



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

Bedford, Texas.....November 2011

E. W. TAYLOR CAMP MEMBERS TAKE PART IN JULIA JACKSON U.D.C. EVENT ON OCTOBER 8



The Julia Jackson U.D.C. Chapter of Fort Worth celebrated its 114th birthday, along with the sesquicentennial of the WBTS, with a ceremony in Birdville Cemetery. Two members of the E. W. Taylor Camp took part. They were Mike Patterson and James Alderman, fifth and seventh from left, respectively.

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HAS SET ASIDE ONE DAY IN NOVEMBER AS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING. TO THAT END, AND SO THAT WE MAY CELEBRATE THE OBSERVANCE WITH OUR FAMILIES, AS IS OUR CUSTOM WE WILL HOLD NO NOVEMBER MEETING.

TEXAS GOVERNOR RICK PERRY, REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL, CHANGES HIS MIND ABOUT BACKING THE TEXAS CONFEDERATE LICENSE PLATES



After having earlier come out in favor of the plate honoring our Confederate ancestors, Gov. Perry has decided it's not a good idea after all. With the election now only about a year away, it's time for all of us to take a look at where our candidates are standing, at least at this hour..

Given the state of the media in America today, it's up to all of us to look at as many sources as possible to try to find out what's being said, and by whom. Google "Rick Perry Confederate License Plate" and spend some time learning about this decision, and what it might mean for his candidacy and support for him across the South.





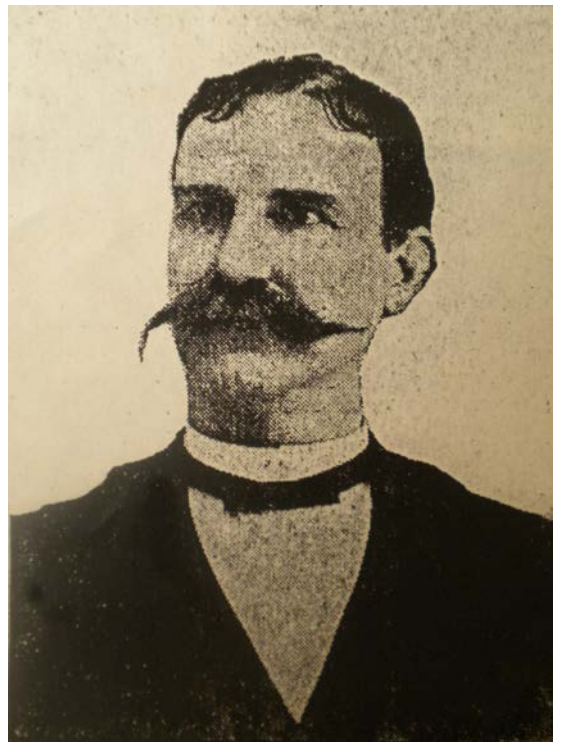
ANNUAL TAYLOR MAUSOLEUM CLEANUP IS SET FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Please join us at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at Oakwood Cemetery in North Fort Worth. We'll spend a few hours sprucing up the last resting place of the man for whom our SCV camp is named, Col. Ennis Ward Taylor.

If you have an extension ladder, bring it and we'll check out the roof, too. Bring rakes, limb clompers, a broom, trash bags, maybe some Windex and paper towels, and anything else you can think of which might be useful.

Hopefully by November 12 the heat will have broken and we can spend an enjoyable time together doing something useful to honor a noble Confederate veteran.

Colonel Ennis Ward Taylor (1839-1908) was born in Alabama and came to East Texas with his parents and grandparents in 1846. After service in the 19th Texas Infantry, he made a fortune in the drug, railroad, and real estate businesses before coming to Fort Worth in 1888. He led the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth from 1902 until his death.



FORT WORTH CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE TO CONSIDER *MONITOR* HISTORY ON NOVEMBER 8

Although the USS Monitor may have ended her career in a gale off Cape Hatteras in December 1862, her story does not end there. Discovered in 1973, and the subject of recovery operations by NOAA since then, the "cheesebox on a raft" still has stories to tell. This lively, illustrated presentation brings the Monitor to life by combining log entries, official correspondence, personal letters from officers and crew, and evidence found in the ship itself. Monitor Center curator Anna Holloway will include up to the moment information about the ongoing conservation efforts and show never before seen images of the iconic Union ironclad.



