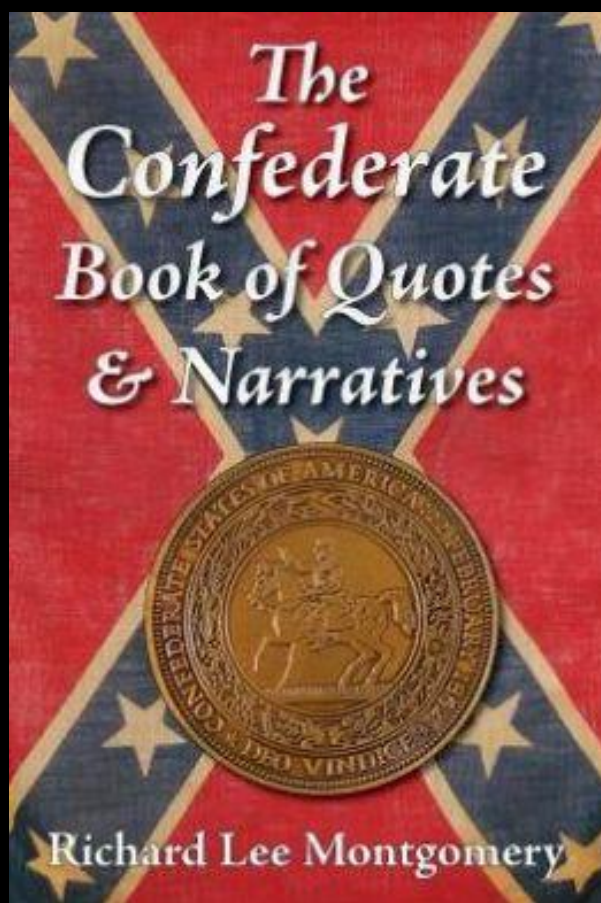




COL. E. W. TAYLOR CAMP #1777
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

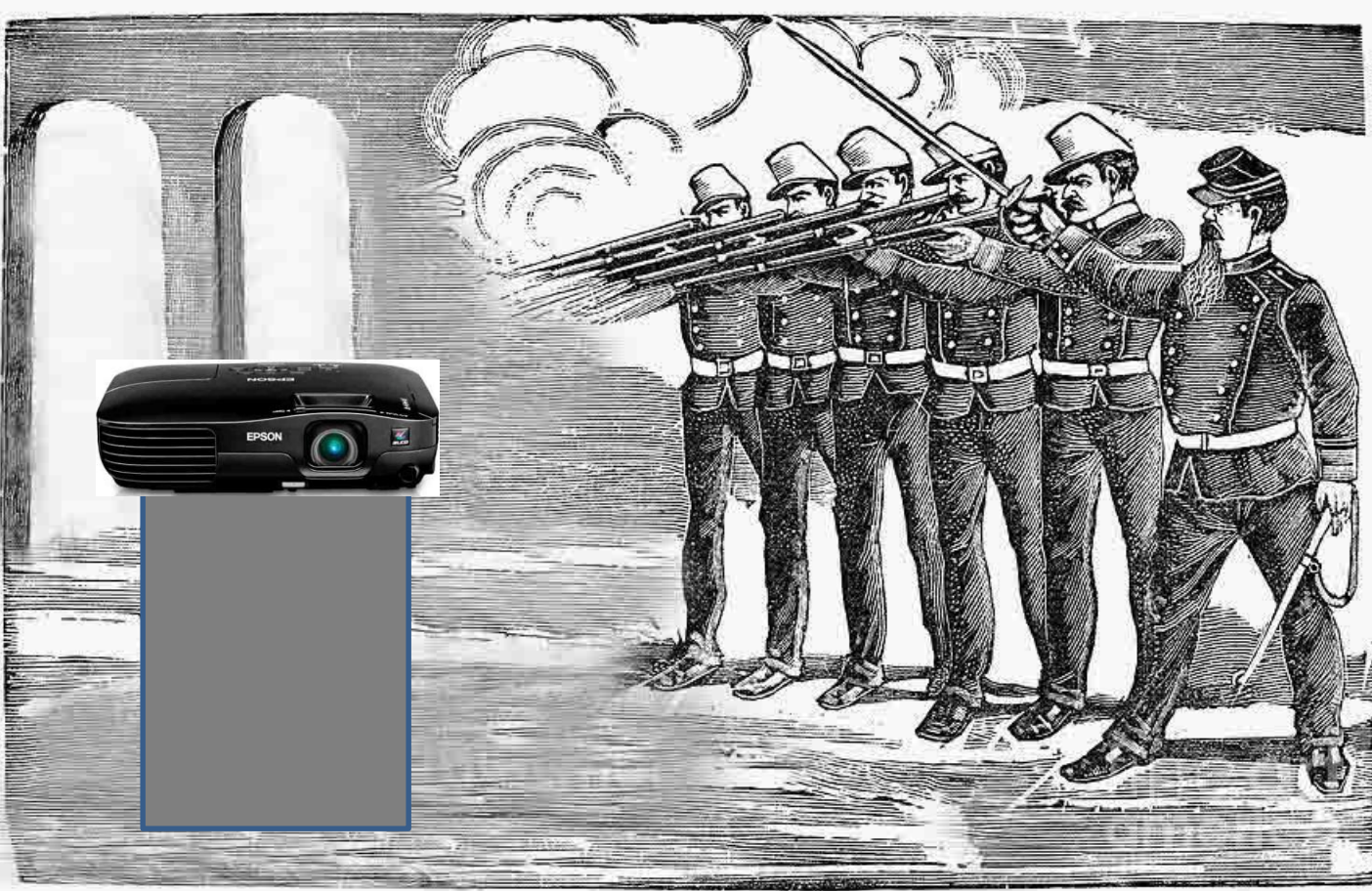
NEWSLETTER

Bedford. Texas February 2015



Join us in February as Dr. Richard Lee Montgomery of Denton again speaks to us, this time regarding his book, *The Confederate Book of Quotes and Narratives*. We look forward to another interesting and inspiring presentation from this recognized author. This is the type of knowledge we need when called upon for an impromptu defense of our Confederate ancestors.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Feb. 26, 2015, Catfish and Company, 900 Airport Freeway #110
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912 Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00 Out by 8:30



Our Sincerest Apologies for the Snafu Regarding the January Program...the Life of Col. E. W. Taylor.

