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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

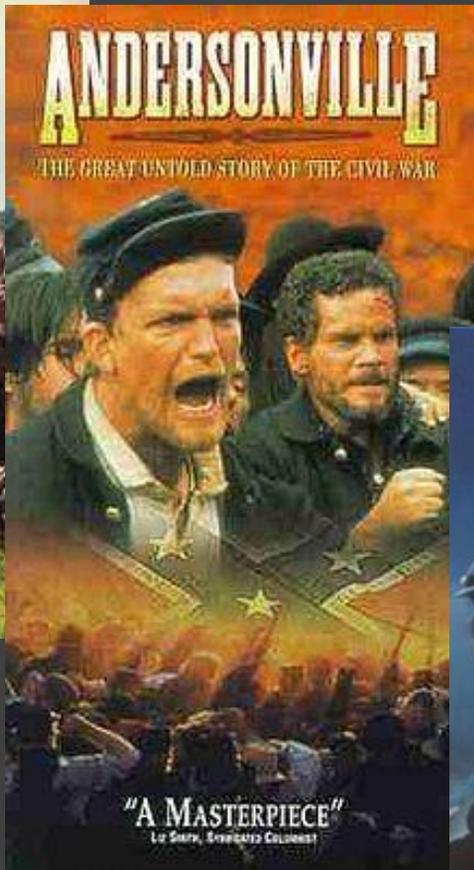
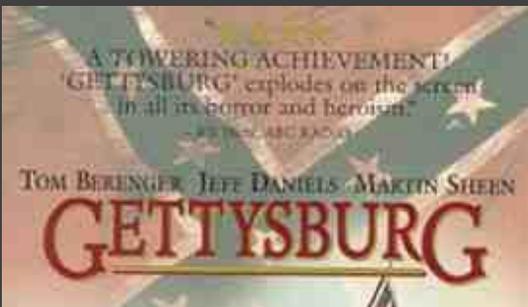
Newsletter

Bedford, Texas.....May, 2016

May Program

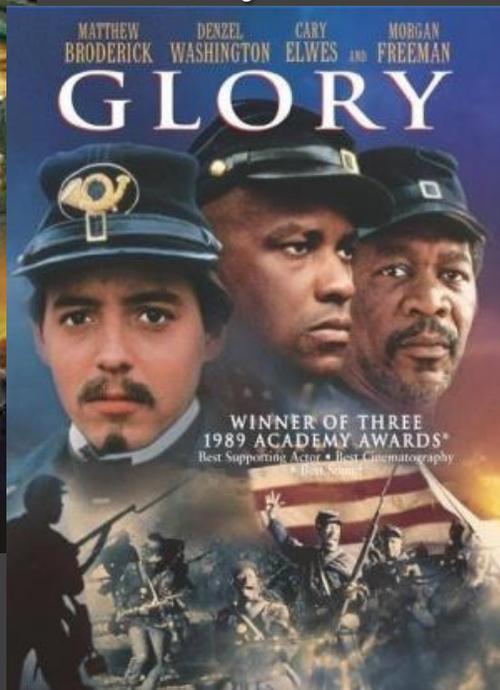


In the Movies...
with Compatriot
Terry Theiss



Terry's one of those rare folks who's good at everything he does, especially photography and music.

Years ago he was lucky enough to take an active part in these three WBTS films, to meet the actors, etc. Come and be with us in May...



Place and time of our programs are on this newsletter's following page.

CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER

Let Us Hear From You!!!

Our camp adjutant is James Alderman at
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Our newsletter editor is Mike Patterson at
mfpchat@yahoo.com



Join us in May as our newest member, Ralph Tucker of Bedford, is sworn in on the service of his ancestor, Elijah W. Carney of Co. E, 18th Tennessee Infantry.

James Alderman is always ready to help you with membership or dues questions. Both he and Mike check their emails several times daily and respond to them in a timely manner.

Mike Patterson has time to help answer other questions. He can help any prospective member get his application in order.

Our meetings are on the last Thursday of each month, except November and December when we don't meet because it would always conflict with the holidays.

Each month's program announcement is always on the first page of this newsletter.

We meet at Catfish and Company restaurant in Hurst, Texas, along the north side of the Airport Freeway and on the access road west of Precinct Line Road.

If you'd like to **eat** with us we'd suggest you be there at **6 p.m.** We start the **meeting** at **7 p.m.** Our goal is to be **finished** and out by **8:30 p.m.** **It'd be bad manners for a group as large as ours to stay 'til closing time. We appreciate their hospitality to the SCV.**

Who are we?



**We are a group of men who
volunteer our time to help honor
all American veterans of all wars.**

We are the local camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, an international group with camps in all parts of the U. S. and several foreign countries.

Our primary local outreach consists of getting grave markers for Confederate veterans in unmarked graves. We have a unique working relationship with a local monument company which makes this possible. We average at least one marker per month.

We would welcome camp participation in other community-service programs for which we have the interest and expertise within our camp. Tell us what you can do!

We have members who are ready and willing to help you see whether or not you have Confederate ancestors. Even if you have no desire to join, every person, man or woman, who learns about his/her Confederate ancestors becomes one of our allies in the fight against the PC perps.



Memorial Day Parade May 7, 2016

An excellent PR opportunity in a
Confederate-friendly city

We have:

A trailer and driver

Plenty of flags

Plenty of banners

Plenty of signs

Plenty of reasons to go

Plenty of members who can be there

We need:

You there to help represent the SCV

Meeting place is the Ninth-grade School on the east side of South Main Street, a little less than one mile south of the court house. Riders need to be there about 9:30 a.m.





*You, Your Members and Guests are Invited to Join
Mid-Cities Bluebonnet 2429 UDC*

For A

Historical Afternoon
Featuring
Buttermilk Junction

Saturday, May 21, 2016

*2:00 p.m. Program
Reception Following*

West Fork Presbyterian Church

908 Santerre Road, Grand Prairie 75050

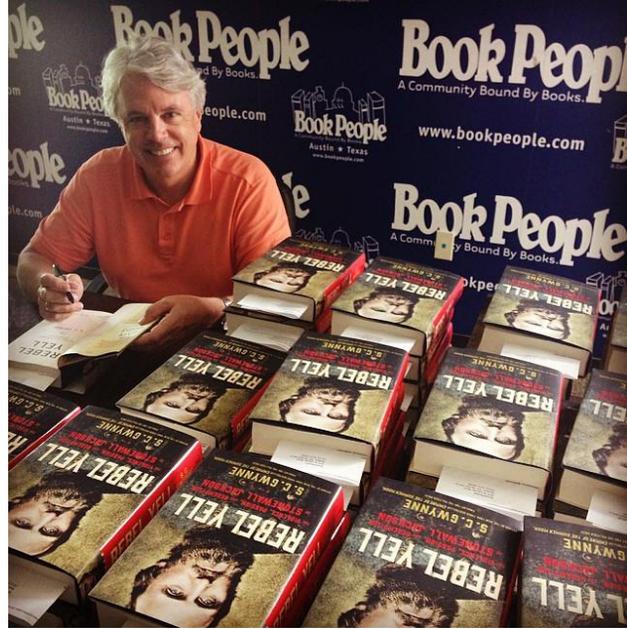
Directions: From N. Hwy. 360, Exit Ave. K (N. Arlington)