**Ol' South Pancake House
University just South of I-30
Fort Worth, Texas
Dinner at 6 Program at 7**

**The Presenter, ANNA GIBSON HOLLOWAY , is the Vice President of
Museum Collections and Programs at The Mariners' Museum in
Newport News, VA**



*You and Your Family
Are Invited to Attend Our*

*Annual Joint Christmas Gathering
UDC, SCV, OCR and CofC*

Thursday Evening, December 1, 2011

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Dinner, 8:00 p.m. Program

(Italian Buffet with Pasta and Chicken, Deserts, and a cash bar)

Price for meal, deserts, coffee and tea; \$18.00 (includes gratuity)

Rolling Hills Country Club

401 E. Lamar Blvd., Arlington, TX. 76011

(between Cooper and Collins – look for balloons)

*Featuring Holiday Fellowship,
Guest Speaker Donnie Kennedy,
SCV Officer Installations,
“Bears on Patrol” and Food Bank Donations,
Christmas Music and Silent Auction*

*Wishing You and Yours
A Blessed and Happy Christmas
and a Healthy New Year!*

NORTHEAST TARRANT COUNTY CIVIL WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL GETS A FACELIFT USING ANCIENT CHINESE TECHNOLOGY

When the first of the memorial stones were installed in 2008 beside Bedford church of Christ in Bedford, it soon became apparent that the bare ground around them was going to be an unending source of mud splatters during rain storms. You oldtimers recall that it used to rain here from time to time.

To counter that problem, we obtained about three thousand pounds of scrap granite headstones which had been incorrectly engraved. Using a hammer and chisel, we broke them into slabs about the size of a man's hand. We then "shingled" the ground around the stones with them. The mud splatters stopped, but the new ground cover caught every wayward dead leaf in the neighborhood.



As names were added to the memorial, we put them on large horizontal slabs placed between the standing tablets. Undeterred by the leaf problems, we loaded all the granite “shingles”...about four pickup loads of them, took them home and broke them into silver-dollar-sized chunks. They caught leaves just as well as before. Leaves were so well stuck that a leaf blower had little or no effect on them. Yet another solution had to be found. All the chunks had to be made smaller. [cont. on next page...]



MEMORIAL FACELIFT, cont.



The Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial stands on property which belongs to Bedford Church of Christ at 2401 Bedford Road in Bedford, Texas.

The well-traveled rocks are getting to take a pickup ride again. This time they're being broken into pieces the size of pennies, one at a time, using a small hammer and granite block.

It takes a little more than one hundred of the new smaller chips to make a pound, so three thousand pounds of the little chips contain about one-third million pieces. One-third of a million little whacks with the hammer. Lots of finger ouchies.

As you can see below, the new stone cover looks very neat and tidy!



LOCAL MAN BECAME BRIGADIER GENERAL IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMY

Richard Montgomery Gano would have been a leader in any age. He was talented, ambitious, dedicated, and public-spirited. Our country would be a better place if we had more men like him as leaders in government and business.

Gano was born in 1830 in Kentucky. His father was one of the most famous gospel preachers of the day. Richard's great-grandfather, John Gano, baptised

George Washington. By the time he brought his family to Grapevine in 1857, Richard was already a practicing doctor.

The Ganos bought a two-story dog-trot log cabin near present-day Grapevine Mills Mall and lived in it until after the War. After several other owners, the house was finally moved to Old City Park in Dallas and is now one of its main attractions.

Not long after arriving here, in 1858 he raised a company of volunteers to chase a band of Comanches who made a lightning raid across Parker and Wise Counties. His grateful neighbors presented him with an elegant sword to commemorate his service. In 1860 he was elected to the Texas Legislature, representing Tarrant County. He resigned in 1862 to enter the Confederate service.

Gano's Squadron included many area men, and it later became part of the 7th Kentucky Cavalry, of which Richard was commissioned colonel. After leaving the service for a time because of ill health, Gen. Kirby Smith put him in charge of a brigade of cavalry and artillery which served in Arkansas, the Indian Territory, and Missouri.

He led troops at the Battle of Cabin Creek in the Indian Territory, during which he was wounded. His troops managed to capture a federal wagon train with supplies worth two million dollars.



LOCAL MAN...GENERAL, cont.

He was commissioned as a Brigadier General on March 17, 1865, and was recommended for promotion to Major General, but the end of the War came before it was approved. He was in forty-two engagements with the enemy, and was victorious in all but four.

