



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

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas..March 2014

TWO NEW MEMBERS SWORN IN AT FEBRUARY MEETING



We welcome two new compatriots into the E. W. Taylor Camp! They are Charles Marks and Vann Cunningham. Both have already been active in the historical community. We look forward to many years of camaraderie and working together with them to honor our Southern Patriots. Shown above are Kent Mathews, Vann Cunningham, Chuck Marks, and Calvin Allen. The two were sworn in by Compatriot Allen, the commander of the Texas Third Brigade, and Compatriot Mathews, the chaplain of the E. W. Taylor Camp.

**MARCH MEETING Mar. 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>

MARCH PROGRAM

March Program:

For the third year in a row, we're presenting a secret program. Now that Carnac the Magnificent has passed on, there's no way you can discover its subject. Trust us to make it relevant to the War and Reconstruction, colorful, interesting, and fast-moving



Just in case you needed something else to do...

We have discovered something else fun to do on the computer. There's a site where you can make a jigsaw puzzle from any photograph, and then email it to your friends.

We'll mail you the first one shortly. It will arrive in an email from James Alderman. Just click on the link in the email. You can change the difficulty level by clicking on some of the choices at left; for instance, you can change the number of pieces. Just use your mouse to move the pieces.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE SCV

*The 36th Annual Celebration of
General Granbury's Birthday
will be held on March 15-16.
2014 in nearby Granbury.*



This will be the 36th General Granbury's Birthday Celebration, Bean, Rib and Brisket Cook-off . Come enjoy birthday cake and ice cream as part of the opening ceremony. Arts and Craft and Food Vendors will be located on the Square for this annual. Activities

include a cook-off, entertainment and contests (Bean Eating, Bean Spittin') and lots of other activities.

We have been invited to march in the parade, which will have a heavy SCV presence. This is an excellent chance for the SCV to show its true colors, a patriotic organization of men who are dedicated to celebrating the best qualities of our country's founders.

For specific details on how you can take part, contact Larry Martin at martin3930@charter.net



COMPATRIOT BOB GRESHAM INDUCTED INTO SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION ON FEBRUARY 15



On February 15 our own Bobby Gresham was inducted into the K. M. Van Zandt Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Shown above , l-r, are James Alderman, District 5 Vice-President of the Texas SAR and our Adjutant; Dana Gresham, Bob Gresham, and Raymond Leftwich, President of the K. M. Van Zandt Chapter. Bob's ancestor, Thomas Gresham (1761-1816), served as a private in Capt. Robert Powell's company, Col. Thomas Marshall's 3rd Virginia regiment He was at Valley Forge in the winter 1777-1778 under Gen. George Washington.

SARAH BILES GETS SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE E. W. TAYLOR CAMP



Sarah Biles, the manager of Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth, is always ready to help us mark the graves of our Confederate heroes in her cemetery. We presented a citation to her on February 19 while we were there getting her to show us, once again, the proper location for a new VA marker for an old Southern Patriot.

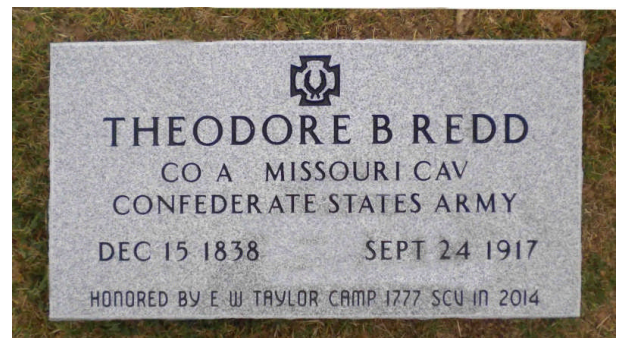
THREE FORT WORTH CONFEDERATES GET THEIR FIRST GRAVE MARKERS FEB. 22 AT OAKWOOD

Now that we've got a reliable stock of stone to work through, we're ready to get busy.

In late February we honored three more Fort Worth men. They are Samuel R. Turpin, John D. Renfro, and Theodore B. Redd. All are buried in locatable graves in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Turpin served in Whiteside's Company of Texas Rangers and died in 1918. Renfro was in the 9th Tennessee Cavalry and died in 1920, while Redd served in a Missouri cavalry regiment and lived until 1917. All three were pensioned for their service.

Theodore Bell Redd was born in 1838 in Jefferson County, Kentucky. In the early 1840's his father moved the family to Marion County, Missouri. When he applied for his Confederate pension, he was unable to remember the number of his Missouri cavalry regiment. He was able to find two witnesses who had seen him in service, and was thus able to have his pension approved. He came to Tarrant County in 1890. An obituary for him appeared in the Dallas paper. It is reproduced below.

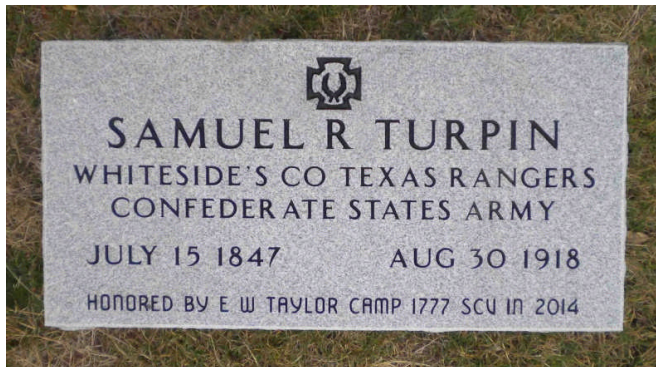


Samuel R. Turpin was born in 1847 in Wayne County, Kentucky. In 1856 his father moved the family to Titus County, Texas. In 1863 in Bosque County he joined Whiteside's Company of Texas Rangers who protected the frontier.. He served until the end of the War.

