



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

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....February 2013



Join us at our February meeting as Compatriot Beau Purdom of the R. E. Lee Camp SCV in Fort Worth presents to us a power point presentation on the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, fought at the end of November, 1864. Many of us had direct ancestors there that day, so the battle holds special significance for us. Beau is known far and wide as someone who gets his boots on the ground and gets things done for Confederate Heritage Preservation. Come see us!

Thanks to our compatriot,
James Madewell, for a
great program in January!
We had 24 folks
there!!!

FEBRUARY MEETING FEB. 28,
2013
Catfish and Company
900 Airport Freeway #110
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912
Eat at 6:15 Meeting at 7:00



TAYLOR CAMP OFFICERS SWORN IN FOR 2013



At our regular meeting in January, Compatriot Ben Hatch, Commander of the Third Brigade of the Texas Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, officiated at the swearing-in of the E. W. Taylor Camp's officers for 2013.

The new officers are l-r, James Alderman, Adjutant; Bob Gresham, 2nd Lt. Commander; Tom Trawick, 1st Lt. Commander; Kent Mathews, Chaplain; and Mike Patterson, Commander. Ben Hatch is at the extreme right.

We need your help on Memorial Day. We will be having a Confederate grave marker (and possibly more than one) dedication service in connection with Mount Gilead Cemetery's Memorial Day celebration. We need uniformed Confederates to fire a musket salute. Please put us on your calendar for May 27. The stone(s) are a part of the E. W. Taylor Camp's regular program of work in 2013.

WE DID IT! WE MARCHED IN THE STOCK SHOW PARADE!

Parade day dawned bright, crisp, calm, and perfect for a bunch of guys dressed in wool uniforms. Weather couldn't have been better. We were #57 in line of organizations in the parade, and the front of the parade had already made it back to the starting place before we stepped off into the street and began our march.

The pace was brisk...the speed of a walking horse...which was slightly more than lots of us graying Confederates would have done on our own.

Boone and Jack Eustace, Bob Gresham, Tom and Richard Trawick, Kent Mathews, and Mike Patterson from the Taylor Camp marched in the parade. Two others were detained and could not attend: James Alderman had a bug and George Whitten was driving a truck up in yankee-land. Our new camp flag was our centerpiece.



Ben Hatch, Mike Patterson, Kent Mathews



Bob Gresham, Jack and Boone Eustace, and Tom Trawick



Richard Trawick, Tom Trawick, Bob Gresham

There are lots of great photos online, taken by David Moore. Take a look at them: http://www.southernlegacy.org/Southern_Legacy/2013_Ft._Worth_Stock_Show_Parade.html

TAYLOR CAMP MEMBERS DO A PUBLIC SERVICE

Ten or fifteen years ago a little boy's headstone was dropped off at the gate of Parker Memorial Cemetery in Grapevine. It didn't belong there, but no one knew its origin. There it sat, for years, while cemetery association folks asked around for information on little Raymond Lowe, who only lived from 1899 until 1901.

This fall they asked us to see what we could learn. Since he was alive when the 1900 census was taken, that was the most logical place to look first, and there he was. In 1900 he lived with his parents and siblings near Arlington. We drove to the old Arlington Cemetery and found his parents, with the base and sub-base of Raymond's marker still in place.

Raymond's stone has been missing for a mighty long time. By the time the DAR took a census of the old Arlington Cemetery in the 1950's, the stone was already missing. It may have originally been taken and used in a Halloween prank, then stored in someone's back yard or garage for decades. Someone finally decided that it would be happier in a cemetery somewhere, and they chose Parker Memorial.

Taylor Campers Bob Gresham, Mike Patterson, and Mrs. Patterson rendezvoused at Arlington Cemetery on the morning of January 21 and put Raymond's marker back. Now bonded together, it'll be nearly impossible to take apart and move.

Raymond's older brother, Ernest Lowe, was mayor of Grapevine 1924-1932, and has always been thought to be the tallest man who ever called Grapevine home.

Raymond's mom's brother, William E. Botts, is one of the Confederates on our local Civil War Veterans Memorial in Bedford.

There's a famous photo taken on the streets of Grapevine in the 1930's with Ernest Lowe and Uncle Nick Pearson standing side by side. Pearson, a midget only forty inches tall, was reputed to be the shortest man who ever lived in Grapevine.

Two of Uncle Nick's brothers were Union veterans who settled at Grapevine. Uncle Nick smoked a corncob pipe and liked to tell stories about things he saw during the WBTS. He died in 1937.

