

About Confederate Memorial Hall

Knoxville UDC Chapter 89 is privileged to own Confederate Memorial Hall, also known as "Bleak House," an antebellum mansion built between 1854 and 1858. The beautiful house was named after the Charles Dickens novel, which was popular at the time the house was built for its newlywed owners, Robert and Louisa Franklin Armstrong. Bricks were baked on site for the construction of the Tuscan Villa style house.

Bleak House was occupied by General James Longstreet and General Lafayette McLaws as Confederate Headquarters during the siege of Knoxville in 1863. Confederate sharpshooters harassed the troops of Union General William Sanders from the tower of the house, and most historians agree that they inflicted the fatal wound that killed Sanders. At least one sharpshooter was killed and several wounded in the tower. A drawing of three Confederate soldiers, sketched by an unknown soldier artist, remains visible today on the still blood-stained tower walls.

Bleak House was purchased by Knoxville UDC Chapter 89 on May 4, 1959, as a Confederate memorial, museum, and for use by our chapter for monthly meetings. The house was lovingly restored and furnished with beautiful antiques from the Victorian era. The house also contains an extensive historical library and a museum of war era artifacts.

The members of Chapter 89 place great emphasis on the importance of honoring our Southern Heritage by preserving this historically significant house and grounds for future generations. Chapter 89 also provides factual information for tour visitors concerning the role the house played and the events that took place

in Knoxville and surrounding area during the War Between the States.

Spend a Delightful Afternoon!

Knowledgeable volunteers conduct tours of the house and museum from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons, and other times by appointment. Admission charges are: adults – \$5; reduced rates for seniors and students. Children 6 and under are free. Special rates may be obtained for tours and schools.



Confederate Memorial Hall

3148 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

A National Historic Treasure

Confederate Memorial Hall has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1984. The organization has 501(c)(3) status with the IRS and is a Tennessee tax-exempt, chartered organization. Chapter 89 is currently accepting tax-deductible contributions to fund restoration

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United Daughters of the Confederacy

Knoxville Chapter 89

Knoxville, Tennessee



Membership Information

Who We Are ...

The National Association of the Daughters of the Confederacy was organized over 100 years ago in Nashville, Tennessee, on September 10, 1894, to honor the heroes who served the Confederate Army, Navy, or Civil Service. At the organization's second meeting in 1895, the name was changed to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the national headquarters was located in Richmond, Virginia. Knoxville Chapter 89 was chartered by the Tennessee Division in Nashville, on October 10, 1897, and organized locally by Mrs. Louie Zollicoffer Sansom, daughter of Confederate General Felix Zollicoffer.

The UDC is the oldest patriotic organization in the United States. Its objectives are historical, benevolent, educational, memorial, and patriotic. We strive to honor the memory of those who served and fell in service to the Confederacy; to protect, preserve, and mark historic sites; to collect and preserve the truthful history of the War Between the states; to record the noble deeds of Southern women during and after the war; to fulfill the sacred duty of benevolence toward the survivors and toward those dependent on them; to assist descendants of veterans in securing an education; and to cultivate