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

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

*Please Join us for Chapter Awards, Military Service Awards, Scholarship Presentation,
Music, Poetry, Skits, Southern Food, and Fellowship*

Talented author and historian S. C. (Sam) Gwynne to address Fort Worth Civil War Roundtable on May 10



Rebel Yell: The Violence, Passion and Redemption of Stonewall Jackson

UNT Health Science Center, Medical Education Training Bldg.,
1000 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107

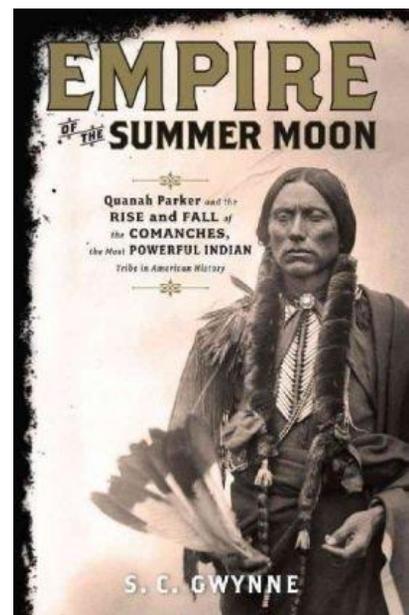
Dinner: 6PM; Program begins at 7PM

Menu: Almond Crusted Tilapia, Rice Pilaf, grilled vegetables and dessert. Cost
\$13 per person. Please RSVP to Jim Rosenthal by cell or text 817-307-9263 or
email jimrosenthal5757@aol.com

Stonewall Jackson has long been a figure of legend and romance. In April 1862 Jackson was merely another Confederate general in an army fighting what seemed to be a losing cause. By June he had engineered perhaps the greatest military campaign in American history. His success in the art of war tied Abraham Lincoln and the Union command in knots and threatened the ultimate success of the Union Armies. He had, moreover, given the Confederate cause what it had recently lacked—hope.

"Rebel Yell! - the book and the May 10th presentation by the author, Sam Gwynne - is really about transformation: how an unpopular and highly eccentric college physics professor becomes, in the space of fourteen months, the most famous military figure in the western world. The title comes from the fact that Jackson invented the Rebel Yell, a pretty impressive thing to put on your resume.

Mr. Gwynne is also the author of the highly-acclaimed *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches...*



Missouri Confederate infantry veteran to get a cenotaph in May in Oakwood Cemetery

Our new friend in East Texas, Ruby Zacha, has financed another marker for an unmarked vet here in Tarrant County.

James C. Cox was born October 4, 1840 in Jefferson County, Tennessee. When the 1880 census was taken he was living in the old Pleasant Glade Community, which is now contained in parts of Euless, Colleyville, and Grapevine.

When Mr. Cox applied for a pension in 1902 he said he came to Texas about 1864 and to Fort Worth about 1894. His address in 1900 was 203 Main Street in Fort Worth. He said he got typhoid fever in the army in 1862 and got pneumonia at the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. He was in Co. B, Craven's Regiment, Missouri Volunteers. He said he served four years and six months, enlisting in the spring of 1861 and staying until the war's end. He surrendered at Shreveport, Louisiana in 1865. This regiment was also known as the 8th Missouri Infantry.

Mr. Cox and his wife, Ellen C. Holly, were married in Tarrant County in 1866. They had several children. One was Mrs. John M. Cannon, who is buried at Bedford. Two sons, W. S. Cox and Sylvester D. Cox, are buried at Smithfield.

A daughter, Annie Newton, and another son, Artie Cox, are buried near their mother in the far-northwest corner of Oakwood Cemetery (her stone is shown below). Oakwood's records do not show that Mr. Cox was buried in Oakwood.

James Cox died November 6, 1908. His death certificate says he died six miles north of Grapevine. The cause of death was lagrippe, heart exhaustion, and some sort of kidney disease. The death certificate does not show any



place of burial, and there is no readable headstone for him anywhere in northeast Tarrant County. A spot six miles north of Grapevine would actually be in Denton County, but we have been unable to find a stone for him there either.

We called Sarah Biles, the superintendent at Oakwood, and suggested we be allowed to place a cenotaph for Mr. Cox beside his wife's stone. She agreed that would be appropriate.

We chose May 21 to install the stone because that day is Armed Forces Day in the United States. We have several more Confederate markers in the pipeline for Oakwood. Our September marker will be a replacement/supplemental stone for William P. Burts, a Confederate militiaman who was also Fort Worth's first elected mayor.





UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

Fort Worth, Texas, June 9 1901

Name James Cox

When and Where Born 1840 Jefferson Co. Tennessee

When and Where Enlisted in Spring 1861

Rank Company B Regiment Crawns Brigade Rains

Division Passans Corps Army Missouri

ENGLISH THIS, AND GIVE NAMES OF TWO REFERENCES. REMARKS.

(Under this head will be included changes of organization, important battles in which engaged, and other important facts connected with your Confederate service.)

I Chag to Mitchel My last Captain was
Billie Frasure Oak Hill Lexington Pear Ridge
Pleasant Hill Mansfield Jenkins furrie
was my Battles of font in
I was Elected as Corporal about half of
the war the later half

James Cox

Wm. Cox Hill Co Ky
Book Soule Wapenne Ky

Approved
Geo Jackson

Cox

This is the original paper Mr. Cox submitted to join the UCV camp in Fort Worth in 1901. It is now in the collection at Texas Tech University at Lubbock.

Stock Show's Vice-president has at least four Confederate soldiers as his direct ancestors

For the third month in a row we're reminding the public that the stock show's leadership may be proud of their own family's willingness to stand up for our Constitutional Rights.



Charlie Geren is a native of Fort Worth, where he and his family have been leaders in business and politics for many decades. Among other things, he's currently serving as Vice-President of the Fort Worth Exposition and Stock Show.

One of Charlie's great-grandfathers was **James Preston Geren (1841-1933)**, a well-known attorney who died in Fort Worth. J. P. Geren was also active in the United Confederate Veterans. At various times he served as a private, corporal and sergeant in **2nd Co. D, 19th Louisiana Infantry**. He enlisted December 11, 1861 at Tangipahoa, Louisiana. His regiment fought in some of the best-known battles in the War, including Shiloh, Corinth, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and several of the battles around Atlanta in 1864. He was wounded three times, lastly on August 31, 1864 at Jonesboro, Georgia. As a result of this last wound he lost his right hand. In 1927 a comrade named Paul Lawrence wrote a deposition to help Geren get a Confederate pension. In it, Lawrence said they were "...both wounded in battle, He losing his right hand I my right leg. No more true, brave, gallant soldier ever shouldered arms than comrade J. P. Geren."

James Preston Geren died at the home of one of his children in Fort Worth, and his body was taken back to Sherman, Texas for burial, where he had spent much of his life working as an attorney.

Charlie also is a direct descendant, through his paternal grandmother, of *her* grandfather, **Johann Friedrich August Julius Giesecke**, a Texas Confederate cavalryman born in 1838 in Hanover, Germany. "Julius" Giesecke served both as a 2nd Lieutenant and as Captain of **Co. G, 4th Texas Cavalry**. The regiment saw service in New Mexico,

If a city can have fixtures, the Geren family is certainly one of Fort Worth's. Charlie Geren was elected to the Texas House in 2000, and still serves us there. That's only one of the many things he does to help Fort Worth.

