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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....April 2015

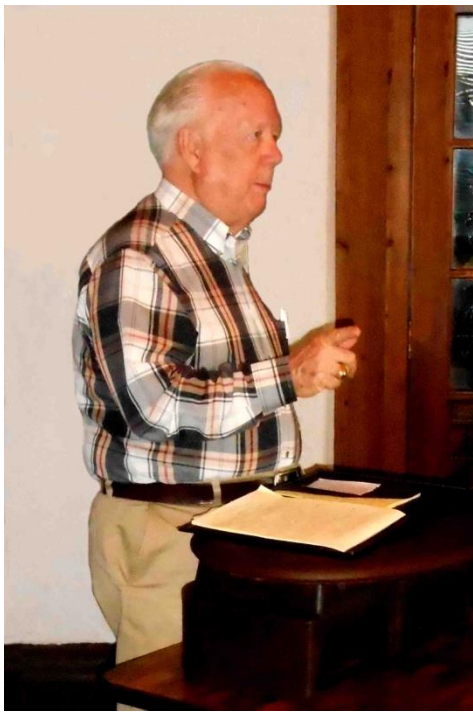
APRIL PROGRAM

Witnesses to the Surrender

Join us in April for some great catfish and a great program put on by our own adjutant, James Alderman. He and his wife, Ja Ann, are shown at right at a recent event in Fort Worth.



APRIL MEETING: Apr. 30, 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



Thanks to Compatriot Charles Oliver of Waco for a most interesting program on the life of Confederate VP Alexander Hamilton Stephens.

Did you know, for instance:

....that Stephens was a friend and ally of Abe Lincoln before the War?

.....that Stephen A. Douglas wanted him to be his running mate in the 1860 election?

....that Stephens was asked to be President of the Confederacy before Jeff Davis?

....that he was asked by U. S. Grant to be his vice-presidential candidate in 1868?

....that Stephens served in the U. S. House from Georgia both before and after the War?

....that Stephens was the sitting governor of Georgia when he died?



Compatriot Oliver suggests we get and read Alexander H. Stephens: A Biography, by Thomas E. Schott. There are several good used copies available in paperback for under \$20 from Amazon.com

We need you!!!

...to share your knowledge with the Camp by doing a program for us. We'll work with you to make you a power-point show to go along with it if you'd like one.





On the last day of March, 2015, we were officially notified that henceforth the annual Grapevine Veterans Day Parade will be put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars there. The Sons of Confederate Veterans, and all patriotic organizations who honor our soldiers from all eras, are welcome.

We Will Be There



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.

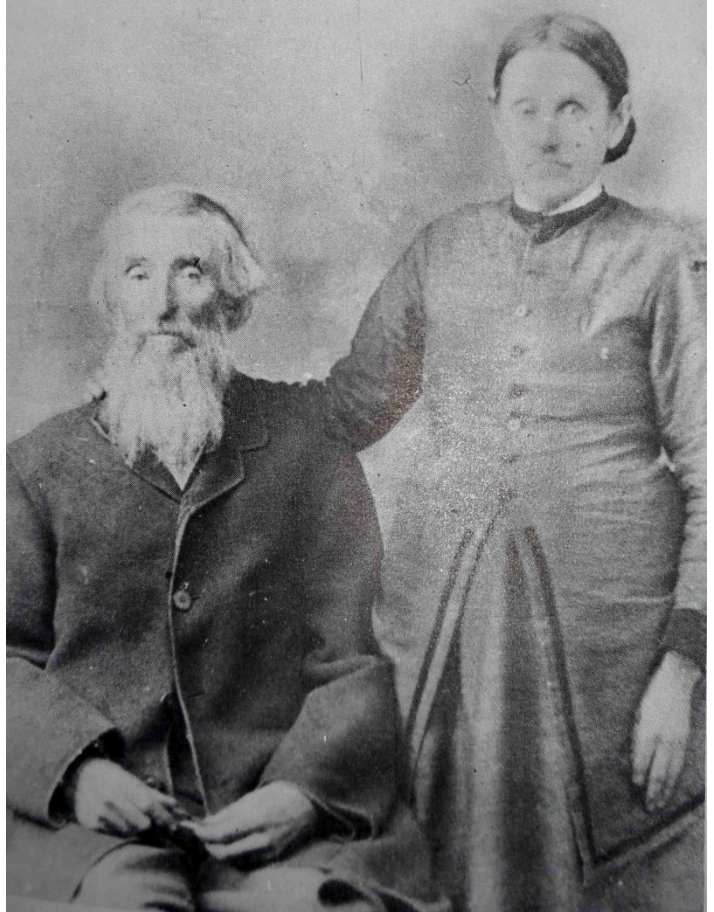
Our plan is to conduct a thirty-minute ceremony honoring these eighteen ladies. It will include welcomes from the two sponsoring groups and City officials, as well as a few comments about the lives of each of the ladies.

