



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

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, TexasAugust 2013



Join us in August as our own Compatriot James Madewell shares with us the story of a group of Confederates who moved to Brazil after the War, and their descendants who are still there honoring their Confederate heritage.

**AUGUST MEETING Aug. 29, 2013 Catfish and Company
900 Airport Freeway #110 Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912 Eat at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00**



...to two new members of our camp: Richard Calvery and his son, Nathan Calvery. Nathan will be a cadet member until he gets to be twelve years old in September. They'll be formally sworn in at the August meeting. They're direct descendants of John Henry Glidewell, who was a soldier in Co. B, 2nd Mississippi Infantry. Mr. Glidewell died in Tippah County, Mississippi. Thanks to compatriot Tom Trawick for inviting Richard and Nathan to join us!

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON SEPTEMBER 21 AND OCTOBER 5



We're getting quite a few headstones on the waiting list to install. We have several to do at Birdville on September 21, and a number of others for Oakwood Cemetery on October 5.

Descendants are coming from out of state on both days, so we need to have a good showing of men ready to help fire musket salutes.

We'll probably do the actual installations on the afternoons before in both instances.

THANKS!!!

...to our dedicated and talented adjutant, James Alderman, for his excellent program on the Confederate Medical Service!



We Need Your Help at the Fort Worth Gun Show on Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and 25. We have a recruiting table and we need you there to talk to potential members. We will have membership materials available. The show is at the Will Rogers Center - Amon Carter Exhibit Hall. Hours are Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-4. Come in uniform if you can.

Recruitment Help Needed August 24-25

The Original
**FORT WORTH
GUN SHOW**



2 p.m.

Sept. 2



The members of the Smithfield Cemetery Association, headed by our own Taylor Camp Member Jack Eustace, will have a flag raising ceremony to celebrate the mountain of improvements done in the cemetery recently...including a new flag pole at the southeast gate. The ceremony will take place on Labor Day, September 2, at 2 p.m. We're invited to be there.

Smithfield is the resting place of forty-seven confirmed veterans of the WBTS, including the Georgia cavalry corporal under whose service your newsletter editor joined the SCV.



Well, Duh!!!! We just noticed a world-class typo in our June newsletter. See if you can find it. We take a scant measure of comfort in the fact that the computer's spell-checker didn't catch it either.

TRIBUTE TO LONNIE PALMER, FORMER E. W. TAYLOR CAMP COMMANDER, PLACED ON GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD DURING THE 150TH OBSERVANCE

On June 27, 2013 Capt. Ron Paynter, 1st Lt. James Madewell, and Sgt. Sean Theiss, of the 15th Texas Cavalry placed a memorial cross for Lonnie Palmer on Little Round Top where Lonnie's ancestor came up the hill during the Battle. Devil's Den is seen in the left background. See next page for more details.





Left to right, E. W. Taylor Camp Member (and 1st Lt.) James Madewell, Capt. Ron Paynter, and Sgt. Sean Theiss, of the 15th Texas Cavalry. Gettysburg, June 27, 2013.



TEXAS MONUMENT AT GETTYSBURG



James Madewell, kneeling second from left, is a member of the Taylor Camp and is also 1st Lieutenant of the 15th Texas Cavalry re-enactment group. He was lucky enough to be able to attend the 150th Anniversary Reenactment at Gettysburg!

Thanks to everyone who came to our July meeting at Catfish and Company. Once again we had a roomful and had to move in four more tables! Thanks especially to all the members of the MT Johnson Camp who came!





YOUNGEST E. W. TAYLOR CAMP MEMBER IS A BULL RIDER

Boone Eustace, 12, is unique in our camp. He's our only bull-rider and he's good at it, too. He's also our youngest full-fledged member.

Our camp also has two cadet members; one is eleven and one is three.

Boone is shown wearing the Junior Mini Bull Champion's Buckle recently awarded by the Texas Youth Bull Riders Association.

On Friday night, July 19, Boone was riding in the State Finals in Saginaw when he lost his seat, hit the ground, and the bull stepped on his back and hand.

Boone and his dad are providing some of the bucking stock for the World Finals in Abilene in August, so Boone's now also officially a stock contractor, too.

THE TEXAS HERITAGE MUSEUM HILL COLLEGE



EXPLORE TEXAS AND TEXANS DURING WARTIME AND HOW THOSE EXPERIENCES AFFECT US TODAY



THE COLLEGE FOR THE STUDY OF TEXAS HISTORY

WE HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE M. T. JOHNSON CAMP TO JOIN THEM IN A FIELD TRIP TO THE TEXAS HERITAGE MUSEUM IN HILLSBORO.

A tour, guided by museum director John Versluis, will begin with a short theater presentation entitled “Texas During Wartime.”

The group will meet at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Burleson, off exit 38 on I—35W, at 8 a.m. on August 17.

If you’d like to go, immediately contact M.T. Johnson Camp Member Joe Wade at 817-688-3867.

One day very soon we’ll need a few minutes help with a veteran’s stone at White’s Chapel Cemetery in Southlake. We’ll send out emails a few days ahead.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL CONFEDERATES

Grapevine man began as Indian fighter, then recruited Confederates; became a brigadier general at War's end.

Richard Montgomery Gano (1830-1913) was a native Kentuckian who settled at Grapevine in Northeast Tarrant County by 1859. He was from a distinguished family. His father, John Allen Gano, was prominent in the Restoration Movement and had worked with such pioneers in it as Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone. Richard's great-grandfather, John Gano, was the minister who baptized George Washington.

Before the War he was widely known for his leadership in calling the Indians to account for their raiding in Tarrant, Parker, and surrounding counties. The grateful citizens of Grapevine awarded him a presentation sword in 1860 in appreciation. Photographs of the sword appear in this newsletter.

Before the War Gano was elected to a seat in the Texas legislature where he worked actively to advance frontier protection and livestock interests. When the War began he resigned his seat in Austin and raised two companies for the Confederate service, principally of Grapevine-area men. They entered the service with John Hunt Morgan and in June of 1863 Gano was promoted to Colonel of the 7th Kentucky Cavalry. He was promoted to Brigadier General on March 17, 1865 but the war ended before his commission could be issued.

After the war he returned to Kentucky for a time where he entered the ministry. By 1870 he was back in Dallas County, where he grew rich in livestock, real estate, and banking. He continued to preach until the end of his life, and estimated he had baptized 6,800 souls.



Carte-de-visite from the spring of 1862; this photo recently brought over \$3800 at auction.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CONFEDERATES, cont.

