

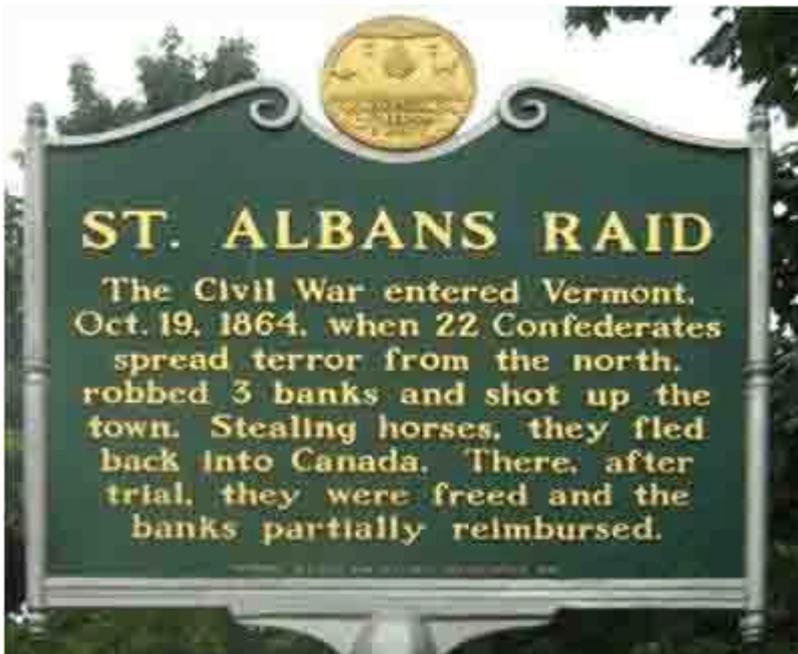


COL. E. W. TAYLOR

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....May 2012



JAMES ALDERMAN TO ADDRESS OUR CAMP ON THE WBTS'S NORTHERNMOST LAND ACTION

Less than a year before the War ended, the north got a taste of the times on their own soil when a group of Confederates attacked St. Albans, Vermont. The plot having been hatched in Canada, they fled back there after the raid.

Join us in May as our own adjutant, James Alderman, recounts the exciting story using a power-point presentation. Bring a friend!

**MAY MEETING MAY 31, 2012
Catfish and Company
900 Airport Freeway #110
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912
Eat at 6:15 Meeting at 7:00**



**SORRY FOR THE
SHORT NOTICE,
BUT WE REALLY,
REALLY NEED
YOU!**

The Texas Division UDC Memorial will be dedicated at the Texas Civil War Museum on Saturday afternoon, May 5, 2012. As you all know, it's out on the Loop 820 northwest of downtown Fort Worth. The Ladies, who have helped us so many times and who have always been so gracious, need us there in uniform, with our gear and flags, and ready to help fire musket salutes. The ceremony begins at one, so let's be there about thirty minutes early to help in every way we can!



TEXAS STATE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS CONVENTION

**VICTORIA, TEXAS
JUNE 1-3, 2012**

Registration forms and hotel forms for this year's State SCV Convention, to be held in Victoria June 1-3, are available online at:

http://www.scvtexas.org/State_Convention_6YY5.html



Take a few moments to visit the new Texas Division Sons of Confederate Veterans website online at <http://scvtexas.org/>



*You, Your Members and Guests are Invited to Join
Mid-Cities Bluebonnet 2429 UDC
At Our Annual*

Jefferson Davis Luncheon

Saturday, May 19, 2012

10:00 a.m. Registration, 10:30 a.m. Program

11:45 a. m. B-B-Q Luncheon with Dessert

West Fork Presbyterian Church

Directions: From N. Hwy. 360, Exit Ave. K (N. Arlington)

Go East-bound on Ave. K, Cross the Railroad Tracks

Turn Left on 109th St.; Turn Right on Santerre St.; Church is on Left

***Please Join us to Celebrate our Only CSA President, Southern Food, Fellowship,
Favors, Music, Special Awards & Silent Auction***

Guest Speaker: Gregg Manning, Retired US Military

Registration Required for Lunch; Deadline 05/12/2012

Adults \$14.00, Children \$11.00 (18 and Under)

Checks Payable to: Mid-Cities Bluebonnet 2429 UDC

Mail Checks/Reservation to: Ms. Dorothy Norred, President

3217 Timber Grove Dr., Bedford, Texas 76021

Late Reservations, e-mail: djnorred@yahoo.com

Name/s: _____ Group/s: _____

Adults (\$14): _____, Children (\$11): _____ Total Amt.: \$ _____

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

Town of Westlake Annual DECORATION DAY 2012

A Salute To Those Who Serve Our Great
Nation -- Past & Present

Presented by the
Westlake Historical Preservation Society
Monday, May 28, 2012
Program Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Westlake I.O.O.F. Cemetery
3101 J.T. Ottinger Road, Westlake, TX 76262

THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Civil War Union Veterans Gravesite Dedication
Daughters and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

SPECIAL PROGRAM TO HONOR OUR MILITARY
INCLUDING HONORED GUEST SPEAKER:

**James T. Spivey Jr. Brigadier General USAR (Ret) and
Former Assistant Chief of Chaplains USAR**

Patriot Guard Riders

Learn/Participate in the tradition of the Buddy Poppy

Red, White and Blue Bicycle Decorating Contest and Parade



FREE Hot Dogs, FREE Parking
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS,
BLANKETS & CAMERAS...
but No Pets Please

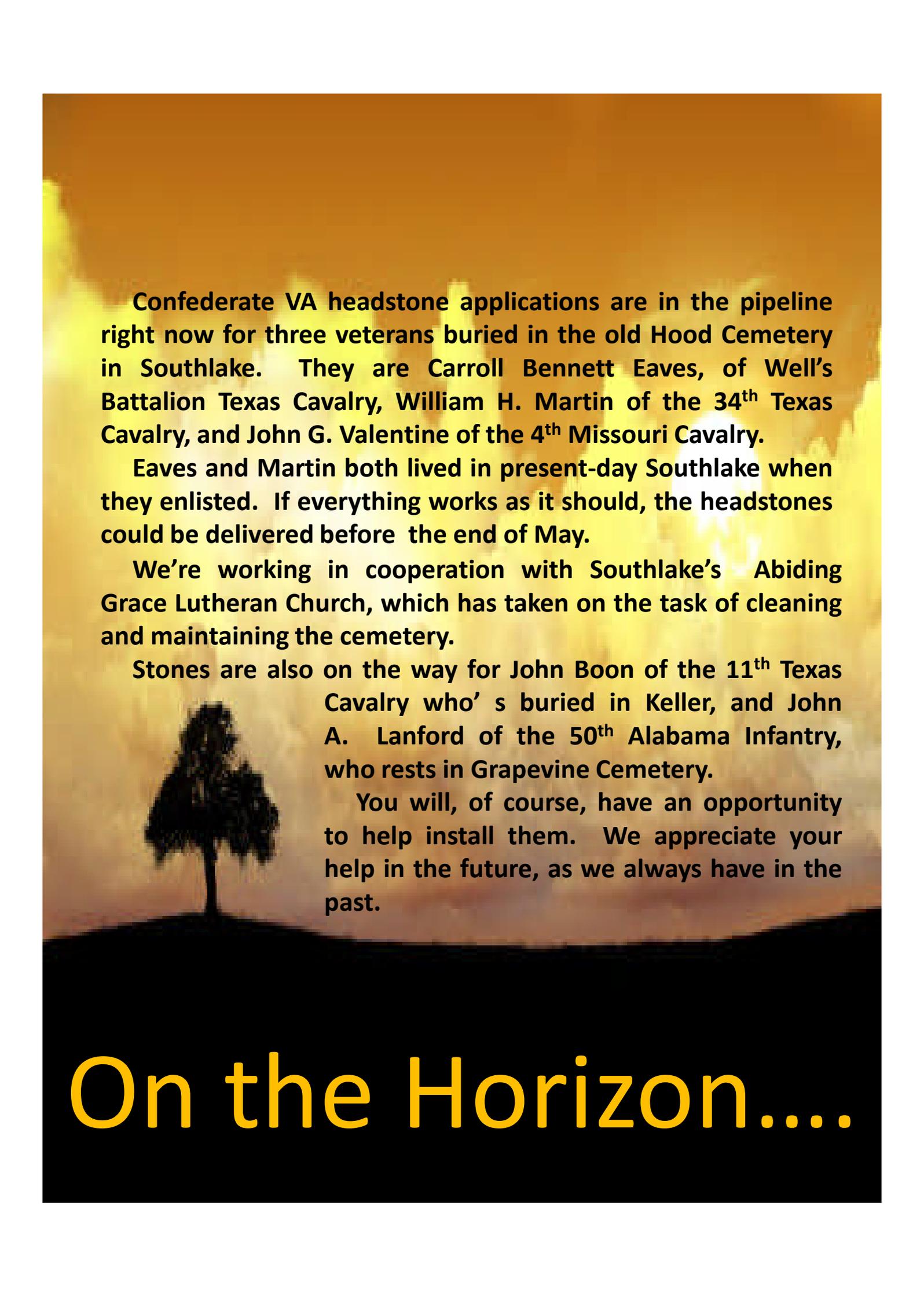


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One of the stones to be dedicated is a VA stone we got and erected for Hiram Adams, a Keller Union vet. It would be nice if a number of Confederates showed up armed and in uniform to help fire the salutes. They are expecting us, and would like us to be there by 5:45p.m. that day. Thanks, as always, for your help!



