

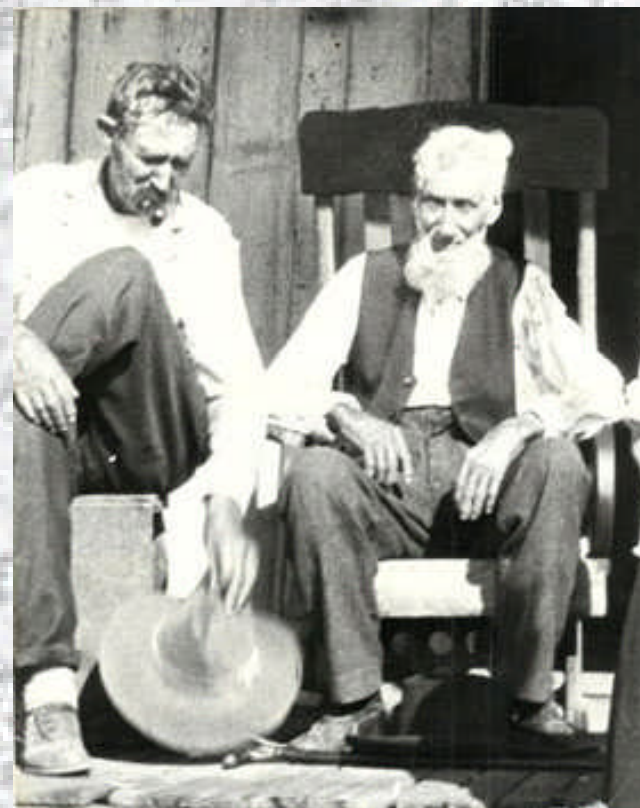


COL. E. W. TAYLOR

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777

# NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....September 2011



We had an excellent turnout for our August meeting, which included an update on the Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial, still growing in Bedford. Take a look at the project online at:  
[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txtarran/military/civil\\_war\\_vets.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txtarran/military/civil_war_vets.htm)

SEPTEMBER MEETING-Sept. 29, 2011  
 Catfish and Company  
 900 Airport Freeway #110  
 Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912  
 Eat at 6:15 Meeting at 7:00



**Don't forget to proudly fly the flag on September 11!!  
We Will NEVER Forget Why.**



# THE FORT WORTH CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE PRESENTS

September 13, 2011 – *“The  
Incomparable George Horatio Derby  
of the West Point Class of 1846”*

Presented by Jack Waugh, Author and  
Historian

Location: Ol' South Pancake House (On  
University Drive) just south of I-30

Dinner: 6 PM Program begins at 7 PM

Contact

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more details on membership, etc.





# Wilson's Creek Reenactment

**Compatriot James Madewell, above and third from left in the photo at left, shared with us these photos of the Wilson Creek Reenactment in Missouri this past August 12-14. Planners expected about three thousand reenactors (civilian and military) and about sixty thousand visitors to take part.**





# TARRANT HAS A REAL SON OF THE CONFEDERACY!

...not Tarrant *County*, but Tarrant, Alabama. But Tyus K. Denney, 90, is still a neat guy even if he's not a Texan! His father, Thomas Jefferson Denney, was eighty years old when Tyus was born. The elder Denney was a veteran of Co. H, 31<sup>st</sup> Alabama Infantry, and survived until 1934.

Tyus's sister, Vivian Smith, 88, of Cullman, Alabama, is one of the few remaining "real daughters" of the Confederacy.

You can read more of the story at:  
[http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2011/05/  
real\\_son\\_of\\_confederate\\_vetera.html](http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2011/05/real_son_of_confederate_vetera.html)



Kevin Chapman, an archeology student at Georgia Southern University has located the site of Camp Lawton, a POW camp operated briefly by the Confederacy about fifty miles south of Augusta. Chapman made the discovery on publicly-owned land while working on his master's thesis. He has made some exciting finds. You can read the story at several places on the internet, including <http://news.yahoo.com/archaeologists-comb-newly-found-civil-war-pow-camp-164121276.html>

## **GEORGIA POW CAMP LOCATED BY GRADUATE STUDENT**






**AARGH!!!  
HOW DID THEY  
STAND IT?**

**If you've taken part in any events this summer, congratulations! This summer is like most, only more so. There were more articles written about the heat at the First Manassas Reenactment than about any other topic.**

**Amazingly, there are records of only 313 deaths by heat stroke during the WBTS. It would be interesting to know the truth.**







**Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-Activated is a non-profit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Texas; it has a 501(c)(3) non-profit status by the Internal Revenue Service.**

**Please visit their site at:**  
<http://www.hoodstexasbrigade.org/index.html>

**Annual Seminar: November 11-12, 2011: Please put November 11-12 on your calendars. That is the weekend for the Annual Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-Activated Historical Seminar. This year marks the first in our Sesquicentennial Series. Thanks to the hospitality of The University of North Texas History Department, it will be in Denton and it will follow the events taking place in Texas during 1861.**



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**Hands down the best internet source for original source records of our Confederate ancestors, including every page of every Confederate soldier's compiled military service records from every state.**

**<http://www.fold3.com/>**

# GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL VETERANS

Since our local veterans memorial honors soldiers from both armies in the WBTS, we thought we'd introduce you to a man from the other side. Meet Felix Grundy Cavins (1836-1908), a veteran of Co. C, 25<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry.

He came to Texas about 1882, and had settled at Keller by 1890. Mr. Cavins and his wife (who died in 1892) lie buried in the old Mount Gilead Cemetery in Keller.







INTERESTED IN ARTILLERY? TAKE A LOOK AT  
<http://www.civilwarartillery.com/>

# CONFEDERATE WOODEN CRUISERS



THE GRID ON THE  
FOLLOWING  
PAGE CONTAINS  
THE NAMES OF  
SIXTEEN OF THE  
CONFEDERATE  
NAVY'S WOODEN  
CRUISERS.

SEE HOW MANY YOU CAN DISCOVER WITHOUT  
LOOKING AT THE LIST ON PAGE 14 OF THIS  
NEWSLETTER.

J.W. Schmitt



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## **Do You Know About the Southern Claims Commission?**

Nearly all our ancestors who lived in the South were the victims of yankee foraging parties who took livestock, crops, fence rails, and anything else they wanted. In the 1870's Congress, realizing there were a few loyalists in the South who had suffered losses and deserved repayment, set up the Southern Claims Commission.

Residents of Southern states were allowed to apply to the SCC in 1871-1873, making affidavits to prove their losses and getting witnesses to support them. The SCC created a mountain of paperwork which still exists and can be easily searched online at [fold3.com](http://fold3.com).

Most applications were denied, many of them for virtually no reason except lingering hatred for the South. A few, however, were accepted and damages were paid. Accepted or not, they offer a unique window into our ancestors' wartime experiences.

Applicants had to prove not only their losses but their loyalty as well. Some are entertaining...like the lady who later settled with her Confederate-vet husband at Bedford, Texas. She had a hard time explaining how she was able to maintain her loyalty when her first husband was a Confederate soldier who had been killed at Antietam, six of her brothers were in the Confederate Army, and her second (and current) husband had been a Georgia infantryman.

Needless to say, the SC Commissioners didn't buy it. More than 22,000 residents of the Confederate States applied, and there's a good chance some of your family members were among them. Check it out!



