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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777

# NEWSLETTER

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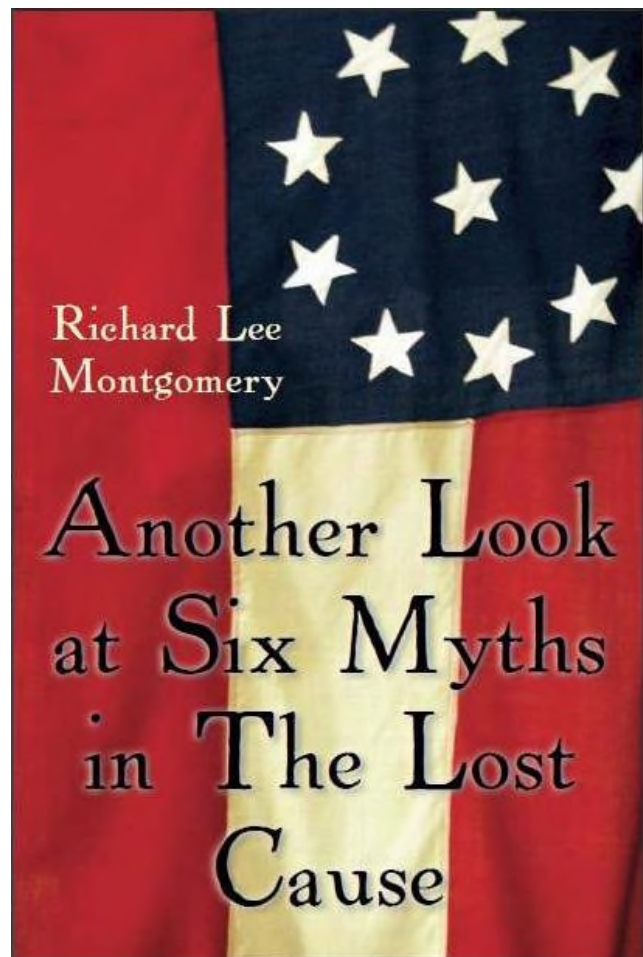


*At our regular April meeting we swore in yet another new member.... Paul Stephens. Paul's Confederate ancestor was Pvt. Jasper Newton Barron, Co. I, Cherokee Legion, Georgia State Guards. Pvt. Barron died in 1908 and is buried in the Glenn Cemetery in Hood County, Texas. Every person in Paul's line of descent...mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandfather, and the veteran himself...are buried in Glenn Cemetery.*

**MAY MEETING May 29, 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**



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Join us in May as Dr. Richard Lee Montgomery of Denton speaks to us from his book, the cover of which is shown at right. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## **THANKS TO COMPATRIOT JACK DYESS FOR HIS EXCELLENT APRIL PROGRAM**

Those of our number who couldn't make the April meeting missed an very interesting program. Jack Dyess, a member of the Griffin Camp, presented a power-point program comparing and contrasting Andersonville Prison and Camp Chase in Chicago, the War's two most notorious POW camps. As is so often the case, if all you know about Andersonville you've learned from the movies and Kantor's giant book, you don't know the real story.





# TAYLOR CAMPERS MAKE EIGHT STONES FOR VETS IN APRIL



This month's new granite creations happened in record time. We were finished and out of the monument workers' way by 9 a.m. on Wednesday morning, April 2, and only took a little more time on April 24 because we made five instead of three as we'd done earlier.

Nathan and Toby Pike now know enough to make the stones without us if need be. One of Toby's favorite jobs is to use the electric hoist inside the monument shop. Our home version is less high-tech but it still works.



*Nathan Pike and his son, Toby, took us down to Matt's on April 2 and 24 and we made eight new stones. We unloaded them at Patterson's the same morning.*



# TWO CHIVERS BROTHERS WHO DIED IN SERVICE GET CENOTAPHS IN SOUTHLAKE ON APRIL 5



***Joel W. Chivers and his brother, James L. Chivers, now have memorial stones in their father's tiny family cemetery in Southlake. The stones' polished surface reflect the sky and trees above them.***

We met on a cool Saturday morning, April 5, to remember two local men who died in the service of the Confederacy more than one hundred fifty years ago. These brothers came to this community in their teens and started working with their father on his farm in present-day Southlake. He died in 1856, spared the knowledge that two of his sons would die in the conflict to come.

Absalom H. Chivers was the first person to be buried in the tiny plot on their farm. In the next few years at least four others would join him.

No official records have survived to tell us where and when the brothers died. Luckily for us, when the court house in Tarrant County burned in 1876 someone had a few of the probate papers in another building, and both Chivers brothers' estate files were spared.

We have been in contact with a direct descendant of Joel W. Chivers (above left) and they agreed with us in the plan to remember the brothers this way.

We were joined by Pati Wallace, whose husband is a direct descendant of Joel.



