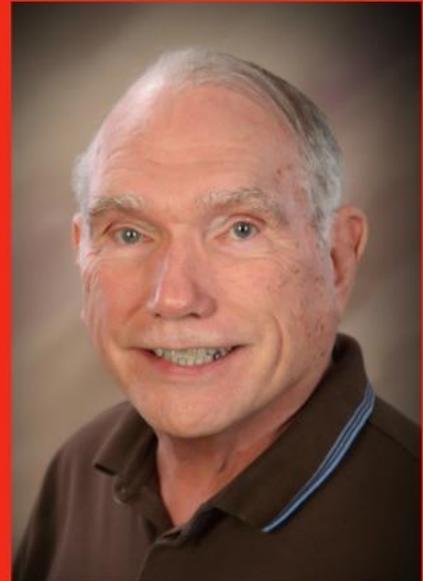
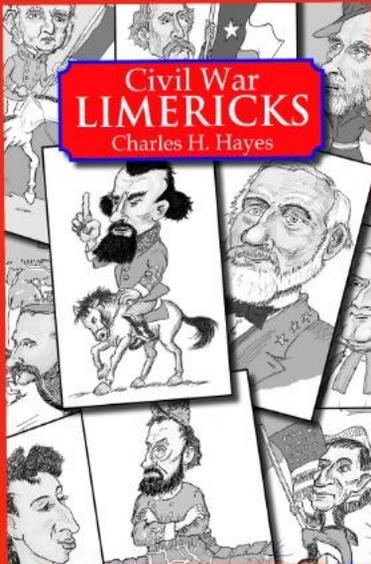


COL. E. W. TAYLOR CAMP #1777  
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

# NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....June 2015

## Meet the Author



Charles H. Hayes

Join us in June as talented author and artist Charles H. Hayes of Tyler shares with us some excerpts from his book, shown above. He will recount several incidents of the war while projecting caricatures from the book. You may look at his website beforehand at [www.b17.com/hayes](http://www.b17.com/hayes)

**JUNE MEETING: June 25, 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 members, Compatriots Peter Garrison and Mark Bauer, on May 28



*L-r, Bob Gresham, Peter Garrison, Mark Bauer, and Mike Patterson.*

Last month we welcomed a new member named Dwayne Garrison. He brought along his son, Peter, to his swearing-in. At our May meeting Peter became a Taylor camp member, too.

They both joined our group under the service of their direct ancestor, William G. Garrison of Co. G, 14<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry, who died in Eastland County, Texas. Mr. Garrison died in 1910.

We also welcome Mark Bauer to our happy band. Mark works within walking distance of our meeting place so it will be very convenient for him to be with us.

Mark's ancestor, Ephraim Alexander Hanna, served in Co. K, 4<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry. He died in Miller County, Arkansas in 1925.

We look forward to many years of working together with these fine gentlemen to honor our Confederate ancestors.

# Philadelphia's prestigious National Constitution Center names Texas' SCV case one the ten most important the Supreme Court will hear this term

*Constitutional scholars believe the outcome of our case will have a major effect on free speech throughout the country.*

Does the Texas SCV license plate case in the U. S. Supreme Court have your attention? Well it should, because it's being seen all across our land for just what it is....a fight of free speech against government speech.

A decision will be announced by the Court by the end of June, and possibly sooner. Everything said during arguments on March 23 may now be read online at the USSC site.



Take a few moments and go to the following site and read the entire article. You'll find it quite interesting and we bet you'll be checking back to see how each of the cases was decided , and not just ours. Read it at:



<http://blog.constitutioncenter.org/2015/05/10-cases-to-watch-as-supreme-court-starts-home-stretch/>

# 2015 Texas Division SCV Reunion June 5-7



COURTESY: CITY OF TEMPLE

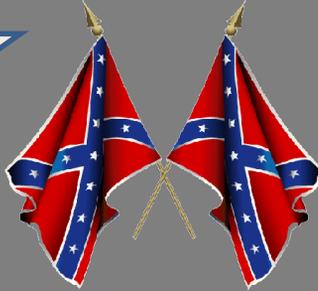
**Frank W. Mayborn Convention Center  
3303 N. 2nd Street Temple, TX**

