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A Day of the Dead Tradition
“The noble trees stood before the house...the oak, the hickory, the maple, the ruby-crested holly that had stood there for generation after generation. How delightful it was in the spring to notice when the sap would begin to rise and swell the buds—stirred them with life until some morning when we stepped out, the tender flags of green floated all over the grove.

Oh, the home of the old South, where is it?”

—Thomas E. Watson, speech to the Farmers’ National Union, 1907
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Errata
In the Campus Notes section of our fall number, we inadvertently misspelled Zidisha Dambuza’s name. We regret the error.

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Carrie Tian, Sophomore, Harvard: “I entered Harvard hugely interested in journalism, and though my freshman year has been a whirlwind of new friends from all over the globe and classes that have challenged my preconceptions—about history, about literature, about ideas themselves—above all, the opportunities I’ve had this year to explore journalism stand out to me. I participated in a workshop led by Evan Thomas and Walter Isaacson that took my abstract questions about the role reporting has in shaping the world and exploring those questions by actually covering stories and seeing what works for engaging readers. In the fall, I took a class on the intersection of law and the Internet, discussing such issues as privacy, copyright, and libel.

“To complement that, I became a staff writer for the Harvard Crimson, plunging into the fast-paced world of a college daily newspaper. One of my pet projects was scrutinizing the Harvard police logs and updating the student body on campus issues such as theft and harassment. After hours of reporting, it was always rewarding to see that one of my articles had entered into our website’s “Top Five Most Read.”

I also became a news reporter for WHRB, Harvard’s radio station. Producing news stories is an intensive process: pitching a story idea, arranging interviews, editing those interviews down into a cohesive narrative, and producing the final news segment. I created a story I was really proud of, interviewing cartographers about the future of mapmaking. I’m excited to continue in the fall—I appreciate how much artistic freedom the process gives me, knowing that it means I am fully responsible for doing perceptive, meaningful reporting.

“Over winter break, I had the honor of representing Harvard on Jeopardy!’s college championship. I auditioned the summer before, where the combination of my high school quiz bowl and drama experience proved effective for acing the screen test. The experience itself was incredible—it was such a pleasure getting to know the other contestants, and we still stay in touch. Of course, getting to meet Alex Trebek was surreal, and the night my match aired and many of my friends gathered to watch and cheer is one of my fondest memories of Freshman year.”

Qwaneshia Matthews, Sophomore, Limestone College: “Some of the goals that I have achieved during my Freshman year in college were making new friends, maintaining good grades, and becoming a...
better athlete. I had many fears about my Freshman year in college before I arrived. I was afraid that I would have trouble meeting new people and making friends, not being able to focus on work for classes, and miss home. After saying my good-byes and getting settled in, I decided to not stay in my room and be afraid of college life. I took walk around the campus to get familiar with the campus and its students. I was afraid that the people at Limestone College would not be so friendly, but fortunately I met my teammates on the track team first. They treated me with kindness and told me to not be so scared because the people that attend Limestone are nice. After hearing their words of comfort, I began to be not so afraid and became more confident in myself. I accepted my new environment and let my school become my second home.

Maintaining good grades was another achievement I made in college for my first time.

“Naturally I focused on my studies, and I was set on not being distracted by things that were not related to education. After my work was finished, I had a lot of time to spend with friends and have fun. Attending college as an athlete has made me focus on my sport also. I started to become a better athlete in college than I was in high school and that made my coaches, my family and friends, and me proud. My Freshman year in Limestone College was not what I expected. College has been one of the many greatest experiences in my life, and I am fortunate to go.”

Briana Mawby, Senior, George Washington University: “This semester I studied in Rwanda, which was an incredible experience. I was studying post-genocide reconstruction and peacebuilding, and I learned so much, both about political violence and about life in other areas of the world, from how to speak basic Kinyarwanda to how to cut a fresh pineapple to how haggle in markets. I lived with a local family, and they taught me so much and showed me how to get by in Rwanda. It was incredible to learn about the academic topics that interest me in their actual location, and I will remember some of these experiences for a long time, especially meeting with perpetrators of genocide, hearing victims’ stories, and visiting a refugee camp in Uganda.

“During the last month of the program, we were expected to do independent research and to write a paper on our findings, which we presented in front of government officials. This was challenging, but it was a great experience, and I feel so
much better prepared for future academic work. The entire semester was filled with amazing memories, and I had a wonderful time.

Benjamin Stewart, Sophomore, Georgia Institute of Technology: “While completing thirty-one credit hours this year at Georgia Tech, I made sure to become involved in extracurricular activities. I am a photographer for the school newspaper, the Technique, and have had my photos published on a front page spread. I also had the opportunity to be one of ten professional photographers at The Mille, an event at the Atlanta Motor Speedway which hosted more than 400 Porsches. My photography has also been displayed in campus art exhibits. This past summer I had the opportunity to work for John Deere as a Mechanical Engineering intern in their Current Production department. I gained 500 hours of engineering experience while working on thirty different projects with different departments such as manufacturing, quality, and product development and design. I plan to return to John Deere next summer to work as a design engineer. In the meantime, I am focused on schoolwork and am involved in a role of leadership at the GT Baptist Collegiate Ministry. I hope to intern for a medical device company in the spring but am waiting to hear word.”