Confederate VA headstone applications are in the pipeline right now for three veterans buried in the old Hood Cemetery in Southlake. They are Carroll Bennett Eaves, of Well's Battalion Texas Cavalry, William H. Martin of the 34th Texas Cavalry, and John G. Valentine of the 4th Missouri Cavalry.

Eaves and Martin both lived in present-day Southlake when they enlisted. If everything works as it should, the headstones could be delivered before the end of May.

We're working in cooperation with Southlake's Abiding Grace Lutheran Church, which has taken on the task of cleaning and maintaining the cemetery.

Stones are also on the way for John Boon of the 11th Texas Cavalry who's buried in Keller, and John A. Lanford of the 50th Alabama Infantry, who rests in Grapevine Cemetery.

You will, of course, have an opportunity to help install them. We appreciate your help in the future, as we always have in the past.

On the Horizon....

GEARING UP FOR



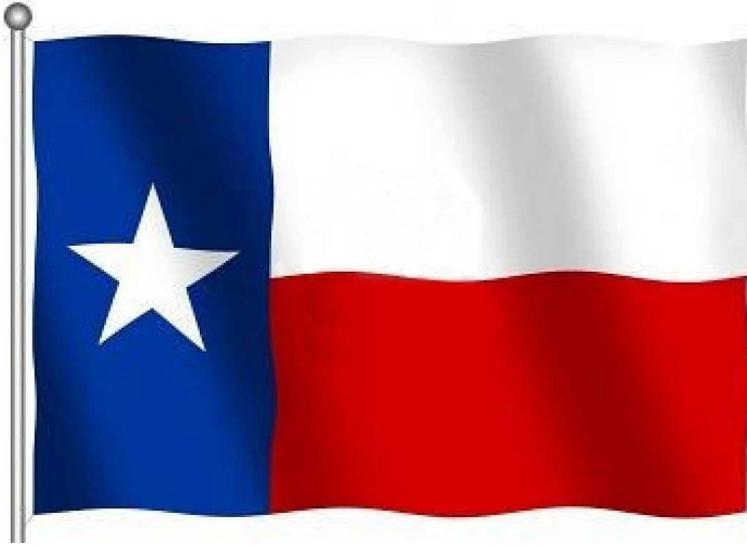
Let's face it....taking part in Operation Shoebox costs money, but it's worth it many times over to know we're putting smiles on the faces of our servicemen. Here's a way we can work this spring, summer, and fall to get ready, and do ourselves some good, too.

Start being aware of the aluminum cans you're emptying. If you're already recycling them through your city, start giving them to us. Right now, they're worth about .65 per pound. Look in your garage. If there's anything made of any metal in there and you'd like to part with it, now's the time. A heaping pickup load of ordinary metal junk will bring around one hundred dollars, depending on how tightly it's packed.

Copper, aluminum, wire [whoa...I accidentally typed "wife" but the spell checker caught it], old pots and pans, electric motors, lawn mowers, chairs, old car batteries, or nearly anything will do.

One day in March two of our members, your editor and George Whitten, spent one day taking apart their church's old air conditioner. We wound up with piles of copper, aluminum, insulated wire, three motors, and way over a half-ton of junk sheet iron. We drove away from the scrap yard with \$786, which, of course, was given to the church to help defray the new unit's cost.

Look around your place. If you'd like to begin spring cleaning, consider taking the metal to sell it for us. Mike Patterson will go with you on the first run, introduce you to the people there, and show you the procedure. It's easy and they pay you in cash.



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.

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

For the South,
Danis Surface
TSOCR Assistant Director

LOCAL CONFEDERATE GETS A NEW MONUMENT FROM VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Walker McCulloch was living here in northeast Tarrant County when he rode into Grapevine on January 15, 1862 and enlisted in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. Most of Company A was made up of his neighbors and friends, and the enlisting officer, Matthew W. Deavenport, was a friend with whom he'd done business for a good while.

Walker was born in 1832, and like the majority of the earliest settlers in this part of the county, he'd come from Missouri. After the War he came home and served for a time as church clerk of Lonesome Dove Baptist Church, beside which he was later buried.