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

***For complete information and  
registration forms please go to:***

**[http://scvtexas.org/State\\_Convention\\_6YY5.html](http://scvtexas.org/State_Convention_6YY5.html)**

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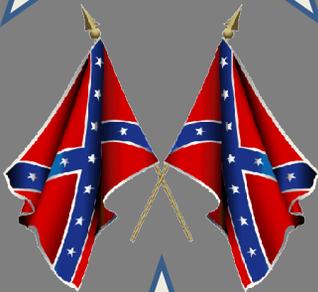


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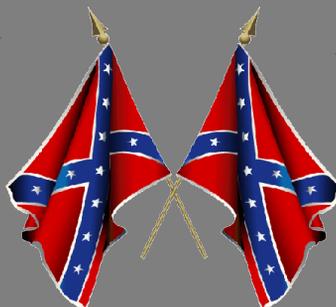
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Our camp has grown to the extent that we are now entitled to five voting delegates at the State Reunion in June. The elections to be held there are some of the most important in years.



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](mailto:alde711@aol.com)

**vote**



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# Make your July 4<sup>th</sup> plans now!

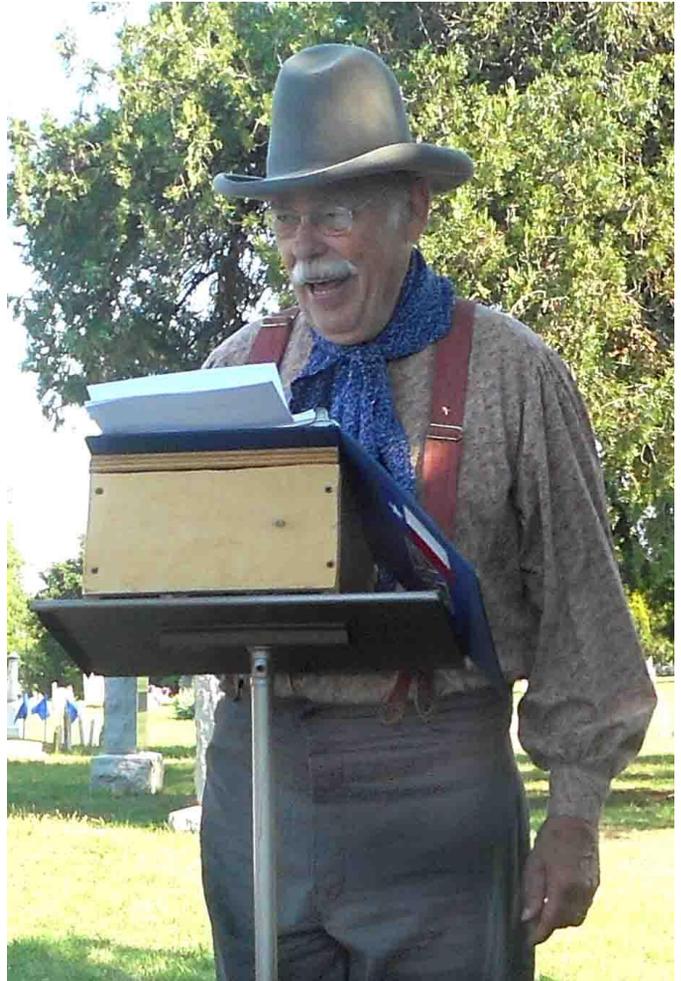
*Once again we've been invited to join the M. T. Johnson Camp in the Arlington July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade at 9 a.m. on that Saturday. Everyone gets to ride...no marching.*



All we have to do is be there. Go to:  
<http://www.arlington4th.org/entrants/being-in-the-parade/> for details.

# First-ever WBTS Mother's Day Event Held at Grapevine Cemetery on May 2

**Grapevine Mayor Hon. Bill Tate, at right, led the invocation as a representative of the First Baptist Church of Grapevine and then welcomed us to the City of Grapevine.**



Tommy Simmons, above, a member of the Grapevine Historical Society welcomed the group on behalf of the Society and talked briefly about his ties to Grapevine history and the ladies being honored.