Charlie Geren's Confederates, cont.

Sherman Lawyer, 92, Dies in Fort Worth

Special to The News.
SHERMAN, Texas, May 3.—With a recognized record of civic service to his credit, one of Grayson County's oldest citizens, James Preston Geren, died Tuesday at 1 a. m. Death for the 92-year-old Sherman real estate man and lawyer came at the home of his son, Preston M. Geren of Fort Worth, with whom he had been staying the last several weeks after coming from Pensacola, Fla., where he was at home with his daughter, Mrs. D. A. Vann.

The body was brought to Sherman Wednesday and funeral services were conducted by Dr. J. A. Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sherman, of which Mr. Geren was a member, Wednesday at 4:30 p. m. at the old family home in Sherman. Burial was at West Hill Cemetery beside his wife, who died in August, 1930.

Mr. Geren was born on Feb. 5, 1841, in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. After active service in the Civil War Mr. Geren came to Texas in 1873, teaching school at Whitemound, Grayson County, a little later coming to Sherman. He had resided here continuously for almost sixty years, going to Florida to be with his daughter after Mrs. Geren's death two and one-half years ago.

Mr. Geren was the last charter member of Mystic Lodge 12, Knights of Pythias of Sherman and the oldest surviving member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He served a term both as Mayor of Sherman and as a school trustee.

Before coming to Sherman Mr. Geren married Miss Mariah Fearn Putman of Louisiana. Surrounded by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Geren seven years ago celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. All three children survive, including Preston M. Geren of Fort Worth, Oscar Geren of New Orleans, La., and Mrs. Vann of Pensacola, Fla.

Mr. Geren enlisted in the Confederate Army at Minden, La., in 1861, and saw active service in many battles of the war. He was wounded three times, the last at Jonesboro, Ga., where he lost his right arm.

and along the Texas coast. Later they served in Louisiana, and were at the Battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill. He enlisted September 23, 1861 near San Antonio. On February 25, 1862 he was elected Captain of the company. On April 14, 1863 he was captured at Franklin, Louisiana. He was paroled on July 3, 1865 at Columbia, Texas.

Julius Giesecke died January 16, 1928 in San Antonio and was buried in Comal Cemetery in New Braunfels, Texas.

Through his maternal grandmother, Willyemae Edwards (1894-1975), Charlie Geren can claim two Confederate ancestors, both of whom served in **Co. D, 12th Texas Cavalry**. This regiment, also known as Parson's Regiment, spent all its service on the west side of the Mississippi River. The two men were son-in-law and father-in-law. One of them was William Henry Dixon (1843-1895), Charlie's great-great-grandfather. Mr. Dixon served as a private, enlisting January 21, 1863 at Camp Johnson. His widow applied for a Confederate widow's pension in 1916. Her pension application contains an interesting signed affidavit made by E. B. Burleson, who served in the same company and regiment with Mr. Dixon. He said he and Mr. Dixon served until the end of the War. William H. Dixon died in Travis County, and was buried in a grave which is apparently now unmarked.

William Henry Dixon's father-in-law was Wiley Walker Fore (1824-1888); thus he was Charlie Geren's great-great-great grandfather. About 1849 Fore and his family settled in Kaufman County, Texas and later moved to Bastrop County, where he died. Mr. Fore enlisted in Bastrop County on July 24, 1861. He presented himself for service bringing along his own six-shooter and rifle. He died in 1888 and lies buried in the Fore Cemetery in Bastrop County. He has an old upright monument his family bought near the time of his death, and a VA bronze which incorrectly states the year of his death.



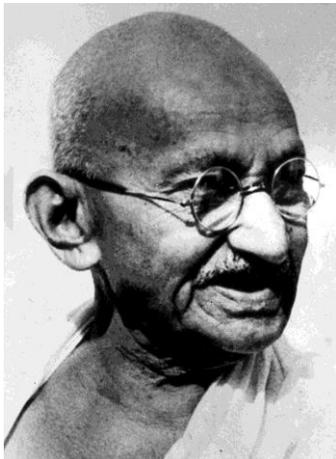
**Take a few
minutes to
laugh today.
You'll feel
better.**

Be sure to turn up the sound.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SmgLtg1Izw>

And this one, accidentally filmed while two folks were on their way to speak against the Lee statue in Charlottesville, Virginia: (not really)

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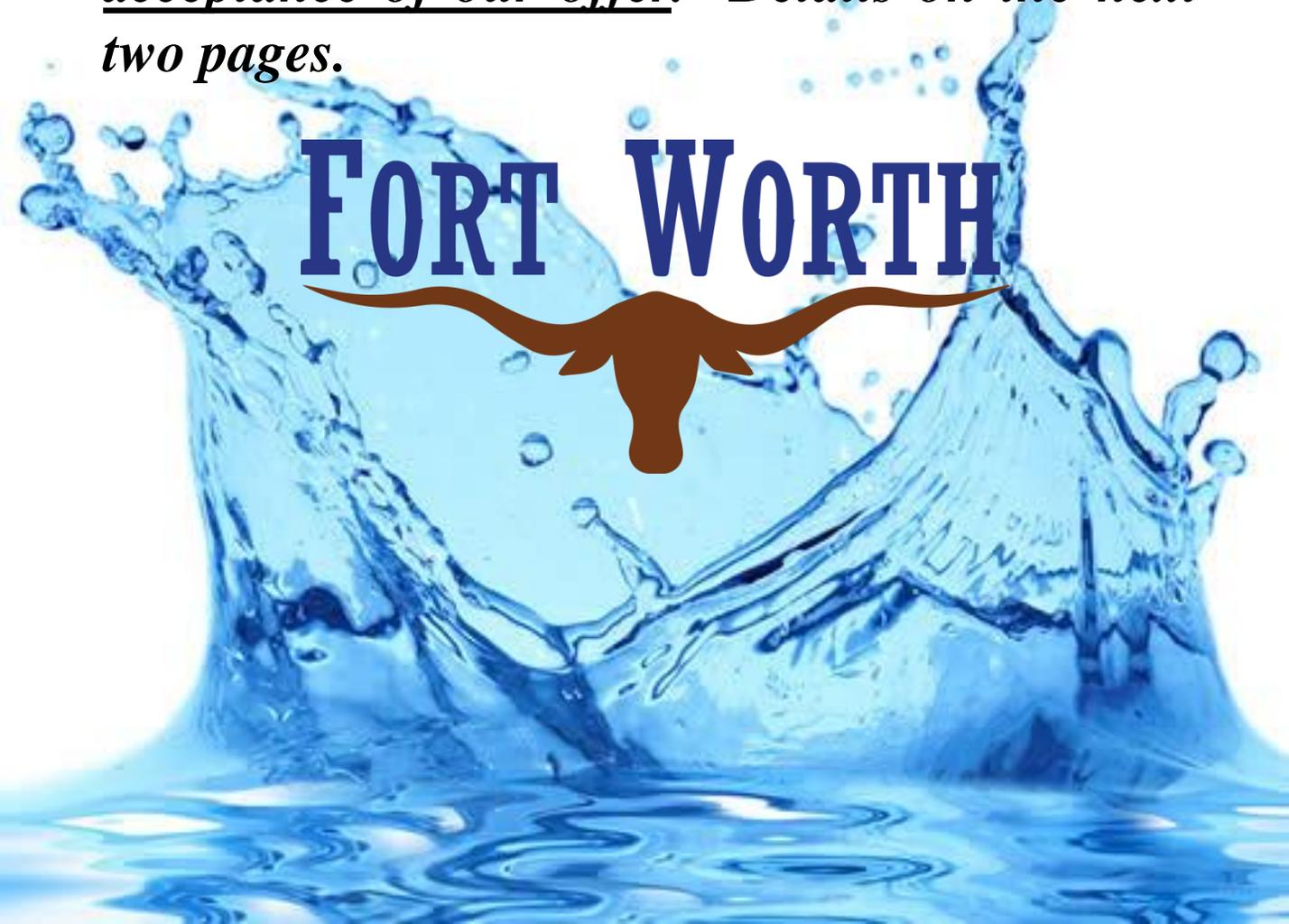
As we all know, Ghandi led a very simple life. He walked barefoot most of the places he went, ate very simple food, and not much of it.