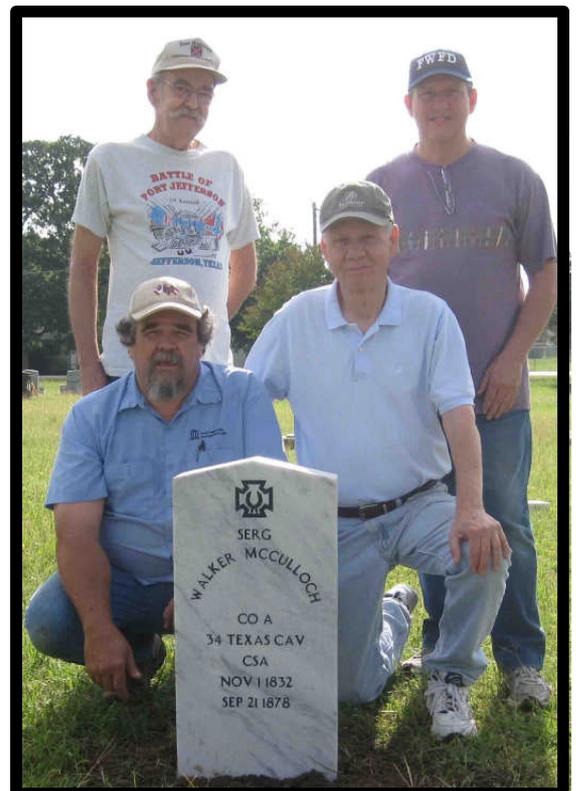
Walker was married twice, and had children in both marriages. He died in the fall of 1878, having only lived to be forty-six years old.

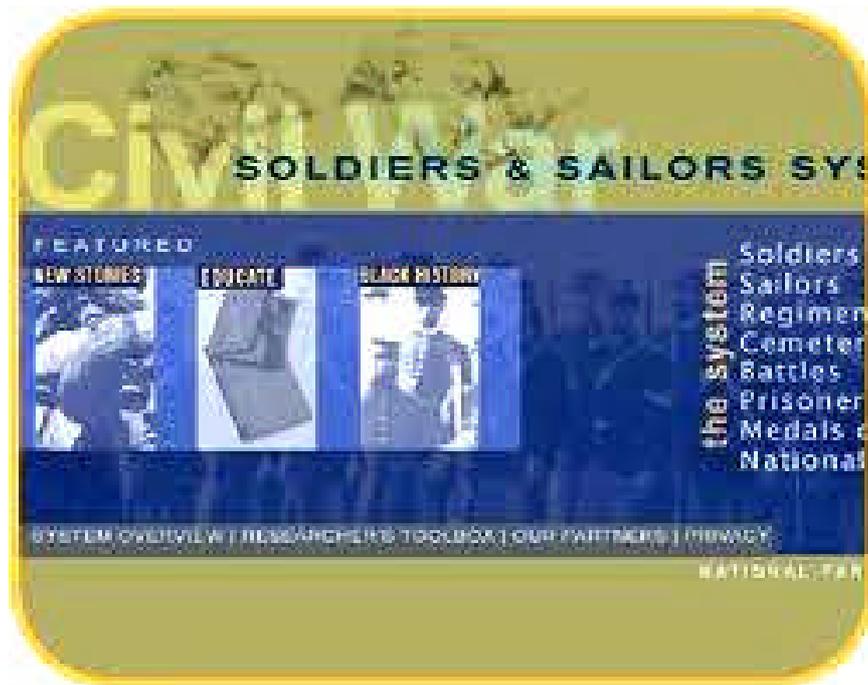
His grieving family placed a handsome marble monument at his grave, but the years took a toll on it. Vandals decades ago broke it into several pieces, and acid rain, freezing and thawing worked to make the fragments unreadable. By 2012, only the top piece had survived several cemetery cleanups, and nothing at all could be read on that piece.

Walker got his new headstone on the morning of Saturday, April 28. E.W. Taylor Camp members (l-r; standing, kneeling) Ron Parker, Bob Gresham, Mike Patterson, and David Stewart made the installation, supervised by Mrs. Gresham and Mrs. Patterson.



The remains, above. When your humble newsletter editor got interested in this topic nearly fifty years ago, Walker's stone was still readable.





PLACES TO LOOK FOR YOUR CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS. The first in a series....

It's our intention in the next few newsletters to describe a few online places we can search for records of our Confederate ancestors. The first and most obvious: <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/> The feds say it contains a listing of 6.3 million soldiers from both sides. For each, it details rank, company, and regiment. Most regiments also have a short history available.

There is no way to search for alternate spellings except to type in each one individually. Many soldiers are listed several times....as many as their name appears with different spellings in the original Compiled Military Service Records.

For instance, consider one of our local Union vets who lived at Keller in his later years. His name was Jules Douaire, and he was a soldier in Co. B, 15th Illinois Infantry. He appears in the Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System as Jules **Douaire**, **Davaire**, **Donaire**, **Donnaire**, **Douare**, **Dowaire**, and **Juks Dourie**. He was mentioned in an old newspaper article in Keller, and they called him **Jules Dwyer**.