Frankie Pruitt, Sophomore, University of South Carolina-Columbia: “My college year was amazing! I started out last semester a little timid. I was trying to find my place, my friends, and myself. Worried about coming from a background where I was ‘on top’—knowing everyone, being popular, etc.—into a place where there were 24,000 students and I was going to be just another number...Or was I? Right away, I began meeting new faces, creating new relationships, and finding more about myself as a person. From my first semester, I realized that I want God to stay first in my life. I joined the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and was chosen as the Freshmen Ministry Leader for 2012—2013. Furthermore, I was given the opportunity of going to Haiti on a mission trip. This definitely showed me that I will keep missions a part of my life. I am even going to Cleveland, Ohio, and Guatemala on missions this summer. I can’t wait to see how God will use me. I was also given the opportunity to see what I want to do for the rest of my life. At the beginning of fall semester, I was a biology major. I thought that special care dentistry was my calling. Then, one day I was standing in line at Marble Slab in our dining hall. All of a sudden, this random guy hopped right in front of me. “Uhm... Sir what are you doing?” I said with a shocked look on my face. To my astonishment he did not even turn around to acknowledge that I had just spoken to him. Whew... just let it slide; brush it off, I thought to myself. That’s when I noticed something different about him. He approached the counter, ‘I WAN BURFDAY CAKE!’ he exclaimed to the worker, who seemed to not understand him. Then, I stepped in saying, “Ma’am I think he wants birthday ice cream. Then he turned, looked at me, and had the biggest smile imaginable upon his face. ‘MY NAME LAVARYO,’ he bellowed. Little did I know, this event would lead to a great decision in my future career path. As time passed, I learned that Lavaryo has both a learning and hearing disability. In spending time with him daily, I picked up on American Sign Language and fell in love with this new found way to communicate. Therefore, I
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Chelsea Montgomery, Senior, College of Charleston: “This year has been incredible—though jam-packed with schoolwork, extracurriculars, and part-time jobs! Less than a year ago, I decided to change my majors from German and elementary education to German and political science; the truth is, I took an introduction to international studies course and fell in love with the concept of international politics. So, halfway through my university studies, I made a fairly sharp twist and opted to pursue my interest in political science by taking it on as one of my majors. No regrets!

“Probably the most exciting aspect of this year has been...my study abroad! In fact, at this exact moment, I’m living in a quaint, historic town at the northern fringe of Bavaria, in Germany. It’s been positively phenomenal to meet not only a slew of Germans through this experience, but also quite a few other international students from all over the world! Meeting these people and building relationships with them has taught me an immense amount about their cultures and beliefs and, well, about myself, too. During my time here in Germany, I’ve also been made aware of my heart for victims of human trafficking; ideally, I will be able to find work in this field in the future, potentially in the realm of international human rights law. I wouldn’t trade this study abroad experience for anything...despite the fact that I’ve only been able to wear shorts seven times, and I think today’s temperature is colder than most winters in South Carolina! Watson-Brown Committee: vielen, vielen Dank! Thank you so very much for helping me realize and pursue dreams that I, two years ago, didn’t even know I had.”

Jervey Roper, Junior, Wofford College: “Thanks to the Watson-Brown Foundation, I was able to partake in a study/travel opportunity offered through Wofford College. Over the January interim term, I traveled with a group of students to Belize to study ecotourism and sustainable living practices. We travelled through rainforests and lived on islands for a little more than two weeks. This opportunity opened my eyes not only to the growing ‘Go Green’ movement, but also to the culture and living conditions of this small Central American country. Many of the areas we lived in over the course of the month could be considered as ‘below standard,’ according to American standards. Yet the people living in these impoverished communities possessed a love of life and
sense of contentment with the amenities at hand.

This love of life was indeed contagious, and often expressed itself through acts of kindness. For example, our group arrived in the coastal town of Placencia, each of us loaded down with a week’s worth of wet, mud-caked clothes after spending more than a week in the rainforest. The hotel at which we stayed owned only two washers and dryers and employed only one person, Carolina, to do laundry. Upon arriving, everyone gave their dirty clothes to Carolina, who, after the first few loads, appeared distressed. Further investigation revealed that she couldn’t speak English! I helped translate for her for the rest of the day and was thankful for her willingness to wash, just as she was thankful for my breaking the language barrier. When we returned that night I found all of my clothes separated and folded at the end of my bed with a bag of everyone else’s clothes thrown together. I had made a friend.

“Without the support of Watson-Brown I would never have had the opportunity to experience such an incredible trip. Thank you.”