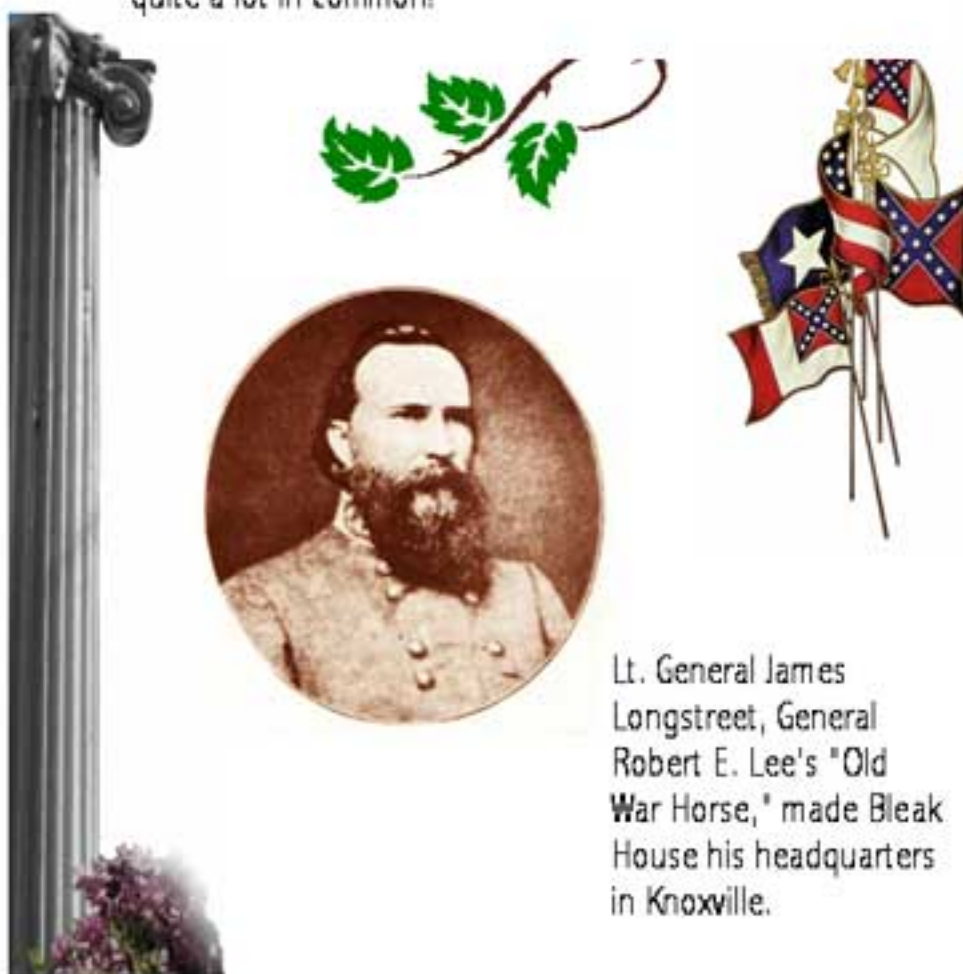
The Rose Parlor at beautiful Confederate Memorial Hall, the home and meeting place of Knoxville Chapter 89.

What We Do ...

Knoxville Chapter 89 meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May at 2:00 p.m., at Confederate Memorial Hall, 3148 Kingston Pike, In Knoxville, Tennessee. Plans are underway for other meeting dates and special events for ladies who have difficulty meeting on weekdays.

Each meeting begins with a business session, conducted by the president, and is followed by an educational program and social time with refreshments. We also participate in the celebration of Confederate observances such as the birthday of Robert E. Lee at the Lee Luncheon, the annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, Confederate Memorial Day, and other local historical events. Our efforts and activities are always focused on education and the historical preservation of Confederate Memorial Hall.

But even with all these wonderful serious pursuits, we still find lots of time to begin and nurture friendships and to enjoy each others' company. After all, we have quite a lot in common!



Lt. General James Longstreet, General Robert E. Lee's "Old War Horse," made Bleak House his headquarters in Knoxville.

How You Can Join Us!

The UDC Constitution and Bylaws state: "Those eligible for active membership are women no less than 16 years of age who are widows, wives, mothers, sisters, granddaughters, nieces, and blood descendants, lineal or collateral, of men and women who served honorably in the Army, Navy, or Civil Service of the Confederate States of America, or gave Material Aid to the Cause. Also eligible are those women who are lineal descendants of members or former members of the UDC. The ancestor must not have taken the oath of Allegiance prior to April 9, 1865, unless proof of further service, nullifying the Oath is provided."

Prospective members are invited to attend one of our regular chapter meetings as a guest before being presented to the Executive board as an applicant for membership. You may call Confederate Memorial Hall at telephone number (865) 522-2371 to inquire about attending a meeting. If you call when the Hall is not attended, please leave your name and telephone number on the answering machine. You may also E-mail us from our web site at www.knoxvillecmh.org

Following your attendance at a chapter meeting, and acceptance by the Executive Board, an application for membership must be completed, including appropriate proof documents, and submitted to the Registrar General. Our Chapter Registrar will provide you with the necessary application forms and instructions and will assist you in completing and submitting the application. Fees must accompany the application. Upon approval of the application by the Registrar General in Richmond, you will be notified of your official membership. Annual Chapter dues for active members are payable at the first meeting in September.

Honor your Confederate Ancestor and