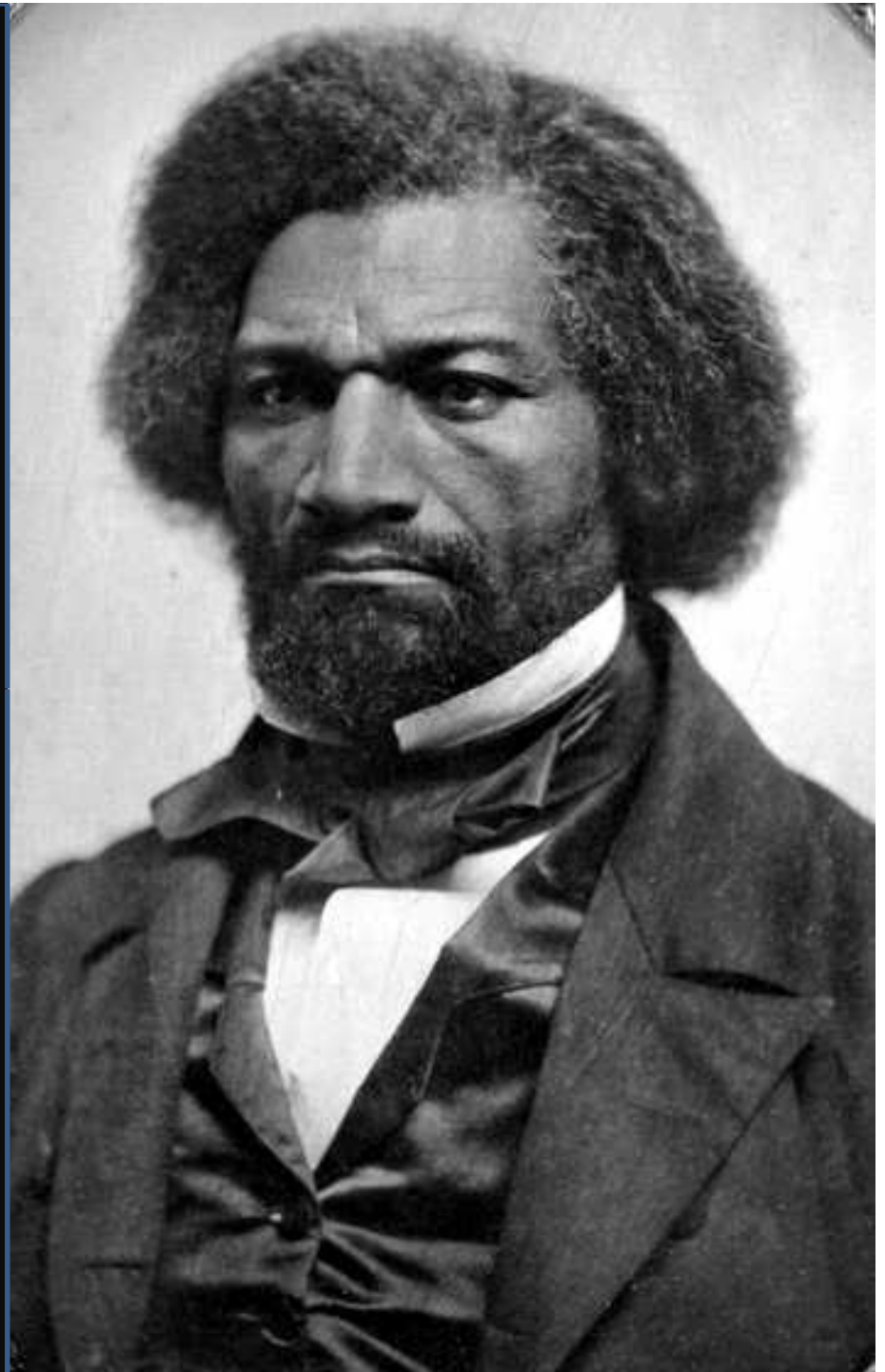
# CIVIL WAR BULLETS YOUR THANG?

<http://www.acwbullets.com/>

Ships in the WordSearch: Alabama, Chickamauga, Georgia, Nashville,  
Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Alexandria, Clarence, Georgiana, Rappahannock,  
Tacony, Archer, Florida, Lapwing, Shenandoah, Tallahassee

“I am a Republican,  
a black, dyed in the  
wool Republican,  
and I never intend to  
belong to any other  
party than the party  
of freedom and  
progress.”

Frederick Douglas (1817-1895), American  
abolitionist, author, lecturer, and slave



# **THE SESQUICENTENNIAL: SEPTEMBER 1861**

**September 3:** In response to a federal build-up in the West, Leonidas Polk orders Gideon Pillow to take Columbus, Kentucky on the Mississippi River. It was done the next day.

**September 6:** Grant took Paducah, Kentucky unopposed

**September 10:** Jefferson Davis places Albert Sidney Johnston in command of the Confederate West ("Department Number Two").

**September 11:** President Lincoln orders John C. Fremont to rescind his order freeing some slaves in Missouri and issue a new order conforming to the Confiscation Act passed by Congress



# THE SESQUICENTENNIAL: SEPTEMBER 1861

September 11: Abraham Lincoln has Secretary of War Simon Cameron order the arrest of Maryland legislators who are openly pro-South.

September 12: Sterling Price, with 18,000 men, lays siege to Lexington, Missouri, with a federal force of 3,600 under Colonel James Mulligan. After fighting intensified on September 19, Mulligan surrendered on the 20th.

September 13: Entering Confederate-controlled Pensacola harbor, Lt. John Henry Russell destroys the privateer *Judah*, marking the first naval action of the Civil War

September 19: Crossing into Kentucky through the Cumberland Pass, Brigadier General Felix Zollicoffer disperses a small federal garrison at Barboursville



***“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**

Joel W. Chivers, Co. A, 34<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, a Southlake soldier who died in 1862. Photo just “discovered” by us in August 2011.