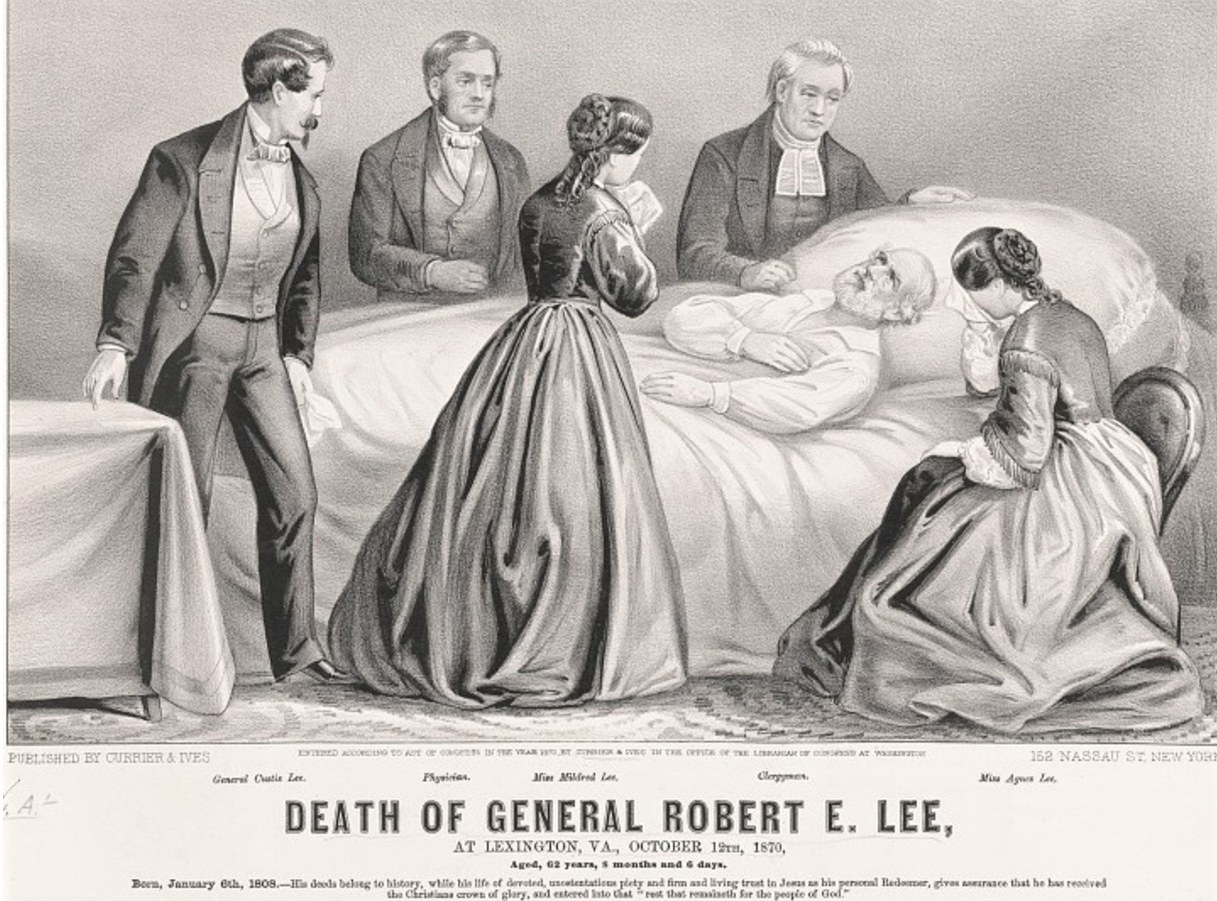




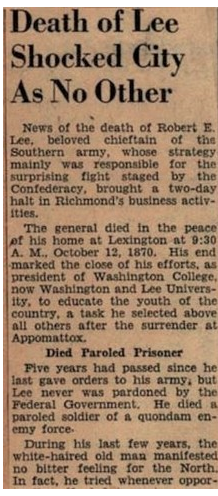
Contemporary Accounts on the Death of General Robert E Lee both North and South

