



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

# **NEWSLETTER**

**Bedford, Texas.....March 2012**

## **LOCAL VET GETS A STONE AFTER 99-YEAR WAIT**

One of the easiest, least expensive, and most lasting projects any SCV Camp can do is the marking of Confederates whose burial places are unmarked.

Five members of the Taylor Camp met in Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery on the cold morning of Feb. 11 to install a VA marker for Pleasant M. Richards, a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry. Richards died in Fort Worth in 1913.

VA markers are easy to obtain, cost only the stamp to mail in the application, and sometimes arrive within four weeks of the time they're ordered. Graves must be unmarked, and the VA now checks!

Documentation of the soldier's service must be included, along with signatures from next-of-kin or a cemetery official, and the person willing to accept delivery of the stone and install it.

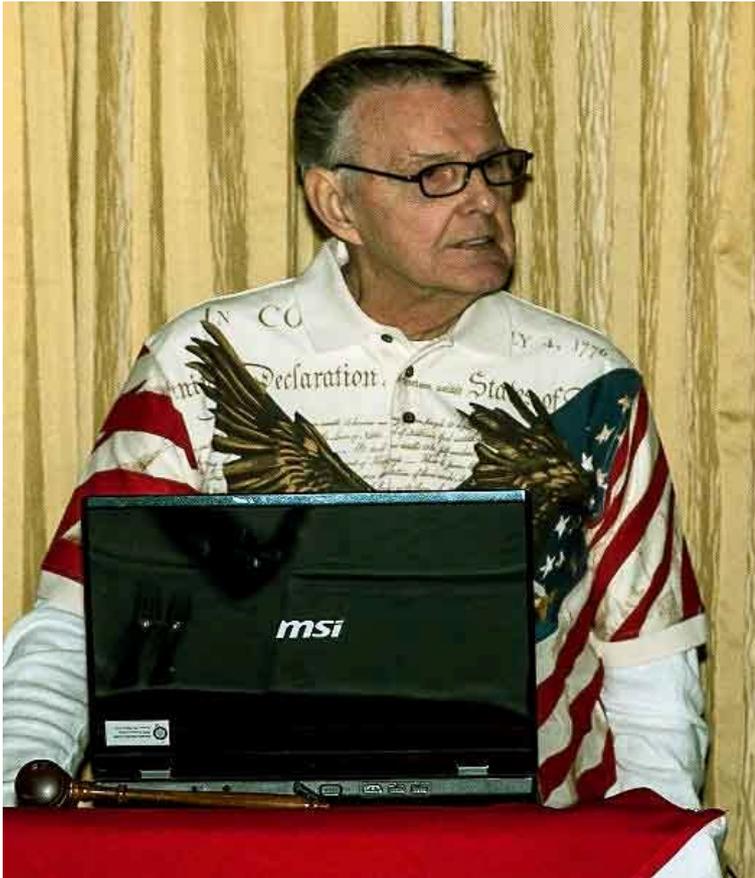
At a hefty 240 pounds, you'll need some help, but don't let that deter you. Patterson and his wife regularly get them in and out of the back of a pickup.



L-r are Bob Gresham, Ron Parker, David Stewart, and James Alderman; Mike Patterson's below.

**March Program:  
DNA SCIENCE  
Mr. Roger Cobb  
See p. 2 for details**

**MARCH MEETING MAR. 29, 2012  
Catfish and Company  
900 Airport Freeway #110  
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912  
Eat at 6:15 Meeting at 7:00**

