and political history of the War Between the States are only a few of the activities sponsored by local units, called camps.

All state organizations, known as Divisions, hold annual conventions, and many publish regular newsletters to the membership dealing with statewide issues. Each Division has a corps of officers elected by the membership who coordinate the work of camps and the national organization.

Nationally, the SCV is governed by its members acting through delegates to the annual convention. The General Executive Council, composed of elected and appointed officers, conducts the organization's business between conventions. The administrative work of the SCV is conducted at the national headquarters, "Elm Springs," a restored ante-bellum home at Columbia, Tennessee.

In addition to the privilege of belonging to an organization devoted exclusively to commemorating and honoring Confederate soldiers, members are eligible for other benefits. Every member receives *The Confederate Veteran*, the bi-monthly national magazine which contains in-depth articles on the war along with news affecting Southern heritage. The programs of the SCV range from assistance to undergraduate students through scholarship and medical research grants given through the Brooks Fund, National historical symposiums, reprinting of rare books, and the erection of monuments are just a few of the other projects endorsed by the SCV.

The SCV works in conjunction with other historical groups to preserve Confederate history. However, it is not affiliated with any other group other than the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, composed of male descendants of the Southern Officers Corps. The SCV rejects any group whose actions tarnish or distort the image of the Confederate soldier or his reasons for fighting.

If you are interested in perpetuating the ideals that motivated your Confederate ancestors, the SCV needs you. The memory and reputation of the Confederate soldier, as well as the motives for his suffering and sacrifice, are being consciously distorted by some in an attempt to alter history. Unless the descendants of Southern soldiers resist those efforts, a unique part of our nation's cultural heritage will cease to exist.

If you would like more information about the Sons of Confederate Veterans, call 1-800-MY-SOUTH, or 1-800-MY-DIXIE.

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