About 1906 he moved to Fort Worth, where he died in the summer of 1918.

Redd—The body of Theodore Bell Redd, 80, who died Monday in Wichita Falls, was received by the Fort Worth Undertaking Company Tuesday morning. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday in the Fort Worth Undertaking Company's chapel. Rev. A. O. Collie will officiate. Interment will be in West Oakwood.

OAKWOOD VETERANS, cont.



John D. Renfro was born in 1836 in Giles County, Tennessee. He enlisted in 1862 and was captured at Mount Pleasant, Tennessee on November 20 that year. He remained in a military prison until he was paroled at Camp Morton, Indiana in March of 1865.

Renfro came to Tarrant County in 1881 and remained here the rest of his life. He died in 1920 at the home of his daughter in Fort Worth.



On February 19 your editor and his wife went down to Matt's and made these three stones, then dropped them off at the cemetery on the way home. A group of us met at the cemetery on the afternoon of February 22 to install them.

They are the first three stones we have made from the blanks we just purchased.



The installers were, kneeling, Tom Trawick and Mike Patterson; standing Jimmy Reynolds, Ron Parker, Bob Nichols, Lynn Nichols, David Stewart, and Bob Gresham.

OAKWOOD CONFEDERATE GETS VA STONE ON FEBRUARY 22

Streetcar Accident in 1904 in Fort Worth Took His Life

Yet another of our honored veterans now has a headstone, thanks in part to the project we recently completed which looked at all the Tarrant County pension files.

Everything fell right into place to get Fletcher Wilkerson a headstone from the veterans administration. He had a newspaper obituary, and Oakwood Cemetery's records clearly showed he was buried here without a headstone.

A direct descendant, Lynn Nichols of Abilene, Texas, answered an internet query in a timely manner. We mailed the app to the VA on January 11, and on February 18 the stone was delivered to us by UPS.

Mr. Wilkerson was born in 1836 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1862 and became a part of Co. A, 18th (Darnell's) Texas Cavalry. He was captured at the fall of Arkansas Post and was sent to the yankee prison camp at Camp Douglas near Chicago. After a short time he was paroled and exchanged. On Christmas Day in 1864 he was captured at Fort Pulaski, Tennessee and was eventually imprisoned at Camp Chase, Ohio. He was finally released on June 6, 1865.

By 1880 he took his family to Hill County, Texas. In 1900 the family lived in Scurry County, Texas.

Mr. Wilkerson died from injuries he received when he stepped off a moving street car in Fort Worth in 1904. A photocopy of his interesting death notice appeared in the January issue of this newsletter.

Lynn Nichols and his brother, Bob, helped with the installation.



Bob and Lynn Nichols, descendants

More photos from February 22





HANDLEY VETERAN SOON TO HAVE HIS FIRST STONE

John G. Robinson of the 6th Virginia Cavalry will soon have a stone in Handley Cemetery, thanks to Barry Turnage and the members of the R E Lee SCV Camp in Fort Worth.

They purchased a replica VA stone done in granite, and we engraved it on Feb. 27. We used an exacto knife to hand-cut the mask for the flag.



KELLER'S MOUNT GILEAD CEMETERY NEXT IN LINE TO RECEIVE STONES

Three large granite paving stones at Matt Worthington's left the quarry recently, thinking they'd become some rich person's walkway. They've got another think coming. By this time next month they'll begin an eon of duty honoring three local Confederate heroes.