To get Jules' military records from the archives, one must submit a separate form for each of the spellings at \$25 each. Probably most of the records will contain a single page referring you to one of the other spellings, but some may not. The copyists will not look at each one and determine which one(s) you need.

Jules was apparently a bachelor, so not too many descendants will be looking for him. He was pensioned, and his pension is indexed as **Donaire**. Copies of his pension file will cost you a minimum of \$75, but that's a story for another column. One of the problems with Union records is that they are so voluminous many have not been microfilmed, and copies must be made from the original paper documents.

Luckily for us, after you've searched this source and found one or more good candidates for your Confederate ancestor, you don't have to depend on the National Archives to get copies of the files. In a month or two we'll suggest a few ways to get them, at very little cost.

There were many viable Confederate regiments which do not have regimental histories at this site. No Confederate sailors are listed. The only Union sailors included in the site's index are African-American sailors.

The record group from which this index was made is gigantic, and the original abstracts of the millions of documents were made in longhand early in the 20th century, decades before computers were even dreamt of. To say that it was an amazing feat doesn't even begin to describe it.

EVERY TEXAS CONFEDERATE PENSION FILE NOW ONLINE!

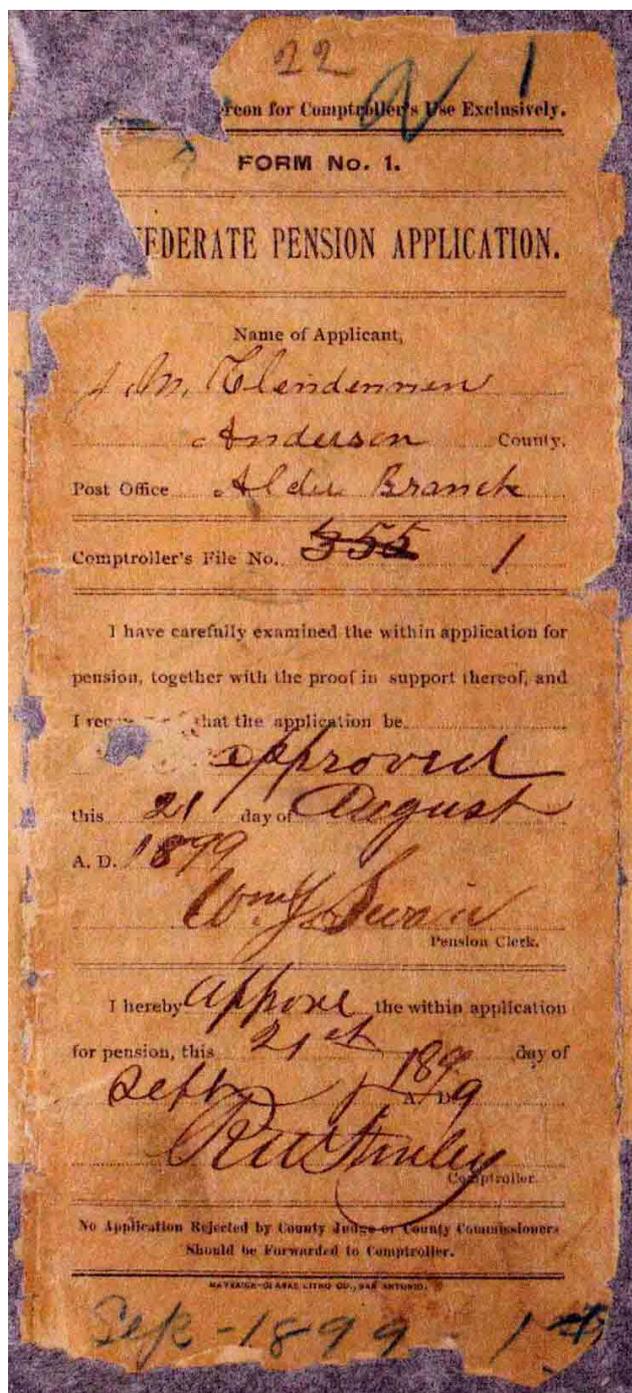
Many of us started our research more than forty years ago, when photocopies of records had to be ordered by mail and the waiting could be very long. Gradually, those times are passing away.

Another great milestone has been passed: now every page of every Texas Confederate pension file is online in color. On August 21, 1899, J. M. Clendennen of Alder Branch, Anderson County, Texas got his pension approved and it was designated number 1. He had served in Co. B, 20th Texas Cavalry. For the first two years, Texas pensioners got a staggering \$1.86 per month.

