



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

# **Newsletter**

**Bedford, Texas.....November, 2016**

# **VOTE**

# **November 8**

**Our liberty's future is hanging by a thread:**

**The balance of power in the Senate/House**

**The Supreme Court's balance for decades**

**The protection of our Bill of Rights**

**The strength of our armed forces**

**Our right to obtain and bear arms and ammo**

**The safety of our police and firefighters**

**The safety of our inner cities**

**Our ability to get and afford health insurance**

**CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER**

# Who are we? That's easy to see!!!



<http://www.taylorcampscv.org/>

Go to our website and start looking at our newsletters, beginning with the most recent and working back. You'll notice that they're always current, and that there are no gaps beginning in January 2011. Our newsletter editor is Mike Patterson at [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com); he tries to be diligent in checking and answering his emails so give him some input.

**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 the 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 the restaurant's hospitality to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.**

# Talk up the SCV and our camp.



**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 some 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. Email [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com)



# Thanks to Compatriot Charles Oliver for a memorable evening learning about Dick Dowling!



If you weren't at the October meeting, you missed an exciting retelling of the 45-minute Battle Sabine Pass, complete with lots of behind-the-scenes details you never read in the history books.

Dick Dowling, a businessman in Houston before the War, managed to get the press on his side, and Northern readers *and* leaders got a version of the battle which caused some Yankee military careers to go belly-up in the water.

It never hurts to have the press on your side, in war or in politics, in 1863 or 2016.



**Predictably, the left is pushing to have the name changed on this Port Arthur school.**



At our October meeting, the following officers were elected to lead the E. W. Taylor Camp in 2017-2018: They are, l-r. Chuck Marks, Commander; Ron Turner, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander; Richard McCook, Color Bearer; Mike Patterson, Chaplain/Newsletter Editor, and James Alderman, Adjutant. They'll be sworn-in in January.



# Taylor Camp founding member honored by K. M. Van Zandt Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution in Fort Worth

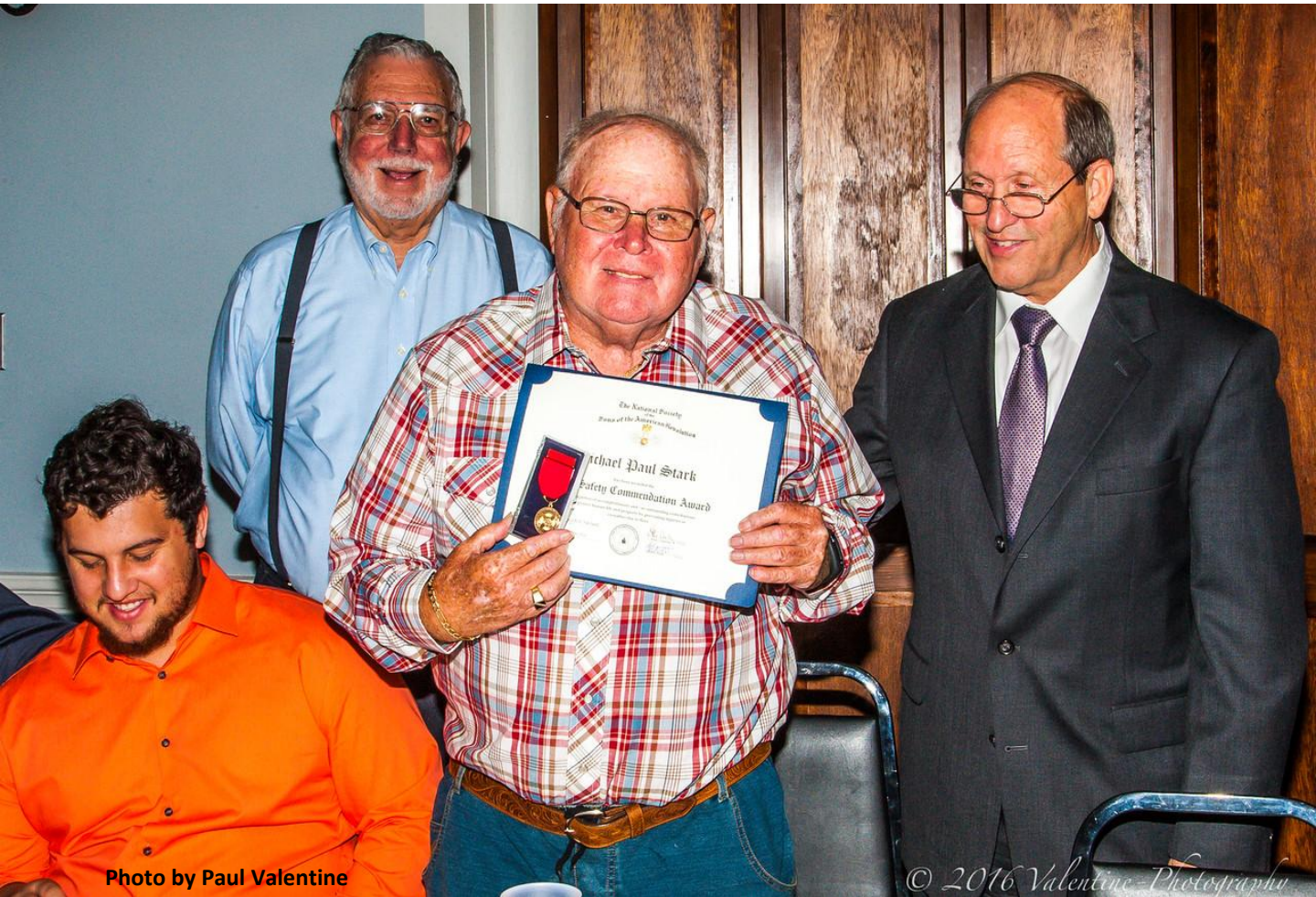
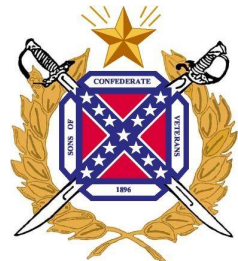


