



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

# NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....August 2015

## THE AUGUST MEETING

will be one in which the members in good standing of the E. W. Taylor Camp will develop a position statement. This will be posted on our website so that prospective new members will know where we stand on various issues now being debated in many places in the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

*There will be no regular program or other presentation which would be of interest to visitors.*

If we have one or more new members to swear in, that will be done at the beginning of the meeting.

If you are a member, please try to attend.

AUG. MEETING: Aug. 27, 2015, Catfish and Co., 900 Airport Fwy #110  
Hurst, Texas 817-581-3912 Eat at 6:00 Meet at 7:00 Out by 8:30

# Four new compatriots sworn in at packed house in July!



*Forty-five members and guests came to our July meeting.... probably a record number...to see four new members sworn in...probably also a new record. Above, l-r, Bob Gresham, Mike Patterson, David Johnson, Ron Taylor, David McLaughlin, and Matthew Thornton.*

All four men joined under the service of direct ancestors who served the South. Matthew Thornton's ancestor was Pvt. James Marion Sims, Co. F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Btn. Alabama Light Artillery. Mr. Sims died in 1910 and was buried in Center Springs Cemetery near Gordo, Pickens County, Alabama.

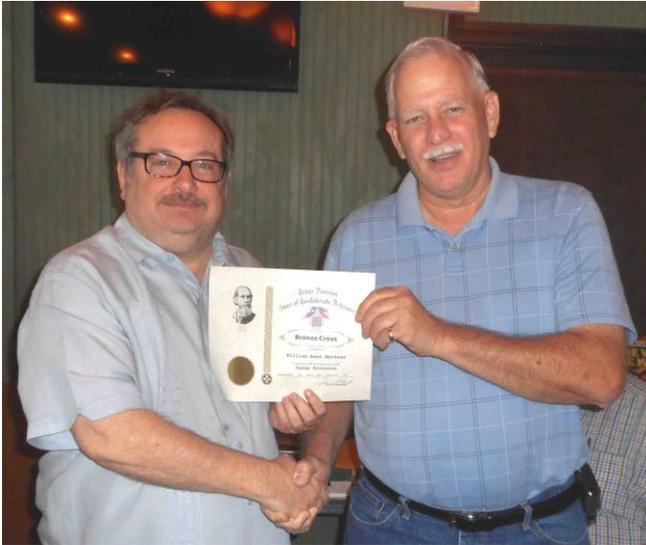
David McLaughlin's ancestor was Pvt. Stephen P. Gammell, Co. H, 34<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry. Mr. Gammell died in 1928 and is buried in Bethel North Cemetery near Sheridan, Grant County, Arkansas.

Ron Taylor's ancestor was Pvt. Alberry Hillard Durham of Co. I, 35<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry. He died in 1893 and is buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery near Wolfe City in Hunt County, Texas.

David Johnson's ancestor was 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Washington J. Johnson, Co. C, 22 South Carolina Infantry; he died in 1906 in Wise County, Texas and lies buried in Dido Cemetery in northwest Tarrant County.

# Taylor Camp members receive awards from Texas Division SCV

*During our recent State reunion, five of our compatriots received awards for outstanding achievement. Kyle Sims presented them at our July meeting. Congratulations to all the members who were honored!*



Kyle Sims made all the presentations. The recipients were, beginning above and moving clockwise: Kent Mathews, James Alderman, Mike Patterson, Bob Gresham, and Tom Trawick, who accepted the award for his brother, Richard Trawick. Work prevented Richard from attending.



# T H A N K S



Thanks to Bill Johnson of the M. T. Johnson Camp for a great program on the 1939 movie classic, *Gone With the Wind*. Bill shared his collection of memorabilia and his vast knowledge about the history of the movie and its cast.

He even talked about the most memorable movie spoof in the history of American television, at right



# A Very Important Message for the Members of the E. W. Taylor Camp

*Please read every word of this message and consider it carefully.*

Gentlemen: Please read the following statements which were read aloud during our June meeting and give them your close consideration. This is not meant to open a discussion or result in a motion of any kind at this point. This is strictly a statement of information from the E. W. Taylor Camp.

We are an autonomous camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Since we have no local constitution and by-laws, we operate under those of the international organization in Columbia, Tennessee and the Texas Division. Our local members in good standing are the ones charged with making decisions and policies for the E. W. Taylor Camp.

We feel the time has come for the E. W. Taylor Camp members to issue a position statement on several issues now being discussed throughout the SCV. The position statement, as defined by **our** local camp members at **our** business meeting, will be placed on our camp website.

It is interesting to note that the E. W. Taylor Camp many times has more visitors than members in attendance. There are several reasons for this phenomenon. By meeting time we usually have to move in extra tables and chairs.

Some of our *visitors* are more faithful in attendance than some of our members. No organization can thrive and grow if it does not welcome visitors who want to learn about the personalities of the individual camps and the organization at large.

We need to let our visiting friends know that our regular meeting in August will be strictly a business meeting for E. W. Taylor members and their spouses who care to attend. There will be no speaker or other announced topic of an educational nature which would be of interest to visitors.

There will be an agenda of topics to be discussed. It will be distributed to our members before the meeting date. It would only be appropriate to have these discussions in the presence of members and their spouses who wish to come to the meeting with them.

*We need to let our visiting friends know our regular meeting in the month of August will be strictly a business meeting for E. W. Taylor members.*

We will send emails announcing this business meeting and a suggested agenda to every one of our active, dues-paying members. For those for whom we do not have valid email addresses we will make multiple efforts to contact you by phone.

## **Important message for Taylor camp members, cont.**

Those who do not have email capability will receive a paper copy in the U. S. mail. We will make every effort to let every E. W. Taylor member know the topics to be discussed. Every E. W. Taylor member will have sufficient time to make comments if they will not be able to attend the business meeting in person. Their comments will be taken into

consideration by the members assembled.

The article on the front page of this newsletter reminds members of the purpose of the meeting and reminds visitors that no program will be presented. As always, we will be respectful of your time and will adjourn the meeting at a reasonable hour.

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***“...they left us traditions of faith in God, honor, chivalry, and respect for womanhood; they left us a passionate belief in freedom for the individual.”***

Every one of us heard these words as a part of the ceremony when we were sworn into the Sons of Confederate Veterans. With every day that passes, our society and even the courts are chipping away at our traditional values.

We believe in a God who created us and cares about us. He made us, and he can fix us. We must never forget that prayer is a powerful tool at our disposal.

Our prayer list for this month includes Compatriots Jimmy Reynolds, Jeff Ainsworth, and Vann Cunningham. We need only to pray for God's help and comfort for them. He already knows their needs.