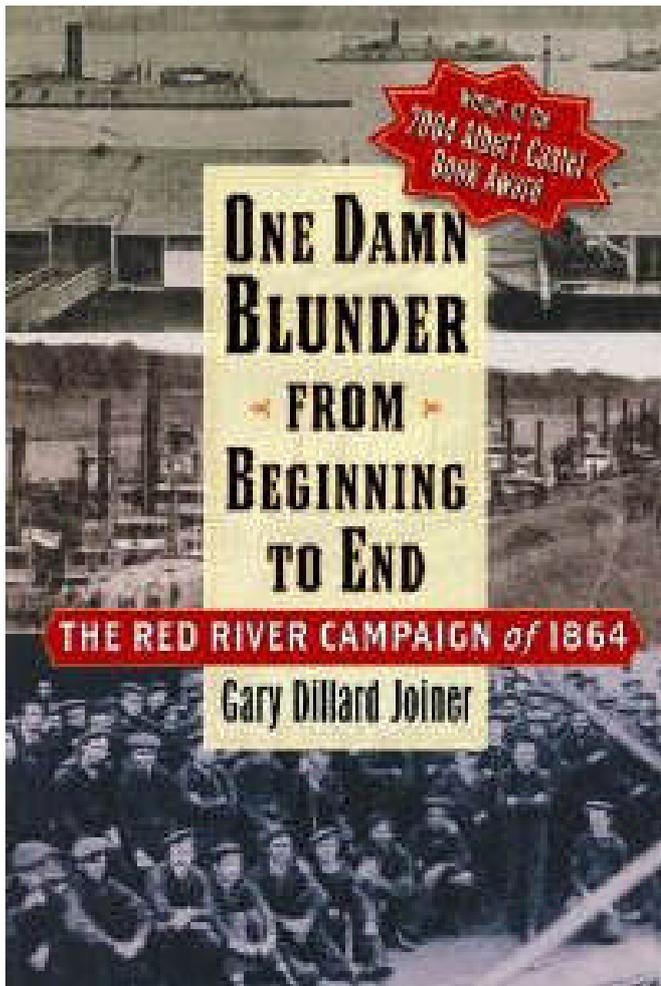
When the last Confederate widow's pension was granted in 1978, it received no. 52,094. Mrs. Lucy Spires Killgore Stark of Gainesville started receiving \$150 per month in June of that year, to which she was entitled as the widow of William Killgore of Co. E, 22nd Virginia Cavalry. She'd married him in 1913 when she was 19 and he was 69. He died in 1923, she remarried, and her second husband died in 1944. She became eligible for the pension at that time, but was unaware of it for thirty-four years.

Might she get it retroactively back to '44? Nope, she was told. One only got paid after they'd applied and been approved.

Now anyone who has a subscription to ancestry.com, or anyone who has access to a public library who has the Ancestry Library Edition on their computers, has access to all the Texas Confederate pensions, and to those of Virginia as well.



A quick check online shows it to be available in the public libraries of Fort Worth, Dallas, and Grapevine,.



large, dynamic river in the neighborhood don't realize their power, size, and changeability. Many of us whose ancestors served in Texas regiments know that the decisive Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, Louisiana on April 8-9, 1864, saved Texas from a land invasion by the Union. Many northeast Tarrant County men were there that day, and a few lost their lives, including Birdville's John E. Henderson, Grapevine's Franklin L. Hudgins, and Keller's James R. Neace. Several of the ancestors of members of the E. W. Taylor Camp were there. The Mansfield Sesquicentennial event is still nearly two years in the future, and it's close enough to be fairly easy on the pocketbook. Cary D. Joiner, the book's author, is an assistant professor of history at LSU in Shreveport, and has taught and written extensively of WBTS topics, as well as many others. Mr. Joiner does regular radio commentaries in Shreveport, and many of his interesting spots may he heard at <http://www.redriverradio.org/people/gary-joiner-phd>

He currently serves as Chairman of Louisiana's Civil War Sesquicentennial Task Force.

For those of us who're getting older, this could be a book title about any one of a number of things we've tried in our lives... a garage renovation, an investment in rental housing, an attempt to overhaul our riding lawn mower. In this instance, though, it's a very engaging account of Yankee General Nathaniel P. Banks' 1864 attempt to capture Shreveport and invade East Texas. The book's title quotes General Sherman's famous characterization of the expedition.

For your editor, at least, one of the most amazing parts of this story is the superhuman tasks done by the Confederates to protect Shreveport and by the Union forces to rescue as much of their river navy as possible. Those of us who didn't grow up with a





BOONE PRESENCE STRONG HERE IN NE TARRANT COUNTY



Daniel Boone once lived in the Keller-Smithfield area....not just one but two of them. The older one, who died in 1892, lies buried under an old handmade headstone which actually was made during the Depression. He has an older brother named John Boone who's buried at Birdville.

These men are direct descendants of the Great Frontiersman's brother, Israel Boone. Old Smithfield Daniel Boone had two sons who were Confederate soldiers, and both decided to use "Boon" as their last name. Both spent much of their lives in the Keller-Smithfield area. They also had a sister who married a Southern patriot, James C. Tarwater, who is buried at Smithfield.