Joe Shepherd, Junior, Texas A&M University: “It is quite possible here to get lost in a morass of lengthy narrative, pawing at the limits of my abilities as a writer in a feeble attempt to tell my peregrinations as a Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior at Texas A&M University. But I operate under no misapprehension of my talents, and feel that I can best express and describe the parts of my experiences that are most uniquely mine in another way: by seeking out the contrasting situations that flicker and dance across the dim-lit walls of my memory each time I recall the past two-and-a-half years. From the starry-sprayed midnight of a Burke County cotton field, to the sometimes-halting march of x-primes and y-double-dots across the page of a dynamics and vibrations textbook, the ever-changing yearly, monthly, and weekly cycles bring those contrasts and complements together in an irreproducible swirl of sensation that I count myself fortunate to have tasted. On a broader time scale, I found myself moving from two semesters in a town so entrenched in university culture that its very name was College Station, to a summer spent offshore in the steamy bays and canals of the Louisiana oilfields, where a college diploma is as rare as a woman’s face, and tattoos resemble some sort of natural tarnish in their ubiquity. From football gamedays on the third deck of Kyle Field, I moved to watching the glassy-smooth reflections of a summer sunset off of Tiger Pass where it joins West Bay. Rather than late nights spent wrestling some sense from mystic Matlab scripts and Bode plots over the lonely wailing of a Pandora station wandering its inscrutable way, I spent the darkness before dawn watching the pipeline meters roll over to the tune of muttered Cajun and staticky Top 20 country songs. No more occasionally soporific, occasionally all-too-lively lecture sessions on everything from Arabic aspirations to reheated cogenerative Rankine cycles during the summer months: I instead spent the shimmery hot middays zipping from wellhead to wellhead in the little 45-hp Renegade and countless sweat-soaked and oil-sprayed hours throwing tongs and stabbing pipe on the drilling floor. My constant companions cycled from the other civil/mechanical/chemical/petroleum engineering students and liberal arts majors of assorted types to the far-stranger-than-fiction Spike, Shaggy, Moses, Cupcake, Clarence, and Henry—a grease-stained, Marlboro-perfumed, tattooed cohort if ever I saw one. And that was, more or less, the yearly cycle to this date. On a smaller time scale, however, the ever-present and ever-potent head of Texas and UT, or whoever we happen to be playing against this past weekend, the Bonfire is a little less well-known. The Aggie, between the religious attendance at home football games that is the norm and the weekends and evenings spent in grueling labor building the off-campus student bonfire. While the former is fairly well-known to SEC game watchers by this time, the Bonfire is a little less well-known. From a centerpole rising 45 feet in the air, outward in several concentric tiers some 32 to 10 feet in height, thousands of logs are stacked in a giant arrangement—logs that have each been cut the old-fashioned way with axes by the various crews composed of student members who donate their strong backs and calloused hands in their ‘leisure’ hours. While each crew has its own quirks and idiosyncrasies, few are more noticeable—and more enthusiastic—than the honors dorms work crew, Nerd Crew, of which I am a proud member. Each fall, on the same week as Thanksgiving, the stack is ignited in a grand celebration of school spirit, whether manifested against the hereditary foe UT, or whoever we happen to be playing that weekend. And it is on that festive night that the various erstwhile engineers, accountants, psychologists, and scientists-to-be proudly view the result of their prowess as lumberjacks and log-rollers. A river of paper would barely suffice to recount the many goings-on of which I have been a part as a student these past years, and did I have the time to spare for their telling, I would eagerly spend many a hour transcribing them. But I am an engineering student, not an author, and my time and space are limited. Suffice it to say that I am many times over grateful for the opportunity I have been afforded to attend what I believe is one of the finest universities in the country, learning one of the finest trades I know of.”

Andrew Ebner, Senior, Kenyon College: “My Junior year would boast a semester of foreign study, but I’d have to work hard in fall in order to take care of my requirements. I doubled up on chemistry classes while still finding time for voice lessons and an advanced poetry workshop this past fall. With this coursework completed, I was ready not only for my Senior year, but also to fly to Denmark in the spring to study medicine and philosophy at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad. I stayed with a host family, and through meeting them, fitting into a new culture, and taking far different classes than I was used to, I gained a stronger sense of personal responsibility and a new perspective on what I was capable of doing. With this grasp on possibility, I wanted to make the most of my semester, and thereby became a finalist for the Intercultural Leadership Award at my program. The medical class I attended was challenging.
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and gave me a great perspective on health-care systems in Denmark, Germany, and Poland, and I gained a sense of the expectations placed on doctors to care for the total health of the patient. This experience reinforced my desire to apply to medical school, and with my coursework supporting this decision, I plan to use this summer to study for the MCAT so that I’ll be ready to apply in the fall. I also hope to volunteer in the local hospital system as well as work on a collection of poems.”

Daniel McAlister, Senior, Georgia Institute of Technology: “I had one of the best years of my life this past school year after getting married on May 14, 2011. Though it may seem that balancing married life and school would be difficult, I found that it was much easier than expected. I began the summer semester working as a mechanical engineering co-op at Newcomb & Boyd, an MEP design firm in Atlanta. I had a great time at work and was able to gain a lot of experience along with school credits. In the fall semester, I was able to complete my first semester with a 4.0 while still maintaining a 4.0 in all my major specific classes. I was also invited to join Pi Tau Sigma, a mechanical engineering honor society, by being in the top 15 percent of third-year students. My classes are becoming more and more interesting to me as they are getting more in-depth and focused on my major. In the spring, I was able to gain even more experience at Newcomb & Boyd, while working on engineering projects for Georgia State University and Emory University. Thank you Watson-Brown Foundation for your financial support and making all this possible!”
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Bragg, Kenneth Eugene ......... Warrenville, SC
Brewe, Alexis Marie ............ Grantville, SC
Carter, Jessica Nicole .......... Greenville, SC
Casas, Shola Elizabeth ......... Greenville, SC
Chandrasekar, Eeshwar Kausik ... Simpsonville, SC
Chay, Jonathan Wan ............ Greer, SC
Collins, William Garrett ..... North Augusta, SC
Culp, William Ellis ............. Greenville, SC
Dearybury, Emily Katherine ... Spartanburg, SC
Eubanks, Lindsey Jacklyn ... Warrenville, SC
Evans, Quisha Leprit. ......... Fountain Inn, SC
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Firster, Christopher Mackinley Keith ... New Ellenston, SC
Foster, Shandrea Da'chelle ... Spartanburg, SC
Gailey, Jennifer Diane ........ Greenville, SC
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Grubb, Tyler James ............. Taylors, SC
Hensley, Avery Meredith ...... Bath, SC
Hightower, Harold Cody ...... Warrenville, SC
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Johnson, Beth ................. Chesnee, SC
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Motiwala, Asgar Hatim ...... Spartanburg, SC
Naik, Sejal Pravin .......... Spartanburg, SC
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Roper, Amy Elizabeth ...... Spartanburg, SC
Roper, Phillip Jervey ......... Greenville, SC
Savola, Chad William ......... Greer, SC
Savath, Savanny Renee ..... Duncan, SC
Snider, Jared Andrew ......... Inman, SC