Each lady's grave will be decorated with appropriate flags for each of her sons, sons-in-law, or grandsons who were in service 1861-1865. We will also recognize direct descendants and sing three songs in tribute to these ladies and their families.

The ceremony will conclude with a uniformed musket squad who will fire a salute in their honor.

We'll set up in the shade in the north part of the cemetery. Please bring a chair for yourself and for one or two other persons if you can.

If it's cold or wet we'll meet in the auditorium of the Novus Academy south of the cemetery on Dooley Street before Northwest Highway. Ceremony at 10 a.m.



Minerva Green Pearson (1825-1909) will be one of the eighteen ladies honored on that day. She had one son and one son-in-law in the Union army both buried at Grapevine, and one Confederate son-in-law who remained in East Tennessee.

Please come in uniform and armed to help us at Grapevine Cemetery on Saturday morning, May 2, about 9:30 a.m. This is our opportunity to make a good first impression with the citizens of the City of Grapevine.

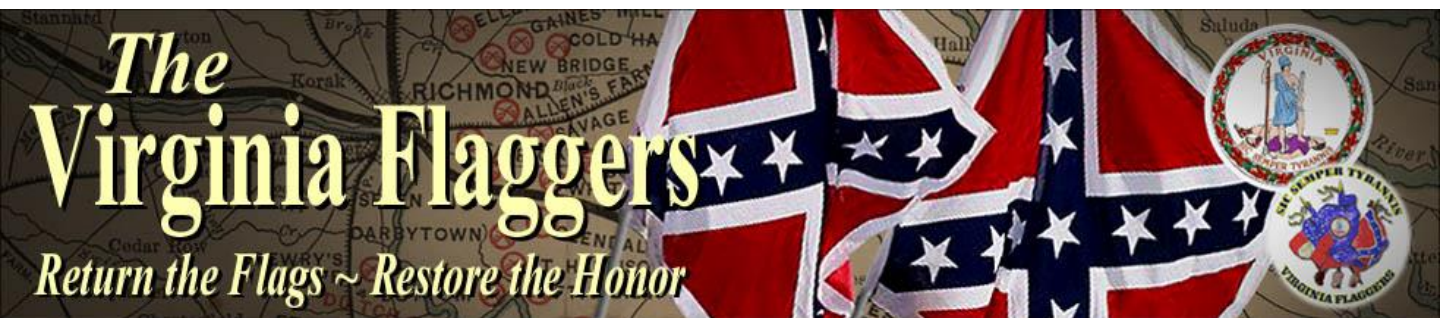


Texas' SCV License Plate case was heard March 23 in the U S Supreme Court

**You may read a verbatim transcript of the arguments
presented in our case before the Court by going to this site:**

http://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcripts/14-144_5i36.pdf

