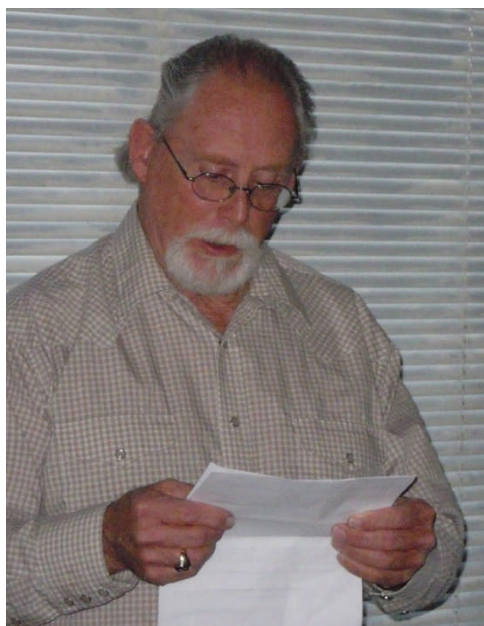




COL. E. W. TAYLOR  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777

# NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....June 2011



COMPATRIOTS AND GUESTS AT OUR MAY MEETING WERE TREATED TO AN EXCELLENT PRESENTATION ON THE LIFE OF OUR CAMP'S NAMESAKE, COL. ENNIS W. TAYLOR (CENTER, ABOVE). COMPATRIOT TOM TRAWICK (ABOVE, LEFT AND RIGHT) PRESENTED THE PROGRAM. HE STRESSED COL. TAYLOR'S LIFE NOT ONLY AS A SOLDIER BUT ALSO AS A FARMER, PHARMACIST, BANKER, DEVELOPER, CHURCHMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST. THANK YOU, TOM, FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

## JUNE MEETING-June 30, 2011

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

# **NEW MEMORIAL DEDICATED IN TARRANT COUNTY HONORING CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

**On Saturday morning, June 11, a new memorial honoring the Confederate veterans buried in Crowley Cemetery was dedicated. The Robert E. Lee Camp SCV #239 raised the funds, erected the monument, and coordinated the excellent dedication program. It was a well-planned and well-attended event, complete with a live band playing period instruments. Tasty and welcome refreshments were served.**





# CROWLEY MEMORIAL DEDICATION

JUNE 11, 2011



Ben Hatch, commander of the Robert E. Lee Camp, is seen fifth from left in the photo above, and at extreme right in the photo at right. The E. W. Taylor SCV camp was represented by two members: James Alderman, who was the photographer, and Mike Patterson, extreme left above.



## Getting to Know Our Local Confederates

Dr. W. C. Dobkins was a popular pioneer doctor in Tarrant and Dallas Counties for decades. Born in Tennessee in 1842, he was ten when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Dobkins, settled in what is now Euless.

He served the Confederacy in Co. K, 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, having enlisted in Tarrant County at Mansfield. He was captured in 1863 in Louisiana, and spent some time as a prisoner of the Union army.

After the War he studied medicine in Collin County and at the Galveston Medical College. He was the physician for the Polytechnic College in Fort Worth for seven years. When Texas passed a statute for the registration of its physicians, Dr. Dobkins received the very first license issued by the State.

Dr. Dobkins was married three times and was the father of seventeen children. He died in 1928 at his home in Ft. Worth. He was buried in his father's family cemetery on the Airport property in Euless, south of Bear Creek Cemetery.

The Alexander Dobkins Family Cemetery received an official Texas Historical Marker in 1981.



**Dr. William Calloway Dobkins**  
**1842-1928**



## **JUNE IN THE SESQUICENTENNIAL**

June 3: Battle of Philippi, Virginia; first land engagement of Union and Confederate forces of the War

June 8: By a margin of better than 2 to 1, Tennessee votes to secede from the Union.

June 10: In the Battle of Big Bethel, Virginia, the Union forces were stopped with a loss of 76 men. The Confederates lost 8.

June 14: Joe Johnston begins his withdrawal from Harper's Ferry by blowing up the 800-foot long trestle over the Potomac.

June 17: Nathaniel Lyons captures Boonville, Missouri.

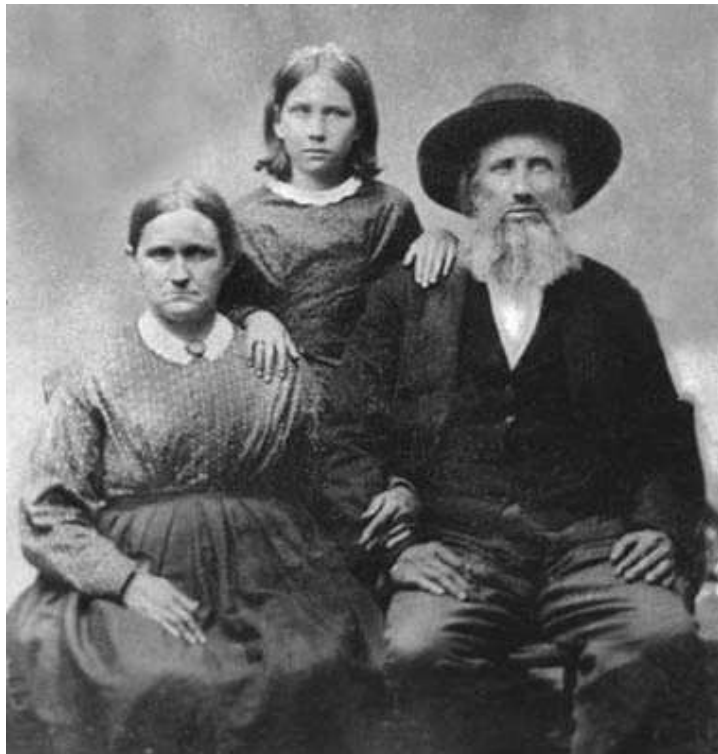
June 23: T. J. Jackson and his men destroy 42 engines and nearly 400 rail cars of the B & O Railroad at Martinsburg, Virginia.