He probably had the toughest feet of anyone on the planet. His diet also reputedly gave him breath which would kill a Texas braymer bull. Thus he was a.....wait for it.....

super-calloused fragile mystic vexed with halitosis.

Wanna help the SCV make a big splash in Fort Worth this fall?

Every October Fort Worth's historic Oakwood Cemetery conducts the very widely-attended "Saints and Sinners" tour, sponsored by the North Fort Worth Historical Society. Here's what we can do to help, subject to their acceptance of our offer. Details on the next two pages.



FORT WORTH

SCV Splash, cont.



In 1873, Fort Worth elected its first mayor, Dr. William P. Burts (1827-1895). He was the city's second doctor and a Confederate militia recruit from Fort Worth.



Dr. Burts died in 1895 and was buried in Oakwood. His grave marker is a train wreck, as is his wife's.



DR WILLIAM P BURTS

TARRANT CO MTD RIFLES

20TH BRIG TEXAS MILITIA

CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY

FIRST MAYOR OF FT WORTH

DEC 7 1827

SEPT 5 1895

HONORED BY E W TAYLOR CAMP 1777 SCU IN 2016

Dr. Burts was already on the schedule to get a supplemental marker, with lots more information than his old one. Here's the planned one, much larger than the usual ones we make. We'll install it on the last Saturday in September.

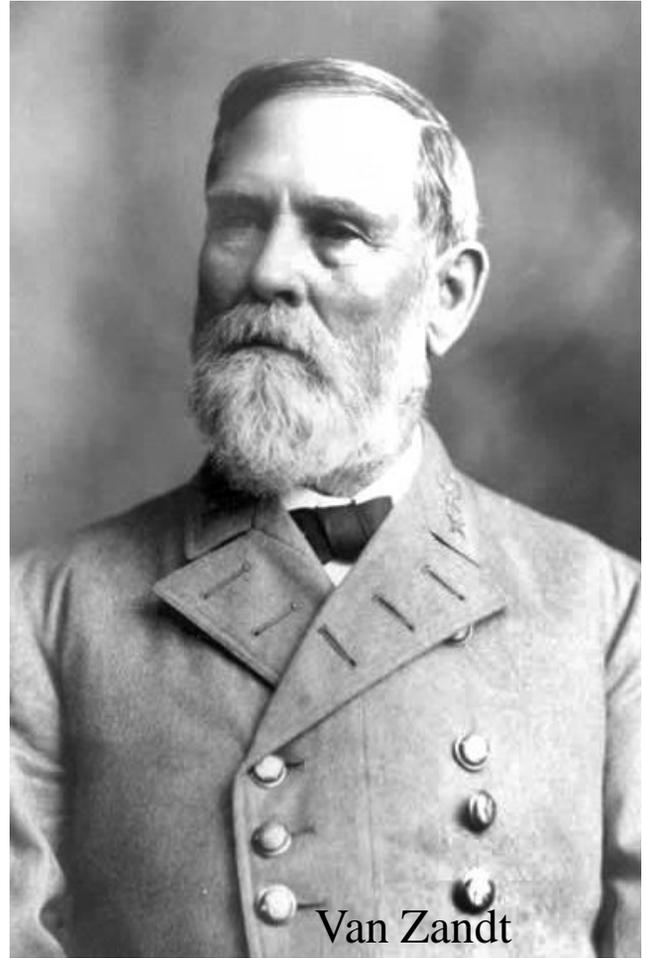
If Mayor Burts isn't already one of the characters on the tour, we can offer to supply enough interesting background on him to make him one.

We can offer to provide a uniformed firing squad to fire a salute when it's his time on the tour.

SCV Splash, cont.



Waul



Van Zandt

We could also offer this same service for Major K. M. Van Zandt, Brig. Gen. Thomas N. Waul, or any of the other characters on the tour who were Confederate veterans.

This is a win-win situation for everyone. The SCV gets lots of good press and attention, the “Saints and Sinners” tour gets its first-ever uniformed musket salutes, and the citizens of Fort Worth get a reminder of the importance and stature of Confederate veterans in the city’s history.

April 7 engraving at Worthington's

Four of us rendezvoused at the monument company on a Thursday morning to engrave John B. York's headstone.



At left, Mike and Tammy Patterson pull the letters from the rubber mask before the stone is sandblasted. Tammy had Mike there before 7 a.m., and Ervin Hauk was already there. Tammy helped until she had to leave to go to her job at Martin Thompson and Son Funeral home in southwest Fort Worth.

At right, we're pulling the mask off Mr. York's stone after it had been engraved and the lithochrome paint applied. Matt's crew had already done a stone for Mr. York's infant son and one for Alberly H. Durham, the Confederate ancestor of our member Ron Turner, shown below.



At left, Ron Turner and Mike are cleaning the last of the mask off Mr. York's stone. Ron had just finished cleaning Mr. Durham's stone. He'll take it to Mr. Durham's grave near Wolfe City in a few days.

Ervin Hauk came in his pickup, hauled the two York stones to Mitchell Cemetery later, and took these great photos.



Work day at Mitchell Cemetery in North Fort Worth on April 9



Ervin Hauk has been watching over Mitchell Cemetery for many years. On Thursday, April 7 we engraved Mr. York's stone and took it and his infant son's and dropped them off at the Fort Worth Grain Exchange, where Kent Mathews has worked for the last forty-one years.



Photos by Ervin Hauk



On Saturday morning we pulled the two new stones west and across the railroad tracks to the old burial ground. When we arrived there was a long freight train parked where we needed to cross, but it was soon on its way.

Two old stones were already there...Seaborne Gilmore's and Mrs. Anderson's. Your editor got the Gilmore stone from the VA more than thirty years ago, but it had fallen and darkened. The Anderson limestone has been there for nearly one hundred fifty years. *The crew included Ron Turner (red shirt), Kent Mathews (dark blue shirt), Ervin Hauk (photographer in gray shirt) and Mike Patterson (black cap).*

Mitchell Cemetery April 9, cont.



This historic cemetery, now almost forgotten, lies southwest of the intersection of NE 28th Street and Decatur Avenue. It was established in 1848 with the burial of an infant son of John B. and Julia A. (Gilmore) York. The fort in Fort Worth was still a year in the future, and the area was still a part of Navarro County, Texas.

Seaborne Gilmore is one of only a small handful of men who settled here whose fathers were soldiers in the American Revolution. Seaborne was the first elected county judge of Tarrant County. His son-in-law, John B. York, was the second elected sheriff of the county, and served two non-consecutive terms.