After the War he returned to Kentucky for a while and entered the ministry of the Disciples of Christ Church. By 1870 he was back in Texas, living in Dallas. There he remained for the rest of his active, productive life.

He became a respected minister and scientific breeder of livestock. He imported much fine blooded stock into Texas, including horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs. With two of his sons, he built a successful real estate company.

He served as a director of the Bankers and Merchants National Bank of Dallas. Passionately interested in Confederate veterans' affairs for the rest of his life, he was active in the United Confederate Veterans.

Gano died in Dallas, full of years and honors, on March 27, 1913. He and many members of his family lie buried in Oakland Cemetery there. Of all his accomplishments, he was most humbly proud of having baptised more than four thousand souls into the Lord's church.

General Gano's descendants have continued to be leaders in his adopted State. Several physicians and attorneys are among his descendants.

One of his great-grandsons was the late billionaire inventor Howard Hughes.



Gano's Grapevine home is now on display in Dallas' Old City Park.

NOVEMBER IN THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ...1861

Nov. 4 U. S. Navy enters Port Royal Sound

Nov. 4 Major General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson assumes command of the Shenandoah Valley District

Nov. 7 Battle of Port Royal

Nov. 7 Battle of Belmont

Nov. 8 British mail packet *Trent*, carrying James M. Mason and John Slidell, Confederate commissioners to London and Paris, is halted in the Bahama Channel by the U.S. warship *San Jacinto*.

NOVEMBER IN THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ...1861

Nov. 8 Battle of Ivy Mountain

Nov. 20 Treasury Secretary Salmon Chase instructs James Pollock of U. S. Mint in Philadelphia that "the trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins."

Nov. 23 U. S. *San Jacinto* docks in Boston and John Slidell and James Mason are removed to Fort Warren

Nov. 27 Passengers from the *Trent* arrive in London and report the ship had been boarded by the Yankee navy

GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL CONFEDERATES

Elbert Augustus Hall was born in Tennessee in 1830. In 1863 Mr. Hall enlisted for a 3-year term in Capt. Kain's Battery of Tennessee Light Artillery.

Elbert's brother, Royal C. Hall, served in the same battery and also later settled in northeast Tarrant County.

Elbert, his wife, and children moved from Tennessee to Indiana, then in 1876 to Missouri where they lived for one year. In 1877 they traveled in a wagon train and settled at Grapevine.

Mr. Hall became best known as one of Grapevine's most active blacksmiths. His



ELBERT AUGUSTUS HALL

shop occupied the site of the famous snow cone stand along Main Street, fondly remembered by many of us who grew up here in the 1960's and 1970's.

Mrs. Hall died at Grapevine in 1890, and Mr. Hall survived until 1909. Both lie buried in Grapevine Cemetery. Mr. Hall's business records, which are a unique view into the business practices of that era, are now in the Jenkins Garrett Collection at the University of Texas at Arlington.