Please let our chaplain know of other prayer requests. His email address is [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com)



***Thanks to long-time member Dr. Richard Leech for purchasing and donating a Texas flag for our use at regular meetings and other functions. We appreciate your support and attendance at our meetings!***

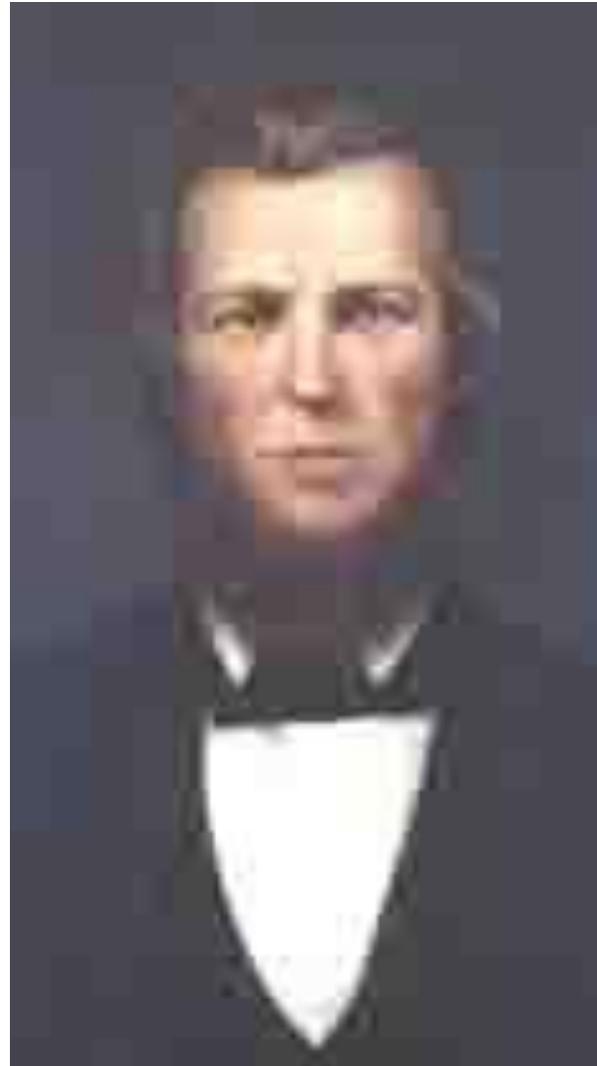
# Texas' last Confederate governor to be honored in Austin on August 8.

*Pendleton Murrah, buried in Mexico in 1865, will be honored with a cenotaph in our State Cemetery. This August 4 will be the Sesquicentennial of his death in Monterey.*

The Confederate heritage community has a unique opportunity to remember Texas Gov. Pendleton Murrah, the last Confederate Governor of Texas. The Texas State Cemetery in Austin has established a space for the erection of a cenotaph honoring his memory overlooking Confederate Field near Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston's grave.

On Saturday, August 8, 2015, a date near the 150th anniversary of his death in Monterey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, the Pendleton Murrah Monument dedication will be held. We ask that notice of this dedication service be given the widest possible distribution to SCV camps, UDC chapters, and all others interested in our Confederate and Texas heritage. Already, many people have made plans to attend.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Kelly Barrow, has confirmed his attendance. We will have the Heritage Brass Band of Dallas, an Honor Guard, and a ceremony commensurate with Murrah's rank and station as the Governor of Texas. Come in uniform or come in appropriate modern summer dress, but **BE THERE!**



Contact person: Carl Crowther  
([carlkoonce@yahoo.com](mailto:carlkoonce@yahoo.com))

*A number of groups and individuals have worked to honor Gov. Murrah, who has lain forgotten in a grave in Mexico for 150 years. Be a part of this dedication with your presence.*

**Sat., August 8, 2015, Noon**

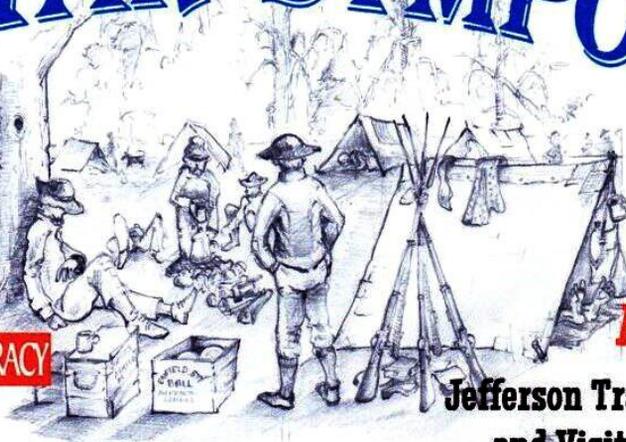


# Jefferson's 4th Annual CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM

PRESENTED BY  
**Jefferson Historical  
Society and Museum**

**Saturday,  
August 15, 2015**

**MORE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONFEDERACY**



**Jefferson Transportation  
and Visitor Center**

**305 E. Austin St. • Jefferson, Texas**

- 8:00 - 9:00 Registration, Vendors/Exhibitors
- 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome by Paul Morehead, President  
Introduction by Weldon Nash, Jr. Board Member, Jefferson Historical Society and Museum
- 9:15 - 10:15 Donald S. Frazier, PhD: "Blood on the Bayou: Vicksburg, Port Hudson and the Trans-Mississippi."
- 10:15 - 10:30 Break/Visit Vendors/Exhibitors
- 10:30 - 11:30 Christopher L. Stacey, PhD: "She Being a Proper Beneficiary of Military Relief Fund: The Free Market System of Urban Poor Relief in New Orleans, LA 1861-63."
- 11:30 - 1:30 Lunch break: Catered BBQ lunch in the Center (included in registration) Opportunity to visit Vendors/Exhibitors or shop in Jefferson
- 1:30 - 2:30 Thomas W. Cutrer, PhD: "Braver Men Never Lived: Walker's Texas Division and the Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi."
- 2:30 - 3:00 Break/Visit Vendors/Exhibitors
- 3:00 - 4:00 Frederick R. Adolphus: "The Equine Factor: Harnessing Horse Power for Southern Logistics."
- 4:00 - 4:30 Wrap-Up, Q & A
- 4:30 - 5:00 Raffle
- 5:30 - 7:00 After Hours-Jefferson Museum will be open for viewing

All program events will be at the Jefferson Transportation and Visitor Center, 305 E. Austin Street. The Friday evening Speakers Reception will be at the Excelsior House, 211 W. Austin

## Jefferson's Civil War Legacy

Since Jefferson played a key role in the Trans-Mississippi Department's military development, Jefferson was a natural location for hosting a Civil War Symposium during the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Jefferson and Marion County supplied many troops for the Confederacy, including two companies in the 1st Texas Regiment of Hood's Brigade, one company in the 18th Texas Regiment of Walker's Texas Division and two companies in the 19th Texas Regiment of Walker's Texas Division. Many companies of cavalry were recruited from Jefferson, including Col. R. P. Crump's 1st Partisan Texas Rangers and Captain H. P. Mabry's Company G, 3rd Texas Cavalry known as the "Dead-Shot" Rangers. Captain Joseph H. Pratt recruited an artillery battery from Jefferson and Marion County designated the 10th Texas Battery. It is estimated that over 500 citizens from Jefferson and Marion County served in the Confederate army. Many, if not most of Jefferson's Confederate veterans who survived the war, are buried in our local Oakwood Cemetery.

Jefferson answered the call not only with troops but with manufacturing and other facilities. At the outbreak of the War Between the States, Jefferson was the major transportation center of Central and East Texas for the cotton trade. There was a large meat packing plant that supplied dried beef and bacon for the armies, a shoe factory, a wagon factory, as well as at least two furnaces or iron works, all located here. An active steamboat river port, Jefferson was soon transformed into the logistical center of the Trans-Mississippi. Three powder magazines and numerous warehouses were constructed to temporarily store the supplies before shipping them on to the main arsenal in Shreveport. This commercial hub soon became a target of the Union Army's command, and plans were laid for its conquest and removal.

As one can imagine, it is not difficult to connect with the Civil War after walking the streets of Jefferson, viewing the Big Cypress Bayou steamboat turning basin, viewing the Powder Magazine on the bayou, visiting Oakwood Cemetery and admiring the many antebellum homes throughout the town.

# Long-time Hurst mayor, descendant of WBTS pioneers here, passes away on July 8

Both Bill Souder's paternal great-grandfathers appear on our memorial in Bedford. Bill was one of the unveilers there in 2008.



Bill and Dodie Souder in 2007

Bill Souder, who passed away at age 92 on July 8, was proud of his family's past here. But he had an even stronger investment in the present and the future. Among his many other accomplishments, he served as Hurst's mayor for 24 years.

