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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777
NEWSLETTER
Bedford, Texas.....August 2011



AUGUST PROGRAM:

Join us at our August meeting as we take an updated look at the Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial in Bedford. Since it was installed it has continued to grow and be refined with biographical material and photographs.

AUGUST MEETING-August 25, 2011
Catfish and Company
900 Airport Freeway #110
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912
Eat at 6:15 Meeting at 7:00



Members and guests at the July meeting were treated to a very interesting program about Civil War medicine by Mark and Tina Ben-Meir. He also brought along a number of original items and surgical instruments. If you have a chance to hear and see Mark's presentation in the future, take advantage of it!



The Mid-Cities Bluebonnet U. D. C. and the Middleton Tate Johnson S. C. V. co-sponsored an excellent float again this year in the Arlington July 4th Parade.



The E. W. Taylor S. C. V. was represented by Mike Patterson, second from left.

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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE COMMISSIONER, JERRY PATTERSON, SPEAKS OUT IN FAVOR OF SCV LICENSE PLATES FOR TEXAS. Patterson, himself a direct descendant of a Confederate veteran, was quoted giving his support for the proposed new design in the following article which can be read online: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/07/02/3195632/confederate-veterans-and-buffalo.html#ixzz1RjW5SKGu>

IN HONOR OF OUR COMRADES' CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS



Pvt. Chesley Alderman

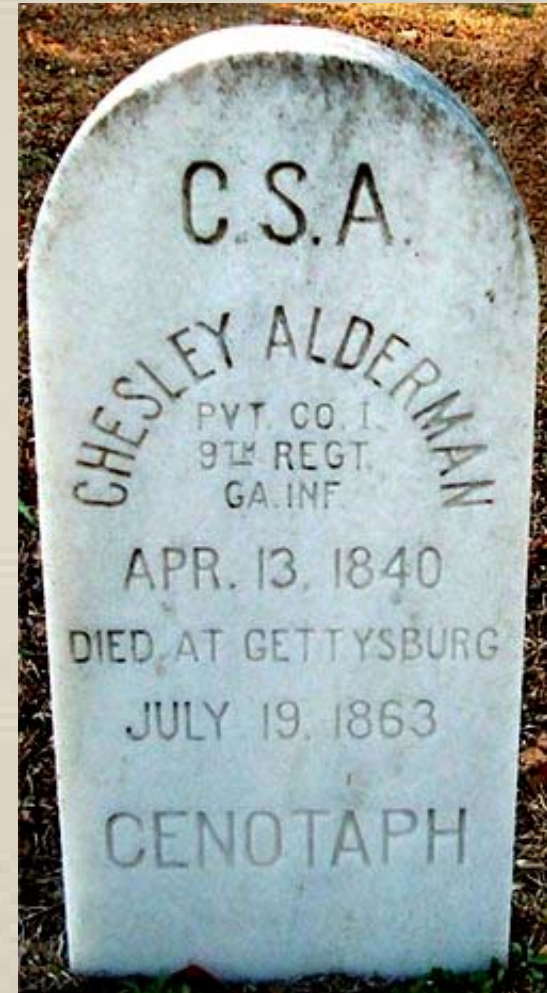
Chesley Alderman enlisted in 1861 and had seen a lot of fighting before the two opposing armies met at Gettysburg. He was shot in the finger on the first day of the battle, but rather than going to the rear he asked for duty driving a wagon. As casualties mounted on the second day, he worked hard getting wounded men off the field.

On the third day of the battle, Chesley was shot in the leg, captured by the Federals, and taken to one of their hospitals where they amputated his leg. He survived in the hospital until July 19, but finally died.

About three months later Chesley's comrades in the 9th Georgia voted that he be placed on the Confederate Roll of Honor. This honor, given by the Confederate Congress, was similar to the U. S. Congressional Medal of Honor.

On May 7, 2005, the Ogeechee Rifles Camp #941 of the S. C. V. honored Pvt. Alderman at the Thomas Alderman Cemetery near Statesboro, Georgia.