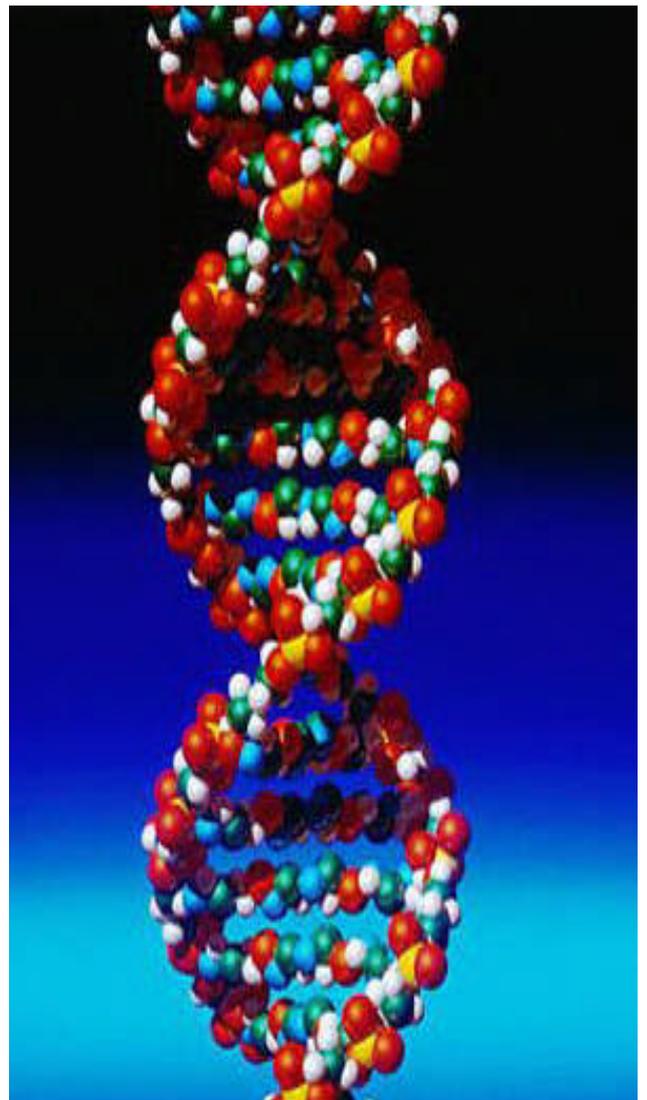


# Roger Cobb

“Legally a Cobb, Biologically a Mills”, Mr. Cobb says, “My family and DNA is a story about my grandfather, and how DNA helped solve a brick wall. Also included will be a description of DNA Basics, and how DNA may help you.”

“Born and raised in Wisconsin, my wife Barbara and I moved to Texas in 2005 to be near our daughter. After a career in safety engineering and running my own business, I retired and started to focus on genealogy. I have enjoyed genealogy research for over 45 years.”

This promises to be one of the most interesting programs we’ve hosted in many months. If you’re a member of the Camp, please make every effort to be with us.



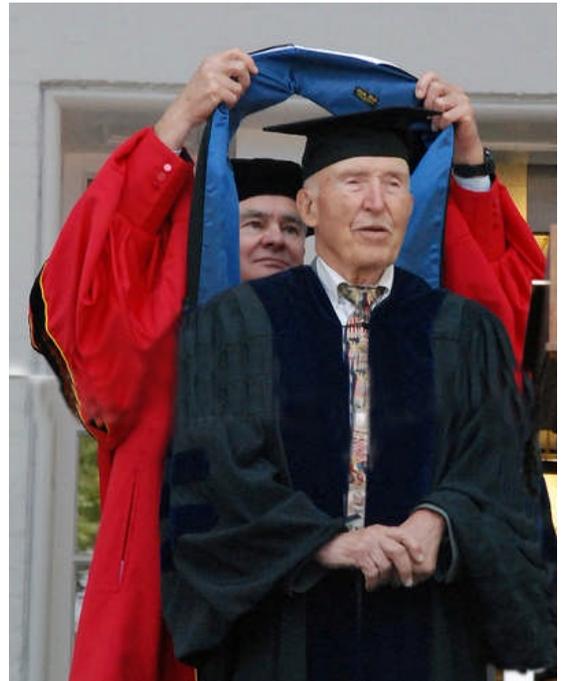
# WORLD FAMOUS WBTS HISTORIAN TO ADDRESS FORT WORTH CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE ON MARCH 6

Mr. Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service, will speak in Fort Worth on the evening of Tuesday, March 6. He will address the regular monthly meeting of the Fort Worth Civil War Roundtable. The topic will be the Battle of Five Forks, Virginia, on which Mr. Bearss wrote the definitive work...incidentally one of his favorites. His skills as a storyteller are well-known across the land, and no one with an interest in the WBTS should pass up an opportunity to meet him and hear him speak.