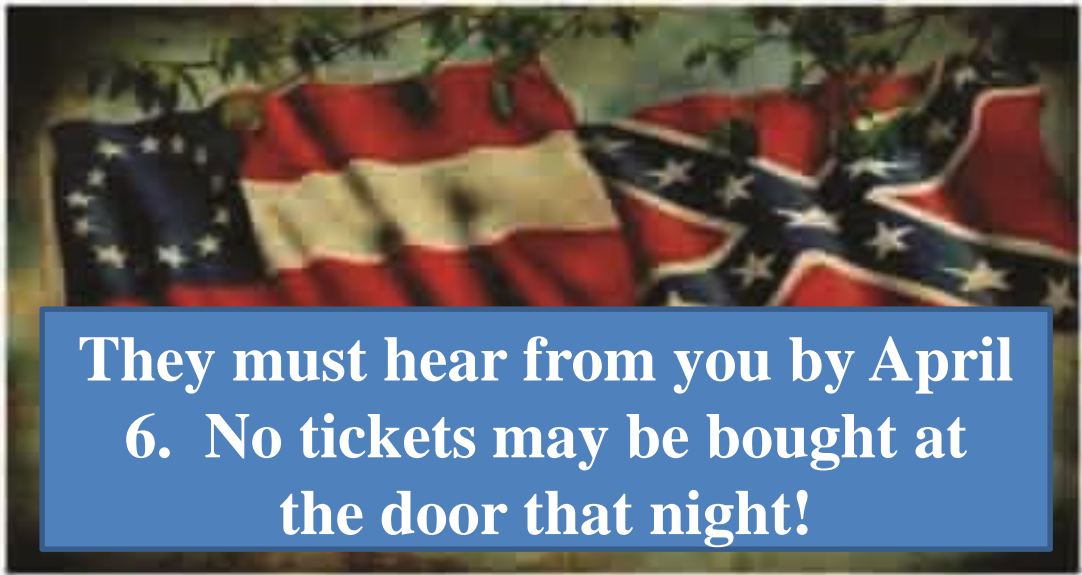
At this point the best guess for a decision in the case is June, 2015.



Stay up-to-the-minute with this front-line organization of dedicated activists. Go to:

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

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



**They must hear from you by April
6. No tickets may be bought at
the door that night!**

**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
Awards, Silent Auction and Fellowship**

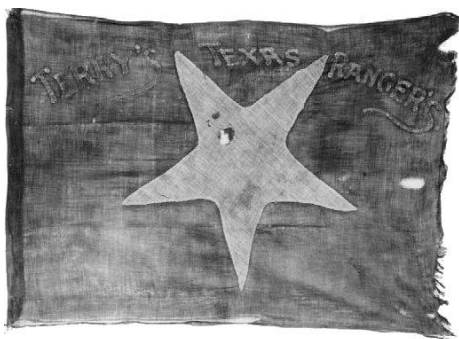
**Contact Kevin Boldt or Cmdr Barry Turnage for tickets or
Information, Cash or Check only! Checks Payable to: R E Lee Camp 239
Please Send your Admission and Guest Names to:**

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Buffalo Creek Association and the members of Terry's Texas Rangers Camp #1937 Sons of Confederate Veterans cordially invite you to the Statue Dedication of General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2015, Guinn Justice Center Grounds, 204 South Buffalo Avenue, Cleburne, Texas. Uniforms and Period Dress are encouraged but not required. In the event of inclement weather, the dedication will move to the Guinn Justice Center. For more information, contact Bob Rubel, Commander, at (817) 483-6288 or bobrubel@iglide.net





*Cannon Salvo Salute
Confederate & Union statues
Words from Civil War historian
T. Michael Parrish
Musical tribute*



You are cordially invited to our
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Thursday, April 9 · 11:30 a.m.
Veterans Park · College Station, Texas



Learn more at **BVVM.ORG** or call **979.696.6247**



*Thanks!!! to Tammy Patterson
for taking us to Matt's long
before daylight on March 19 to
engrave stones.*



*Thanks!!! to James Alderman
for picking us up at Matt's on
March 19 and delivering one
stone to Oakwood and two to
Colleyville.*



