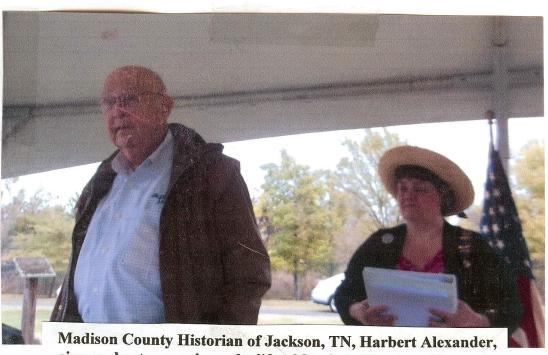


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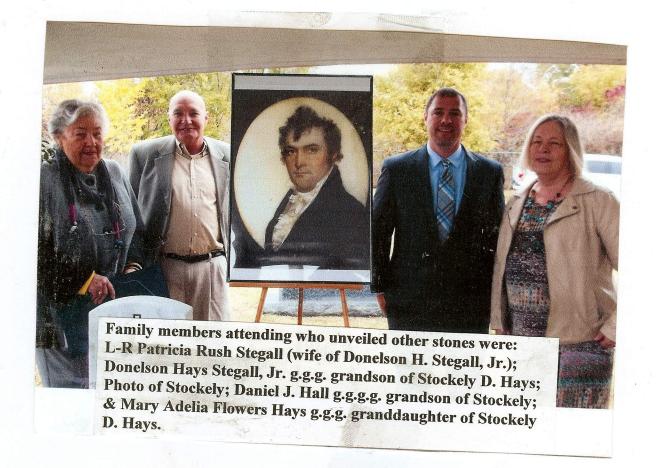
Madison County Historian of Jackson, TN, Harbert Alexander, gives a short synopsis on the life of Stockely Donelson Hays who served in the War of 1812.



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Director of Public Programs, The Hermitage, Nashville, TN, Hannah Howard, attended and spoke a few words on Stockely Donelson Hays and his family at the Riverside Cemetery.



A Biography on the life of Stockely Donelson Hays, who served in the War of 1812, is given by Historian, Cody Blue Miller.

# -PREVIEW PARTY \*\*CHEBRATING 250 YEARS OF JACKSON





# THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

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#### LIFE

#### Chapter holds gremarking ceremon

Tulip Grove Chapter United States Daughters of 1812 recently held an 1812 grave marking ceremony at Riverside Cemetery in Jackson.

The welcome was given by chapter president Sherry Taylor. The Honorable Mayor Jerry Gist, City of Jackson, read a proclamation on Stokely Donelson Hays I. Madison County historian Harbert Alexander gave a short synopsis on the life of Stokely Donelson Hays, I, an early settler of Jackson.

Gail McCarty, pastor of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Jackson, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Aline Roberts.

The Pledge to the Flag of Tennessee was led by Debbie Robinson. The Pledge to the Flag of 1812 was led by Loraine Miller.

Greetings were brought by National Society US.D. 1812 by Roberts, past second vice president national and honorary Tennessee state president and Patsy Weatherington, marking chair for Tennessee society U.S.D. of 1812.

A biography on Stokely Donelson Hays I was given by historian Cody Blue Miller. He remarked, "Life began for Stokely December 1788, in Davidson County, as the first son of the wealthy-inland Col. Robert Hays and his wife Jane Donelson, daughter of the Nashville pioneer, John Donelson.

His father was a very close personal friend and broth-



STOKELY DONELSON HAYS I.

er-in-law of Andrew Jackson. Stokely spent much of his time growing up on his father's property Haysboro and the Hermitage plantation. Little is known about his early education except that he appears to have had the benefit of a good education.

Stokely married Lydia Butler. Hays the same day his sister Martha Thompson Hays married Lydia's brother, William Edward Bulter.

er, William Edward Burch.