He was born in 1923 within a bicycle ride of the Little Bighorn Battlefield. In 1941 after graduating from high school he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, where he served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Raider Battn. and the First Marine Div., and in the invasions of



The meeting is at the Ol' South Pancake House, on University Drive, just south of the West Freeway. Eat at 6, program at 7.



Guadalcanal and New Britain. Badly wounded by machine gun fire in early 1944, he spent 26 months in hospitals.

After the service he earned a BS degree at Georgetown, writing his thesis on Pat Cleburne. He earned an MA from Indiana University in 1955.

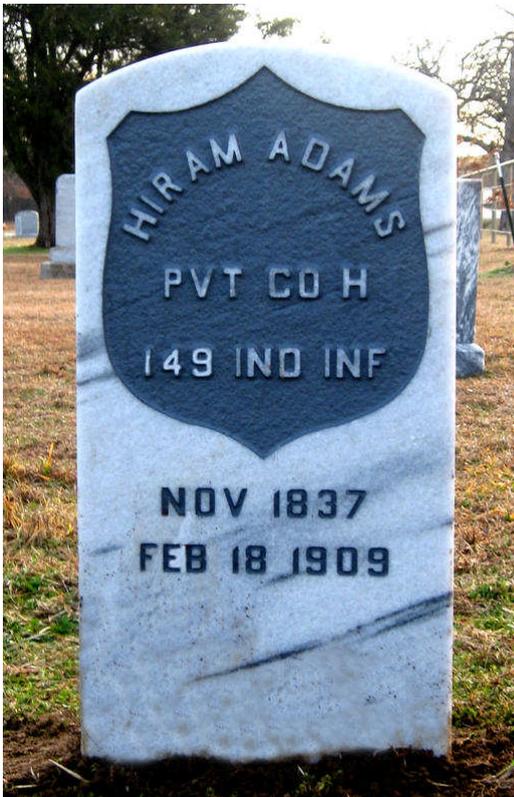
His honors have been many, but he still leads battlefield tours for the Smithsonian, the National Geographic Society, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to name only a few. At eighty-eight years of age, Mr. Bearss is a living National Treasure.

*More information may be found at <http://www.fortworthcwr.com/> Membership is not limited to lineal descendants of soldiers of either army. Guests are welcome.*



## **JULIA JACKSON U.D.C. TO SPONSOR COMMEMORATION AT THE NETC CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL IN BEDFORD**

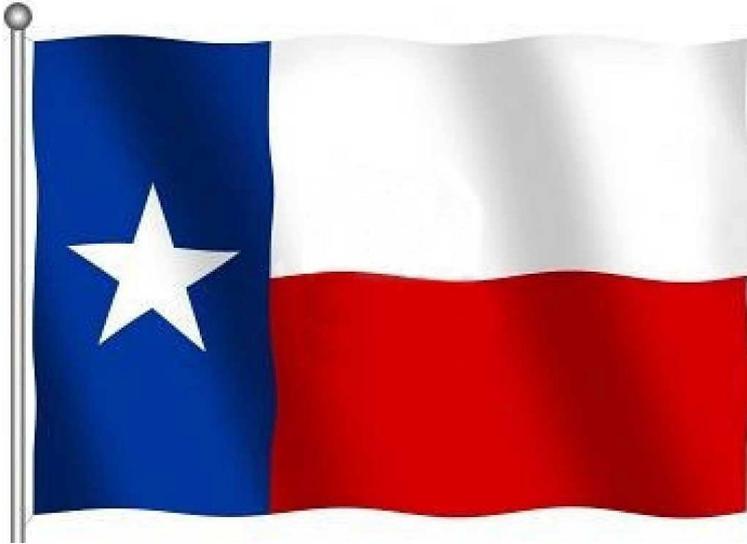
The Julia Jackson UDC Chapter will sponsor a District VII memorial service on Saturday, April 7, at 10:30 a.m. at the Memorial at 2401 Bedford Rd. in Bedford. This meeting will be attended by Daughters from a wide area of Texas. More details will be published in the April newsletter.