## Chivers day, cont.



Muddy days are rare occurrences, but April 5 was one. We had to dolly the stones in about a quarter-mile. Because the cemetery has no regular care we did not install the stones flush because they'd soon be covered with leaves. We were joined by Pati Wallace, below left, whose husband is a direct descendant of Joel W. Chivers. The installers, below right, were (standing l-r) Nathan Pike, Kent Mathews, James Alderman, Allan Gay, and kneeling, Toby Pike and Mike Patterson.





# A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CHIVERS CEMETERY AT THE END OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

For many years your editor was an appointee on the Tarrant County Historical Commission, a board of interested persons placed there by the county judge. Most of what he did involved researching, documenting, and marking historical sites with the Official Texas Historical Markers you see scattered about standing on aluminum posts.

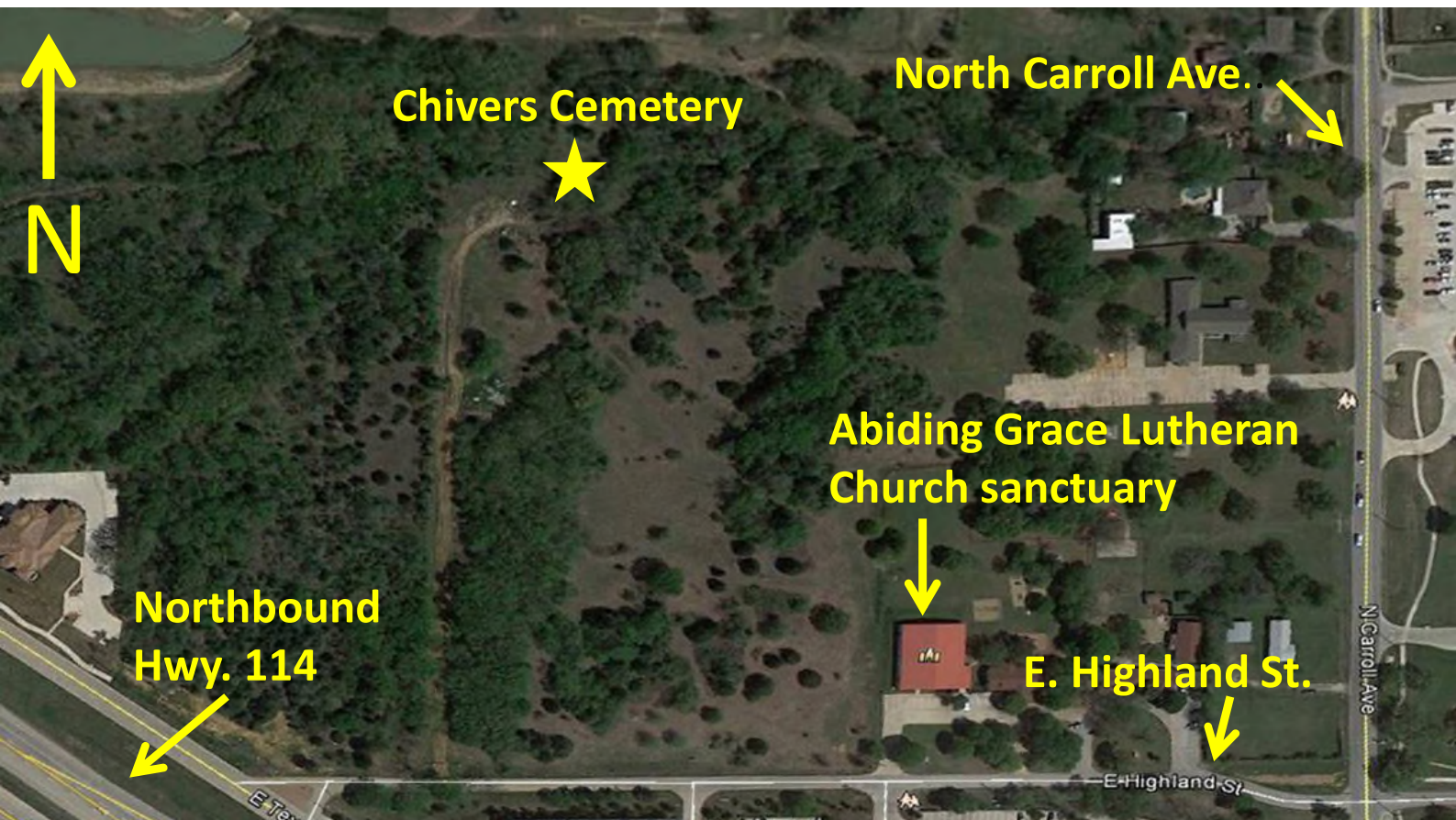
About 1979 he and some friends went to the Chivers Cemetery and cleaned it, put a barbed wire fence around it, and cast the remaining headstone fragments into standing concrete slabs. In 1982 we found funding and got the historical marker from the State.

The next thirty years took their toll. The very cooperative Morrison family who owned the land sold out and moved away. Trees died and fell on the fence. One of the slabs holding the monument fragments fell victim to getting soaked and frozen over and over again.