One of the sons, Daniel Webster Boon (1846-1920, above right), is buried in Fort Worth at Mount Olivet. The other son, John Boon, died here in 1927 and was buried beside his wife (left) in Keller's Bourland Cemetery...in a grave which is still unmarked.

As a surprise Christmas gift for a young lady at his church, your compiler did a little genealogy for her. We were all surprised to learn that she is a fifth-great granddaughter of another of the old Famous Daniel's brothers, Edward Boone, who was killed by the Indians in Kentucky in 1780.

In mid-April we applied for a headstone for John, and we expect it to arrive before the end of May. ***As always, you'll be invited to help us install it.***





**“NOW THAT
THERE’S FUNNY.
I DON’T CARE
WHO YOU ARE.”**

The **Great Locomotive Chase** or **Andrews' Raid** was a military raid that took place April 12, 1862 in northern Georgia. Volunteers from the Union army, led by a civilian scout named James J. Andrews, commandeered a train and took it north toward Chattanooga, Tennessee, doing as much damage as possible to the vital Western and Atlantic Railroad from Atlanta to Chattanooga.

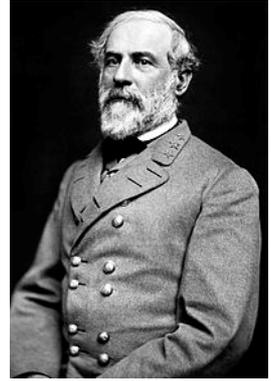
Other locomotives soon began a pursuit. Because the yankees had cut the telegraph wires, no warning could be sent to Confederate forces along their route. The raiders were eventually captured and some were executed as spies. Some of Andrews' Raiders became the first recipients of the Medal of Honor.

In 1927 a classic silent movie starring Buster Keaton was made about the raid. It was called ***The General***, which was the name of the locomotive hijacked. Like many of Keaton's movies, it's full of hilarious sight gags. Keaton did all his own stunts, and the cameras rolled 'til he hollered Stop!

In this scene, Keaton is alone on one of the engines chasing the raiders. He has a mortar on the car behind him which he intends to use to shoot the stolen train ahead of him. For his first shot, he puts in a palm-full of powder. The cannon ball flies just a few feet and lands harmlessly ***inside*** the engine with him. The following clip shows his second shot. The whole movie is available on You Tube until Congress and the FCC regulates it out of existence because it's too useful and entertaining to us.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6_X4Sh4sow

WHAT WOULD GENERAL LEE THINK ABOUT AN AMERICA WHERE:



You can get arrested for [expired tags](#) on your car but not for being in the country illegally?

Your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more of our money?

A seven year old boy can be thrown out of school for calling his teacher "[cute](#)" but hosting a [sexual exploration or diversity class](#) in grade school is perfectly acceptable?

The Supreme Court of the United States can rule that lower courts cannot display the 10 Commandments in their courtroom, while sitting in front of a display of the 10 Commandments?

Children are forcibly removed from parents who appropriately discipline them while children of "underprivileged" drug addicts are left to rot in filth infested cesspools?

Working class Americans pay for their own health care (and the health care of everyone else) while [unmarried women are free to have child after child on the "State's" dime](#) while never being held responsible for their own choices?

Hard work and success are rewarded with higher taxes and government intrusion, while slothful, lazy behavior is rewarded with EBT cards, WIC checks, Medicaid and subsidized housing?

You pay your mortgage faithfully, denying yourself the newest big screen TV while your neighbor defaults on his mortgage (while buying iphones, TV's and new cars) and the government forgives his debt and reduces his mortgage (with your tax dollars)?

Your government is trying to pass a law which says YOUR kids can't work on YOUR farm?

Your government can add anything they want to your kid's water (fluoride, chlorine, etc.) but you are not allowed to give them raw milk?

Being stripped of the ability to defend yourself makes you "safe"?

You have to have your parents signature to go on a school field trip but not to get an abortion?

An [80 year old woman can be stripped searched](#) by the TSA but a Muslim woman in a [burqa](#) is only subject to having her neck and head searched?

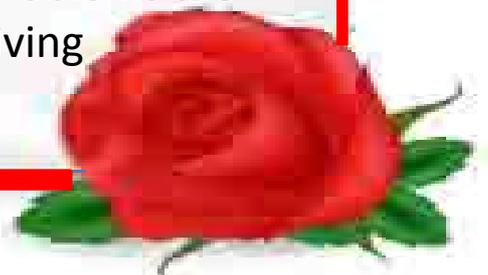
A Muslim officer crying "Allah Akbar" while shooting up an army base is considered to have committed "[Workplace Violence](#)" while an American citizen boasting a Ron Paul bumper sticker is classified as a "[Domestic Terrorist](#)"?