Photo by Paul Valentine

*Michael P. Stark, a charter member of the E. W. Taylor SCV Camp and a long-time Fort Worth fireman, was honored on October 15 with the SAR's award for Public Safety, the Fire Safety Commendation Medal. He was recognized for his training of fire teams and the creation of the aviation fire section of the Fort Worth Fire Department. Pictured above are, l-r, Mike's grandson Tully Hannah; Gerry Geiger, the vice-president/registrar of the Van Zandt Chapter, Michael P. Stark, Sr., and Bob Gresham, the chapter's color guard commander and head of the firefighter nominating committee. Bob is also currently the commander of the E. W. Taylor SCV Camp.*





# **An opportunity for service on Sunday, October 30. We're asked to provide a musket squad about 1:30 p.m.**

Gentlemen,

**12:00 noon, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Ole Time Homecoming, Pioneer Rest Cemetery in Fort Worth.** This is a potluck dinner (remember until about 20 - 30 years ago the noon meal was called *dinner* and the evening meal *supper*).

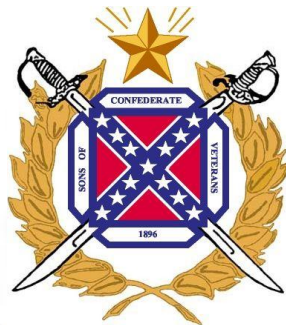
We will also place a Cross of Honor on Tim and T.J. McClung's ancestor's grave site. This event will be held at Pioneers Rest Cemetery (the oldest cemetery in Fort Worth), 620 Samuels Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Those who can will meet at 11:00 AM to do some minor cleaning of the Confederate Graves and start setting up for the dinner.

**The Cross of Honor Ceremony will start about 1:30 with the meal following immediately thereafter.** Everyone is asked to bring some type of food to share and whatever drink you prefer. (Due to the day of the week, location and nature of the event, alcoholic beverages would probably be in poor taste.) Those who have folding tables, folding chairs and coolers (with ice) are encouraged to bring them. Every member of SCV, and their families, is invited to attend and we hope you will do so.

***Period dress is encouraged but certainly not required.*** For more details, please contact Jack Dyess at [jpilsail@earthlink.net](mailto:jpilsail@earthlink.net) or 817-946-2099.

