



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

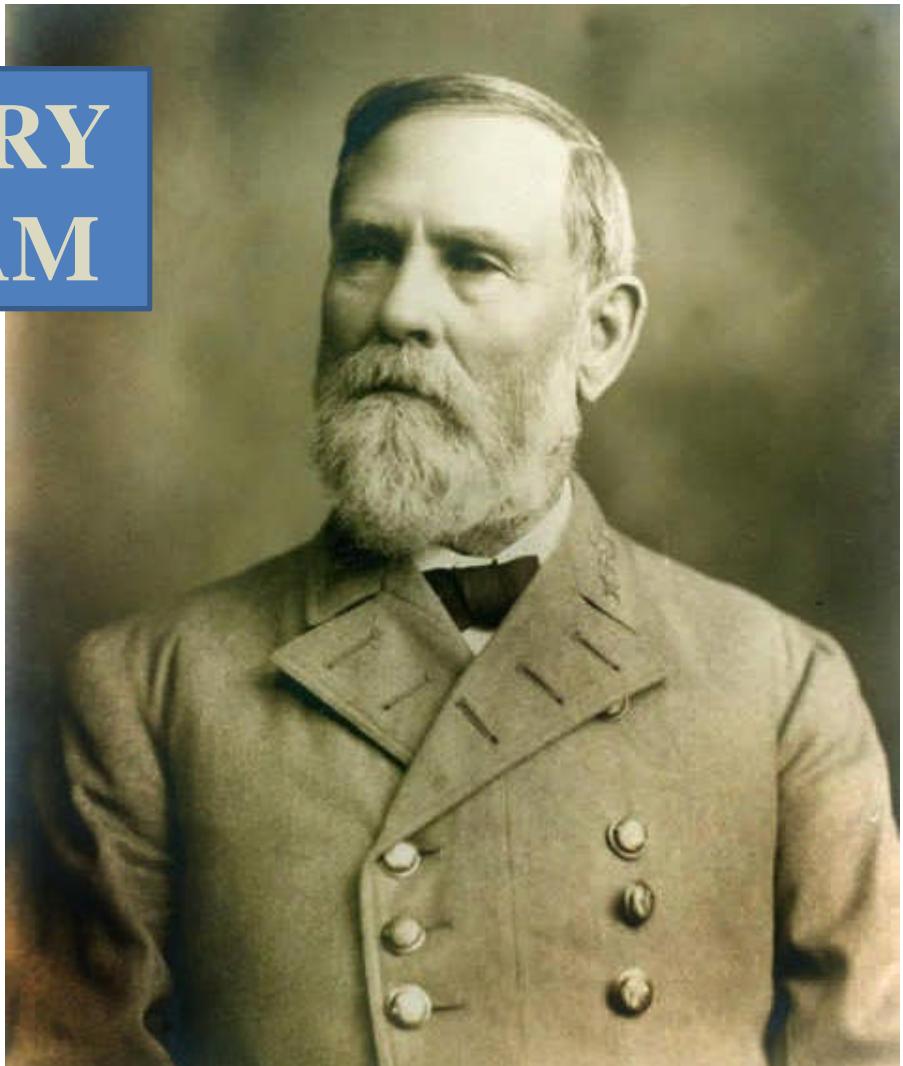
NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas..February 2014

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Join us in February as we take a look at the life of one of the best men who ever lived. He was everywhere that mattered in the founding of Fort Worth, and was a leader in the business, development, and church work in his adopted city for decades.

He even served a term as Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans nationwide.



K. M. VAN ZANDT

**FEB. MEETING Feb. 27, 2014. Catfish and Company, 900 Airport Freeway #110
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912. Eat at 6:00. Meeting at 7:00. Out by 8:30.**
Menu available online at <https://foursquare.com/v/catfish-company-hurst-tx/4b9ec0daf964a5200fff36e3/menu>

TAYLOR CAMP FURNISHES RIFLE SQUAD FOR CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY AT BIRDVILLE CEMETERY ON JANUARY 19



Left to right above: James Madewell, Boone Eustace, James Alderman, Mike Patterson, Kirt Barnett from the R. E. Lee Camp, Jack Eustace, Ron Parker, and Kent Mathews.

This ceremony was planned and executed by the Col. W. H. Griffin Camp #2285 SCV, in cooperation with the Birdville Historical Society and the Birdville Cemetery Association. Members of the R. E. Lee SCV Camp, the Albert Sidney Johnson SCV Camp, the Julia Jackson UDC Chapter, and the Taylor Camp also took part.



Photos by
Stephen Parker

TAYLOR CAMPERS MARCH IN THE STOCK SHOW PARADE AGAIN THIS YEAR.

For the second year in a row the weather was perfect for the annual Fort Worth Stock Show Parade. This year six Taylor Camp members and a recruit took part.

James Madewell and his wife, Sandy, acted as guides in the old Court House. James is shown at left dressed as a sheriff from the mid-1880's,

The other Taylor camp members who took part are shown below. They are, l-r, recruit Peter Hanson (Bob Gresham's nephew), Kent Mathews, Bob Gresham, Mike Patterson, Tom Trawick, and Richard Trawick.



MORE STOCK SHOW PARADE PHOTOS

Courtesy of David Moore at Texas Division Media Group



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David Moore.