The problem was a ridiculously simple one. There is a little sliding door built into the projector case which is there to protect the lens from dirt and scratches. As soon as it is moved as much as 1/8" from the "open" position, and long before it actually obscures the light coming from the lens, a tiny hidden switch obscures the light coming from the lens, a tiny hidden switch automatically cuts off communication with the computer.

It's one of those bells and whistles the projector doesn't even need. The little door got bumped in handling the projector just enough that the switch cut off the signal from the computer, but all the light was still being projected through the lens.

We accidentally discovered the problem while we were preparing the projector for its date with the firing squad.

TAYLOR CAMP MARCHES IN STOCK SHOW PARADE FOR THIRD YEAR IN A ROW



For the third year in a row we marched in the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade. This year seven of the Taylor men took part. Below, l-r, Chuck Marks, Kent Mathews, Mike Patterson, Richard Trawick, Tom Trawick, Bob Gresham, and James Madewell.



Two New Taylor Camp Members Sworn In Jan. 29



Left to right: Mike Patterson, Bob Gresham, Terry Theiss, and Richard McCook

Terry Theiss joins us on the service of his great-great-grandfather, Eli Warren Lee, who was born August 28, 1842 and died May 31, 1920. Eli W. Lee served as both a private and a sergeant in Co. F, 26th Georgia Infantry. He was pensioned from Georgia. He and his wife lie buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Alba, Bacon County, Georgia.

Richard McCook becomes a new member based on the service of his great-grandfather, Samuel Hamilton McCook, who was born about 1822 in Alabama. By 1860 he had settled in Texas and was living in Upshur County. He served in Co. G, Terry's Regiment Texas Cavalry. It is assumed he died in Wood County and is buried there in an unmarked grave.

Welcome to our Camp, Gentlemen!!!

New Camp Officers Sworn in at January Meeting

Camp leadership for the coming year includes experienced men and a first-timer.

Third Brigade Commander Calvin Allen swore in the Taylor Camp's new officers at our January meeting. Bob Gresham will lead the Taylor Camp for the next year as its commander. This will be his second time at that post, having served earlier in 2011-2012.

Our new 1st Lieutenant Commander will be Kent Mathews, who's worked as our Chaplain for the last two years.

Chuck Marks will fill the post of 2nd Lt. Commander. This is his first time in a leadership position in an SCV camp, and we look forward to working with him. Tom Trawick will be our new color bearer.

James Alderman will continue his excellent work as our Camp Adjutant. We appreciate his years of service and his willingness to lend his expertise yet again.

Our new Chaplain will be Mike Patterson, who just finished his term as commander.

L-r, Calvin Allen, Mike Patterson, Tom Trawick, Kent Mathews, Chuck Marks, and Bobby Gresham





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FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

January 16th through February 7th

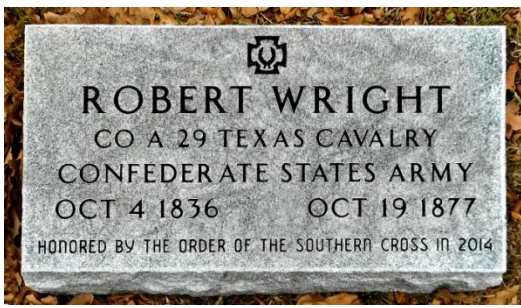


Kent Mathews placing a Texas flag on the grave of one of our Texas Confederate veterans at Bourland Cemetery in Keller. Kent and your editor stopped by and put out a few of these flags on the way home from the Stock Show Parade on Jan. 17. Kent went back to check on them on Jan. 24 and they were still there.

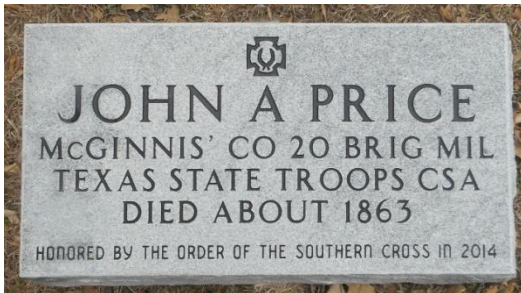
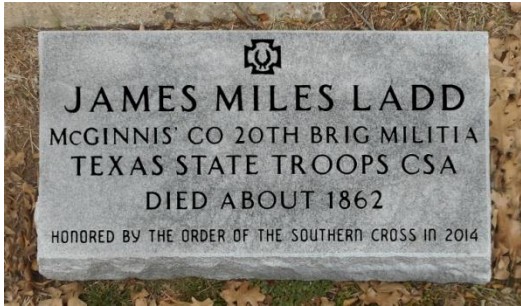
FOUR TAYLOR CAMP MEMBERS HELP WITH FIRING SQUAD AT OAKWOOD CONFEDERATE HEROES DAY ON JANUARY 18



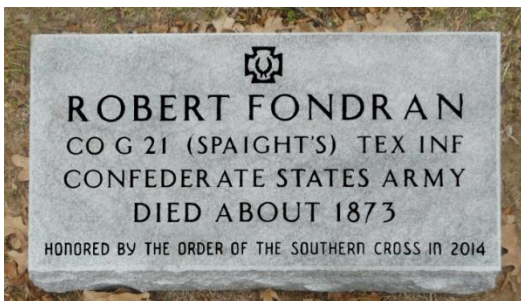
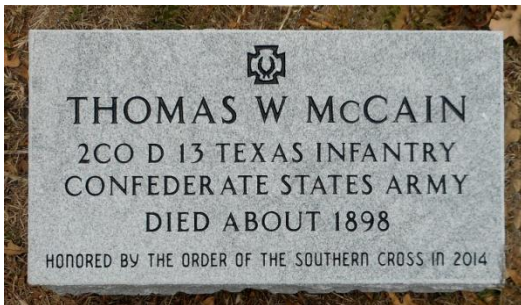
**L-R Mike Patterson,
Bob Gresham, James
Alderman, Kent
Mathews**



Numbers fifteen through nineteen in our effort to mark Confederate graves using our grant from the Order of the Southern Cross.