There is much to be said about Stokely, from his travels with Aaron Burr at the direction of his Uncle Andrew Jackson to his service in the Creek War and the War of 1812.

At the age of 34 he and his wife Lydia and his two children Sarah Jane and a baby boy named Richard Jackson "Hickory" Hays, floated down the Cumberland River

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He apparently surveyed many of the roads leading into and from the new town.

Sherry Taylor, chapter president, dedicated an "Elizabeth Magnolia" tree and planted it beside the family plot. Family members, Patricia Rush Stegall; Donelson Hays Stegall Jr, great-great-great-great-grandson of Stokely; Daniel J. Hall great-great-great-great-grandson of Stokely; and Mary Adelia Flowers Hays great-great-great-granddaughter of Stokely unveiled the stones for Jane Donelson Hays (his mother 1766-Feb. 1-1834) and Narcissa Elizabeth Hays (sibling 1792-1834).

(sibling 1792-165-7). In closing, Tulip Grove member Terry Nelson led the group in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." The benediction was given by Gail McCarty, pastor.

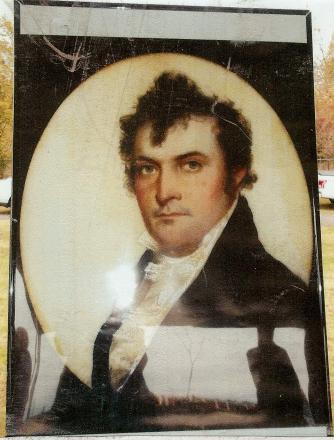


Photo of Stockely Donelson Hays who served in the Creek War and the War of 1812 whose 1812 grave was marked on Nov. 1, 2017 at Riverside Cemetery in Jackson, TN by Tulip Grove Chapter # 359.



Tulip Grove Chapter
United States Daughters of 1812
Saint Luke's Episcopal Church
Jackson, Tennessee
1 November 2017

**Greetings:**Cody B. Miller and Sherry Taylor

Blessing

Music of 1812

Lunch

Poem written by Jean Rawlings Family to speak here Introduction of the Hays Portrait here

Stokely Donelson Hays Hannah Howard, Director of Public Programs The Hermitage

> Closing: Sherry Taylor

"Overture of 1812"

dan. of Cal. Robert 4 Jane Donelson Hays 1792-1865

**Marking Ceremony:** 

Jane Donalson Hays Walter Tebb Febb F-1834

Jane Donelson Hays Speaker: Hannah Howard, Director of Public Programs The Hermitage

> Unveil of the Stone **Stokely Donelson Hays**

CHAPLIN: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

RESPONSE: For it is Thou, Lord, only, that maketh us dwell in safety. CHAPLAIN: Oh, God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the time before them. RESPONSE: O Lord, arise, help us and deliver us; for Thy name's sake.

CHAPLAIN: Almighty and Merciful Father, help us to cherish the memory of those who in the early days of our country stood for the Truth and Duty to County. May their devotion and sacrifice not be lost unto us or our children. May we, like those who came before us, never despair of our Native Land, but be firm in the Faith of our Forefathers. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

RESPONSE: Amen.

#### Unveil the Marker **CHAPLAIN AND Collective:**

Almighty and Everlasting God, we yield unto Thee most high Praise, for the wonderful Grace and Virtue of all Thy Saints, especially Robert Johnson I. Chester a Hero of the War of Eighteen Hundred and Twelve. Grant that we, Thy servants, may follow in the paith where he has led the way, that we with him may at last be partakers of the Heavenly Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Closing: The Star Spangled Banner: Terry Nelson

> Benediction: Gail McCarty, Pastor

Dutch Treat Salad Lunch to Follow St. Luke's Episcopal Church 309 East Baltimore Street Jackson, Tennessee

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November 1, 2017
Tulip Grove Chapter, Tennessee Society, United States Daughters of 1812
1812 Grave Marking Ceremony:
Stokely Donelson Hays

