



NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....January 2012



The December 1 joint meeting with the UDC, OCR, SCV, and C of C at Arlington's Rolling Hills Country Club was a huge success. Our camp members attending included (lower left then clockwise) Bob and Dana Gresham, and JaAnn and James Alderman. Seated with them were our friends Louann and Bob Rubel. James, at right, presented the "Moment in History" during the program.

JANUARY MEETING-JAN. 26, 2012

Catfish and Company

900 Airport Freeway #110

Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912

Eat at 6:15 Meeting at 7:00





760 Jim Wright Freeway, N., Fort Worth, Texas 76108-1222
817-246-2323

**The Buttermilk Junction String Band will perform
in the gallery at the Texas Civil War Museum on two
dates in January:**

Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 10:00am-4:00pm

Our apologies are in order if you've been having trouble downloading the newsletter because it's been too large. Your humble newsletter editor knows as much about computers as You-Know-Who in the White House knows about U. S. geography. I promise no more dumb mistakes until the next one.

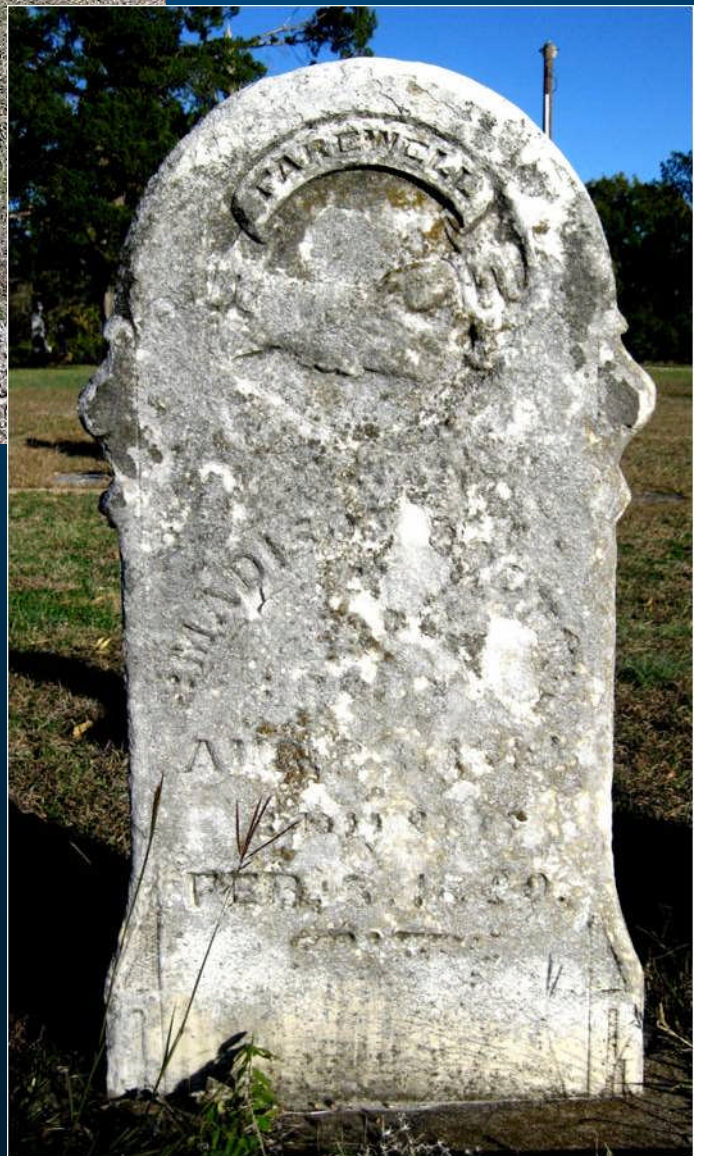
IS THERE REALLY ANY RUSH TO GET HISTORICAL PRESERVATION DONE? DEFINITELY.



2004

2011

Your newsletter editor spends a lot of his time (and his wife's) documenting our local CSA vets. Here's the difference made in Madison Booth's headstone by acid rain in only SEVEN years!!! If you've been meaning to take some photos, get busy. Birdville Cemetery.



HOW TO GET A “FREE” MARKER FROM THE V. A.