Members of the E. W. Taylor SCV Camp marked the graves of the twenty honorees. They were the mothers, mothers-in-law, or grandmothers of soldiers who fought on either side of the WBTS. For each, one bonnie blue flag was placed for each Confederate in her family and one white flag with a blue star for each yankee soldier.

Taylor camp members at right marking Sally Hudgins' grave are, l-r, James Alderman, Kent Mathews, and Mike Patterson. Bobby Gresham was marking another grave at the same time.



# Grapevine Mother's Day. cont.



Mrs. Angeline Starr at left, for instance, got one bonnie blue flag for each of her two sons and five sons-in-law in the Confederate Army. Her last son, too young to serve, became the first Mayor of Grapevine.

Some of the ladies had both colors of flags on their graves. Some were mothers of only Union veterans, while some had Confederate sons....and daughters who married Union men. Most had only sons and sons-in-law who sided with the South.

The ladies honored were Mary Levissee, Eleanor Lowrance, Mary Wallas, Mary Coble Williams, Nancy Dunn, Ann Burgoon, Elizabeth Corbin, Angeline Starr, Millicent Lipscomb, Rebecca Proctor, Annie Simson, Lucinda Saunders, Sally Morehead, Frances Estill, Minerva Pearson, Sarah Morrow, Elizabeth Nash, Charlotte Jenkins, Sally Foster, and Susan Baker.

Mary Levissee. the oldest in the group, was born in 1791. The last survivor among the ladies was Elizabeth Nash, who died in 1925.



Some background perspective and brief statements about each lady were given by Mike Patterson, at right, of the Taylor Camp. The Pattersons achieved a new record for themselves on this day. Their pickup was completely packed inside and out, making this the most stuff they have ever brought with them to any meeting of any organization to which they've ever belonged in thirty-plus years.

Founding members of the Baptist, Methodist, and Church of Christ in Grapevine were represented among the ladies.



## Grapevine Mother's Day, cont.

Members of all three of the pioneer churches were with us, both to honor their founders and to help us sing the songs we'd chosen. The benediction was given by John Mollett, at right, the senior pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Grapevine.

Eight members of the Bedford Church of Christ were also there to support us and to help our singing.

The Grapevine Church of Christ was the first of those we asked who contacted us and said they'd be happy to help. Several of their members were there.

Taylor Camp members and their family members who attended included James and Ja Ann Alderman, Bob Gresham, Kent Mathews, Sean Partee, and five of the Pattersons...Doris, Oliver, Tammy, Marilyn, and Mike. The Bedford Church of Christ supplied the chairs and lectern for us.

*The musket squad was composed of officers of the E. W. Taylor Camp. They were, below l-r, Commander Bob Gresham, Adjutant James Alderman, First Lt. Commander Kent Mathews, and Chaplain Mike Patterson.*



## Grapevine Mother's Day, cont.



*Taylor Camp members Bobby Gresham, James Alderman, and Kent Mathews during the invocation. Photo from the Southlake Journal by Juan Guajardo.*

We want to especially thank Marty Sabota of the *Southlake Journal* and their photographer, Juan Guajardo, for being so careful with the details in the article they produced, including several excellent photos. For about one week it could be read free online, but now you see it for a few seconds and then are asked to subscribe if you want to read it. It also appeared in the *Colleyville Courier* and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on Mother's Day.

# Fort Worth Confederate Waits 96 Years for a Marker

Bailey—C. H. Bailey, 75, died Sunday day night at his home, 1410 East Thirteenth Street. He is survived by four sons and three daughters. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning from 1410 East Twentieth Street. Burial was in West Oakwood Cemetery.

*Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Mon., April 7, 1919*

Charles H. Bailey was born in Georgia on February 20, 1844. He may have been born in Jasper County, Georgia where his parents were married in 1840. He was a son of William and Olive (Martin) Bailey who settled in Rusk County, Texas about 1848

Charles H. Bailey originally enlisted in the Confederate Army at Henderson, Texas on January 1, 1862 for a term of twelve months. He presented himself for service riding a horse worth \$175 and with equipment worth \$25. He was mustered in on February 15, 1862 at Camp Likens which was located at Dallas, Texas.