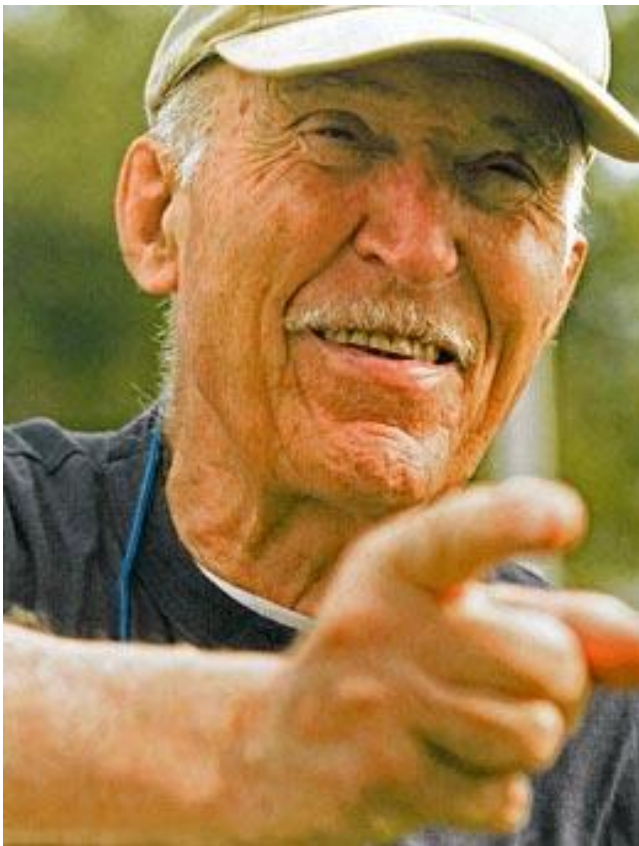
Confederate Symposium

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.

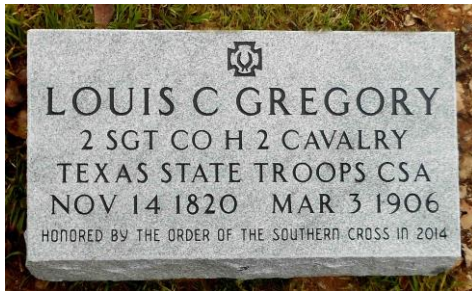
This event is co-sponsored by the Hodge-Martin-Chatfield Historical Museum, the Sons of Confederate Veterans Texas Division, and the William Henry Parsons #415 SCV.

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.

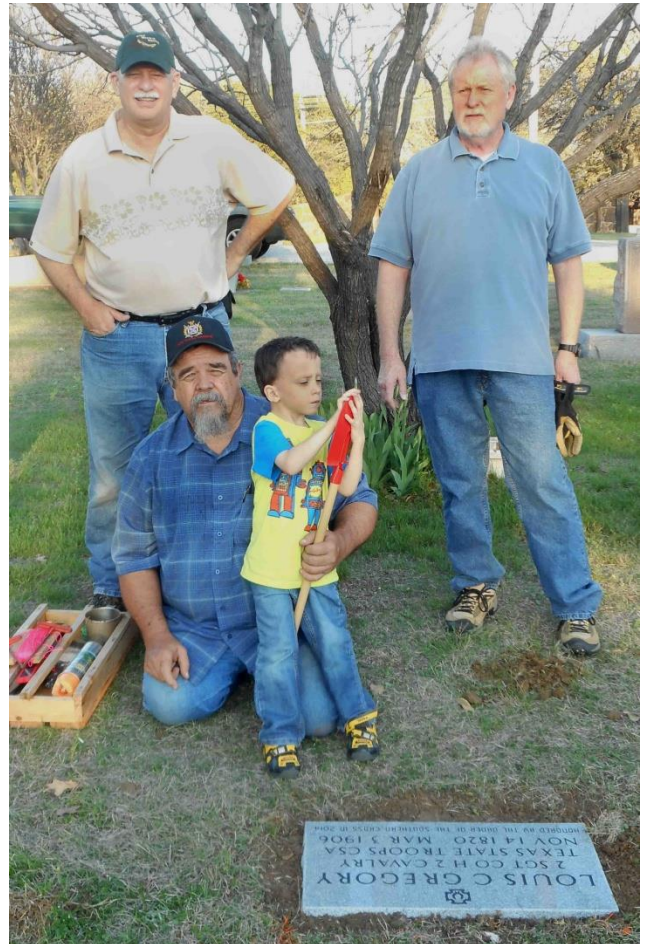
For more information, contact Rob Jones at (903) 654-2066 or email him at shadows1865@msn.com. More information will be released soon.

