



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

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas...March 2015



MARCH PROGRAM

Alexander H. Stephens,
the Vice-President of
the Confederate States



Join us in March as Compatriot Charles Oliver, above right, from Waco presents a program to us on the life of Alexander H. Stephens. Charles is the commander of the Gen. Felix H. Robertson Camp #129 in Waco. We welcome Charles back to our camp and look forward to another of his excellent presentations. We hope to see you there!

MARCH MEETING: Mar. 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

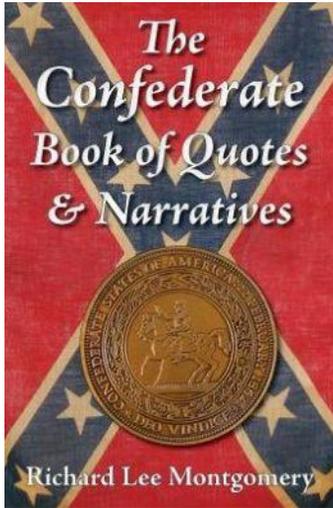
Congratulations to Compatriot Richard Trawick!!!



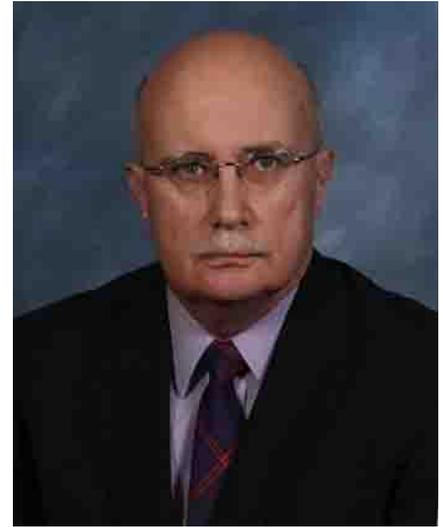
"I've wanted one of these since I was 8 years old. Now that all my kids are grown and out of the house I built one. It took me 13 months to complete. Model 1841 Mountain Howitzer, barrel is machined out of modern steel, 4.5" bore, shoots an 8 pound projectile 900 yards using 8 ounces of black powder. This is an exact, full sized, fully operational, reproduction of the gun used in The Mexican War of 1848, The war for Southern Independence 1861-1865, and the Indian wars 1866-1880. The dogs are my Springer Spaniels.

I have a lot of fun with this in my "spare" time. I fired it on October 4, 2014 and it is nice!

Thanks for a wonderful program!



As before, we appreciate Dr. Richard Montgomery's ready willingness to travel down here from Denton to present a program to us from his second book "*The Confederate Book of Quotes and Narratives.*" The program was well-attended and everyone enjoyed it.



Thanks to everyone who came out to help set the stones in Parker County on February 14: Helen Parker, Levi Parker, Marilyn Patterson, Larry Martin, and Mike Patterson.



Thanks to everyone involved in the Starr stones project for Grapevine Cemetery: Matt Worthington, Kristen Giesecke, Pam Ezell, Marilyn Patterson, Tammy Patterson, Katie Lewis, Sean Partee, Doris Patterson, Oliver Patterson, and Mike Patterson.

Col. Charles E. “Charlie” Petty Has Passed Away in Tennessee

*Many of us helped him honor his Confederate ancestor
in Mt. Olivet Cemetery on September 13.*

Col. Charles E. “Charlie” Petty, age 73, of Columbia, Tennessee passed away on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at his residence. This was only three weeks after he and his wife attended a memorial service here in Fort Worth honoring one of Col. Perry’s ancestors buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Jack Dyess planned and coordinated a very moving service in which about sixty persons took part, including many members of area SCV camps.

We knew Col. Petty’s prognosis was not good, but no one suspected the end was so near.



[To] Elizabeth and Jack [Dyess],

Today marks 4 months and 4 days since Charlie passed to his new address. I looked at the film that you all sent of FM's service and once again your kindness and effort brought tears of thankfulness, beauty, and wonderful memories. I don't know if I can ever... EVER convey what September 13th meant to me and to Charlie. I KNOW that he was amazed, moved and made speechless on what you all did. I am amazed how much you have done for me these past months. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I just had to tell you... Thank you. AGAIN. [Trisha Petty]

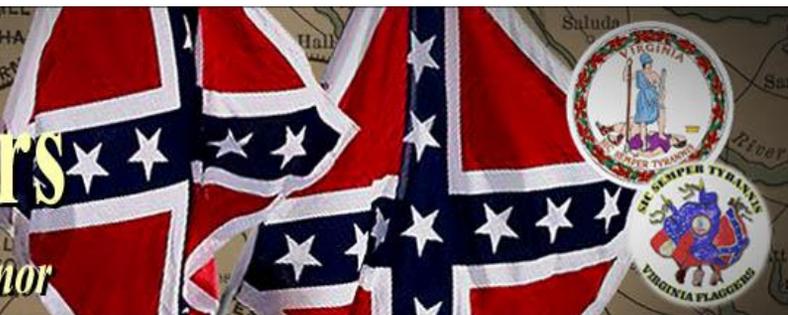


Texas' SCV License Plate case will be heard this month in U S Supreme Court

By the end of March we should be able to read a transcript of the pleadings in our case, and hear an audio tape of them as well. This should be available at <http://www.supremecourt.gov/>

The transcripts of oral arguments are posted on this Web site on the same day an argument is heard by the Court. Same-day transcripts are considered official but subject to final review. The audio recordings of all oral arguments heard by the Supreme Court of the United States are available to the public at the end of each argument week. The audio recordings are posted on Fridays after Conference.

