



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

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....May 2015

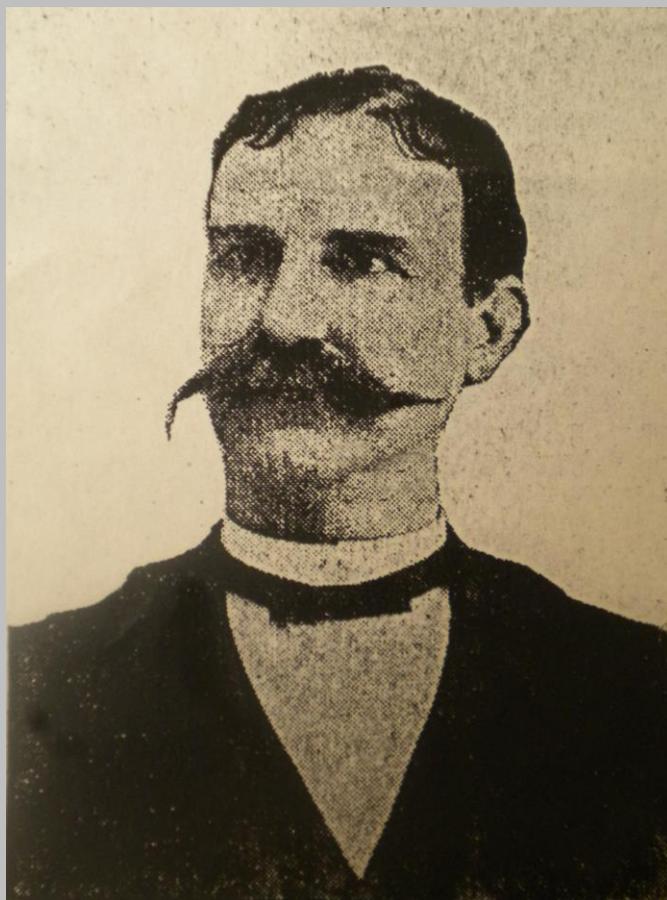
May Program

It's been more than three years since we had a program on Col. Taylor, for whom our SCV Camp is named.

Because we've gained a lot of new members in those three years we thought it was time.

Col. Taylor had only one child who lived to be grown and she had no children of her own. Louise Taylor Connery was active in public life and had a deep interest in history. We've always wondered what happened to her belongings after she died, especially those relating to her father.

We recently discovered she donated a number of them to the museum in Jefferson, Texas. Join us as we take another look at Col. Taylor. Lots of new information and photos will be included.



The Life of Col. Ennis W. Taylor

MAY MEETING: May 28, 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

We welcome our newest member, Compatriot Dwayne Garrison



At our April meeting we were pleased to swear in Dwayne Garrison, who is a descendant of several Confederate soldiers. His entry into our group was through the service of his ancestor, Pvt. William G. Garrison of Co. F, 14th Texas Infantry. Dwayne is shown with his membership certificate.

Dwayne's son, Peter, also of Euless, came to see his dad sworn in. Peter is a graduate of The Citadel in South Carolina. Dwayne was sworn in by Commander Bob Gresham (left) and Chaplain Mike Patterson (right).

Another new member will be sworn in at our May meeting.

Our sincere thanks to our adjutant, James Alderman, for a most entertaining and enlightening program at our April meeting entitled, "Witnesses to the Surrender."



General Cleburne Statue Dedicated in Cleburne on April 11

The Taylor Camp was represented at the ceremony by our adjutant, James Alderman, who is shown here standing beside Joe Walker. Both men are members of the Order of the Southern Cross, which made a sizable donation toward the completion of the monument. See local newspaper coverage of the event at:

http://www.cleburnetimesreview.com/news/city-s-namesake-statue-unveiled/article_c80cfae4-e2af-11e4-88f7-af9ce1394716.html





