

Southern Sentinel

September 21, 1911

The Tho. Spight Chapter U. D. C. was organized Tuesday, September 26th, 1905, almost 6 yrs. ago. The Charter members numbered thirty-seven, and the officers elected were:

Pres. Mrs. Tho. Spight

1st Pres. Mrs. T. J. Cole

2nd Pres. Mrs. C. E. Hines

Secretary Mrs. Jno. Y. Murry

Treasurer Mrs. Geo. Bostwick

Historian Mrs. N. B. S. Millidge

The work of building a Confederate Monument at first begun with much zeal and enthusiasm.

However, this zeal was not always present in our work, for during the

six years of the Chapter's existence we have met with discouragement and

disappointment. But we have toiled on holding bazars, giving oyster dinners,

concert lectures, "having Tag day", and soliciting subscriptions from friends at home

and at a distance, and continuing in labors oft non-abundant we were happily brought

to the actual erection of the monument on Sep. 9. We can not tell of the gratification

and the gladness and the tenderness and the sorrow that filled our hearts as we

gathered around this monument to lay away in its base treasured relics of the sad years

of war and souvenirs of this day of achievement. The building of the monument is a

work so grand and so glorious that each contributor is honored by this gift. To the

many who have helped us by sums large or small the Chapter now tenders their grateful thanks.

A roster of the Chapter today follows:

Mrs. A. G. Barnett, Miss Lillie Phyfer, Miss Minnie Barnett, Miss Lula Hugh McCord, Mrs. Geo. Bostwick, Miss Anna Murry, Mrs. T. J. Cole, Mrs. J. J. Robertson, Mrs. W. E. McCleanrock, Mrs. Wm. Hines, Mrs. Tho. Spight, Mrs. C. F. Morgan, Miss Mamie Spight, Miss Allie Spight, Mrs. J. Y. Murry Jr., Miss Lillian Spight, Mrs. Onie McCarley, Mrs. Porter Tigret, Mrs. H. R. Spight, Miss Lydia Riley, Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Mrs. L. D. Spight,

Monument erected by the Tho. Spight Chapter U. D. C. in loving memory of Tippah county's brave soldiers of the Civil war 61-65. This handsome monument is built of granite with a statute of a Confederate soldier carved in Italy of Carara marble. The position of the soldier is "Parade rest". The monument stands 27 feet in height with a base of 7 feet and 6 inches. The weight is 30,000 lbs.

It was purchased from the National Marble and Granite Co., Marietta, Ga., at a cost of \$15,000. On the West face is inscribed: "In memory of the soldiers of Tippah county, the heroic dead and chivalrous living who wore the Gray 1861-1865". On the North side: "Their valor was illustrated on every battlefield of the war. They won imperishable renown for they will live in the hearts of their decendants to the latest generation". On the East face: "Sleep soldiers; still in honored thy truth rest and valor wearing; The bravest are the tenderest the loving are the daring". On the South face: "Erected by the Tho. Spight Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, August, 1911".

*Note: I copied as it was printed along with a few misspelled words.