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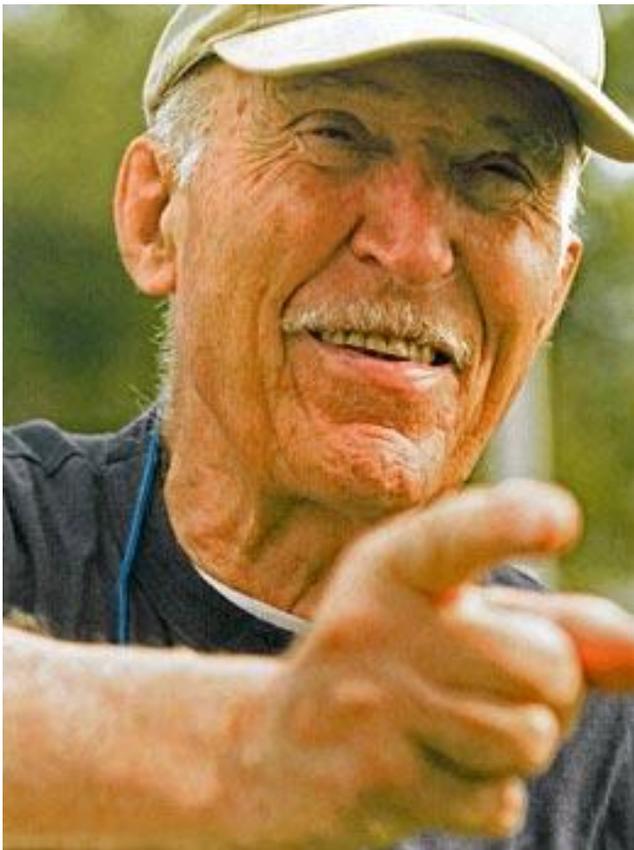
Confederate Symposium

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.

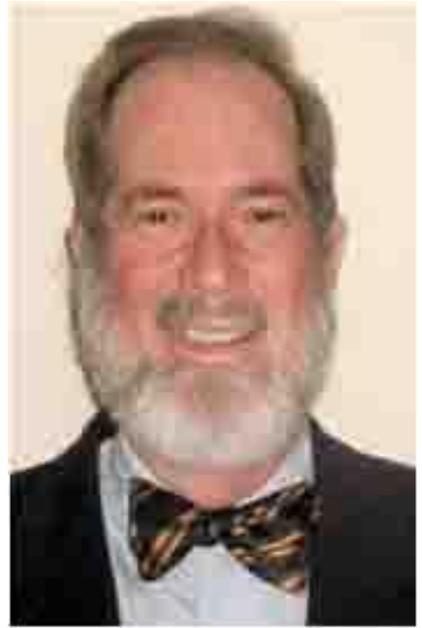
The Shelby Flag, above left, is believed to be a copy of the one which was carried at Chatfield, Texas and was finally buried with dignity in the Rio Grande

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.

**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

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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.



Sally Shannon Morehead was born in Virginia in June, 1822. The Grapevine Area History records that "The Morehead family moved to Saltville, Virginia where Sally Shannon, a schoolteacher, became James Tracy Morehead (1809-1897) 's third wife in 1848. In September of 1852 the family started by wagon to Texas with other families. After they arrived here, Mr. Morehead was elected the second county judge of Tarrant County in 1854. It was at his suggestion that this place was named Grapevine.

We are called upon to chronicle the death of Mrs. Sallie Morehead, which occurred Friday morning, Sept. 1, 1905, at the home of Capt. A. M. Quayle, two miles northeast of town. "Aunt Sallie," as she was generally called, was born June 6, 1823, in Smith county, Va., was married in 1848, came to Texas in 1852 and has lived here ever since. She raised three step-children, Mrs. Phil Hudgins, Mrs. A. M. Quayle and Mr. J. I. Morehead, all of whom survive her. She had no children of her own. Mrs. Morehead lived to pass her 82nd birthday. She was buried Friday evening beside her husband, in Grapevine cemetery.

From *The Grapevine Sun*

By 1860 they were well established here, owning 1,440 acres worth an average of \$3.50 per acre. In that year they owned two slaves. They also owned twelve horses and one hundred thirty-eight cattle,

Sally had no children of her own, but she was stepmother to all of J. T. Morehead's children. Her stepson, Jacob Lyon Morehead (Co. A, 9th Texas Cavalry) is buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

She also had two Confederate stepsons-in-law: Amos Minor Quayle and Philip Davis Hudgins, both of whom served in Co. A, 3rd Kentucky Cavalry. Mr. Quayle is buried at Grapevine and Mr. Hudgins is buried in Clarendon, Texas.

Mrs. Sally Morehead died in Grapevine on September 1, 1905 and was buried in Grapevine Cemetery beside her husband.

Plans for Mother's Day Observance Highlighted a Need in Grapevine Cemetery

A surprising number of the old headstones have gone missing from Grapevine Cemetery in the last fifty years. One of them was for one of our most important honorees on May 2.

Last month we highlighted Mrs. Angelina Starr (1812-1903) of Grapevine, who sent two of her three sons to the Confederate Army, and who saw five of her daughters married to Confederate soldiers. Her youngest son was fifteen when the War ended and he stayed home, but later distinguished himself by being elected the first mayor of Grapevine.

We soon discovered that her headstone and her husband's were long gone from the cemetery. Only the bases remained.

Your editor graduated from Grapevine High School in 1970 with Pam Ezell, a young lady who is a direct descendant of Angeline, and who has an interest in her family history. We contacted Pam and offered to make replacement stones for Angeline and her husband, Rev. Daniel Starr, if the family would pay for the blank rock.

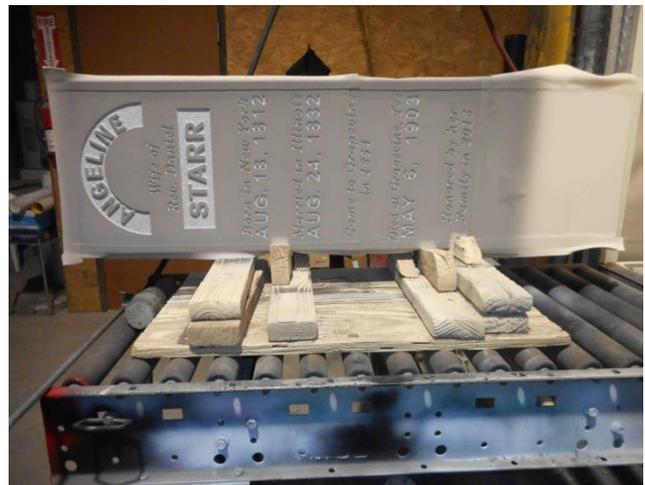
The family agreed and we engraved the stones on the cold morning of February 5. While we were at it, we also made one for Angeline's mother who died in 1867....one of two Confederate grandmothers we know to be buried at Grapevine.