Vacant land here which has some hidden spots often becomes a dump ground, as this property has done. Luckily some other caring folks found the cemetery, erected a new chain-link fence, and re-set the historical marker.

Now photographs of the cemetery are posted online, and its safety seems assured. We are happy to have been a part of its salvation.

*The Chivers Cemetery is in Southlake on undeveloped private land. The road frontage is not fenced and it is not posted. It is industrial-zoned property and a large corporate real estate sign is on the road. The lane to the cemetery is deeply-rutted blow-sand.*







Speaking of things our ancestors knew well, deer were a part of their everyday lives. While walking to and from the Chivers Cemetery on April 5 we saw several deer tracks in the soft dirt. These northeast Tarrant County deer probably came in from Denton County down the bottomlands of Denton Creek to the area of Grapevine Lake. White-tailed deer began to move back into south Tarrant County many years ago. There's also a healthy population now in the western part of the county.

There is a long cleared area along the West Fork of the Trinity at Fort Worth which they apparently will not cross from west to east. If they did, they might populate the river bottom all the way to Dallas, and would probably come up the Bear Creek bottom and get into the DFW Airport land, where they certainly could flourish. It has abundant cover, plenty of native grass, water, and other native foods such as acorns and osage-orange apples.



## **YET ANOTHER OLD VET GETS A HEADSTONE AT WHITE'S CHAPEL**

Several weeks ago a descendant of Mr. Higgins who lives in Washington State, T. J. O'Leary, contacted us about getting him a VA stone. In the current climate at the VA, it wasn't going to happen. So Mr. O'Leary graciously paid for a gray granite VA clone. We engraved it on Thursday, April 24, and installed it the following Saturday afternoon.

The setting firm of M&M Monuments installed it, rested, then helped each other up and back to the car.