Thanks to Marilyn Patterson for helping us get them from the shop in Rendon to Keller. Kent Mathews and Katie Lewis helped us get them unloaded.



FIVE MORE CONFEDERATES GET ROCKS IN KELLER'S MT. GILEAD CEMETERY; TO BE HONORED ON MEMORIAL DAY





The weather was perfect on the afternoon of Saturday, January 24. Ervin Hauk of the Tarrant County Historical Commission teamed up with Kent Mathews and Mike Patterson of the Taylor Camp to install the five for Mt. Gilead Cemetery in about two hours.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans presents the
2015 Stephen Dill Lee Institute
THE REAL
RESULTS OF 1865

The following speakers have agreed to speak in Dallas

Jeffery Addicott, "Lincoln's Legacy: Lies, Damn Lies, and Damn Yankee Lies"

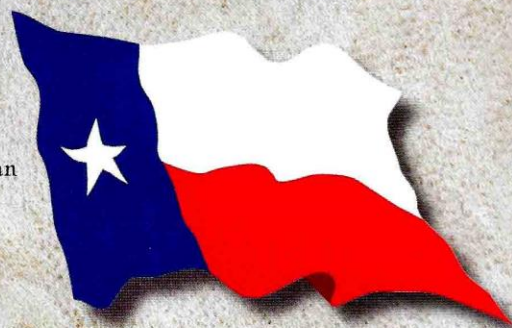
Marshall DeRosa, "Lincoln's War and the Warping of the American Mind"

Donald Livingston, "Lincoln's War and the Destruction of Jeffersonian America"

Egon Tausch, "Lincoln's Legacy: Who Needs a Constitution?"

Tom Moore, "From 1865 to 1913: the Death Knell of the Old Republic"

Kathleen Mayes Hines, "A Real War on Women"



★ **February 6-7, 2015 – Dallas, Texas** ★

The 2015 Institute will be held at the Hilton Doubletree Hotel in Dallas, call 972-385-9000. Hosted by the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Registration: \$150 per person, \$125 for SCV members and family.
Includes Saturday breakfast, lunch and banquet.

Register by calling 1-800-MY-DIXIE or visit our web site at
www.stephendleeinstitute.com

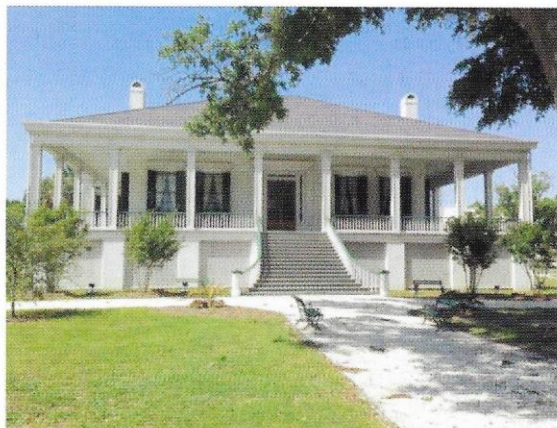
❧ Scholarships available for teachers and students ❧

For more information visit our web site at www.stephendleeinstitute.com
or call Brag Bowling at (804) 389-3620

CDs from previous Stephen Dill Lee events are available on our website

Friends of Beauvoir

Beauvoir, a National Historical Landmark, was severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. Five of seven buildings on site were destroyed and the remaining two were seriously damaged, including President Jefferson Davis's Last Home. Beauvoir's emphasis has been on restoring the House, Presidential Library, pavilions and garden to this point. In addition to that, there are thousands of items that are still in need of conservation and repair; These tasks are overwhelming to say the least. There is a way to help this ever important historic site who's mission statement is to preserve the legacy of American hero and Confederate President Jefferson Davis and the Confederate Soldier. Annual membership in the Friends of Beauvoir is available to anyone interested in preserving history for future generations. Please complete the required information, check your category and mail that with your payment to Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS. 39531.



Membership Categories

Individual..... \$25.00
 Family \$50.00
 Patron \$100.00 - \$249.00
 Sustaining ...\$250.00 - \$499.00
 Benefactor500.00 - \$999.00
 Sponsor ..\$1,000.00 - \$4,999.00
 President's Cabinet ..\$5,000.00+
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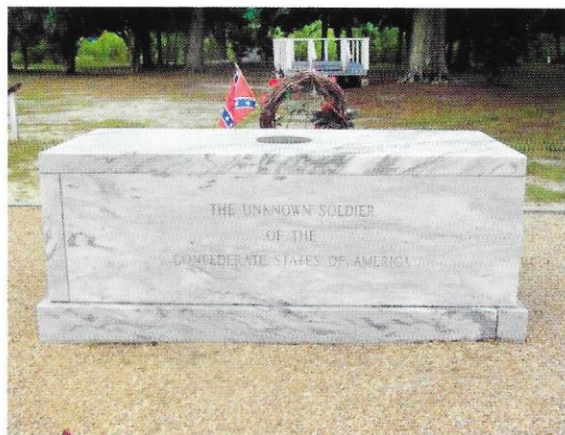
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Beauvoir Mansion photo taken on April 30, 2014 by Don Green. Categories & prices are listed above. Membership form to fill out.