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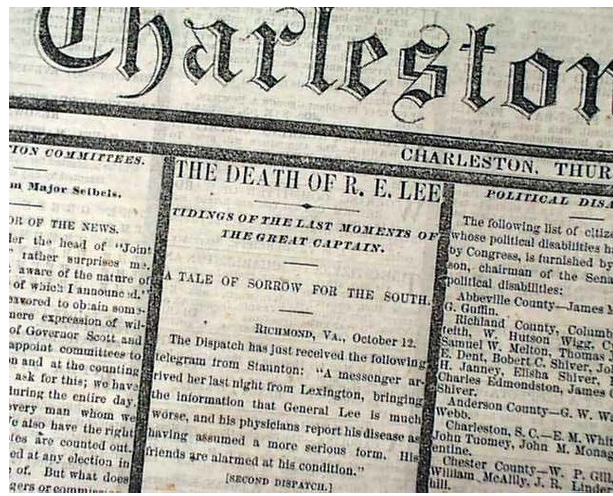


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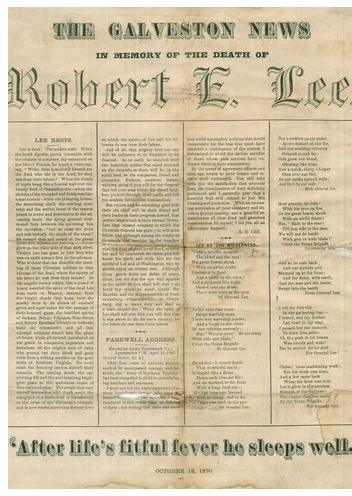
CSA General Robert E Lee died on October 12, 1870 in Lexington, Virginia. The following are accounts from various newspapers across the United States reporting his passing. While newspapers located in the South would, as most assume, be complimentary to the man. It is instructive that some of the newspapers from outside the South also had a favorable portrayal.



City unknown



Charleston, South Carolina



Galveston, Texas

The Selma Journal, Selma, Alabama, October 13, 1870 "The city has been in mourning all day in honor of General Lee. The church bells tolled and a public address was delivered to a great crowd by General John Tyler Morgan."

The Weekly Arizona Miner, Prescott, Arizona, November 5, 1870 "Robert E Lee, one of America's greatest and best sons, is no longer a dweller on Earth. His death was mourned by men of all parties in every section of the country."

The Stark County Democrat, Canton, Ohio, October 14, 1870 "The announcement of the death of General Robert E Lee will be received with regret all over the world."

The New York Herald, October 14, 1870 "The death of General Robert E Lee has impressed the public throughout the entire country with general feelings of regret. Old prejudices and party bitterness, if any remained up to this time; seem to have been forgotten at the announcement of his demise."

Marshall County Republican, Plymouth, Indiana, October 20, 1870 "Over the death of Robert E Lee, the Democratic journals of the Union weep bitter tears."