Both Bill's paternal great-grandfathers served in the War. Thomas Jefferson Souder (1840-1921) served the Union in an Indiana infantry regiment. He lies buried in Hurst in Arwine Cemetery.

Another of his great-grandfathers was Hurst founder William Letchworth "Uncle Billy" Hurst (1833-1922), a Confederate in a Tennessee mounted



infantry company who brought his family here in 1870 and spent the

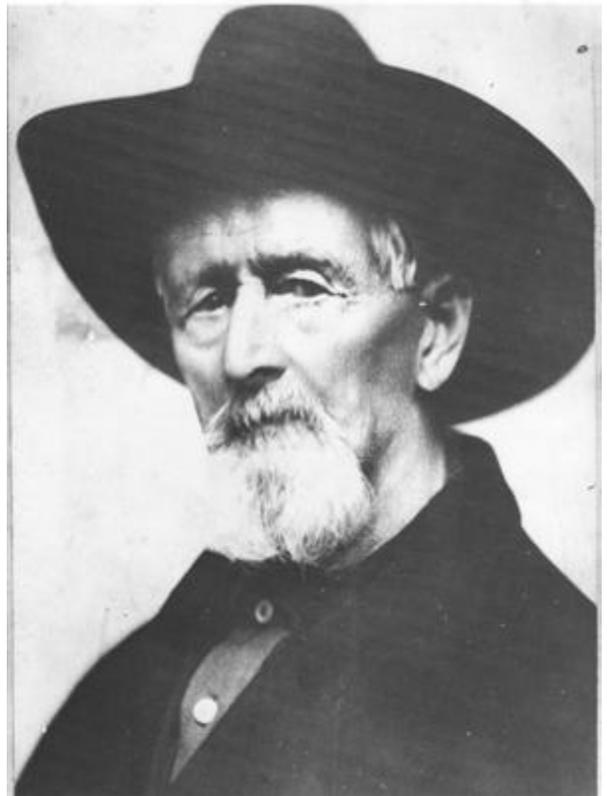
## Bill Souder, cont.

rest of his life in Bedford and Hurst. Hurst was buried beside his wife in Bedford Cemetery. While many of his descendants were buried in Arwine Cemetery, he told his family to bury him at Bedford.

Hurst's Arwine Cemetery is something of an oddity in one respect. It contains the graves of several Union veterans and not a single Confederate as far as we know. It's unusual for a burial ground here as large and old as Arwine to have no Confederates in it.

Bill Souder was a World War II veteran who served in France, Germany, and Austria. He returned home from the War and held several positions of public trust, including serving as Hurst's first postmaster (25 years), and as the first chief of Hurst's volunteer fire department.

Bill was a remarkable and generous man. It was this editor's good fortune to have worked on several historical projects with Mr. and Mrs. Souder going back into the late 1970's. You may read an extensive obituary for him which appeared in the *Star-Telegram* online at [http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/hurst-eules-bedford\\_news/article27019666.html](http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/hurst-eules-bedford_news/article27019666.html)



Bill's great-grandfather, Uncle Billy Hurst (above) was one of the best-known Confederate veterans who ever settled here. Bill was born less than one month after Uncle Billy passed away, so even though Uncle Billy knew he had another great-grandchild on the way, he never actually got to see Bill.

Mr. Souder's other great-grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Souder, was also one of the pioneers of Hurst. When Jeff Souder's wife died on July 16, 1921 the family realized Jeff was soon to follow. Two days later he also passed away, and the couple were buried in Arwine Cemetery in a double casket (at left).

Jeff Souder's wife was the granddaughter of James Arwine, the oldest veteran on our local WBTS memorial at Bedford. Arwine, born in 1799, joined a Union infantry regiment at age 63 and was able to serve two years before they sent him home because of his age.



# The SCV mourns the loss of a good friend, Anthony Hervey

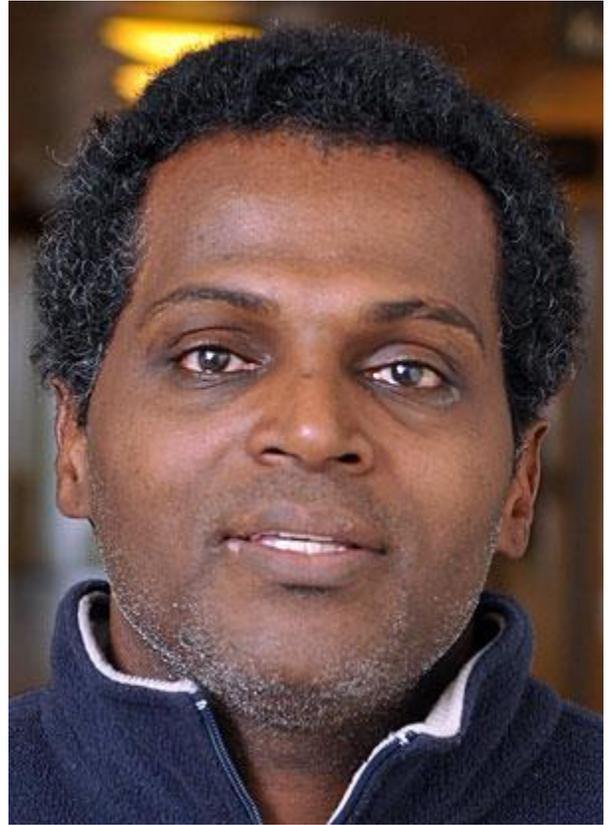
The Sons of Confederate Veterans has lost a brave and articulate friend and America has lost an independent voice for racial reconciliation and understanding. Anthony Hervey of Oxford, Mississippi was a warrior for his beliefs and those beliefs were rooted in a passionate and unequivocal understanding that he was a proud Son of the South.

His death, on Sunday, July 19th, appears to be because of the way he lived his life. Mr. Hervey and a companion, Arlene Barnum of Enid, Oklahoma were returning from a Confederate Flag celebration in Birmingham, Alabama when his car was forced off the road near Oxford by a carload of men who apparently were chasing him down. The Ford Explorer he was driving skidded and then rolled over several times, killing Hervey and injuring Ms. Barnum.

We of the Sons are outraged by this murderous act, and expect all law enforcement agencies to vigorously pursue a full investigation and to bring justice for Anthony Hervey and his family. We have called for the United States Justice Department's Civil Rights Division to enter the investigation, for it is clear that he was killed because of his opinions and his race. Mr. Hervey was an African-American, as was his passenger, Ms. Barnum. Anthony Hervey's outspoken support his southern past and of Confederate Heritage appears to have played a part in this incident.

Hervey was well known as an unapologetic defender of the Confederacy and its symbols. He often appeared on television and radio stating his opinions and debating with any and all. He was the author of the book, *Why I Wave the Confederate Flag: Written by a Black Man*.

We ask that every member pray for justice, understanding, and especially for the family of Mr. Hervey as they endure his passing. We also asked prayers for the brave Arlene Barnum as she heals from the attack. Both had family members who fought for the Confederacy.



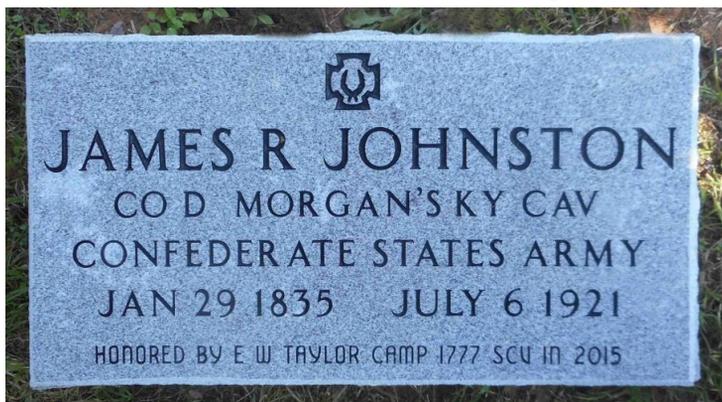
We will never forget this brave warrior who fought for the healing of the South and helped to build a bridge to brotherhood. For he was indeed our brother.