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As usual, we got access to some great photographs taken by David Moore of the Texas Brigade, SCV. They are posted on his Southern Legacy site online at:

http://www.southernlegacy.org/Southern_Legacy/Ft._Worth_Stock_Show_Parade_2014.html#grid

Take a look, and if you see one or more photos you'd like to keep save them to your computer. They may not stay online indefinitely.

We appreciate David and his dedication to documenting the activities of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Texas.

You can also get a quick glimpse of us in a YouTube video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubJA3zXk2sU> You'll see us toward the end of the clip.



Photo courtesy of David Moore.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Compatriot,

Texas Division Commander, Johnnie Holley, asked me (in my role as Texas Division Color Sergeant) to recruit, organize, train and prepare a precision, dismounted color guard to represent the Division at the 2016 National SCV Reunion and other events where requested. You are receiving this email because you are a SCV member in good standing and reside in a zip code in which at least a portion of the zip code is within an hour or so commute to the center of the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex. I am inviting you to participate in this color guard. If you are interested in this activity, please email me at jplsail@earthlink.net as soon as possible and I will send you additional information.

Sincerely, Jack Dyess
Color Sergeant
Texas Division of the SCV





THREE NEW RECRUITS

If all goes as expected, we could swearing in three new members at our meeting in February. They are Chuck Marks, Peter Hanson, and Vann Cunningham. Chuck's g-g-g grandfather was Washington Marks,

a major in the 22nd Louisiana Infantry and a leader in New Orleans' business community until he died in 1890. Peter is the nephew of our own Compatriot Bobby Gresham. Peter's Confederate ancestor was Elijah W. Blackerby of Co. I, 63 Alabama Infantry. He died in 1905 and is buried in Weatherford. Vann has numerous Confederates in his background; he'll be joining under Lt. Littleberry Leftwich, Co. A 41st Tennessee Infantry. Vann and James Alderman are friends through their membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

I want to express my personal, and our Camp's, sincere appreciation for your help at Birdville Cemetery last Sunday. As you well know, the firing squad adds an unmatchable element to ceremonies such as this. Your contributions have been invaluable and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Jack Dyess, Col. W. H. Griffin Camp #2285 SCV

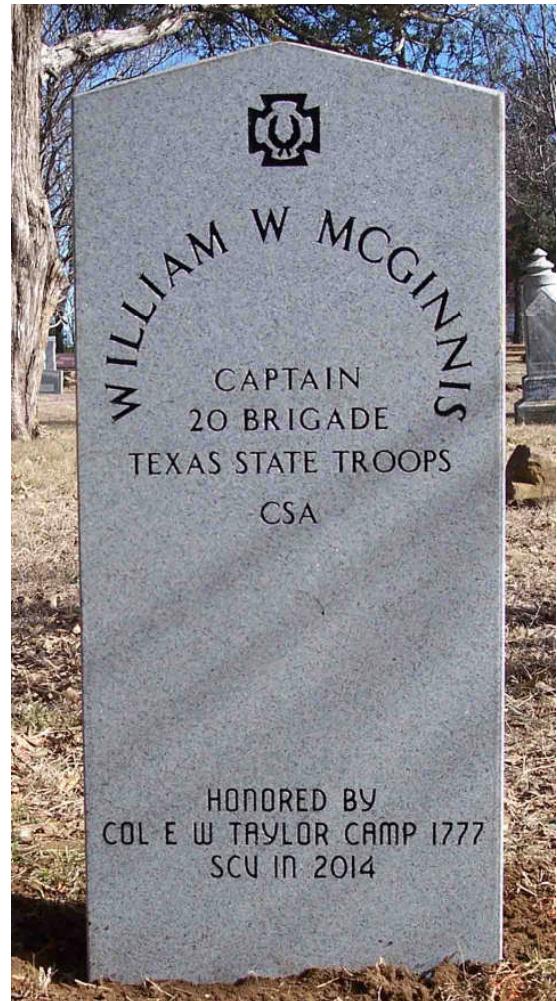
MEMORIAL FOR CONFEDERATE LEADER HERE INSTALLED JAN. 25

William W. McGinnis was born in Kentucky about 1819. About 1859 he moved his family to Texas and settled first in Erath County. By June 1861 they had moved to northeast Tarrant County.

McGinnis recruited a company of local men, many of them much younger or older than most Confederates, for service as a part of the 20th Brigade, Texas State Troops. He was their captain.

One local man who knew him said, "I have often heard the people speak of this organization as a cavalry troop which chased bushwhackers and deserters...."

Mr. McGinnis' home appears on Sam Street's 1895 map of Tarrant County, so we believe he was still alive at that time. He does not appear on the 1900 census. Many of his descendants are still here.



One of his sons, John C. McGinnis, served in the Confederate Army in Co. D, 9th Texas Cavalry.

One of the McGinnis girls married another of our local veterans, Joseph L. Byas of Co. A, 34 Texas Cavalry.

We placed his stone beside his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Byas, in White's Chapel Cemetery in Southlake.