We have not yet positively identified the Mrs. Anderson buried here. The part of the stone which had her given name is gone. She was born in 1845 and died in 1867.

Ervin Hauk, below, can be justly proud that the old cemetery is finally getting some help.

We first installed the York infant's stone and his father's. Then we picked up Seaborne Gilmore's and re-set it in line with the Yorks'. Last we stood up Mrs. Anderson's old limestone from 1867 and put a little concrete footing around it. Mr. Gilmore was both a Mexican War veteran and a Confederate militia volunteer in the same company as his son-in-law, John B. York.



HONORING



SHERIFF JOHN B. YORK

1825-1861

and his family

Historic Mitchell Cemetery
North Fort Worth, Texas
Saturday, April 23, 2016

PROGRAM

Call to order and welcome

Invocation

Posting of the Colors

Pledges to the Flags

Introduction of Guests

Historical notes on the York
family and Mitchell Cemetery

Firing of Musket Salute

Retirement of the Colors

Playing of Taps

Benediction

PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG:

*"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the
United States of America, and to the
republic for which it stands; one nation
under God, indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all."*

PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

*"Honor the Texas flag. I pledge
allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under
God, one and indivisible."*

PLEDGE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

*"I salute the Confederate flag with
affection, reverence, and undying
devotion to the cause for which it stands."*

OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO:

Dr. Roy York of McAllen, Texas who sponsored the
John B. York marker.

Ms. Karen McFadin, a York descendant, and Mr.
Ervin Hauk of Keller, Texas who sponsored the York
infant marker.

Matt Worthington and Mike Patterson at
Worthington Monuments who helped supply the two
York markers at cost.

Ervin Hauk, Ron Turner, Kent Mathews, and Mike
Patterson for installing all four of the stones now
standing on April 9.

Ervin Hauk and Kent Mathews for watching over
the Mitchell Cemetery for years.

Jack Dyess of the Col. H. W. Griffin Camp #2235
For arranging and heading up the SCV Texas
honor/color guard today.

Members of several local Sons of Confederate
Veterans Camps for providing the musket salute.

Terry Theiss of the Col. E. W Taylor Camp #1777,
SCV and the Frontier Brigade Band for playing
Taps.

Sgt. Pena and the work teams from the Tarrant
County Sheriff's Office, who have worked many hours
in cleaning up, mowing, and maintaining this
cemetery.

Jack Dyess of the W. H. Griffin Camp, at right, led the Texas Division Honor Guard. The other three members are, l-r, T. J. McClung of the Griffin Camp, Richard Smoot of the W.H. L.Wells Camp of Plano, and Michael Upchurch of the Stonewall Jackson Camp in Denton.



Compatriot Terry Theiss of the Taylor Camp blew Taps at the end of the ceremony.

Photos by Ervin Hauk and Larry Martin

Nearly forty people met to honor John B. York in North Fort Worth's Mitchell Cemetery on Saturday morning, Apr. 23



Ten of the eleven men in the squad who fired the musket salute. All were Taylor Camp members except the three whose camps are shown in parentheses. L-R, Chuck Marks, Kent Mathews, Ron Turner, Jim Anderson (MT Johnson Camp), Boone Eustace, Chase Eustace, Jack Eustace, Ron Parker; and Scott Gates and Wyatt Savage (both from the S, W. T, Lanham Camp). Mike Patterson joined them just before they fired the three shots.

York ceremony, cont.

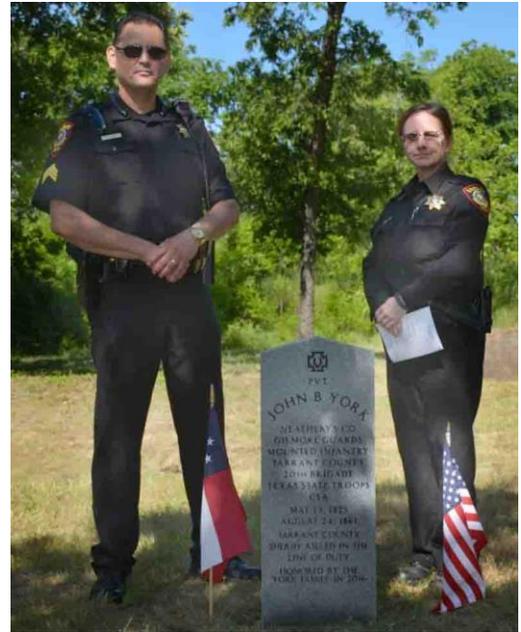


How do you know these are all Texans? They never stand in the sun when there's a spot of shade available. The Taylor camp's banner got its spot out of the sun, too. One of the Lee camp's hardest workers, Marilyn Patterson, is here helping Mike hang the banner before the ceremony.



One of the other notables buried in the cemetery is York's father-in-law, Seaborne Gilmore (1801-1867). Both York and Gilmore were Peters Colonists.

Gilmore was one of only a small handful (probably less than five) settlers here whose fathers were soldiers in the American Revolution. Gilmore was both a Mexican War veteran and a Confederate militiaman. He was the first elected County Judge in Tarrant County. We got this VA stone for him about thirty-five years ago.



Two administrators of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Labor Detail, Raul Pena and Kari James. Janet Field of the Sheriff's Office was also there. They and their Detail see to it that several of the county's pioneer cemeteries get care they would never otherwise have. This is an excellent use of the county's resources and our tax money.



Photos by Ervin Hauk and Larry Martin

York ceremony, cont.



Ervin Hauk, above, gave a history of the cemetery and those buried in it. He has kept a careful watch on the cemetery for many years.

Kent Mathews (at right removing his kepi), a member of the Taylor Camp, gave the benediction at the end of the service.



York family members there, some of whom came from as far away as McAllen, included Norma, Dr. Roy, Paige, John C., and young Owen, all surnamed York. Dr. York paid for the stone.



Thanks to Ervin Hauk and Larry Martin for sharing with us their excellent photos of this event.



Most of the approximately forty persons who attended the event

Tarrant County historical trivia

With all the attention focused on John B. York, the second and fourth elected sheriff in our history, who was the first?

He was Francis Jordan, a native of Illinois. He came to Texas with his parents before the Texas Revolution and they settled in Nacogdoches County, where his father died in 1835.

Francis was in Tarrant County by 1850, and stayed here until about 1866 when he and his family moved further west. He died in 1877 and is buried in Visalia Public Cemetery in Visalia, Tulare County, California.



...and who was the man who served between John B. York's two terms?



He was William B. Tucker, a Kentuckian who settled here in the 1850's. In July 1861 he enlisted in Fort Worth as a private in Capt. Charles Turner's Tarrant County Hussars, Mtd. Infantry, 20th Brigade Texas Militia. He died in 1900 and was buried in Pioneer's Rest here.



Taylor camp commander honored by local Sons of the American Revolution

Bobby Gresham, the commander of the E. W. Taylor Camp (above left) was honored on April 16 by being given the Bernardo de Galvez Bronze Color Guard Award. He received it for outstanding participation and service to the Texas SAR Color Guard.

Bobby currently serves as the Color Guard Commander of the Major K. M. Van Zandt Camp of the Sons of the American Revolution, headquartered in Fort Worth. The award was made at the SAR's meeting at Woodhaven Country Club.