Jack G. Dyess Commander,  
Col. William H. Griffin Camp #2235 Sons of Confederate Veterans  
817-946-2099





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## **MIDDLETON TATE JOHNSON CAMP #1648**

### **CANNON FIRING DEMONSTRATION**

**NOVEMBER 11-12, 2016**

**CALVIN ALLEN'S RANCH**

**4010 OLD AGNES ROAD 76088**

**(10 MILES N.W. OF WEATHERFORD)**

**FRIDAY NOON TILL DARK**

***PLENTY OF ROOM TO CAMP OVERNIGHT IF YOU WANT***

**SATURDAY 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

### **POSTING OF COLORS AT 10:00 AM**

- CANNON FIRING DEMONSTRATION
- MUSKET FIRING DEMONSTRATION
- PISTOL FIRING DEMONSTRATION
- MOUNTED CAVALRY DEMONSTRATION
- LIVING HISTORY DEMONSTRATION

### **ALL CAMP FLAGS WELCOME**

**IF YOU HAVE A CANNON -- BRING IT!**

**IF YOU HAVE A MUSKET -- BRING IT!**

**IF YOU HAVE A PISTOL -- BRING IT!**

**IF YOU HAVE A UNIFORM -- WEAR IT!**

**IF YOU HAVE A LAWN CHAIR -- BRING IT!**

**LUNCH: CHILI -- CRACKERS -- SOFT DRINKS**

**\$10.00 REGISTRATION FEE - PAY AT THE GATE - (LUNCH INCLUDED)**

***FREE TO CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER***

**For additional information call Joe Wade at 817-688-3867**

**SONS of CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

**Col. Middleton Tate Johnson**

**Camp # 1648**

From the Weatherford court house go north on highway 51 for 5.4 miles to Old Agnes Road, turn left and go north and west 5.5 miles to Calvin's Place at 4010 Old Agnes Road.



**Fort Worth Chapter**

**The Military Order of the World Wars**



# **Massing of the Colors 2016**

**A Patriotic Ceremony Providing A Living  
Tribute To Our Heritage And Rededicating  
Our Faith In The Flag**

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM**

**First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth  
1000 Penn Avenue**

**Patriotic Music - The Dallas Frontier Brigade Band**

**Honoring the Colors of the United States of America,  
and the men and women of our uniformed services  
who have served and are continuing to serve our  
country ensuring the freedoms we enjoy.**

**Colors representing Active and Reserve military  
units, ROTC, JROTC, Middle School Junior Cadet Corps  
and Veterans' organizations. Daughters of the  
American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of  
Texas and numerous other civic and patriotic  
organizations including Boy and Girl Scouts.**



# **Confederates will have a presence in Annual Massing of the Colors in Fort Worth on Sunday, November 13**

One of the most impressive patriotic ceremonies of the year, Fort Worth's annual Massing of the Colors, is part of a tradition sponsored by the local chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW). First held in 1927 under the MOWW's oversight, they are the only such ceremonies held in the country.

The Massing of the Colors is a patriotic ceremony held to rededicate our faith in the United States, and to present our support of the National Colors and the Servicemen and Servicewomen those Colors represent. It combines the colors and color guards of Active, Reserve and National Guard military components (units), and veteran, civic and patriotic organizations.

Each organization may have two representatives in uniform. One must carry the flag of the USA, and the other may carry a period historic flag or an appropriate organizational flag. The ceremony includes music and other patriotic observances.



Participants and attendees should be at the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth by 2 p.m. Several members of our camp will be in uniform there, representing both the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

# If you want to be in the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade this year, please do this TODAY:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/fbce6607301/44853548-87df-41b9-abe5-4afb4ba884d2.pdf>

Copy page 6...Individual participant release form.

**USING BLUE INK**, Print “Sons of Confederate Veterans Third Brigade” on the line which says Entry/Group/Club Name so it can’t be argued they may be photocopies of signed forms.

On the next lines, print your name, sign it, and date it.

**Immediately** mail the completed form to: Ben Hatch, 424 Colt Terrace, Grand Prairie, TX 75050. Ben must have them when he hand delivers them to the Stock Show office so they can’t say they didn’t receive them.