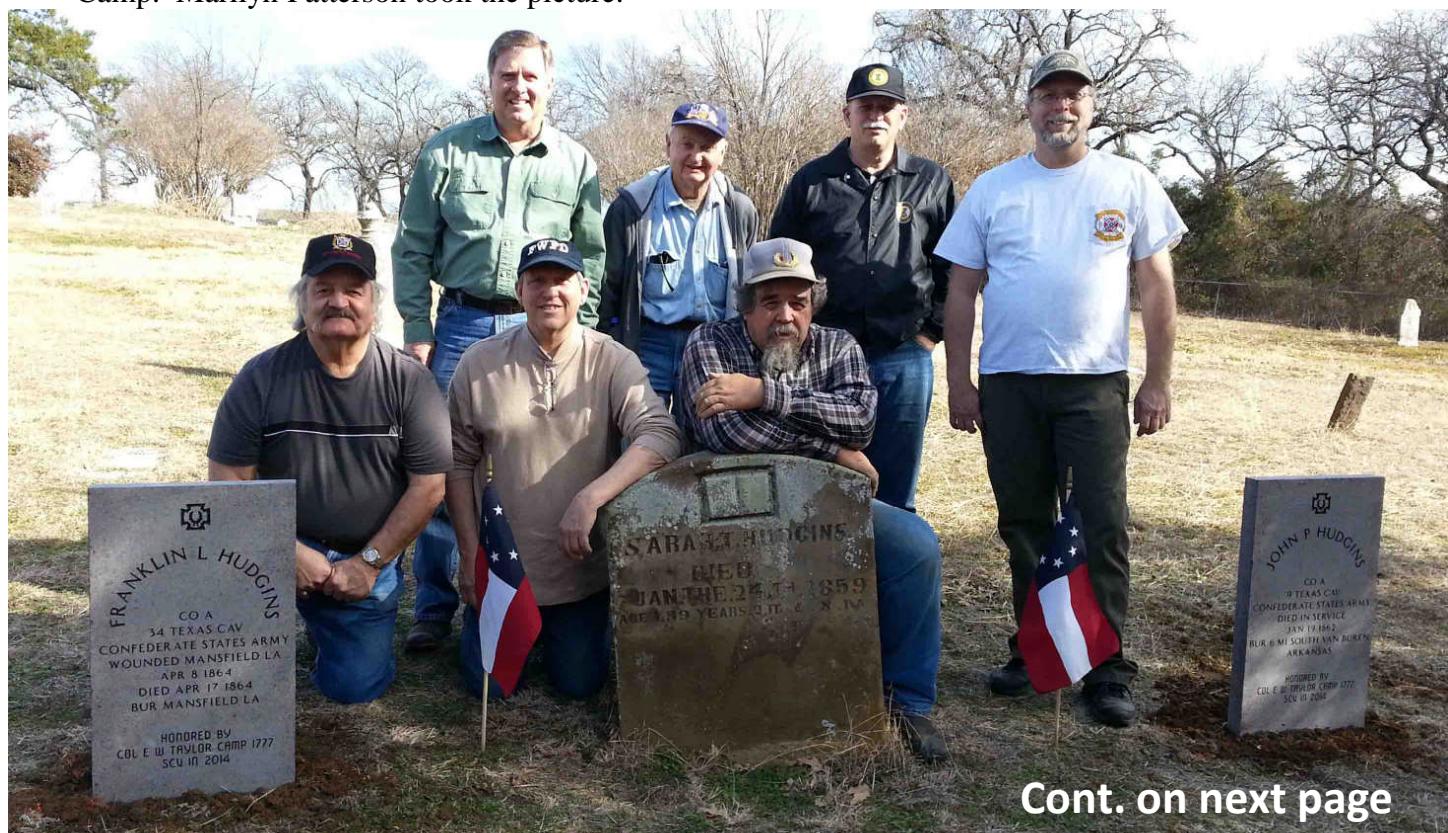
The crew: kneeling l-r, James Madewell, Allen Hearrean of the MT Johnson Camp, Mike Patterson, standing Richard Leech, Kent Mathews, James Alderman, and Bob Gresham.

TWO FALLEN GRAPEVINE CONFEDERATES HONORED ON JANUARY 25

We met on a beautiful Saturday afternoon to install two cenotaphs in memory of two brothers who didn't make it back to their Grapevine home. We placed the stones in Minter's Chapel Cemetery beside their mother, who died two years before the War began.

Sarah Hudgins' first four children were all boys, and all were in the Confederate Army. The two older sons, Franklin and John, died while in service. The two younger sons, James and William, made it back safely and died in northeast Tarrant County.

The setting crew is shown below. Kneeling, l-r, James Madewell, Bob Gresham, Mike Patterson; standing James Alderman, Richard Leech, Kent Mathews, and Allen Hearrean of the M. T. Johnson Camp. Marilyn Patterson took the picture.