Restoration project of veteran's uniform is completed

Several months ago we were privileged to help young Zander Sheppard with a very worthy project. He later applied to the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross for funds to finish it. Since then it's taken a very interesting turn. The uniform and other finished items were expected to arrive at the Texas Civil War Museum on Friday, April 29. More next month!



R. E. Lee SCV camp has float in History of Kennedale Parade April 16; Johnson and Taylor camps take part, too



At the beginning of the parade, the R. E. Lee Camp's Sons of Confederate Veterans float was awarded the prize for Best Presentation. Members of the R. E. Lee, M. T. Johnson, and E. W Taylor camps took part.

It took nearly an hour to get the float "dressed." Marchers in front of the float stopped about ten times and fired volleys. The parade route was about 1.5 miles long. The weather was perfect and the crowd loved us.



As long as we're on the subject of Kennedale...

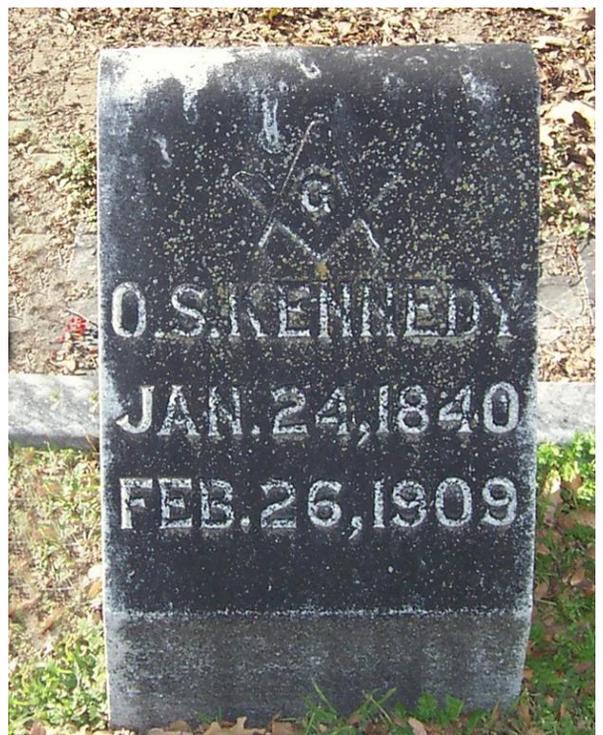
Did you know the city was named for a Confederate veteran who was a Captain in the 16th Alabama Infantry, and who died in Fort Worth in 1909?

Captain Oliver S. Kennedy came to Fort Worth in 1877 with his father and became active in Democratic Party politics, serving on the state executive committee for eight years. He was made an honorary member of the Fort Worth Rifles, Company G, Fourth Regiment, Texas Volunteer Guard in 1884. The Kennedale townsite was surveyed in 1886 and named for Oliver S. Kennedy, who platted it and, in an effort to induce rail construction through the community, donated every other lot to the Southern Pacific Railroad. The rail line eventually built a station and section house in Kennedale.

Kennedy was born in Lauderdale County, Alabama in 1841. He enlisted in Co. C, 16th Alabama Infantry in March, 1861, as a third lieutenant and rose to the rank of Captain. The application he filed with the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth (next page) shows that he served in the battles of Fishing Creek, Shiloh, and other actions.

After a long and productive life, he died on February 26, 1909 and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. We have found neither an obituary nor a death certificate for him.

Mr. Kennedy's personal papers, including many letters which passed between him and his wife during the War, are housed in the Special Collections unit of the central library at the University of Texas at Arlington.





UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS
- DESCRIPTIVE LIST

Fort Worth, Texas, 5 July 1904

Name Oliver S. Kennedy
When and Where Born Lauderdale Co. Ala. 24 Jan'y 1841
When and Where Enlisted Lauderdale Co. Ala. March 1861

Rank 3rd Lieut Company "C" Regiment 16th Ala Inf Brigade Woods
Division Hardee's Corps Palks Army Tennessee

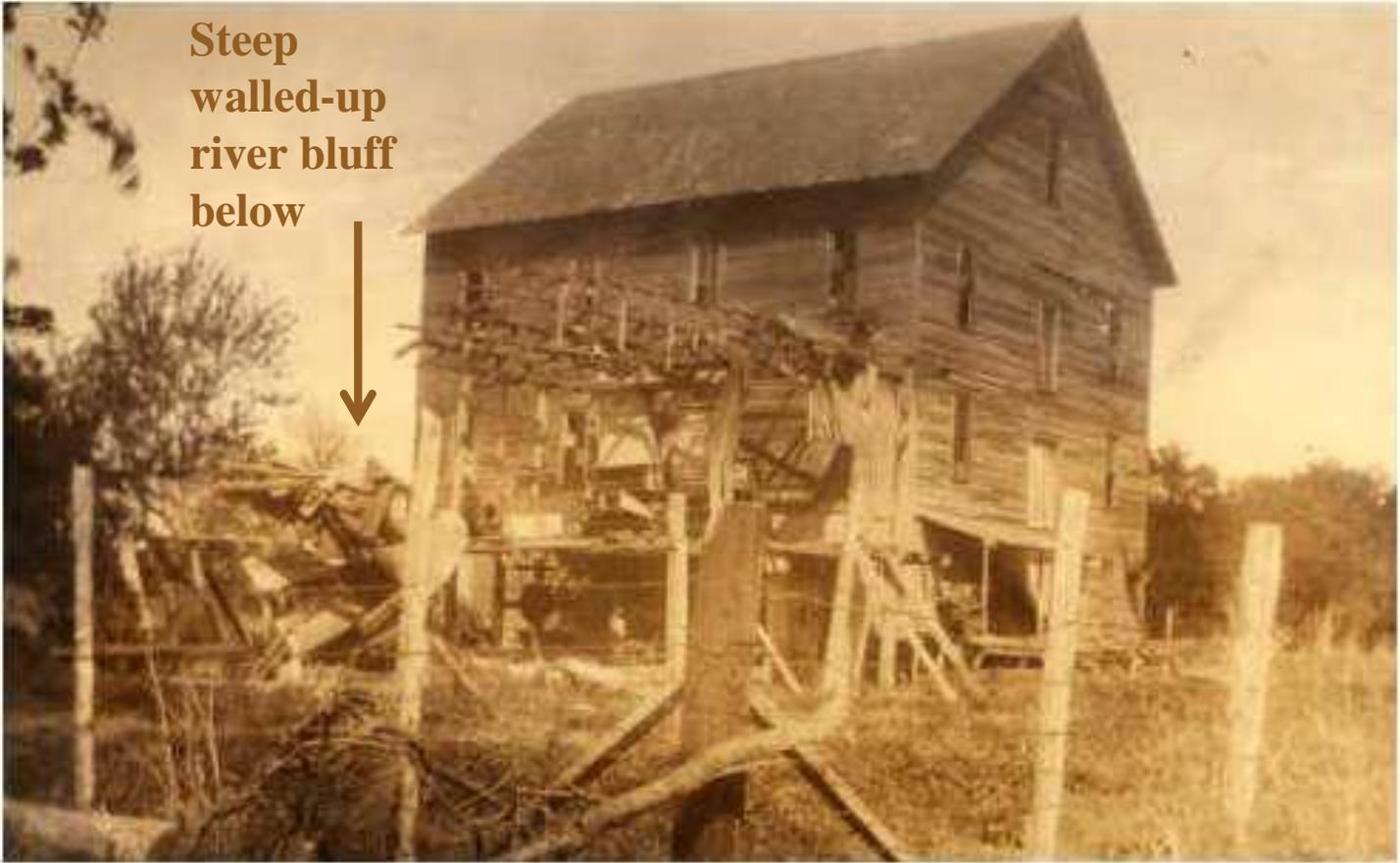
BY SIGN THIS, AND GIVE NAMES OF TWO REFERENCES
CELEBRATED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS IN 1904, AND
LATER REPEATEDLY IN THE CONFEDERATE VETERAN.