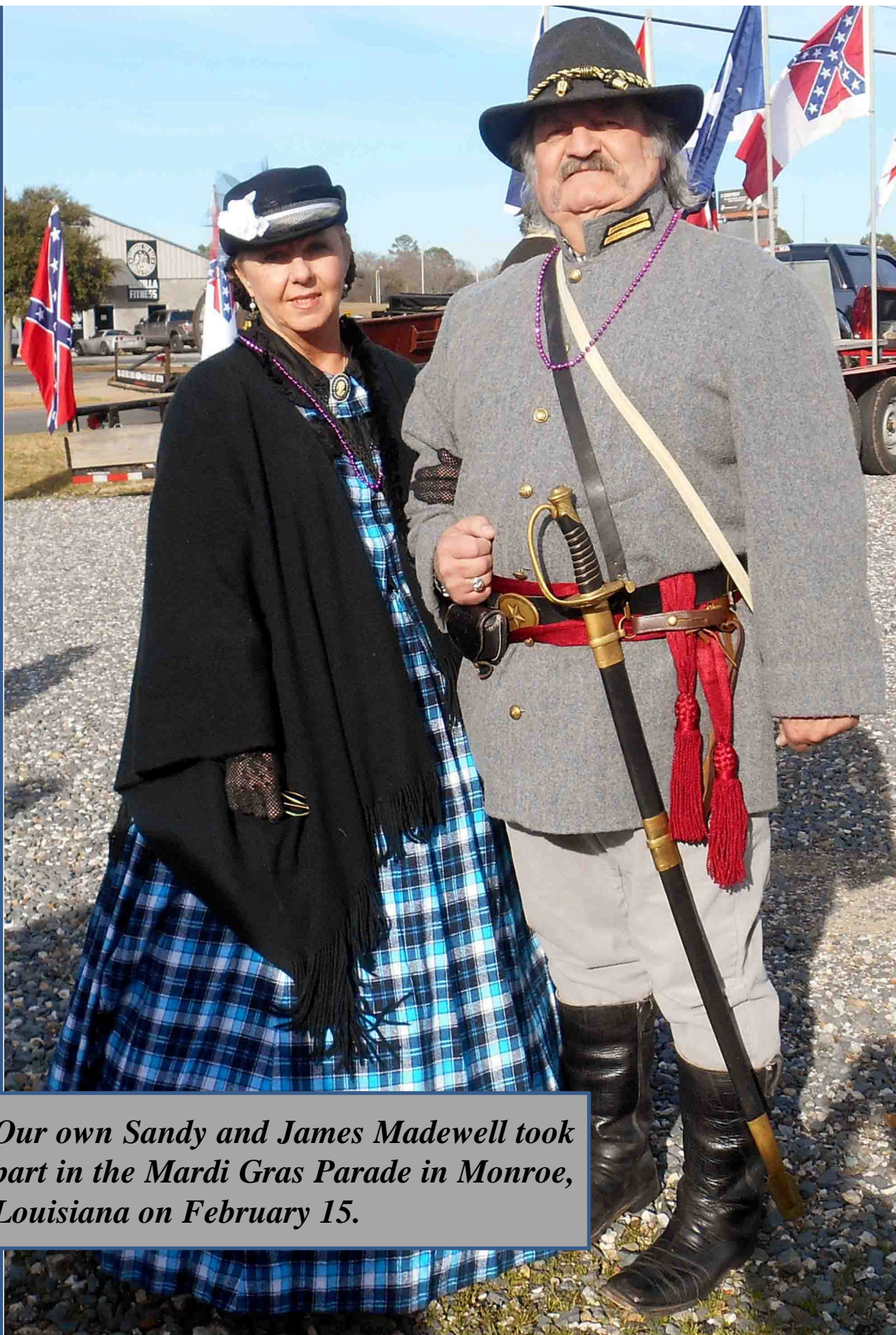
James R. Neace was one of three brothers who left Keller to fight. He died at the Battle of Mansfield, Louisiana and was buried there. George W Creed died at the Battle of



*These three stones are
to be the centerpieces
of this year's
Memorial Day service
at Mount Gilead.*

Corinth, Mississippi and was buried there in the trenches. Both men will soon have cenotaphs standing beside their mothers' graves.

Daniel Barcroft was a Peters Colonist in 1846 and one of the charter members of Mount Gilead Baptist Church in 1850. He served in Capt. William W. McGinnis' Company of the 20th District's Militia. He died in 1881 and has never had a headstone. Now he'll have one.



Our own Sandy and James Madewell took part in the Mardi Gras Parade in Monroe, Louisiana on February 15.



TO OUR COMPATRIOTS IN OTHER SCV CAMPS

We will be happy to publicize your events in our newsletter if we learn about them in time. We try to email each month's issue on the first day of the month....thus the March issue will hopefully be in our members' mailboxes on March 1. Just let the editor know at mfpchat@yahoo.com



FT. WORTH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GIVES LIFETIME FELLOWSHIP TO TAYLOR CAMP MEMBER ON FEB. 25

At their regular membership meeting at the Fort Worth Public Library on the evening of Feb. 25, the members of the Fort Worth Genealogical Society gave Mike Patterson a Lifetime Fellowship in their organization. The certificate was given to him "In recognition of his relentless dedication to research on the Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County, and his willingness to share that with our society." Patterson is shown at left with FWGS President Debbie Pearson, herself a descendant of several of the soldiers on our memorial in Bedford.

CAMP FORD LIVING HISTORY EVENT AT TYLER ON MARCH 22

I would like to remind you all that the Camp Ford Living History in Tyler will be held this year on March 22. We will be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm Saturday.

We need presenters for WBTS activities and exhibits and a few reenactors for a small battle at around 2:00. Also send or bring any Texas or Confederate flags to be retired.

The Capt. James P. Douglas Camp and the OCR will be providing a hamburger cookout for all participants at 5:00. Camping will be available for Friday and Saturday nights. Firewood and potties will be furnished. Please let me know if you can attend and how many will be staying for dinner.

This has been a great event for many years and we look forward to another great turnout.

