



COL. E. W. TAYLOR  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777

# NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....February 2011



Our newest compatriot, Andrew Hebert, was welcomed to the Camp by our Commander, Robert Gresham, in January.



Outgoing Camp Commander, Lonnie Palmer (l) was recognized and thanked by his successor, Robert Gresham (r), at the January meeting.

**FEBRUARY MEETING-February 24, 2011**

Catfish and Company  
900 Airport Freeway #110  
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912  
Eat at 6:15 Meeting at 7:00

**GRAVE MARKER  
DEDICATION  
FEBRUARY 19, 2011  
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
SERVICE**

Deena Harrison writes to us: **“We need volunteers for a color guard, honor guard and 21-gun salute. In appreciation, we are serving a complimentary lunch following the ceremony. We would greatly appreciate the help and participation of uniformed CSA volunteers. If you have any questions or need additional directions, please let me know. Thanks! Please join us as we honor another CSA Veteran!”**

*You, Your Family and Guests are Invited to Join  
Mid-Cities Bluebonnet 2429 UDC  
As we Remember and Celebrate the  
Life and Confederate Service of  
Pvt. Silas Baggett, Jr.*

*Co. D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Arkansas Cavalry*

***Saturday Morning, February 19, 2011***

***10:00 a.m. Grave Marker Dedication Ceremonies***

***Historic Watson Cemetery***

*Oldest Cemetery in Tarrant County*

*Please bring lawn chairs. Thanks.*

*Northbound Hwy. 360 Service Rd., Just S. of I-30*

***12:00 Noon, Complimentary Lunch***

***Historic West Fork Presbyterian Church***

*Directions: Northbound on Hwy. 360, Exit Ave. K*

*Go East-bound on Ave. K, Cross the Railroad Tracks*

*Turn Left on 109<sup>th</sup> St.; Turn Right on Santerre St.;*

*Church is on Left*

*For additional information, please contact:*

*Dorothy Norred, President [djnorred@yahoo.com](mailto:djnorred@yahoo.com)*

*Jan Barrett, Monuments and Markers Chairman*

*[jbarr2@flash.net](mailto:jbarr2@flash.net)*

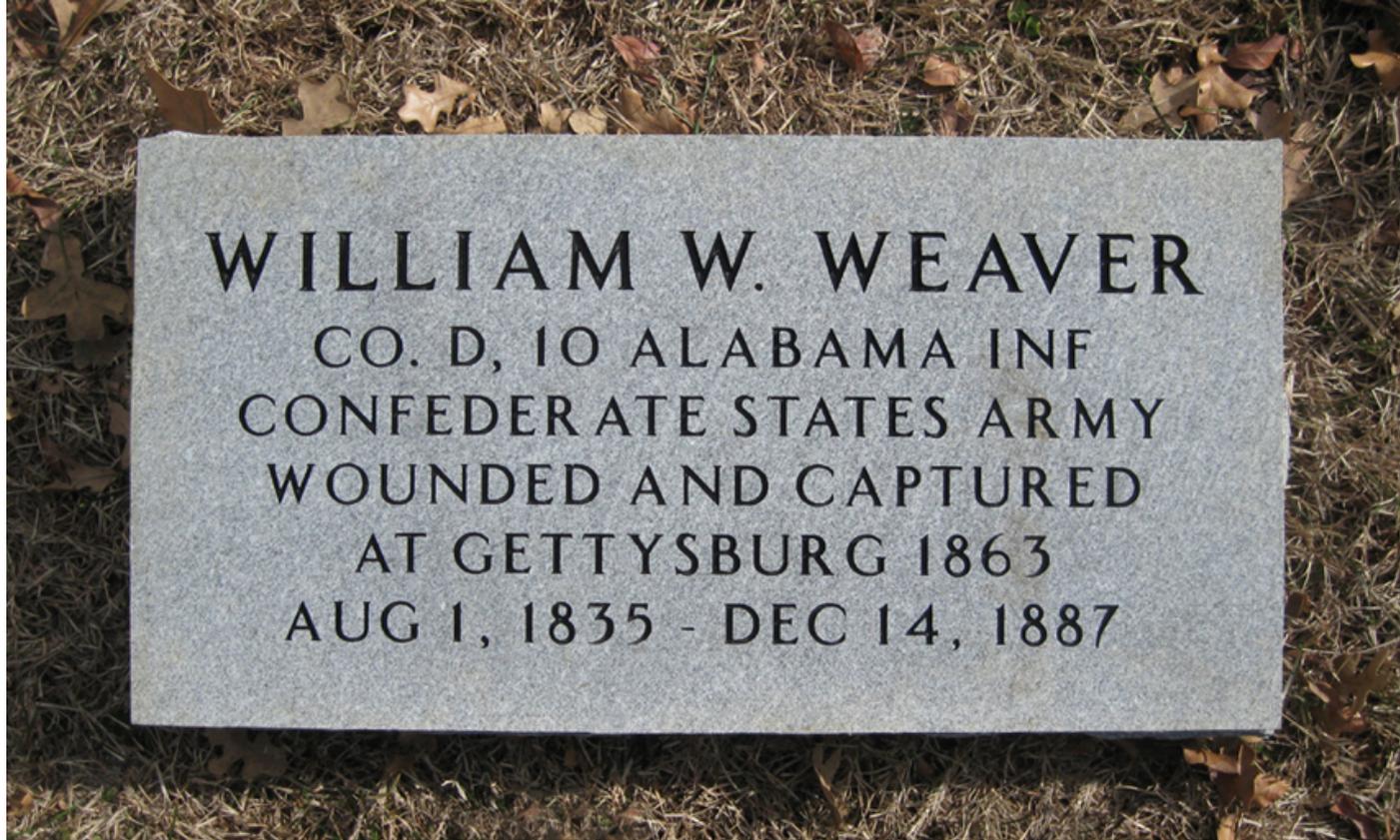
*Deena Harrison, Descendant of Veteran*

*[dharrison@dfwairport.com](mailto:dharrison@dfwairport.com) 214/536-7951*

