

Confederate ** Memorial Hall

The Louisiana Historical Association..

Museum of Confederate Relics, and Pantheon of Southern Glories

Dedicated in 1891

New Orleans, La.





EXTERIOR VIEW OF MEMORIAL HALL.

Memorial Hall...

Is managed by the Board of Governors of the Louisiana Historical Association, chartered in 1889, for 99 years.

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It was erected by FRANK T. HOWARD, Esq., of New Orleans, the noble son of a gallant Confederate soldier, and by him turned over and dedicated perpetually to the purposes of the Association.

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It stands on one of the main streets of the metropolis of the South, close to Lee Circle, and within the shadow of the lofty pillar surmounted by the statue of Robert E. Lee.

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Its Charter says: "The collections made, and the donations received by the Corporation, shall never be broken up by sale, or by division among its members, nor shall any article be removed from New Orleans, nor shall any article be exchanged or disposed of, except by the unanimous vote of the Board of Governors and by the consent of the donors."

The By-laws say:

"It is the intent that this Association shall be perpetual, but in the event of its dissolution, all collections of every kind and all assets, after the payment of its obligations, shall go to and be vested in the Howard Memorial Library Association, excepting the right of reversion of manual gifts to the donors or their forced heirs, and the contributions from Confederate Veteran Associations."

The STATE OF LOUISIANA, in its recently adopted Constitution, says:

"The General Assembly shall appropriate not less than \$1,200 dollars per annum for the maintenance in New Orleans of a Memorial Hall, or repository for the collection and preservation of relics and mementoes of the late Civil War, and of other objects of interest."

The last General Assembly, in conformity with the Constitution of the State, made the proper appropriation.

Thus assured of the maintenance of Memorial Hall, the Board of Governors of the Louisiana Historical Association have undertaken the raising of an Endowment Fund, to better carry out its purposes and to extend its benefits. This fund, already well started, promises to be made ample to place Memorial Hall at the pinnacle of institutions of its kind in the South.



THE COLLECTION

At present contains:

- 51 Confederate battle-flags and guidons.
- 4 Federal captured flags.
- 29 Oil paintings (framed).
- 210 Lithographs, engravings, and crayons (framed).
- 300 and more photographs, daguerreotypes, and ambrotypes.
- 600 volumes of Jefferson Davis' library, his official papers, his cradle, his field-glass, his Washington relics, and many other of his personal effects.
 - GEN. G. T. BEAUREGARD'S bust, his official papers, uniform, sword, kepi, spurs, and other personal and military effects.
 - GENERAL BRAGG's uniform, swords, spurs, pistol, Bible and other personal effects.
 - GEN. ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON'S SWORD.
 - GEN. D. W. ADAMS' sword and uniform.
- 58 swords and sabres of general, field, and line officers.
- 35 guns and pistols.
- 36 cannon balls and shells used in war.
- 49 uniforms, hats, and kepis.
- 1700 volumes and pamphlets on the war.
- 300 maps and views of battle-fields.
- 200 muster rolls and lists of troops.
- 3000 documents, manuscripts books, orders, and other military papers, and hundreds of articles and mementoes of great value.

The collection contains over 8,000 articles, and is daily receiving new contributions.