# **Two of our best PR opportunities coming up in early November**



## **The Grapevine Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 5.**

We were notified via telephone on Friday, September 30, that we are officially registered in Grapevine's Parade. We are ready with a trailer, a driver, flags, banners, chairs, etc. We need SCV members. At newsletter time we still haven't received details about the staging area, but the staging time is 9 a.m. When we get it, we'll send a separate email. Barring that, come to South Main in the Dallas Road area and you should be able to find us.

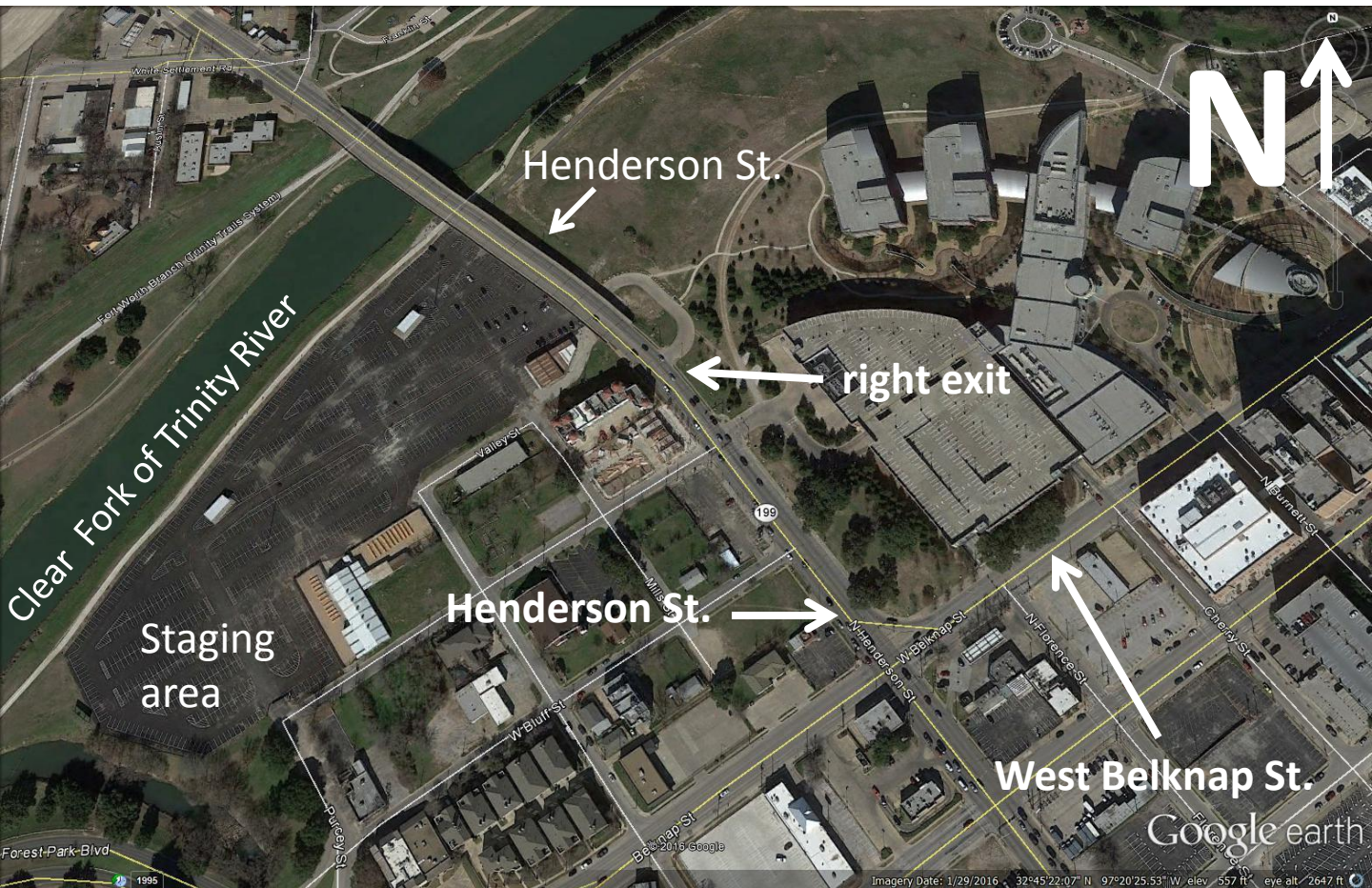


## **The Fort Worth Veterans Day Parade will be held on Friday, November 11.**

We're officially registered and are in the online list of groups taking part for 2016.