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Von Plinsky, Autumn Laurel ... Augusta, GA
At a glance, Erin Friedmann is a bit like a walking MoMA installation: her auburn hair dyed an even more vibrant red Clairol calls Ginger in a Snap, her hazel eyes crowned with a sweep of Cyber Lilac eye shadow, her lips smacked with a cranberry hue named Salon. In New York City, she’s just another commuter taking the inbound G train from Brooklyn toward Manhattan, but in Augusta, Georgia, where she was raised, she stood out like an exclamation point.

Naturally bright, Erin excelled in school and expressed an early interest in art. However, unlike most budding Picassos that cover the refrigerator with their works, Erin’s creations were more utilitarian: illustrated notes to her best friend, penned in sweeping script with painstaking detail and wrapped in homemade envelopes. Before computers and laptops gave second graders word processors and an arsenal of fonts, it seems that this future graphic designer divined that print mattered and that a letter’s sharp angles or gentle curves conveyed emotion and purpose.

“I remember spending a lot of time at my desk in my room,” she says. Drawers brimmed with construction paper, rulers, and scissors, and colored pencils and pens stood at the ready in a container at hand. “For Mother’s Day one year, I made a card, folding a piece of paper in half and cutting out a heart at the crease. On the front it read: ‘Who’s the best mom in the world?’ and I used the half-heart shape as a question mark. When you opened the card, I used the full heart as the letter O for the word ‘you.’ My parents were really impressed with how I combined drawing and intellect, and I think that’s where I began to take pride in being thoughtful about my art.”

But up until her Senior year at Westside High School, Erin had yet to figure out how to turn her interest in art into a career—that is, until a visiting speaker from a nearby art institute shared with her AP art class a slide show of the different majors offered at the school. “She got to the slide on graphic design, and I knew in an instant that that’s what I wanted to do,” Erin recalls.

Erin pursued that path at the University of Georgia and weathered the competitive application process to the art and graphic design school. Before graduating in December 2005, she spent the summer interning for a design/advertising agency in Athens. The following spring, she made the big move to New York City, the mecca of magazines.
Assisting at a Redbook photo shoot high above midtown Manhattan in Hearst Tower, Erin looks much more at play than at work. Spread before her on a white backdrop are next summer’s makeup trends, deconstructed: a streak of lipstick, dusting of powder, stripe of eye liner. Although it looks like a star from Toddlers and Tiaras had a tantrum at the table, the mess is all by design. Each shadow cast and every swipe of smudge is analyzed and adjusted. Associate Art Director since 2011, Erin attends most of the photo shoots of the pages she designs. She’ll then take these images, along with text from the editors, and lay out the magazine. “Graphic designers are the architects of the pages they design,” she says. “I see the elements of the page piled in front of me like LEGOs, and it’s up to me to structure the photos and copy into a visually pleasing section.”

The puzzling of it all is attractive to the self-described crossword-and-Jumble junkie. “I have a large threshold of patience for putting things together,” Erin says. In the magazine world, that involves the push-pull relationship between the editors and the art team. Whether to shrink or lose an image or to edit text to fit the page, for example, is discussion that arises nearly every issue. “Our priorities are different, but we’re all ultimately thinking of the reader, just from different angles,” she says.

In a world that’s more and more touchscreen, magazines are navigating how to translate their glossy pages to the eReaders and the Internet. Part of her job at Redbook is to make each issue available on the iPad. “Call me a dinosaur,” the thirty-year-old says, “but that’s not how I prefer to read. There’s a certain intimacy with the printed page that you just don’t get with a screen: the way it feels in your hands, curling up with it.” She defends her medium and profession and has confidence in its future. “Magazines are a force to be reckoned with, and editors’ voices are valued. Designers make the whole package exciting.”

“The Watson-Brown scholarship was a key source of support for me as I pursued goals that would define not only who I became, but also what I contribute to society.”
DEATH OF TOM COBB

BY SAMUEL N. THOMAS, JR.

