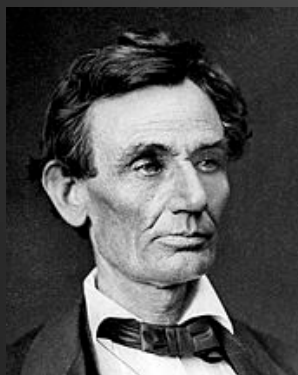




COL. E. W. TAYLOR
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777
NEWSLETTER
Bedford, Texas.....February 2012

Officers for 2012 for the Col. E. W. Taylor Camp were elected at the January meeting. They are, l-r, James Alderman, Adjutant; Robert Gresham, Commander; Mike Patterson, 1st Lt. Comm.; and Richard Trawick, 2nd Lt. Comm.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM. "LINGERING QUESTIONS."
JUST LIKE TODAY, DURING THE WBTS THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS AFOOT ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S BACKGROUND.
SOME FACTS AND SPECULATIONS ABOUT ABE LINCOLN WE'VE ALWAYS TAKEN FOR GRANTED MAY WARRANT A SECOND LOOK. THERE'S MUCH MORE TO THE MAN AND THE LEGEND THAN MOST PEOPLE KNOW. SOME AMAZING SCIENTIFIC TESTING AND RESEARCH INTO PUBLIC RECORDS MAKE LINCOLN EVEN MORE INTERESTING THAN HE WAS BEFORE. JOIN US AS WE LOOK AT SOME POWER POINT PHOTOS AND MULL OVER SOME THINGS PEOPLE WHO KNEW HIM HAD TO SAY, AND SOME WELL-MEANING BUT MISGUIDED EFFORTS TO PRESERVE HIS LEGACY.

FEBRUARY MEETING FEB. 23, 2012
Catfish and Company
900 Airport Freeway #110
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912
Eat at 6:15 Meeting at 7:00

A GOOD FRIEND ANSWERS THE LAST ROLL

BRIAN EUGENE WATKINS 1968-2012

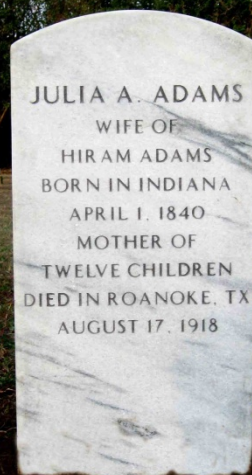
Member of both Sons of Union
and Confederate Veterans was a faithful
attendee at E. W. Taylor Camp Meetings.



Brian E. Watkins, 43, left us Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012. Service: Private memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, you may contribute to the charity of your choice. Brian will be remembered as a warm-hearted, fun-loving and devoted son and dependable friend. Brian Watkins graduated from Southwest High School. He received his associate's degree from TCC. Brian was an active scout leader for many years, a civil war re-enactor, gun enthusiast and elaborate story teller. Brian's sense of humor, roaring laughter and caring heart will be greatly missed by his many friends, family and his devoted dog, Buffy. Brian was preceded in death by his mother, Lynda Watkins. Survivors: Father, Olan E. Watkins; sister, Margaret Kay Watkins; and uncle, John F. Linebarger. Published in Star-Telegram on January 15, 2012

LOCAL UNION VET GETS A STONE AFTER 103 YEARS

Our local Civil War Veterans Memorial honors men from both armies, so as we discover the need we also get markers for Union veterans. Hiram Adams of the 149th Indiana Infantry died north of Keller in 1909 and was buried in the old IOOF Cemetery in present-day Westlake. On Wednesday, February 1, he finally got a headstone. We cut an inscription for his wife on the back. A formal dedication ceremony will be held in connection with Westlake's Memorial Day Observance in May. We'll announce it again in our May newsletter.



NORTH CAROLINA FIRM TO BEGIN PRODUCING OFFICIAL SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS UNIFORMS

Did you know that the United Confederate Veterans adopted an official uniform? Well, they did. Before long we'll be able to get one at a reasonable cost. Right now two sizes of reproduction buttons and a hat pin are available, with other items in the near future.

Go online to <http://www.arkansastoothpick.com/scvcat.pdf> and read about the project so far. This will give Sons an alternative to dressing like a reenactor at conventions and other gatherings. The items available now are very reasonably priced, and the makers expect a three-piece uniform to be comparable in price to a man's wool suit at Men's Wearhouse.



Different Drummer
90 Church Street
PO Box 1237
Black Mtn. N. C. 28711



ANOTHER NEW FACE ON THE VETERANS MEMORIAL



Walter Dent Beall 1828-1911

We've known about Walter Dent Beall for several years. Recently one of his descendants contacted us and shared this wonderful photo of him.

Mr. Beall was one of six brothers who served the South, and his aged father was a member of a local militia company.

Walter was born in 1828 in Georgia, and moved to Missouri with his parents when young. He was married there in 1850, and settled in Tarrant County, Texas with his new wife, his parents and siblings, in the early 1850's.

Because of his wife's ailing health, the family made an overland trip to California in 1856, where they remained until the outbreak of the War.

Because Beall's sympathies lay with the South, he moved his family back to Tarrant County and enlisted at Mansfield, Texas, becoming a member of Co. K, 7th Texas. The regiment took part in Sibley's New Mexico Campaign, including the Battles of Glorieta Pass and Valverde.