## Keller Confederate Remembered.

When William Weaver died nearly one hundred twenty-five years ago, his grave was marked with a simple hand-made red standstone marker. It lasted more than a century, but was eventually broken and fell victim to a recent cemetery cleaning. Last month he got a new one, made from granite which will last for thousands of years. He lies buried in Keller's historic Mount Gilead Cemetery, which has recently had an amazing makeover.

Mr. Weaver was born in Putnam Co., Georgia. He entered the Confederate service on June 4, 1861 at Alexandria, Alabama. He was shot through the right foot at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. He was paroled at Talladega, Alabama on May 21, 1865.



Mr. Weaver married Sarah Reed in Calhoun Co., Alabama in 1864. They had a number of children. The family came to northeast Tarrant County at some time between 1880 and 1900.

One of their daughters, Julia, married a well-known Baptist preacher here, Robert K. Grimes. She died in her early thirties and lies buried near her father.

### **THIS NEWSLETTER**

**is dependent upon your goodwill and help in submitting ideas, photos and material. It is produced with what is on hand at sundown on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

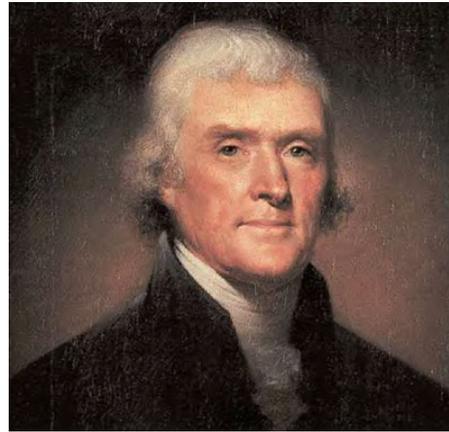
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**Thank you for your interest.**

## INTERNET SURPRISES

One of the most notorious events in Tarrant County history took place on the eve of the WBTS. It involved a noted Methodist minister, Anthony Bewley, who was opposed to secession. Read an account of it online at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~molawre2/Features/RevBewley.htm>

Want to hear the voice of a Confederate soldier? Go to [http://soundportraits.org/on-air/civil\\_war\\_general/](http://soundportraits.org/on-air/civil_war_general/)



“A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned - this is the sum of good government.”  
Thomas Jefferson

“The sole object and only legitimate end of government is to protect the citizen in the enjoyment of life, liberty, and property, and when the government assumes other functions it is usurpation and oppression.” Alabama Declaration of Rights, Article I, Section 35