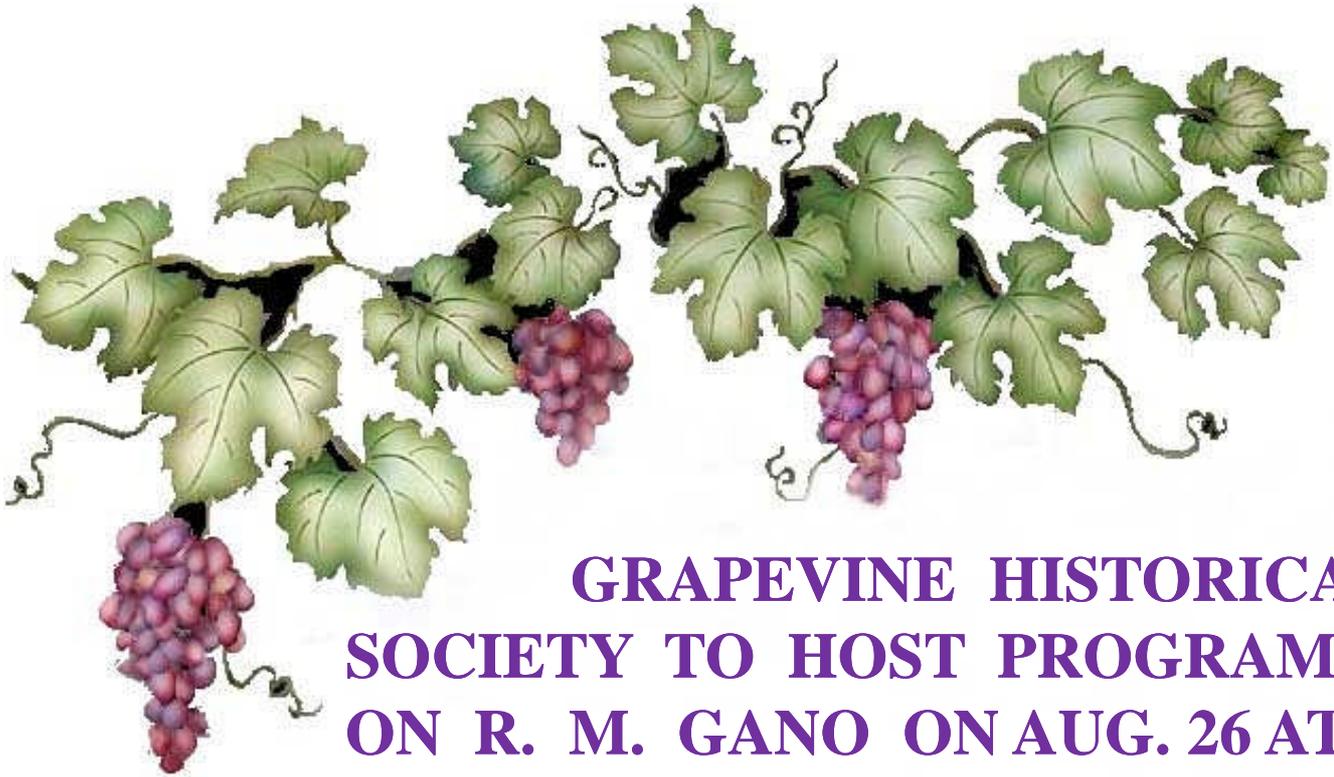
Mr. and Mrs. Gano had twelve children, most of whom lived to adulthood. The Gano descendants are numerous and have included many doctors, lawyers, and other professional men and women. They are still prominent in the business life of Dallas.

The Ganos' old home at Grapevine has been moved and restored and now is a centerpiece in Dallas' Old City Park, known as the Gano Cabin.

General Gano died in 1913, an esteemed member of the Dallas community, and he lies buried beneath an impressive granite monument in Dallas' Oakland Cemetery.

One of R. M. Gano's great-grandsons was Howard Hughes, the internationally-known philanthropist, inventor, filmmaker, aviator, business magnate, engineer, and aviator. His death in 1976 and the subsequent wranglings over his extensive estate, both by descendants and taxing entities, made news for years.





GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST PROGRAM ON R. M. GANO ON AUG. 26 AT 7 PM AT GRAPEVINE PUBLIC LIBRARY



On Monday evening, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Grapevine Public Library, the Grapevine Historical Society will feature a program given by Marvin Applewhite, a well-known local businessman and collector of historical artifacts. He and his wife, Shirley, along with a friend and co-collector Wes Clark, have amassed an amazing group of artifacts. Several of the items in his Gano collection are shown on other pages in this newsletter.

He also has collections of items from other well-known historical personages, including Maj. Ripley Arnold, Col. John Coffee “Jack” Hays, General Santa Anna, Quanah Parker, and Sam Walker of the Texas Rangers. Many of his items have been on public display in this area. His Gano items are not on display at this time.

Much of the collection is now on exhibit at the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame. More details may be gotten from the link below:

http://www.texascowboyhalloffame.org/pages/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=63

ITEMS FROM THE APPLEWHITE-CLARK COLLECTION



Gano's 1860 Presentation Sword.

Presented to Capt. Richard M. Gano For His Leadership in Protecting our Community against Indian depredations, by the Citizens of Grape Vine Prairie, Texas October 10, 1860

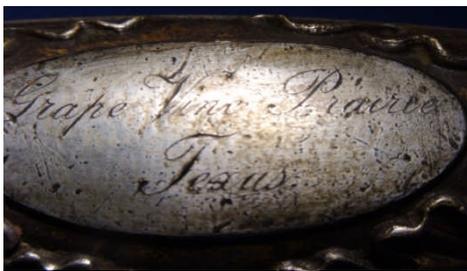




MORE ITEMS FROM THE RICHARD M. GANO COLLECTION OF MARVIN APPLEWHITE.



There are several other items in the collection not pictured here, including some other swords, a hat, and one leather and one painted canvas haversack-type items.



A few more details from the coat will be shown on the next page. It's intriguing to think that some of these items may be in the 1862 photo.





Some uniform details on the Gano coat from the Marvin Applewhite collection.



All photos used with Mr. Applewhite's permission

Headstone Projects Update

Here's the status of the ones which aren't yet installed:

George W. Parsley has been ordered from the quarry. The blank will probably arrive at the monument company in August and we'll stage something along with the Lanham Camp for him in Handley Cemetery after the weather cools.

David James Warren and Mrs. Mortimer Elliston will be installed and dedicated with some others in Birdville Cemetery on September 21.

Alfred D. Gray , James W. Easterwood, and Oscar W. Head are at Patterson's and will be installed and dedicated with some others in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth on October 5.

John H. Haralson will get one made from scrap if we don't hear from the VA by the end of August. They've contacted his family but the family hasn't contacted us. Dedication on October 5.

Arthur Ireland Gilbert Smith went to the VA with perfect documentation on June 22.

Joshua Epps arrived at Patterson's on July 22. We'll have a ceremony in Hill County this fall.

Charles L. Myers served in Co. E, Woodall's 2nd Missouri Volunteer Cavalry and died in 1918. He has no records in the National Archives, so a VA stone is out. We made him one and will dedicate it along with the others at Birdville on September 21.

Thomas Manning served in Co. D, 3rd Confederate Cavalry, a company raised in Alabama. He died in 1919 in Fort Worth and is buried in an unmarked grave in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. No active researchers show for him online. We'll make him a stone and dedicate it on October 5.

William Shelby Massey served in Co. D, 37th Arkansas Infantry. He died under some unusual circumstances on September 18, 1905 in Fort Worth and is buried in an unmarked grave in Oakwood Cemetery. We'd never convince the VA of his service even though his widow was granted a pension. We'll make him a stone as soon as finances permit. We'll also run a little article about him next month.

Evander C. McCaskill served in Co. A, 39th Alabama Infantry. He lived in Fort Worth when he applied in 1915, but was living at Anson in Jones County, Texas when he died in 1928. His body was brought back to Fort Worth and buried in Oakwood Cemetery. He has no marker. None of his direct descendants are online, so we'll make him a marker when the money's there.

Charles Louis McGuire served in Co. A, William Quayle's Cavalry, mostly frontier service. He died in 1909 and is buried in an unmarked grave in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. We'll make him one from scrap when finances permit.

NEW AWARD TO BECOME A TRADITION WITHIN THE COL. E. W. TAYLOR CAMP #1777, SCV

At the conclusion of our Third Annual WBTS Trivia Program next year the person in the audience who demonstrates the most surprising, off-the-wall knowledge as evidenced by the answering of some obscure question will be awarded a newly-created honorarium:

The Incredibly-Prestigious Mudwall Jackson Cup



How does one know it's incredibly-prestigious? It says so, right on the award. This unique trophy features a menacing mud-walled fortified position on its upper level, complete with Quaker guns.

It is named in honor of Confederate Brigadier General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson (1825-1890). Mudwall served on the staff of his illustrious second cousin who bore a more complementary nickname.

In true Confederate fashion it was made from recycled materials, and no opportunity to cut costs was ignored.

The trophy will remain in the possession of the winner until the next yearly Trivia Program unless it's owner escapes to Mexico, as did Mudwall Jackson.

See the trophy on the next page!