Bricks for Beauvoir

Honor your Confederate Heritage by purchasing a Memorial Brick for \$50.00 each for the Memorial Plaza to connect the reconstructed UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Confederate Cemetery at Beauvoir. Each brick that you purchase can be engraved with your ancestor's rank, name, unit, company or Confederate event or icon. Beauvoir is still recovering from Hurricane Katrina and needs your support. This is a great opportunity to help the Last Home & Presidential Library of the Honorable Jefferson Davis and to permanently honor your Confederate Ancestor. The project is underway and there is no limit to the amount of bricks you can purchase. Order your brick today.



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Cemetery at Beauvoir.

Copy & Clip the order form below and send to the address listed to order your bricks. Order one for your ancestor today!

Ancestral Brick Order Form
 Instructions: Use the lines as laid out or come up with your own layout but no more than three lines of info and no more than 15 spaces per line. You may use abbreviations when necessary. (See Sample Below)

Line 1: _____
 (First and Last Name)
 Line 2: _____
 (Rank)
 Line 3: _____
 (Unit)

ORDER YOUR ANCESTOR'S BRICK TODAY!

Make Checks out for \$50.00 per brick to:
 Mississippi Division, SCV
 Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir
 C/O Larry McCluney
 1412 North Park Drive
 Greenwood, MS 38930

Example:

Pvt. JAMES W.
 McCLUNEY
 6th MS CAV. CO. F

Bricks for Beauvoir order form can be filled out and mailed today.



U S Supreme Court to Hear Texas SCV License Plate Arguments Next Month

We may all take pride that, ironically, more and more our organization is one of the guardians of the rights given to us by the U. S. Constitution. We thought this was a good time to remind ourselves about how the Court works, and how our case will proceed through it.

A Term of the Supreme Court begins, by statute, on the first Monday in October. Usually Court sessions continue until late June or early July. The Term is divided between "sittings," when the Justices hear cases and deliver opinions, and intervening "recesses," when they consider the business before the Court and write opinions. Sittings and recesses alternate at approximately two-week intervals.

With rare exceptions, each side is allowed 30 minutes argument and up to 24 cases may be argued at one sitting. Since the majority of cases involve the review of a decision of some other court, there is no jury and no witnesses are heard. For each case, the Court has before it a record of prior proceedings and printed briefs containing the arguments of each side.

During the intervening recess period, the Justices study the argued and forthcoming cases and work on their opinions. Each week the Justices must also evaluate more than 130 petitions seeking review of judgments of state and federal courts to determine which cases are to be granted full review with oral arguments by attorneys.

We must always remember when we go to the polls to vote for a President, *or choose to stay home*, that he may nominate one or two Supreme Court justices whose influence will remain years after he's gone.

SCV License Plate Case in Supreme Court, cont.

When the Court is sitting, public sessions begin promptly at 10 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m., with a one-hour lunch recess starting at noon. No public sessions are held on Thursdays or Fridays. On Fridays during and preceding argument weeks, the Justices meet to discuss the argued cases and to discuss and vote on petitions for review.

When the Court is in session, the 10 a.m. entrance of the Justices into the Courtroom is announced by the Marshal. Those present, at the sound of the gavel, arise and remain standing until the robed Justices are seated following the traditional chant: "The Honorable, the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! All persons having business before the Honorable, the Supreme Court of the United States, are admonished to draw near and give their attention, for the Court is now sitting. God save the United States and this Honorable Court!"

Prior to hearing oral arguments, other business of the Court is transacted. On Monday mornings this includes the release of an Order List, a public report of Court actions including the acceptance and rejection of cases, and the admission of new members to the Court Bar. Opinions are typically released on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and on the third Monday of each sitting, when the Court takes the Bench but no arguments are heard.

The Court maintains this schedule each term until all cases ready for submission have been heard and decided. In May and June the Court sits only to announce orders and opinions. The Court recesses at the end of June, but the work of the Justices is unceasing.

During the summer they continue to analyze new petitions for review, consider motions and applications, and must make preparations for cases scheduled for fall argument.

This is the court who'll hear our case, standing-seated, l-r, with the President who nominated each. Justices Sotomayor (BHO), Breyer (WJC), Alito (GWB), Kagan (BHO), Thomas (GHWB), Scalia (RR), Chief Justice Roberts (GWB), Kennedy (RR), Ginsburg (WJC).



**The R. E. Lee, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #239
Cordially Invites you to attend our
★Confederate Heritage Charity Bar-B-Que★**



**Location: Hawaiian Falls Banquet Room
8905 Clifford Street, White Settlement, TX 76108**

Casual Dress or Uniforms Requested

Order your tickets today, space is limited!!

**Ticket Price: \$30.00 for singles or \$50.00 for couples
April 11th, 2015 at 7:00 PM ~ doors open at 6:00PM**

The Event will include with paid admission:

♪ Music by Old Time String Band Buttermilk Junction ♪

Texas Bar-B-Que with Sides and Desert

**Special Guest Presentation by Best Selling Author Ronald Kennedy
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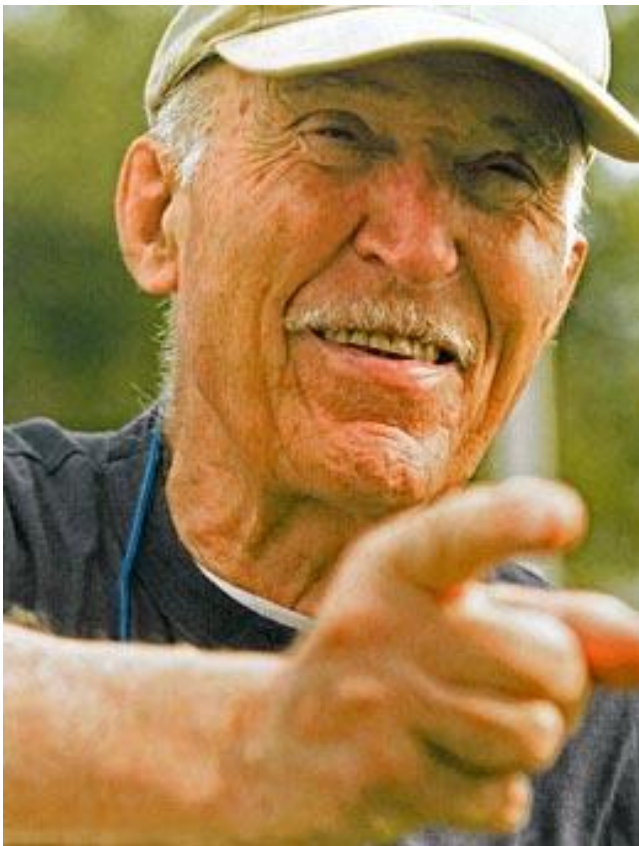
Confederate Symposium

1865 Sesquicentennial

May
8-9
2015

“Successful War, Honorable Peace, and Texas: The End of the Trans-Mississippi Confederacy”

Chatfield, Navarro County, Texas; 55 miles SE of Dallas off I-45



Four prominent WBTS historians have already committed to be at the symposium. The best-known among them is Ed Bearss (above), whose qualifications have never been and probably won't be surpassed by anyone, ever.

In the Spring of 1865 Texas Governor Pendleton Murrah admonished Texans that only by remaining united and steadfast could they achieve “Successful War” or “Honorable Peace.” This symposium will focus on activities in Texas in 1865.

The Shelby Flag, above left, is believed to be a copy of the one which was carried at Chatfield, Texas and was finally buried with dignity in the Rio Grande

Jo Shelby's uniform, now on display at the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth, has been requested for display, but has not been confirmed.

The Oklahoma Historical Society is loaning a copy of the Shelby Flag. Activities are being planned on both Friday and Saturday.

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Confederate Symposium in May, cont.



Three other eminent WBTS scholars and writers have also sent word that they'll be there. Above, left to right: Dr. Richard McCaslin, Jeff W. Hunt, and Dr. Tom Cutrer. Don't miss the opportunity to meet these men, and others who will doubtless be there.

This event is co-sponsored by the Hodge-Martin-Chatfield Historical Museum, the Sons of Confederate Veterans Texas Division, and the William Henry Parsons #415 SCV.

Friday, May 8 activities include Pre-Symposium student activities, living history, a private dinner with speakers and a special lecture, and the display of Jo Shelby's flag and uniform.

For more information, contact Rob Jones at (903) 654-2066 or email him at shadows1865@msn.com. More information will be released soon.

Saturday, May 9 include activities with renowned scholars Ed Bearss, Dr. Richard McCaslin, Jeff W. Hunt, Dr. Tom Curter, and possibly others. There will also be exhibits, vendors, and a catered lunch.



Virginia Flaggers Have Active Weekend in Lexington, Virginia

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Judy Smith
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VIRGINIA FLAGGERS NEWS

The afternoon of January 15, during the Lee-Jackson State holiday in Virginia, the Virginia Flaggers took a break from flagging Lexington and Washington & Lee University, just long enough to raise a 10 x 15 Battle Flag on a 50' pole in a small ceremony on private property on Route 60, just outside of Lexington's city limits.

“When we placed an ad a few months ago in the local paper, we were thrilled to receive calls from several citizens who were eager to offer their property for the placement of a memorial flag. It seems that we are not the only ones who are upset about the way officials in Lexington have turned their backs on Lee, Jackson, and the rich and honorable Confederate history and heritage of Lexington. This property, with its elevated location and close proximity to town, seemed a perfect location and we were thrilled at the prospect of placing a memorial flag on the hill. Little did we know that there was even more to this property than we imagined.”

The Lexington Jackson Farm Memorial Battle Flag is the third roadside memorial battle flag erected in Virginia by the Virginia Flaggers since September of 2013, and part of an ongoing project to promote Confederate history and heritage, and honor Confederate Veterans in the Commonwealth. These projects, and numerous other heritage defense efforts, are made possible through the generosity of supporters from across America and beyond.



Virginia Flaggers, cont.

In addition to googling “Virginia Flaggers Lexington” and taking a look at the results, here are four interesting links:

http://www.thenews-gazette.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1925%3Aflagging-the-holiday&catid=77%3Abreaking-news&Itemid=395

<http://www.southern-thangs.blogspot.com/2015/01/a-really-big-confederate-flag-in.html?m=1>

http://www.parispi.net/opinion/columns/article_fac881ea-9ffe-11e4-8dd3-ffd6a2fa21c6.html

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Virginia-Flaggers/378823865585630>

Security guards at Washington and Lee University rush to make sure an education doesn't break out.



Virginia Flaggers, cont.

The Virginia Flaggers

Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor



So much is happening so fast with the Virginia Flaggers that justice cannot be done to them in a newsletter which comes out only once each month. We suggest you bookmark:

<http://vaflaggers.blogspot.com/>

It always has a number of current articles and photographs to help us stay current on this excellent group's tireless efforts.



Thanks to all the Taylor members who came to Oakwood Cemetery on January 18 to help with the Confederate memorial service: Kent Mathews, James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, JaAnn Alderman, Dana Gresham, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson.



Thanks to all our folks who came to take part in the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade on January 17: James Madewell, Kent Mathews, Bob Gresham, Chuck Marks, Richard Trawick, Tom Trawick, and Mike Patterson.