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.

Keller pioneer, dead 109 years, got his first marker March 24



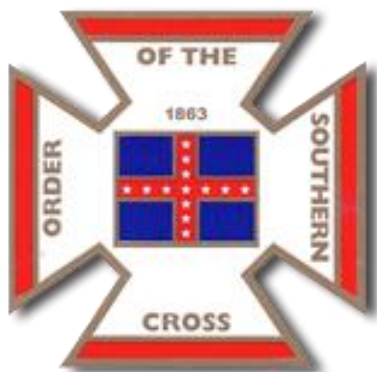
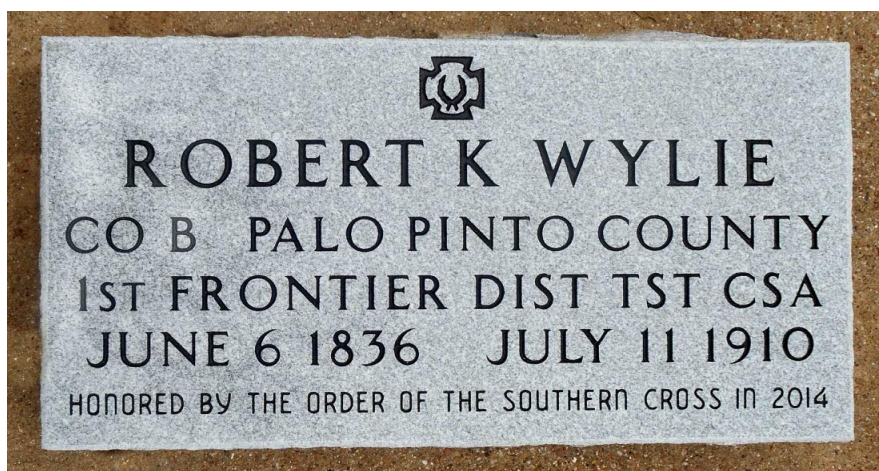
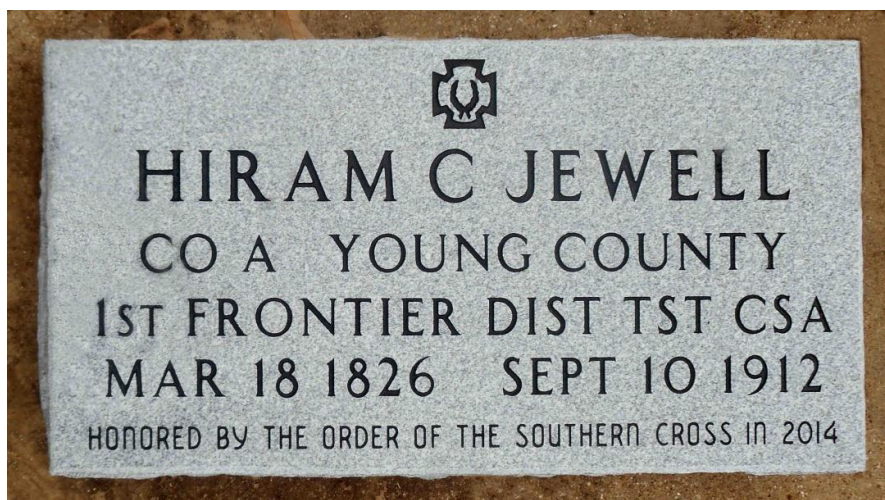
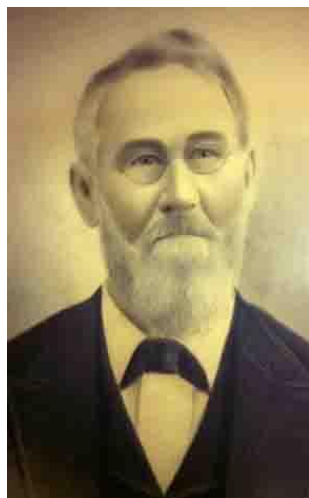
Mr. Gregory's stone is #23 in our series of 30 using our OSC grant. Gregory, his wife, and two of their children were moved to Bourland Cemetery from their family plot nearby in 1982.