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## **UNION VETERANS TO BE HONORED AS PART OF CITY MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION IN WESTLAKE**

The City of Westlake will conduct a Memorial Day Observance in the IOOF Cemetery in Westlake on the afternoon of Memorial Day. They would welcome uniformed reenactors from both sides with rifles and cannons. More details in the May newsletter.



Commanders and Members;

The 2012 Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Annual Reunion is in Victoria, June 1-3. Once again it is time to start collecting of donations for the Silent Auction sponsored by the Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose. With the success of last year's auction, we are asking for items that pertain only to the War Between the States. This can be items including, but not limited to, flags, period attire, uniforms, framed pictures, books, statues, medals, and other related memorabilia. The Silent Auction will be ongoing Friday and Saturday and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

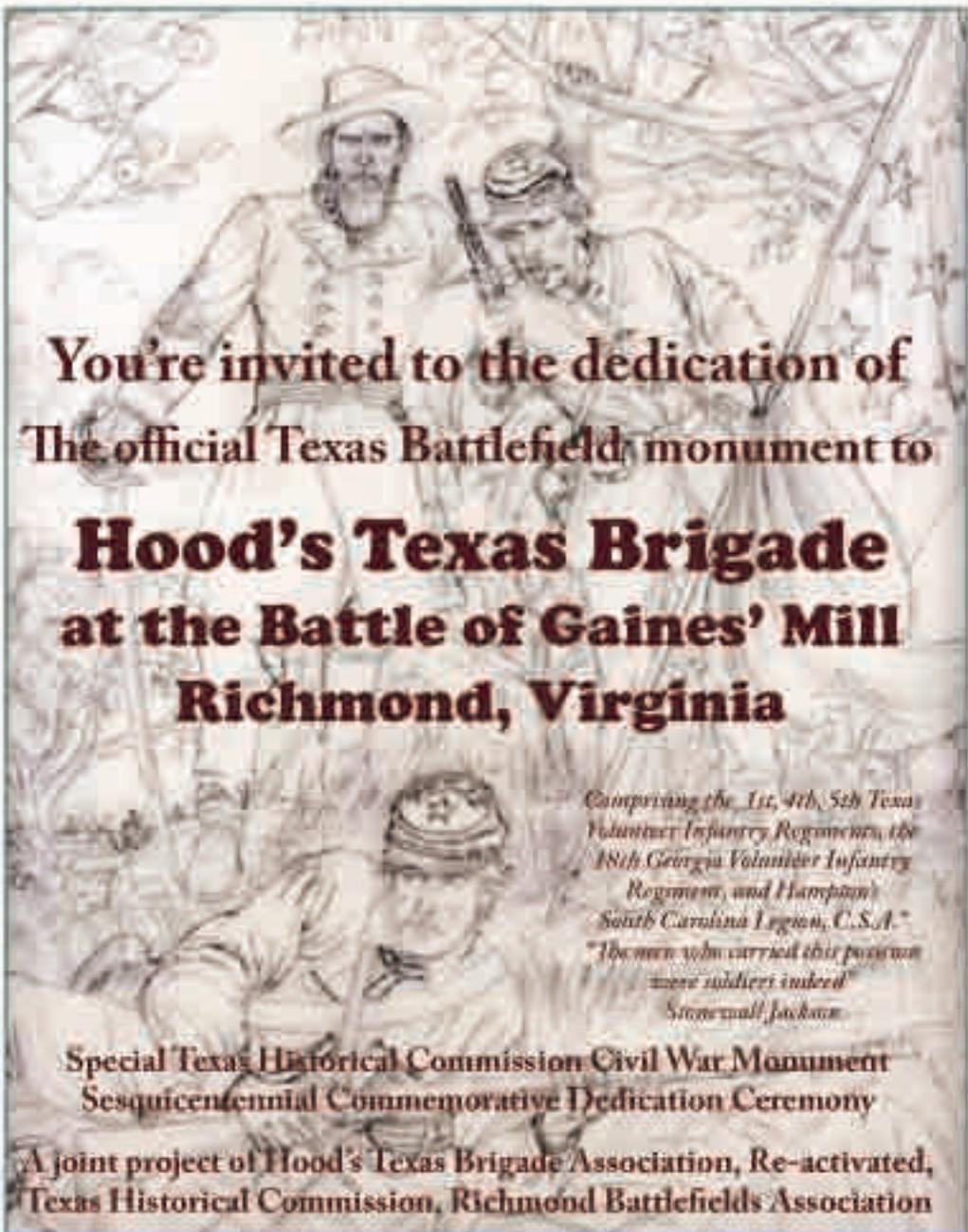
We are also collecting items for the Live Auction to be held Saturday evening during the Southern Ball. Items for this auction be in value greater than \$50.00 and should also pertain to the War Between the States.