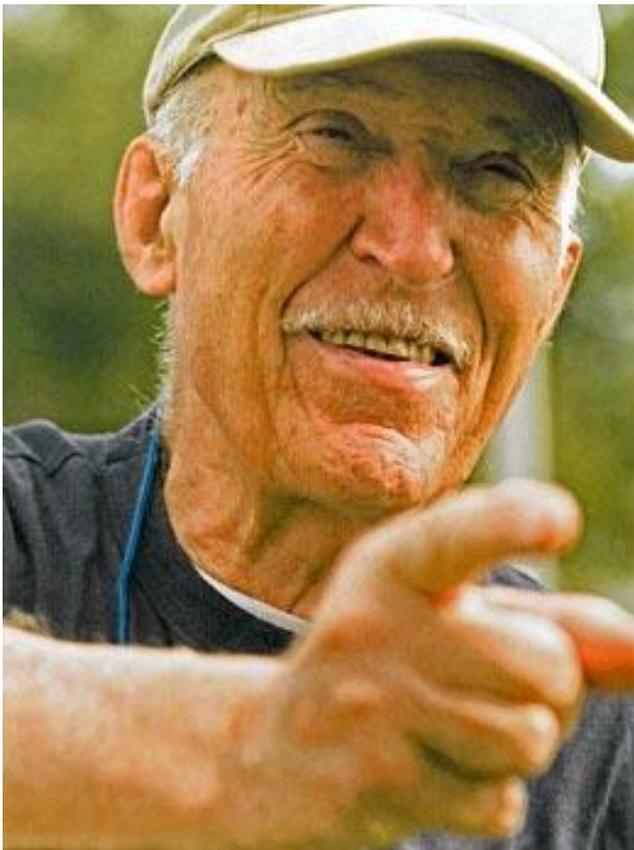
Confederate Symposium

1865 Sesquicentennial

May
8-10
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.

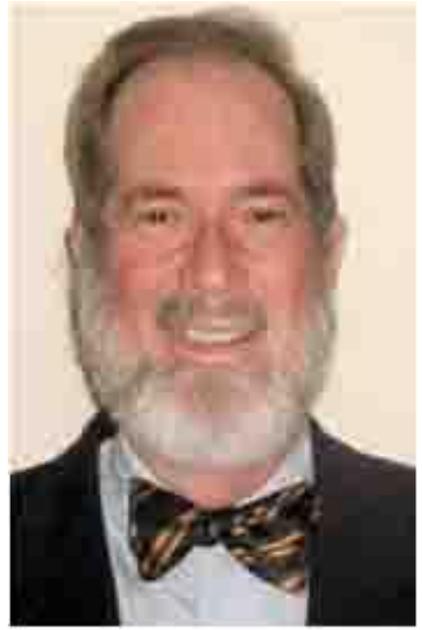
The Shelby Flag, above left, is believed to be a copy of the one which was carried at Chatfield, Texas and was finally buried with dignity in the Rio Grande

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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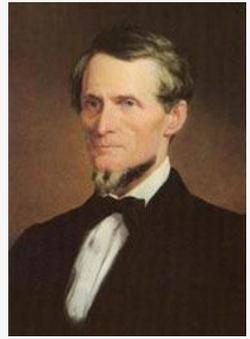
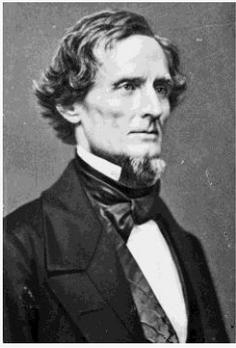
Confederate Symposium in May, cont.



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.

For more information,
contact Rob Jones at (903)
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You, Your Members and Guests are Invited to Join
 Mid-Cities Bluebonnet 2429 UDC
 for our 35th Annual

Jefferson Davis Luncheon

Saturday, May 16, 2015

10:00 a.m. Registration, 10:30 a.m. Program, 12:00 noon B-B-Q Luncheon

West Fork Presbyterian Church

908 Santerre Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Directions: From N. Hwy. 360, Exit Ave. K (N. Arlington)

Go East-bound on Ave. K, Cross the Railroad Tracks;

Turn Left on 109th St.; Turn Right on Santerre; Church is on the Left

Please join us to remember our **CSA President Jefferson Davis**, the **150th Anniversary of the War Between the States**, to Celebrate our **35th Chapter Anniversary** and to Honor & Commemorate the **50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War**
 Enjoy Southern Food, Fellowship, Music and Silent Auction

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Rose-Mary Rumbley

Registration Required for Lunch; Deadline 05/11/2015

Adults \$20.00, Children \$15.00 (12 and under)

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Mail Checks/Reservations to: Ms. Dorothy Norred