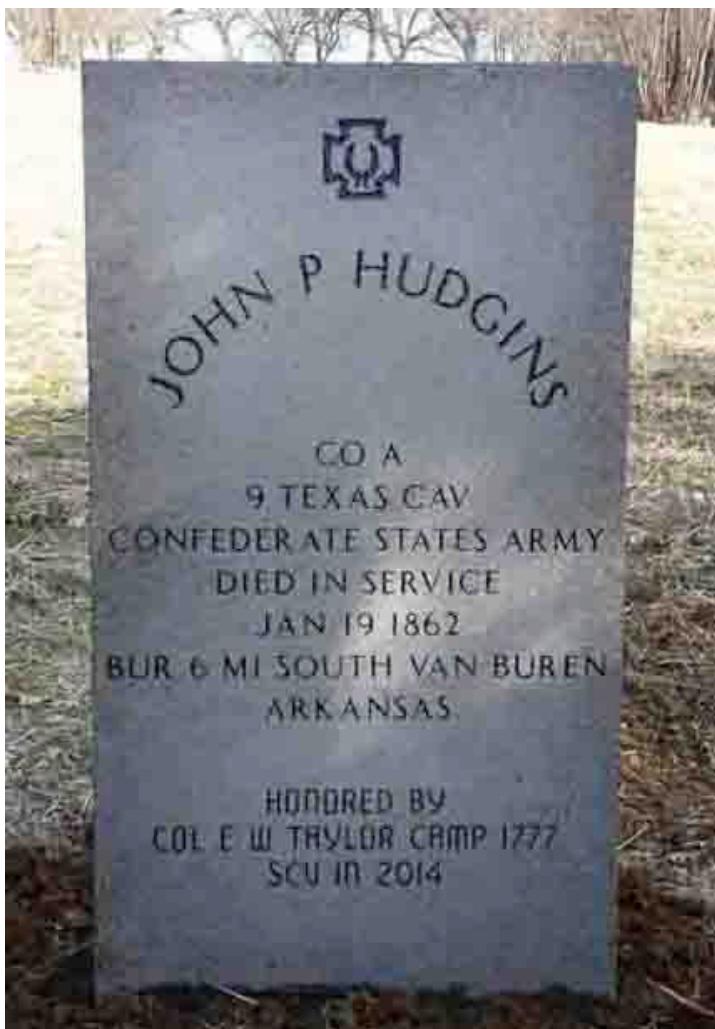
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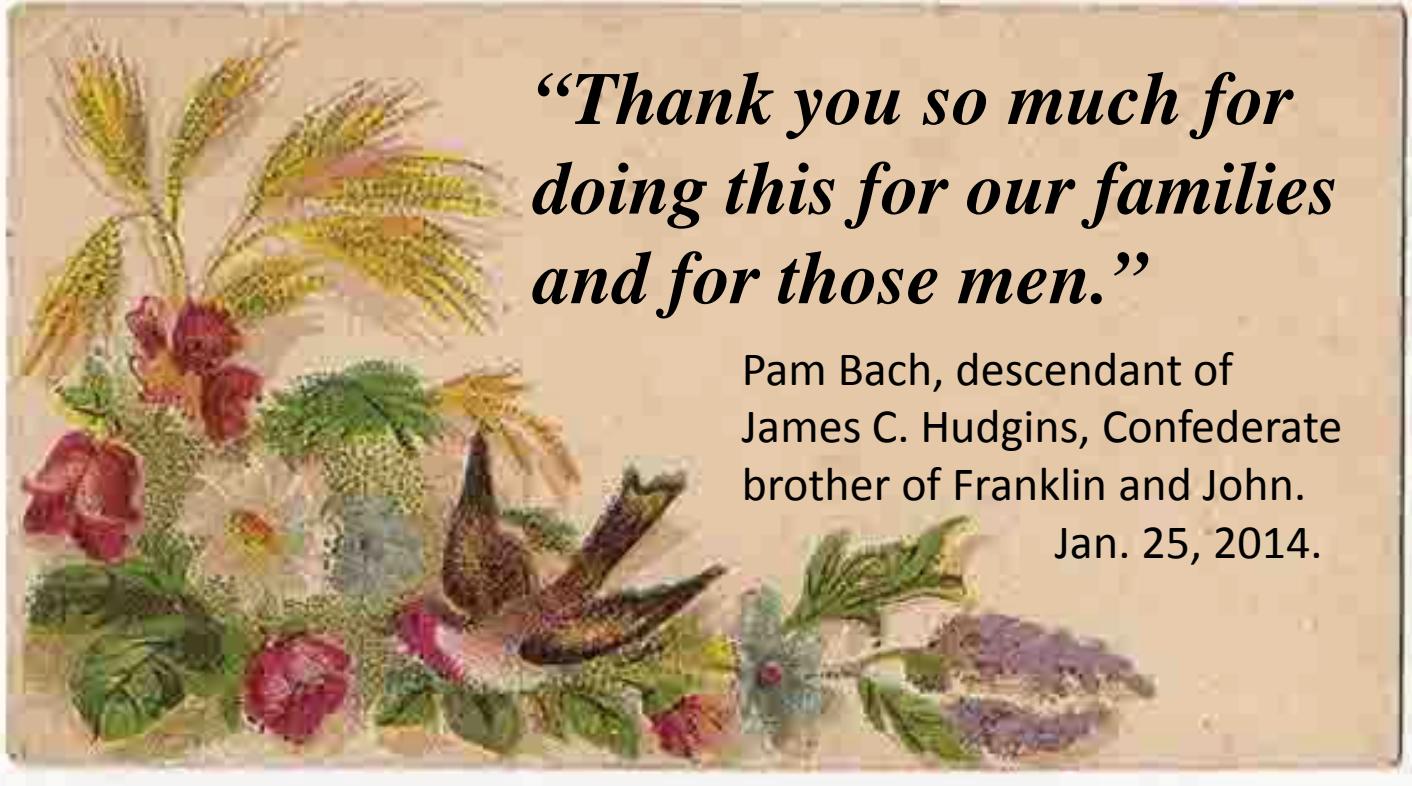
GRAPEVINE MEN, cont.

