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The Soldiers' Monument of Surrey.

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MEMORIA IN ÆTERNA

"—Would it not be a blame to us,
If their memories part
From our land and heart,
And a wrong to them, and a shame to us?"
—*Father Ryan.*

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Preface

THE preparation of this Battle Roll, with its accompanying notes, has been undertaken with fraternal and tender regard for the Men in Gray, the Southern patriots, who went forth to war from Surry county, Virginia, in 1861-'65. It would, indeed, be "a wrong to them and a shame to us" if the names of those men were allowed to pass into oblivion for lack of some proper effort to perpetuate their memory and endear their services to posterity.

In this labor I have been greatly aided by several of my former companions in arms, especially to Comrade Richard R. Savedge, whose recollections of those evil days and of scenes, persons and events connected therewith remain still very vivid and accurate. To many others my thanks are also due and are hereby gratefully tendered.

And particularly am I indebted to that gallant old soldier, Captain Jacob H. Clements, of Company G, 13th Virginia Cavalry, for pretty full information in relation to the two cavalry commands of Surry. By his help, that branch of our military makes a far better showing than it would have been possible to present from the otherwise very meagre data at my command.

And Major Blair Pegram, another one among the noble old Romans of Surry county who stood up in defense of the Southern cause, has rendered very material aid in making these records more full and complete. He has manifested much interest in this undertaking and has supplied data that have greatly enriched the accompanying notes.

Mr. A. Wilson Bohannon also, the present popular treasurer of Surry, and a worthy son of Lieut. A. P. Bohannon, of the old 10th Battalion, has supplied valuable information concerning Company D of that command, and of other commands from this county. He has taken pains, at several times, to forward notes and facts that have helped to make these records more copious.

Nor would I omit to express my obligations to the Surry Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy for the privilege of examining their records and of gleaning therefrom notes and names that have served to enhance the accuracy and value of the information given in these pages. I would say, further, that it was largely by the earnest efforts of those noble women that the monument at Surry Court House, erected to the memory of the soldiers from this county, was at last completed. A picture of that memorial shaft faces the title page, and a statement of its inception and the unveiling ceremonies appears herein.

Unfortunately, the collection of these data was too long delayed. It is now more than half a century since the war began, and the majority of the men who were engaged therein have passed away. Many things that it would have been a pleasure to record have necessarily gone down into oblivion. It was only by hard effort and after many delays that as much was obtained as doth here appear. No one can be more sensible of its many defects than myself or lament it more.

But, such as it is, here it is. I could not rest content until this much at least had been done to redeem our obligations to the men who risked their lives, their honor and their fortunes in defense of home, truth and right.

Confident that the hearts of the sons and daughters of the South will ever cling with fond and filial affection to the memories of '61-'65—though those memories must always be draped with saddened thoughts—to them this imperfect record of their fathers or their kinsmen is now committed, to honor, revere and preserve as a precious heirloom in their homes to the latest generations.

B. W. J.

Pentecost, 1913.