Tammy Patterson dropped us off at Matt Worthington's shop before daylight, and Marilyn Patterson came midmorning and hauled the 800 pounds of engraved granite from Rendon to Grapevine Cemetery. We took pictures of the whole process, of course.

Using levers, ropes, gravity, and ancient Egyptian engineering, we got the stones set.



Angeline's stone being masked (above) and just after it emerged from the blaster (below).



We dug out and discarded the two old bases. Only a little more digging was needed to make footing holes for the new rocks.

Grapevine Cemetery project, cont.



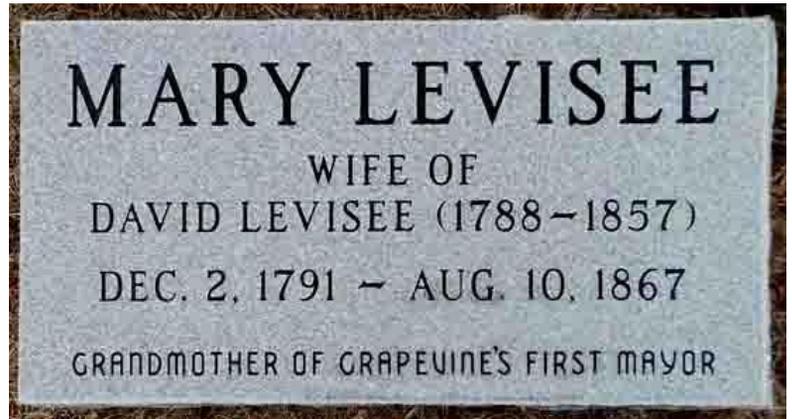
As Compatriot Kent Mathews said, "Give us some rope, some 2x4's, and a sister and we can do anything." We stood them up using ropes and our own weight as cheaters, then walked them onto 2x4's over the holes. Tammy levered them up, we took out the supports, and gravity did the rest.



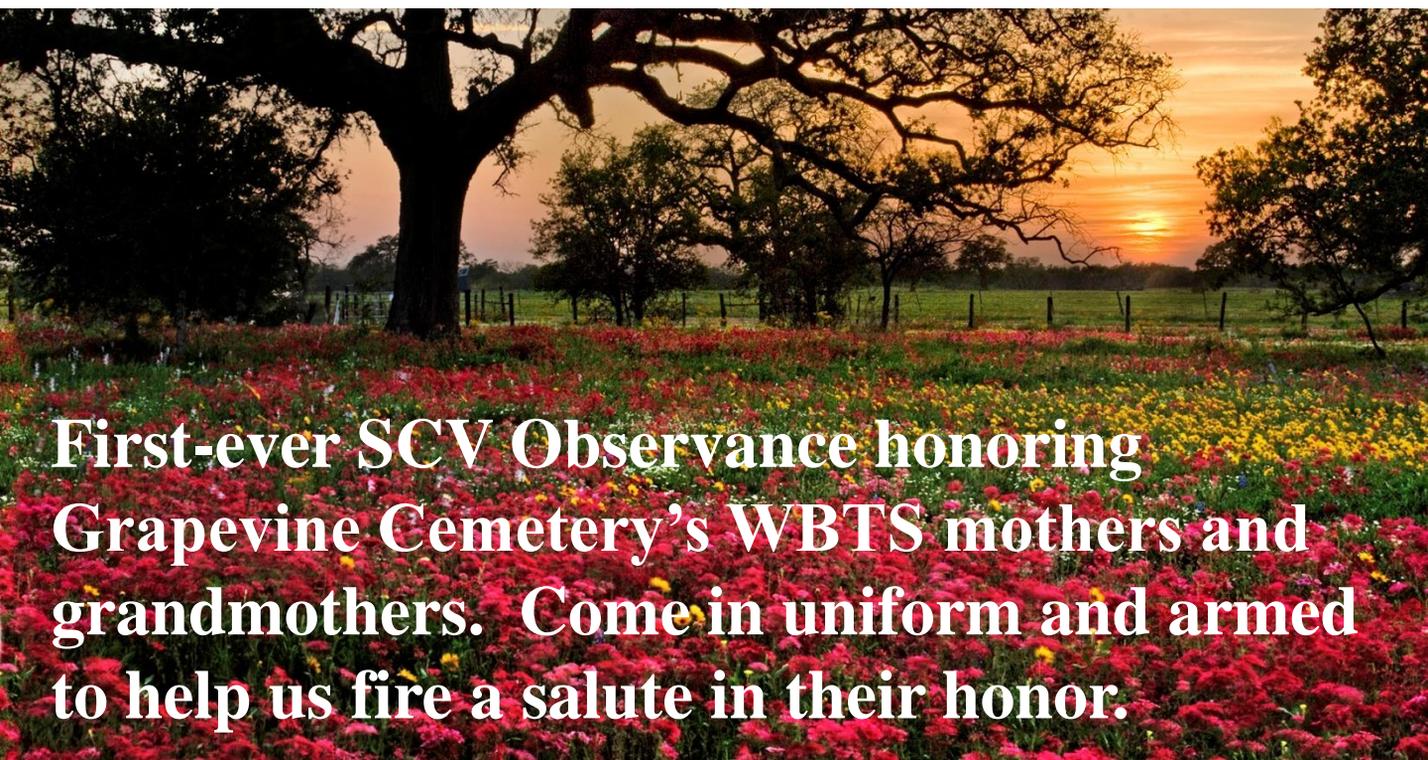
Sean Partee came and helped us get them concreted in place. Katie Lewis made sure they were plumb and level. For that day, the setting party included Katie Lewis, Mike Patterson, Tammy Patterson, and Sean Partee. Marilyn Patterson was the photographer and Doris Patterson was the project supervisor.



Grapevine Cemetery project, cont.