I was made Adjutant of the Post, Knoxville, Tenn. under Col. W. B. Wood, & carried on correspond-
ence about W. G. Brownlow, which caused him to threat-
en our lives after the war, if we put foot on Tenn.
soil. I was made Adjutant of 16th Ala. in March
1862 was promoted to Captain Co "C" same Regt.
I was offered command as Colonel of same Regt.
in May 1862 & declined it, because Col W. B. Wood
was then the Col. being wounded & I prevented
his removal on account of prolonged absence.
I was engaged in Battle Fishing Creek & command-
ed Co "C", the Capt. being absent. Was at Shiloh
& commanded left wing of Regt as Lieut
Col. the Colonel absent & Major wounded.
Health failed & joined Com. Dep. Reference
H. C. Wood, 1st Connec Regt. - D. M. Key Fort Worth
John M. See. Was
Tex as.

Oliver S. Kennedy

This is the original paper Mr. Kennedy submitted when he joined the UCV in Fort Worth in 1904. The original is at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

**Steep
walled-up
river bluff
below**



One morning in April your editor was looking through an online collection of old photos at the Fort Worth Public Library site. These two photos were captioned “Unidentified House.” No longer.

They are both photographs of old Randol Mill on the Trinity River, a few yards upstream from where Precinct Line Road crosses the river, southeast of old Birdville.

**Our ancestors’ life and times...
you saw it here first.**

**Steep walled-up river
bluff below**





A new face to go with an old name on our North-east Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial in Bedford

Not a clear face, to be sure, but so much better than having nothing. We ran across this photo of Mr. and Mrs. David Boaz and two of their sons at their home in Fort Worth. Its only one of hundreds online at the Fort Worth Public Library site.

David Boaz (1838-1905) was one of three brothers who left their home in Birdville to join the Southern forces.



David and Viola Boaz are buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.



Another very helpful online resource for finding pictures

About a century ago the so-called “brag books” were very popular all over the United States. This author has picked about 100 of those dealing with Texas and has made an index to the portraits in them. Link’s below.

Most of this book consists of an index of the portraits, followed by an abbreviated reference to the photos’ locations. The first few pages are the list of books referenced, with their publication data.

We first checked for a photo of E. W. Taylor, of course. We didn’t find one, but we did find one for his father.

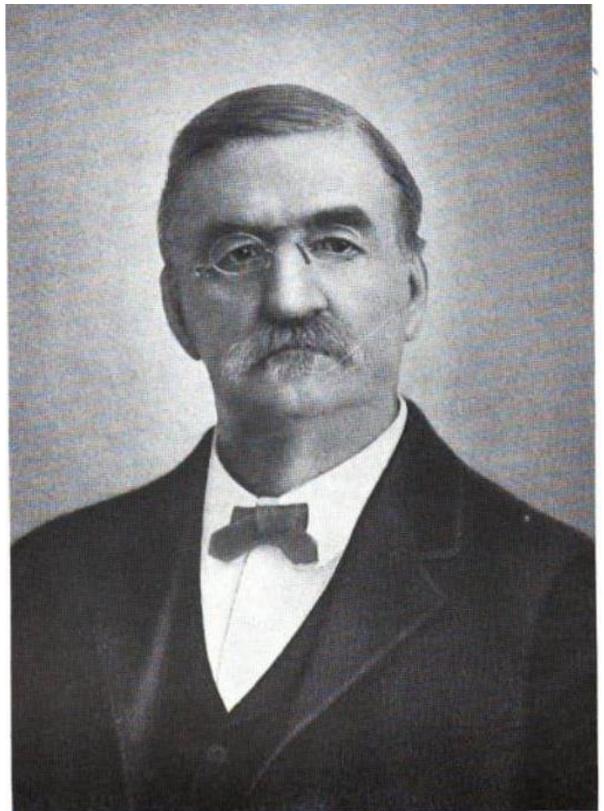
To use as an example, next we checked for Ft. Worth Confederate and businessman Byron C. Rhome, for whom the nearby town is named. There we found four entries: FTW 23, 34; MOT 216; NWT 4:602; and P&P 177.

Luckily, many of the brag books are now on line in their entirety. The first is the *Book of Fort Worth* (1913), which available on ancestry.com. The picture there is of poor quality but if it’s all you have.... We weren’t able to find the second, *Men of Texas* (Houston, 1903) online.

The fourth title, *Prose and Poetry of the Livestock Industry*, is online and contains a very good photograph of Mr. Rhome.

The third title is one we already know well. It was written by one of the prominent Confederates who helped build modern-day Fort Worth...Buckley B. Paddock. It is called *History of Texas: Fort Worth and the Texas Northwest*, and contains four volumes. Its photo of Rhome is at right.

Over 17,000
photos indexed



B. C. Rhome

Pensacola gets massive flag along I-10 on first weekend in April



"For every flag removed, a thousand more will rise to take its place..."

#Dixie Rising

Susan Hathaway, Va Flaggers

Congratulations to our friends in the Stephen R. Mallory SCV Camp #1315, Pensacola, FL, who raised a 15'x 25' Confederate Battle Flag on a 71' pole on the North side of I-10 near mile marker 36 on the weekend of April 2-3, 2016. A dedication and cavalcade drive-by was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 9th to commemorate Confederate History and Heritage Month in Florida.

Pensacola is once again the City of Five Flags... only this one is a whole lot bigger than the one they took down! Well done, gentlemen.

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Judy Smith
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Unique SCV emblems at great prices

These durable metal emblems are produced by our friend and compatriot, Joe Wade, of the M. T. Johnson camp in Arlington. He brought one to our March meeting and sold three while there.

They are laser-cut from 1/8" steel plates and are then powder coated using an electrolysis process. Flawless quality through and through.

The come in two sizes....12"x12" and 24"x24". They may be painted in any color you choose. The smaller ones are \$30 raw, powder coated any color \$45. Larger signs raw \$45, powder coated any color \$60. Call Joe Wade at 817-688-3867.