Riverside Cemetery - Jackson, TN

Welcome: Sherry Taylor, President
Tulip Grove Chapter

Proclamation
The Honorable Mayor Jerry Gist
City of Jackson, Tennessee

Madison County Historian
Harbert Alexander:
Stokely Donelson Hays – Madison County, Tennessee

#### Rituals:

Invocation: Pastor Gail McCarty Saint Luke's Episcopal Church Jackson, Tennessee

Pledge of Allegiance: Aline Roberts Pledge to the Flag of Tennessee: Debbie Robinson Pledge to the Flag of 1812 : Loraine Miller

#### Greetings

Patsy Weatherington, Marking Chair Tenneessee Society U. S. Daughters of 1812

#### Biography:

Stokely Donaldson Hays Historian: Mr. Cody Blue Miller

**Dedication of Tree:** 

**Sherry Taylor** 

Tree Elizabeth Magnolia Name?

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Tennessee Voices
Ann Toplovich

Before President Trump's visit to Nashville in March, The Tennessean carried several articles on Andrew Jackson.

In the section "Jackson's Marriage," the author perpetuated one of the most successful "alternative facts" from a U.S. presidential campaign — that Rachel Donelson Robards "believing her husband had successfully filed for divorce," married Jackson in Natchez. Later, he says, the Jacksons learned that Rachel was inadvertently a bigamist, as the divorce did not actually occur until 1793.

In this version of the marriage, Rachel was a poor damsel who had been abandoned by an abusive husband and then taken under the care of Andrew Jackson.

What is wrong with this account? Rachel Donelson was no victim but was a strong woman on the American frontier who at 21 years old decided to overthrow convention in order to leave her unhappy marriage and throw her lot in with the young, up and coming Andrew Jackson.

The facts are that Rachel Donelson knowingly left her husband for Andrew Jackson in late 1789, eloping to Spanish-



THE HERMITAGE / USED WITH PERMISSION Rachel Jackson's marriage to Andrew Jackson was her second.

controlled Natchez. Jackson had taken the oath of allegiance to the king of Spain in July 1789, making him immune from U.S. laws related to adultery and bigamy.

In August 1790, Rachel's husband, Lewis Robards, requested an act be passed by the Virginia legislature that would allow a divorce trial for adultery, after a friend saw Andrew and Rachel that summer behaving as man and wife

as they traveled the Natchez Trace back to Nashville.

In late 1790, the Virginia legislature passed an act to allow the divorce trial in the Kentucky district, but Kentucky's efforts toward statehood delayed the trial until August 1793.

On Sept. 27, the jury found "that the Defendant Rachel Robards hath deserted the Plaintiff, Lewis Robards and hath and doth Still live in adultery with another man."

In January 1794, at the urging of their friend John Overton, the Jacksons wed legally in Nashville.

In this day of no-fault divorce and domestic partners, no one would construct an elaborate tale to cover the end of one marriage and the start of another. U.S. voters have just elected a president who has been married three times and divorced twice. But when Andrew Jackson decided to run for president in the 1820s, women's virtue and their moral authority within the family were seen as critical to a well regulated society and government.

The morality of the wives of presidential candidates was an important measure of the worthiness of who should lead the American republic. Divorce was virtually unknown and always a scandal in the rare instances it occurred.

The Jackson campaign faced a real challenge. Jackson's opponent, Henry Clay of Kentucky, (and many others in

# luths exist about Jacksons' marriage

Kentucky and Tennessee) knew Rachel's role in the Jackson elopement and marriage.

The supporters of Clay's ally, John Quincy Adams, quickly shared the particulars with the media. So to combat the attacks on Jackson's character and Rachel's virtue, the Jackson campaign formed the Nashville Committee. Under the guidance of attorney John Overton, witnesses of Rachel's marriage to Lewis Robards were asked to share their 40-year-old memories.