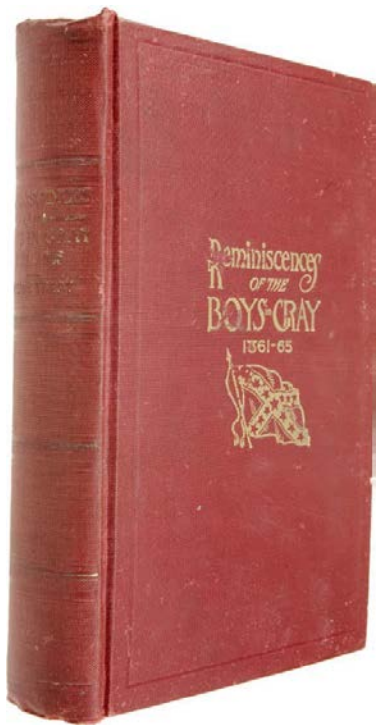
Later, the regiment was sent to serve in Louisiana where, at the Battle of Donaldsonville, all the men of companies "D" and "K" were captured on June 23, 1863. Most the men captured were held in northern prison camps for the remainder of the war.

After the War he came back to Tarrant County, and remained here until about 1880.

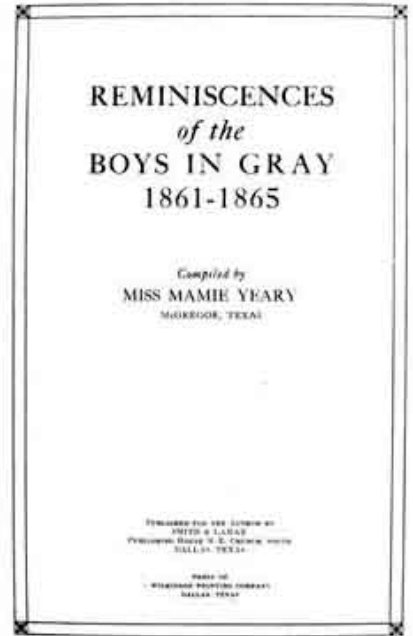
The Bealls next moved to Nolan County near Sweetwater, where the first Mrs. Beall died in 1887. Two years later he was remarried.

Walter Beall died in Sweetwater in 1911 and was buried in Sweetwater Cemetery. He was survived by three children.

One of his sons, James Henry Beall, was elected county judge of Nolan County. He also served a term in the Texas Legislature.



HERE'S ANOTHER ONE YOU SHOULD KNOW.



Mamie Ann Yearly was born in Collin County, Texas in 1876. Due to a long-term physical ailment, Mamie never married and lived with her parents throughout their lives. In later years, the family moved to McGreggor, Texas. In 1912, she published a series of reminiscences of Confederate soldiers with whom she had corresponded. It was published under the title, Reminiscences of the Boys in Gray 1861-1865. She died in San Angelo in 1922.

This hefty 940-page volume contains lots of sketches of North Texas men, including several from Dallas, Tarrant, and Johnson Counties.

Best of all, you can read it free and online, and it is even fully searchable. Type in your town, “Cleburne,” for instance, and see what happens. The entries are arranged alphabetically by the surname of the soldier. It’s easy to use and very interesting reading. You’ll find it at:



<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph29786/>

Veteran, 77, at Confederate Home Takes Bride of 71

Special to The Star-Telegram.

AUSTIN, Sept. 24.—A rather unusual wedding was solemnized at the Confederate Woman's Home Friday, when Wyatt A. Taylor, 77, and Mrs. S. A. Moore, 71, became man and wife.

The bridegroom is a Confederate veteran and lives at the Home, while the bride has been living at the Confederate Woman's home, her former husband having been a veteran.

After the wedding the couple went to the Confederate Home, where they are making their home. Under a recent act of the Legislature, it is permissible for a veteran to have his wife live with him at the institution. Since the passage of law, it is stated, quite a number of old soldiers are visiting the Woman's home with a view of getting brides.

From the Newspapers....

Confederate Pensions.

Fort Worth, Tex., July 8—Judge C. C. Cummins, ex-commander of the R. E. Lee camp of ex-Confederates of this city, said to The News correspondent this afternoon: “I think that there will be between forty and fifty applicants for pensions in Tarrant county. I understand that preference has been given to the widows of Confederate soldiers. Depositions will have to be taken in a number of instances where persons live in other states to establish clearly the claims. Some hard cases of being barred by the restrictions of the law have presented themselves. One today is where a woman, a widow of great need, had a relative to build a home for her here in Texas before 1880 to receive her and her husband afflicted with cancer, but while the home was made ready here her husband could not be moved and died in Tennessee after 1880 of that application and she did not come until after that date. She is without property or means of support and ability to labor. The most of the applicants are over 60 years of age. Some are under the impression that because they are over that age this alone grants them a pension, but the law is that they must be unable to make a support. One under 60 years of age and unable to support himself and without means must trace his disability for causes arising from services in the army. For instance, one applied who was 52 years of age without property and ability to labor and in the last stages of consumption, but could not trace its origin from service in the army. He was shut out.

“But there will be enough in all probability to take up the appropriation. What is feared is a deficiency. That is a cutting down to less than \$8 a month.”

About a dozen applications for pensions have been filed. They will be heard by County Judge Harrison the 22d instant.

Dallas Morning News, July 9, 1899

“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.