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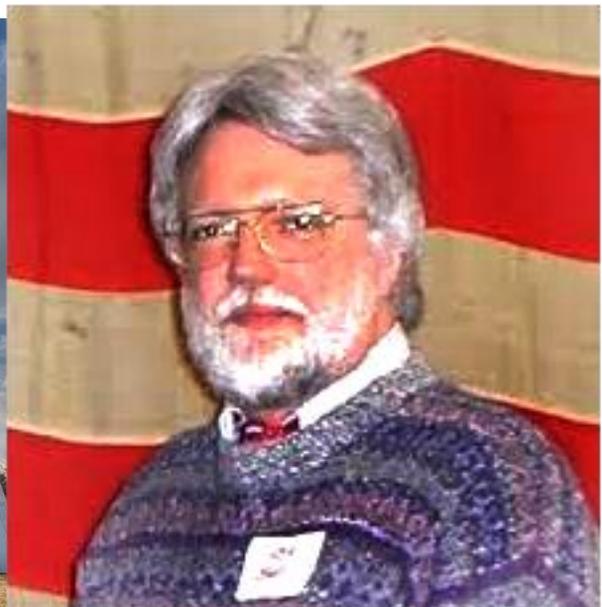
Texas Civil War Museum

Lecture by Military Historian and Author, Greg Biggs
Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

FROM SECESSION TO WAR - THE CONFEDERATE FLAGS OF 1861. From the Fall of 1860 through November 1861, the Southern states created a number of banners to reflect their feelings and thoughts on the issues of the day. Often using old Revolutionary War symbols, the flags made in this time frame were some of the most diverse that would be created during the war era. State flags came into use as well as distinctive company level colors as those units were raised. New regiments carried a variety of flags that became more standardized when the Confederate States of America created its first national flag. That banner often caused some identity confusion on the battlefield and so the desire to create a "war flag" led to the adoption of the first specific battle flag for a Confederate army.

Seating is limited to 85 people on a first come first served

President of the Clarksville Civil War Roundtable
President, Author, Editor, Researcher, Tour Guide Civil War Preservation Trust
Historian, Project Director and Lead Author of Volunteer Banners
Associate Editor, Blue and Gray Magazine
Advisory Board Center For the Study of the Civil War



A local opportunity for service on Memorial Day



For the third year in a row, we've been asked to furnish a musket squad to honor the vets buried in Keller's historic Mount Gilead Cemetery. That makes sense, because all the veterans there except two are from the WBTS.

Most, of course are Confederates, and the roster's rounded out by a small handful of Union men, one galvanized Yankee, one Republic of Texas vet, and one Vietnam-era vet.

Monday, May 25, and let's meet about 10:40 for an 11 a.m. start.

2015 Texas Division SCV Reunion June 5-7



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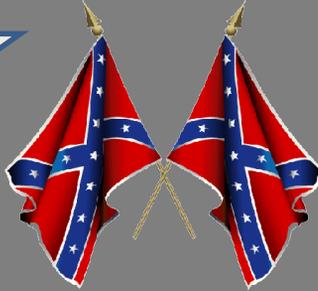
**Frank W. Mayborn Convention Center
3303 N. 2nd Street Temple, TX**

Host: Camp 1250 Major Robert M. White Temple, Texas

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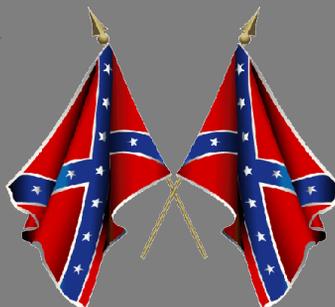
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Our camp has grown to the extent that we are now entitled to five voting delegates at the State Reunion in June. The elections to be held there are some of the most important in years.



If you can attend the reunion in Temple in early June, even if only on the day of the elections, please let our adjutant know so he can send your name to the credentials committee. You may contact James at alde711@aol.com

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Sean Partee, Taylor Camp member, receives award from the Daughters of the American Revolution



On Thursday evening, April 9, Sean Partee (at right) received the HODAR Award (Husband of a DAR) in recognition and appreciation of his support service to the ladies' organization. The award was made during the annual Awards Meeting of the Captain Molly Corbin Chapter of the DAR. The meeting was held at the Country Club in Trophy Club, between Grapevine and Roanoke.

Pictured with Sean is James Alderman, husband of DAR Regent Ja Ann Alderman and adjutant of the E. W. Taylor SCV Camp.

Less than 24 hours later, Sean was helping us install a marker in Grapevine Cemetery for Nancy Dunn, a real granddaughter of two Revolutionary soldiers. Nancy is also one of the honorees at our May 2 Mother's observance in Grapevine Cemetery.