**JOIN US
SAT.
MAY 2
10 A.M.**



**First-ever SCV Observance honoring
Grapevine Cemetery's WBTS mothers and
grandmothers. Come in uniform and armed
to help us fire a salute in their honor.**

Yes!

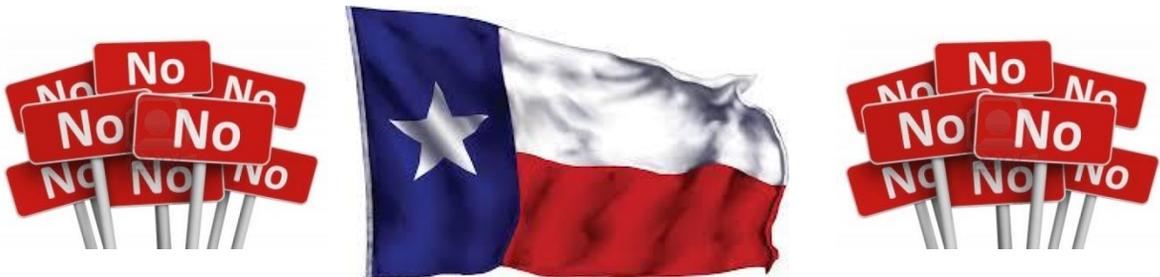


Way To Go, Arkansas!!!

We just received word from our friends in Arkansas that House bill SB 1113, that would have removed General Lee's Birthday from the State Lee/King holiday, was killed in a house committee Wednesday, February 11th, by an 10-7 vote!

This is the second attempt this legislative session, by Representative Nate Bell (R), Mesa to remove the holiday.

The victory today was the result of a joint effort of many different heritage organizations and citizens, led by the Arkansas Division, SCV.



Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, has filed a bill to eliminate the 42-year-old holiday that honors Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and other Confederate figures. The bill would establish a new holiday, to be celebrated in May, called Civil War Remembrance Day, which would honor all men and women who fought during the Civil War.

Confederate Heroes Day was born in 1973, after the Texas Legislature opted to combine the celebrations of Lee and Davis' birthdays, both of which previously were official state holidays. It was decided that the day would honor all soldiers who had served in the South during the Civil War.

This year, the celebration of the Confederacy fell on the same day as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is the third Monday of January each year.



It's time for members of the SCV to start letting themselves be heard on national, state, and even local issues. It's easy to get contact information from the internet.

National: <http://whoismyrepresentative.com/search/zip/76034>

State: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx>

For your city's contacts go to your city's website.

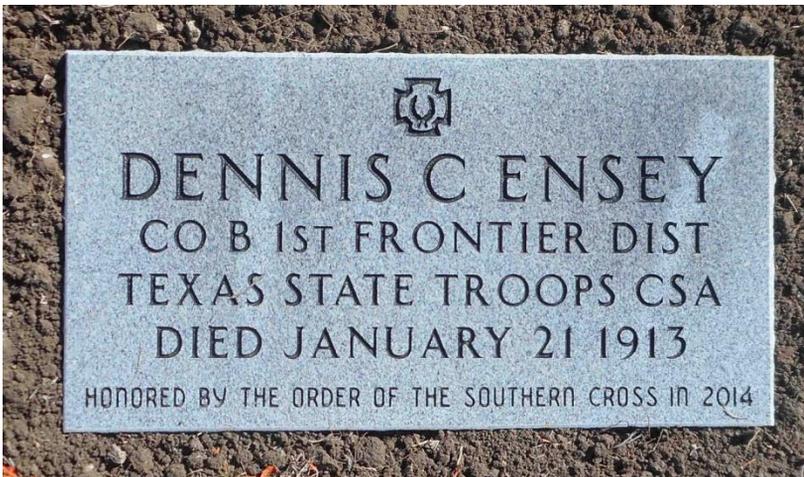
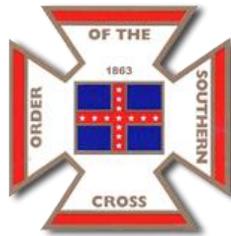
THREE PARKER COUNTY VETS GET MARKERS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Your editor and his wife celebrated their thirty-third wedding anniversary with a little road trip out west. The family who sets together.....



Marilyn and I started the day by getting to Goshen Cemetery near Springtown on a perfect Saturday morning. Helen Parker of the Goshen Cemetery Association and her son, Levi, met us and we got Mr. Culwell's stone set in short order. Larry Martin from the Lanham SCV Camp in Weatherford arrived in time to help us set Mr. Ensey's rock.

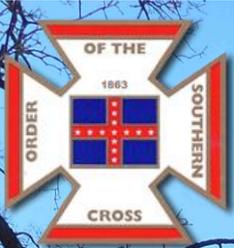
Mr. Culwell and Mr. Ensey are numbers 20 and 21 from our grant from the Order of the Southern Cross.