INCREDIBLY PRESTIGIOUS

MUDWALL JACKSON CUP





Thanks to our adjutant, James Alderman, for sharing these photos of his and his wife's recent trip back East. Above is Jefferson Davis' home, Beauvoir (above), near the seashore at Biloxi, Mississippi. Below is the recently-dedicated Jeff Davis Presidential Library and Museum, just beside his restored (post-Katrina) home.

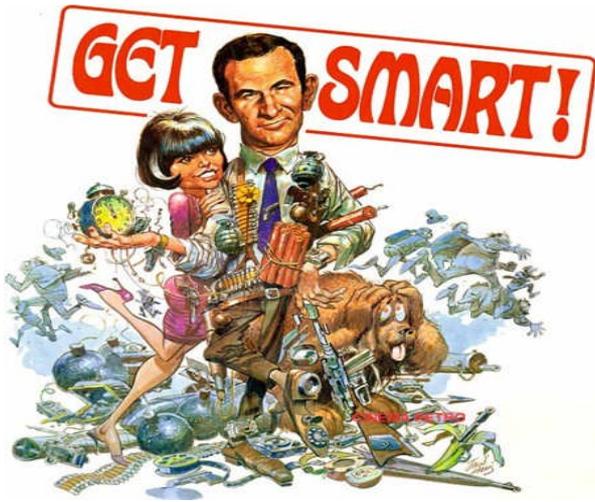




James Alderman's photo of the interior of the Confederate Museum in New Orleans. It was in this room that Jefferson Davis' body lay in state awaiting its first entombment in New Orleans.



The photo at left was taken at midnight in the same room on December 10, 1889. In 1893, Davis' body was removed to Richmond, Va.



GOOD ADVICE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE DOING

It comes as a surprise to most people when they learn who was behind that popular TV series of 1965-1970...none other than Mel Brooks and Buck Henry. Their double-entendre title would have been good advice for their hero, agent Maxwell Smart, but he remained a naïve doofus throughout the series.

As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, one way to better appreciate our ancestors' sacrifices and the causes for which they fought is to *get smart* about the War Between the States. It's easy and inexpensive to learn a lot about the War. At last count there were about 60,000 titles which have been published since 1861.

Lots of those books are what we might call "general histories" of the War. Especially since the Civil War Centennial began in 1961 there have been a lot of them. No two people agree on the best one(s), since nearly everyone who writes one has a viewpoint he wants to advance.

Some authors have gotten a lot more exposure than others...men like Bruce Catton, Shelby Foote, and lately James M. McPherson. Your editor just finished re-reading McPherson's Battle Cry of Freedom, and it was as exhausting and enjoyable as before. Some of the patriotic groups

sympathetic to our Confederate soldiers have suggested boycotting his writings but I like him. Now that it's easy to publish your opinions online you can find someone who's for and against everyone and everything.

It's amazing how many folks, even in the SCV and UDC, don't know much about the War...even the generalities. To get a working outline in your head, start reading the online encyclopedia articles. When your humble newsletter editor was still struggling through a history degree at UTA he was often faced with answering examination questions in the old dreaded "blue books." Studying always included reading the World Book and Britannica articles about the topic to be tested, and it helped. Those writers were experts at boiling it down to the basics.

Half-price Books and Amazon.com now make used books affordable for nearly everyone. There are lots of used titles at Amazon.com in paperback for less than a dollar. The sellers make their profit on postage and handling. Google "best Civil War books" and spend some time seeing what other people think, then choose one or two and get started.

NAMES ON THE MAP

A Soldier, A Sheriff, and a Beloved Old Home



William Letchworth Hurst, above, was born in Tennessee in 1833. He served the South as a member of Co. H, 61st Tennessee Mtd. Inf. He brought his family to northeast Tarrant County in 1870, and spent most of his time here living in Bedford. Not long before his death he and his wife moved to what is now Hurst. When a railroad depot was built in 1903 on some of his land here the place was called Hurst in his honor. He died in 1922 and was buried in Bedford Cemetery.



Elisha Adam Eules, above, was born in 1848 in Bedford County, Tennessee...one of the many settlers from there who caused Bedford, Texas to get its name when the post office was established here in 1877. Bedford's first postmaster was W. W. Bobo, a close kinsman. In 1867 Eules came to the community which bears his name. He was elected Sheriff of Tarrant County in 1892 and served until 1896. He died in 1911 and lies buried in Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery.

Bedford, Texas was officially named in 1877 when it got its post office. A large contingent of northeast Tarrant County's settlers during the years after the War came here from Bedford County, Tennessee. Their new home was named after their old one.

GOING TO PLAN B

Worthington Monuments lets us use their facilities to produce veterans' stones for men who'd otherwise have to do without.

Mrs. Patterson was kind enough to take two of the Taylor campers, Jimmy Reynolds and Mike Patterson, down to work at Worthington Monuments near Burleson on Friday, July 12. There they culled two usable pieces of stone from the scrap pile and made flat markers for two vets....one who has no records in the National Archives and one for whom his descendants weren't interested enough to help.

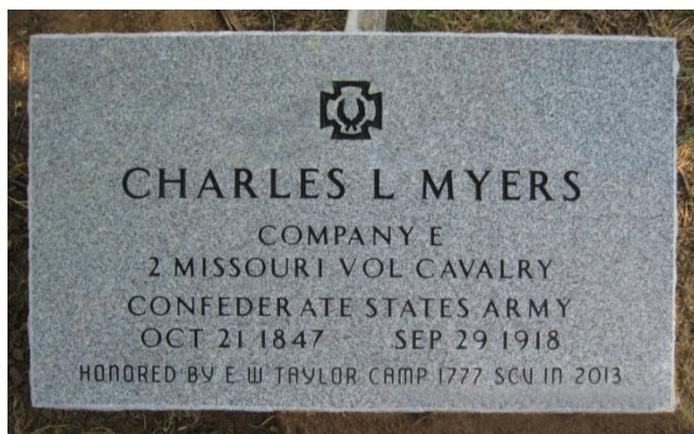
One of the veterans was Charles L. Myers, who died in 1918 in Birdville and was buried in Birdville Cemetery. Myers came to Texas from Giles County, Tennessee about 1855. When he applied for his pension Myers said he'd wanted to join Fitzhugh's Texas Cavalry but couldn't get to them. Instead he enlisted in Woodall's Co. E, 2nd Missouri Volunteer Cavalry. His colonel released him in Kaufman County, Texas at the end of the War.

Myers was a member of the Robert E. Lee Camp in Fort Worth and was awarded the Southern Cross of Honor the year before he died.

Myers—Funeral services for Charles L. Myers, 70, who died Sunday at his home at Birdville, were held Tuesday at 1 p. m., from the chapel of the Fort Worth Undertaking Company. Burial was in the Birdville cemetery. The deceased is survived by his wife and three children: Mmes. E. B. Baker of Fort Worth, Mrs. Steve Whitson of Sherman, Mrs. Louis Bird of West Texas; Beacher, James and George.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, October 1, 1918

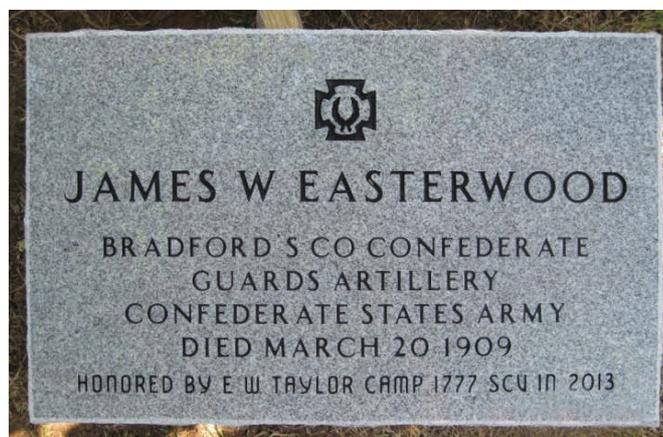
The other veteran was James W. Easterwood, who died in Fort Worth in 1909. He was born in Alabama about 1845 and had moved to Mississippi by the time of the War.