Start of the US Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy on the Bankhead Highway, June 14, 1920.



Watch our upcoming newsletters for a very interesting annual event put on by the Military Vehicle Preservation Association. Part of the event will be held in our area in the early fall. The original convoy held in 1920 was indirectly responsible for our interstates and great improvements in our country's highway system.



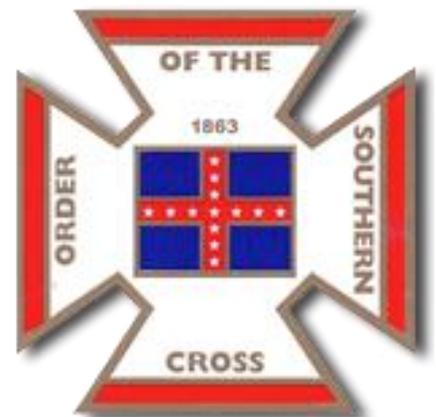
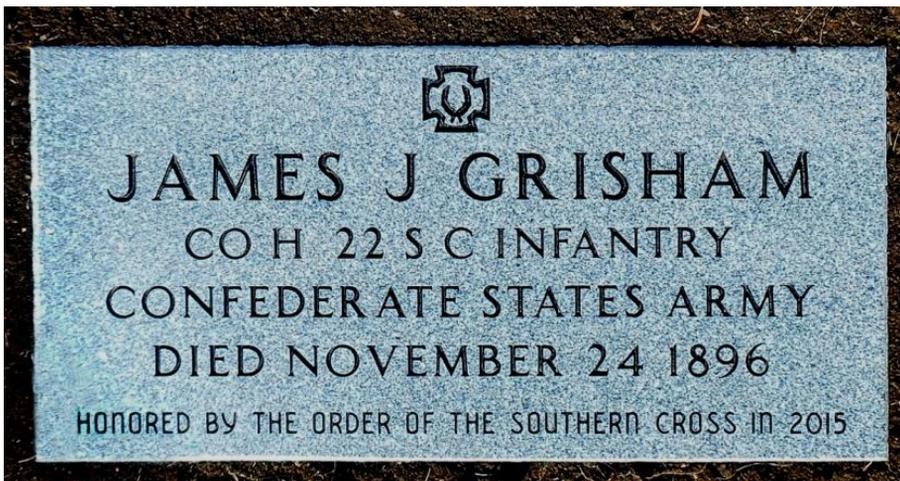
Military Vehicle Preservation Association
HISTORY IN MOTION

Collin County Confederate waits 119 years for a marker

South Carolinian infantryman spent his last years near the Westminster community. His marker is #28 in our series made with our grant from the Order of the Southern Cross.

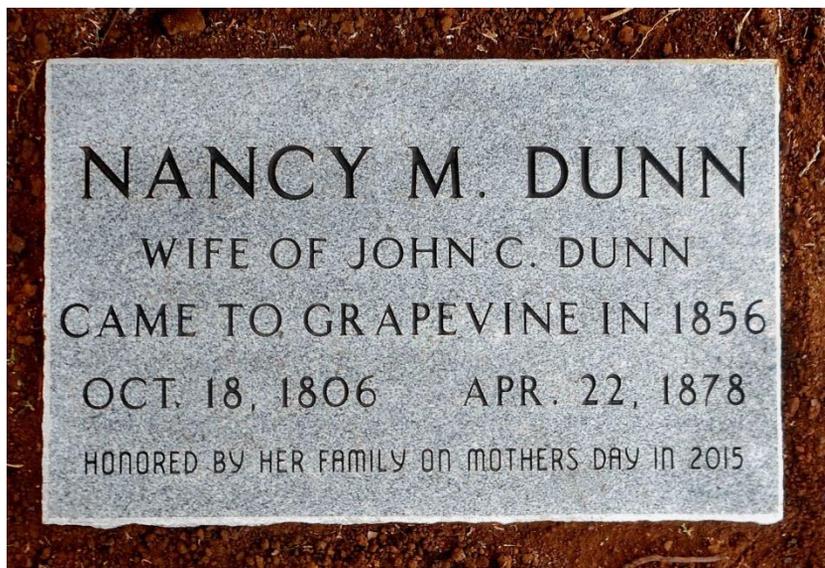


On the crisp morning of Saturday, April 4, M. T. Johnson Camp members Kyle Sims and Dan Hays picked up Mike Patterson of the Taylor camp and they installed Mr. Grisham's marker in Elm Grove Cemetery at Westminster in Collin County, Texas.