James Alderman, our Camp Adjutant, can be justly proud of his heroic Georgian Confederate ancestor.



AUGUST 1861

Aug.1-Tennessee votes to adopt the Constitution of the Confederate States of America

Aug. 3-Confederates at Hampton Roads, Virginia were observed by a Union naval officer in a balloon tethered to a Union naval vessel...the first balloon ascent from a ship in world history

Aug. 7-Gen. John B. Magruder burns the village of Hampton, near Fort Monroe, Virginia; Ben Butler had been planning to use the town to house "contrabands"

Aug. 10-Confederates win the Battle of Wilson's Creek (Springfield), killing U.S. General Nathaniel Lyon in the process

Aug. 24-President Davis names James M. Mason as commissioner to Great Britain and John Slidell as commissioner to France



AUGUST 1861

Aug. 26-Brig. General John B. Floyd and his Confederates rout the 7th Ohio Infantry at the Battle of Cross Lanes, Virginia

Aug. 30-John C. Fremont declares martial law in Missouri and frees slaves of Missouri Confederates. Lincoln later revoked the proclamation and relieved Fremont

Aug.31-Samuel Cooper, Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnston, Joseph E. Johnston and P. G. T. Beauregard are promoted to full general

Enfield parts in the puzzle on page 12: band, barrel, bayonet, breechplug, bridle, buckle, buttplate, hammer, keeper, lockplate, mainspring, nipple, noscap, ramrod, screw, sear, sight, spring, stirrup, stock, swivel, strap, trigger, tumbler, washer



I love Georgia. Don't you?

A recent news article photocopied and making the rounds on the internet reminds us about the dangers of falling down at our age.

Assailant suffers injuries from fall. Orville Smith, a store manager for Best Buy in Augusta, Ga., told police he observed a male customer, later identified as Tyrone Jackson of Augusta, on surveillance cameras putting a laptop computer under his jacket. When confronted the man became irate, knocked down an employee, drew a knife and ran for the door.

Outside on the sidewalk were four Marines collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. Smith said the Marines stopped the man, but he stabbed one of the Marines, Cpl. Phillip Duggan, in the back; the injury did not appear to be severe.

After Police and an ambulance arrived at the scene Cpl. Duggan was transported for treatment.

“The subject was also transported to the local hospital with two broken arms, a broken ankle, a broken leg, several missing teeth, possible broken ribs, multiple contusions, assorted lacerations, a broken nose and a broken jaw...injuries he sustained when he fell off the curb after stabbing the Marine,” according to a police report.



...and Alabama has her head on straight, too...

ALABAMA STILL COLLECTING TAX FOR CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Go to the following link to read an interesting story about the way the State of Alabama honors her men who served their state during the late War.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/07/20/alabama-still-collecting-tax-for-confederate-veterans/>





...and don't Forget Florida!

Just before noon on September 28, 2006, Polk County Deputy Doug Speirs pulled over a speeding rental car with Kentucky plates. It was driven by a 27-year-old man who had skipped bail on drug charges in 1999. The suspect produced a fraudulent drivers license. Speirs became suspicious and called for backup. Deputy Matt Williams and a police dog responded.

The suspect fled the scene, shot the police dog, and wounded Williams who was paralyzed by a shot to the spine. The suspect then walked up to Williams and shot him twice in the head, killing him. The suspect then shot and wounded Speirs. Speirs radioed for help.

Every available unit and canine team surrounded the woods where the suspect was dug in under a large fallen tree. He appeared at the edge of the woods once and exchanged gunfire with officers. Night fell.

The next morning a 10-member SWAT team surrounded the tree and found the suspect, who raised his arm while holding a gun in it..a gun he had taken from one of the officers. The SWAT tem responded, hitting the suspect sixty-eight times. He died at the scene.

Asked why the suspect had been shot 68 times, Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said, "That's all the bullets we had...."