Deo Vindice!

Charles Kelly Barrow  
Commander-in-Chief

SCV members also are encouraged to donate to [gofundme.com/hervey](https://gofundme.com/hervey) to help offset funeral expenses.

# Fort Worth veteran of Mosby's command gets a marker at his grave in Mexia on July 16



He's been aware of Mr. Johnston for quite some time. For many years it's been thought that Mr. Johnston lay buried in Oakwood, but recent findings have shown he was taken back to his old Limestone County home for burial.

Take a look at page 24 of our March newsletter. There you'll see the extensive and interesting obituary which appeared in the Fort Worth paper for Mr. Johnston.

We've been fortunate to make the acquaintance of Mr. Fitzhugh in the last few months. Since then, he's been present and has helped with all but one of our rock installs in Oakwood Cemetery. He discovered that another veteran there, Felix Judice, needed a stone. Judice now has a new flat granite stone, better than the one the VA might eventually have given him.

A few days ago Clay and his wife, Becky, came to Colleyville and picked up Mr. Johnston's stone and the installation tools and supplies. Eddie Fitzhugh was kind enough to ride down to Mexia with us, and he and his dad did the muscle work.

On July 16 Clay Fitzhugh, above left, and his son Eddie, took your editor and a new headstone for James R. Johnston to Mexia Cemetery in Limestone County and they installed the VA-clone marker.

For many years Clay, a member of the Benjamin Morris SCV Camp #2025 in Fort Worth, has been interested in marking the graves of Confederates in Fort Worth's Oakwood Cemetery.

# Fort Worth veteran of Baylor's Texas Cavalry finally gets a marker on July 25 after 92 years.

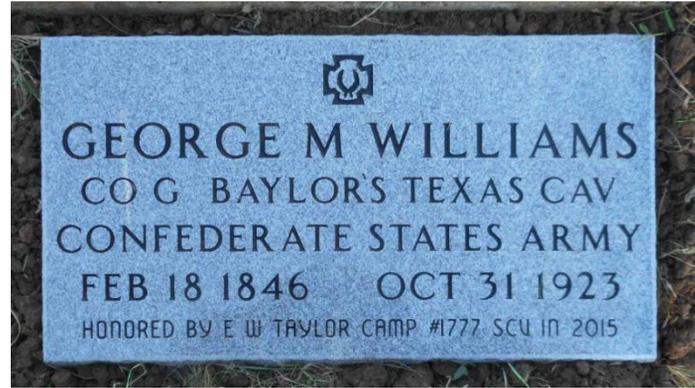
*Last month we devoted three and one-half pages of this newsletter to our quest to identify this fine old Confederate and to clear up the mistakes made in his records.*

George M. Williams' identity problems began while his death certificate was being prepared. The mistake was repeated in his newspaper obituary, and then in his entry in Oakwood Cemetery's records.

Luckily for us (and for him) he applied for and received a Confederate pension. When his family applied for his burial benefits in 1923 they left us enough information to sort through all the muddle.

With all the confusion cleared up, James Alderman and your editor delivered a headstone for him to Oakwood Cemetery on Friday July 10, and we gathered on Saturday morning July 25 to install it.

The installers included (at left) kneeling l-r, James Alderman, Mike Patterson, Kent Mathews and standing, l-r, Stephen Parker, Ron Parker, and Bobby Gresham. Marilyn Patterson was the photographer.



Our next installation at Oakwood will be on a Saturday in September. We'll honor Thomas R. Jennings of the 34<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, who died in 1910.

# **Southeast Texas teen works to restore an official uniform of the United Confederate Veterans**

*Fifteen-year-old President of the Texas Children of the Confederacy has taken on this challenge as his President's Project. The conservation cost is much higher than he originally thought, but he's making progress.*



Zander Sheppard wants to see Lt. William Randolph McEntire's UCV uniform professionally conserved and then placed on display in the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth. To do that, he needs to raise about \$3,400.

The coat and its pants are the property of the Texas United Daughters of the Confederacy. Zander traveled with his grandmother, a member of the UDC, from his home near Houston to Temple, Texas on June 6 and made a speech to the entire Texas SCV Division assembled. For his time, effort, and courage in addressing the large group, one single SCV member handed him a check for \$25.

Gentlemen, this worthy young man needs our help. If you have room in your newsletter, please run these pages and encourage your members to help Zander. Email [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com) for pdfs.

Checks should be made payable to "Texas Children of the Confederacy" and mailed to Zander Sheppard, PO Box 808, New Caney, Texas 77357. To date he's raised about \$1,145.

# UCV suit conservation, cont.



This suit belonged to Lt. W. R. McEntire (at right) of Co. A, 9<sup>th</sup> Georgia Btn. Artillery. He came to Texas after the War and became famous here in the cattle industry, banking, cotton, and merchandising. He died in 1920 and lies buried in Oakland Cemetery in Dallas. There are lots of articles and photos of him on the internet.

Zander is a very dedicated young man who deserves our help, both as individuals and as camps. Please consider making a generous donation to his project before the end of July if possible. Thanks for your attention.

We in the E. W. Taylor Camp have no connection to the project other than our wish to help Zander raise the funding.

If you have any questions or concerns please email them to Anna Shepard at

[Marbil 1764@aol.com](mailto:Marbil1764@aol.com)



# The latest on the Confederate statuary on the UT campus in Austin

Compatriots all,

Now that the forums are over and the statue committee is no longer accepting online, snail mail, and phone comments we have a lull in activity on our side of the trench. No surprise that over all our views were vastly under represented at the forums, especially at the first one. We were better represented at the second one but the news media was all over the fact that "few" spoke in favor of the statues. Shelby will tell you I have "dogged" the committee and complained there is a lack of transparency and have raised concerns that all the responses mentioned above would be not be given equal consideration as those who spoke at the forums. After waiting a few days and monitoring the UT web site that was established just for this issue the only change was an announcement that the committee was no longer accepting comments. I have since contacted the person responsible for committee communications and asked if a "breakdown" of the responses would be made public or do I need to

submit an open records request (I've done it before). I was assured they were still compiling data and as soon as it was complete it would be made public, hopefully by the end of this week. I suggested it would be nice if people were made aware it is forthcoming.

I was told they would take my suggestion and update the web site with a notice the results of the public input would be posted soon. They did....



It now reads:

Thanks to all who took the time to send in their comments regarding the statuary on the Main Mall of campus via the online website, by phone and email. We are currently compiling the more than 3,200 comments and suggestions and will be posting a wrap-up of the feedback we have received by the end of the week.

Notice there are over 3,200 comments and suggestions!!

I don't know how the numbers will shake out but it is obvious the brothers and sisters in our various heritage groups came through BIG TIME!! I do know this...They did not expect that large a number and they had to add staff to compile the data. So CONGRATULATIONS! But we ain't through by a LONG SHOT!

In a little over a week the committee will make it's recommendation(s) to UT President Gregory Fenves. It is then our efforts need to shift directly to President Fenves. He needs to receive over 3,200 letters and phone calls. He will regret ever trying to sneak this issue through with a rigged committee and an absurd 30 day time line.

## U T campus statuary, cont.



I will closely monitor the website in anticipation of the posting of the results of the public input. I assure you I will pester the news media to make the results public.

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/statuses/>

I thank you again for joining forces in this battle. We may be in different organizations but there is no doubt we share a common goal. It is up to each of us and the leaders of our organizations to muster the forces to protect our precious heritage and preserve our beloved monuments.