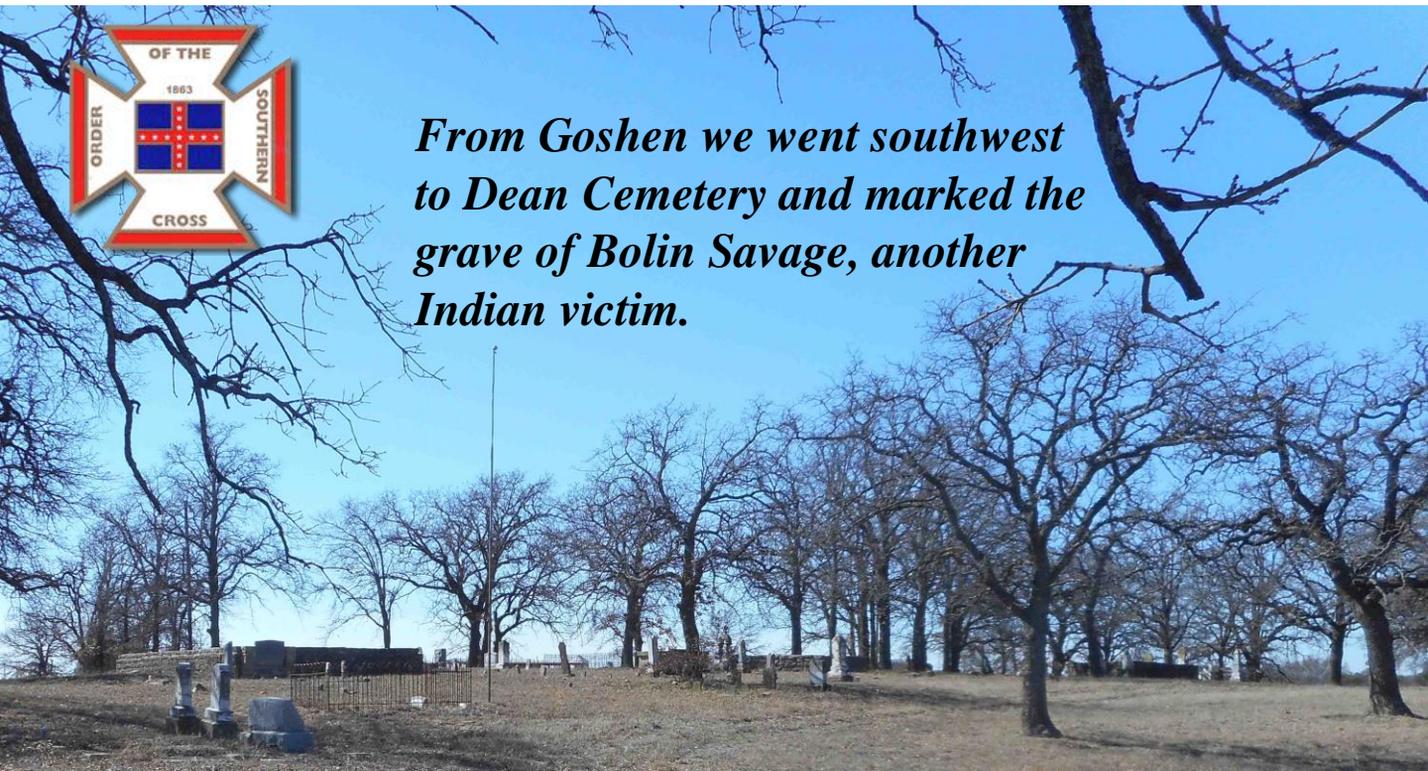
Parker County on Valentine's Day, cont.



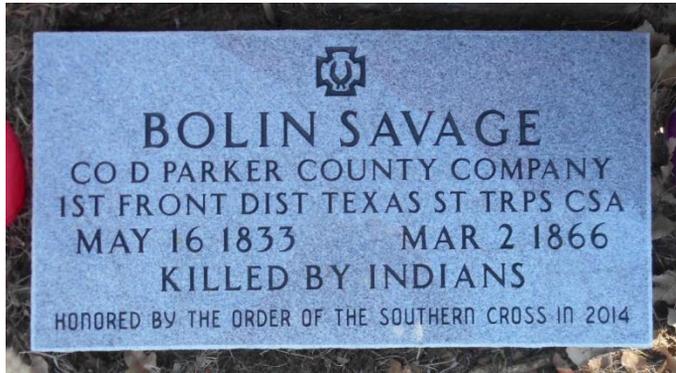
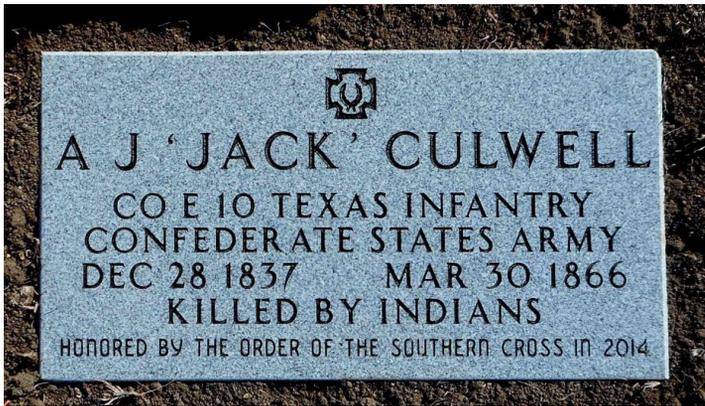
When Bolin Savage and his brother were killed in 1866, they were buried in one grave and the family scratched their names and dates on a limestone which is still readable. Someone got James a VA stone years ago, but Bolin had to wait until we got him one.



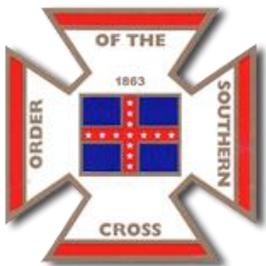
From Goshen we went southwest to Dean Cemetery and marked the grave of Bolin Savage, another Indian victim.



Parker County on Valentine's Day, cont



Culwell and Savage were killed in two separate raids during the same month in 1866. Their stories, and the story of Mr. Ensey, are found in the February issue of this newsletter.



Bolin Savage was number 22 in our roster of men we have honored with our grant from the Order of the Southern Cross.



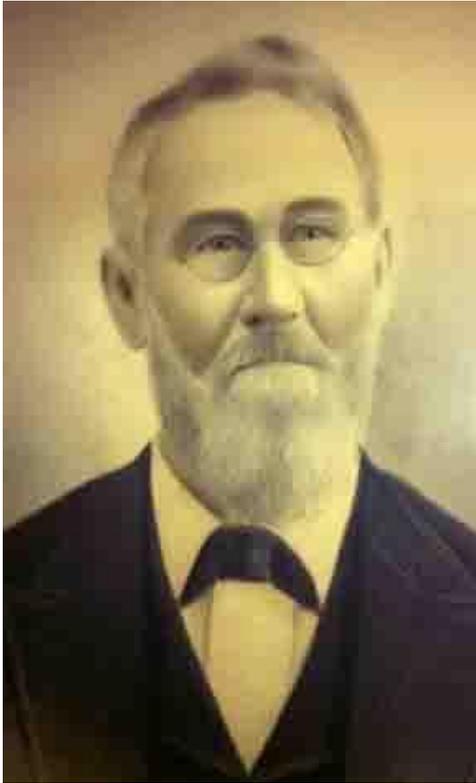
THE NEW YORK HERALD.