The cold weather of early December 1862 quickly gave way to a wet Indian summer. The morning of December 13 started out as a pleasant day in the town of Fredericksburg, Virginia, the matrilineal home of Thomas Reade Rootes Cobb's mother. “Tell Ma,” he reminded his wife, Marion, in a letter written upon his arrival in the city, “my camp is now on the hills immediately in the rear and west of old Federal Hill. I can see the house plainly about one mile and a half distant, there being a level plain between it and my Hd. Qrs.”

That day raced forward in a very different way from how it started as Burnside's Union army commenced their grand attack against the Army of Northern Virginia. Tom Cobb, from his position behind the stone wall at the base of Marye's Heights, just south of the town, strained to survey what was happening while he calmly mulled over in his head the script of battle as it was about to play out. The one thing that Tom did not realize that this was to be his last day on Earth.

There are differing accounts of the last moments of Tom Cobb's life. Some accounts, although not by eyewitnesses, state that Cobb was shot by a sharpshooter from a nearby structure. There is also a secondary account of Cobb being intentionally shot by one of his own men. Although, this account has been disproved, it occasionally surfaces.

Wondering what really happened, we constantly search through primary sources for mentions of the fighting at the stone wall and what happened to T.R.R. Cobb. We look it carefully, and said, ‘Well! If they wait for me to fall back, they will wait a long time.’”

Several eyewitnesses noted Tom Cobb calmly making preparations for the coming attack. Pvt. Samuel Burney of Cobb's Legion Infantry was one who noted his calmness. “When I left him,” wrote Burney, “he was standing by his campfire, smoking his pipe, his long hair behind his ears, his sword girt about him, and his pants in his boot-legs, looking the very impersonation of a god of war.”

Cobb's anticipation didn't have long to wait. Once French's division seemed like hours instead of a few moments the men huddled behind the wall. “Gen. Cobb ordered his men to reserve fire until the enemy came within fifty or seventy-five yards,” wrote to Dr. Rufus K. Porter, Cobb's regimental physician.” He then added, “The order was obeyed to the letter.”

Pvt. E.H. Sutton recorded in a letter to his mother after the fight that he and his fellow comrades “were in line behind a stone wall ... on the night of the twelfth ... The weather was cold—the ground freezing. On the morning of the thirteenth the enemy advanced on our position. We had orders not to fire without command.” William Montgomery recorded that as soon as Cobb saw the advancing Federals he, “pulled off his hat & waving it over his head exclaimed, ‘Get ready Boys here they come.’”

As Federal troops began pouring across the field like locusts devouring everything in their paths, the Confederate artillery upon Marye's Heights fired canister after canister into the approaching troops. Huge holes were blown into the Federal lines, but they closed ranks and continued to push up the hill. Cobb admonished his men to hold their fire until, “you can count the Yankee buttons.” They did not have long to wait. Once French's division came within point-blank range, Cobb's infantry rose up and let loose “a perfect sheet of flame,” as one Northerner later remembered.

Throughout the Union assault in the sunken road behind the stone wall, Cobb's resonant voice was heard above the sound of shot and shell. As the Federals readied for their next assault, Cobb continued to move amongst his men reassuring them. “Gen. Cobb,” reported Capt. A.S. Starnes of Cobb's Legion Infantry, “would order his men to reserve their fire until the Federals were within easy reach. 'Keep cool,' he would say, 'Keep cool. Wait until they come up. Don't fire until the order is given.' He moved up and down the line, constantly giving them instructions with words of encouragement and
himself showed absolutely no fear.”

Pvt. Sutton recorded that his general’s voice could be heard above the fight, “steady and clear, along the entire line, giving the order to fire, when every gun was discharged with the regularity of dress parade.”

The field over which the Federals advanced was an absolute killing field. “We waited until they got within about two hundred yards of us,” wrote Pvt. Montgomery. “We were in the front line and could see every bullet that struck them. The Federals were shot down like зайцы.”

Cobb’s leg was shot off, but he still walked up and down the line, cheering his men on. “Hold your position, boys: hold your position. Be quiet; I’m alright.” But he was not alright, and in a few moments he was dead.

Dr. Porter gave a similar account: “Gen. Cobb was walking up and down the line, cheering his men, when he met Gen. Cook of North Carolina, whose brigade was just coming into action. It is supposed that they stopped near the house for consultation, when a shell passed through the house and exploded, tearing through his thigh. ‘On being struck,’ continued Porter, ‘General Cobb asked quietly for a tourniquet. A silk handkerchief was made to serve the purpose as far as possible.’”

Cpt. Starnes said that Cobb’s last orders to his men were, “‘Hold your position, boys; hold your position. Be quiet; I’m alright.’ But he was not alright, and in a few moments he was dead. Two of his comrades who tried to carry him from the field were shot and killed.”

Cobb was moved to the home of Martha Stevens, who was giving aid to the wounded Confederates. The exact spot where Tom Cobb expired is still debated. One account relates that “moments before his death, word reached him that the enemy had been defeated. The last words of Gen. Cobb were: ‘Thank God.’”

Lying on the floor of the widow’s home, he died in the arms of his brigade chaplain, R.K. Porter. Porter’s own account states that Cobb was carried down the road about a mile and a half “to where all the aid was rendered that medical skill could devise; but in vain. He died before the day was over, and the noble hero was at rest.”