Franklin Hudgins was wounded in the Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana and died nine days later. He was buried at Mansfield. John died of disease in Arkansas, and was buried south of Van Buren, Arkansas.

We made their markers from two broken granite paving stones on January 17. They contain the same elements as a stone supplied by the VA, including the cross and the appropriate military font.

Our adjutant, James Alderman, is shown below left putting the finishing touches on Franklin's stone in Matt Worthington's monument shop.





*“Thank you so much for
doing this for our families
and for those men.”*

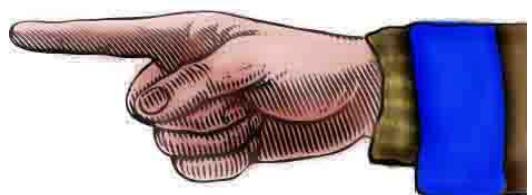
Pam Bach, descendant of
James C. Hudgins, Confederate
brother of Franklin and John.

Jan. 25, 2014.

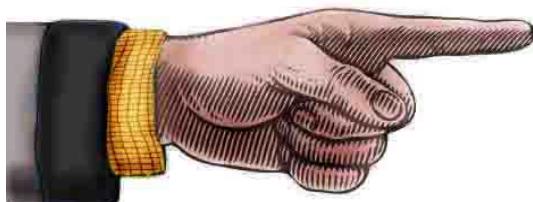


THANKS! To James Alderman for taking us
down to the monument company on Jan. 17, and for
delivering the three stones to the cemeteries.

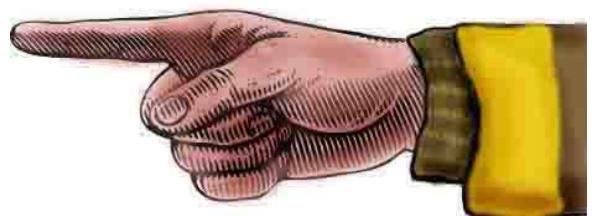
THANKS! To everyone who came
out to help us with our musket salute on Jan. 19: James
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from the R. E. Lee Camp, Jack Eustace, Ron Parker,
Kent Mathews, and Mike Patterson.



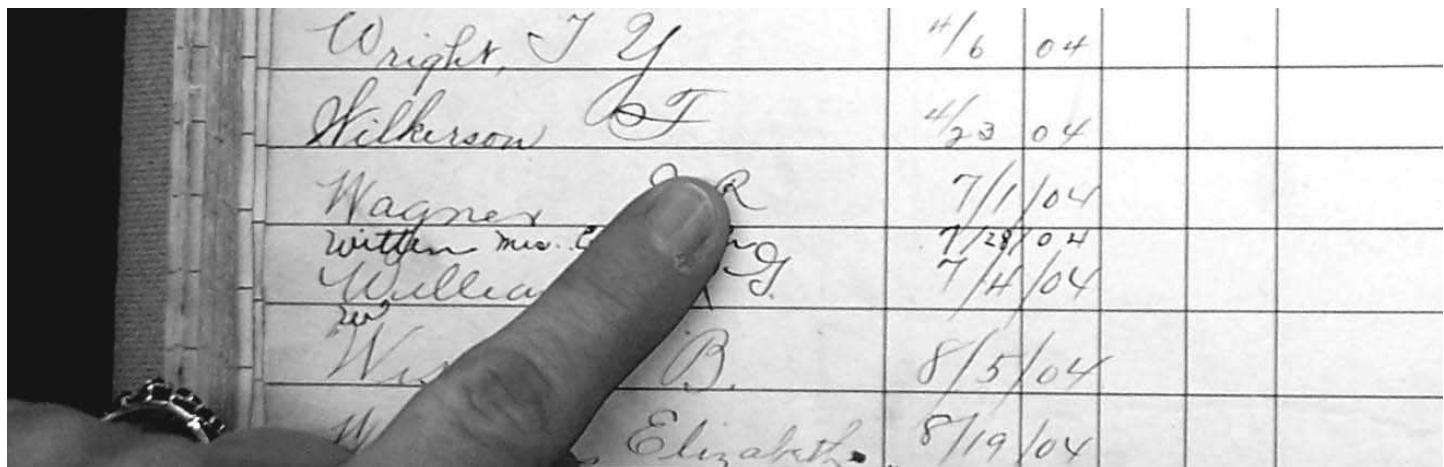
THANKS! To everyone who came out
to help us install stones on Jan. 25: Bob Gresham,
Kent Mathews, Allen Hearrean of the M. T. Johnson
Camp, James Madewell, Marilyn Patterson, Richard
Leech, James Alderman, and Mike Patterson.



THANKS!
To Stephen Parker for his photos of the Birdville
event, and for his continued work in keeping our
website updated.