From the obituary of Robert E. Lee printed in the New York Herald:

“...On a quiet autumn morning, in the land which he loved so well and served so faithfully, the spirit of Robert Edward Lee left the clay which it had so much ennobled and traveled out of this world into the great and mysterious land. Here in the North, forgetting that the time was when the sword of Robert Edward Lee was drawn against us—forgetting and forgiving all the years of bloodshed and agony—we have long since ceased to look upon him as the Confederate leader, but have claimed him as one of ourselves; have cherished and felt proud of his military genius; have recounted and recorded his triumphs as our own; have extolled his virtue as reflecting upon us—for Robert Edward Lee was an American, and the great nation which gave him birth would be today unworthy of such a son if she regarded him lightly...”

TWO NEARLY-FORGOTTEN CONFEDERATES TO BE REMEMBERED IN MARCH IN FORT WORTH'S OAKWOOD CEMETERY

For a century one of Oakwood's mausoleums has stood with only two words showing, with no other hint of who rests within. What a surprise it was when we discovered who these men were! Markers are in the works for both.



This crypt holds the bodies of Hiram C. Jewell (above left), his wife, their married daughter, and her cattleman husband Robert K. Wylie (below left). The younger man's life was so full of accomplishments that he was immediately accorded a place on the yearly cemetery tour of celebrities. The cemetery association was totally unaware of this distinguished person in their guest list.

Jewell-Wylie Mausoleum, cont.

Both men served in frontier units formed for defense against the Indians. Hiram C. Jewell enlisted on February 2, 1864 in a company commanded by Capt. William R. Peveler which became Co. A for Young County within the First Frontier District of Texas State Troops. Mr. Jewell presented himself for service armed with a rifle and a pistol.

Robert K. Wylie enlisted in Palo Pinto County on February 1, 1864 for frontier service against raiding Indians. He was to be paid two dollars per day for his service. He presented himself armed with one rifle and one pistol. His enlisting officer was Captain William C. Clayton. Wylie served as a private in Co. B for the First Frontier District of Texas State Troops.



The door handles to the Jewell-Wylie Mausoleum were among the pieces of bronze vandalized and stolen from Oakwood Cemetery in July 2014.

Jewell-Wylie Mausoleum, cont.

Hiram Coffee Jewell was born in Tennessee on March 18, 1826. By the time of the Mexican War he was living in Lamar County, Texas, from where he enlisted on May 3, 1846 in Captain Gillett's Co. B, 3rd (Young's) Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers. Mr. Jewell married Lavonia Ann Prince in Hopkins County, Texas on December 7, 1852. She was born in Arkansas in 1829. Her 1908 obituary in the Fort Worth newspaper indicates that she and her husband first came to Fort Worth in 1865 and that her husband was a trader. They lived at various times in Johnson County, in Hill County, and at Mansfield before finally moving back to Fort Worth. They were living in Fort Worth in 1883 when their daughter, Molly, married Robert K. Wylie. Their other daughter, Ishie Jewell, married Confederate veteran and locally-prominent politician Joseph M. Henderson. After Mr. Jewell retired as a trader and merchant he entered the real estate business, from which he retired in 1900. He died in Fort Worth at noon on September 10, 1912.

Deaths

Jewell—The funeral of Hiram C. Jewell, 87, was held Wednesday at 9 a. m. from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Joe Henderson, 1201 El Paso street. J. J. Massie, W. B. Wheeler, R. L. Carlock, Leon Gross, Will Henderson and G. H. Connell acted as pallbearers. Rev. J. W. Caldwell, pastor of the Taylor Street Presbyterian Church, officiated. Interment followed in the family vault in East Oakwood cemetery. Mr. Jewell had been a resident of Fort Worth for fifty years, served with the Texas troops in the last Mexican war and again in the Civil war. At the close of the war he engaged in the real estate business in Fort Worth, the first to enter the business here. His two sons, Lon and H. Veal Jewell, have succeeded him in the business. Mr. Jewell died Tuesday at noon.

Wylie—The body of Robert K. Wylie, the aged Mineral Wells man who was accidentally killed Monday by falling from a train near Ludlow, Col., will arrive in Fort Worth Thursday and will be taken to the undertaking parlors of L. P. Robertson. The funeral will be conducted from the residence of Mrs. Wylie's sister, Mrs. J. M. Henderson, 1201 El Paso street, Thursday.

Mr. Wylie was a millionaire cattleman and a prominent Elk. The services will be conducted under the auspices of that order. Lon H. Jewell, a brother-in-law of the dead man, and Mrs. Charlie Clarkson and Mrs. Collins, nieces, all of whom live here, went to Colorado and will accompany the body home.

Mrs. Jewell had died on February 6, 1908 and her funeral was held the next afternoon at the Presbyterian church on Taylor Street in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Mollie (Jewell) Wylie was born March 9, 1856 in Texas. She died of apoplexy at her home in Fort Worth at 913 Southland Avenue on August 25, 1925.

The Jewell-Wylie Mausoleum was one of those damaged in July 2014 by vandals who were attempting to steal bronze in the cemetery. The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* ran an article which included a photo of the damaged door to this mausoleum. It's available online at <http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/crime/article3865836.html>

Jewell-Wylie Mausoleum, cont.

The following biography of Mr. Wylie appears in the Handbook of Texas Online.