Johnnie Holley (903- 725- 6774) , Commander, Texas Division, SCV



TWO SOUTHLAKE BROTHERS IN LINE FOR CENOTAPHS IN THEIR FAMILY CEMETERY

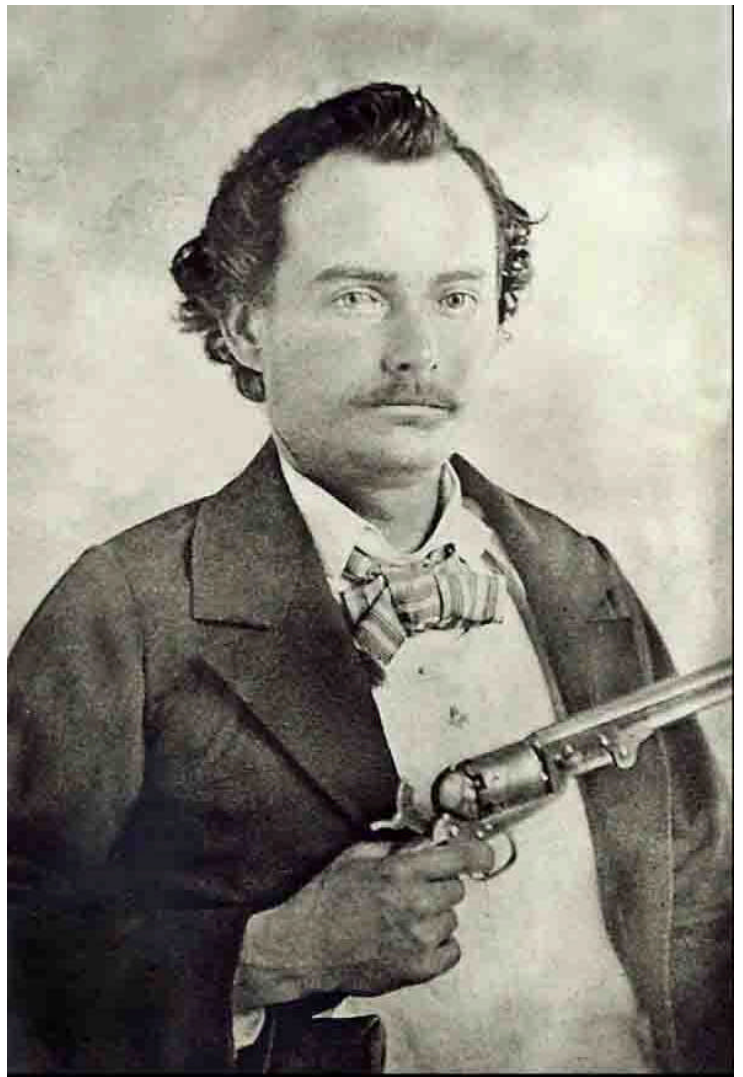
Tiny Chivers Cemetery is hidden in the brush near busy Hwy. 114

Every day tens of thousands of cars speed by a significant landmark in Southlake, but no one ever sees it. Absalom Chivers died in 1856 and was buried on his farm, spared the knowledge that a War was soon coming which would claim two of his sons.

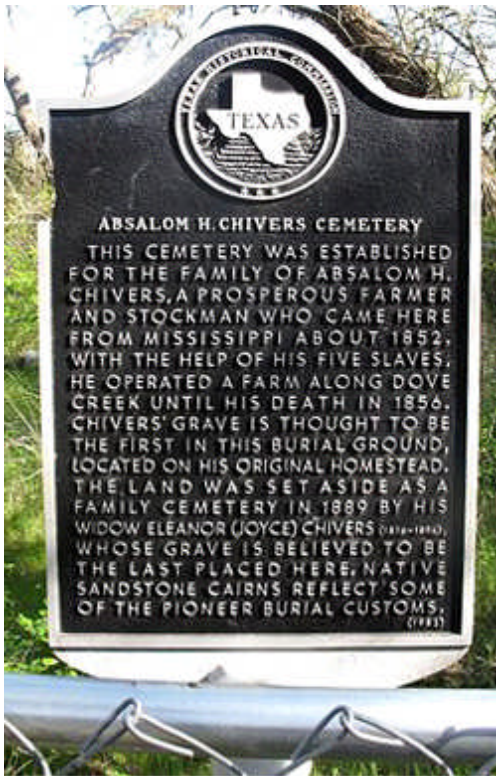
Chivers brought his family here about 1852 from Mississippi and settled on a survey which still bears his name.

Two of the Chivers sons, Joel W. Chivers (at right) and James L. Chivers, served in the Confederate Army. James L. Chivers enlisted in Richard M. Gano's Grapevine Mounted Riflemen on June 1, 1861 and served as part of the 20th Brigade of Texas State Troops. He died in 1862, and the papers settling his estate were among the few things which were not destroyed in the court house fire in Fort Worth in 1876.

Joel W. Chivers served as a 2nd Lieutenant in Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry. He died during the War in either 1862 or 1863, but no records have survived to show where or when.



SOUTHLAKE BROTHERS, cont.



Since the burial places of both men are now lost, the Chivers descendants have asked us to place cenotaphs for them in their family cemetery. This we will do this year. Your compiler and two of his friends repaired the stones, fenced and cleaned up the cemetery more than thirty years ago, and placed a Texas Historical Marker in it. It has a new chain-link fence.



DOWN THE ROAD A PIECE...

May 26: We've been invited to take part in the annual Mount Gilead Cemetery Memorial Day Observance in Keller again this year. We will have three new Confederate headstones to unveil there.

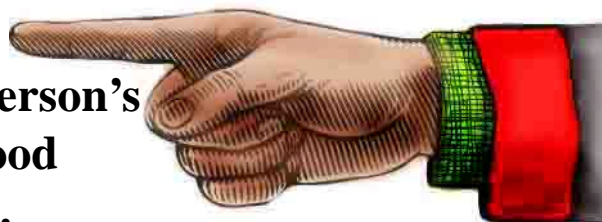
May 31: Your editor and his wife will be installing an upright VA stone for Joshua Epps in the Heath Cemetery in Hill County. His descendants asked us last spring to get him a stone. We've contacted several SCV camps in that area asking for help with a musket salute. Taylor Campers are, of course, welcome. More details as the time gets closer.





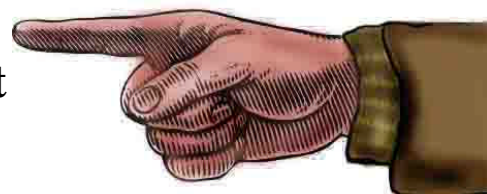
THANKS! To our faithful auxiliary member, Marilyn Patterson, for several trips to Matt's in February, including two stints of making and one of delivering stones.