## OUR COMPATRIOTS' CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS

John Wesley Simmons was born in 1826 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, a few miles from the Cumberland Gap. He came from a long line of southern hill-country farmers.

John married Emily Stone in 1849 and started a family. He tried farming in Missouri for a few months in the late 1850's, but was soon back home among his family and friends in Tennessee. He stayed put for the rest of his life.



John enlisted in 1863 and served the Confederacy as a private in Co. B, 37<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry. He took part in most of the actions in which the Army of Tennessee fought after that. He was paroled in 1865.

John died in 1895 and was buried not far from his home in a small hilltop family cemetery started by his father-in-law, Reuben Stone (1804-1879). For seventy-five years his grave was marked only with a gray limestone slab with no inscription.

In the late '60's his great-great-grandson, Mike Patterson, applied for and received a headstone for him from the VA. Mike (who didn't yet know how to drive) and his dad, Jack Patterson, drove the headstone 980 miles back to Tennessee. Using a homemade sled, ropes, and pulleys, they spent 4-1/2 hours dragging the stone uphill, re-rigging from tree to tree up the hillside from the pickup to the gravesite. ...about ¼ mile.

In the mid-1980's, Mike and his trooper-wife, Marilyn, built another sled and dragged a second stone up the hill for Emily, John's wife who had died in 1892. Marilyn appears below re-setting a pulley for the next pull.



# **ANOTHER NEW FACE ON THE CIVIL WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL IN BEDFORD**

**We recently discovered a new Confederate veteran and his wife who lie buried in Smithfield Cemetery in North Richland Hills.**

**John Butler Armstrong (1831-1906) and his wife , Sarah (1837-1924) , came to northeast Tarrant County from White County, Arkansas after having lived several years earlier in Lee County, Mississippi.**

**Mr. Armstrong served the Confederacy in two regiments, lastly in the 12<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Cavalry. He was paroled at Mobile, Alabama in May of 1865.**

**Mrs. Armstrong spent her last years in Young County. She and Mr. Armstrong were the parents of eight children.**

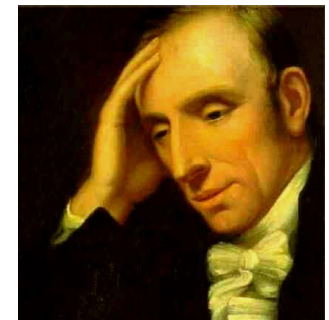




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# RIVERS

Rivers loomed large in the lives of the men who labored during the Late Unpleasantness. Look for the names of 27 in the maze above. Print yourself a copy of this page and see how many you can find before you look at the list on page 12.







## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE UNVEILS TWO NEW STAMPS

The U.S. Postal Service is marking the WBTS's anniversary by releasing the first of several postage stamps to be released through 2015 to coincide with key moments in the war's history.

The first two stamps depict the battle at Fort Sumter and the battle at Bull Run near Manassas, Virginia. The Fort Sumter stamp is inspired by a Currier & Ives lithograph, while the Bull Run stamp is a reproduction of a 1964 painting by artist Sidney E. King, according to USPS.



# HEADING OUT WEST FOR THE FOURTH?

THERE ARE TWO PARADES WITH SCV  
PARTICIPATION COMING UP JULY 4...  
ONE AT STEPHENVILLE AT 8 A.M. AND  
ANOTHER IN RISING STAR AT 5 P.M. IF  
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART,  
PLEASE CALL THOMAS HARRISON ON  
HIS CELL AT 254-734-5058. WATCH OUT  
FOR COMANCHES.







**HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE  
ASSOCIATION TO MEET  
IN GRANBURY, TEXAS ON  
JUNE 18, 2011**

**COME JOIN US IN  
HISTORIC,  
BEAUTIFUL  
GRANBURY. ENJOY  
THE RESTORED  
SQUARE AND  
GRANBURY'S  
SOUTHERN  
HOSPITALITY. THIS  
WILL BE AN EVENT  
FOR EVERYONE TO  
ENJOY.**

Official muster will take place at 1 p.m. at the City Hall/Civic Center/Council Chambers in Granbury. There will be two excellent speakers in the afternoon.



“...And just exactly *why* haven’t you tried to do the word search puzzle on page 8 of this newsletter? Don’t you know thinking is good for you at your age?”

Rivers in the maze: Alabama, Appomattox, Arkansas, Big Black, Clinch, Coosa, Cumberland, Duck, Holston, James, Kanawha, Ohio, Pamunkey, Pearl, Pee Dee, Potomac, Rapidan, Rappahannock, Red, Sabine, Saline, Savannah, Shenandoah, Stones, Tennessee, Yazoo, York





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***"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**