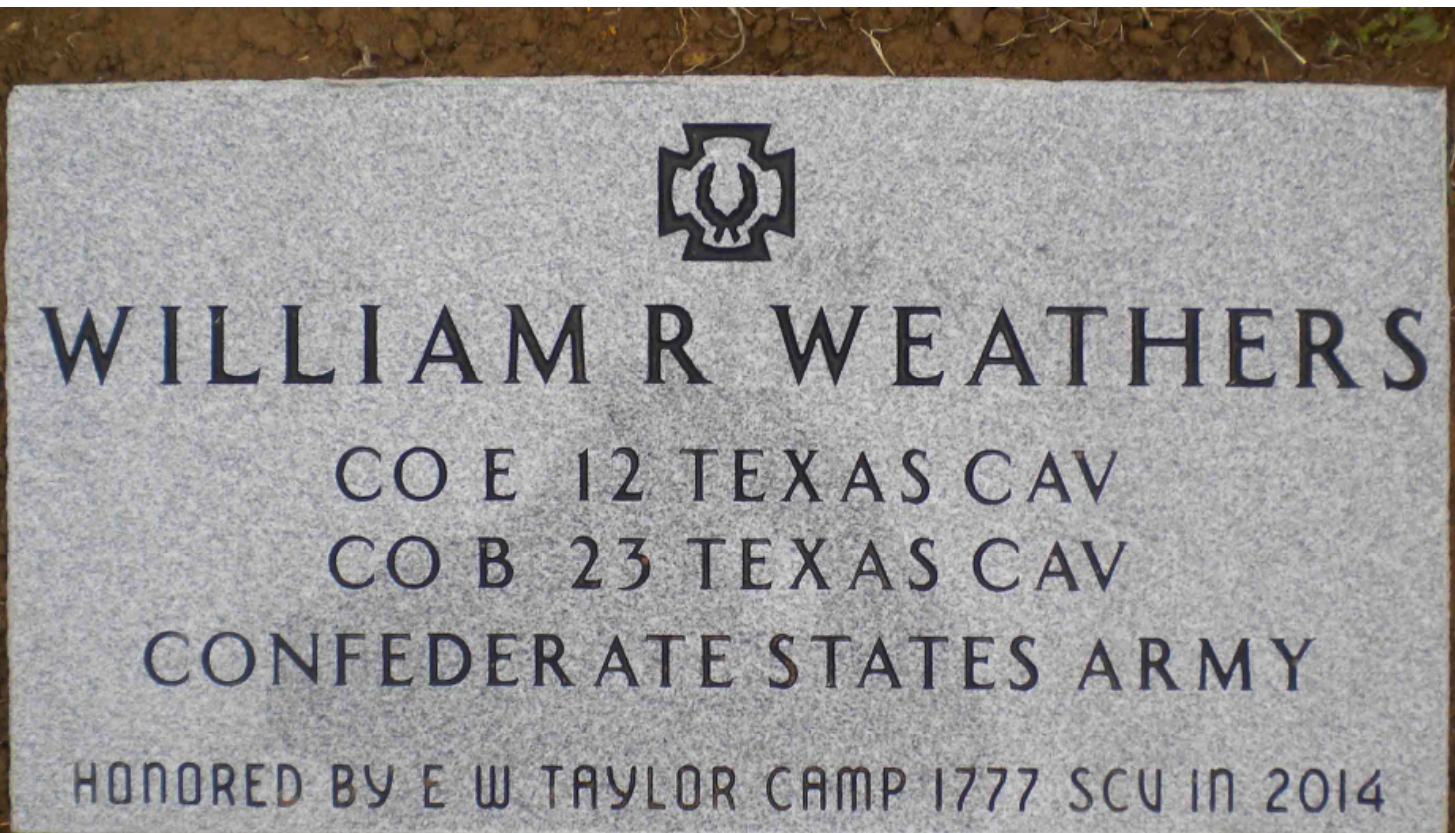


# WHITE'S CHAPEL VETERAN WAITS MORE THAN A CENTURY FOR A HEADSTONE

William Redding Weathers died soon after applying for a Confederate pension in 1899. He was buried in White's Chapel Cemetery and until April 5 had never had a marker of any sort.

His stone is yet another we've made using the pallet of blank stones we bought from the generous donations of our compatriots in the E. W. Taylor Camp.

We hope to continue making stones at the rate of three per month for the rest of this year.





## Weathers, cont.

At this late date, only one other Weathers stone has survived at White's Chapel, below right. We scraped a little of the moss away to be sure of the inscription.

While we were there, Kent and Allan also straightened up one of the sandstone burial cairns two graves away from Mr. Weathers. James also reset the footstone on one of the Ashburn graves in the next row to the west.



*The Weathers installers included, standing l-r, Nathan Pike, Kent Mathews, James Alderman, and kneeling, Allan Gay, Toby Pike, and Mike Patterson.*





CAPTAIN MOLLY CORBIN, NSDAR  
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DAR GOOD CITIZEN AWARD  
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AMERICAN HERITAGE AWARD  
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**TWO TAYLOR CAMP MEMBERS  
RECEIVE AWARDS FROM THE  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION ON APRIL 10**



## CMCC HODAR (HUSBAND OF DAR) AWARD

### JAMES ALDERMAN



James is the husband of Ja Ann Alderman, Captain Molly Corbin's 1st Vice Regent. James spent over 35 years with Xerox Corporation in the remanufacturing/refurbishing, technical and customer service support areas. He held many management positions over the course of his career, and received varied forms of recognition for his excellent performance.

He is a 31 year veteran of the United States Army, and while in the Mississippi Army National Guard attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He received the Mississippi Magnolia and the Legion of Merit Medals.

Although fully retired, he is active and serves as an officer in many lineage organizations, including the Sons of the American Revolution, the Magna Carta Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, the Order of the Southern Cross, and the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, plus others.

He is a newly appointed Trustee for the North Texas Tree Coalition, Indian Marker Tree team.

James is an avid reader of history, and enjoys gardening as a hobby. He and Ja Ann live in Colleyville. He has two daughters, a stepson, and 5 grandchildren/step-grandchildren.

James is a true patriot always willing to assist in educating children and anyone who will listen.



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION RECOGNITION

## MIKE PATTERSON

Michael E. Patterson was born January 8, 1952 to Jack and Doris (Simmons) Patterson. He was born in a hospital in Fort Worth, but came home to his present address in Colleyville, where his family had lived since 1901. He has lived every day of his life on the old family homestead. Mike's grandson, Oliver Patterson, is the seventh generation of the family to live at that address.



Mike's interest in history was inspired by listening to stories told by his great grandmother who lived with the family until her death in 1965. She often talked of her father, Harvey R. Sparger, who was a Georgia cavalryman. Harvey R. Sparger was Mike's entrée into the Sons of Confederate Veterans; he died in 1914 in Colleyville and was buried in Smithfield Cemetery.

Mike attended the old country school at Pleasant Run until it was annexed by the Grapevine ISD in 1963. He graduated from Grapevine High School in 1970, and from UT Arlington in 1977 with a degree in History & English.

Mike worked as a truck and forklift driver for several years before he became a teacher in the Birdville ISD. After years of teaching he went to work in the monument business so he could learn to do stone engraving and installation to support his passion for marking the gravesites of Civil War veterans.

Mike has worked for many years on researching and erecting the Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial which stands between Bedford Church of Christ and Bedford Cemetery. It has a website\* which contains biographical information and photographs on more than seven hundred WBTS veterans who spent time in northeast Tarrant County.

He and his wife, Marilyn Patterson, are active members of the Bedford Church of Christ. He has one daughter, Laura Patterson, and one grandson, Oliver Patterson.