The diggers were Kent Mathews, Ervin Hauk, Mike and Oliver Patterson. Tammy Patterson drove and photographed.

Two leaders in Fort Worth's history get veterans' markers on March 28

Numbers 24 and 25 in our series of 30 stones made using our grant from the Order of the Southern Cross.



In spite of having one of the most costly monuments in Oakwood Cemetery, only two words appear on the outside of the mausoleum: "JEWELL-WYLIE" It would have been inappropriate to do any engraving on the family's structure. We decided to identify these two vets with flat stones near the lower steps. Biographies for both men appeared in last month's issue of this newsletter.



Jewell and Wylie, cont.



The setting crew (below) l-r was Kent Mathews, Bob Gresham, Clay Fitzhugh, Ron Parker, David Stewart, and Mike Patterson, below.



Local Confederate, dead 115 years, gets marker on March 28

Veteran who enlisted in Dallas is remembered in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. This is number 26 using our OSC grant.

Fabien Felix Julien Seraphin Judice, known here as Felix, was born March 10, 1846 in St Martin Parish, Louisiana, a son of Seraphin and Marie Magdeleine Judice.

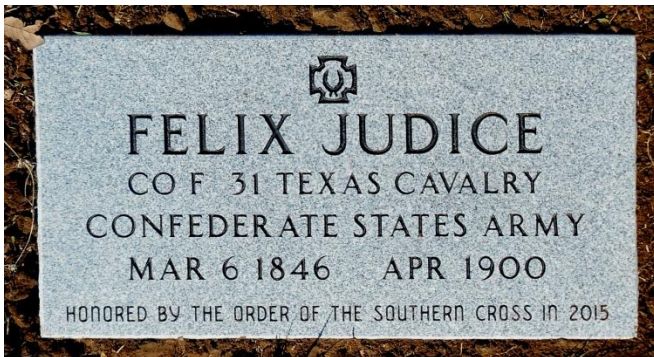
When he registered to vote after the War, Felix said he had settled in Dallas County about 1861. Records of the R. E. Lee Camp UCV in Fort Worth indicate Mr. Judice enlisted in Dallas in 1863 served in Co. G, 31st Texas (Hawpe's) Cavalry; he served in the same regiment but in a different company from his future father-in-law.

Felix Judice was married about 1867 to Melissie Jane Stratton, who was born about 1842 in Simpson County, Kentucky. She came to Texas with her father's family in 1855 and

they were settled in Dallas County by 1860. Her father, Thomas Jefferson Stratton, was also a Confederate soldier and was wounded at the Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana.

Felix and his family appear in the 1870 census in Dallas County, and in the 1880 census of Collin County. In that year he and his wife had four children with them: Ollie M., Thomas E., James W., and Mary I. Judice.

Mr. Judice died in April, 1900. Oakwood's records show an exact burial location for him, but his grave has never marked until now. In May, 1900 the R. E. Lee Camp appointed a committee to research and write a memorial resolution in his honor, but we have been unable to find a copy of it.



The setting crew included, 1-r standing: Bob Gresham, Kent Mathews, Ron Parker, and David Stewart, all of the Taylor Camp. Kneeling are 1-r Mike Patterson of the Taylor Camp, Kyle Sims of the Johnson Camp, and Clay Fitzhugh of the Morris Camp. Dana Gresham was the photographer.



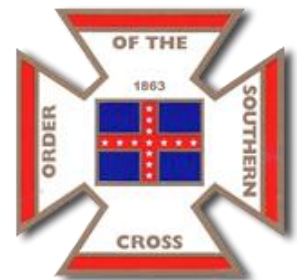
Palo Pinto County vet remembered after 114 years...no. 27 in OSC series

Veteran was buried first in Tonk Valley Cemetery, but when Possum Kingdom Lake was built his body was moved to McAdams Cemetery and an unmarked grave.



William Henry McPherson was born about 1828 in Missouri. He married Mary Ann Elizabeth London in 1851 and the following year they came to Texas from Schuyler County, Missouri.