Other accounts, however, insinuate that he lived for a short period of time. “The whole time of the engagement,” wrote Pvt. Montgomery, “our brave & gallant Gen. Cobb was encouraging on his men until a shot from the enemy’s cannon gave him his mortal wound. He was on the right of our Company, only a few feet from me when wounded. Payson Ardis being one of the litter bearers ran to him & I never shall forget his last look as they laid him on a litter to bear him from the field. His last words to his men were, ‘I am only wounded. Boys, hold your ground like brave men.’”

In 1937, H.M. Reed of Memphis wrote to Margaret Mitchell, of Gone With The Wind fame, “My father’s regiment [13th Mississippi Infantry] was very badly cut up in the first days Battle at Fredericksburg, as they were stationed on the bank of the river to hold back the Federal army until Gen. Lee got his troops formed in his chosen position on the heights above the town. They drove back the Federals nine times, but were so badly cut up that they were put in reserve in the following battle the next day. During the battle an ambulance driver furiously by the driver drove through the reserves on the way to the rear. Blood was streaming from the body of the ambulance and passing by my father he asked whom he had so badly wounded. The driver said Gen. Cobb of Georgia and he is bleeding to death and he asked my father to get in and see if he could do something for the general. So my father climbed into the ambulance and at a glance saw how badly wounded he was. He was shot through the leg just above the knee and a large artery was cut. He dropped down beside the general and shoved his thumb into the wound and pressed the ends of the artery together and stopped the bleeding. The general aroused from a state of semi-coma and remarked ’My boy I am very badly wounded.’ He had lost so much blood before the bleeding was stopped that he was barely conscious. When they arrived at the hospital they had to lift the general and my father out together as he could not release the pressure on the artery a second. They laid both of them down on a bed together and the general expired before he could remove his thumb from the wound. My dad said his thumb was numb for a week afterwards.”

Tom Cobb was dead. But he and his fellow Georgians had done their duty and broken the Union wave upon Marye’s Heights. The closest the Federals came that day was one man who fell thirty yards in front of the wall. At the base of the heights lay seven thousand dead, dying, and wounded Federal soldiers. Cobb’s Georgia Brigade lost thirty-one killed, 199 wounded, and four missing.

As to Tom Cobb, A.S. Starnes later recorded, “He was one of the most heroic men ever seen in battle, and one of the coolest.” Gen. James Longstreet offered his own take in his official correspondence of the day, writing, “In him we have lost one of our promising officers and statesmen.”

The greatest acknowledgement of Thomas Reade Rootes Cobb and his loss came in a letter a few days later written to Howell Cobb:

General,

I beg leave to express my deep sympathy in your great sorrow. Your noble and gallant brother has met a soldier’s death, and God grant that this army and our country may never be called upon again to mourn so great a sacrifice. Of his merits, his lofty intellect, his accomplishments, his professional frame, and above all his Christian character, I need not speak to you who knew him so intimately and well. But as a patriot and soldier, his death has left a deep gap in the army which his military aptitude and skill render ... hard to fill. In the Battle of Fredericksburg he won an immortal name for himself and his brigade. Hour after hour he held his position in front of our batteries, while division after division of the enemy was hurled against him. He announced the determination of himself and his men never to leave their post until the enemy was beaten, and with unshaken courage and fortitude he kept his promise.

May God give consolation to his afflicted family, and may the name and the fame of the Christian statesman and soldier be cherished as a bright example and holy remembrance.

With great esteem,
Your obedient servant
R. E. Lee
Regular readers of The Legacy have unquestionably figured out that the Watson-Brown crew likes butterflies. I mean really likes butterflies. We’ve gone so far as to plant fields with weeds to attract them to create a sort of a greasy spoon butterfly buffet, if you will. So as not to discriminate against more sophisticated palates, however, the ratty field is quaintly located next door to a planned and neatly organized butterfly bistro full of ornamentals. The Watson-Brown crew is also a very accommodating bunch.

In mid-September, I noticed that the Gulf Fritillary larvae on the two pots of passion vine at back door of Hickory Hill were about to eat their way out of house and home. I promptly relocated them to the larger passion vines at our butterfly bistro. Apparently, we have a snooty bunch of bugs: My little guys joined a hoard of 300 or so orange and black caterpillars.

But I digress. As I sit here typing, my eye is continuously drawn to the other butterfly baby, Danaus plexippus, the monarch. There are two monarch caterpillars, harbingers of both spring and fall, in a jar on my desk, where they prepare to undergo that magical transformation from caterpillar to chrysalis. As I watch them climb to the top of their enclosure, hook onto the mesh, and flop upside down, I can begin to understand how early Christians found the resulting butterflies to be symbols of resurrection and the ancient Aztecs of Mexico thought they carried the souls of the beloved dead. Present day Mexico bears little resemblance to pre-conquest Mexico. But one thing remains the same, the migration of the monarchs. Once reborn, the little caterpillars on my desk and their nine brethren upstairs will begin a long and arduous journey to Mexico. The vacation will be fraught with innumerable dangers: wind, cars, pesticides, predators. Once they arrive, they will join millions of others to light on the oyamel firs on the tops of seven mountains in the state of Michoacán. The Aztecs believed these butterflies returned souls to spend the winter close to their beloved families. Thus began the modern celebration of Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead.