Grapevine Confederate mother gets a new stone, and regains part of her old one.

We wanted to be sure each of the ladies we honor on May 2 had a readable stone. The part of Mrs. Dunn's with her name was gone, so we made her a new one. As we were installing it, we got a surprise.



Nancy Moselle Dunn was fifty years old when she and her family arrived in Grapevine from East Texas. The War Between the States was only five years away. By then, all eleven of her children had been born. She and her husband, John Cartwright Dunn, had five sons, and all of them served in the Confederate Army. Not only that, at least three of her daughters married Confederate soldiers. One of those sons-in-law, William M. Allison, was killed in service near Atlanta, Georgia. His widow remained unmarried in Grapevine for the rest of her life...a widow for fifty-six years.

For decades the top of Nancy's stone...the part with her name on it...was missing. Descendant Tommy Simmons of Grapevine stepped up to the plate and paid for a new flat granite marker for her. On Friday, April 10, Taylor campers Sean Partee and Mike Patterson rendezvoused at Nancy's grave to install her new stone.

Almost immediately Sean's shovel scraped across a flat, level, **white** piece of rock about six inches down. We stopped and did some delicate probing, and what we found is shown at right.



Mrs. Dunn, cont.

It was the top part of Nancy's stone, lying face-up where it had been for decades, slowly getting covered with soil and cedar needles. Luckily, it was a clean break along the line which told she was John C. Dunn's wife. These old marble slabs often break along a line of text, where they're weakest.

We stood it up temporarily for a photo. Some time this summer we'll clean the top part and repair it properly, using white silicone and a piece of white polymer backing.



Dozens of other headstones of Grapevine's pioneers, readable fifty years ago, are missing. It seems likely some of them may be broken and buried under a few inches of soil...just like Nancy's.

In 1979 local historian Evelyn Cushman did a careful survey of Grapevine Cemetery. She then compared it to a list made by the Daughters of the American Revolution in the late 1950's. Amazingly, more than one hundred readable markers had disappeared in that twenty-two years. Several more have gone missing or gotten unreadable through erosion since then.

Probably the most prominent among them is the marker of Eli Mathis Jenkins (1813-1878), who started a store in Grapevine which remained in business more than one hundred years.

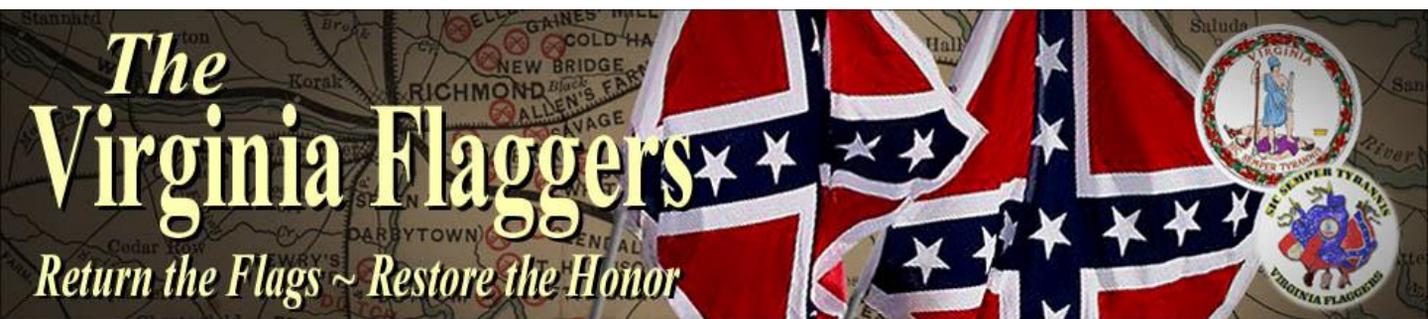


It's Mozie Time

For some time now your humble editor has been inconvenienced with diminishing eyesight, limited discretionary resources, and an inability to do his own driving. Recently we added a blocked aortic valve to the mix, which will be replaced in early June. Still wanting to keep up with our grave marking program, we're going to scale back to one marker each month.

This can be done in a limited time one morning per month and the stone can be handled without the need of a pickup. We'll keep at it, but the days of doing three or four stones each month are over until some other obsessive-compulsive member shows up. Thanks to everyone for your years of sweat, economic support, tolerance and encouragement.