Grapevine Cemetery

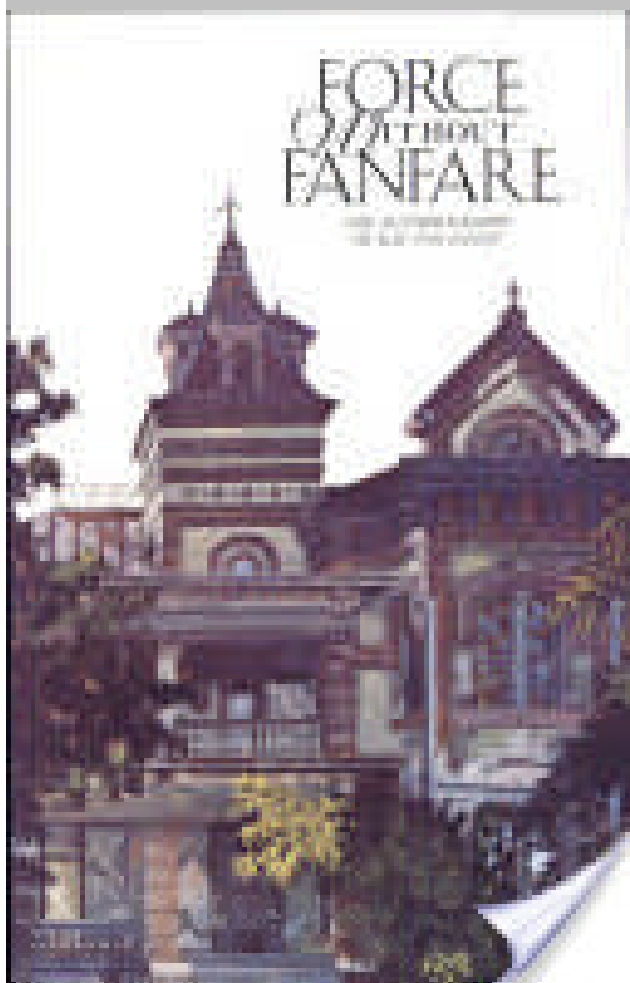
Obtaining a grave marker for a veteran from the V. A. is surprisingly easy. You send in only one form, along with some documentation, and the stone is delivered to your door in pretty short order. You and I are paying for it, of course, with our tax dollars .

The grave must be unmarked, and you must get the signature of a cemetery official or next-of-kin of the vet. You must sign also, agreeing to install it.

The form is available online at: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf>

Realistically, this program is one of those which may have to be discontinued for old-time veterans in the not-too-distant future. As Americans, we all are going to have to learn to get by with much less from our government.

It's been a wonderful program, though, and hundreds of thousands of veterans, from the Revolutionary War through the war in Afghanistan, have been honored because of it.

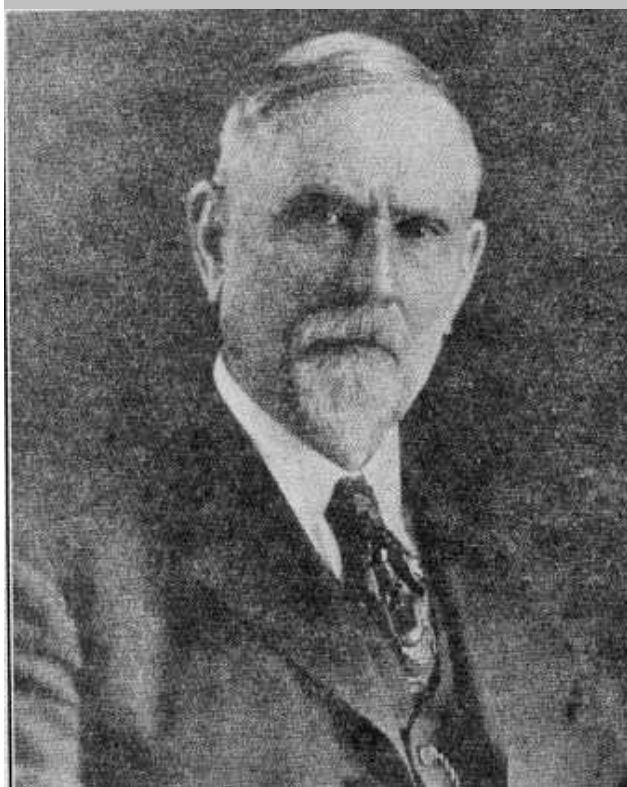


JUST IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD...

...one of the best memoirs of a Confederate veteran in existence was dictated by one of Fort Worth's founders, Khleber M. Van Zandt (1836-1930). His amazing childhood included trips to Washington D. C. with his diplomat-father, Republic of Texas official Isaac Van Zandt. K. M. Van Zandt served as Captain of Co. D, 7th Texas Infantry, and rose to the rank of major. He was everywhere that mattered in the building of Fort Worth, and even served a term in the Texas legislature. Always an advocate of Confederate veterans, he was National Commander of the UCV in 1918-1921. He was married three times and had fourteen children who lived to adulthood.

Near the end of his life he spent part of each day in his office, that of President of the Fort Worth National Bank (a post he held for 56 years), dictating his remarkable life story.

Force Without Fanfare is a great, enjoyable read, with lots of family photos. It's widely available from several booksellers on the internet.



...And in case you've always wondered about that little cemetery sitting right alongside Highway 183 in Irving as you're driving east...