The Nashville Committee published a story with a new time line and circumstances of the Jackson marriage—the alternative facts of the Jackson campaign were that Rachel thought she was already divorced when she joined her fate to Andrew Jackson in 1791. And those alternative facts are still found in newspaper articles and history books today.

Since the 1980s, historians have pieced together the evidence that substantiates the facts of Jackson's political opponents. But it seems to be impossible to root out the alternative facts of the 1828 Jackson presidential campaign.

Isn't it time we give this strong woman credit for choosing a better husband?

Ann Toplovich is executive director of the Tennessee Historical Society.

# Laura Bush to speak at Hermitage

has lived in White House She'll be first speaker who HMEYER@TENNESSEAN.COM

memoration of the 250th birthday of the speak at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage in nation's seventh president. May as part of the historical site's com-Former first lady Laura Bush will

the nonprofit foundation. invitation-only event is a fundraiser for as a picnic on the mansion's lawn during Outing, a 117-year tradition that started the site's early preservation days. The keynote speaker at its annual Spring George W. Bush, accepted the Andrew Jackson Foundation's invitation to be the Bush, the wife of former President

his life, and to raise people's awareness commemorate the things that he did in son's 250th birthday. We want to, clearly the foundation's president. "It's Jackspeaker this year," said Howard Kittell Bush has agreed to come and be the "We are particularly excited that Mrs.



birthday, which is March 15. celebration of Jackson's speech is a highlight of The Former first lady Laura Bush's Hermitage's yearlong

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Hermitage's yearlong celebration of Jackson's birthday, which is March 15. al Museum of the American Indian. velt Presidential Library and the Nationdent, including the Franklin D. Roose-Additional Jackson-themed events are the country that have ties to the presiplanned locally as well as at sites across Bush's speech is a highlight of The

Bush will be the first person to have lived in the White House to speak at the Spring Outing, Kittell said. mer first lady as an event headliner is in the Nashville site's national profile. keeping with its recent efforts to raise The foundation's selection of the for-

fort to increase national awareness in The presidential site launched an ef-The foundation wants Andrew

> a place to learn about American history tell said. as George Washington's Mount Vernon Jackson's Hermitage to be as well known and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, Kit-

home," Kittell said. and that Nashville deserved that recogserved that level of national recognition ution too as a seat of a presidential "We felt that The Hermitage de-

mitage to the public in 1889. Jackson Foundation, opened The Herdential museums. The Ladies Hermitage Association, now called the Andrew ville is one of the country's first presiandmark northeast of downtown Nash-The 1,120-acre National Historic

Crissy Haslam. Spring Outing speaker, Kittell said. Past dation typically picks a woman as the the site's preservation history, the founspeakers include Nashville Mayor Aegan Barry and Tennessee first lady Due to the prominent role of women in

2009, has interests that are in keeping with The Hermitage's work, including education and preservation, Kittell said Bush, who toured Jackson's home in

and Culture and the board of trustees for Museum of African American History Council for the Smithsonian National The former first lady serves on the the National Trust for Historic Preserva-

political and military years. served as honorary chair of the Save restore two cabins from Jackson's early received a grant from that program to 2000, the Andrew Jackson Foundation America's Treasures grant program. In While her husband was in office, she

our programming is about adult and children's education," Kittell said. "The fact and reading and literacy, and so much of earliest preservation sites in the couning our country's history." try, it fits with her interests in preservthat we're a preservation site, one of the "She was very focused on education

attend the Spring Outing, which starts at 2941, ext. 203. tion, contact Jennifer Harris at 615-889 1:30 a.m. May 17. To receive an invita-More than 500 people are expected to

and on Twitter @HollyAMeyer. Reach Holly Meyer at 615-259-8241



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March 10, 2017

Ms. Teresa Deathridge 50 Quarry Loop Road Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Dear Teresa:

It is an exciting time for the Andrew Jackson Foundation as this year marks the 250th birthday of our nation's 7th President, Andrew Jackson. Celebration plans include the 117th annual Spring Outing on May 17th. As you know, former First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush, will be the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

We ask that you consider supporting this event as a Patron. Your Patron gift of \$350 (\$700 per couple) will include a photograph with Mrs. Bush during a VIP reception in the mansion from 10:30am -11:15am. The number of photographs that can be taken is limited. Patrons will also receive a seat at the luncheon, an autographed copy of Mrs. Bush's book, Spoken from the Heart, and VIP parking. If you have already made your individual reservation, your Patron cost will be \$225.