Feel free to use any or all of the information in this dispatch.

United in the Cause,

Terry Ayers  
Public Information Officer  
Descendants of Confederate Veterans

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**The University of Texas at Austin Division of Diversity and Community Engagement has promised, on August 3, to post a summary of the feedback they received about the UT Confederate statuary.** It should be available at the site mentioned above:

<http://ddce.utexas.edu/statuses/>

After you have examined the feedback, if you wish to write a letter to President Fenves he may be addressed at:

President Gregory L. Fenves  
The University of Texas at Austin  
Inner Campus Drive, G3400  
Austin, TX 78712-3400  
1-512-471-1232



**FYI...the members of the task force to study  
and make recommendations about the  
Confederate statues on the UT Campus.**

***Presented sans commentary.***

**Gregory J. Vincent**, Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement (chair)

**Laura Beckworth**, Law School alumna; Chair of UT Austin Development Board

**Daina Berry**, Associate Professor, Departments of History and African and African  
Diaspora Studies

**Hector de Leon**, Law School Alumnus; past president of both the UT Law Alumni  
Association and the Texas Exes; 2010 Distinguished Alumnus

**Edmund “Ted” Gordon**, Chair, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies

**Rohit Mandalapu**, Vice President, Student Government; Senior, College of Liberal Arts

**Carlos Martinez**, Associate Vice President for Governmental Relations

**Lorraine Pangle**, Co-director, Thomas Jefferson Center for the Study of Core Texts and  
Ideas; Professor, Department of Government

**Xavier Rotnofsky**, President, Student Government; Senior, College of Liberal Arts

**Frederick “Fritz” Steiner**, Dean, School of Architecture

**Marisa Swanson**, President, Social Work Council; Member, Senate of College Councils;  
Senior, School of Social Work and College of Liberal Arts

**Brian Wilkey**, President, Graduate Student Assembly; Graduate Student, College of  
Natural Sciences

***...well, almost sans commentary. It would be interesting to  
know which of these committee members actually had an  
ancestor who took an active part in the WBTS, either side.***

# Confederates on the Texas Capitol grounds



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The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
Texas Capitol, Room 2S.1  
Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Dan Patrick  
Lieutenant Governor  
Texas Capitol, Room 2E.13  
Austin, Texas 78701

The Honorable Joe Straus  
Texas House of Representatives, Speaker  
Texas Capitol, Room 2w.13  
Austin, Texas 78701

**A group of Legislators are calling on the Governor to create a taskforce to "look at" the standing Confederate monuments on the Texas Capitol grounds to see if they need "changing" or "removal."**

**Every SCV member needs to write three letters ASAP, to the men at left. Your editor mailed his three letters on July 27.**

# When writing to public officials:

- Be respectful, non-confrontational. Name-calling hurts our credibility.
- Tell them about yourself in one or two sentences, ie. “I am a native Texan, a descendant of several Confederate soldiers, and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.”
- Be concise; state the issue and your position on it immediately; they are keeping track of the numbers of letters pro and con.
- Be positive. Tell them how you’d like to see the situation resolved.
- Thank them for taking the time to read and consider your position.



**Once again this year, members of the E. W. Taylor Camp took advantage of the M. T. Johnson SCV Camp's invitation and rode with them in the Arlington Fourth of July Parade.**

Held in the midst of all the idiocy being aired by the media about the Confederate flag, we saw hundreds of people cheer us as we passed. Dozens took off their hats, saluted, or stood as we passed.

Taylor Campers there included, l-r, Bob Gresham, James Madewell, and Mike Patterson.

We heard one lone heckler amid the thousands of people who lined the parade route.

Texas SCV commander Gary Bray and several others flagged the crowd. Gary was also interviewed by local television.



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**Please remember a maximum effort we have coming up in November. Our friends in city government in Grapevine went to a great deal of trouble to see that we could take part in the Veterans Day Parade in 2015. We already have three trailers lined up from the Taylor Camp. We are also going to encourage the M. T. Johnson Camp to apply for a spot again this year. We need lots of smiling, waving members of the SCV on those trailers. Please resolve to be with us that November 7 morning.**

# “Save our Richland Rebels” Rally

“In 1986, Richland High School in North Richland Hills, Texas, the local chapter of the NAACP came to the school with a request: It wanted the school drop the Confederate flag from the school letterhead, uniforms, and the middle of the gym floor. Richland High reacted predictably. They had “Save the Flag” rallies, printed up bumper stickers. They talked about heritage, not hate. In the end, the local school board told the NAACP to go pound sand.

So they fought, and won. They rejoiced in victory, and Richland High School went right on flying a symbol that celebrated Southern heritage—and reminded some folks of all that entails. Richland High School dropped the Confederate flag in 1996, a full 10 years after Richland High beat back the NAACP’s challenge.

But now again, Richland High School is on the defense of its heritage. Rev. Kyeve Tatum, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Fort Worth wants Richland to remove the Rebels mascot, the Dixie Belles dance team, and Johnny the Rebel on campus. I won’t comment on Rev. Kyeve Tatum, but take the time to look him up on the internet.

So on Sunday, July 12, a “Save Our Richland Rebels” Rally was held at the Birdville ISD parking lot. Alan Hearrean [M. T. Johnson Camp in Arlington] and I attended the rally to support Richland High School.”

James Madewell, E. W. Taylor member, July 12, 2015



*Above: Allen Hearrean in shirt with flag, James Madewell in kepi.*

# Keller veteran dead 145 years will get a new grave marker in August

*John H. Lamkin's grave was marked for many decades, then about thirty years ago it suddenly wasn't. Now it will be again.*

John H. Lamkin brought his family to Texas from Alabama about 1849, and by 1850 had settled in Upshur County. When the 1860 census was taken, Lamkin and his family were living in Fannin County.

John enlisted in the Confederate service at Honey Grove, Texas on July 6, 1861. He became a private in Capt. John W. Piner's Company for Fannin County, of the 14<sup>th</sup> Frontier District, Texas State Troops. Family tradition says Lamkin was detailed to drive freight wagons between Fort Worth and Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Two of Lamkin's sons also served in the Confederate army and later settled for a while in the Mount Gilead community near Keller, Texas.

John Lamkin died in the summer of 1870 from complications of a broken back after he was thrown from his horse while on his way to church at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. He was buried in Mount Gilead Cemetery, and his family later erected a nice upright monument there.

One of the Lamkin sons later moved to the Bethesda community in Parker County. About 1879 John's widow became ill and her family moved her from Mt. Gilead to Bethesda, where she died in 1917. She was buried in Bethesda Cemetery.

John's headstone remained in Mount Gilead Cemetery until some time in the 1980's. Someone, presumably a family member, removed it and re-installed it in Bethesda Cemetery beside his wife's. In their defense, they had a notation carved on the back of it to show his actual burial place.



In July 2015 we discovered John's name on an original muster roll, and in August we'll place a flat VA-clone grave marker at his actual gravesite in Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Keller. If the family moves *it* we'll make him a'nuthern just like it.

# Soon-to-be Taylor Compatriots mark ancestor's grave in Kaufman County July 18



Monte Fite (above right) and his sons, Gavin (orange shirt) and Colin (white shirt) installed a granite VA –clone marker for their ancestor, Capt. Henry Cathey Fite, on July 18. He lies buried in Field Cemetery, just inside the east line of Kaufman County.

Capt. Fite's company was known as the Gaston (North Carolina) Blues. At right, the Fites display a replica of the regimental flag made for them by Tammy Patterson.

We're hoping all three Fites' paperwork will be here in time for them to be sworn in at our August meeting.