Thanks to the guys who came out to Mount Gilead and helped us install no less than five grave markers on January 24: Kent Mathews, Mike Patterson, and Ervin Hauk of the Tarrant County Historical Commission. That was too many for one session, and it won't happen again.

GEARING UP FOR SOME SERIOUS VISIBILITY FOR THE TAYLOR CAMP

We want to make a big splash at Grapevine next Veteran's Day.

When we step off there next November, the first thing they'll see is a unique Grapevine Mustangs flag, complete with an authentic WBTS font done in large letters hand-sewn on both sides.

Your editor's mom is a 1949 grad, he's a 1970 model, and his daughter got a diploma there in 1997.

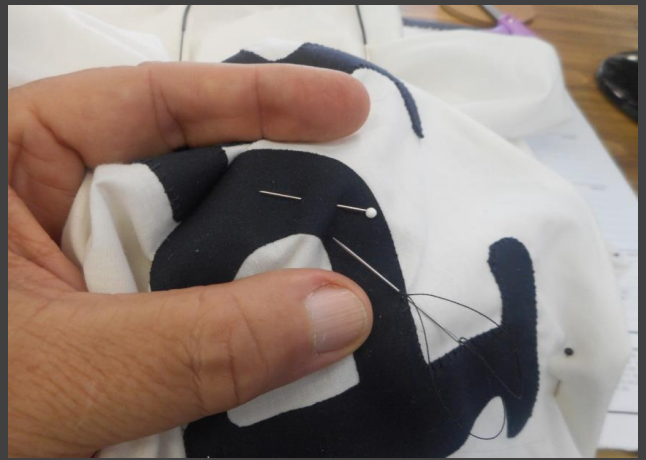
Your editor's grandmother and *her* father completed school at the old Pleasant Glade School on Glade Road, which was later incorporated into the Grapevine ISD in the 1930's.

Before then we'll do our best to have our own

trailer in the Arlington July 4 parade, hopefully next in line with the M. T. Johnson camp's regular entry.

Now's a great time to start getting a uniform together. If you have to start small get yourself a correct kepi or felt hat. Next get a good shirt and suspenders. Your editor, at least, doesn't wear a wool coat in the middle of the summer, but since we won't be marching you may be okay.

By midsummer we'll have our complement of flags and support materials, flagpoles, etc. in hand.



We could use some help in Parker County on Saturday, February 14.

This time we'll start on the north and move south. If there are three or more men there with caps, coats, and muskets, we'll fire musket salutes for the three men being honored.

Let's meet at Goshen Cemetery in Springtown at 10 a.m. and install the first two. Go to Springtown on Highway 199, then west on Goshen Road right in town. Goshen Cemetery is about three and one-half miles to the west.

We'll have printed maps for the other location, which will require us to go back to Weatherford first.

If you intend to come and help please call Marilyn Patterson's cell phone before you leave home that morning to be sure we're still on for that day. She's at 817-602-5644.



This time, two of our Parker County men are vets and Indian victims. They died in separate raids in March of 1866.

PARKER COUNTY VET, INDIAN VICTIM, TO GET NEW MARKER



Andrew Jackson Culwell was yet another Confederate who survived the War but couldn't survive the peace.

Mr. Culwell was born in Washington County, Arkansas and came to Texas with his father's family in 1848 as Peters Colonists. By 1850 they were settled in Collin County, shortly moved west to Parker County, and were there all through the bad Indian times.

Jack became a member of Co. E, 10th (Nelson's) Texas Infantry in October, 1861 at Virginia Point in Galveston County, Texas. His records say he traveled 333 miles to the rendezvous. A quick computer check shows the distance from Springtown, Texas to Galveston, Texas is 338 miles.

On May 30, 1866 while pursuing a band of raiding Comanches, Jack was killed. He was riding a slow mule, and was arrowed several times and scalped. He is buried in Goshen Cemetery near several of his neighbors who suffered the same fate. The first time your editor saw his stone more than thirty years ago it had already been broken for a long time.

As is so often the case his marker broke along one of the text lines where it's thinner and weaker. Far too often old cemetery + isolated location + visibility from public road = senseless, irreparable vandalism.

ANOTHER CONFEDERATE VET, INDIAN VICTIM, TO GET MARKER IN FEBRUARY

Once more we're taking three out to Parker County; two are for veterans killed by Indians twenty-eight days apart after the War.



Brothers James and Bolin Savage were killed within a few minutes of each other while they worked in their fields southwest of Weatherford. They were buried together in Dean Cemetery. Someone got James a VA stone years ago before the documentation regulations were tightened. Bolin will get a marker February 14.

On March 2, 1866 a band of nine Comanches raided the farms of two brothers, Bolin and James Savage, on Sanchez and Patrick's Creeks, about five miles southwest of Weatherford, Texas. Bolin and his brother, James, were killed and two of Bolin's sons and one of James' daughters were taken prisoner.

About ten o'clock on that horrible morning three of Bolin's sons...Sam, Jim, and Marion, left their log home and started for the field where their father was plowing with a yoke of oxen. When they were in sight of him, they saw the Indians sweep across the field and murder their defenseless father.

The Indians then chased the children and wounded Marion in the shoulder with a musket ball. They grabbed Sam and Jim and swung them onto their horses. From a distance the boys' sister, Elizabeth, counted the Indians and herded her smaller siblings into the cabin just before the raiders arrived and tried to force their way inside.

Not knowing who might be inside the cabin and how they might be armed, the warriors turned away, took Bolin's horses, and rode west toward James Savage's home. He, too, was plowing. After seeing some of James' family members who were armed and after lancing one of his daughters, they left taking two of James' horses and two of his children.

The raiders had increased to fourteen by the time they killed James and rode away. Later when they attacked the home of Fuller Millsap nearer to Mineral Wells there were more than thirty of them. At the end of the day the white pursuers lost the Indians' trail and abandoned the chase.