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*Three E. W. Taylor Camp members, James Alderman, Mike Patterson, and Sean Partee, attended the Awards Ceremony presented by the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. It was held on April 10, 2014 at the country club in Trophy Club, between Grapevine and Roanoke. All three compatriots were accompanied by their wives, two of whom are members of the DAR chapter.*



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**THANKS!!! to Marilyn Patterson  
for a whole day of service to our  
camp on April 19!**

She drove several miles to borrow a pickup, took us to a meeting with a cemetery official in Euless in the morning, helped us load the Epps upright stone and all our gear, drove us nearly 100 miles to Heath Cemetery, helped unload all our gear and helped drag the stone to its site, helped install it, clean up, and reload everything, and brought us back. She also stopped in Burleson to pick up three more headstones and helped to get them to a compatriot from Garland that afternoon.



# **SOUTHWEST TARRANT COUNTY VETERAN WILL GET MARKER LATER THIS YEAR**



*Thomas Alexander Dunlap didn't apply for a pension. He has no records in the National Archives. He did, however, tell the 1910 census taker he was a Confederate veteran, and he made an affidavit for one of his old comrades-in-arms.*

*If a veteran left us a hint, hopefully we'll find it.*

Score another one for our recent project to read all the Tarrant County Confederate pension files. We'd never have discovered Mr. Chapman's service otherwise. His obituary in the Fort Worth paper didn't mention it.

Mr. Chapman was born in 1845 in Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee. He came to this area with his parents, probably in the early or mid-1860's. Both his parents died here.

Chapman served a few months in Co. K of Bourland's Texas Cavalry; the men in Bourland's regiment mostly spent their time trying to keep the Indians out of the settlements.

Chapman's mother died in 1867 and was buried in what is now called the Chapin Cemetery in southwest Fort Worth; it is also known as Mary's Creek Cemetery and as Jackson Cemetery. It is in the 8900 block of Chapin Road. Her stone is the oldest marked grave in the cemetery.

Over a dozen genealogists have placed information at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) concerning Thomas A. Chapman and his family. One of them posted the photograph of him at left. We have contacted all of them, hoping to be able to get a documented birth date for him before we make his stone.

The Fort Worth paper carried an obituary for him which proves that he died on December 29, 1916. If some of his descendants respond to our postings we'll invite them to come when we install his marker.





# Something to be thinking about....



**All the current officers of the E. W. Taylor Camp are in, at least, their second year of service. At our October meeting it will be time to elect a new slate...at the very least a commander, 1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant commander, adjutant, and chaplain.**

**Please be thinking about who you'd like to see fill these offices, and give special consideration to taking an office yourself.**

**None of the old officers are going to be disappearing, and we'll all be here to help the new men. Any healthy organization needs a regular change of leadership, and ours is no exception.**





# THREE MORE UNMARKED CONFEDERATES IN FORT WORTH'S OAKWOOD CEMETERY SOON TO GET MARKERS

HONORED BY E W TAYLOR CAMP 1777 SCU IN 2014

*Recent and ongoing research suggests there may still be as many as seventy Confederates in Oakwood Cemetery alone who are in unmarked graves.*

Our plans for June include making three more flat granite markers for Oakwood for veterans named Evander McCaskill, Joseph Stockett, and James Castleberry. None of the three has ever had a marker of any kind.

Evander C. McCaskill served in Co. A, 39<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry and died in 1928. Joseph S. Stockett was a veteran of Co. B, 9<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry Home Guards; he survived until 1908. James T. Castleberry enlisted in mid-war and served in Co. E, 9<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry. He died in Fort Worth in 1927.

We'll send out a notice two or three days before we meet to install the stones. All three combined should take less than two hours, and maybe it won't be too hot. We hope to see you there!



# TWO MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN MAY

**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 unveil the three new Confederate headstones we installed there on March 15. Uniformed, ready to help fire salutes if you're able.

**May 31:** We'll be dedicating 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 Be there at 9:30 a.m. Directions on next page. Uniformed, ready to help fire salutes, if you're able.





# DIRECTIONS TO HEATH CEMETERY IN HILL COUNTY

*This cemetery is in the Huron community in Hill County.*

Take I-35 W south from Fort Worth to the Cleburne exit (Hwy 174). Don't go all the way to Itasca to get off I-35 because there's a bridge out on one of the FM roads and you'll have to backtrack a long way. Go west/southwest on 174.

In the north edge of Cleburne Hwy 174 starts running concurrently with Hwy 171, and after you get out south of the main part of town Hwy 171 branches off to the left (southeast) Take Hwy 171 south east.

Continue south on Hwy 171 south/southeast through the Covington Community and you'll see FM934 intersecting from the west. Take FM934 west/southwest for several miles, twisting and turning, until it finally dead ends into FM933.

Turn south/left onto 933 and go south to County Road 1145 Loop on your right (west side of road). There is a green sign here which points west to Heath Cemetery.

Continue west on County Road 1145 Loop until it makes a 90-degree turn north/northwest, and turn north/northwest there. This is just past a group of transformers between two poles on your left. At this corner the bigger road turns right and a smaller road continues west, but it was locked and gated the day we went.

Go north/northwest on County Road 1145 Loop to the cemetery entrance road on your left. The cemetery is visible from the road.