# A most interesting document from the file of the ancestor of three new Taylor Camp members.



Tammy, center, and the flag she made for the Fites

At our August meeting we hope to swear in three new members, Monte Fite and his two sons, Colin and Gavin. Their direct ancestor, Capt. Henry C. Fite of Co. H, 37<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Infantry, had some interesting documents among his personal papers at the end of the War.

He signed this inventory of firearms and equipment his company had at the end of March, 1863.

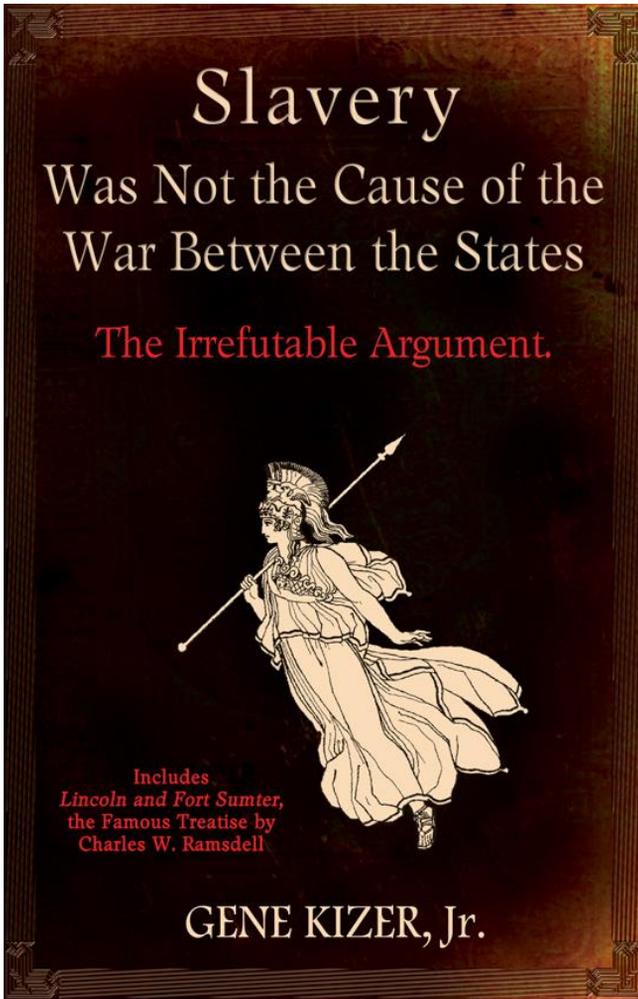
Interestingly, after this many months of service his company had no .58 or .54 caliber muskets. All fifty-five of their firearms were of .69 caliber.

Only fifteen men had gun slings. Only two men had "ball screws" to remove stuck bullets from musket barrels. If anyone needed to replace a main spring in his musket, he was apparently out of luck.

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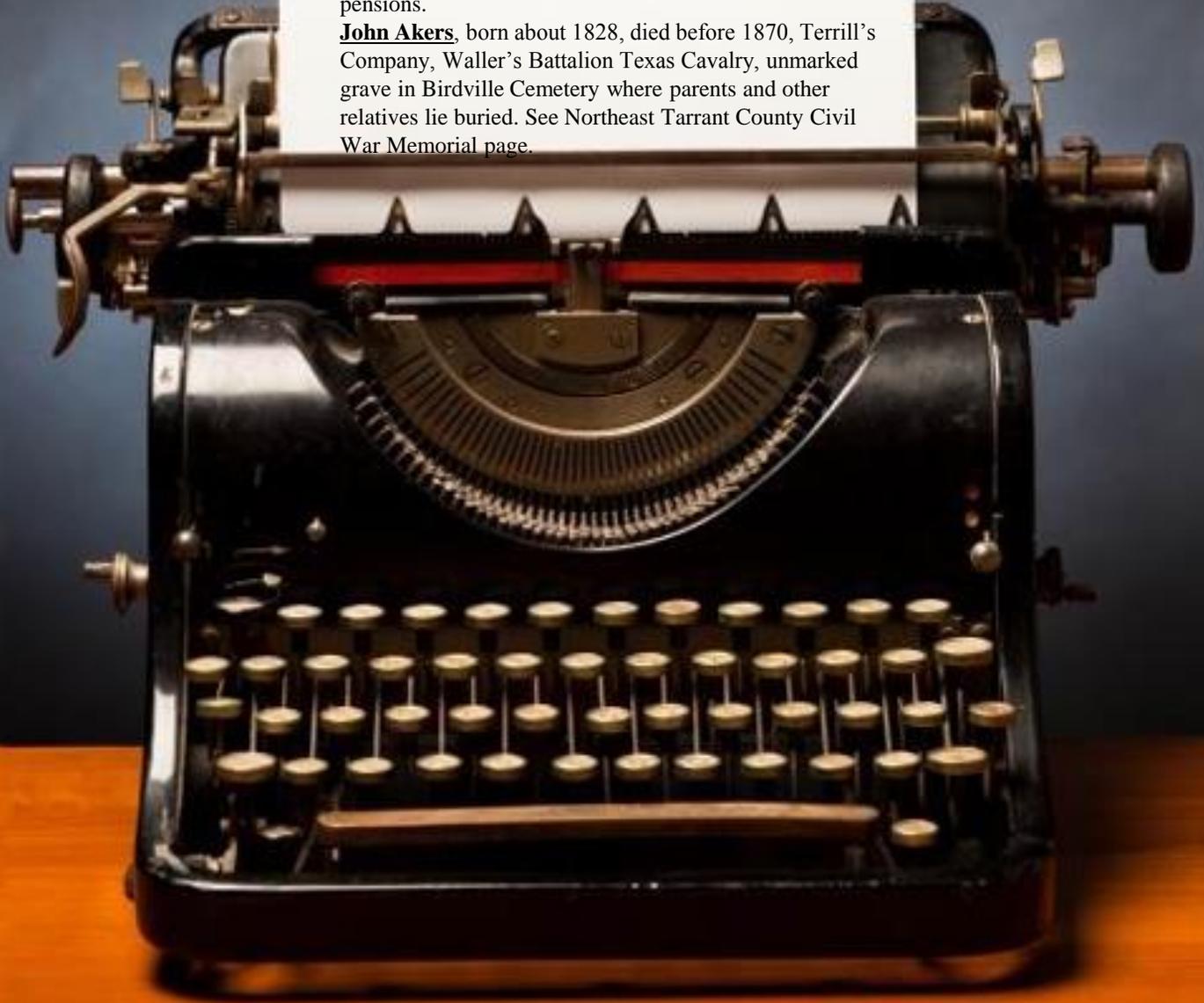
*Gene Kizer, Jr. graduated magna cum laude from the College of Charleston in 2000 at middle age with History Department Honors and the highest award for the History Department, the Outstanding Student Award. He is the author of at least two other works, including one called The Elements of Academic Success. He lives on James Island in Charleston where he is also broker-in-charge of Charleston Saltwater Realty.*

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**Charley Adkins.** Mr. Adkins died March 12, 1914 in Tarrant County. Has a new VA stone in Oakwood Cemetery. Tarrant County Confederate pensions.

**Jonathan Francis Agee,** 1843-1936, Co. E, 44 Tennessee Infantry, has a headstone in Greenwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. Tarrant County Confederate pensions.

**John Akers,** born about 1828, died before 1870, Terrill's Company, Waller's Battalion Texas Cavalry, unmarked grave in Birdville Cemetery where parents and other relatives lie buried. See Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Memorial page.



## New Master List of Confederate burials in Tarrant County in the works

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

Its progress interrupted by your editor's surgery, the list now contains about 1300 veterans with their burial places. We might be half way to the total.