To quote Capt. Augustus McRay on his deathbed in *Lonesome Dove*, "It's been quite a party."

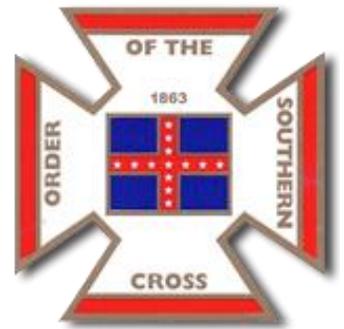
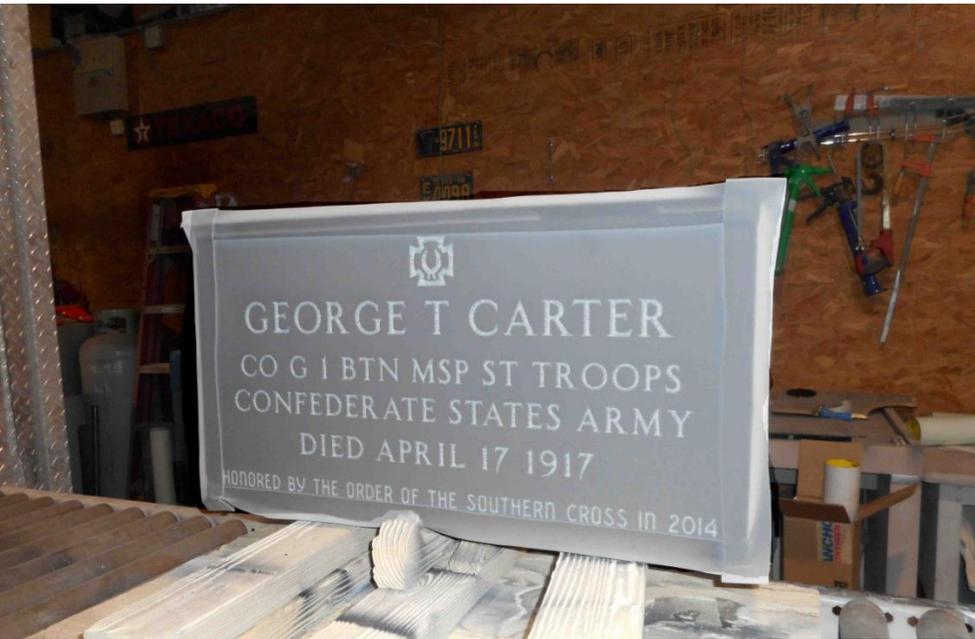


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<http://vaflaggers.blogspot.com/>

Last two stones using our OSC grant engraved on April 9

Thanks to the Order of the Southern Cross two more Arlington Confederates will now be marked.



George T. Carter's rock was number thirty. It's shown above, still warm from the blast chamber before the paint was sprayed in the letters and the mask was removed. It and William Poe's are shown at right ready to load in James Alderman's pickup. We also had a request for a little supplemental CSA marker for a vet in Montague County; we made it on a piece of scrap granite.

Carter's buried in the Old Arlington Cemetery, and Mr. Poe's stone will be set beside his parents and Confederate-vet brother in Johnson's Station Cemetery.

Mr. Poe died in South Texas while in service and his gravesite is unknown.



Arlington Confederate, killed in South Texas in 1862, remembered at Johnson Station April 18

One of three brothers who served, only William Poe failed to make it home alive. Number 29 in our OSC series of markers.

William E. Poe and his younger brother, Henderson Poe, both served the South in Co. E, 8th (Taylor's) Battn. Texas Cavalry. This was a regiment separate and apart from the 8th Texas (Terry's) Texas Cavalry.

The third brother, Silas Poe, served in the 14th Texas Cavalry and died in 1866. Henderson Poe lived until 1904; both were buried at Johnson Station.

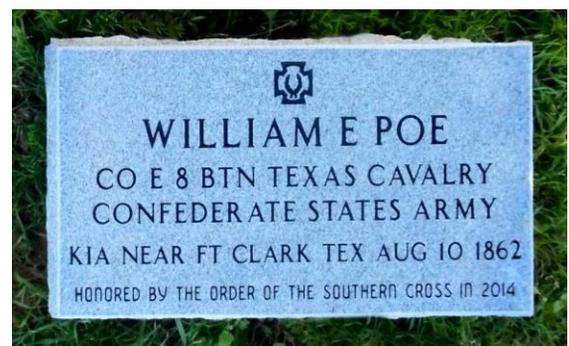
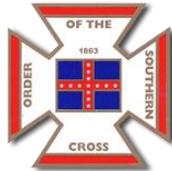
William E. Poe enlisted at Fort Mason, Texas, on July 1, 1862. His brother, Henderson, had enlisted the previous May 10 in Tarrant County.