He was originally in Capt. John D. Hamilton's Company of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Johnson's Brigade of Texas Mounted Volunteers. This company subsequently became Co. D, 14<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry.

The regiment marched to Arkansas and then to Corinth, Mississippi. In the spring of 1862 it was dismounted. It lost more than one hundred men to disease before it ever fired a shot at the yankees.



He was wounded and captured at the Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia on September 19, 1863. During that battle, every single mounted officer in the 14<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry had his horse shot from under him. The regiment suffered a casualty rate of 44 per cent at Chickamauga.

Mr. Bailey spent the rest of the war as a prisoner of the Federals. He was forwarded to Louisville, Kentucky on October 5, 1863. His name appears on a list of prisoners at the military prison at Louisville who had been received in the five days previous to October 25, 1863. On October 25 he arrived at the military prison at Camp Morton, Indiana. There he remained for more than a year and a half.

His name appears as a signature on a roll of prisoners of war dated at Camp Morton, Indiana on March 4, 1865 and forwarded via Baltimore, Maryland to City Point, Virginia for exchange.

By the time the 1880 census was taken Charles and his family had settled at Aurora in Wise County, Texas, where they were working an eighty-acre farm which they owned.

# 96-year wait for Pvt. Bailey, cont.

When the 1900 census was taken the Baileys lived in Precinct 3 in Ellis County. By 1910 they had moved into the town of Ennis and lived at 210 Burnet Street. Mrs. Bailey told the census taker that year she had given birth to four children, only three of whom were still living.

Mr. Bailey applied for a Confederate pension in 1908 while they lived at Kerens in Navarro County, Texas. He said he had lived there for six years, hence he must have settled there about 1902. He said he was a harness maker by trade.

A doctor who examined him in 1908 found him to be suffering from a double hernia, with the middle finger on his left hand cut off at the first joint, and with defective hearing. This loss of a part of his finger may have been the injury he suffered in 1863.

His older brother, Zack W. Bailey of Sulphur Springs in Hopkins County, Texas made Charles an affidavit in support of his pension application. Zack said that after Charles was released by the yankees he came back to the camp of his comrades and was paroled with them at Meridian, Mississippi.

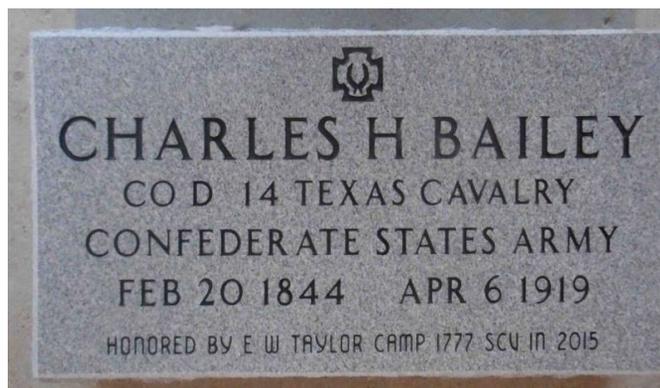
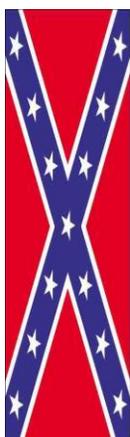
Charles died at his home at 1410 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Fort Worth at 6:30 a.m. on April 6, 1919. The cause of death shown on his death certificate was senility. His daughter, Mattie Chesnut, applied for the burial benefit from the State.

His widow, Ellen Bailey, applied for a widow's pension in June, 1919. She said she and Mr. Bailey were married in Ellis County, Texas on August 5, 1868, and that they had been living in Fort Worth at least five years when he died.



*The setting crew on Saturday, March 23 included, l-r, Kent Mathews, Mike Patterson, Clay Fitzhugh, and Bob Gresham. Dana Gresham and Marilyn Patterson were the project supervisors.*

Mrs. Ellen Bailey died on August 1, 1924 in the same house in which her husband had died about five years earlier. She lies buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth near her husband and her daughter, Mattie Chesnut.