Pictured at left are Patterson, Gresham, and Raymond's stone back where it belongs in the old Arlington city cemetery near UTA.



E. W. TAYLOR CAMP OFFERS NEEDED PUBLIC SERVICE

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FORM No. 1—AMENDED
OCTOBER 1, 1903

Confederate Pension Application

Name of Applicant

Joseph W. Lancaster

County, *Anderson*

Post Office *San Antonio* *77874 Here*

Comptroller's File No. **11814**

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be

Approved

SEP 29 1906

this _____ day of _____

A. D. _____

E. A. Toliver
Chief Pension Clerk

I hereby approve the within application for pension, this _____ day of _____

SEP 28 1906

J. W. Stephens
Comptroller

No Application Disputed by County Judge or County Commissioners Should Be Forwarded to Comptroller

THE STATE PRINTING CO., AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Every local SCV camp should always be on the lookout for ways to get recognition in the community...and not just by trying to be seen. SCV camps should actually do things to help others by making life easier and more fun.

We probably get more headstones from the veterans administration than any other camp in the country. Pretty soon they'll start showing up in the national magazine. We've found something else which will really be helpful and appreciated.

We've contacted Rob Yoder who makes the postings on the Tarrant County Genweb site and told him that the E. W. Taylor Camp of the SCV will do lookups in the Texas Confederate Pension application files for free. We have online access to all the ones filed for the entire state of Texas.

Every county in the United States has an internet website for genealogy and local history researchers. It's the U. S. Genweb site. From there, you can navigate to any one of the 2,992 counties in the United States.

The Tarrant County Genweb site is one of the premier sites in the system, thanks to the tireless efforts of Rob Yoder and Barbara Knox. Take a long, lingering look and you'll be surprised. Google Tarrant County Genweb and go back to the index page to start.

Most Genweb county sites have volunteers who are willing to use resources they have, and will send email responses to folks in other parts of the country.

We are able to download color images of the original documents and email them to descendants and researchers. We'll let you know how much this offer is utilized each month.

Our offer is on the page with the NE Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR US:

Compatriots,

We are about to start filming in February on the new Texas Division film about the Lee, Peacock feud that happened in north Texas.

It is the true story of hardships endured by southern families at the hands of a occupying Federal army and the carpetbaggers and other scum intent on stealing their farms and in general punishing them for the sin of being Confederate. This is the story of Captain Bob Lee's return home and the attacks on him and other southern people that resulted in a feud leading to the deaths of over two hundred people...a second "Civil War" in Texas from 1866 to 1871. It was rough times for hard men and a time that created many Texas outlaws such as John Wesley Hardin.

Compare this film to "Outlaw Josey Wales" and "Ride with the Devil" .

We plan to start filming Saturday Feb. 9th at Fort Washita, Oklahoma. This will be NIGHT shooting scenes for the film. The big scene is a corral gunfight at a cabin. We need ten to twelve riders to ride by and fire on several men holding a meeting at night at the corral.

Also, we are casting principal actors and supporting actors now. If you can film with us on weekends in the North Texas area and would like to take part in this production please let myself or David Moore know.

It would be a great help if you could forward us a photo of yourself in frontier type clothing. We need males females and kids. Young and old. We are trying to match actors with old photos of the real people if we can.

This is great fun for all, we had a great time filming Black October and would love for you to join us in the making of this movie.

Thanks,
Gary D. Bray
Commander, 4TH Brigade
Texas Division, SCV

214-766-5639

Headstone Projects Update

When the New Year showed up we resolved to get thirteen new headstones in the ground in 2013! Looks like we're going to make it, because we started the paperwork on number 16 on January 27! Actually installing the headstones is the simplest step in the whole process. It's finding a living descendant to sign the paperwork which is usually the toughest nut to crack. Your editor is losing his eyesight and we're trying to get as many done as soon as we can. So far:

William G. Nuckolls was a Confederate veteran of the 7th (Duckworth's) Tennessee Cavalry. Mr. Nuckolls died near Keller in 1927 and is buried in Birdville Cemetery. Mailed paperwork to the VA on January 7 and it was approved January 17.

Frank Beaver was a Union veteran of the 71st Ohio Infantry. He died in 1896 and is buried in White's Chapel Cemetery in Southlake. Mailed paperwork to the VA on January 19.