THANKS! To Compatriot Kent Mathews for hauling Fletcher Wilkerson's VA stone from Colleyville to Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth on Feb. 20.



THANKS! To Fletcher Wilkerson's descendant, Lynn Nichols of Abilene, for helping us get his ancestor a VA stone, and to his brother, Bob, for coming to help.

THANKS! To the Col. W. H. Griffin Camp #2235 for putting a notice about our May 31 event in Hill County in their March newsletter.



THANKS! To everyone who came out to Oakwood on February 22 to help install stones: Jimmy Reynolds, Ron Parker, Tom Trawick, David Stewart, Bob Gresham, Bob Nichols, Lynn Nichols, Dana Gresham, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson.

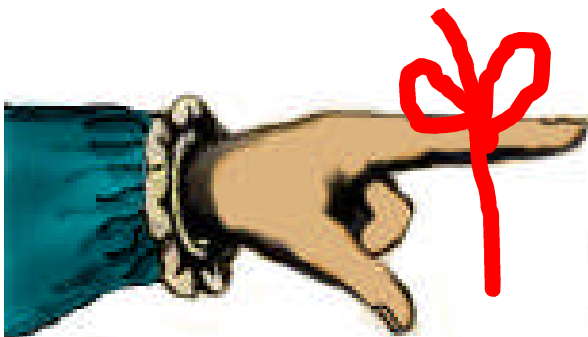


Our monthly newsletter is now also available online at the Texas Division website. Several other local camps also are posting theirs there:

<http://www.scvtexas.org/Newsletters.html>



THANKS! To Chuck Marks and Vann Cunningham for choosing to become a part of our camp! We look forward to many years of their help with our projects as we try to honor the Confederate heroes in our community.



REMEMBER! If you have an announcement you'd like made at our regular meeting, please email it to Patterson by the end of the day before the meeting, so he can put it on the announcement sheet.

GROUP SEEKING FUNDS TO RESTORE CONFEDERATE STATUE IN GAINESVILLE, TEXAS

See photos of the monument on the next page.

Compatriots we need your help.

We are currently working with the local UDC Chapter on a project to restore a vandalized Confederate Monument. We have fought with the city for years to allow us to work on this statue, and only recently acquired permission, but with no help from the city.

Over the years vandals have broken the fingers on his right hand, and broken the left hand off at the wrist just to take his carved rifle. This is a Texas historically significant statue because of its sculptor Frank Teich, the discoverer of the red granite used today in all Texas State Monuments.

The oldest historic monument in Gainesville is the Confederate Soldier located in today's Leonard Park. "This monument, situated in the City Park, is built of Texas granite, except the soldier figure, which is of Italian marble. The base is of red granite, 11 feet square, rising four steps, a pedestal of gray granite; the whole, 21 feet in height." (Extract from the address of Mrs. J. M. Wright at the unveiling of the Gainesville monument, June 3, 1908.)

The ceremony was literally a Who's Who of Gainesville in 1908. "In the parade line from City Square to City Park there were many elaborately decorated floats and carriages. But the old veterans proudly marched on foot, their "tramp, tramp" keeping time to the war tunes played by the accompanying band, their hearts keeping time to the long-ago sixties when martial music led them to victory and inspired hopes instead of memories... Welcoming voice of the city through Mayor Leonard... other addresses by Mr. H. L. Stuart and Judge C. B. Potter of Gainesville." (Extract from the Confederate Veteran 1908 publication). We cannot deny the statue's historic value as the statue itself is of historic significance as it is over one hundred five years in age. It's second historical significance

is its sculptor, Frank Teich. He was an American sculptor, stone carver and businessman. The same Texas red granite at the base of our statue is of the same origin of the Texas red granite used by Mr. Teich for his commissioned Confederate memorial on the grounds of our state capitol.

Mr. Teich was contracted as the superintendent of the granite cutting on the new capitol building. His discovery of the Texas red granite crop in Llano resulted in his being referred to as "the father of the Texas granite industry". The United Daughters of the Confederacy paid for the original statue and its installation as a gift to Gainesville.

The statue was accessed by R. Alden Marshall & Associates, LLC (Conservation of Paintings and Murals, Monuments and Sculpture located in LaGrange, Texas and National Trust for Historic Preservation Award Winner). The scope of the project includes the replacement of lost elements (hand and rifle) which will need to be recreated and the black discoloration cleaned. Their proposal of \$29,858.00 has been reduced to a price of \$24,000. The project should take approximately four weeks to create the lost elements and then approximately five weeks to complete on site.

A Soiree fund raiser was held on March 1st at Gainesville to raise funds for its restoration, We can use any and all donations to help us raise these funds.

Thank you.