The Florida Civil Rights Association's complaint into the matter argued that the police had shown disregard for human life when they shot the suspect.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL CONFEDERATES

William Franklin Burton was a familiar face in the Grapevine area for several years around the turn of the century. Born in Tennessee in 1830, his father moved the family to Kentucky about 1842.

William served the South for four years in Co. D, 2nd Kentucky Infantry. Like most Confederates, he spent some time late in the War in a yankee prison camp.

He and his wife, Elizabeth Hundley, were married in 1876. They had eight children, all of whom survived to adulthood.

Mr. Burton died near Grapevine in 1903 and lies buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

About 1970 when she was ninety years old, one of his daughters wrote an excellent and lengthy account of her father and the family's life.

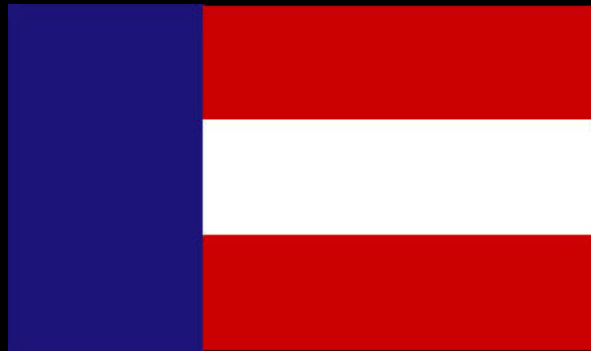
That account, along with a treasure trove of other data on our local soldiers, may be found online at the Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial page at:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txtarran/military/civil_war_vets.htm





Before 1879



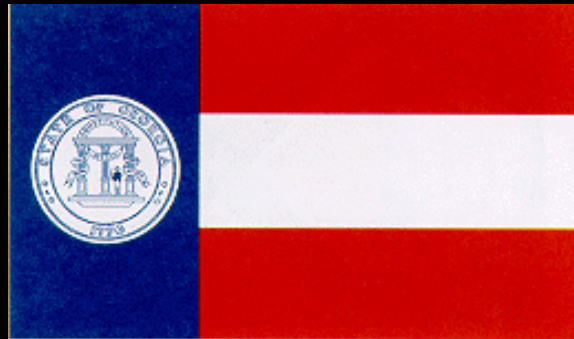
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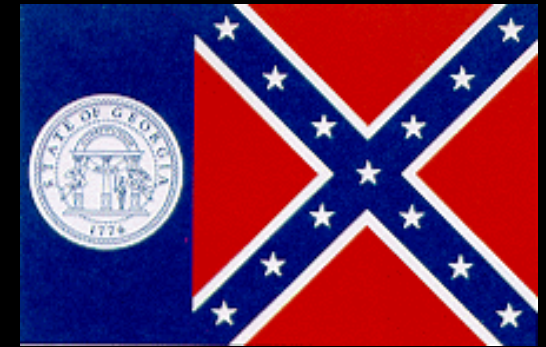
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1906-1920