McPherson enlisted on March 8, 1862 at Sherman in Grayson County. His surviving records are very sparse. On the last regimental return he was listed sick at home in Grayson County. A comrade who made an affidavit for his widow said McPherson served as a faithful soldier until the War's end.



The McPhersons had nine children, six of whom were still alive in 1900. By 1880 they had moved to Fannin County. In 1900 they lived near some of their children in Hunt County, Texas.

On Saturday, March 28 two members of the M. T. Johnson Camp, Dan Hays and Kyle Sims, along with Mike Patterson of the Taylor Camp, took the stone out to McAdams Cemetery beside Possum Kingdom Lake and installed it.



Congratulations to a Confederate Descendant Sharpshooter!!!



Congratulations to one of our own, Compatriot Ron Parker, and his grandson, Stephen Ironeagle Parker, who just graduated from the U. S. Marine's Boot Camp at San Diego, Cal. This photo was taken by his father, Stephen C. Parker, who also deserves our ongoing thanks for keeping our webpage up-to-date.

Learning the Trade

With every passing month, Tammy Patterson is helping the Taylor Camp more and more in its program of work.

Tammy is a reading teacher and a sixth-generation Colleyvillager who lives on land which has been in her family since 1901. She has four great-great grandfathers who were Confederate soldiers....Corp. J. D. Land of Co. C, 3rd Confederate Cavalry (buried outside Denton); John W. Simmons of Co. B, 37th Tennessee Infantry (buried in Tennessee); Sgt. Joseph M. Cavender of Co. E, 12th Texas Infantry (buried at Grapevine), and Corp. Harvey R. Sparger of Co. K, 12th Georgia Cavalry (buried at Smithfield).

Tammy dropped us off at Matt Worthington's at 0600 on Friday the 13th and we got our three flat stones finished for this month. Later that day, Katie Lewis and Marilyn Patterson picked us and the stones up, and we dropped off two at Oakwood. Katie and your editor are shown below.



Our Ancestors' Life and Times

One of our forefathers' most valued and useful trees continues to be a major player in the economy.

Most of the millions of soldiers who marched off to War in 1861 carried a firearm with a stock made from this useful and beautiful wood, black walnut. Its hardness, durability, straight grain, and rich appearance have made it the choice among gun makers for centuries.

Juglans nigra, the eastern black walnut, is a species of flowering tree of the walnut family which is native to eastern North America. It grows mostly in or near river bottoms from southern Ontario, west to southeast South Dakota, south to southeast Georgia and northern Florida, and southwest to central Texas.

These large deciduous trees may reach heights of 100 to 130 feet. Early colonists soon realized the usefulness of the tree for its beautiful lumber and they were first transplanted in Europe in 1629.



The seeds develop inside tough pithy husks which fall in the month of October. Getting the nuts out of the husks is a time-consuming, messy job which will stain hands and any other surfaces they touch.



The sap within the husks can be used for dyeing cloth and even human hair. A cloth bag of the green walnut hulls, crushed and placed in small holes of water in streams will give the fish nearby breathing difficulties and they will come to the surface where they can be easily caught.

Black Walnut Trees

Black Walnuts, cont.



While the nutmeats of black walnuts are extremely tasty, the difficulty of processing them limits their use as a human foodstuff. For persons willing to take the time and trouble, the rewards are outstanding. Home-based producers sometimes place the nuts in their driveways and drive back and forth over them to loosen the husks. The nuts inside aren't broken. Most walnuts sold in stores are Persian (aka English Walnuts), a related species.

A wide variety of dye for yarn, cloth, or even human hair may be made from husks.



When all the crushing and washing are done, you're left with a number of nuts about the size of quarters. Pecan crackers will have no effect on them,



Getting the edible nut meats nearly always involves a hammer, a small pick, and some time. There are a few folks back east who still supplement their family income by shelling black walnuts and selling the nutmeat by the pound to local merchants.



Black Walnut Trees, cont.



This tree's main value to us today is for its beautiful lumber. It can vary greatly in color and figure, depending upon how it grew and how it's cut from the tree. Besides gunstocks, it's now popular for furniture, flooring, paneling, and any other place a rich-looking wood is needed.