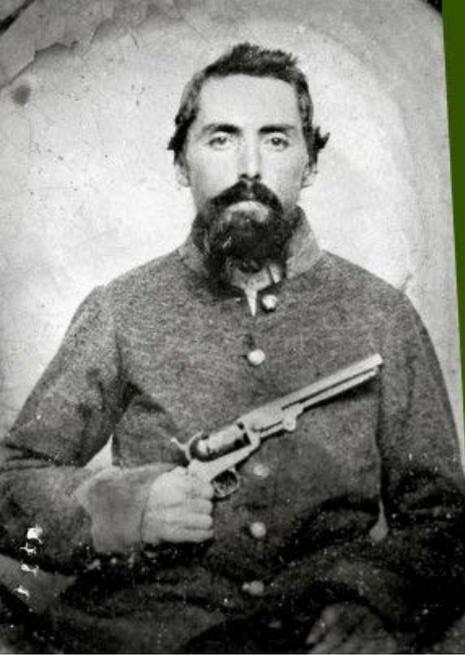
## Confederate Trivia

1. What former U.S. President was later elected to serve in the Confederate Congress?
  2. What was President Jefferson Davis's middle name, and why did he have it?
  3. What was the only department of the Confederate Government which turned a profit during the WBTS?
- Answers on page eight.



# DID YOU KNOW...

THAT A HUGE  
REUNION OF  
CONFEDERATE  
VETERANS WAS  
HELD AT DALLAS IN  
1902, AND THAT  
ONE OF THE TWO  
REGISTRATION  
BOOKS HAS  
SURVIVED IN THE  
DALLAS PUBLIC  
LIBRARY'S 7<sup>TH</sup>  
FLOOR COLLECTION?



# GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL CONFEDERATES

**John Sherman Saunders 1836-1906**

John S. Saunders was a familiar face around Grapevine for more than thirty years. Like many other northeast Tarrant County pioneers, he was born in Claiborne County, Tennessee. He served as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Co. H, 61<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Mounted Infantry, enlisting in 1862.

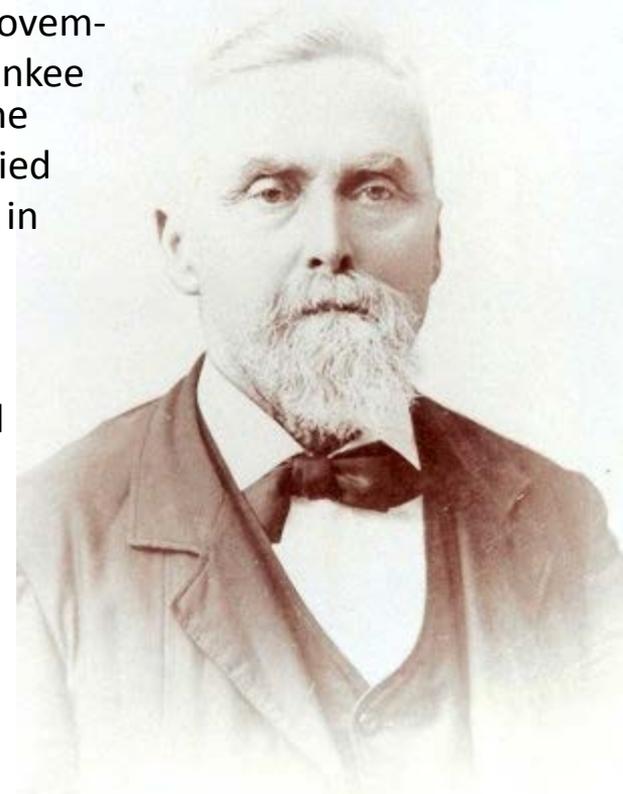
He was captured not far from his home in November, 1863 and spent the rest of the War in yankee

prison camps, waiting more than two months after Appomattox before he signed an oath OF allegiance to gain his freedom. In late 1865 he married a neighbor girl, Margaret Stone. In 1867 they left Tennessee and settled in Christian County, Missouri, where they put in a short crop.

In 1868 they came to Grapevine, arriving on December 13. Two days later, Margaret gave birth to their second child. They moved into a large and comfortable two-story double-log house which had earlier belonged to Gen. Richard M. Gano.

Mr. Saunders died in 1906, apparently in the process of trying to get into his storm cellar in the face of approaching storm. Margaret lived until 1932, and is buried beside him in Grapevine Cemetery.

Their home, now known as the Gano Cabin, stands in Old City Park in Dallas. It remained in the Saunders family until the late 1900's.



# SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

**Feb. 4** Convention of seceded states began in Montgomery, Ala.

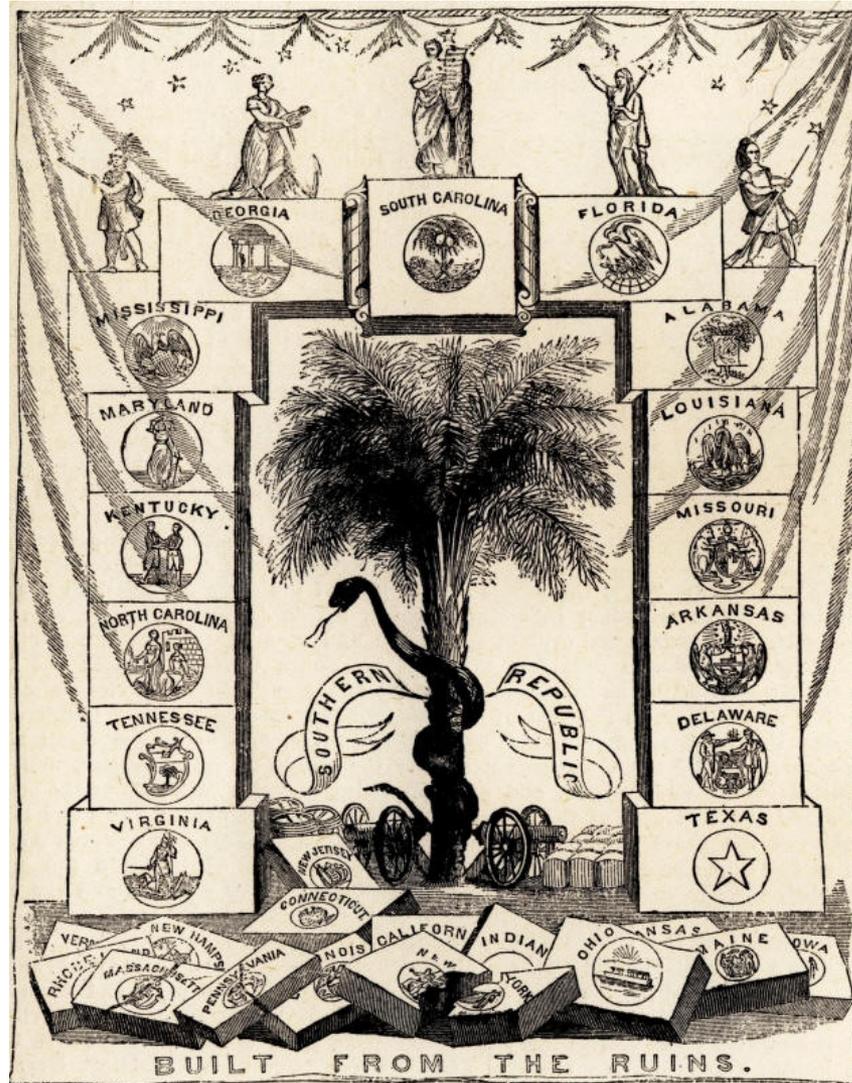
**Feb. 8** Provisional Constitution passed by the seceded states

**Feb. 10** Jefferson Davis learned he had been elected President

**Feb. 13** Lincoln officially declared the winner of 1860 election

**Feb. 18** Jefferson Davis inaugurated

**Feb. 23** Texas voted to secede

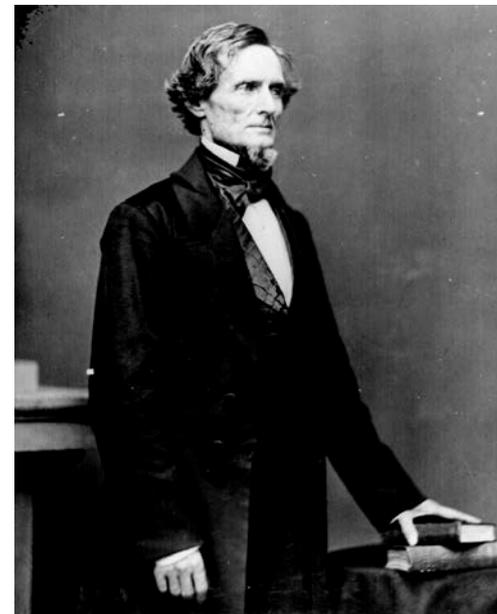




## Want to have a little fun?

Submit your best captions for this photo taken during the 75<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Reunion. Winners will be posted in a future newsletter. Send entries to Mike Patterson at [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com).

Answers to Confederate Trivia: 1. John Tyler. 2. Finis, because he was child no. 10 and his father said that was enough. 4. Post Office Department.



“Neither current events nor history show that the majority rule, or ever did rule.” **Jefferson Davis**

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**TAKE TIME TO LAUGH. IT IS THE MUSIC OF  
THE SOUL. Proverbs 15:13; 17:23**

***“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”***

**Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee  
Commander-General  
United Confederate Veterans  
New Orleans, April 25, 1906**