Día de los Muertos is celebrated on November 1 and 2 throughout Latin America and in places in the United States where there are large Hispanic populations. The dates correspond specifically to the height of the monarch migration. During the celebration, families will clean grave sites of their ancestors, fill them with yellow flowers (a favorite food of the butterflies), candles, and food. Ofrendas, or altars, are built inside private homes on which are placed photographs and personal items of the dead. People exchange decorated sugar skulls as friendship tokens and as remembrances. Cities host large celebrations with dancers decked out as calacas, or skeletons. At Lake Pátzcuaro, people ride boats called mariposas (butterflies) out to a cemetery on an island in the lake to honor their dead.

At Watson-Brown, we celebrate Día de los Muertos by maintaining habitats favored by monarchs and their butterfly brethren and by sharing monarch conservation with students who come to visit. On November 1 and 2, we taught groups of sixth graders about the amazing cultural traditions sparked by this humble bug.
The Thomson Chapter of the Watson-Brown Foundation Junior Board is pleased to welcome four new members this fall: Donnyell Miller, Kylie Guy, Kitty Shepherd, and Harry Kortick. They joined returning members and members of both the Milledgeville and Athens chapters in Augusta on November 3 to meet one another and learn a bit more about historic preservation and philanthropy.

(pictured left to right, front row to back row)

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Briarwood Academy

Harry Kortick, Junior,
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Kitty Shepherd, Sophomore,
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Westminster Schools of Augusta

Rebecca McGahee, Junior,
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Ty Cummings, Senior,
Thomson High,
Board Chair

(Not pictured) Max Swann, Senior,
Thomson High, Board Vice-Chair
Georgia Doremus Watson receives her M.A. in history at the University of Chicago.
he was born March 27, 1906, but perhaps it is not too much to say that Georgia Doremus Watson’s life began September 26, 1938, the day she married Dr. Avery Odelle Craven. To that point, the clock hands of Georgia’s thirty-two years had primarily been moved by loss. Her father died suddenly in 1917; her beloved grandfather, Thomas E. Watson in 1922; her grandmother the following year. Her first cousin, dear like a sister and a contemporary, died of tuberculosis in 1935. Tragedy had left Georgia quite alone at the age of twenty-nine.

Fate also positioned her as the sole heiress to Tom Watson’s estate. What wealth Watson had amassed primarily lay in land and houses that stretched across three states. Although she was moved by the mountains around Afton, Virginia, and the sparkling waters of Hobe Sound, Florida, Georgia loved only one home: a stately house in Thomson, Georgia, called Hickory Hill.

Her grandfather had bought the house in 1900, transformed it into a revival mansion unlike anything in the immediate area, and in 1904 christened it with a pet name. Surrounded by hundreds of acres of fields and hardwoods and pines, Hickory Hill and its environs were Tom Watson’s beau ideal of social and domestic order: dignified and self-sufficient, a community that nurtured itself and asked less of the world than it gave. Georgia grew under its evergreens, enjoyed noon dinners at its hearty table, romped its fields by foot and pony, and gleefully traded silence for coins tossed from the second story office of her studious grandfather. She cradled crystal memories even as life hurled at her grim realities. Although her education would take her to Atlanta and Chicago, Georgia routinely returned to the rural home of her ancestors.

But fondness could not prop a house the way it buoyed her spirit, and over the years Hickory Hill had become tired if not a bit ragged. In 1939 after a spring jaunt to the universities of Charlottesville and Chapel Hill, Georgia and Avery drove south to Thomson. One likes to imagine her springing from a barely stopped car to declare to her husband that this was the home of her people. Regardless, the significance of the moment was not lost on Avery, who respectfully recorded the moments with his camera. Captions on his snapshots of the subsequent three days did
not identify the house as “Hickory Hill,” or “The Home of Tom Watson,” but rather “Georgia Watson’s home in Thomson, Ga.” Avery Craven scholars might recall this visit was the inspiration for the dedication and the source of the illustrations for his last book, *Rachel of Old Louisiana*.

Craven’s photos also confirmed a house that begged for repairs. Georgia and Avery responded and promptly arranged for a new roof, planned the partial demolition of the dilapidated rear of the house, and prepared to call Hickory Hill their second home.

At the time, Avery Craven’s star was high and still rising in academe, and the demands of research, writing, and teaching left precious little time for leisure. However well intentioned, Avery and Georgia soon realized that Chicago was a world away from Thomson. Perhaps more obvious was the fact that a professor’s schedule and salary were not conducive to the proper maintenance and use of a sprawling second home a thousand miles distant. Something had to give, and it would not be their marriage.

In 1947, Georgia sold Hickory Hill to Walter J. Brown, widower of her first cousin and father of Tom Watson’s great-grandson. It was a natural but astounding decision. With precious few restrictions and no indication of remorse, Georgia had let go of Hickory Hill and most of the Watson property in McDuffie County.

The subsequent years moved Georgia Craven at a hurried pace that reflected a husband and history professor in high demand. In 1952, Avery officially assumed emeritus status at the University of Chicago, but visiting professorships transported him and Georgia across the country and around the globe for another decade. Although Walter continued to invite them home, trips to Thomson remained elusive.

