

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

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....November 2012

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

II Chronicles 7:14

VOTE

November 6, and take every member of your family with you.

WBTS VETS HONORED IN SOUTHLAKE ON OCTOBER 13



About ninety people met at Southlake's historic Hood Cemetery on Saturday morning, October 13, to honor the pioneers buried there, including eight WBTS veterans. Three of the Confederates, John G. Valentine, William H. Martin, and Carroll B. Eaves, have new headstones from the Veterans Administration.

Donn Renwick and Nolan Clemens of Southlake's Abiding Grace Lutheran Church are leading their church's efforts to clean up and maintain the cemetery, located in the Coventry Manor Addition east of Peytonville Avenue. The oldest marked grave is that of Urias Martin (d. 1855), the father of at least three Southern soldiers.

Only one Union veteran, Josiah Hardin Jameson, lies buried there. Other Confederates include Thomas Higgins, James M. Frogge, Spencer Graham, and Urias P. Martin. The cemetery was rarely used after 1900, with the last regular burial being placed there in 1955.

Members of the E. W. Taylor Camp located descendants and applied for stones for W. H. Martin, Valentine, and Eaves at the beginning of the summer. They installed the finished stones on August 18.

Five members of the Taylor Camp attended the ceremony, including Kent Mathews, David Stewart, Ron Parker, James Alderman, and Mike Patterson. Parker (blue pants), Alderman (brown hat), and Patterson (center) fired the volleys.

The program was enhanced by the performance of The Frontier Brigade Band before and after the ceremony. You may see them perform online at http://frontierbrigadeband.com/FBB_Media.html



E. W. TAYLOR CAMP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AT OCTOBER MEETING

Members of the camp elected a new slate of officers during the regular monthly meeting held on the evening of October 25.

The new officers are Mike Patterson (Commander), Tom Trawick (1st Lt. Commander), James Alderman (Adjutant), and Kent Mathews (Chaplain). The current officers will retain their positions through the end of December. The swearing in of the new slate will take place at a date and time to be announced.

Current Commander Bob Gresham expresses his thanks for the support he has received during the past two years. As members, we appreciate his leadership and willingness to help in the many projects we've completed during his term.



AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE IN FORT WORTH ON NOV. 10

If you'd like a chance to wear your uniform, get cootered up, and march with some other members of the SCV, here's your chance on short notice.

Several SCV members from other local camps will be marching in the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Fort Worth on Saturday, November 10. We can fall in with the M. T. Johnson Camp's group. If you want to take part, be with the other uniformed SCV contingent at LaGrave Field parking lot at North 7th Street and Main Street no later than 9:30 a.m.

E. W. TAYLOR CAMP'S NEWEST MEMBER OBLIVIOUS TO THE MOMENT

Our camp gained our second cadet member in October when Oliver Patterson, age two, became an unwitting member at the behest of his grandfather, camp member Mike Patterson. Oliver is pictured here with his mother, Laura Patterson, his grandfather, and his great-grandmother, Doris Patterson, of Colleyville. All are descendants of Corp. Harvey Richard Sparger, late of Co. K, 12th Georgia Cavalry, who died in present-day Colleyville in 1914. Oliver is the eighth generation of his family to live in Colleyville. Corporal Sparger's father died in Colleyville in 1893. Oliver draws the line at having his hair cut and at being photographed.



HOLIDAY GUESTS WOULD ENJOY THE TEXAS CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

Remember that our out-of-town holiday guests might enjoy seeing the finest Civil War collection West of the Mississippi!!!



JACKSBORO TO HOST ANNUAL CIVIL WAR WEEKEND ON NOVEMBER 2-4

Fort Richardson will hold its Annual Civil War Weekend, “The Battle for Fort Richardson” beginning November 2.

Friday the 2nd will be “School Day” and is open to all schools and home school groups. That day will feature demonstrations activities just for students. Admission is \$1 per person for this special event.

Saturday and Sunday reenactors will be performing drills, doing battle reenactments, giving history lessons, etc. They will sound their morning gun around 9:00 am to start the day. Most of the activities will be over around 4:00 pm.

Event Fee is \$5.00 per person but children 12 and under are free. State Park entry fees of \$3 still apply.

For detailed information see the website:

<http://www.keysbattery.com/battleforfortrichardson>





PROGRESS REPORT:

Preston Furlow reports that all his projects ahead of our flag have been completed, and that work will begin on ours during the week of October 21. We look forward to carrying it in the Stock Show Parade in January!



BOONE EUSTACE, TAYLOR CAMP MEMBER, RIDES IN EVENT at Leon River Cowboy Church in Eastland, Texas on Oct. 13.