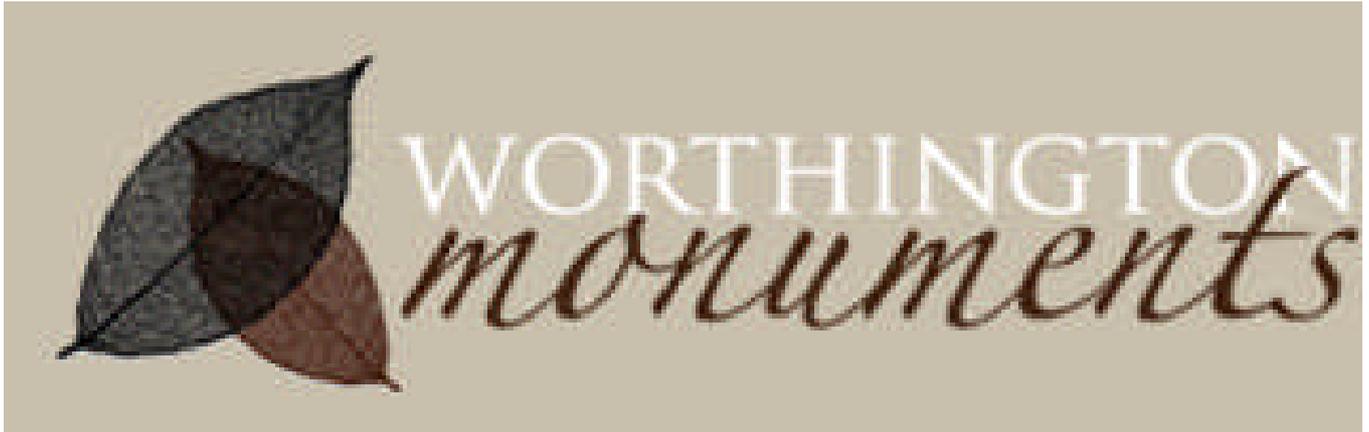


Mr. Easterwood enlisted on May 9, 1861 at Pontotoc, Mississippi. He last appears in the military records at Hicksford, Virginia in late 1864. After a time in Arkansas in the 1870's they came to Texas about 1880 and on to Tarrant County about 1904.

J. W. Easterwood.
J. W. Easterwood, aged 65 years, died at 2424 Bryan avenue Saturday night. Funeral services were conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon, with interment in Oakwood cemetery.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, March 22, 1909





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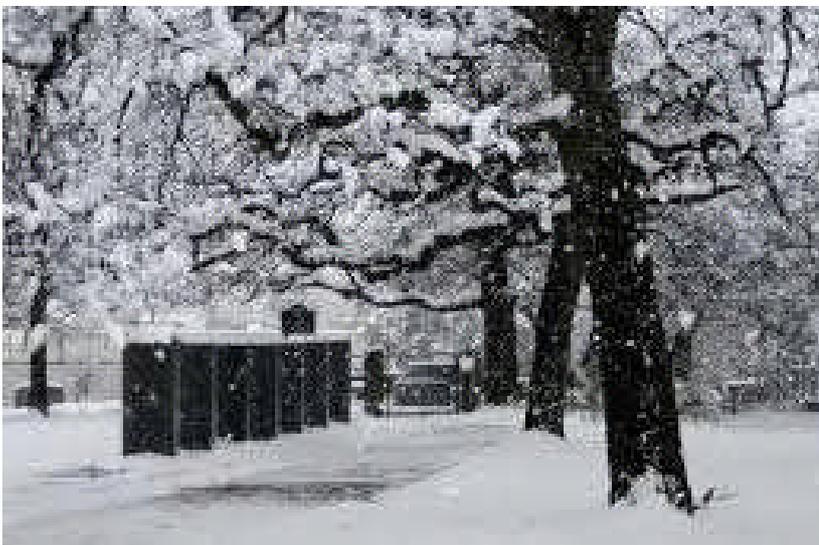
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This is not a paid advertisement. It is a statement of our continued thanks to Matt Worthington and his staff for giving us free computer and layout help in marking Confederate graves and allowing us to use his facilities and equipment to fabricate stones.



Nearly all of the stones in the Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial in Bedford were engraved in Matt's shop. All of them were installed by Patterson and his cohorts having free use of Matt's crane truck while your editor could still see well enough to drive. Matt's kindness has allowed us to do tens of thousands of dollars of stone work we'd not otherwise have been able to do.

Call Matt first when you need a monument man's services, and tell him you're a friend of Mike Patterson's.

ANOTHER WAY YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You're probably already aware of the SCV's Confederate Graves Guardianship program. In the next few newsletters we'll be letting you know about some local graves which really need help and then long-term guardianship.



Thomas Lyles Steeley was a member of Co. K, 4th Alabama Infantry. This is a two-day job. If anyone wants to tackle it, email your editor at mfpchat@yahoo.com and we'll take care of it after the weather cools down. Mr. Steeley is buried in Arlington in Johnson Station Cemetery. Reattaching the finial is going to take some finesse, and we may have to take the stone off-site to fix it.

Hardin N. Williams and his family came to Tarrant County about 1857 from Miller County, Missouri. He served in Capt. John R. Cummins' Company, the West Fork Guards. He died on June 8, 1877. This is all that's left of his stone in Birdville Cemetery. The upper part has been missing for decades. He was born about 1819.

There are two or three ways we could attack this for a good-looking fix. If you're interested in this one email mfpchat@yahoo.com and we'll talk about it.



TARRANT COUNTY'S LAST SURVIVING CONFEDERATE?

On July 10, 1942 the Dallas Morning News said the last Confederate veteran in our county had died.

Tarrant County's Last Confederate, R. H. Jones, 94, Dies

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 9 (AP).—R. H. Jones, sole surviving Confederate veteran in Tarrant County, died Wednesday after an illness of more than three years.

Jones, who was born in Hanover County, Virginia, was a member of the Third Richmond Howitzers, Virginia Artillery, during the Civil War. He is believed to have been the last soldier to leave Richmond when it was evacuated and he was with Lee at the surrender at Appomattox.

In 1884 Jones came to Alvarado from Tennessee. He moved to Fort Worth in 1904.

Jones was an active member of the Robert E. Lee Camp Confederate Veterans. He was elected commander of the organization in 1935.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. John Sparks, with whom he lived; two sisters, Miss Isla Jones and Miss Carrie Jones, both of Richmond, Va., and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at the residence Friday at 4 p.m.

They weren't far off...his name was really H. R. Jones...Henry Robinson Jones, he did breathe his last in Fort Worth on July 9, 1942, and he was a Confederate veteran, maybe the last in our county. We'd be please to hear about it if you know of any who outlived him.

One Grapevine Union veteran lived until 1946 and may have been the last one in the State of Texas.

Mr. Jones was born in Hanover County, Virginia. His death certificate says he was a son of Henry Robinson Jones, Jr. and his wife Sallie Stagg. For the first part of his life at least, young Henry lived a comfortable lifestyle. In 1850 his father owned fourteen slaves. By 1860 the family had moved into Richmond, his father worked as a clerk, and owned personal property worth only \$250.

His first Confederate service was with reserve troops in McElhaney's Battalion in the defense of Richmond. Later he served in the Third Company of Richmond Howitzers. The records in Washington D.C. show him to have been a private in Capt. B. H. Smith's Company of Howitzers in Hardaway's Battalion.

TARRANT'S LAST CONFEDERATE? cont.

Mr. Jones enlisted in this battalion at Richmond on August 16, 1863 and was captured at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia on May 10, 1864. The records do not say how he got out of Federal custody, but he did.

Faithful to the end, he was with the Army of Northern Virginia when Lee surrendered on April 9, 1865.