FORT WORTH VET WHO DIED IN 1904 WILL GET A HEADSTONE



Last month we introduced you to Fletcher Wilkerson, a veteran of the 18th Texas Cavalry. He died in Fort Worth in 1904 and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery. We found a descendant living in Abilene who is anxious to help get a regular VA stone for him, and we mailed off the paperwork on January 11. Hopefully the stone will arrive some time in February. His name is shown in Oakwood's sexton's book, above.

ON THE HORIZON...

Last spring a family asked us to help them get a VA headstone for a Confederate veteran in Hill County. We got it, and it's leaning against a tree at Patterson's.

The family wants to have a short memorial service at the cemetery on Saturday, May 31. We have contacted ten other camps to our south and west for help in firing a musket salute. We'll let you know more details as the date approaches.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE AND PUBLIC CONTACT

“Gentlemen, the Irish Festival is now upon us and we will be getting another recruiting table set up and need to know who might be able to help Saturday March 1 or Sunday March 2. I am in process of getting passes so I need to get some idea who might be able to help and what day.”

Compatriot Kyle Sims, M. T. Johnson Camp SCV
kylebs62@aol.com



SCV MEMBERS IN CONFEDERATE DRESS MAY MARCH IN MARDI GRAS PARADE AT MONROE, LOUISIANA ON FEB. 15

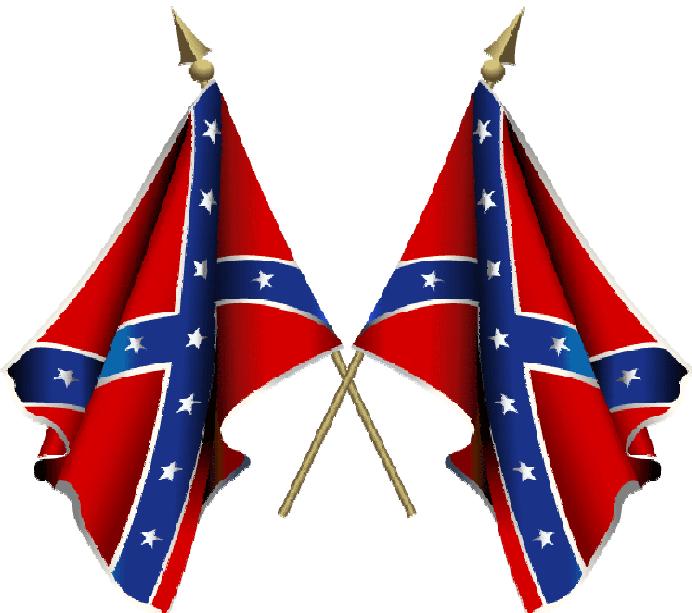
The Monroe / West Monroe Mardi Gras parade will take place this year on February 15.

The parade begins at 6:00 pm and ends around 11:00 pm. We will march with the CAPTAIN THOMAS O. BENTON CAMP #1444 Louisiana SCV. One very important thing is you must be in period dress to participate. The second thing is to meet at the gathering point no later than 4:00 pm because the street will be shut down.

If you march bring a 3-band musket with enough ammo for 100 shots. There will be several floats to ride on if not marching. The parade route is roughly 5 miles long and the pace is fairly slow. You can also bring flags and march along if you do not have a musket. We do not throw any beads due to insurance reasons.

Bring appropriate clothing for all weather conditions. The parade will not be cancelled for any reason, including rain. Plan to stay overnight as the parade ends around 11:00 pm.

The gathering point is 1420 Natchitoches St., West Monroe, La. We park our cars in the parking lot of the credit union and form up across the street. For any additional information contact our friend and Compatriot Allen Hearrean of the Middleton Tate Johnson Camp at 817 821 8805.



HURRAH FOR US!!!



Earlier this week we sent out an appeal for help to keep our marker program running a few more months. We got even more than we needed...a total of \$900 in donations and pledges by the time our January meeting ended. That's thirty new stones.

Thanks to everyone who helped us reach this worthy goal. Watch the newsletters each month to see the results!

A LITTLE TUTORIAL ON MAKING CHARCLOTH.

During the WBTS everyone knew how to start a fire using flint and steel. Here's how to make char cloth, one important part.

Some of the “premiums” we made for donations to our marker program were flint-and-steel fire-making kits. One important ingredient in the process is char cloth made from pure cotton fabric.

To make it you need a small metal container with a hole in the top. You’re making charcoal from cotton cloth. It needs to partially burn in a place with limited oxygen.

Place small pieces of pure cotton cloth in your can. Don’t pack them in. Put the

top on the can, and place it on a fire or on your cook top. If inside, turn on the vent-a-hood. Pretty soon, smoke will start coming out the little hole. The smoke coming out will catch fire; igniting it inside will cut way down on the smoke.

When almost no more smoke is coming out, set the can aside and let it cool. If you open it too soon all your char cloth will catch fire.

That’s it. Test a piece of your char cloth to see if it will catch a spark. It takes practice. There are plenty of YouTube videos online to show you how. Here’s one using an altoids tin.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYUbR6zMufY>

REMEMBER!

If you want an announcement made at a meeting please email it to Patterson by the day before the meeting and he'll put it on the announcement sheet.



The average SCV member has 32 teeth and four grandkids. Why is it that whenever the media finds one of us to put on TV or in the paper, they manage to find one who has just the opposite?