William E. Poe was one of only two Confederates killed in a fight on August 10, 1862 in what the Confederates called an action "against the Tories" near Fort Clark on the Nueces River. Eighteen Southerners were wounded.

Most mainstream histories of the action call it the Battle of the Nueces River. It took place on the morning of August 10. A force of Unionists, encamped en route to Mexico on the west bank of the Nueces River about twenty miles from Fort Clark in present-day Kinney County, were attacked by mounted Confederate soldiers.

The Unionists, mostly German intellectuals led by Maj. Fritz Tegener, had camped without choosing a defensive position or posting a strong guard.

By the time the battle and its aftermath were over, about thirty-seven Germans were dead and an unknown number were wounded. After the battle the remains of the unionists were gathered and buried at Comfort, Texas. A large monument stands at their gravesites.



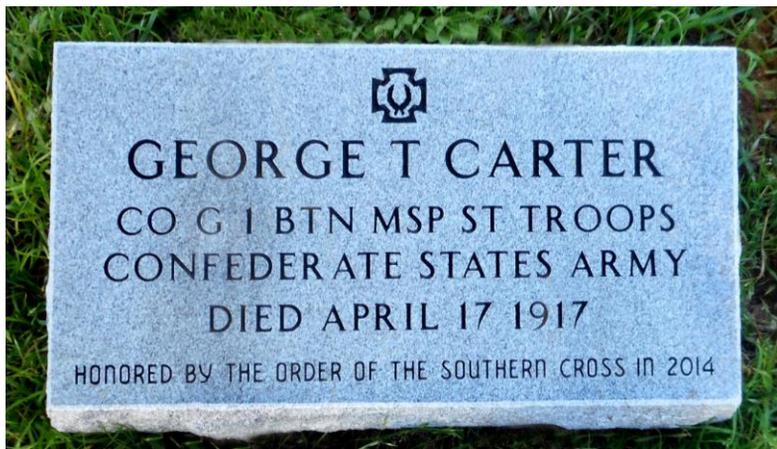
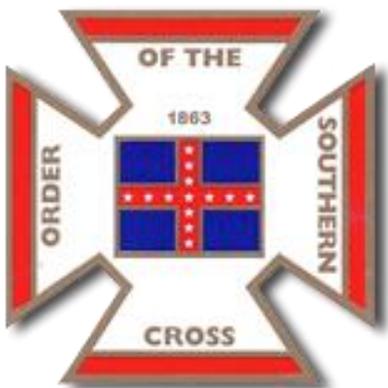
The installation crew at Johnson Station included, l-r, Kent Mathews and Mike Patterson (kneeling) of the E. W. Taylor Camp; Gary Jinks (Johnson Camp), Clarence Pope of Ralls, Kyle Sims (Johnson Camp), and Joey Hernandez of Lubbock. Pope and Hernandez are Texas SCV members presently unaffiliated with any camp.

Well-known Baptist Minister, Confederate veteran, waits 98 years in Old Arlington Cemetery for a gravestone.



The last in our series of thirty markers paid for through our generous grant from the Order of the Southern Cross, was installed on the morning of April 18.

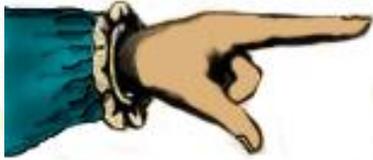
The installers were, above, left to right: Kent Mathews, Joey Hernandez, Gary Jinks, Mike Patterson, Kyle Sims, and Clarence Pope. Mathews and Patterson are members of the Taylor Camp; Sims and Jinks are with the Johnson Camp, and Hernandez and Pope are Texas SCV members unaffiliated with any camp at this time.





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



Thanks to Tammy Patterson for having us at Matt's before 0600 on two mornings, April 3 and April 9.



Thanks to Marilyn Patterson for coming down to pick us and the rocks up in midmorning April 3. Thanks, too, to her for taking us and two rocks to Arlington on April 18 to install them.