2012 ELECTION

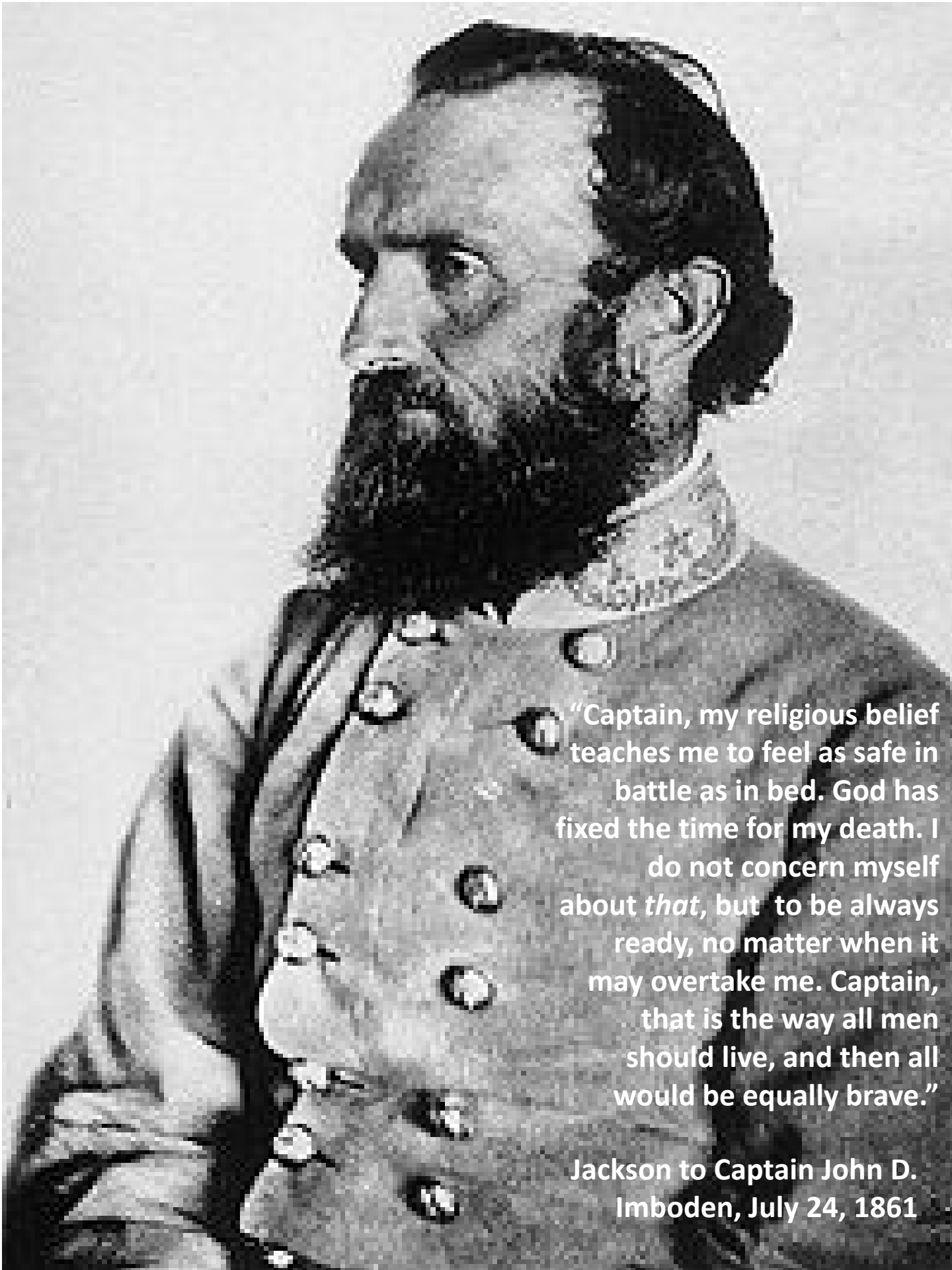
ONLY 12 MONTHS AWAY!!!



The single most important presidential election in our lifetime...and perhaps in the whole history of the country, will take place one year from now. It will not be decided by those who know the issues, by those who feel passionately about our children's future, or by those who listen to talk radio. It will be decided by those who actually take the time to go to the polls and vote. An old saying goes, "Don't complain about the government if you didn't vote."

If you're a member of the SCV we can make a few assumptions about you. You value the heritage which has been passed down to us by our nation's founders. You know the value of freedom and liberty. You know that every generation has the solemn duty to guard the freedoms it has inherited.

You have twelve months. Learn about the issues, learn about the candidates and their positions, learn about what will happen if we make the wrong choices. Pray every day that God will preserve and strengthen the U. S. A. Vote, and see that others do, too.



"Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about *that*, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me. Captain, that is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave."

Jackson to Captain John D. Imboden, July 24, 1861

WORTH MORE THAN A PASSING THOUGHT:

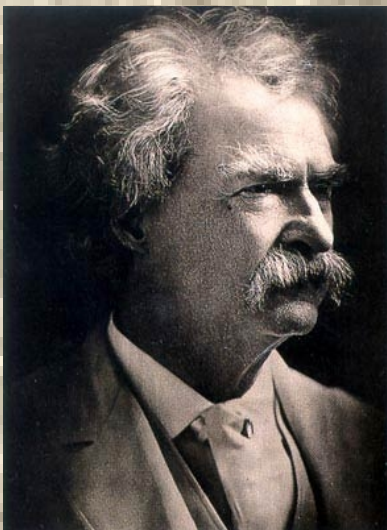
"Bad officials are elected
by good citizens who do
not vote."

George Jean Nathan (1882 – 1958)
American drama critic and editor



"Government's first
duty is to protect the
people, not run their
lives."