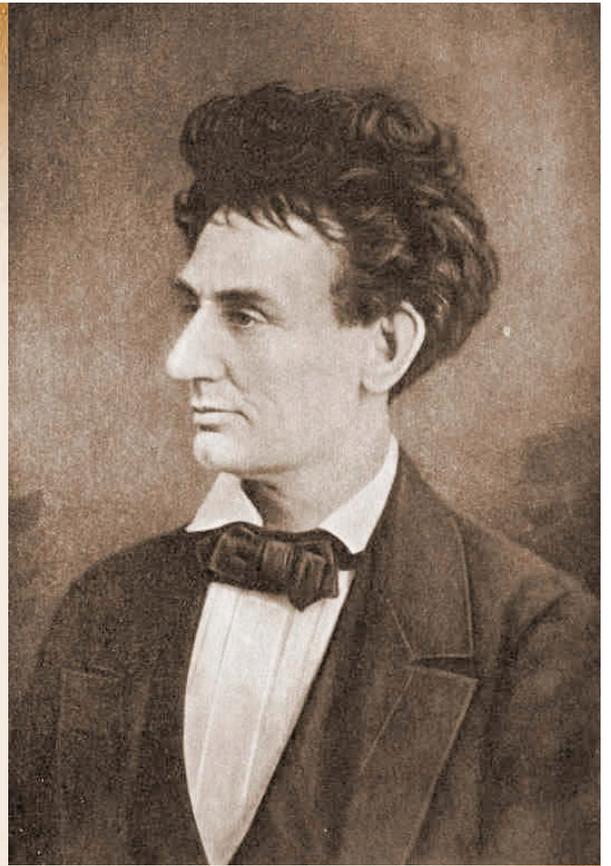
“This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration. Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future!” Adolph Hitler, 1935, on The Weapons Act of Nazi Germany

"Liberalizing concealed carry laws won't lead to a return to the Wild West. ... in 19th Century cattle towns, homicide was confined to transient males who shot each other in saloon disturbances. The per-capita robbery rate was 7% of modern New York City's. The burglary rate was 1%. Rape was unknown." David Kopel - quoted in the WSJ 28 Feb 1994

We were all surprised and pleased at our April meeting to see our friendly waitress, Jessica, back on the job. Please keep her in your prayers. Her serious health problems are making it even more difficult to make a living and raise a daughter.



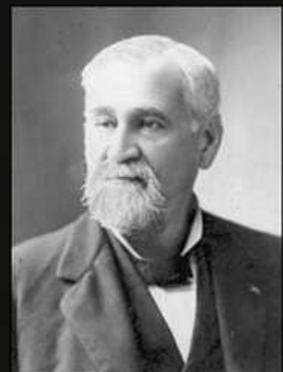
“From whence shall we expect the approach of danger? Shall some trans-Atlantic military giant step the earth and crush us at a blow? Never. All the armies of Europe and Asia... could not by force take a drink from the Ohio River or make a track on the Blue Ridge in the trial of a thousand years. No, if destruction be our lot we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of free men we will live forever or die by suicide.” **Abraham Lincoln, *The Perpetuation of Our Political Institutions: Address Before the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois, January 27, 1838.***



True like never before.

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. General Stephen Dill Lee
Commander-General
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, 25 April 1906**





Dec. 7, 1941



Sept. 11, 2001



May 3, 1863

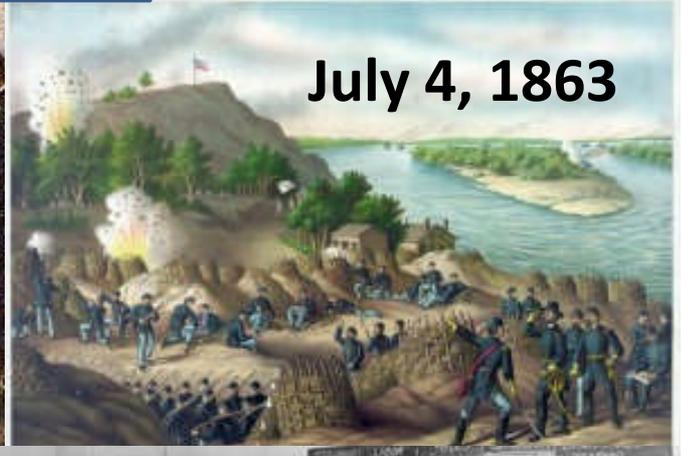
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One disaster
we can still
avert. Pray.
Educate. Vote.



Aug. 29, 2005



April 9, 1865



July 4, 1863



Apr. 15, 1912



Oct. 29, 1929