WYLIE, ROBERT KELSEY (1836–1910). Robert Kelsey Wylie, trail driver and rancher, son of Samuel Kelsey and Maria (McNeil) Wylie, was born in Tishomingo County, Mississippi, on June 6, 1836, the fifth of eleven children. Robert Wylie moved to Texas with his parents about 1850 from Mississippi and settled on a farm in Anderson County. As a youth he learned to build brick chimneys. He accepted cattle as payment and in 1852 moved to Erath County, where he and three brothers engaged in ranching. In 1862 Wylie joined several families in establishing a settlement called Picketville (later Ballinger) in an area that became Runnels County. Soon afterwards he located the Flat Top Ranch on Elm Creek to the southeast in Coleman County and remained there during the Civil War. In June 1865 Wylie and four others drove a herd south for sale in Mexico, and in the late summer he entered the employ of James Patterson, a beef contractor at Fort Sumner, New Mexico. In the fall of 1865 Wylie piloted his first herd over a well charted cattle trail (later followed by Charles Goodnight^{qv}) up the Pecos to Fort Sumner; he delivered cattle to Patterson and others on the Pecos for nearly ten years. In 1873 Wylie sold a herd to John S. Chisum on credit, settled at Ballinger, and built up a stock herd under his Cross brand with imported Durham bulls. In 1878 Wylie and the Coggin brothers reclaimed 8,000 cattle from Chisum and sent them to the head of the Pease River in

Motley County, where they were sold to form part of the foundation herd for the Matador Ranch. In 1879, with other ranchers contesting his range in Runnels and neighboring counties, Wylie moved a herd to Horsehead Crossing on the Pecos and established the first ranch there. He also purchased and fenced land to preserve his claims in Runnels County (organized in 1880). By 1885 he had started a sheep ranch in the Van Horn area; his flocks increased to 60,000. The Wylie Mountains, with Bob and Mollie peaks, are named for him and his wife. By 1905 Wylie had sold his ranch holdings and moved to Mineral Wells to live in retirement as a millionaire. Wylie married Mollie Modina Jewell, a schoolteacher, on December 4, 1883, and adopted her daughter Lillian. The couple had no children of their own. Wylie was a member of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas but apparently took no active role in civic, political, or religious affairs. On July 11, 1910, while vacationing in Colorado with his wife, Wylie fell off the back of a Pullman car near Trinidad and was killed.

Another interesting biographical sketch may be found online at:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=bCFPAAAAYAAJ&q=Wylie#v=snippet&q=Wylie&f=false>



MEMBER OF MORGAN'S NOTED RAIDING REGIMENT PASSES AS JAMES R. JOHNSTON DIES

Funeral services for James R. Johnston, 56, who died early Sunday morning at his residence, 801½ Belknap Street, will be held at 6:30 a. m. Tuesday from the chapel of the Gause Undertaking Company, under the auspices of R. E. Lee Camp, U. C. V. The body will be forwarded to Mexia Tuesday morning.

In the death of Johnston, Robert E. Lee Camp loses one of its oldest and most prominent members. Johnston served with the Second Kentucky Cavalry under command of General Morgan, and participated in a number of the famous raids of that regiment.

Toward the close of the war, he was appointed one of the guards of the Confederate Treasury, accompanying Jefferson Davis when the latter fled from Richmond with the Treasury, preceding capture of the town by Union troops. He was among the few to hear President Davis' last official address delivered at Charlotte, N. C., in 1864.

Twenty silver dollars given him when the war closed, which was a part of the Confederate Treasury, still are in the possession of his family.

Johnston was born in 1835 in Richmond, Va. At the close of the war he moved to Alabama, coming to Texas several years later, where he settled in Mexia. He came to Fort Worth with his family twenty years ago and has lived here since.

He had been an active member of the Robert E. Lee Camp, having served as chairman of the executive and of the membership committees. He was lieutenant of the camp in 1903 under W. T. Shaw. He was made an aide-de-camp with the rank of lieutenant colonel by Maj. K. M. Van Zandt when the latter was commander of the Trans-Mississippi Division, U. C. V.

Johnston is survived by two daughters, Mary and Alice Johnston, of Fort Worth, and one son, James Roland Johnston of Phoenix, Ariz., who is expected to arrive tonight in Fort Worth.

Long-term misunderstanding cleared up.

One of Tarrant County's most prominent Confederate veterans, James R. Johnston, died in Fort Worth on July 17, 1921. He was buried in Mexia Cemetery in Limestone County.

Because a man with a very similar name died in 1922 and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, for many years the two men's identities have been confused.

This soldier who served in Morgan's command has left us evidence in the R. E. Lee UCV camp records, a pension file, a death certificate, and the excellent obituary above which appeared in the Star-Telegram on July 18, 1921. His identity is now defined beyond question.

Unfortunately, his grave at Mexia was never marked and is now lost.

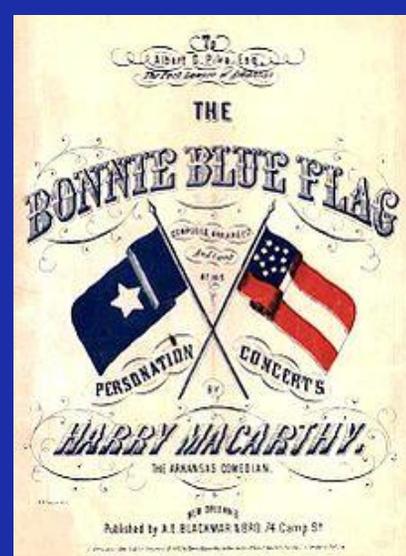
**When someone
asks you about
this flag...**

...what do you tell 'em?

It's the Bonnie Blue Flag, of course, popularized by an 1861 song of the same title. The flag became the first unofficial banner of the Confederate States of America. The song was premiered by lyricist Harry McCarthy during a concert in Jackson, Mississippi in the spring of 1861. It was performed again in September of that same year at the New Orleans Academy of Music to salute the First Texas Volunteer Infantry regiment which was mustering there.

The flag is virtually the same as the one used by the Republic of West Florida, a short-lived unrecognized republic in the Florida Panhandle in 1810.

We use this flag extensively during ceremonies to decorate Confederate graves because we can make them ourselves at a very low cost per unit.



Our Ancestors' Life and Times

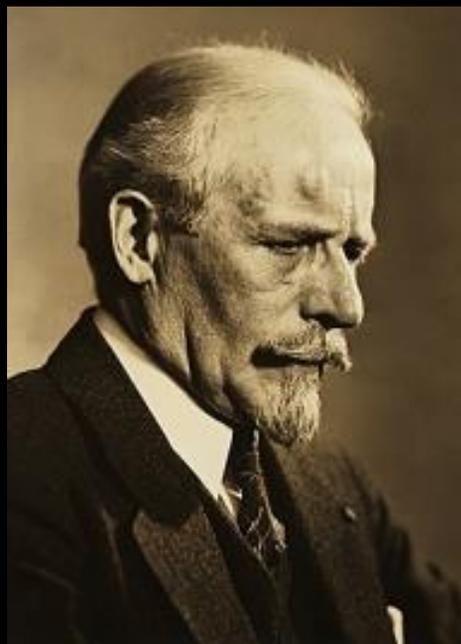
In 1916 the U. S. mint began producing the most beautiful coin in our nation's history.