Amazingly, an Indian trader from McKinney, Texas named John Fields saw Jim, Jennie and Sam Savage with the Comanches in November of 1866. By that time the boys were bronzed from exposure, had learned to speak Comanche and had learned to use the bow and arrow. Fields recognized them as white children and bought them back from the Indians at Fort Arbuckle for \$414 and a prized pony along with its saddle and bridle.

CONFEDERATE KILLED IN 1866, cont.

Fields advertised in newspapers in this area and eventually discovered the identities of the children. For a time after they were reunited with their families they tried to escape and rejoin the Indians, but gradually they readjusted to their former white lives.

In 1911 John Fields again placed an advertisement in the Dallas newspaper, this time trying to find the children he'd rescued. He found them, and they spent a week in the Fields home in Dallas talking over the old times.

One of Bolin Savage's sons, Sam Savage, (below) became locally-famous because of his experiences as a captive of the Comanches.

Sam Savage lived until 1951, one of the last surviving white captives of the Plains Indians. He died in Palo Pinto County and was buried in Staggs Prairie Cemetery near Mineral Wells. A Texas Historical Marker was erected in his memory during the Texas Sesquicentennial.



Springtown Vet Will Get First Marker After 102 Years

Dennis Culpepper Ensey served as a private in a militia company raised in Parker County for protection against the Indians.

He was born in Tennessee in 1833. He married Mary Ann Culwell, a kinswoman of A. J. Culwell who is also getting a new stone the same day.

Captain J. S. Culwell raised a company in the Springtown area on January 29, 1864. It was designated Co.

B for Parker County, and was included in the 1st Regiment of the 1st Frontier District. The overall commander was William Quayle, and his headquarters were in Decatur in Wise County.

Mr. Ensey enrolled in that company a few days later on February 1. He was paid two dollars for each day he served in the company. He presented himself for service armed with his own rifle.



Ensey died in Springtown on January 21, 1913 and was buried in Goshen Cemetery there. His stone will be paid for through our grant from the Order of the Southern Cross.

GRAPEVINE MAY 2 MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVANCE FIRST FOR THE SCV

Please mark you calendar now so you can help us honor the WBTS mothers and grandmothers buried in historic Grapevine Cemetery.

We've been working hard for weeks now to identify all the pioneer ladies buried in Grapevine Cemetery who were mothers and/or grandmothers of soldiers in the War Between the States.

One of the ladies who had the highest stake in the conflict was Angelina Levissee Starr, who was born in New York in 1812. Her father was a New York militiaman during the War of 1812. She and Rev. Daniel Starr were married in Illinois in 1838, and most of their children were born there.

In 1854 Daniel Starr brought his family to Grapevine and they immediately bought land and started farming.

Both the Starrs' older sons joined the Confederate Army. In addition to that, no less than five of their daughters married Confederate soldiers

Her youngest son, Barton H. Starr, was too young to join the Army but he distinguished himself in later years by being elected Grapevine's first mayor.

Rev. Starr died in 1870 but Angeline survived until 1903. Both their headstones were vandalized years ago and the pieces were discarded. We are helping the family to replace both stones before our May 2 observance.

Angeline Starr's mother came to Grapevine to live until her death in 1867. She has never had a stone, and we'll remedy that situation, too. She'll be honored at our Mother's Day Ceremony as a Confederate grandmother.



Angeline Starr is seated
at left beside her son,
Barton H. Starr.

OUR ANCESTORS' LIFE AND TIMES



Tens of thousands of our old veterans lived long enough to see some really beautiful coinage come from our mints. Beginning in 1913 this was one of the most interesting pieces.

There was a time in our history when our coin designs used to change with some regularity. Now that the cost of production is nearing the face value of some of our coins, it's cheaper just to use the same designs ad infinitum. Lincoln cents are now entering their 116th year of production, and even the back design is now 56 years old. For years it's cost more than a penny to make one; consider that it now costs more than eleven cents to make a nickel. Knowing how everything else works in Washington, is anyone surprised?

In 1913 a true work of art came on the scene with the introduction of the buffalo nickel, designed by famed sculptor James Earle Fraser (above right). It replaced the old "V" nickel which had been coined since 1883.

The Indian was a composite portrait done from three men....a Lakota named Iron Tail, a Cheyenne named Two Moons, and a third man whose name Fraser couldn't remember when he was asked.

BUFFALO NICKELS

Buffalo Nickels, cont.



Two of the Indian models were Iron Tail and Two Moons (shown here with two eagle feathers). For years it's been an urban legend that the bison model was Black Diamond, a giant inmate of the Central Park Menagerie at the time. There is no proof of this.

Black Diamond grew to weigh 1,500 pounds and was eventually auctioned off because officials decided it would be too expensive to shoot him and have his body hauled away. There are no photos.

At first, the bison was shown standing on a mound, but it immediately became evident that the "FIVE CENTS" was soon going to wear off in that position. Later in 1913 they modified the design, made the mound into a plain, and put the face value in the resulting recess. Thus these are the only two main "varieties" of the coin (see preceding page).

Nothing was done to protect the date on the front of the coin...one of its high points...and now there are millions of them in the hands of collectors which do not contain readable dates.