In 1930 when he applied for a Confederate pension he said he came to Texas in 1883 and had been here ever since, with the exception of a short while he'd lived in Oklahoma and in the Indian Territory.

His daughter's UDC application included an account of his military service in his own handwriting:

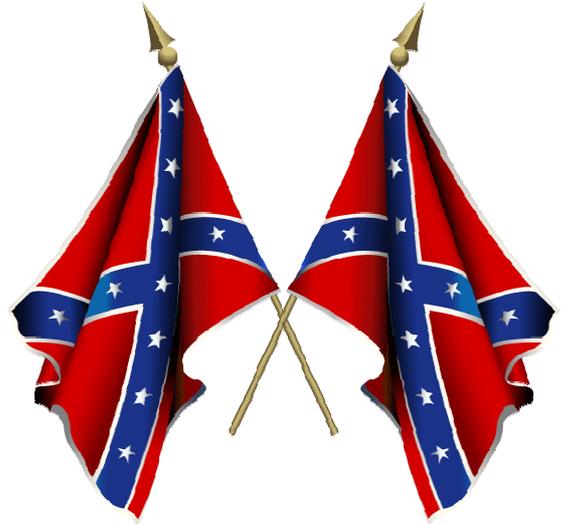
"My most active services were when serving in the Reserve Forces when organized - Co I, Capt. Pace McElhaney's Battn, Gen. Custis Lee's Div., Richmond Defense Forces in the trenches the fall and winter of 1864 until Jan. 1865 and from thence to the Regular army in my 17th year."

Mr. Jones died at his daughter's home at 1215 Elizabeth Street in Fort Worth. His death certificate lists myocarditis, chronic bronchitis, and pneumonia as causes of death. The house where he died is still standing.

Unfortunately for us his burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth precludes any special recognition we might be able to give his grave.



Offense or Defense
Which do you choose?
By Larry Martin
Texas Division, 3rd Brigade
Guardian, Treasurer and Graves
Registrar
Governor Samuel W.T. Lanham
Camp 586, Weatherford Texas



I attended the June meeting of the Robert E Lee Camp # 239 and the camp Commander Barry Turnage opened the floor for me to speak on the Guardian Program. Indeed this is always a favorite subject of mine; trouble is I was speaking after David Moore, 1st Lt. Commander of the Texas Division, always a powerful speaker. David was speaking on the subject of "What have you done for the SCV?" And indeed it made everyone think on this subject.

Some members come to meetings, have a meal with his brothers, listens to the program and goes home, and will return again next month for the same, some members do parades only, some dedications only, some a combination of the two. Some members are re-enactors; some are beginning to explore the roots that bind us all. And that makes for a good camp, where the membership has diverse activities to make the camp as a whole strong. But let's ask ourselves, when we read articles on renaming of parks, or defacing monuments, or hate filled letters to the editor spouting politically correct nonsense, what do you do? Do you write the editor with facts and strong positions? Do you go protect these monuments? Do you flag the City-County-State buildings to show we are a band of brothers who stand

as one? Or do you gripe about it to your friends-family or on Face book?

My point is simple, the stirring words of **Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee** gave us in "The Charge" should inspire all of us to action. In it he states "**To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name**" and what he was telling us is we cannot just sit on the couch; we must be proactive in the Sons of Confederate Veterans as a whole that we cannot build a fort and stand in defense, no to win this we must go on the offense. Whether it is handing out a card to everyone you meet and ask "do you have Confederates in your family tree? Would you like to find out?" Or if you attend government meetings when they are addressing items of interest to the SCV, or are flagging these meetings. You can also attend events with your camp or other camps, remember as long as you are in good standing with the Sons of Confederate Veterans you can attend any camp meeting you choose and will be made welcome. I know, I personally attend the meetings in the 3rd brigade and some in the 4th and 7th as well. I learn so much about these members and how they honor the Confederate soldiers' good name in each and every one of them. The public events camps do are some of the best recruiting opportunities; everyone likes a picture taken with a uniformed Confederate. And I mean everyone...

Offense or Defense: Which do you choose?....cont.

You can attend memorials and dedications, always stirring events, just like the ones in Ardmore, Oklahoma and in Gilmer, Texas on Saturday 22 June 2013. Yes it is hot, but we all take precautions and the public love these and thank everyone afterwards. Plus you get to be with like-minded brothers from other camps and exchange ideas on how to make a camp stronger and better in all ways. You can also choose to join in the cemetery survey now going on in the Texas Division, ask your brigade coordinator how, or ask me and I will teach you. You will find it is very relaxing, very stirring when you do the research and find real genuine heroes who are buried in that cemetery. And you can also choose to guard these heroes' graves. I myself guard 12 plus 3 entire cemeteries I look after. And I flag more cemeteries on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Confederate Heroes Day in January. There are hundreds of cemeteries with thousands of our Confederate Soldiers in them unattended and un-guarded much less having the flag of the Confederacy proudly flying over it. My point is simple, the stirring words of *Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee* gave us in "The Charge" should inspire all of us to action. In it he states "*To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name*" and what he was telling us, is we cannot just sit on the couch; we must be proactive in the Sons of Confederate Veterans as a whole that we cannot build a fort and stand in defense, no to win this we must go on the offense. Whether it is handing out a card to everyone you meets and asks "do you have Confederates in your family tree? Would you like to find out?"

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Gilmer, Texas, June 22, 2013

Offense or Defense: Which do you choose?....cont.

Lt General S.D. Lee also charged us in another area *"Remember it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations"* This is another way to serve the Sons of Confederate Veterans by developing programs with the facts a child can understand. Visit schools and teach these children. Give them the desire to learn more and one day join the SCV. Show them that pride in the Confederate States of America and her heroes are something to be proud of and when they gain that pride they will not let detractors mislead them. If only you and I had learned more in our youth. Think of how we could have helped influence today's society instead of what we have now.

So, I charge you, my brothers get up

out of your easy chair and find your passion for the Confederacy and how you wish to truly honor it. Go serve the SCV with pride. Go on the offense and find a project that excites you. Work with your camp to make it count. Show the other camps how you and your camp are serving and they too will begin to serve. Soon you have stronger brigades, more men rising up in the community, and showing all that the South was right. Show them we are a diverse group who teach the truth and we are not a hate group. Show your community we are a charity that we help all who need our help. Show civic pride. Show people we are polite Southern Gentleman of our word. Show them we are men of conviction. Show the South leads the way!

Deo Vindice!



MORE USEFUL KNOWLEDGE...

The time of day you take photos of headstones makes all the difference. Most of the time you can't wait around for the sun to move so that it makes good shadows in the engravings. Most old headstones face either east or west, so at any given time nearly half of the inscriptions on stones in any old cemetery may be in shadow.

Also, if you're still limber enough to get down and take your photo on the same level as the stone, that helps.

Here are two photos taken on the same day...June 22 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Ardmore. The second was taken after the sun had time to get at a better angle.

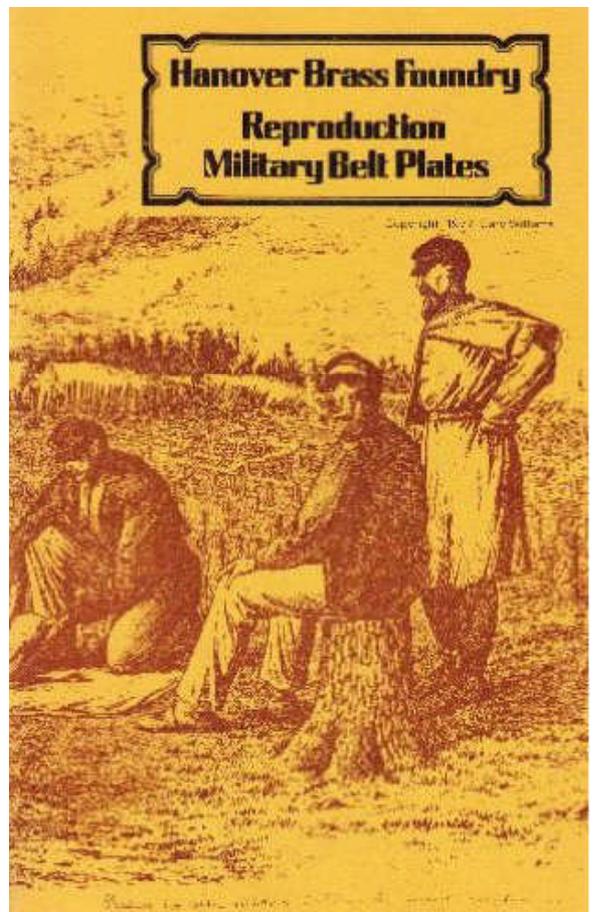
John C. McGinnis was one of our local veterans who died in the Oklahoma Confederate Veterans Home in Ardmore.