# Getting to know our local Confederates

## Ransom Warren

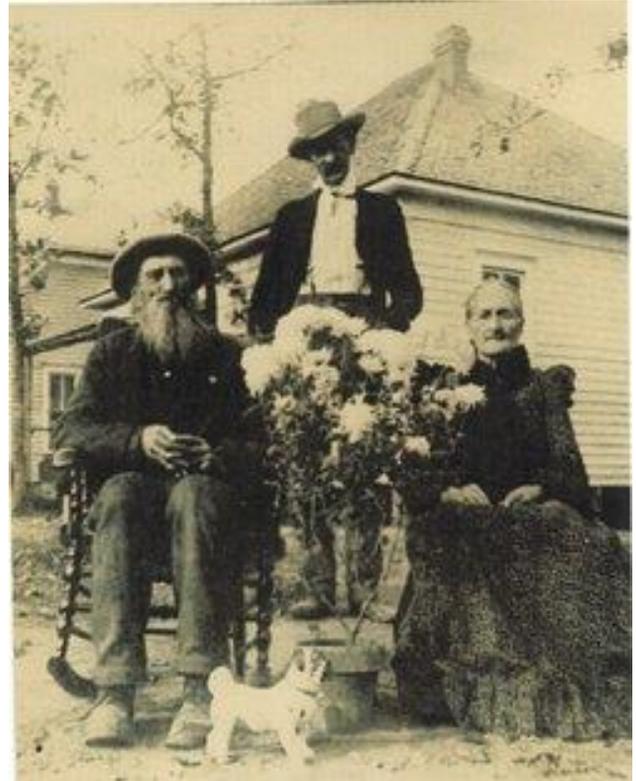
Ransom Warren, 80 years old, died Monday morning at 6:30 o'clock at his late residence, near the corner of Lee and Fourteenth avenue, North Fort Worth.

He was a member of R. E. Lee camp 158, U. C. V. He enlisted in Missouri in 1861, in Company A, Wall's regiment, Thompson's brigade, and served to the close of the war, and was paroled May 25, 1865. His parole is in his family's possession.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence May 5 at 3 p. m. It will be conducted by the Baptist pastor. He will be buried under the auspices of R. E. Lee camp. Interment will be in the Confederate cemetery.

Honorary pall bearers: Tom Frost, W. L. Armstrong, Thomas B. Yeats, Dan Vaughn, N. J. Pankey, John Howard, J. C. Richardson, J. W. Adams, F. M. Leatherman.

Active pall bearers from the sons' camp will be: H. C. Cantrell, R. G. Littlejohn, T. B. Daniels, E. W. Provine, C. Barr, Charles W. Qualle.

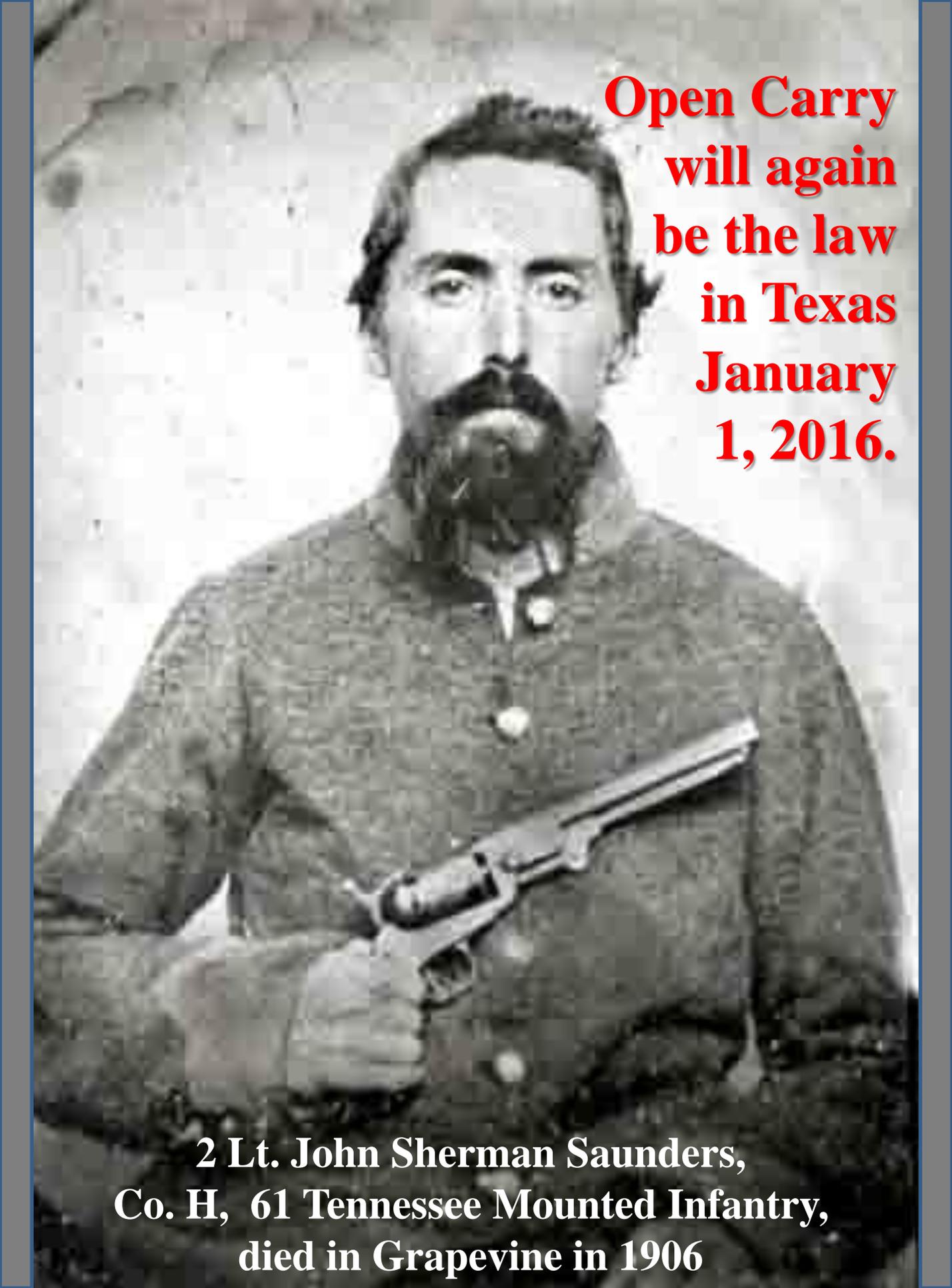


Barry Turnage of the R. E. Lee SCV Camp in Fort Worth placed the above photo on Oakwood's Find-A-Grave site in 2010. It's one of the neat surprises we're finding in the course of the new master list we're making.

Ransom Warren is the one seated in the chair above, and Mrs. Warren is beside him. The man standing is unidentified.

Making this new list has been an experience, finding the tracks of other researchers like Barry and many other volunteers who have been marking graves and preserving records here for many years.





**Open Carry  
will again  
be the law  
in Texas  
January  
1, 2016.**

**2 Lt. John Sherman Saunders,  
Co. H, 61 Tennessee Mounted Infantry,  
died in Grapevine in 1906**

# 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.



The City of Grapevine has announced that their Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 7. Make your plans to help us represent the SCV that day with a large presence... uniforms, flags, and good will.

