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86 NEXT SUNDAY



GENERAL T. K. HALL

U. D. C. LEADER



MRS. T. K. HALL

Will Celebrate Eighty - Sixth Birthday Next Sunday

Next Sunday, January first, General and Mrs. T. K. Hall will celebrate the 86th year of General Hall's birth at their pretty home, "Three Oaks" on High Street. They have resided at this home ever since their arrival in Leesburg more than 20 years ago. General Hall holds his years well, visiting his friends around the city and county almost at will, even tho, he has witnessed the passing of eighty-five summers, four of them, under the rigors of camp life in the sixties.

One sunny morning recently, T. K. Hall, adjutant Lake County Camp No. 279, United Confederate Veterans, called on a friend and during the visit, Mr. Hall, being in a reminiscent mood as he turned memory's pages, the fire burned and kindled in a flame that had been smouldering more than sixty-five years. He was thinking of his old command of the sixties. "I wonder how many names of the one hundred and twenty I can recall," he said. He put on his thinking cap and went to work going over the roll that he so often had called, name after name would come to him. After several days he recalled them all, the muster roll of Company E, 3rd Georgia Regiment of Reserves,

Gartrell's Brigade, Cobb's Division, organized April 16, 1864; paroled May 1, 1865.

The company was made up first of boys 17 to 18 years, and men from 45 to 50 years, and later the call came for those from 16 to 17 years and men from 50 to 60 years old. There were also three small boys who ran away and joined the company. This company served for some time at Andersonville Prison, in Georgia, on guard duty. Mr. Hall is thoroughly familiar with the history of this prison, and relates same as an eye witness. The last battle in which company E engaged was at Columbia, Ga., April 16, 1865. They knew nothing of the surrender of Lee's army, as there was no telegraph communication after Sherman's march, in this section of Georgia. Mr. Hall served as Sergeant and Orderly Sergeant part of the time, often spending half of the day and all night making out pay rolls by the light of a small candle, and doing other duties of the rank of Sergeant. Mr. Hall served his country without any pay as did the majority of the Confederate soldiers.

Thomas Kennedy Hall was born near Columbia, S. C., Fairfield Coun-

ty, Jan. 1, 1847. His mother moved to Randolph County, near Cuthbert, Georgia, when he was a small boy. Here he grew to manhood. After the War Between the States he came to Florida in 1868. Leesburg had nothing but the name, no goods were sold here, only a boat once a month from Palatka, which brought the mail. Mr. Hall located at Slyville, on Lake Griffin (near Lady Lake), and later moved to Micanopy, where on November 23, 1869, he married Miss Lulu McCollum of Micanopy. In a few years he moved back to his homestead at Slyville or Swifton (which later it was named), on Lake Griffin. He built a log house in "six months"—took six months to build the log house; a few years later he built a nice nine room house, and had a flourishing orange grove. Mrs. Hall died December 5th, 1904, leaving three sons. July 4, 1906, he married Miss Fannie Jackson of Cuthbert, Georgia. After residing at Slyville several years he moved to Leesburg, where he resides, in the same house. Mr. Hall relates many interesting stories of the wild life on the Lake

Griffin homestead in the pioneer days, stories of the wild cat, deer, possums, etc.

Mr. Hall has been an active member of the Methodist church, South, all his life, and has served various churches where he lived as Steward over 50 years. During his childhood days, in 1854, a Methodist church was built on land donated by his mother. This church had a gallery where the family slaves attended services. After an absence of 70 years, "I had the pleasure and privilege of going back and visiting the old home plantation, but nothing was left but the church, all else was burned when Sherman passed through South Carolina," Mr. Hall said. "I brought home a small piece of the brick from this church," stated Mr. Hall.

He has been adjutant of Lake County Camp U. C. V. for several years, and served two terms as Brigade Commander of the Third Brigade, Florida Division, United Confederate Veterans.

Do you know which Church in Wausahont is near by he referred to?

The Church is Bethesda

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