Hanover Brass Foundry Reproduction Military Belt Plates

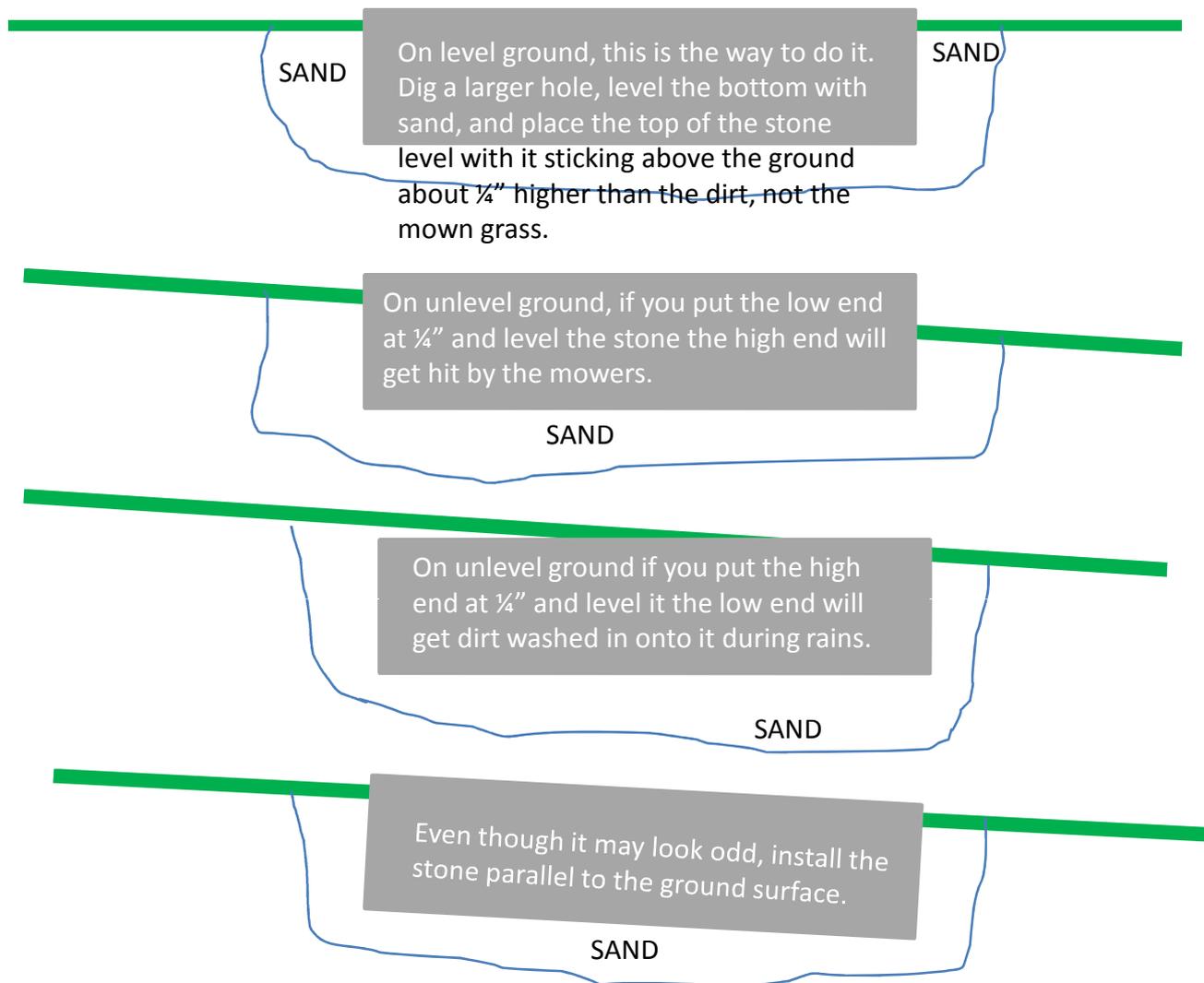
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amazing...*

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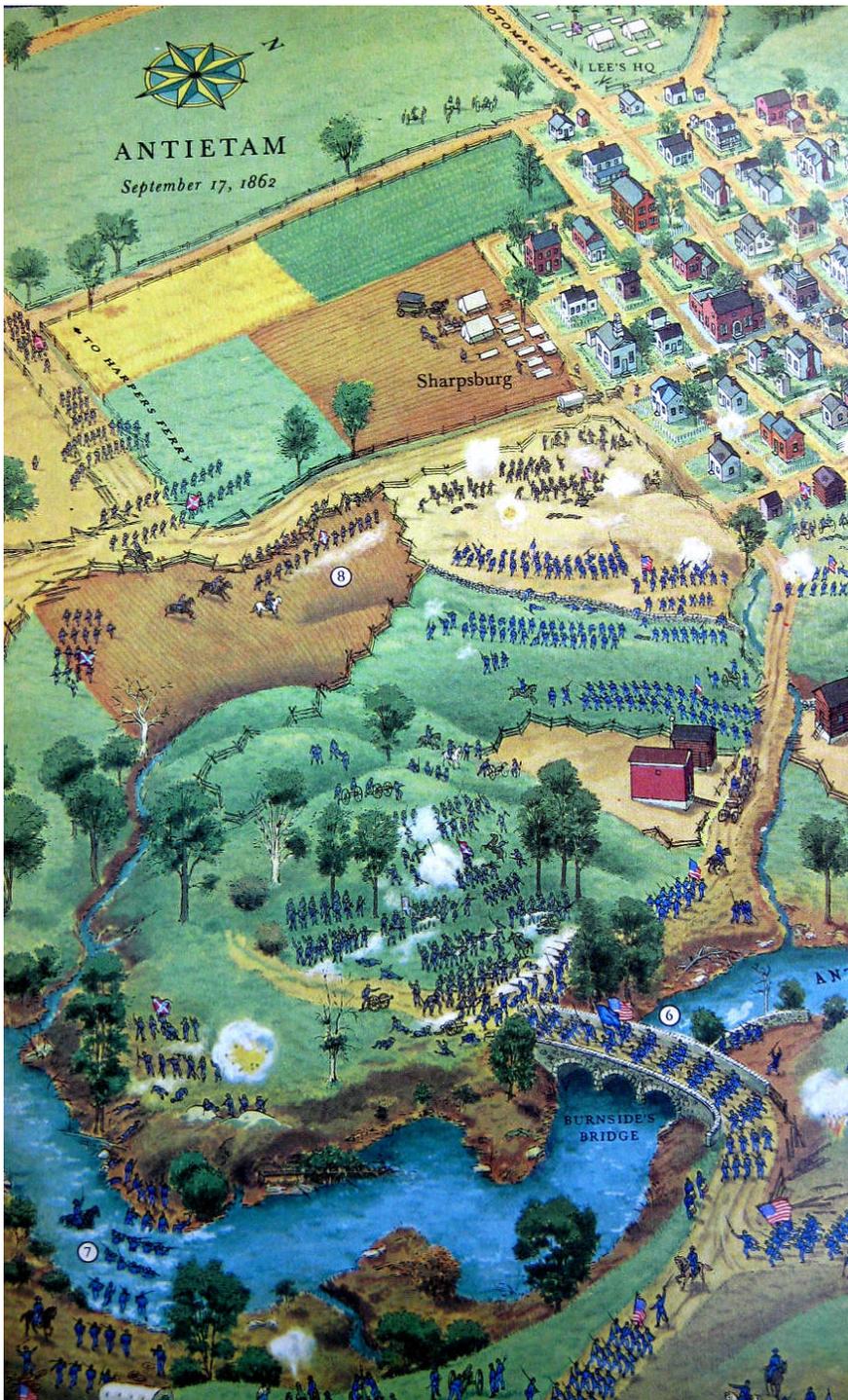
Without a doubt this is one of the most interesting, educational, and well-done sites on the net for WBTS aficionados. An endless number of things to click on.