If you have an item to donate to either auction, I will be at the convention center in the Silent Auction room both Friday and Saturday to accept your donations. If you cannot attend this year's Reunion and would like to donate, please send the items to me or have someone bring them to the Reunion. My mailing address is 4130 Country Road 152, Singleton, Texas 77831.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 936-581-1699, or via e-mail at [bdsurface2@yahoo.com](mailto:bdsurface2@yahoo.com).

Thank you for your generous donation to make this a prosperous auction.

For the South,  
Danis Surface  
TSOCR Assistant Director



**You're invited to the dedication of  
The official Texas Battlefield monument to  
**Hood's Texas Brigade  
at the Battle of Gaines' Mill  
Richmond, Virginia****

*Comprising the 1st, 4th, 5th Texas  
Volunteer Infantry Regiments, the  
18th Georgia Volunteer Infantry  
Regiment, and Hampton's  
South Carolina Legion, C.S.A.  
"The men who carried this position  
were soldiers indeed"  
Stonewall Jackson*

**Special Texas Historical Commission Civil War Monument  
Sesquicentennial Commemorative Dedication Ceremony**

**A joint project of Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated,  
Texas Historical Commission, Richmond Battlefields Association**

Saturday, May 19, 2012

2:00 in the afternoon

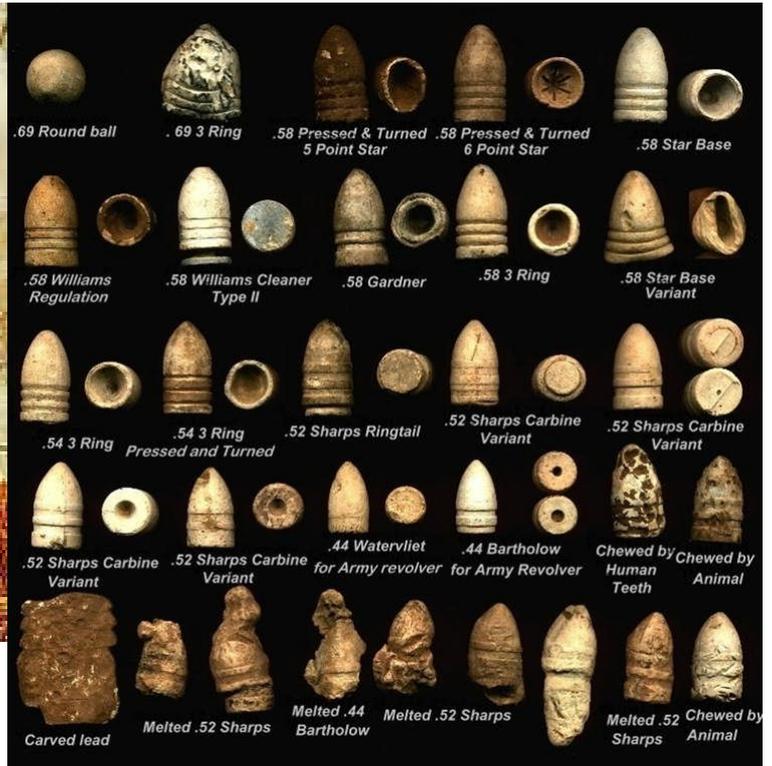
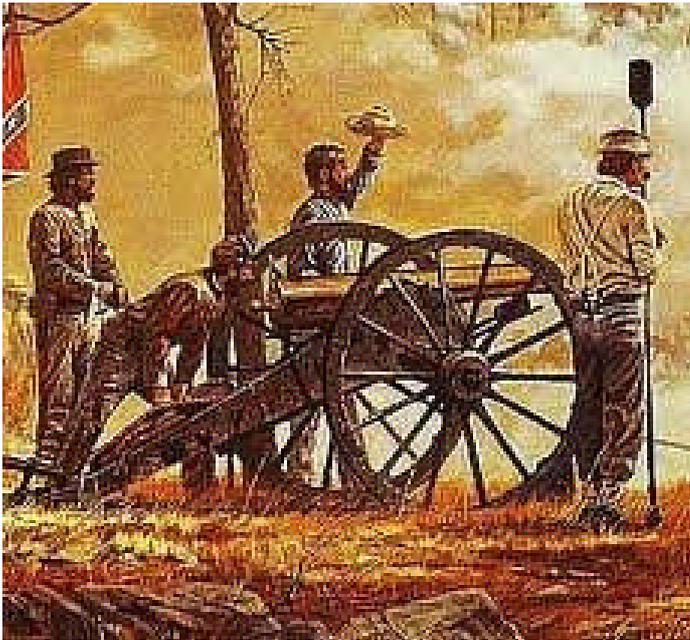
Richmond Battlefields Association Land, Richmond VA