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## TWO TARRANT COUNTY OLD SETTERS...NOT SETTLERS... SANG THEIR SWAN SONG APRIL 19



*When Marilyn and Mike Patterson took Joshua Epps' stone down to Heath Cemetery and installed it, it was the end of an era for them.*

Epps was the last of those 240-pound uprights they'll be installing alone and out-of-county. They've been doing this together for decades, and pounds get heavier as each year passes. One of the duo can't drive any more and thus is no longer dynamic, so it's time to put the brakes on road trips.



# SOME FUN STUFF TO DO WITH GOOGLE MAPS



While trying to write directions to Heath Cemetery, we found these photos available from Google maps. The first one is an aerial view of the cemetery, and the second one is the view of the cemetery from the dirt road east of it. Photos like these would make some very interesting additions to our family tree documentation.





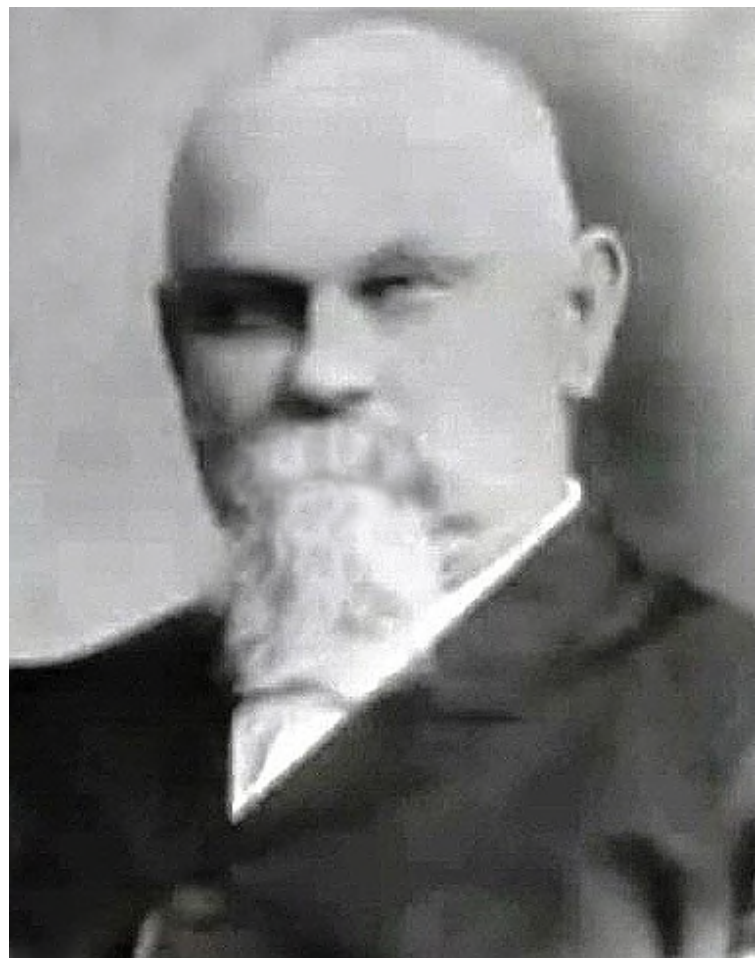
# SCV Members in the Public Eye

Oliver N. Hardy (1892-1957), one of the legendary American comedians who became popular in the early twentieth century, was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans on the record of his father, Sgt Oliver Hardy (1841-1892), Co. K, 16th Georgia Infantry Regiment.

Oliver Hardy Sr. was severely wounded at the Battle of Antietam. He returned home after the War, and did well for himself in politics and railroad construction. Oliver Jr. was the son of his third wife. Oliver Sr. died of a heart attack when Oliver Jr. was about ten months old.



*Oliver Hardy, Sr., at right, died on November 22, 1892 and was buried in Harlem Memorial Cemetery in Harlem, Columbia County, Georgia.*







**This month's puzzle was made using "General Lee is Near!" It's only one of the incomparable paintings by John Paul Strain. Take a look at a gallery of his work at**

**<http://www.johnpaulstrain.com/art-gallery.htm>**

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**way, way out...**



...on Nov. 2 of this year, there's something we'd really like you and your spouse to help us with for about two hours in the afternoon.

Close in, free admission, no manual labor involved. Please note it on your calendar. Details later.