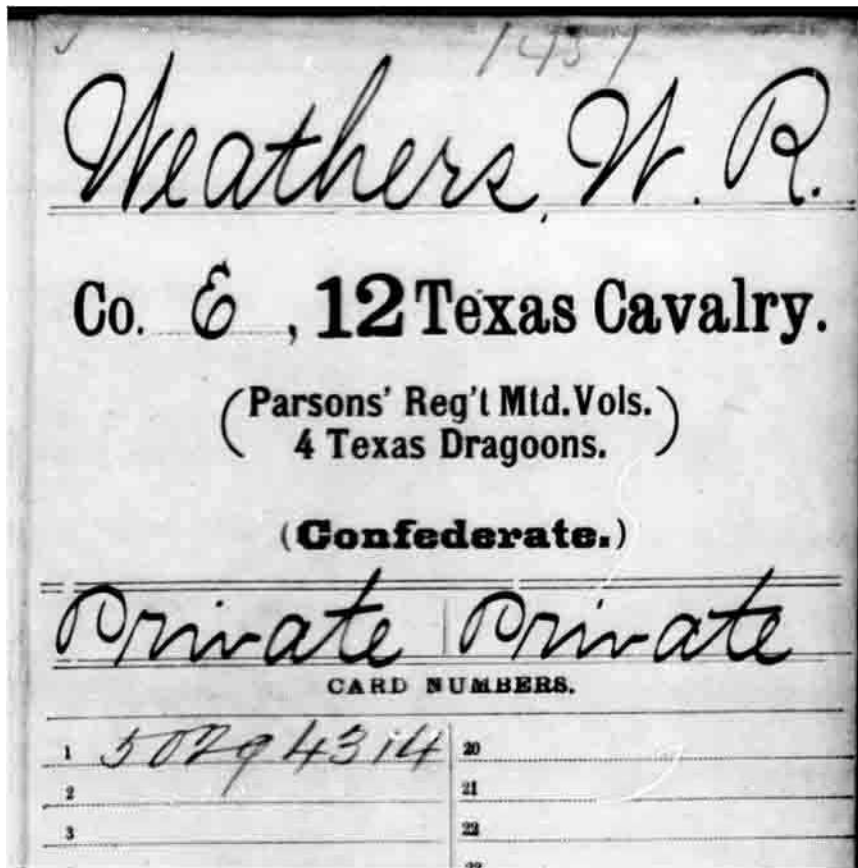
DEO VINDICE

Joe White 4th Brigade Commander
and Members of Lee-Bourland Camp

**Confederate
statue in
Leonard
Park in
Gainesville,
Texas.**



SOUTHLAKE VETERAN DEAD MORE THAN A CENTURY WILL GET A MARKER THIS SPRING

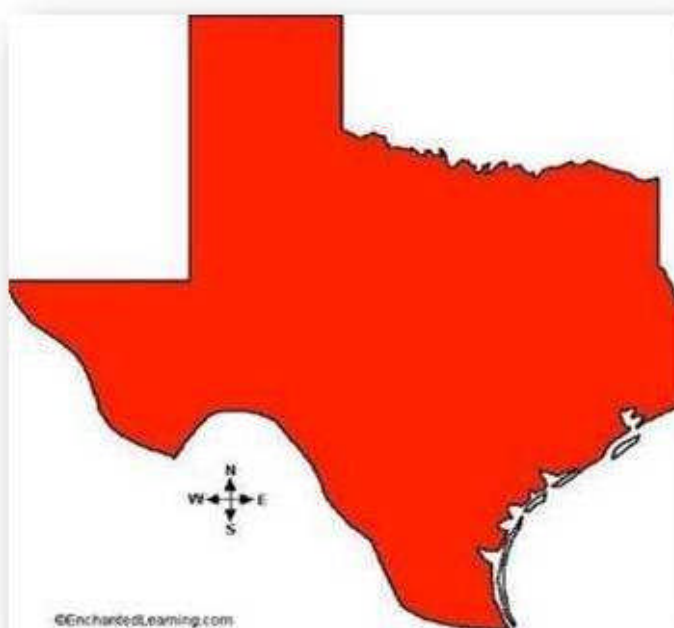


William Redding Weathers served in two Texas cavalry regiments, the 12th and the 32nd. He enlisted in Ellis County, and settled in northeast Tarrant County about 1872.

When he joined the R. E. Lee UCV Camp in Fort Worth, he said he had served in the Battles of Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, Yellow Bayou, and Mangoula, all in Louisiana, and at Galveston, Texas.

In 1895 he lived in present-day Southlake along what is now Brumlow Drive, about halfway between Hwy. 26 and Continental Drive.

He applied for a pension in 1899. He died soon after that, according to descendants who have posted information about him at ancestry.com. He lies buried in White's Chapel Cemetery.



TEXAS FOLDS UNDER POLITICAL PRESSURE

Unbelievably, Texas has followed the lead of that idiotic newspaper up north and has published a map showing the locations of all its gun owners. Each red dot on the map at left shows a gun owner's home.

February 25, 2014

Com. McMahon and Mrs. Prouse:

I wanted to inform you that Terry's Texas Rangers Camp 1937, Cleburne, Texas will be participating in the Wreaths Across America sesquicentennial program at Arlington Cemetery.



Today, our Camp purchased ten wreaths to be placed on Confederate graves in the Confederate Section at Arlington, on the 2nd Saturday of December 2014. We were told that we are the first Camp to purchase wreaths to be placed on Confederate graves.

Terry's Texas Rangers Camp 1937 challenges all other Camps in the Confederation to do the same.