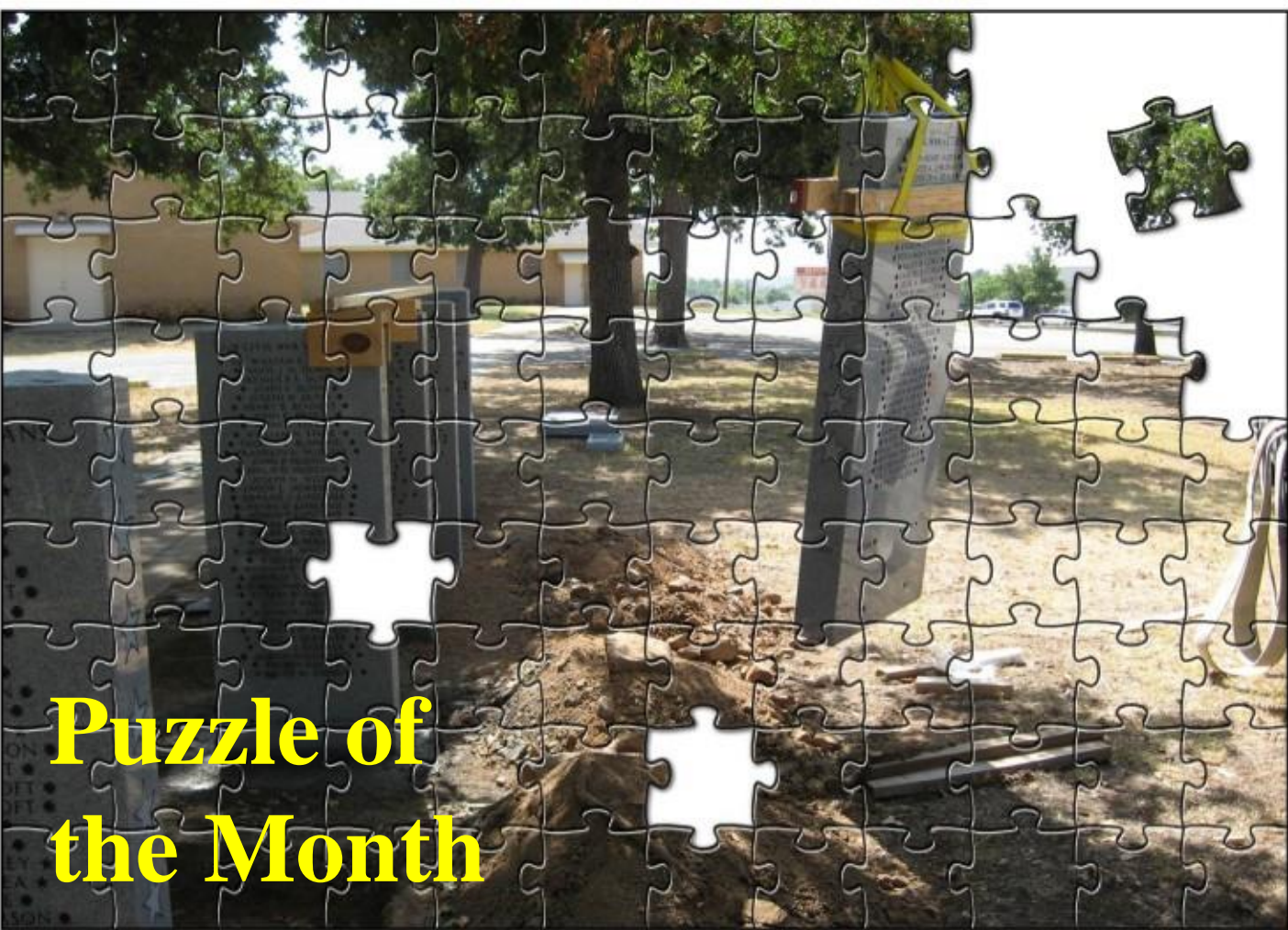
There are two interesting die variations as well. One obverse die at the end of 1917 was still in such good condition that mint officials recut an 8 over the 7, creating an overdate (preceding page).

One reverse die at the Denver mint in 1937 was re-polished trying to get a few more coins made from it and the mint workers polished away the buffalo's front leg (preceding page).

The last buffalo nickels were minted early in 1938. Later that year the first Jefferson nickels appeared.

After the U.S. government decided in 2005 to raise funds by minting and selling bullion coins, the idea of the revival of the buffalo design was quite popular. It was the first coin the mint had ever produced in 24k gold. Earlier gold coins made for circulation contained about ten per cent copper to make them hard enough to stand up under daily use.





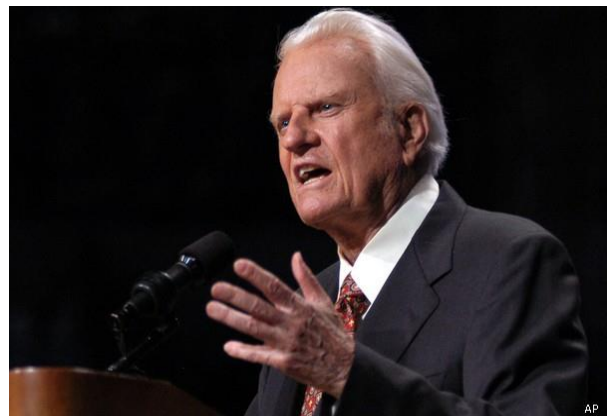
Puzzle of the Month

The Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial in Bedford, while the sixth upright stone was being installed. Thanks again to Matt Worthington for allowing us the use of his crane truck on that day. Go to the puzzle at the link below and choose an appropriate skill level from the choices at left under “Change Cut.”

<http://www.jigzone.com/puzzles/1F168422098?m=81250DB2BB.B091686&z=6>

“Bad politicians are elected by good people who don’t vote.”

Billy Graham






Adapted from a FAR SIDE Cartoon by Gary Larson




Special thanks to Tammy Patterson and Marilyn Patterson this month for hauling your editor all over the place and for running several SCV errands for him when he wasn't able to tag along in person. We appreciate you!!!



**Feb. 6-7
S D Lee
Institute
in Dallas**



**Feb. 14
Set Three
Stones
in Parker
County**



**Feb. 26
E. W. Taylor
Camp
Meeting**



**May 2
Mother's Day
Event at
Grapevine
Cemetery**

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.