That changed in 1968, when Avery planned a “real retirement.” Whether he and Georgia missed the house or perhaps felt guilty at having turned down Walter’s ceaseless invitations for a variety of family gatherings, they agreed on a homecoming trip the week of Thanksgiving. Walter, giddy at the thought, planned a party. Georgia admirably got caught up in the festive spirit and fired off a list of invitees that reunited her “old crowd” of Thomson friends. The stable of family names are familiar now as then: Lokey, Watson, Garrett, Neal, Knox, Gibson, Evans, Hunt, Usry, Ansley ….

By all accounts the open house was a smash. The local paper carried it in the social pages, and gracious thank-you notes soon filled the mailbox. Avery and Georgia departed Hickory Hill with fond memories, in high spirits and perhaps a bit nostalgic. After thanking Walter for all his gifts of kindness, Georgia solemnly pledged: “I will come again one day.”

More importantly, she and Avery also left with a new family member. Behind Hickory Hill, Walter had raised a kennel of registered beagles, one of which had recently given birth. Brown was no serious hunter, but his older brother adored dogs and somehow persuaded him into becoming a breeder of field champion rabbit dogs. Just before the arrival of Georgia and Avery, Altamaha Buddy and Galley’s Circle G Gal whelped a litter of five pups. Georgia and Avery were smitten, claimed a male on the spot, and shunning the pretentiousness of American Kennel Club protocol simply and appropriately named him Hickory.

Hickory was still too young to travel, so Walter promised to ship him to Chicago in the ensuing weeks. Anticipation grew as a month passed, and for the Cravens the holidays seemed to drag. “We’ve had a white Christmas,” wrote Georgia, “enjoyed the birds we feed out our window, and long for Hickory to arrive. I hate to miss his puppy days ….” On January 28, she again gently nudged Walter: “[T]ell Hickory we are waiting with love.”

On February 5, 1969, Walter flew Hickory to Chicago airfreight where he arrived at O’Hare airport and into the waiting arms of his eager new parents. They whisked him to their Chesterton, Indiana, home at Dune Acres on the shores of Lake Michigan. The spring was busy and wonderful with neighbors dropping in to dote over the new addition. Hickory quickly assumed command over the house. Georgia assured Walter that “in all your life you have never done anything that has brought more joy than that little dog,” and that Hickory had attracted from Avery his “complete and total love.” Avery steadfastly refused to discipline the dog, and Georgia laughed that young Hickory’s manners left something to be desired. “He sleeps on every chair, bed, etc. runs the household with his charm. He’s a spoiled Craven child like the rest.”

Just as Hickory occupied hearts, he began appearing in Avery’s artwork. Craven painted, and his
“Georgia assured Walter that ‘in all your life you have never done anything that has brought more joy than that little dog.’”
new companion soon appeared in oil, watercolor, and pencil portraits and cartoons above playful captions. In 1972, Craven ghostwrote a diary for his best friend that humorously chronicled a day at home with Avery (the “bossed”) and Georgia (the “institution”). The journal was subtitled “What A Life.”

On a more melancholy note, Georgia recognized something beyond love that drew together master and dog. “Avery is his own worst enemy,” she wrote, “and be that as it may, he is, I think feeling quite old and lonely at times, and Hickory fills almost a pathetic place.”

The years moved forward, and Hickory grew even as Craven’s health deteriorated. Daily walks through their home beat of woods and dunes became more infrequent. Even so, correspondence between Walter and Georgia routinely mentioned the beagle in shimmering terms and sometimes traded awkward jokes that it was her attachment to Hickory, not Avery’s declining health, that chained Georgia to the Chicago area. In lieu of her presence to annual family gatherings, Georgia sent photographs of Hickory. Always he was the “dear little companion,” or “a darling animal.” “We don’t know how,” Georgia wrote, “but he gets dearer all the time.”

By 1979 Georgia had placed Avery in a nursing home. Later that year, she wrote of him in the past tense, further indicating the precipitous decline of his physical and mental condition. On January 21, 1980, Avery O. Craven died.

The ensuing two years occupied Georgia with unpleasant if poignant chores of probating a will, boxing a library, distributing Craven’s personal effects and attending memorial gatherings in his honor. She seemed prepared for the loss and at peace. Always there was a beagle, even as young lions roared.

That, too, came to an end. In the summer of 1982, Hickory died. He was thirteen. Two months later in a delayed and sprawling letter Georgia announced his death to Walter. The note was absent her usual elegance: Georgia was crying as she wrote. “I wanted to write you earlier about the saddest thing in the summer as far as I was concerned,” she began. “Hickory died July 20.”

Hickory had not returned home the evening of the 19th. With the aid of a neighbor, Georgia found his failing body in the shrubs. She sensed he was “seeking the earth.” A dash to the veterinarian did not prolong his life for more than a few hours. Georgia, age seventy-six, again found herself suddenly alone.

In this instance, however, letting go was unusually difficult. Hickory had long been identified with memory and place. Georgia had the remains cremated. “I have not buried his ashes,” she wrote to Walter. “This was
his home and he loved it but I do not want to leave him here. With your permission I would like to bring those ashes back to Hickory Hill some day and bury them there where he was born. I am weeping again copiously this minute about him ... He was the happiest thing that ever hit this family."

In time, just as she promised Walter years before, Georgia Watson Craven did come again.

Below the shadows of Hickory Hill, between Tom Watson’s tin garage and his dovecote stands a small granite tombstone that most visitors never see. Beneath it are the remains of a brown-eyed beagle named Hickory.

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