*Our webmaster, Stephen Parker, has agreed to pull our trailer in this important parade. Thanks, Stephen, for stepping up!*

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**Keep An Eye Out...**

*We are always on the lookout for documentable Confederate veterans who are close-in and who have no gravestones or whose gravestones have become unreadable. We should be able to do one each month for the foreseeable future. Let us know if you have a candidate.*

# Bentonville battlefield's newsletter is available online

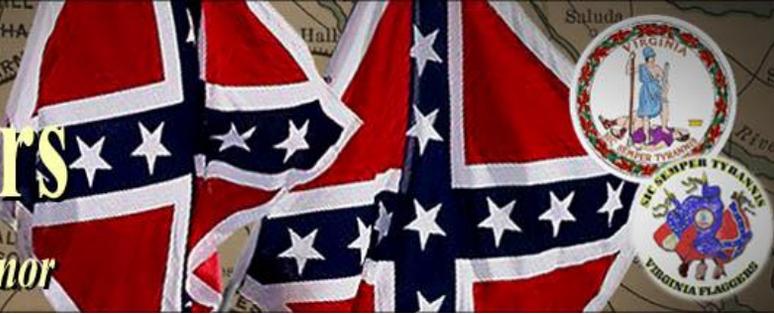
*Many of us had family members who were in Johnston's army at the end of the WBTS at Bentonville. Lots of those vets who remained to the end later settled here in Tarrant County.*



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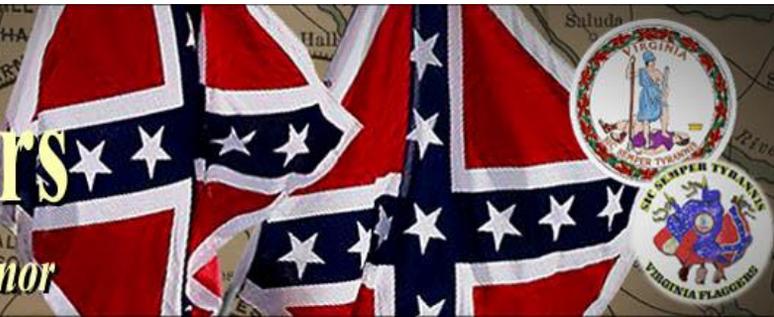
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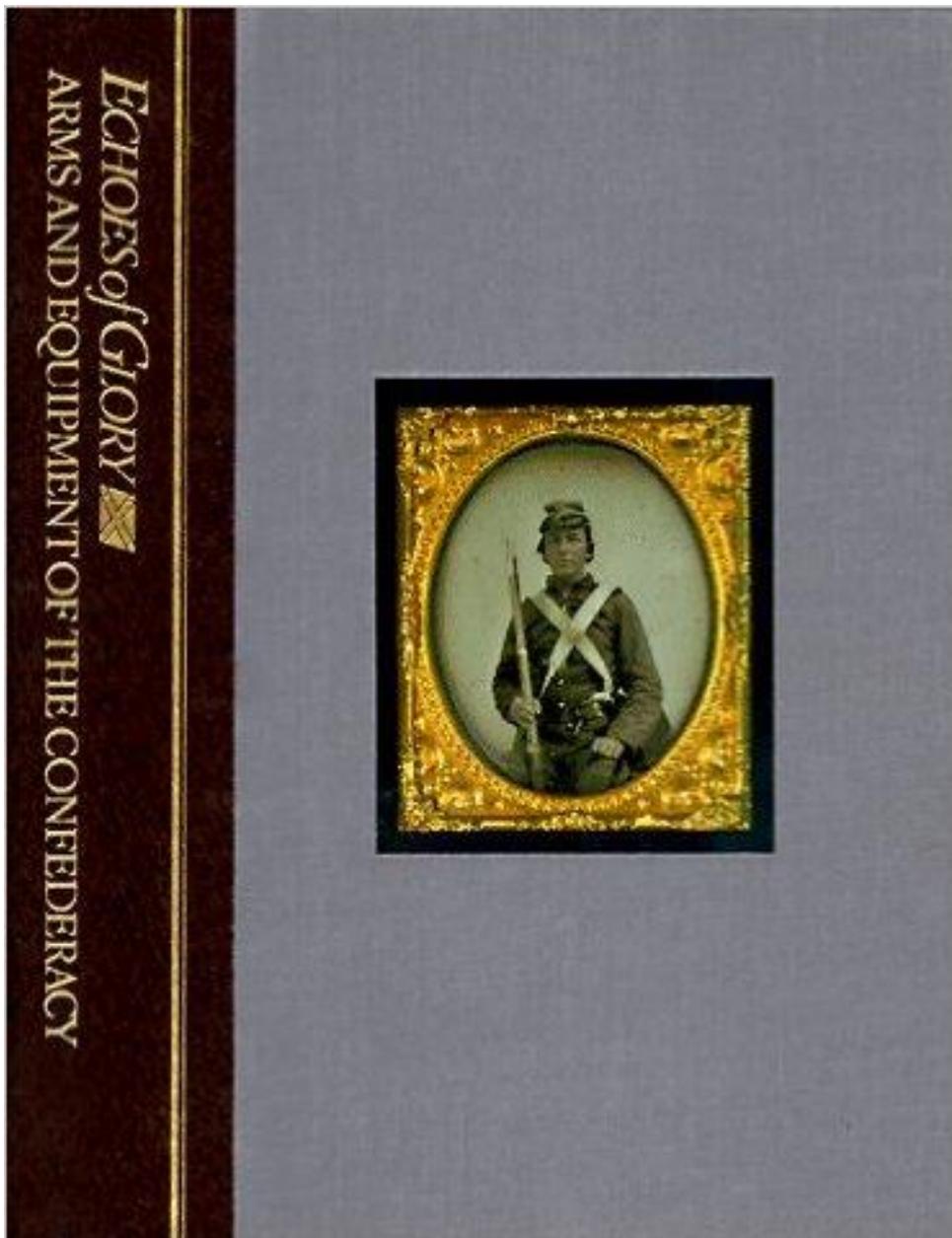


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# The Virginia Flaggers

*Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor*





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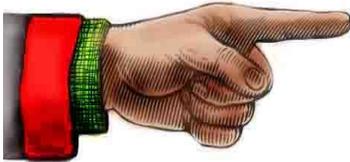
Thanks to Tammy and Doris Patterson for taking us down to Worthington's on July 23 to pick up Mr. Lamkin's rock.



*Thanks to James Alderman for taking us down to Worthington's on July 11 to pick up Mr. Williams' rock and drop it off at Oakwood Cemetery.*



Thanks to Matt Worthington, Shawn Clark and Dan Shaw, all of Worthington's, for engraving Lamkin's and Williams' rocks for us in July while we were stove up.



*Thanks to Clay and Eddie Fitzhugh for taking us and Mr. Johnston's rock to Mexia on July 16 and for installing it in Mexia Cemetery.*



Thanks to everyone who came out to Oakwood Saturday morning, January 25, to help install Williams' rock: Marilyn Patterson, Bobby Gresham, Stephen Parker, Kent Mathews, James Alderman, Ron Parker, and Mike Patterson.



*Our continued thanks to Compatriot David A. Luttrell for the dozens of VA stones he's secured and installed in Oakwood Cemetery over the past few years. We were happy to see him, his wife, and a visitor with them at our July meeting.*



“There’s that danged harmonica again...and that minor key is really creepin’ me out.”

Write three letters about the statues on the Capitol grounds. See p. 19

August 8: Gov. Pendleton Murrah cenotaph dedication in State Cemetery in Austin, Texas

One Saturday morning in August at 9 a.m. we'll have a stone to install in Mt. Gilead Cemetery in Keller.

Help with Anthony Hervey's funeral expenses. See p. 11

Send a donation to help Zander Sheppard. See p. 14

When you get an email about the agenda for our August meeting, send Mike Patterson an email to let him know you got it. [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com)

Look at the feedback received on the statuary on the UT campus, and write letters if needed. See p. 18

**August 27**  
**August business-only meeting of the E. W. Taylor Camp**

**November 7:**  
**Grapevine's Memorial Day Parade. Please, please be there with us to represent the SCV.**



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