**The staging place has changed for this year. See the next page of this newsletter for details.**

# **New Staging for the Fort Worth Veterans Parade on November 11**



**The parade will stage at the Panther Island Pavilion, 395 Purcey St., Fort Worth, TX 76102. If you're just riding, arrive no later than 9:30. (Streets start closing at 10:00 AM!) Parade will start at approximately 10:30 AM and finish by noon.**

**This new staging area is the southwest part of the old Leonard's subway parking lot, south of the Henderson Street Bridge over the Clear Fork of the Trinity.**

**Coming from the court house driving south/west on Belknap, turn right on Henderson Street. Just before the beginning of the bridge, turn right onto the access road for Panther Island Pavilion.**

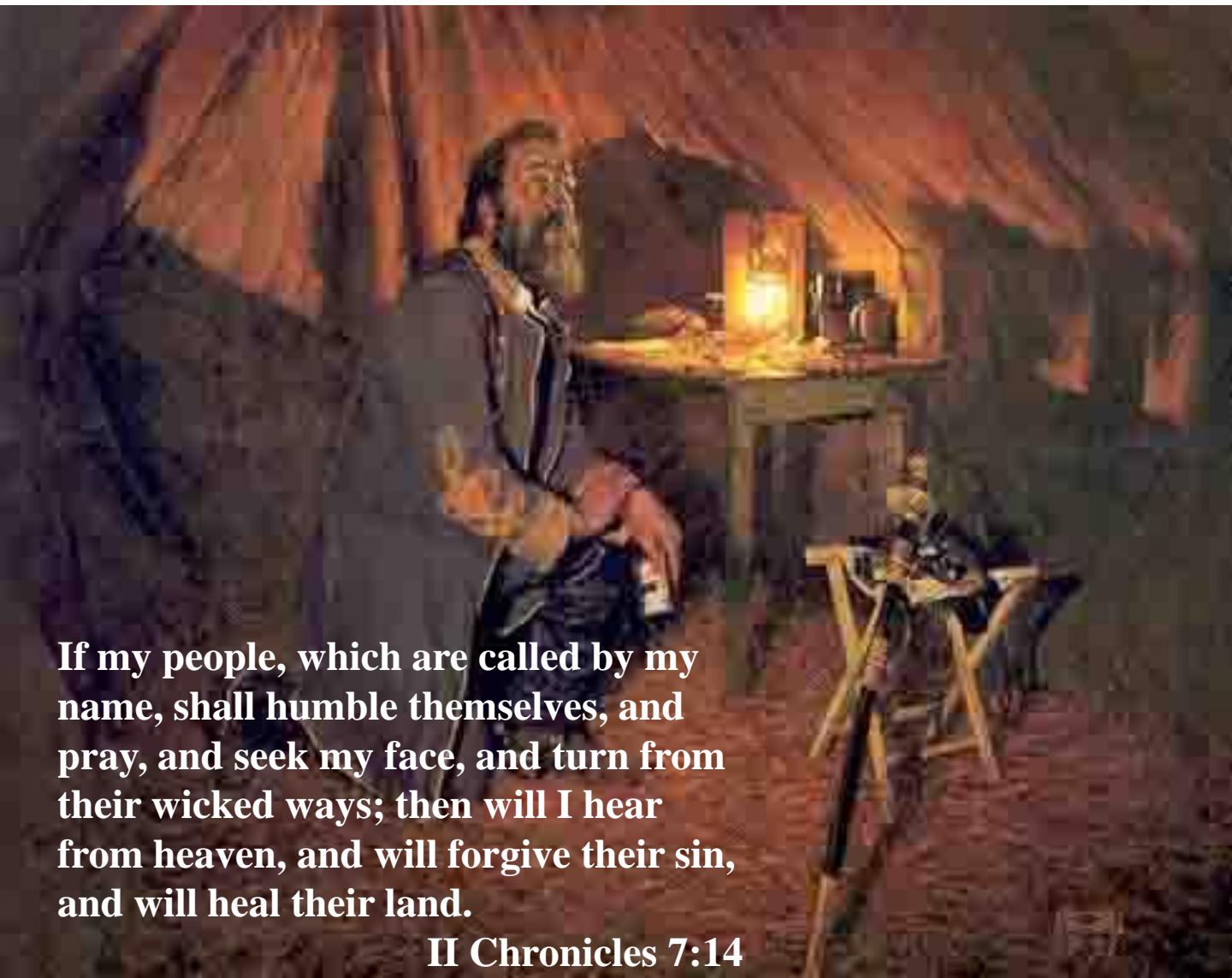
***We could use some help unpacking and putting everything on the trailer. If you can help with that, 8:30 would be better.***