When Boone and his grandfather, Jack Eustace, joined our group in September, we got some unique bragging rights! What guts! Now we can say we have the most unbreakable comrade of any Texas SCV Camp! Boone and Jack now have their uniforms and are eager to begin taking an active part in our Camp's activities. We need more like 'em.

HEADSTONE PROJECTS UPDATE

With the erection of Carson Creecy's new stone in Southlake's White's Chapel Cemetery on September 29, we no longer had any stones "in the pipeline" between here and the VA.

There are several other Confederates lying in unmarked graves in northeast Tarrant County, but for one reason or another we cannot apply for a stone for them.

John Boon at Bourland Cemetery in Keller has no records in the National Archives, even though Texas granted him a pension based upon affidavits made by men who served with him. Those affidavits are still in his file in Austin, but the VA will not accept them as proof he served. For several other vets we've been unable to find living descendants to sign the applications.



On October 17, we began putting notices on several of the genealogical and local historical websites offering to help Confederate descendants get graves marked here in Tarrant County. It'll be much easier for them to find us if they need our help than it is for us to find them after we've identified a veteran who needs a marker.

Finding living descendants of any given Confederate soldier is made more difficult by the hedge of protections living people have built around themselves. Most recent public records are off limits unless fees are paid, and many people won't respond to emails or phone messages from strangers.

We started getting bites the first day. One gentleman wanted us to get stones to go along with the ones already there which, of course, we can't do. A Fort Worth lady asked for our help in seeing if she had any Confederate forebears, and we found her three direct ancestors in pretty short order. We put her in contact with the Julia Jackson UDC chapter.

As a result of the next lady's email, we've now got one in process for **Pvt. William H. Garrett of the 24th Tennessee Infantry**, who's buried in Hudson Cemetery in Kennedale. The paperwork went to the VA on October 25, and if all goes well we'll get it installed by mid-December.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL CONFEDERATES

ISAAC DUKE PARKER 1821-1902

The name "Isaac Parker" has been linked to Tarrant County history for more than one hundred fifty years. The first was Isaac Parker (1793-1883), who lived in Tarrant County for many years before moving to Parker County. Parker County was named for him because, while representing Ellis and Tarrant Counties, he introduced the legislation in the Texas House which created the county.

Another of the name here was his nephew, Isaac Green Parker (1815-1875), a pioneer of the Grapevine community who lies buried there.

One of "1793" Isaac's sons, Isaac Duke Parker, lived in northeast Tarrant County for decades and became well-known for his service in the Confederate Army and one term representing Tarrant County in the Texas legislature.

Isaac Duke Parker came to Texas with his parents in 1833, settling first in Grimes County. His grandfather, John Parker, and several other family members were killed in the well-known Indian raid on Parker's Fort in East Texas in 1836. Isaac D. later moved with his parents to Houston County, then to Tarrant County in the 1850's.

He served as a county commissioner in this county. I. D. Parker was a member of the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans. His application papers showed him to have served in the Gano Guards.

In 1872 he and his wife came into the possession of the "Double-log House" which is now one of the focal points of Fort Worth's Log Cabin Village. It originally sat on the Parker property in northeast Tarrant County near the Hurst-Fort Worth dividing line.

He was elected to represent Tarrant County during the 21st Legislature (1889-1891). After his term he returned to the Birdville community and resumed his life as a successful farmer and valuable citizen.

I. D. Parker died at his home on October 29, 1902. He lies buried in the I. D. Parker Cemetery along the north side of Highway 10, just east of East Loop 820. His last home lay a short distance southwest of the cemetery, and is now within the city limits of Fort Worth, probably under the roadbed of East Loop 820 and north of Trinity Boulevard.

A biography published during his term in the legislature said of him: ***"Rugged, earnest, and impassioned, Mr. Parker always caught the ear and plaudits of the members when he obtained the floor. Upon the recognition of the 'gentleman from Tarrant' by the Speaker, the members crowded about his desk to enjoy the sledge hammer blows and the dry humor that ran through his speeches."***

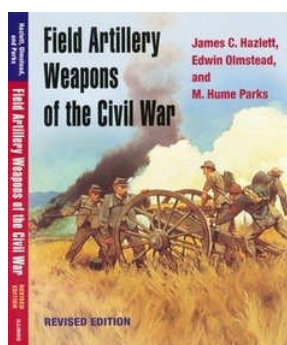


Make Plans to March With Us in the Stock Show Parade on January 19 at 11 a.m.!



Make plans to march with us in the World-Famous Fort Worth Stock Show Parade in downtown Fort Worth on January 19! We'll march from the court house south to the convention center and back. Details in a later newsletter.

Simply amazing...