A LITTLE ADVICE ABOUT INSTALLING GROUND-LEVEL MARKERS



Except in a very limited number of situations, don't put concrete under or around gravestones. A cushion of sand, like the playsand they sell at Lowe's or Home Depot, is much easier to work and will stay stable much longer than concrete. There's a reason they truck in sand and spread it before they pour slabs for new houses. The sand will easily shift if it's pressured by the soil around it. If the stone does get crooked years from now, it'll be the work of five minutes to level it. If you use concrete you'll wind up digging the stone out and breaking the concrete off later and then replacing it with sand.

GETTING REACQUAINTED WITH AN OLD FRIEND



When your editor was in elementary school the Civil War Centennial was going on. He wanted to go back East to some of the events, but it was impossible. One of his favorite books was the April 1965 issue of "National Geographic."

The school at Colleyville only went through the sixth grade, so he and his friends were bussed to Grapevine for the last six years. That school had a library! There waiting for him was Bruce Catton's American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War. What a book! Who could resist those drawings of the battles, complete with the tiny soldiers?

On July 3, with Vicksburg and Gettysburg on everyone's mind, he was off to Half-Price Books to get a copy.

It's just as good as ever, even the text. Catton's skill at summarizing events was phenomenal. You can't lose buying a copy of this wonderful account of the War.

With postage and handling included you can get one from Amazon.com for under ten dollars. It's a great way to get a basic working knowledge of the WBTS. Next month we'll talk about another of Catton's books.

TENTH OF LEE CAMP VETERANS DIE IN YEAR

Special Memorial Services Held
Sunday—Graves Will Be
Decorated April 25.

Practically a tenth of the local membership of R. E. Lee camp, U. C. V., has been taken by death in the past year, the list including some of the most prominent veterans and all being well known citizens. The roll was posted in the camp room Sunday afternoon when memorial services were held.

The list carries twenty-eight names as follows: R. D. Fuller, Major J. J. Jarvis, Dr. Frank Rainey, Captain J. B. Littlejohn, A. J. Lee, Noah Harding, Thomas Trammell, W. T. Steel, H. L. Abston, Joseph S. Young, Capt. James Field, J. A. Martin, J. E. Martin, Captain J. C. Richardson, Dr. E. J. Beall, A. B. Frazier, J. W. Patterson, John Rogan, I. Z. T. Morris, W. R. Grantham, J. G. Whitsitt, J. C. Boyd, T. Y. Gallaspy, L. K. Dockery, T. T. Ball, Colonel Abe Harris, J. R. Thomas and Dave Matthews.

Next Sunday afternoon graves of all Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth cemeteries will be decorated. Members of the Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy will meet the veterans of Lee camp at 2 o'clock at the camp room and participate in the exercises. Former Congressman O. W. Gillespie, commander of the Sons' camp, will deliver an address at the camp room. The cemeteries then will be visited.

A number of the members spoke on Sunday afternoon, referring to incidents in the lives of the members who had died during the year. A short musical program was given also.

Resolutions upon the death of J. R. Thomas were read by the chairman of the committee, C. C. Cummings.

1915

The years 1914-1915 were very hard on our local United Confederate Veterans Camp, as this article from the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* of April 19, 1915 tells us.

We're always on the lookout for lists of Confederates who lived here in our home county. We decided to see if these venerable old gentlemen are lying in marked graves, and if they're not, to do something about it.

Most of the vets are buried locally, and it was fairly easy to find them. Messrs. Jarvis, Littlejohn, Harding, Trammell, Abston, John A. Martin, Beall, and Grantham all have readable stones in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Veterans Richardson, Patterson, Morris, Boyd, Thomas, and Mathews all have good stones in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mount Olivet Cemetery is the resting place for Mr. Gallaspy and Mr. Dockery. Pioneer's Rest has Mr. Steel, John E. Martin, and Mr. Harris. All are marked.

Some of the other veterans are scattered about other places in Texas. Dr. Fuller is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Terrell, Texas. After a distinguished career, Dr. Rainey was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Austin, Texas.

T. T. Ball was living in the Confederate Home in Austin when he died, and he is buried there with a readable stone in the State Cemetery.

The rest of the veterans are somewhat problematic, at least as far as available online records are concerned. The A. J. Lee mentioned was probably James Jackson Lee who died in El Paso on April 21, 1914 and was brought back to Fort Worth for burial in Oakwood Cemetery. He has a flat VA stone in Oakwood Cemetery.

1915, cont.

Capt. James Harrison Field is a mystery. He died on June 19, 1914 and had a long obituary in the Fort Worth paper. It does not say where he was buried. He has no Texas death certificate. He doesn't appear in the online roster of the R. E. Lee Camp. He is not in Oakwood's or Pioneers Rest's records. When the 1910 census was taken he was living with his wife and a niece at 402 Burnett Street in Fort Worth.

A. B. Frazier is even more of a mystery. We have been able to find neither a newspaper obituary nor a death certificate for him. He is not in the records of Oakwood or Pioneers Rest. There are no good candidates for him in the 1910 census of Tarrant County. He does not appear in the R. E. Lee Camp records.

J. G. Whitsitt died January 21, 1915. He has obituaries in both the Fort Worth and Dallas papers, but they only say he was buried in Dallas and do not name the cemetery. Neither does his death certificate. The Dallas paper calls him Major J. J. Whitsitt. It says he died as a result of a fall on a sidewalk in Fort Worth on January 9 at which time he broke his thigh.

Joseph S. Young was probably the man who died in Johnson's Sanitarium in Fort Worth on May 31, 1914. This man's death certificate says he was buried in Lewisville, Texas. When the 1910 census was taken he was living in a hotel in Fort Worth on Eleventh Street. He did not receive a Texas pension.

John Rogan has no obituary and no death certificate. He does not appear in the records of Oakwood or Pioneers Rest. He was not pensioned. He was born about 1829 in Kentucky, and was living in 1910 in Precinct 6 of Tarrant County with his cousin, John W. Pittman

JAMES FIELD FUNERAL TO BE SUNDAY MORNING

**Attorney Had Been in Fort
Worth 41 Years—Was Con-
federate Officer.**

The funeral of James Harrison Field, 74, who died Friday evening at his home, 402 Burnett street, will be held at the residence Sunday at 9:30 a. m. An illness of several months preceded his death. He was a Confederate veteran, and a member of the R. E. Lee camp.