*Band • Color Guard • Flags • Speakers*

*Join Us!*

RSVP to Marsha Hartzog, President  
Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated  
m.hartzog@mail.utexas.edu • map will be provided

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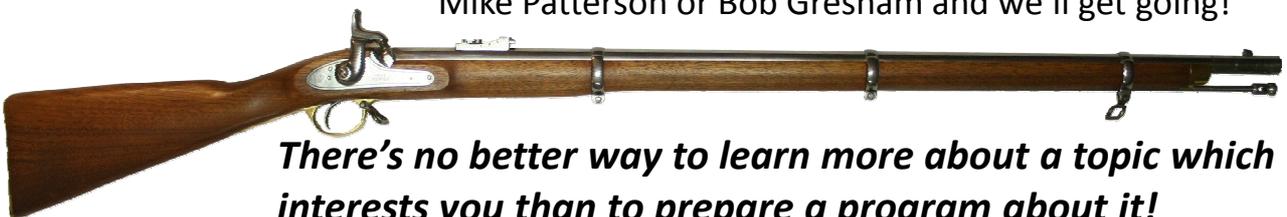


# WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Probably the single thing which brings in the most new members and keeps them here is high-quality programs, month-in-and-month out. The list of available topics is nearly endless... people, battles, equipment, clothing, customs, etc. You have some special interests and expertise, or you wouldn't have joined the SCV. Why not share your knowledge with us by presenting a program at one of our monthly meetings?

We will be happy to provide as many power-point slides as you need, will bring and set up the equipment, and will work with you via e-mail to get all the slides just as you like them and in the order you choose. E-mail Mike Patterson or Bob Gresham and we'll get going!



***There's no better way to learn more about a topic which interests you than to prepare a program about it!***



## **ANOTHER NEW FACE ON THE VETERANS MEMORIAL IN BEDFORD**

Every day it seems someone contacts us with new information or photographs about our northeast Tarrant County veterans. About two weeks into the New Year we got an email from Jim Crawford, offering to share some photos of his great-great grandfather, Samuel A. Woods.

Woods enlisted in Wise County in Co. B, 15<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, and lived for several years after the War in northeast Tarrant County near Euless. He married the sister of our twin-brother veterans, Ryan and Bryant Harrington. Woods and his wife lie buried in Bryant Harrington's family cemetery just inside the Dallas County line in Irving in the old Estelle Community.



## REAL SON OF THE CONFEDERACY GONE AT AGE 99

James Brown Sr., 99, of Tellico Village, Tennessee, one of the last real sons of a Confederate veteran, died Thursday afternoon in a Farragut nursing home, his son, James Brown, Jr., said Saturday afternoon. James Brown Sr.'s father, James H. H. Brown, served in the 8th Georgia Infantry's Company K and fought throughout the Civil War.