LEE-JACKSON WEEKEND WAS AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE

The Lee-Jackson weekend in Lexington was an incredible experience for all who attended, above and beyond all expectations. We are working on an extensive report, but wanted to share a bit more about this photo, which has quickly become one our all-time favorites. We had planned this long before we heard of the restrictions put in place by VMI this year. The fact that the annual Lee-Jackson Day parade was not ending on their grounds meant a quick change of plans, so that we put the word out to gather after the service at the LEE Chapel, instead of immediately following the parade.

At the conclusion of the Chapel service, we trudged up the hill to the parade grounds at VMI, and gathered in front of the Jackson statue, at the Jackson arch.

Unlike previous years, there were several units of Keydets drilling around the grounds. As we unfurled the 22 x 32 flag, and positioned it for a photo, we noticed that the units had stopped drilling to watch. After several minutes of photos and quiet reflection, we launched into a rousing chorus of Dixie.

In years past, the echo of the song off of the high building was enough to send goose bumps up and down all who gathered, but NOTHING prepared us for what happened next... ...as we sang, many of the Keydets joined in the chorus, one by one. Dixie's Land echoed loud and strong across the parade grounds and on to the campus, and when we finished, we turned to find that many of the windows had opened



LEE-JACKSON WEEKEND, cont.

and Keydets were gathered, joining the salute. They added their voices to a Rebel Yell at the close of the song that was extended in length and loud enough that it was certainly heard by Jackson himself in the heavens. Shortly after that, a Confederate Battle Flag appeared from one of the windows. We were honored to be a part of this moment of remembering Jackson on the grounds that he knew so well, and pleased to find that despite what appears to be attempts by the administration to remove the proud

legacy that Jackson and the Confederacy have bestowed on the school, the student body still has a healthy respect and admiration for the man who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of Virginia.

**GOD BLESS GEN. JACKSON, AND
GOD BLESS THE BOYS OF THE
INSTITUTE!**

*By Susan Hathaway of the
Virginia Flappers.*



**ARE YOU THE
MISSING PIECE OF
THE E. W. TAYLOR
CAMP?**

**Resolve to make 2014
the year you get involved!!!**

THREE MORE BIRDVILLE VETERANS TO BE HONORED IN FEBRUARY

Again in February we will continue our efforts to honor at least three local Confederate veterans each month by making them new headstones. This time our three honorees will all be Birdville men...John Akers, John D. Prather, and Hardin N. Williams.

John Akers came to Texas with his parents, siblings, and other relatives during the days of the Republic. By 1850 his father, George Akers, had settled in Tarrant County's new seat at Birdville.

John married Emily A. Henderson, the sister of three of our northeast Tarrant County veterans. It was for her brother, Joseph, that Henderson Street in Fort Worth was named.

John served the South in Captain J. C. Terrell's Company F of Waller's Battalion of Texas Cavalry. He enlisted on August 27, 1862 at Vermilion, Louisiana, and became a second sergeant. John returned home after his service, but was dead by 1870, by which time his widow was remarried to William A. Trimble.

Another of the Birdville men, his nephew Byron Akers, died in 1864 of smallpox and was buried near the yankee prison at Camp Douglas at Chicago.

John David Prather was one of four brothers who left here to serve. They were sons of a prominent Gospel preacher in this area. John also served in Co. F of Waller's Battalion. He died in Birdville in 1871.

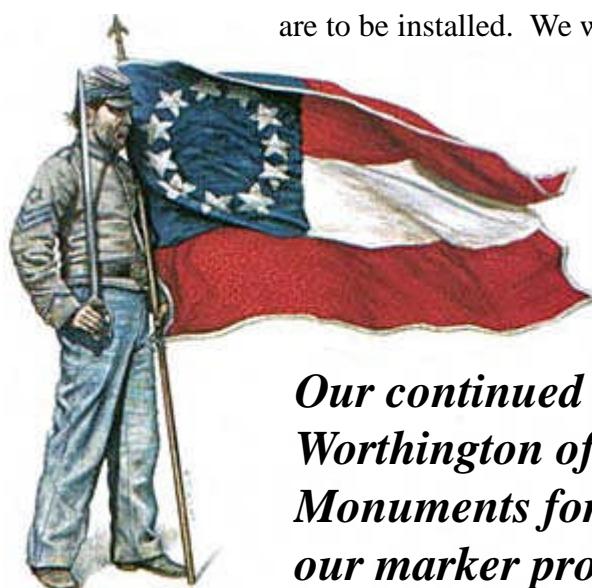
Hardin N. Williams, like many other local pioneers, came here from Miller County, Missouri. He arrived here about 1857.

Williams served the Confederacy as a member of Capt. J. R. Cummins Company, also known as the West Fork Guards. Cummins stated that his company had been raised in the neighborhoods of Bear Creek and Leonard's Mill. Williams' name appears on a muster roll for that company prepared on June 29, 1861.

Williams died here on June 8, 1877. Curiously, the top half of his original headstone has disappeared. The bottom half remains, standing beside the headstone of his wife, who survived until 1901.

No formal service is planned, but we will send out an email for help on the day the stones are to be installed. We welcome your help.

We continue to make markers using granite recycled from the scrap pile at Matt Worthington's monument shop...a finite resource.