"For the Cause"

**Bob Rubel, Commander, Terry's Texas Rangers Camp 1937
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Cleburne, Texas**

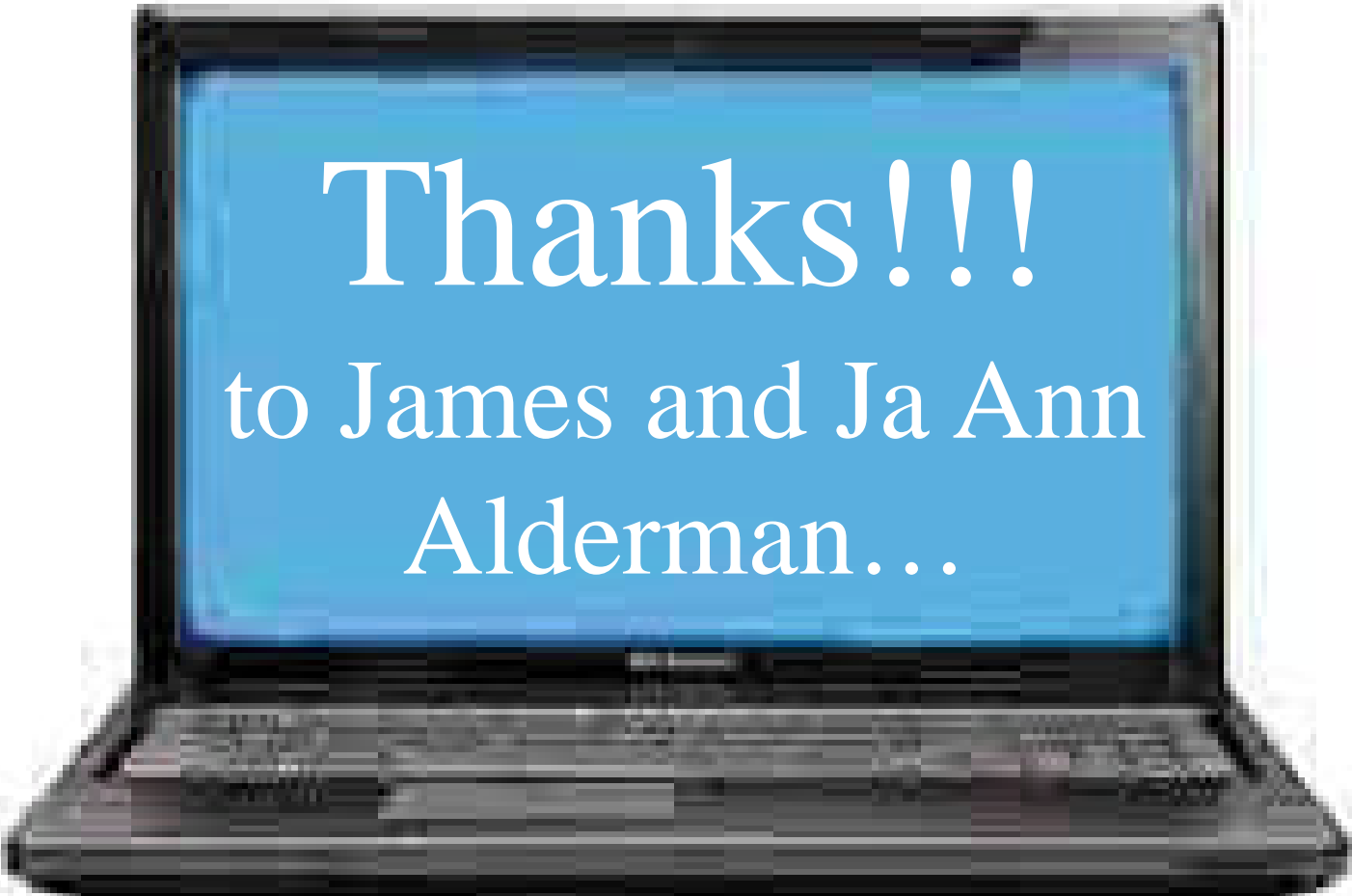
**We voted at our February meeting to
purchase the ten wreaths!!!**



SPONSOR A WREATH

- * REMEMBER OUR VETERANS**
- * HONOR THEIR FAMILIES**
- * TEACH OUR CHILDREN**

WREATHS-ACROSS-AMERICA.ORG

A black laptop is shown from a slightly elevated angle. The screen is lit up with a blue background and white text. The text reads "Thanks!!! to James and Ja Ann Alderman...".

Thanks!!!
to James and Ja Ann
Alderman...

If you were at the February meeting, you know that your editor's laptop absolutely refused to work so that the power point presentation could be made. James Alderman made a mad dash home and got his, and the show went on.

James and Ja Ann had an old laptop they no longer used, and they have graciously donated it so that we can go on making power point programs at other camps, at other patriotic organizations, and at church.

If not for their kindness and generosity, we would have been, in a word, sunk. We thank them for their continued support!

Honor Their Memory

Honor the memory of someone special by having their name engraved on the "Memorial Hall Remembers" plaque displayed in the Museum.

Memorial - \$50.00 contribution
two lines - up to 24 characters per line

Please note that the enrollment of someone on the Memorial Plaque is a separate contribution from a Foundation membership.

Double Your Dollars!

Are you or your spouse employed by a company that matches donations? Many companies will match your tax-deductible donation, thereby multiplying its value. Please obtain the necessary form from your employer, complete it, and return it with your check.

Please remember, gifts of appreciated securities are welcome, and may result in significant tax savings for the donor.

Memorial Hall is a non-profit organization under 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions to the Foundation are deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT:
www.confederatemuseum.com

Memorial Hall Foundation



Compatriots,

I have visited Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans several times over the years and found their efforts to protect our Confederate artifacts to be above and beyond considering the constant threat to their existence. This is a very fine facility, and I encourage any of you that find yourself in New Orleans to take the time to visit their facility and see their displays. They are located in the same area as the National World War II Museum. Above and on the following page are one of their handouts which allows for membership and support of the Hall.