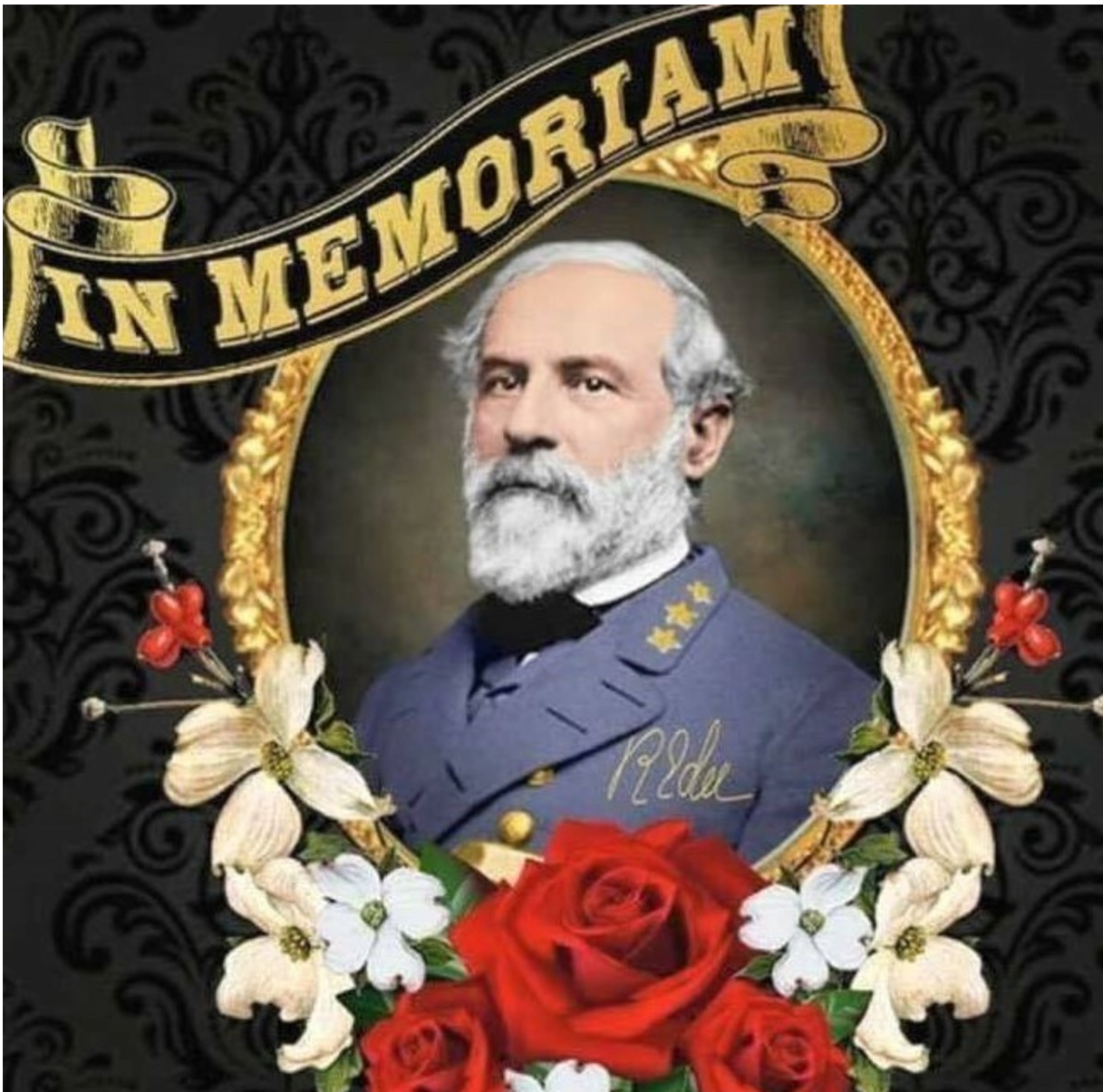
Washington Standard, Olympia, Washington Territory, October 15, 1870 "The subsequent career of General Lee is too well known to require further notice. Whatever may be thought of the cause to which he pledged his life, fortune and position, no liberal minded man will question the purity and sincerity of his motives."

The New York Times, October 12, 1870 "He died as he had lived a noble example of the sublime principles and teachings of the Christian religion."

The Leavenworth Weekly Times, Leavenworth, Kansas, October 20, 1870 "Gen. Lee was the descendant of a very illustrious family and inherited largely the military genius illustrated by his ancestors. His was the strong, able mind and skilled hand that kept the rebellion alive, through the direction of its military force for so many bloody, bitter years. Let us tell the truth now. Let us be just. He thought he owed superior allegiance to Virginia his native State. He was a conscientious (let us admit) believer in the Southern but pernicious doctrine of "States rights."

The Cambria Freeman, Edensburg, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1870 "We last week briefly announced the death of Gen. Robert E Lee, the eminent American soldier and upright Christian gentleman which occurred in Lexington, Virginia."

The Evening Telegraph, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1870 "The death of General Robert E Lee was received with regret throughout the country and our exchanges generally from the North, as well as the South, without distinction of party, have kindly articles in which much is said of the purity and dignity of his character."



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