## **Two Taylor compatriots take part in Memorial Day ceremony in Gibtown**

Terry Theiss, above left, and Richard McCook, below left, represented us in the annual Memorial Day observance in Gibtown Cemetery in Jack County on Monday, May 25.

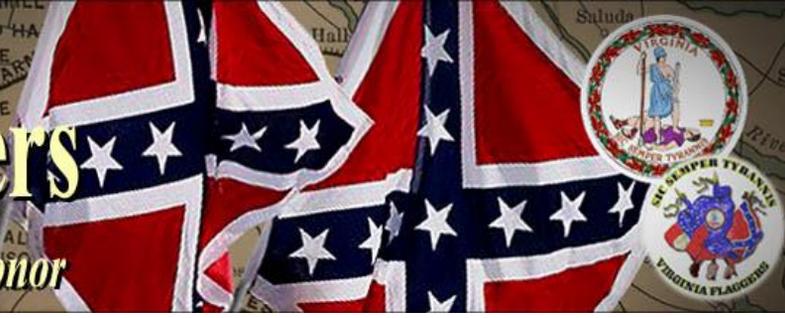
Terry played Taps at the end of the program and Richard served as one of the riflemen who fired the salute (third from left, above).

One of our local Confederates, Lorenzo Dow Burnett (1830-1904) enlisted here in Tarrant County in Co. K, 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, and eventually moved to Jack County. He lies buried beneath a Woodmen-of-the-World Monument in Gibtown Cemetery.



# The Virginia Flaggers

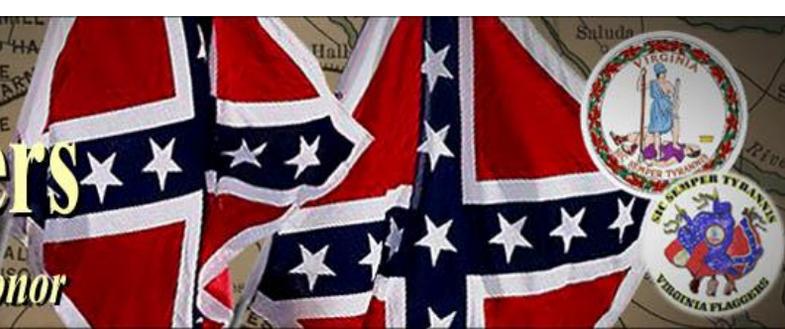
*Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor*



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

# The Virginia Flaggers

*Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor*



# Bentonville Battlefield's newsletter is available and online for everyone to read

*Our adjutant, James Alderman, shared this link with us. Many of us had family members who were with Johnston in North Carolina when the Confederacy made its last offensive of the War at Bentonville.*



BENTONVILLE THE MORNING AFTER THE BATTLE—THE SMOKE IS FROM RESIN THAT WAS FIRED BY THE CONFEDERATES. FROM A SKETCH MADE AT THE TIME.

# 150th Battle of Bentonville

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# Keep An Eye Out...

***We're always looking for close-in Confederate soldiers in unmarked graves or whose stones have become unreadable.***

We've been at this so long it's getting harder to find documentable vets who fit the bill in Tarrant County.

Consider the case of John James Hammond, who died in Fort Worth on December 5, 1906. His obituary says he's buried in the Catholic Cemetery, which we assume is inside the boundaries of Oakwood. He has no death certificate, and Oakwood has no record of his burial.

His widow applied for a pension based upon his service in Co. C, 8<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry. Her pension file is unbelievable. Not only does it contain his original parole

handed to him in North Carolina, but it also contains two memorials; one was written by his compatriots in the UCV camp in Sherman, Texas and one was written by E. W. Taylor himself.

Some veterans' widows outlived them long enough that some more specific record of *their* exact burial site may sometimes be found. Mrs. Hammond lived until 1916 but was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. We checked and sure enough, she's there, but he's not beside her. He must still be in Oakwood.

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*There are lots of Confederate soldier lists floating around. Many of them are compilations of earlier lists and have omissions, errors, and outright fantasies.*

## **New Master List of Confederate Burials in Tarrant County in the works**

One day in early May your editor spent most of a day reading the handwritten minutes of the Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans for the years 1896-1899. Folded up in the book was a 1905 list of camp members who had died before mid-1905.