James Alderman. Adjutant, Col E W Taylor Camp #1777

Established in 1984

The Memorial Hall Foundation was founded when a group of dedicated Confederate Memorial Hall Museum supporters realized the need for long term financial support for the operation of the facility and the preservation of its artifacts. Working largely with membership dues and contributions, the Foundation has now established an endowment, earnings from which are distributed annually to the Museum. The success of the Memorial Hall Foundation is directly dependent on the physical and monetary support of its members.

Annual Membership Benefits:
Free Admission to
Confederate Memorial Hall Museum
Memorial Hall Newsletter
15% Discount at Museum Gift Shop
Announcements of Special Events

Membership Categories:

Student	One Active Student (enclose copy of student ID)
General	One Adult
Supporter	Two Adults and their Children under 18
Associate	Two Adults, their Children under 18 and Two Guests
Patron	Two Adults, their Children under 18, Two Guests and a Special Gift from the Museum
Benefactor	Two Adults, their Children under 18, Four Guests and a Special Gift from the Museum

Membership Category (circle one)

STUDENT	\$ 10.00
GENERAL	\$ 25.00
SUPPORTER	\$ 50.00
ASSOCIATE	\$100.00
PATRON	\$250.00
BENEFACTOR	\$500.00

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Quick History Lesson:

13th Amendment: Abolished Slavery

100% Republican Support

23% Democrat Support

14th Amendment:

Gave Citizenship to Freed Slaves

94% Republican Support

0% Democrat Support

15th Amendment: Right to Vote for All

100% Republican Support

0% Democrat Support

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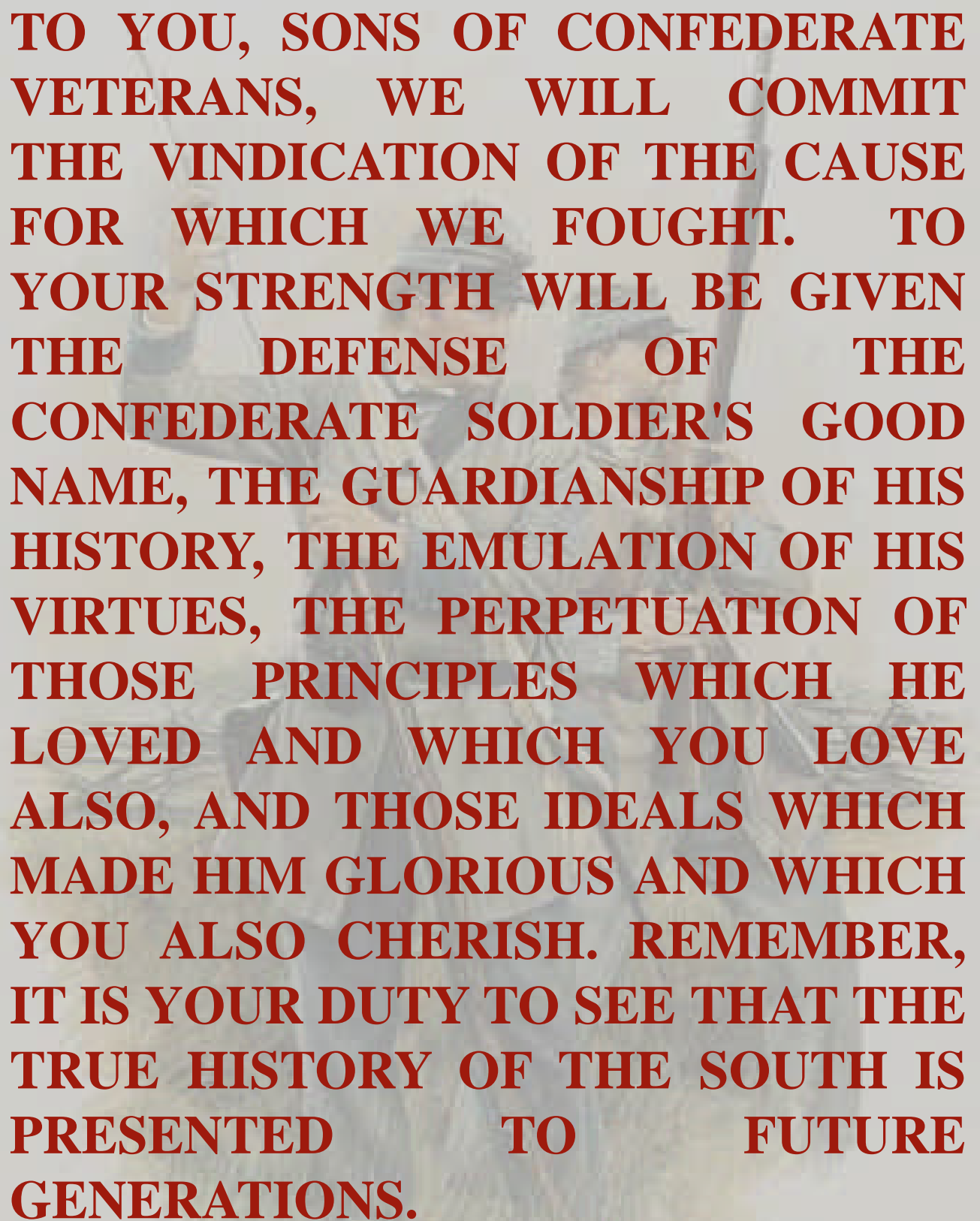
0% Republican Support

86% Democrat Support



Adapted from a Far Side Cartoon by Gary Larson

“...and look here, corporal. The old boy survived a forest fire about the time Columbus landed on our shores. Kinda makes you proud of him, doesn’t it?”



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.