Recently we purchased a copy of this book on Amazon, and it's given us a whole new appreciation for what it must have been like to have been under artillery fire.

A member of Lumsden's Confederate battery in action around Atlanta said of the yankees' 3-inch ordnance rifle: "...The yankee 3-inch rifle was a dead shot at any distance under a mile. They could hit the end of a flour barrel more often than miss, unless the gunner got rattled.

"Three whole [unexploded] shells struck our third gun during the action, each coming through the embrasure only about one foot in width. One struck on top between the trunions and vent, gouging out the brass like a half round wood chisel would have gouged a piece of wood, and glanced on to the rear. The second struck the gun carriage on the left cheek, just in front of the left trunion, and went into small fragments in every direction. The third struck the edge of the muzzle, and crushed it so that we could get no more shells in the gun."

From the Papers: Tarrant County Enlistee Recalled His Baptism of Fire.



The following article appeared on Dec. 20, 1897 in the Duluth News-Tribune (Duluth, Minn.), and was reprinted in the Fort Worth newspaper. Wynne lived near Birdville, Tarrant County, when the War began. At the end of the War he was 1st Lt. of Co. G, 10th Texas Cavalry. He was twice wounded. He served in the Texas Senate after the War. He was superintendent of the Texas Confederate Home in Austin from 1909 until his death in 1912. He lies buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

“EARLY CONFEDERATE ARMS. They Didn’t Count For Much When the Yankees Were Encountered.

Col. R. M. Wynne, in a speech delivered at Henderson, Tex., on confederate day, spoke interestingly of the way he armed himself for an encounter with the Yankees. He said: ‘I can never forget the equipment with which I started to the scenes of war. And when I describe my own I will, for the most part, have described the southern army at the commencement of the war. I had never seen an army gun or even a company of soldiers. But with blissful ignorance of the necessary arms for a momentous struggle like the one we were embarking in, I took from the rack behind the door at my father’s home, near Birdville, his old double-barreled shotgun. I got from an old bureau drawer an old rusty single-barreled pistol about eighteen inches long, and

when I put it in my belt it almost came down to my knees.

I got a horse shoe file and had a huge bowie knife made as long as my arm. I saddled a plow horse, and with a swelling bosom and throbbing heart, rode away from the old home to the scenes of bloody conflict, confident in my verdant youth that my own arms were equal to any on the hands of the foe.

Sad to say, however, my confidence and pride in them were all too soon cruelly dispelled; for the first line of Yankees we ever encountered began to send minie balls whistling around our ears while they were yet a mile away. I threw my knife away, for I realized that I could never get close enough to a Yankee to flesh it; and to be honest, I soon learned better sense than to desire to. I discarded my old pistol and exchanged my gun for a Springfield rifle, which we had captured from the Yankees, as did my entire command.’ ”

Q. Why are none of our camp's activities ever pictured in the national organization's magazine, *The Confederate Veteran*?

A. A notice of every one of our many activities since this editor came on board have been sent to the magazine's editor, complete with photographs. The Editor in Chief apologizes in almost every issue that, due to the heavy volume of material received, printings are far behind submissions. He assures us that they are being printed in the order in which they are received.

THEY WALK AMONG US



If you don't believe it, just watch and listen.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CI8UPHMzM8>

T-E-A-M-W-O-R-K

Even though we're a small group, we accomplish a great many projects with lasting importance. We can do even more with your input and ideas and brogans-on-the-ground help. We need...

- ...ideas for monthly programs.*
- ...prospective members from among your friends.*
- ...ideas for community service projects.*
- ...places we can set up membership booths.*
- ...people who might present programs for us.*
- ...people who'll agree to serve in our vacant offices.*
- ...interesting topics for newsletter articles.*
- ...someone who knows how to get us on Facebook.*
- ...short bios of your Confederate ancestors for our newsletter.*
- ...input on putting together our WBTS Trivia II program.*
- ...book reviews of good WBTS books you've read.*
- ...your attendance at regular monthly meetings.*
- ...visibility in the community. March with us Nov. 10 and Jan. 19!*



We're always anxious to help prospective members see if they have Confederate ancestors.



We'll be glad to look through the sources we have, and sometimes we get lucky in pretty short order! Let us know if you have a friend who's interested and we'll take it from there.



.....Remember that, as is our custom, we will not have meetings during the months of November and December. Newsletters will continue in both months. James Madewell has consented to do our first program of the year next January. WBTS Reenactment will be his topic.



***PAUSE, TAKE A
DEEP BREATH,
AND HAVE A
GOOD LAUGH***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVrET0k2TSw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnMIHpdYwX8>



WE NEED YOU TO DO A PROGRAM FOR US !