# The Good Stuff Just Keeps Happening!



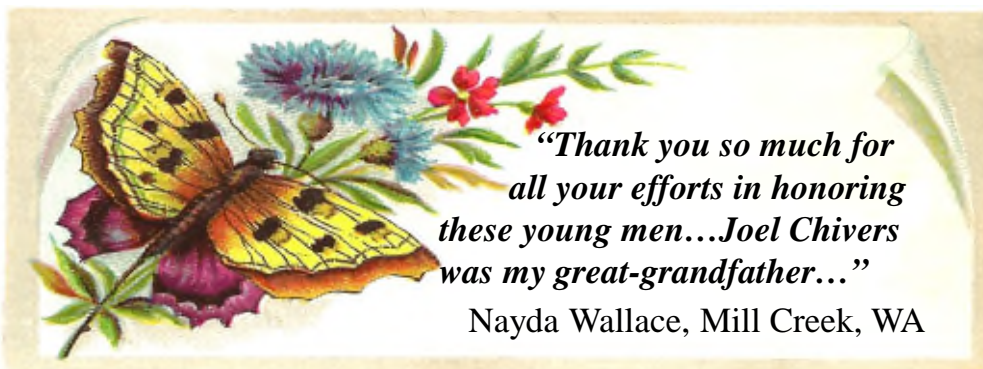
THANKS! To Lynn Nichols of Abilene, a descendant of Fletcher Wilkerson, whose VA stone we placed in Oakwood Cemetery on February 22. He and his brother, Bob, (blue shirt and vest) are shown here the day we set the stone. Lynn's donation check for \$75 will pay the processing fees for four more stones for Confederates in unmarked graves!



THANKS! For the second month in a row, to Nathan and Toby Pike for taking us down to Matt's...twice... to make a total of eight markers for veterans this month!



THANKS! To all the installers who came out to help on April 5: Nathan and Toby Pike, James Alderman, Kent Mathews, Allan Gay, Mike Patterson, Marilyn Patterson, and Chivers descendant Pati Wallace.

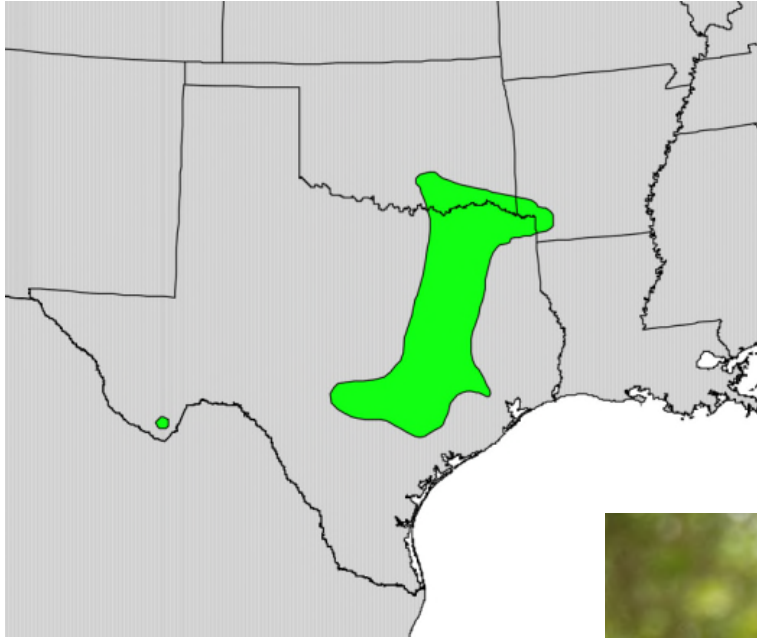


Mrs. Wallace, a great-granddaughter of Joel W. Chivers, graciously sent us a donation of one hundred dollars to put toward more markers.



# Our ancestors' life and times.

*It didn't take the pioneers here long to discover they had at their disposal a hard, tough, rot-proof wood for tools and wagon parts.*



marvelous resistance to rot and insects. Thousands of old bois d'arc fence posts are still doing good service in our country today, after more than a century of use. Farmers discovered that the cured wood was too hard to drive new steeples into, so the old fences are more often repaired by tying wires to the posts.

The wood is also marvelously hard. One of our Confederate veterans here, Levin Moody, died only a year or so after the War. The inventory of his estate included a "stock of bow dark wagon timber."

Bois d'arc, bow-dark, or Osage orange...whatever it was called at any place and time, our ancestors recognized its value. Botanists believe its original range was fairly limited (see map above), but human activity and natural seed dispersal worked together to see its range widen considerably.

One of the hardest, densest woods in existence, it also has a



*Europeans' first introduction to this excellent tree came when they saw Indians using it for bows and war clubs..*



# Bois d'arc, cont.

The tree's name, Osage orange, is believed to have come partly from the resemblance of its fruit to an orange, and to the fact that the early white explorers found the Osage using it for bows and war clubs. The "bois d'arc" name comes to us from French explorers and is literally, "wood of the bow." It's a simple step from that to our own bow-dark.

Early people all over the world have used thorny hedges and brush piles to control livestock. Settlers here learned to plant these seedlings close together and prune them so that they grew brushy and thick. The wicked thorns on the new growth made a hedge "horse high and bull tight" in just a few years. It was the fence of choice here in pre-barbed wire times.



The trees are easiest to recognize when they are producing fruit. Once you learn to recognize them, it's surprising how many you'll see in our area.

The tree also yields an excellent dye from which many shades may be made (see yarn skeins above). If you're sawing or chopping the yellow wood on a sweaty day, sawdust or chips falling on your wet clothing will also stain and ruin your duds. The wood is a bright yellow-orange when it is first cut, but with time turns a deep, beautiful red. It turns well and takes a high polish. It is unparalleled for tool handles .