Individual logs are so valuable that they are sometimes stolen, still standing in the forest or from stacks of already-harvested logs. Eight trees worth over \$50,000 were recently illegally cut from a property in Michigan.

Thieves posing as tree surgeons sometimes remove trees while their owners are away. Human DNA has already been used to solve at least one theft of a valuable walnut log.

Other interesting uses are continually being found. The shells can be ground up and used as sandblasting abrasive for removing paint without harming the underlying metal.

One use, found by accident, will be of interest to fishermen. Husks and nuts allowed to sit in a bucket of water for several hours will produce a dark brown/black liquid, which if poured over soil will in minutes drive every earthworm in the area up to the surface for easy picking.

A handful of companies in the U.S. have developed specialized equipment to de-husk and get the nutmeats from the shells. Those few companies manage to process about twenty-five million pounds of black walnuts each year to customers eager to use them in cooking projects.



A New Look at our Local Confederates

This photo ran in the Fort Worth-Star Telegram on June 8, 1937



The three vets above, M. J. Bonner, Thomas Montgomery, and L. N. Baugh left Fort Worth on the Texas and Pacific on the morning of June 8 to go to the Confederate Reunion at Jackson, Mississippi. They left behind three other members of the R. E. Lee Camp who were too old or sick to make the trip: W. B. Martin, H. R. Jones, and T. J. Maben. [There were other surviving camp members who were not specifically named.]

Around ten members of the local UDC Chapter made the trip with them. M. J. Bonner was the subject of an article in this newsletter in October 2013. Thomas Montgomery was the focus of an article the month before; he died in 1945 and may have been the last Confederate

buried in Tarrant County after his death in Floyd County. Luther N. Baugh was later elected Commander of the Texas Division UCV and died in December 1940 in the Confederate Home. Thomas J. Maben served here as a constable, policeman, and J. P. before he died in 1938 and was buried in Greenwood.

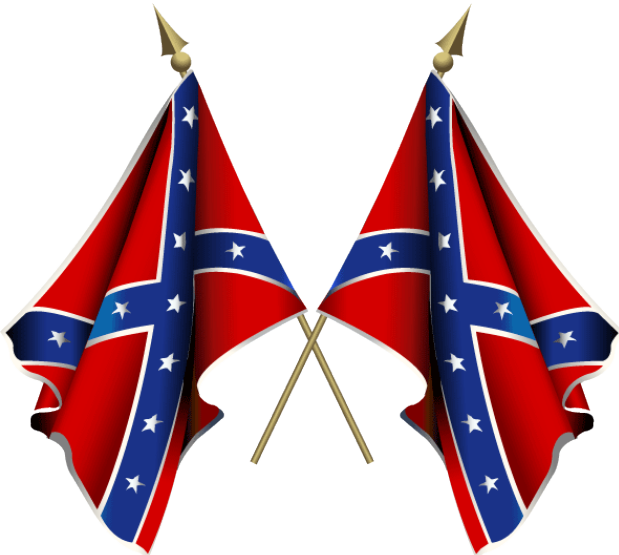
W. B. Martin lived in Fort Worth as late as 1938. He died in the summer of 1939 in the Confederate Home and was buried in San Angelo. H. R. Jones was with Lee at the surrender at Appomattox. He was camp commander in 1935, died in 1942, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery here.

Look for articles on Mr. Baugh, Mr. Maben, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Jones in future issues.

Pardon me, ma'am. I'm hoping this is the place the sun doesn't shine. Gen. Burnside told me to bring my furlough request here and....



Adapted from a FarSide cartoon by Gary Larson



Thanks to everyone who came out to help us install stones this month: Ervin Hauk, Kent Mathews, Kyle Sims, Dan Hays, Clay Fitzhugh, Ron Parker, Bob Gresham, Dana Gresham, David Stewart, Marilyn Patterson, Katie Lewis, Doris Patterson, Oliver Patterson, Tammy Patterson, and Mike Patterson.

April 6
Last day to register
for the R. E. Lee
Camp's
Confederate
Heritage Event

April 11
Dedication of
Gen. Patrick R.
Cleburne statue in
Cleburne, Texas

April 30
Taylor Camp
SCV 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.