Slide show custom-made for you free of charge!



You pick the topic. If it can be photographed, is pictured in a book, or is pictured on the internet, it can be a photo in your slide show. Let us know.

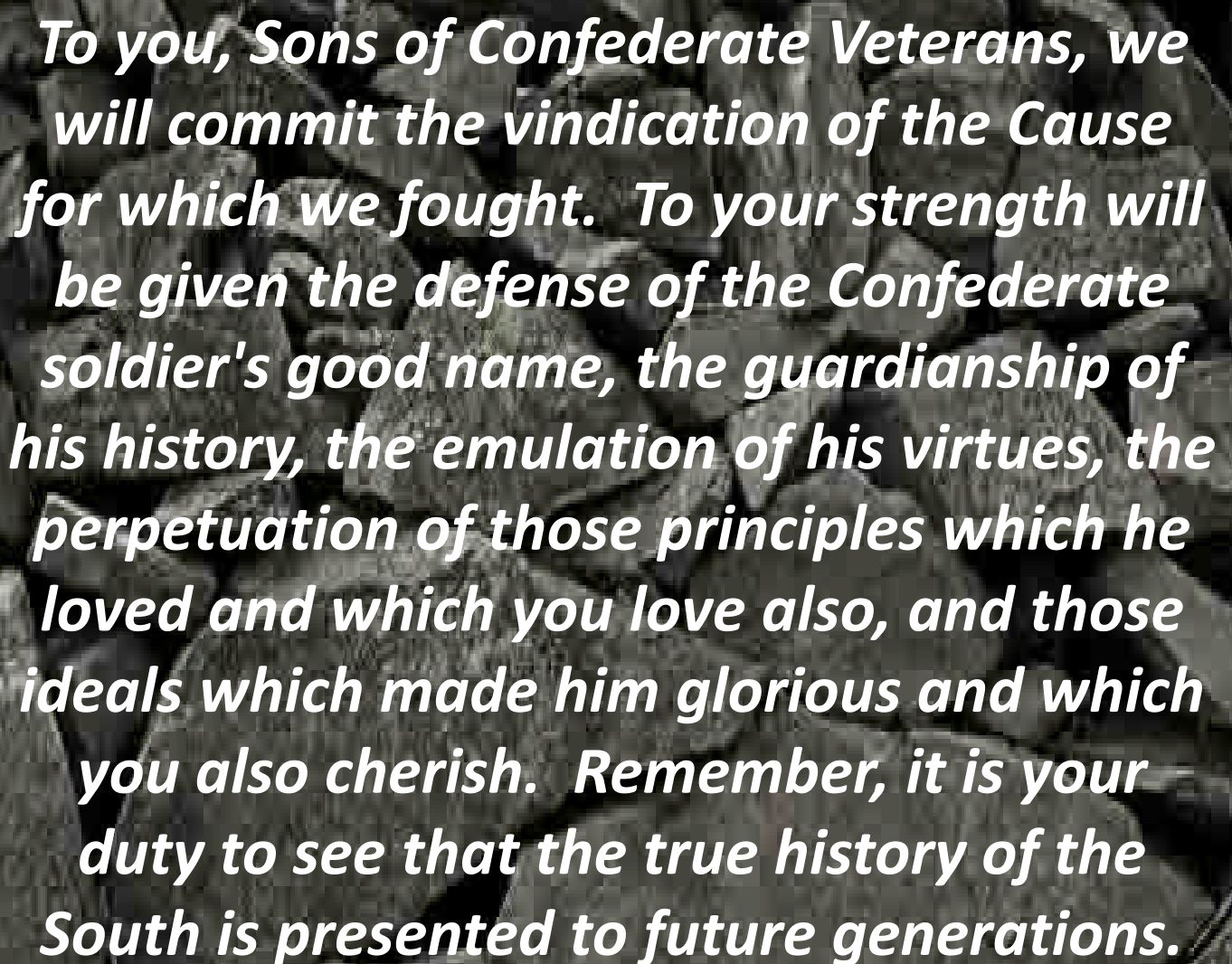


We need your expertise!





**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR INTERESTING QUESTIONS
TO BE A PART OF NEXT YEAR'S WBTS TRIVIA
PROGRAM. EMAIL THEM TO PATTERSON AT
mfpchat@yahoo.com**



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.

VOTE NOVEMBER 6

**THE STAKES COULD NOT BE
HIGHER. AMERICANS WHO
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VETERANS OF BOTH WORLD
WARS WHO HAVE GONE ON
ARE WATCHING US. PRAY
THAT WE NEVER HAVE TO WIN
OUR LIBERTY ALL OVER
AGAIN.**