Most of the names were familiar. Some were new to us, and a few were old friends whose names were so badly spelled as to

be barely recognizable. At this late date, no list will ever be complete, but a careful look at the source records will yield a better list than any we have now.

On May 18, we started from scratch on a new list made from primary sources such as pension lists, death certificates, obituaries, and headstones. We ignored all the existing lists. We'll keep you posted on its progress.

# Reenactment of a different sort coming to DFW this fall



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



***In Fort Worth on  
October 4-5-6!!!***

***Details in later newsletters.***

## **Military Vehicle Preservation Association 2015 Convoy**

In 1920 the US ARMY decided to plan and execute a motor convoy of various military vehicles across the country on the newly-formed Bankhead Highway. This convoy was a follow-on project to the 1919 US Army Transcontinental Motor Convoy – the first-ever Convoy across the US along the Lincoln Highway. The Army was determined to further their understanding of the practicality of motorized transport and its place in the US Army. This Convoy was commanded by Col. John F. Franklin.

In summary, the 1920 route began at the White House, in Washington, DC and ended at Balboa Park, in San Diego, CA – some 3,300 miles and 116 days later. You are certainly aware of it if the 1920 Convoy passed through your City.

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) is underway with detailed planning to conduct a 95th Anniversary Convoy with as many as 120 Historic Military Vehicles/ They will retrace the original 1920 Transcontinental Motor Convoy route – along the Bankhead Highway. The MVPA 2015 Bankhead Convoy (“BH-15”) will launch from Washington, DC on Saturday, 19 September and arrive in San Diego, CA some 29 days later, on Saturday, 17 October.



Taylor Cadet Camper Oliver Patterson checks the fit of a little public service job we did for White's Chapel Cemetery. We made this black granite inset from a floor tile from Home Depot. Originally, these old cast iron uprights had a printed piece of paper in them with a glass inset over it. A few of the glasses and papers survived into the 1960's here. VE Day, 2015

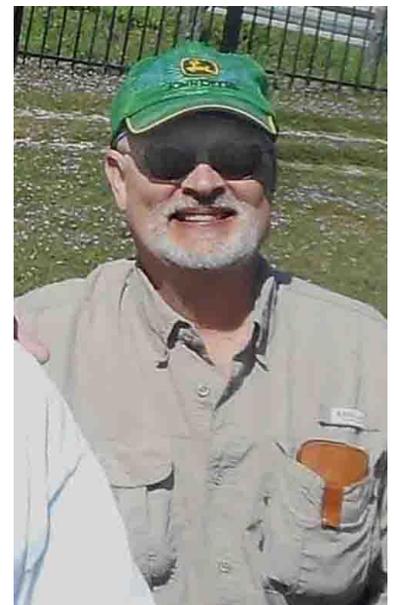
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Confederate veteran long thought to be buried in Oakwood will finally get a stone in Mexia, where he's been all along.

*Go back and take a look at the J. R. Johnston story in our March issue.*

Back in 1921 James R. Johnston, a prominent veteran of Morgan's Raiders, died here in Fort Worth and his body was sent to Mexia for burial. A man with a similar name died here in 1922 and was buried in Oakwood. For decades the two have been confused. Last winter we got it straightened out.

Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh (right) of the Morris Camp has done the legwork down south and the cemetery folks there have agreed to give us a space in Mexia Cemetery.