Thanks to Tammy and Doris Patterson for taking us to Grapevine to set a stone on April 10, and to Sean Partee for coming to help us install it.



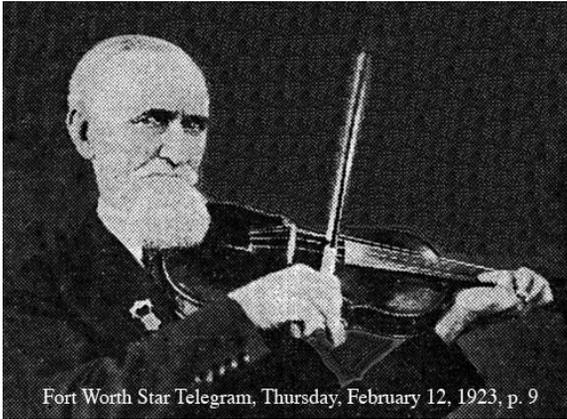
Thanks to James Alderman for making the trip down to Matt's on April 9 and bringing two rocks to Colleyville.



Thanks to everyone who helped us set rocks in April: Kent Mathews, Dan Hays, Kyle Sims, Sean Partee, Tammy Patterson, Marilyn Patterson, Doris Patterson, Clarence Pope, Joey Hernandez, and Mike Patterson.

K. M. Van Zandt not the only Fort Worth to head the Texas United Confederate Veterans

One of Tarrant's last veterans, witness to the surrender at Appomattox, Moses J. Bonner survived until 1940.



Fort Worth Star Telegram, Thursday, February 12, 1923, p. 9



Bonner was elected to command the Texas UCV in 1930.

Moses J. Bonner was present at the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox, and lived to attend the 75th anniversary reunion of the Battle of Gettysburg. He was the subject of an article in this newsletter back in October 2013. At the time we weren't able to find a photo we were sure was Mr. Bonner. Since then, several have come to light, like those shown here. He told pension authorities he had been a member of three UCV camps...the Throckmorton camp in McKinney, the Sul Ross Camp in Denton, and finally the R. E. Lee camp in Fort Worth.

On October 9, 1940 Mr. Baugh entered the Confederate Home in Austin, Texas. He died there on December 8, 1940.

On December 9, 1940, the Cook Funeral Home of Austin submitted a bill for its services in caring for the body of Mr. Baugh. His body was shipped back to Fort Worth and it was buried in Oakwood Cemetery.



Above. Mr. Bonner waits to board the train to go to Gettysburg in 1938.

Waiting for the train to take them to the 1937 reunion at Jackson, Mississippi were, l-r, Moses J. Bonner, Luther N. Baugh, and Thomas Montgomery.



April 25, 2015

Sir: Just perused your camp's website and noticed the Fort Worth Star Telegram article about Wyatt A. Taylor. It really shocked me as Wyatt is my Grandfather(not great grandfather) born in 1844 in Talladega County Alabama. He served in the 51st Alabama Partisan Rangers and moved to Texas in 1869. The newspaper article cleared up where his third wife came from, something I've been trying to find for a considerable time. Thanks for the information.

For the Cause,

Charles S. Taylor, Adjutant
Tom S. Lubbock Camp #1352
Lubbock, TX

Go to our website to our Feb. 2012 newsletter issue and read this very interesting newspaper article about Mr. Taylor's exploits at the Confederate Home.





An interesting look at human nature. Every SCV camp has its own unique personality. In my experience, the Taylor camp is a welcoming group who is always happy to help with any worthwhile project as long as their time and resources permit it. This cartoon ain't about us.

We try to be respectful of your time by starting and ending our meetings promptly. We try to greet visitors and make them feel welcome to join the group. We're always ready to help them learn more about their Confederate ancestors.

This isn't always the case in some organizations when a new guy shows up. Take a look at this Pixar cartoon to see a lot of human nature at work. Be sure to turn up the sound.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k2PJ6T7U2eU>



For a few tense moments, everyone froze. No one wanted to get a bee sting on the last day of the War.

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

**May 8-9
Symposium
at Chatfield
southeast of
Dallas**

**May 27
Memorial Day
at Mt. Gilead
Cem. in Keller**

**May 30
Taylor Camp
Meeting in
Hurst**

**June 5-7
Texas Division
Reunion
Temple, Texas**

**Your event
could be here if
you'd let us
know about it
in time.**

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.