Jefferson Phelps served the South in the 41st Tennessee Infantry. He died in Birdville in the late 1880's and was buried there. Mailed paperwork to the VA on January 7 and it was approved January 17.

John H. W. Clower joined a local company of the 34th Texas Cavalry. He died in 1922 and was buried in his family cemetery at Whitt. Mailed application to the VA on January 31.

John Stuart Hukill served first in the Confederacy and secondly in the Union army. He died in 1891 and was buried in Birdville Cemetery. We found a descendant on New Year's Day, and on the next day learned she was also a great-great granddaughter of Jefferson Phelps. Mailed paperwork to the VA on January 7 and it was approved January 17.

Mortimer C. Elliston served the South in Waller's Texas Cavalry Battn. He died in Birdville in 1879, and was buried in the cemetery there. Mailed paperwork to the VA on January 12.

Charles Adkins served in the 29th Texas Cavalry. He died in Fort Worth in 1914 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Mailed paperwork to the VA on January 17.

Headstone Projects Update, cont.

William Madison Brown fought in the 23rd Tennessee Infantry. He died in 1925 and is buried in White's Chapel Cemetery in Southlake. Mailed the application to the VA on January 30.

William James Beckham served in Cayce's Company of Light Artillery in Purcell's Battery in the Army of Northern Virginia. Died in 1918 and buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Mailed application to the VA on January 21.

Richard S. Coker served in the 10th Texas Cavalry and died in 1929. He's buried in the old Handley City Cemetery near the Power Plant in Handley in east Fort Worth. Sent the application to the VA on January 21.

George Lutes was a Union vet who served in the 154th Indiana Infantry. He died in 1888 and is buried in Arwine Cemetery in Hurst. Sent his application to the VA on January 21.

Ivory S. Tyner served in the 6th Georgia Cavalry. He lies buried in Smithfield Cemetery. Waiting on signature of descendant.

Seaborn Cowart was a veteran of the 6th Georgia Infantry. He died in Fort Worth in 1919 and was buried in Smithfield Cemetery. Waiting on a descendant's signature in North Carolina.

George W. Creed was in the 9th Texas Cavalry, was killed at Corinth in 1862, and was buried there in a mass grave. We're going to see if the VA will give us a stone to act as a cenotaph for him beside his parents at Mount Gilead Cemetery in Keller. The application went to the VA on January 28.

George Washington Fishback, McGinnis' Co., 20th Brigade Texas State Troops, killed at Jacksboro in 1864 by bushwhackers and buried where he fell. No records in the National Archives so a VA stone is out for him. Working on a deal for private funding. Stone will be placed at Mount Gilead where his father-in-law and remarried wife are buried.

James R. Neace served in Co. K, 7th Texas Cavalry and was killed at the Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana. Buried there in an unmarked grave. We will have an app ready to send in for him if the VA approves the marker for George W. Creed. We'll place Neace's stone beside his parents in Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Keller.

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE IS AVAILABLE

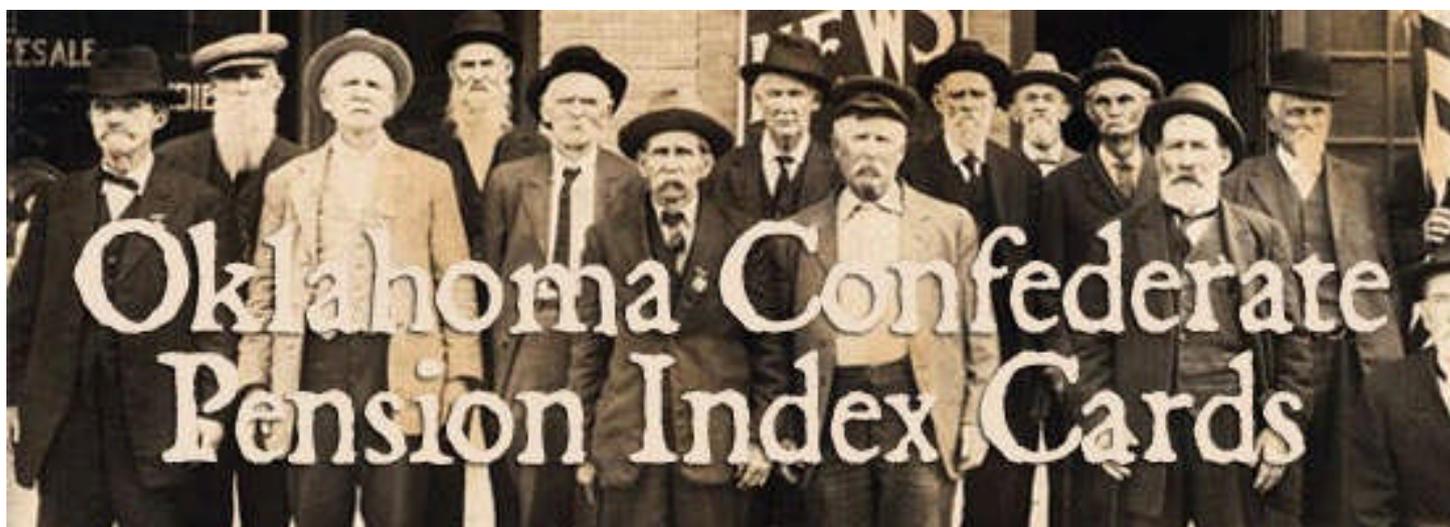
Any time you're doing research on a Texas Confederate soldier and he drops out of sight in the records here, there's a good bet he moved to Oklahoma. With the opening of the Indian lands there lots of Texans made the move.