Mr. Brown would've turned 100 on Valentine's Day. James Brown Jr. said his grandfather was 71 when his father, James Brown Sr., was born in 1912.

James H. H. Brown joined the Confederate army at the beginning of the Civil War and fought in 19 major battles, including Manassas, Gettysburg, Chattanooga, Campbell Station and Fort Sanders.

"He made it to the end at Appomattox with the surrender of Lee and then he walked back home," James Brown said. "He was wounded twice and, back then with the medical situation, he could've had a leg lopped off and bled to death." Mr. Brown had lung cancer two years ago and had treatment. His son said Mr. Brown's health began to deteriorate quickly in the past few weeks.

*James Brown, 90, poses with a portrait of his father at his home in Tellico Village. His Dad served in the Confederate Army in the Civil War.*

"At 100, everything starts to wear out. He went very quietly. He went in peace, comfortable without pain," his son said. "He had a ton of friends who came down to see him the last couple days. He was a popular man, a real country gentleman. He enjoyed people and they enjoyed him."

A memorial service is set for 11 a.m. Feb. 14 at Tellico Village Community Church. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City, Tenn. is in charge of arrangements.

— 2012, Knoxville News Sentinel Co.

# AMAZING OLD PHOTO SHOWS UP IN THE HANDS OF A LOCAL CONFEDERATE'S FAMILY



Two Harper brothers were among the Confederate soldiers who wound up in northeast Tarrant County. A family member of one of them sent us this photo along with some others of her Confederate ancestors. We're trying now to get a higher-resolution copy of it.

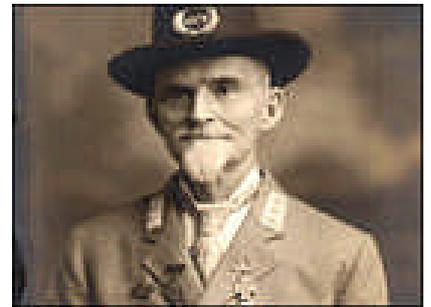
Your newsletter compiler would surely like to know who these men were. The banner says "Headquarters. Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, UCV, Fort Worth, Texas." What's the word to the right of "UCV"?

# *SOME INTERNET GEMS*



Civil War veteran Julius Howell of Bristol, Va. was 101 years old when he was recorded at the Library of Congress in June, 1947.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPiDqUB9k1I&feature=related>



Pvt. Thomas N. Alexander of the 37th North Carolina Infantry was recorded by the general manager of WBT radio at a Sons of Confederate Veterans meeting in 1935 when Alexander was 90 years old.

<http://www.26nc.org/History/Rebel-Yell/Sound-Files/CompleteAlexanderInterview.wav>

In this video clip from the 1930s, old Confederate soldiers step up to a microphone and let loose with the howling yelp that was once known as the fearsome "Rebel yell."



<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/Civil-War-Veterans-Come-Alive-in-Audio-and-Video-Recordings.html#ixzz1mTEdU2Ej><http://www.smithsonianmag.com/multi-media/videos/What-Did-the-Rebel-Yell-Sound-Like.html>

# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL SERVICE

**March 3, 9 a.m.** Meet us at the office in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth to install the VA grave marker for Capt. James C. Brock. Grave is in the western part of the cemetery.

**April 7, midmorning.** Come in uniform and armed to help render a salute to our Northeast Tarrant County veterans at Bedford Church of Christ in Bedford. Details in April newsletter.

**May 28 in the early evening.** Come in uniform and armed to IOOF Cemetery in Westlake to assist in honoring the Union soldiers buried there. There are no CSA vets there. One of our E. W. Taylor Camp members obtained a VA headstone for one of the two Federal veterans buried there. More details in the May newsletter.



The background of the entire image is a stylized, dark-toned American flag. The stars are a dark blue-grey, and the stripes are a dark red and dark blue-grey. The text is overlaid on this background.

# AMERICA'S LAST HOPE

NOV. 6, 2012

GET EDUCATED.  
GET VOCAL.  
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GET SERIOUS ABOUT  
SAVING AMERICA.