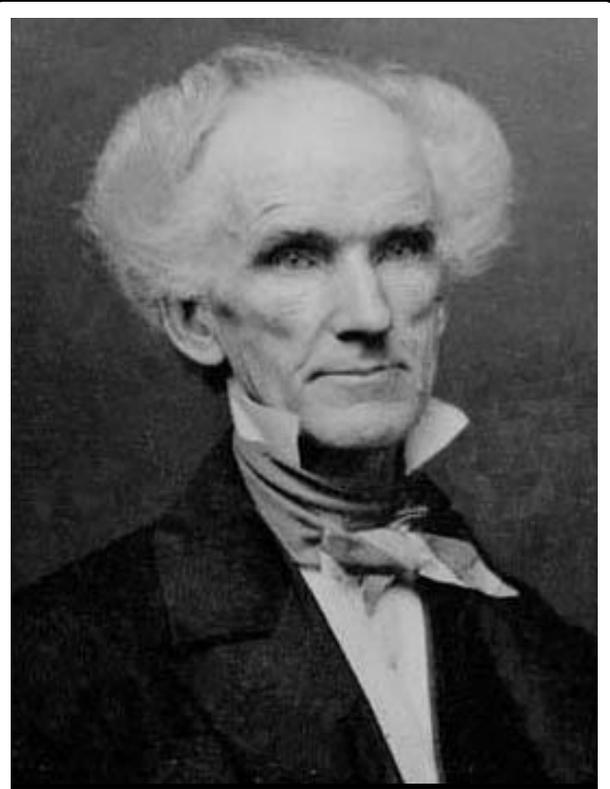
# Our Ancestors' Lives and Times



## Flying Eagle Cents

These first small cents from our country's mint were a short-lived but interesting part of our history. Up through 1857 a penny was a large heavy copper thing about the same size as a half-dollar. They became more and more unpopular; a dollar's worth weighed nearly two and one-half pounds.

James B. Longacre, shown at left, designed the new coin. They were produced in an alloy of 88% copper and 12% nickel. A few were minted in 1856 and handed out to legislators and other VIPs. As a result they are the most highly-sought coin in the series. They were struck for circulation only in 1857 and 1858. Several striking problems, including the hardness of the alloy, led the mint to change to Indian head cents in 1859.



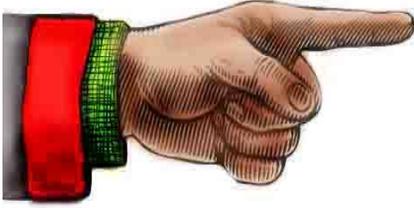
## Flying Eagle Cents, cont.



James Barron Longacre (1794-1869) had been the chief engraver of the U. S. mint since 1844. He also designed this cent's successor, the Indian head cent, as well as the country's silver and nickel three-cent-pieces, the shield nickel, and the two-cent piece. He also redesigned the coins of Chile.

Any example from 1856 commands a premium from collectors, so it has been a target of fraud for years. Many crooks have tried to make 1856's from 1858's, but there are several design characteristics which make them detectable.

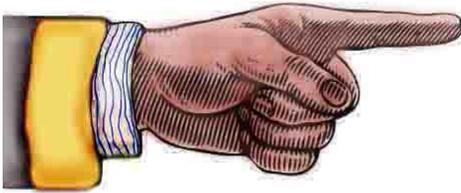




Thanks to Tammy Patterson for taking us to Worthington's on May 2 to do the prep work for our May Confederate marker, and for a trip early on May 7 morning to cut it.



Thanks to James Alderman for coming to get us and our May rock at Matt's on May 7 and for dropping off Mr. Bailey's stone at Oakwood Cemetery on the way home.



Thanks to everyone who came to help us set Mr. Bailey's stone at Oakwood Cemetery on March 23: Dana and Bob Gresham, Clay Fitzhugh, Kent Mathews, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson.





*Grapevine Mayor Bill Tate at our Mothers' Day event on May 2.*



**Remember that we have a very important date in the City of Grapevine next November.**

Several of our friends in the city government went way out of their way to see that we'd have a place in their Veterans Day parade this year. Please help us make a good impression there.

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

**June ?th**  
Watch the U. S.  
Supreme Court page  
daily for a decision in  
our case. Will probably  
be posted late on a  
Monday.

**June 25  
Taylor  
Camp SCV  
Meeting**

At some date in late June,  
we'll take a stone down to  
Mexia, Texas to mark the  
grave of one of our local vets,  
James R. Johnston, who died  
here in 1923. Clay Fitzhugh  
of the Morris Camp is  
providing the wheels and  
muscles for this one. Pics in  
July newsletter.

**July 4  
Ride in the 4<sup>th</sup>  
of July Parade  
in Arlington  
with the MT  
Johnson SCV.**

**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.*