Now you can not only check the Oklahoma Confederate pension index, but you can see the actual index cards made to access the files. Ain't technology great?!

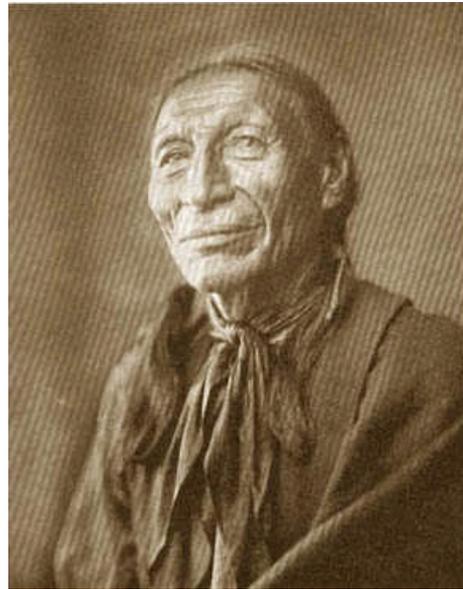
At least thirty of the veterans on our Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial wound up in Oklahoma. Many of the veterans' kids and grandkids moved there to take advantage of the opportunities it offered.

Take a look. It's a neat addition to our research tool chest.

<http://www.digitalprairie.ok.gov/cdm/landingpage/collection/pensioncard>



Last Surviving Veterans of America's Wars, part of a continuing series honoring our nation's finest.



Veterans of the post-WBTS Indian wars are rather hard to pin down, too, especially the Indians themselves. A Lakota Sioux man named Iron Hail (above) lived until 1955 and was believed by his own people to be the last survivor of the Custer massacre. As nearly as they could determine, he was born about 1858. When he converted to Roman Catholicism he took the white name of Dewey Beard. He also survived the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890, and rode for a while with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. He died in South Dakota.



Hastiintsoh (right) was a Navajo scout who served in the U. S. Army trailing Apaches in the 1890's. He was born about 1870. Under the name John Daw he enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1891 and served in the 2nd Cavalry out of Fort Wingate, New Mexico Territory. He died in 1965 and lies buried in Coconino County, Arizona.





ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

Many organizations around the country have their own Facebook pages, and SCV Camps, Brigades, and Divisions are among them. It's time for us to get one.

Your humble newsletter editor will maintain it. But he doesn't have any idea how to set it up or manipulate it. If you can show him, he'll take it from there. He's at mfpchat@yahoo.com. There were times in his life he has figured out things more complicated than this. He even got a college degree and did all his own course work. But if a computer is involved all bets are off. His computer synapses suffered impaired development.

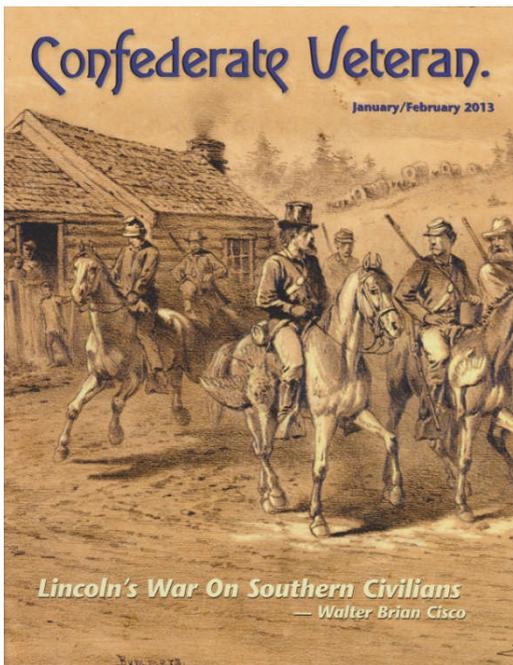
**THE SCV NEEDS YOU IN YOUR UNIFORM
WITH YOUR MUSKET AT PALESTINE ON
APRIL 13. VERY IMPORTANT! DETAILS IN
OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER. PLEASE MAKE A
MAXIMUM EFFORT TO BE THERE!**