## **A NEW LOW-COST ALTERNATIVE TO VA GRANITE MARKERS FOR OUR FRIENDS IN OTHER CAMPS.**

A few week ago we asked Matt Worthington if he could produce 2/3 scale granite clones of VA markers for \$140 each, picked up at his shop. He said yes, and we sent out a few emails to let folks know. The first three were finished and picked up on Easter Sunday.

These are bound for a cemetery in Murphy, Texas, east of Dallas. They are 16" x 8" x 4" thick, and weigh about 65 pounds. They are miniature VA's, but the engraving is better on ours and *you* can decide what you want on them.

Email Mike Patterson at [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com) if you're interested in more information. You get to see a computer drawing of exactly the way your stone(s) will look before you pay.



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to the Kindness of Matt  
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# TARRANT COUNTY CONFEDERATES WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE



**PADDOCK, BUCKLEY BURTON** (1844–1922). B. B. Paddock, North Texas civic, business, and political leader, son of Boardman and Margaret (Buckley) Paddock, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 22, 1844, and lived in Wisconsin until he was fifteen. A self-reliant youth, Paddock substituted experience and self-instruction for his lack of formal education. He enlisted in company K of W. Wirt Adams' First Mississippi Cavalry, Army of Tennessee, in 1861, eventually became commander of a select espionage unit, and, on July 2, 1862, earned promotion to the rank of captain, thus becoming one of the youngest commissioned officers in the Confederate Army.

After the war he settled in Fayette, Mississippi, where he studied law under a private tutor and was admitted to the bar. Paddock moved to Texas in the fall of 1872. He settled in Fort Worth and made the development of his adopted city and state his major career. Although he participated in a variety of business and civic promotions designed to help the area grow, he is primarily remembered as editor of the Fort Worth *Democrat* (1873–81), president of the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway Company (1885–89), founder and executive secretary of the Fort Worth Board of Trade (1901–09), and four-term mayor of Fort Worth (1892–1900).

As editor of the *Democrat*, Paddock advertised the virtues of Texas, Tarrant County, and Fort Worth nationwide. He made the newspaper a major influence on the survival and growth of Fort Worth and a recognized power within the state. Through the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway, he aided in the settlement and development of Southwest Texas, brought additional trade to Fort Worth, and helped to establish the city's reputation as a railroad and distribution center. During his tenure as secretary of the board of trade, Paddock used innovative methods that foreshadowed those of the modern commercial secretary to build the previously unstable board into a well-organized, prosperous, and effective commercial association.

Paddock is also remembered as publisher of the 1873 Tarantula Railroad Map (which showed nine railroads radiating from Fort Worth long before the first trunk line's arrival); as president of the [Texas Spring Palace](#) (1889–90); as two-time Tarrant County state



## Paddock, cont.

representative (1881–83, 1913–15); as editor of four books depicting the history of Fort Worth and Northwest Texas; and as a crusader for civic improvement who played important roles in the establishment of the city's first fire department, water works, and school system.

As a result of his efforts to publicize Texas and Fort Worth, Paddock became a major figure on state and local levels and a minor celebrity nationwide. Recognizing his contributions to the city, members of the board of trade made him the association's honorary lifetime president in 1910; and in 1913 Tarrant County officials named a new million-dollar bridge over the Trinity River the Paddock Bridge.

Although he was a Presbyterian, Paddock aided in the construction of several early Fort Worth churches. He was a lifelong Democrat. He married Emmie Harper, daughter of a Fayette, Mississippi, planter, on December 10, 1867. Four children were born to the marriage. Paddock died on January 9, 1922, at his home in Fort Worth.



*Paddock's home at the corner of Jennings and Terrell in Fort Worth was demolished decades ago.*



*Paddock is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery under a stone smaller than one of his own front pages.*

**From:**



Our sincere apologies if you've tried to use last month's 3-page set of instructions for wading through Fold3. Shortly after that newsletter came out, they changed the homepage ***again***. We prepared yet another set of instructions to appear in this newsletter, and they changed it yet ***again***. If you're still having trouble, call Patterson at 817-283-2658 and he'll walk you through whatever version's appearing on their home page that day.



# SOME ARLINGTON CONFEDERATES



*We get lots of emails from folks who have found their ancestors on our Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial site. One such email included this photo of some local vets we'd never seen before.*

Paul Patterson found his Confederate ancestor, Isaac Tompkins, on our memorial page. He sent us this picture which includes another of his Confederate ancestors, Rufus Marion Harris, second from left above. Harris served in Co. H, 11 Texas Infantry. He died in 1914 and had an obituary in the Arlington newspaper. Harris has an old VA stone in Johnson Station Cemetery. This photo appeared in the Arlington paper.





Adapted from a FarSide cartoon by Gary Larson

“Got him, Captain! How **do** you tell a bumblebee from a hornet? He shore gits excited when I thump on this jar!!!”



**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.**