<u>Please reply on the enclosed form by Friday, March 31</u>. The photograph opportunity at the Patron's reception will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Laurel Buntin

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# The Hermitage hosts former first lady

# Laura Bush keynotes the annual Spring Outing Management

JORDAN BUIE

USA TODAY NETWORK - TENNESSEE

From the tumultuous days after Sept. 11, 2001, to the strange return to normal-cy after her husband's presidency, former first lady Laura Bush on Wednesday shared personal stories from her life that fell in between the headlines of history.

tory.

Bush offered her behind-the-scenes perspective during the 117th annual Spring Outing at The Hermitage, the Nashville home of President Andrew

of American history is the basis of intellectual inquiry, engaged citizenship and national pride," Bush told roughly 700 people who attended the event. "And through the educational programs at The Hermitage, the Andrew Jackson Foundation is teaching our nation's history to over 30,000 students and 200,000 visitors a year. And for that, I am grate-

In Jackson, Bush said America can learn about a key figure in a tumultuous time in American politics, saying the nation's seventh president changed government and made the presidency as powerful as Congress.

March marked the 250th anniversary of Jackson's birth and Hermitage CEO Howard J. Kittell said the foundation wanted a keynote speaker, such as a first lady, who understood the experience of being within the presidential circle.

"Part of our goal is to remind people that this isn't just a historic house, it's a presidential home," Kittell said.

Bush's visit to The Hermitage marks the second high-profile visit this year. During a stop in Nashville on Jackson's March 15 birthday, President Donald Trump toured the mansion and placed a wreath on Jackson's tomb.

The former first lady said her time in the White House was an honor that offered a variety of unexpected challenges and even amusements.

Early on, she said she was questioned about whether she wanted to be Barbara Bush or Hillary Clinton and was even pegged with the identity of a 1950s housewife because she decided keep a lot of her opinions to herself.

But two causes Bush championed were literacy and education.

"I believed that every child deserves a quality education and that cultural literacy is a foundation to democracy," she

"In was an honor to meet the voices those times called for, presidents and prime ministers, but there was not greater honor than to meet the first responders who rescued people in New York and Washington," she said.

Bush's speech was the highlight of The Hermitage's yearlong celebration of Jackson's birthday, which was March 15. Additional Jackson-themed events are planned locally as well as at sites across the country that have ties to the president, including the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and the National Museum of the American Indian.

To see more events that are part of Andrew Jackson's 250th birthday celebration and The Hermitage's regular event schedule, visit http://thehermitage.com/andrew-jacksons-250th-birthday-celebration/.

Reporter Jordan Buie can be reached at 726-5970 or by email at jbuie@tennessean.com.



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Former first lady Laura Bush was the keynote speaker at The Hermitage's annual Spring Outing. The outing is a 117-year tradition that started as a picnic on the mansion's lawn during the site's early preservation days. The invitation-only event is a fundraiser for the nonprofit Andrew Jackson Foundation and part of the organization's yearlong celebration of the seventh president's 250th birthday.

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## Andrew Jackson

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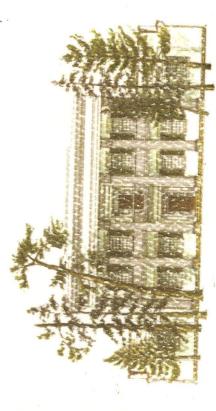
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