IT JUST KEEPS GETTIN' BETTER!

One of life's little pleasures is surfing the internet with a fast computer. Sometimes you run across some real hidden treasures, like these. All have to do with being able to use and see information in the original Confederate Veteran magazines.



<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ga/topic/military/CivilWar/confvetmagazine.htm>
<http://previous.slpl.org/libsrc/cvwar-cv.htm>
<http://rainydayreadings.blogspot.com/2009/05/confederate-veteran-magazine-online.html>



CURRENT ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE MAY NOW BE READ ONLINE.

Did you notice the statement in the editor-in-chief's message? This is the first issue which can be read online.

Go to the link below, and use "nathan" as user-name and "forrest" as password

http://www.scv.org/CV/Jan-Feb_2013.pdf

A NEAT ONLINE LOOK AT REENACTING

Each October there's a reenactment staged at Fort Richardson in Jacksboro. Now there's a neat video online which was made at the most recent event:

<http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/20576295/>



Did you see us in the magazine? We finally made it, and there's lots more to follow. One of the stones we put up in concert with the R. E. Lee Camp in Fort Worth is shown in the Trans-Mississippi Department of the photo section. We also had three new members who made it...Boone Eustace, Jack Eustace, and Oliver Patterson!

STUFF TO THINK ABOUT....

.....We have a very interesting and active SCV Camp. If you're a member, consider getting more active.

.....If you have a friend who might be interested, bring them to a meeting.

.....If you've been thinking about getting a uniform and a musket, now's a good time. We have a lot of stuff coming up where you'd be a big help.

.....If you need to get out and get a little air, come join us when it's time to install a veteran's headstone.

.....If you run across something that would be interesting to the rest of us, send it to the newsletter editor.

.....If you know something which would make an interesting program, present it to us. We'll make you a slide show for it.

.....If you are a millionaire, we have a lot of vets who need stones but they don't qualify for a free one from the VA.

.....If you own a pickup and don't mind getting some dirt in the back of it, we could use your help in setting VA stones.

.....If you know the ID of the man in the photo at right, you will fit right in with our group.



The Old Confederate Battle Flag

Dear old sister Battle Flag
With all your wear and tear
Please help me understand why
I was taken down and now looked upon with spite.
Oh my young sister
Those that took you down
Are the ones that should be looked upon with spite.
Let me tell you my story so you can see from whence you came.
For you see I was there.
It was me that flew over the camps in the early morning
And had the smoke from the campfire caress me.
It was me that heard the men talk of home and of their families.
It was me that heard them laugh among themselves
And silently pray when alone.
It was me the Flag Bearer held tight.
It was me that heard the Reb Yell as into battle they ran.
It was me that had the smoke from gunfire forever embedded in my
fabric.
It was me that was falling when my carrier was mortally wounded.
It was me that NEVER hit the ground
For another soldier was there to catch me.
Then after the battle it was me that had to hear the cries of the
wounded.
It was me that had to smell the blood.
It was me that also had the sweet sick smell of death flow over my
stars.
It was me that had to see brother bury brother.
When it was me they carried into battle the next day.
It was me that NEVER saw these men give up or give in.
It was me that did see them grow old and weary of battle.
It was me that they gingerly folded and
risked their life to hide when the South fell.
You see my young sister you have a rich heritage and history.
You are not alone,
For I see those that are fighting for you to return to your place of
honor.
These men and women are the none other than the
Sons and Daughters of my men.
Yes they fight a different battle,
But they fight with the same conviction as their Fathers before them.
So my young sister flag I say to you,
There is no shame in honoring our past.
Worry not young sister for
**YOU WILL BE RESTORED TO
YOUR PLACE OF HONOR.**

Charles W. Lee
5th Brigade, Mississippi Division