Our continued thanks to Matt Worthington of Worthington Monuments for his support of our marker program.

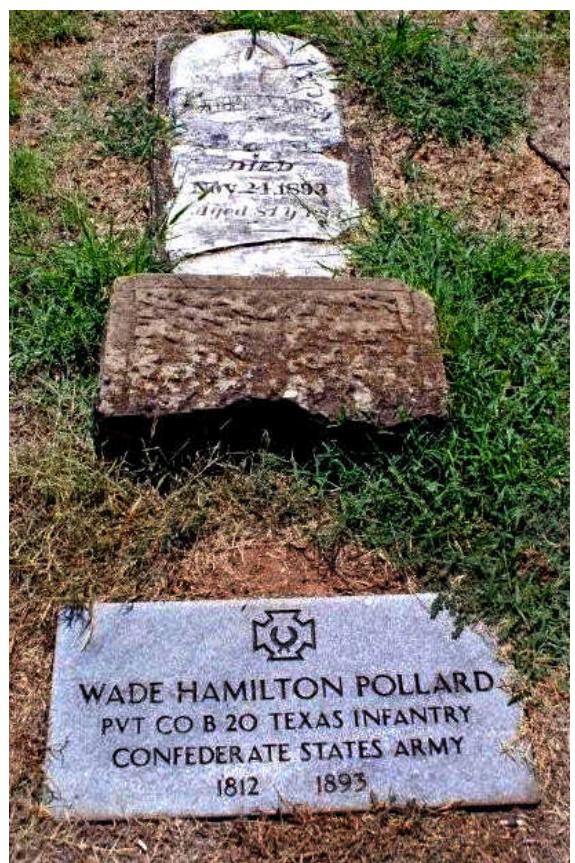


GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL CONFEDERATES

For about the past month we've been working on a preliminary master list of Confederate burials for all of Tarrant County. Some new and interesting faces are showing up during the search.

Meet Wade Hamilton Pollard (1812-1893). He lies buried in Pioneer's Rest.

His obituary from The Fort Worth Daily Gazette on November 25, 1893 said: "***Funeral services for Dr. W. H. Pollard, 82, will be held this afternoon from the family home, 209 East Belknap, with the burial in the old cemetery. Dr. Pollard was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Fort Worth.***"



OVERCOME BY GAS

FATHER AND SON LOST THEIR LIVES TOGETHER.

WERE WORKING IN A WELL

Heroic Effort of the Father to Save His Boy—

Both Were Dead When Brought to the Surface—Help Came Too Late.

Two men, father and son, engaged in digging a well, were overcome by gas yesterday morning just before the noon hour, and when brought to the surface were dead.

J. W. Boazman, living at 116 Garvey street, and his son, Edward, were engaged by Sam Kujawski to sink a well for him. Kujawski's place is on Pacific avenue, near the Texas and Pacific stockpens. The two men had been working on the well, and had gone down about sixteen feet. They reached the rock and were blasting through it. Yesterday morning a blast was put in and soon after it had been fired young Boazman went into the well. He had evidently gone in too soon after the blast, and the gas had not evaporated, as his father heard a cry for help. Realizing that his son was in danger, he went down the ladder which was in the well, taking a rope. He had fixed the rope about the young man's body, when he too became affected by the gas, and made cries for help. A large crowd gathered, women cried and men looked from one to another, but none of them cared to risk their lungs with the foul air which had overcome two persons already. Dr. R. Chambers and Dr. McElroy were

summoned and went out there, and the men were still standing about the well. Dr. Chambers and Dr. McElroy volunteered to get the body out. Dr. McElroy going down the ladder. He attached a rope to the body, and Boazman was drawn out. He was dead when his body reached the surface and the remains were removed to the undertaking establishment of Robertson and Witten to be prepared for burial.

Fort Worth Morning Register, Nov. 9, 1901



Joseph W. Boazman, the father in this story, served in Co. F, 3rd (Palmetto)South Carolina Light Artillery Battalion. He came to Fort Worth about 1886. In 1896 he lived at 312 Elm Street and was working as a fireman. Records at Oakwood Cemetery indicate he is buried there with a headstone. His widow survived until 1938 and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.



OUR ANCESTORS' LIFE AND TIMES

One of the most familiar sights in the U.S. from the War onward was the Indian Head penny. First minted in 1859 to replace the old large cents, they were minted until 1909. The reverse was changed after only one year, when a shield was added and the laurel leaves were replaced with oak leaves.

Other than a few minor changes through the years, the front of the coin remained unchanged. Except for some cents minted in 1908 and 1909 at the San Francisco mint, all of them were minted at the original U. S. mint in Philadelphia.

The lowest mintage of the series was the 1909 issue minted in San Francisco. However, the most valuable coin in the series is the 1877 cent, because fewer of them were saved and they are harder for collectors to find.

One of the 1877 cents in mint state sold in 2000 for \$37,800.

The series was discontinued in 1909 when the Lincoln series was begun to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth. It is the longest running series in our history.



We are always looking for new members. All they have to do is answer a few questions and we'll take the application papers from there. We can usually find anyone a Confederate ancestor in pretty short order. Email Patterson if you have a prospect.



MOVIE DAY

Adapted from a Far Side
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 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.

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