1920-1956



1956-2001



2001-2003

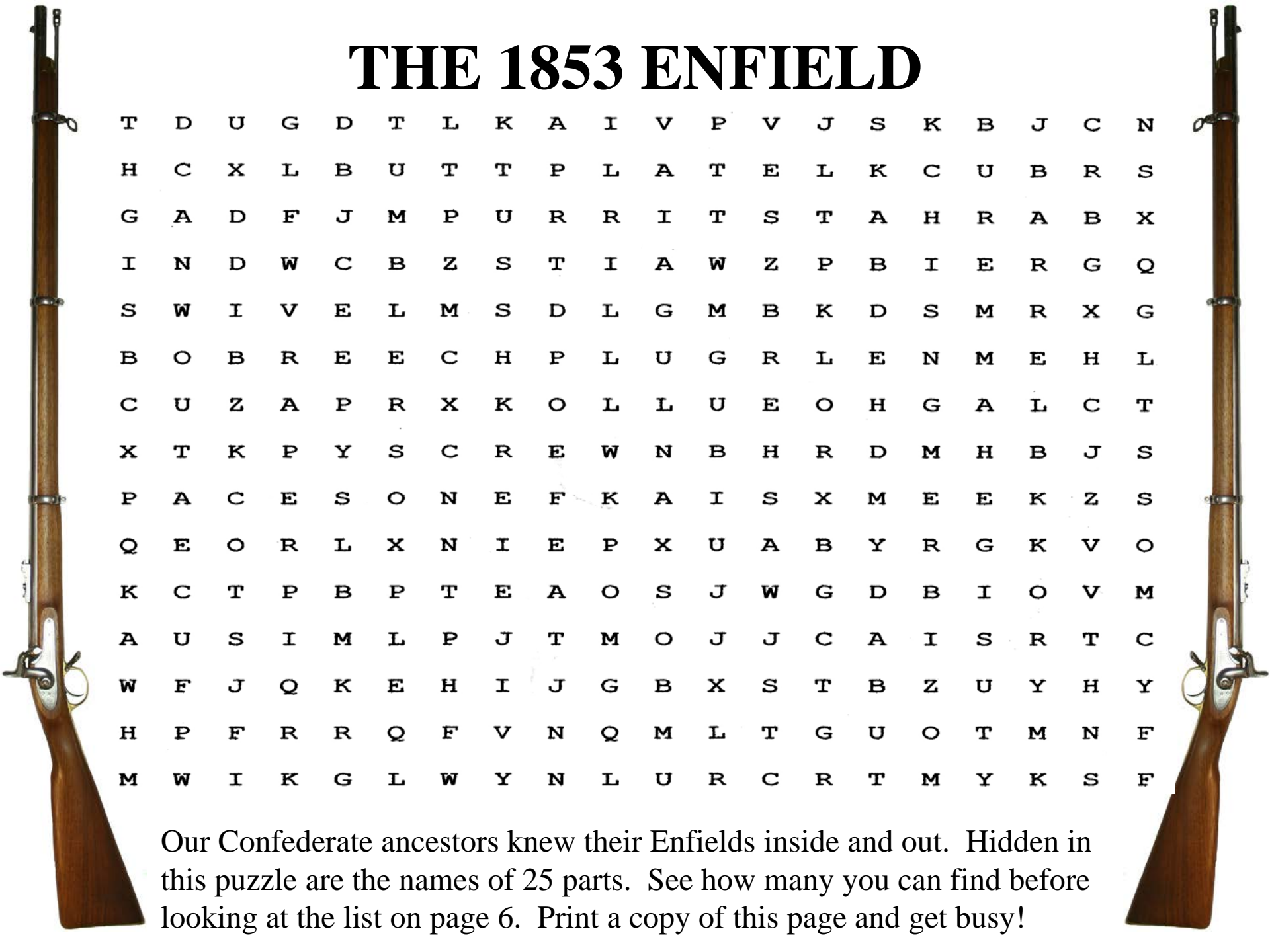
THE EVOLUTION OF A STATE FLAG.

An interesting progression of State Flags of Georgia. Quite a story of politics, public input, and heightened feelings.



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THE 1853 ENFIELD



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Our Confederate ancestors knew their Enfields inside and out. Hidden in this puzzle are the names of 25 parts. See how many you can find before looking at the list on page 6. Print a copy of this page and get busy!



A message in a bottle delivered to a Confederate general during the American Civil War has been deciphered, 147 years after it was written.

In the encrypted message, a commander tells Gen John Pemberton that no reinforcements are available to help him defend Vicksburg, Mississippi. "You can expect no help from this side of the river," says the message, which was deciphered by code breakers. The text is dated 4 July 1863 - the day Vicksburg fell to Union forces.

The small bottle was given to the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia, by a former Confederate soldier in 1896. Earlier this year the museum's collections manager, Catherine Wright, decided to investigate the wrapped note it contained.

It was "just sort of a curiosity thing", she told the Associated Press news agency. When Ms Wright found that the message was coded, she asked retired CIA codebreaker David Gaddy to crack it - which he did in several weeks. A Navy cryptologist later confirmed the interpretation.



“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**