This wonderful coin was the product of a staggeringly-talented sculptor named Adolph A. Weinman (1870-1952) (at right). He also designed the Mercury dime which appeared the same year.

This design replaced the "Barber" halves which had been minted since 1892. During those years the obverse of U. S. dimes and quarters featured the same design. When officials decided it was time for something new, Charles E. Barber, the older series' designer, was Chief Engraver of the Mint.

Barber was understandably proud of having his design on millions and millions of American silver coins, and he submitted new designs...which were rejected.

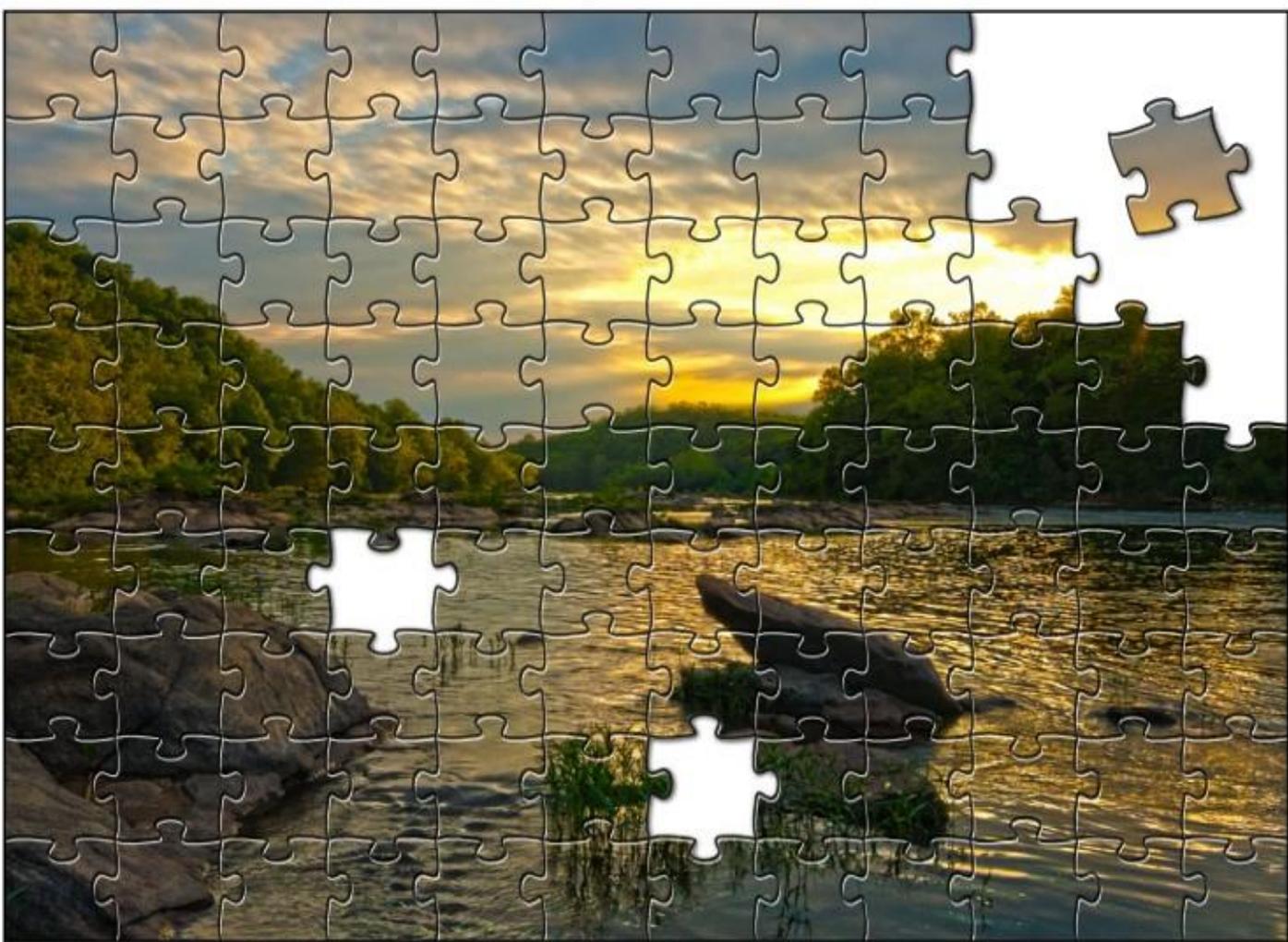
Barber became angry and sullen at the perceived slight, and threw several stumbling blocks into the mix as officials tried to approve Weinman's design. The last halves in this series were minted in 1947. They were replaced the next year by the Benjamin Franklin halves



many of us remember from our younger days. They were minted until 1963; the Kennedys were begun in 1964.



WALKING LIBERTY HALF DOLLARS



March Puzzle: The Rappahannock River

Our Confederate forebears lacked many things as they fought for our rights, but scenery wasn't one of them. The Southeast has some spectacular natural wonders. This photograph was taken recently along Virginia's Rappahannock River. Go to the puzzle site, pick a challenging level from the choices at left on that page where it says "Change Cut," and enjoy!

<http://www.jigzone.com/puzzles/681686302E2?m=81250DB2BB.B091686&z=6>



Please make every effort to set aside the morning of Saturday, May 2 to help us at Grapevine Cemetery. We will be making a first impression there for the SCV.

March TBA
Stone installs at
Oakwood (2) and
Bourland in
Keller (1)

March 26
Taylor Camp
SCV Meeting

May 2
Mother's Day
Event at
Grapevine
Cemetery

May 25
Memorial Day
Event at
Mt. Gilead
Cemetery
in Keller

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.