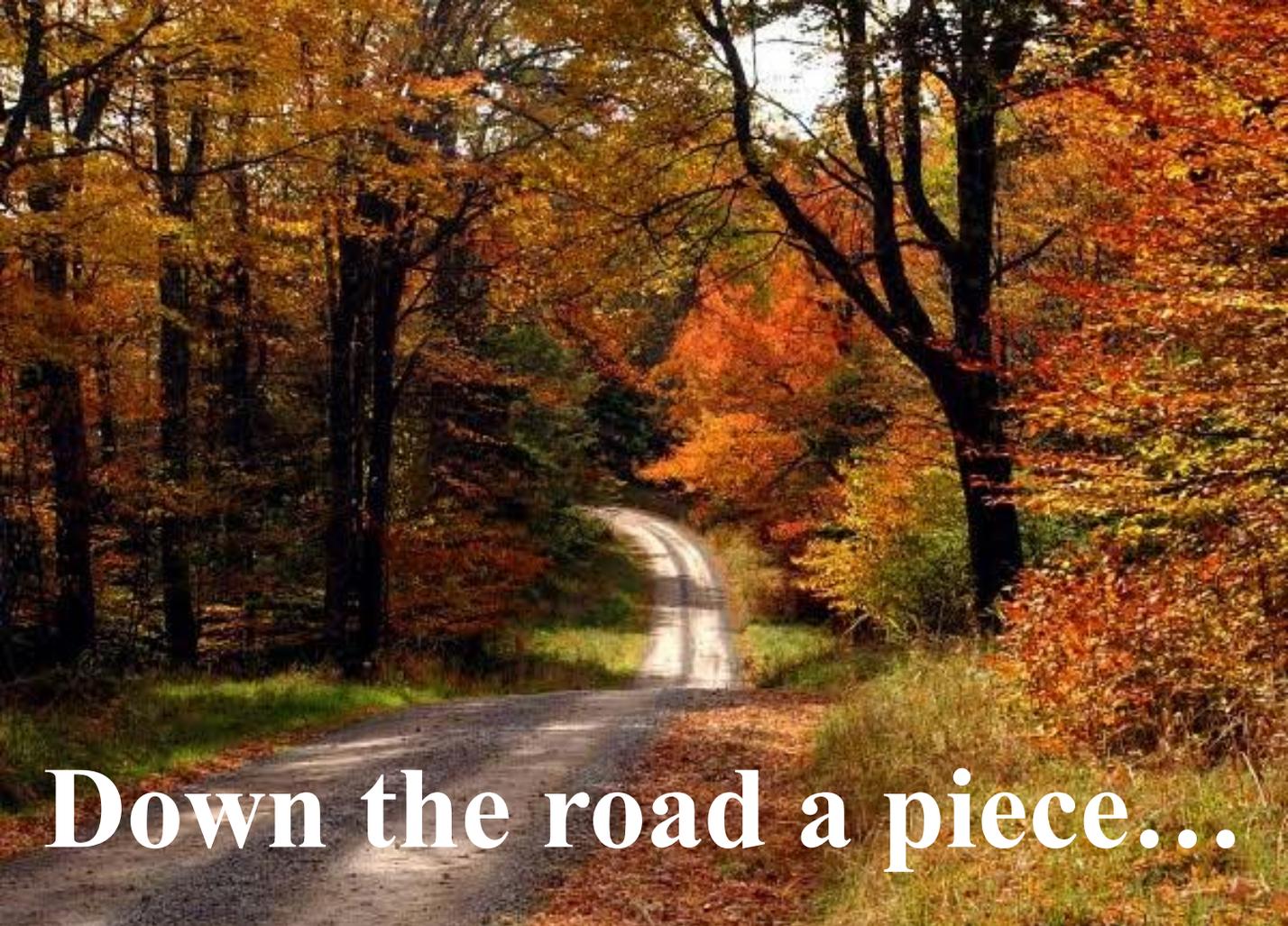
Coming soon...

May 7
Memorial Day
Parade in
Weatherford.
Come and ride
with us.

May 21
Install one flat
marker in
Oakwood
Cemetery in Ft.
Worth. 9 am

May 26
E. W. Taylor
camp meeting.
Eat at 6
Meet at 7

May 30
We supply the
musket squad for the
Memorial Day
observance at Mt.
Gilead Cemetery in
Keller. 11 a.m.



Down the road a piece...

June 3-5, 2016 Annual Texas Division Reunion at Y O Ranch,
Kerrville, Texas.

July 4, 2016 Annual July 4 Parade in Arlington. We'll ride
with the M. T. Johnson Camp on their "float."

July 13-17, 2016 National SCV Reunion in Richardson, Texas.

October 2016 We *may* be taking part in the annual "Saints and
Sinners" tour of Oakwood Cemetery on Fort Worth's
North side.

November 2016 Several area Veterans' Day Parades available.

Our sincere thanks to...

Matt Worthington and his crew, **Shawn Clark** and **Dan Shaw**, for getting two stones ready for us to pick up on April 7.

Ervin Hauk for meeting us at Worthington's at daybreak on April 7, taking lots of photos, and then hauling two stones to Mitchell Cemetery.

Tammy and Marilyn Patterson for taking your editor on many SCV-related trips during the month of April and to **Marilyn** for proofreading this newsletter.

Ervin Hauk, Ron Turner, Kent Mathews, and **Mike Patterson** for getting the four markers installed at Mitchell Cemetery on April 9, and to **Marilyn Patterson** for helping get your editor there and back.

The **anonymous donor** who supplied a new tire for the trailer for Compatriot Theiss' cannon, so we can be in the Weatherford Parade May 7.

Allen Hearrean of the M.T. Johnson Camp for taking your editor so that he could join in the Kennedale parade on April 16.

Jack Dyess and **T. J. McClung** of the Griffin Camp and the Texas Division Honor Guard for coming to the York dedication and posting the colors during the ceremony on April 23.

Dan Hays and **Jim Anderson** of the M. T. Johnson Camp for coming to the York ceremony April 23.

Chris and Kathy Lusk, Scott and Kate Gates, and **Larry Martin** of the S. W. T. Lanham Camp for coming to the York ceremony April 23.

Richard Smoot of the Wells Camp in Plano and **Michael Upchurch** of the Jackson Camp in Denton for coming to help with the Honor Guard on April 23.

Raul Pena, Kari James, and Janet Field of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Labor Detail for cleaning the cemetery and for coming to our ceremony on April 23.

All the folks from the Taylor Camp who came to support us on April 23: **Chuck Marks, Kent Mathews, Ron Turner, Ron Parker, David Stewart, McKenzie Eustace, Boone Eustace, Chase Eustace, Rhoda Eustace, Jack Eustace, Terry Theiss, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson.** Our apologies if we forgot anyone.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans send their condolences to Matt and the entire Worthington family in the loss of his grandmother, Edna Earle (Boykin) Strong, on April 15, 2016 in Fort Worth.

She was buried beside her husband, Bill Strong, in Southland Cemetery in Grand Prairie on April 20.

Mrs. Strong was a great-granddaughter of Pvt. Thomas H. Beaver (1844-1922) of Co. D, 10th Texas Infantry. Others of her ancestors were the Sloan family who settled in Texas while it was still a part of Mexico. They took part in the Texas Revolution and in the Army of the Republic during the 1840's.

Our thanks to Matt and Ryan Worthington and their staff for making it possible for us to have a marker program. When you need expert, local, caring work done to memorialize your loved ones, call them.

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Recent events have made us proud of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who've stood up and made themselves heard in the face of attacks on the memory of our Southern Patriots.

As public officials learn that we will not go silently into the night they will be more careful in making snap decisions based upon pressure from vocal minorities. We have the same First Amendment Rights as the protesters, and many of us have served in the military to safeguard them.



On a local level, please let us know if you see something we can do to further The Cause. As always, that includes seeing that all our local Confederate heroes have dignified memorials.



See and hear Susan Hathaway's excellent comments to the city council in Charlottesville, Virginia on Monday, April 18 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Qm3NS9cb8E>

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.