Those of you who are eagle-eyed have probably noticed two Confederate headstones in the southwest corner of the plot. One of them's a CSA vet, the other stone is his wife's, made to match. This is their family cemetery. The vet buried here is Isaac S. Tompkins (1828-1897) who lived for several years in Tarrant County before moving just across the line into Dallas. He served in a local unit, Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry, from September 1861 until May 1865.

TIME TO BE A 2012 PATRIOT



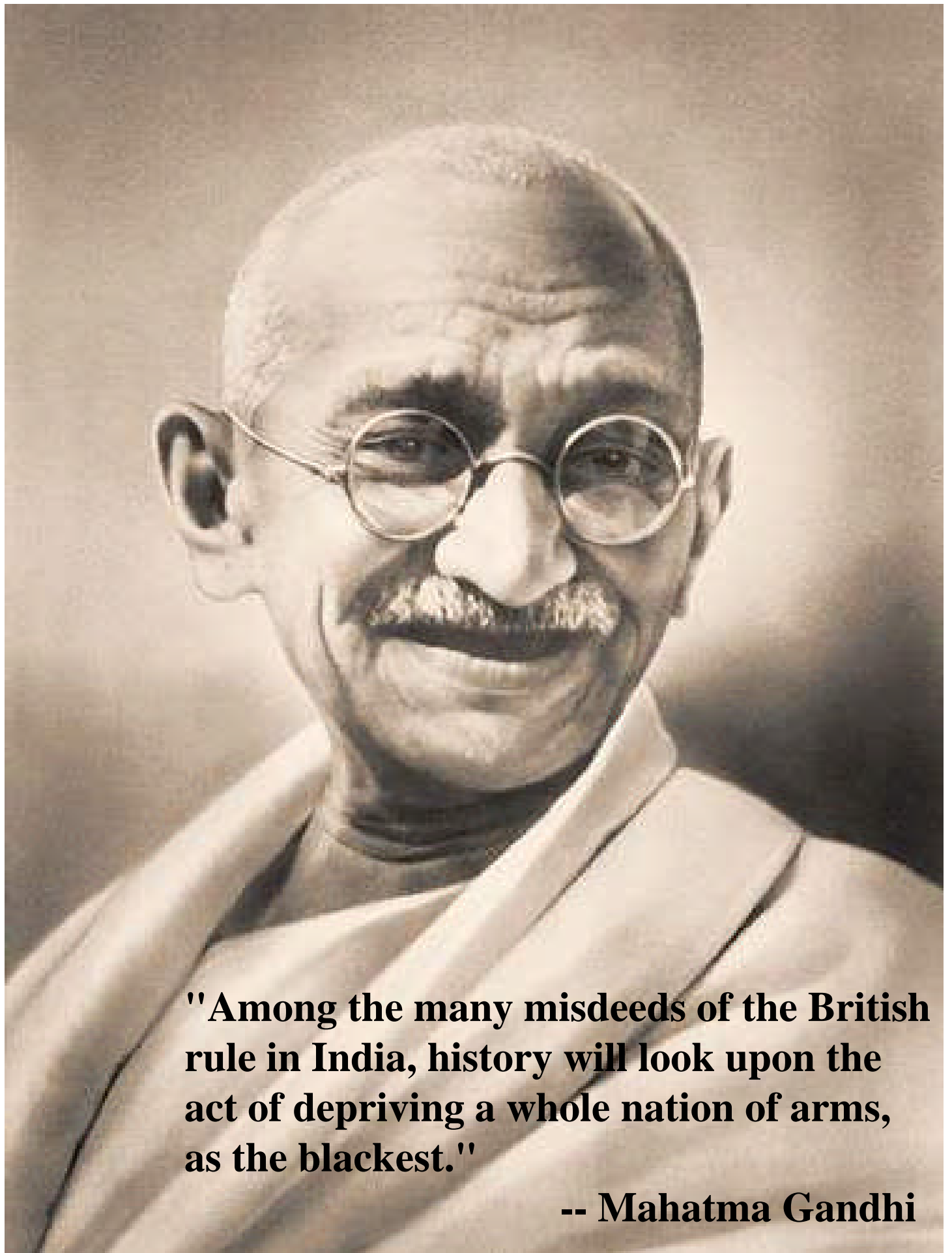
If your ancestors served the Confederacy, their great-grandfathers were probably in the Continental Army. America's future hung in the balance in the 1770's, and our kinsmen were ready.

America needs us to be aware and involved in the shaping of our Country when it's time to vote in November. Vigilance kept our country free then, and it will again. The stakes have never been higher.



“...One of the best ways to get yourself a reputation as a dangerous citizen these days is to go about repeating the very phrases which our founding fathers used in the great struggle for independence.”

Charles Austin Beard (1874-1948)



"Among the many misdeeds of the British rule in India, history will look upon the act of depriving a whole nation of arms, as the blackest."

-- Mahatma Gandhi

“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

NEVER FORGET