Ronald Reagan

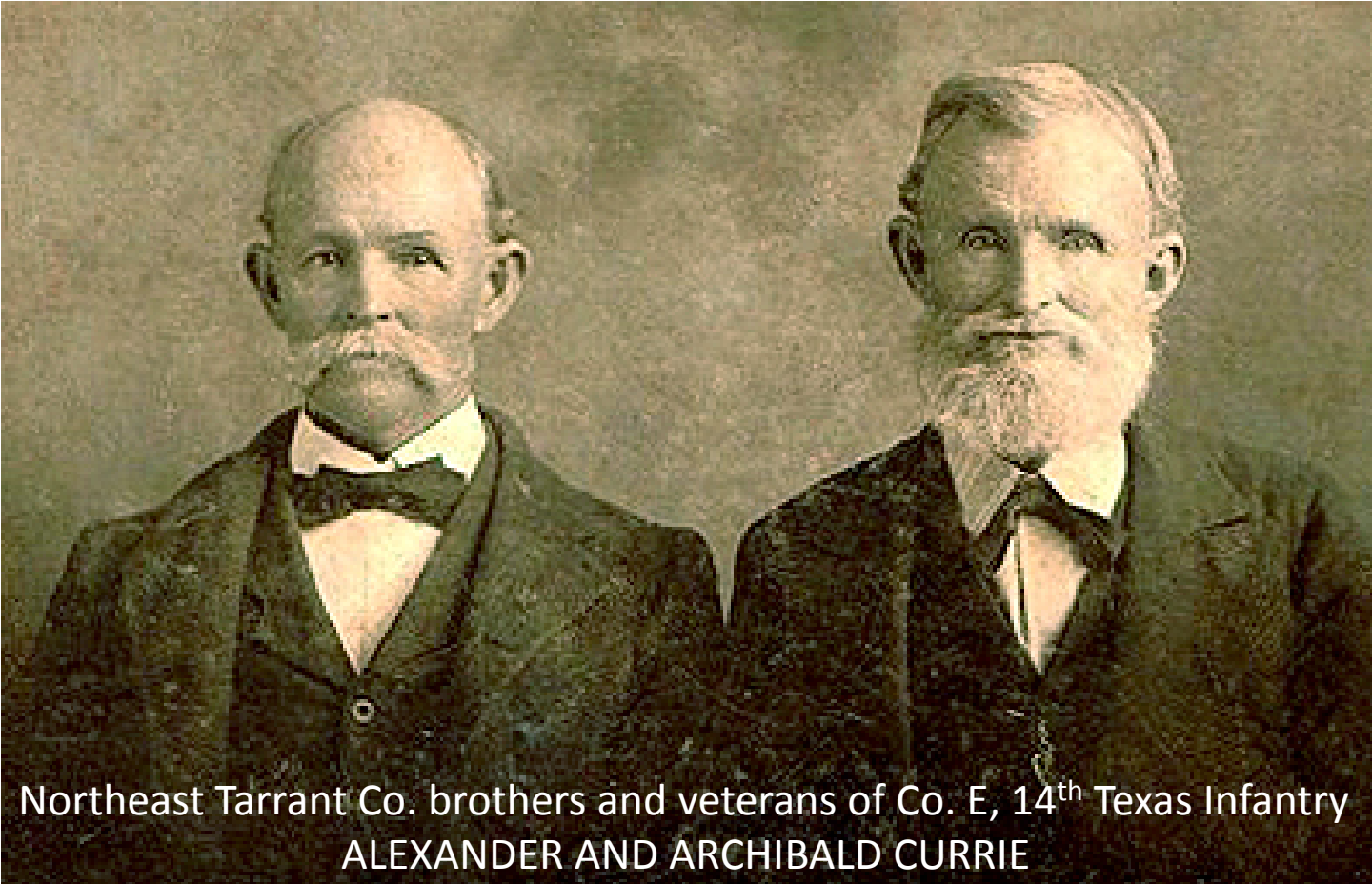


"If you don't read the news-
paper, you're uninformed. If
you read the newspaper,
you're misinformed."

Mark Twain



IF YOU KNOW OF SOMETHING THE REST OF US MIGHT FIND INTERESTING, SEND IT TO MIKE PATTERSON, YOUR HUMBLE CAMP NEWSLETTER EDITOR, at mfpchat@yahoo.com. Sending out your monthly newsletter is the last item on his agenda on the last day of each month. Your input is welcomed and encouraged.



Northeast Tarrant Co. brothers and veterans of Co. E, 14th Texas Infantry
ALEXANDER AND ARCHIBALD CURRIE

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 E. Lee, Commander-in-Chief, United Confederate Veterans, 1906



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