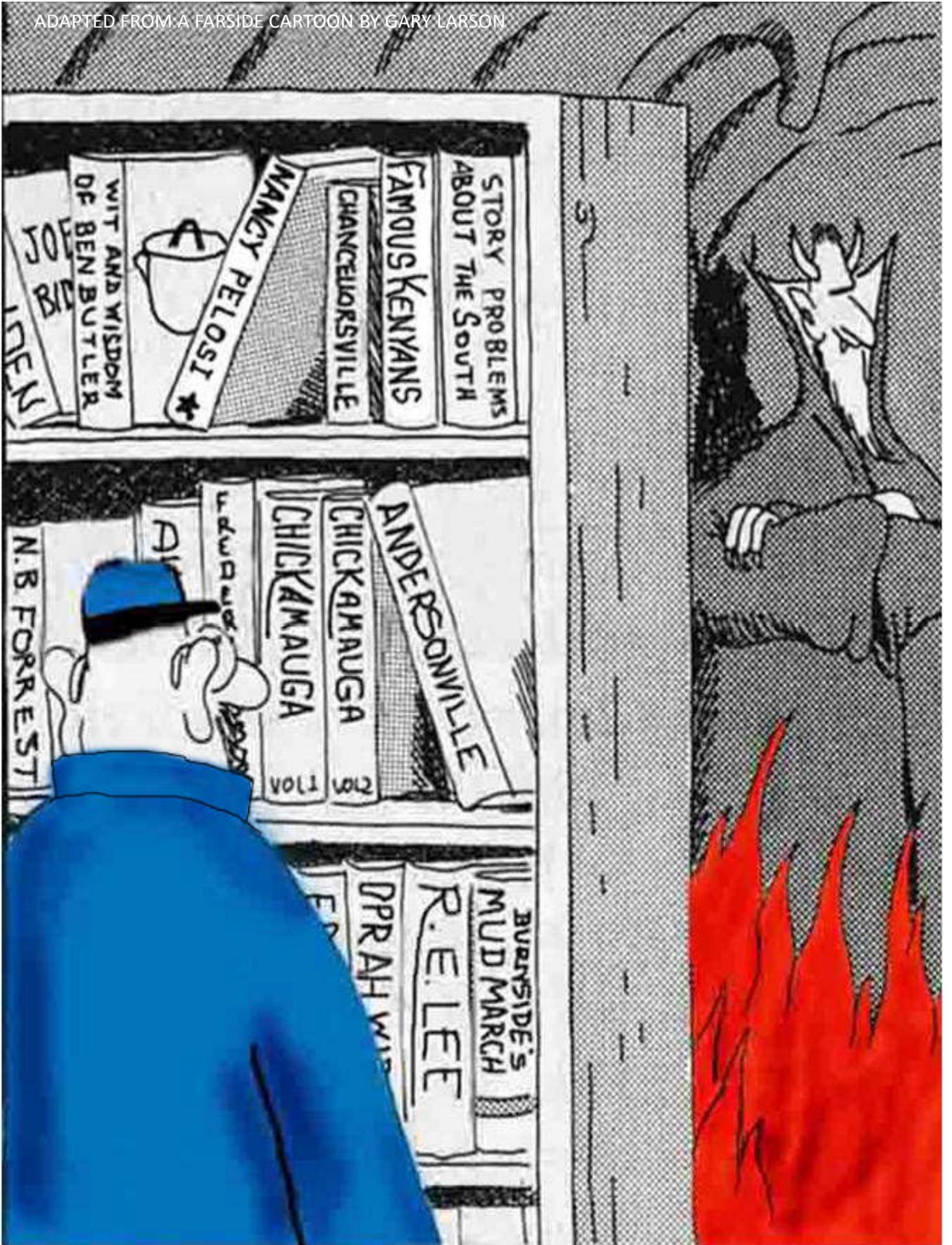
For the past forty-one years he has lived in Fort Worth. Born in Carnesville, Ga., he had just secured his diploma in law when the Civil war commenced, and he enlisted in Company B, Phillips' Georgia Legion and fought with Lee. He was wounded four times and was a captain when the war ended.

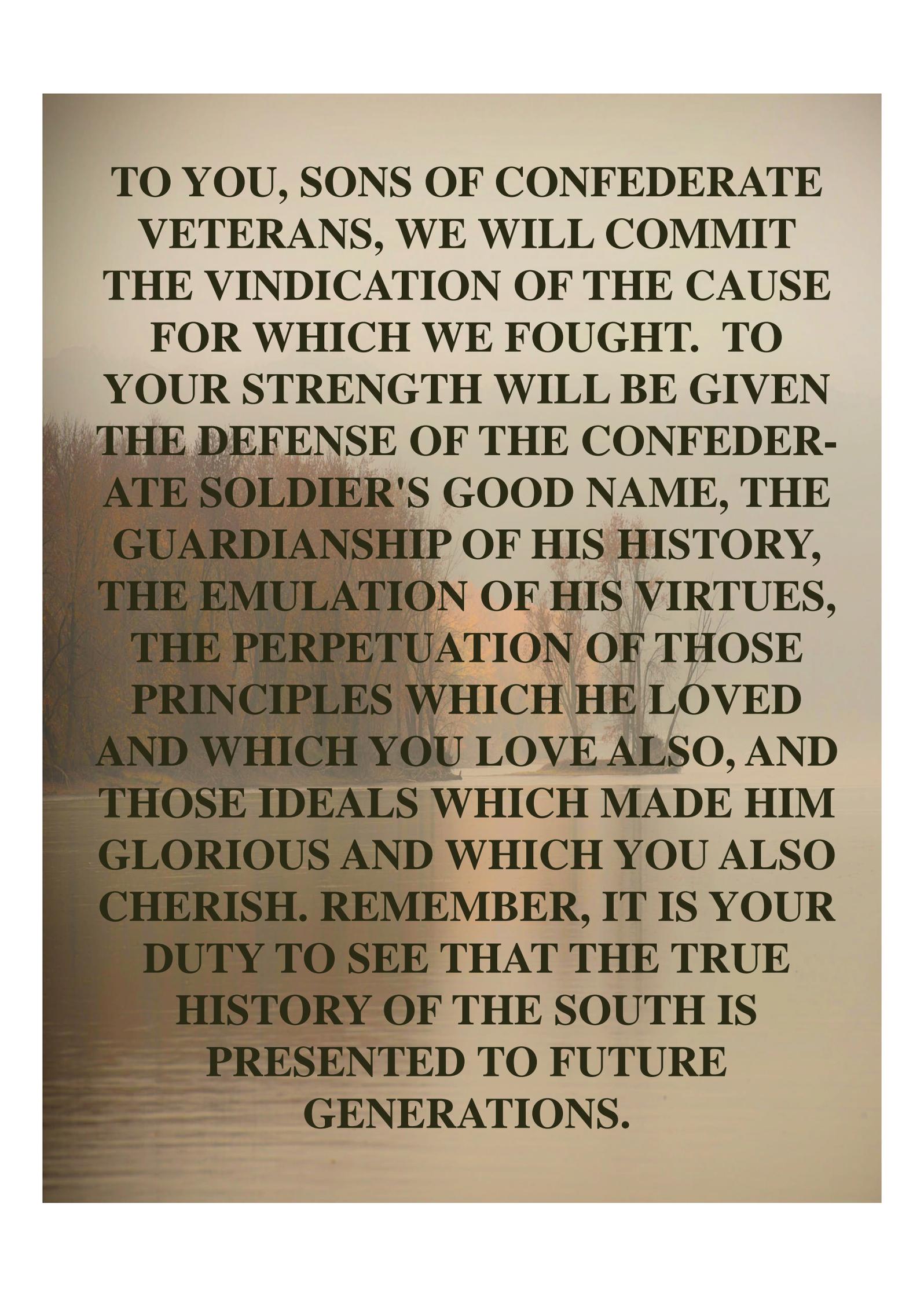
He came to Dallas in 1869. Four years later he moved to Fort Worth, and became a law partner with the late Frank Bell and later was associated with Howard Jennings, Tom West and Tillman Smith. On Dec. 8, 1874, he married Miss Maria Andrews. He is survived by his wife, a niece, Miss Ione Andrews of Fort Worth, and a brother, Eldon Field of Los Angeles.

Mr. Field retired from active business eight years ago. A stroke of paralysis Dec. 24, caused his death.

*All this, and no mention of where
he's buried...*

ADAPTED FROM A FARSEIDE CARTOON BY GARY LARSON





**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 CONFEDER-
ATE 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.**