# Tune in next month...

We've done a little digging into the foundation of the Mosier Valley community, and the two plantation families who made it possible. Only in the December issue of this newsletter....

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**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**

**II Chronicles 7:14**

# Here's something we can all do to help the SCV's public image



My name is not important today. I am a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We are an international organization chartered in 1896.

It was my pleasure to be of assistance to you. My aim was to let you see one of us, up close. I wanted you to see that we are not racists, rednecks, or KKK members, as much of the media would like you to see us.

We hope you have a pleasant and successful rest-of-the-day.

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We had a bunch of these cards printed and will bring them to the October meeting. Please take a few and put them in your pocket whenever you go out and about. When you see an opportunity, do something nice for someone and then hand them a card. It'll surprise them if nothing else.

Below are a few suggestions for your random acts of kindness:

Help someone at Lowe's load his stuff into his truck.

Hold the door open at the grocery store for a lady with a loaded cart.

Offer to push someone's grocery cart back to the parking lot rack.

Offer to pay for someone's coffee at McDonald's.

Help a liberal half-way across Stemmons Expressway during rush hour.

Let someone go ahead of you in line at the store.

***We have a pdf file made up so you can have eight printed at one time. Email [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com) if you'd like the file.***





# November and December at the Texas Civil War Museum

*"The best WBTS collection west of the Mississippi River!"*

<http://www.texascivilwarmuseum.com/>

Lt. W. R. McEntire's restored UCV uniform and zouave shirt are now on display at the museum. They were restored through a generous grant from the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross and donations from members of the UDC and SCV. Look at the June 2016 issue of this newsletter for details and photos.

Entertaining guests during the holidays is always easier if you have something unique to do with them. A trip to see the best WBTS collection west of the Mississippi is a sure-fire winner!

# Local veteran remembered with a new stone and a repair job



*Silas Poe, dead since 1866, got a new flat marker recognizing his Confederate service on October 15. We also brought his old one home to repair it.*

On April 18 of last year we installed a first-ever cenotaph for one of the three Poe brothers who left the Arlington area to serve the South. That brother, William Poe, was one of only two Confederates who died in an action with federals near Fort Clark, Texas on August 19, 1862. One of the other Southerners there that day was his younger brother, Henderson.

Henderson and his brother Silas lie buried in Johnson's Station Cemetery in south Arlington. Since William's grave was never marked, we placed our cenotaph for him near the brothers' graves in that cemetery. Now it's time to give some attention to Silas.

Silas, the middle one of the three brothers, was born in 1839 in Jackson County, Missouri. He came to Texas with his parents about 1857, settled first in Collin County, and then came on to Tarrant County about 1860.

Silas enlisted in Tarrant County on January 26, 1862 at Johnson's Station and was mustered into the service in Dallas County on February 15. He became a 2<sup>nd</sup> corporal in Capt. Stephen C. Ragan's Company of [M. T.] Johnson's Regiment of Volunteer Cavalry. This company later became Co. I, 14<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry regiment. He surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama on May 4, 1865, and was paroled at Meridian, Mississippi five days later.

He returned home after the war and died in 1866. The Poes' mother died in 1870 and their father survived until 1886. All are buried near each other at Johnson's Station.





## Johnson Station Confederate gets a new stone October 15; old stone will be repaired.

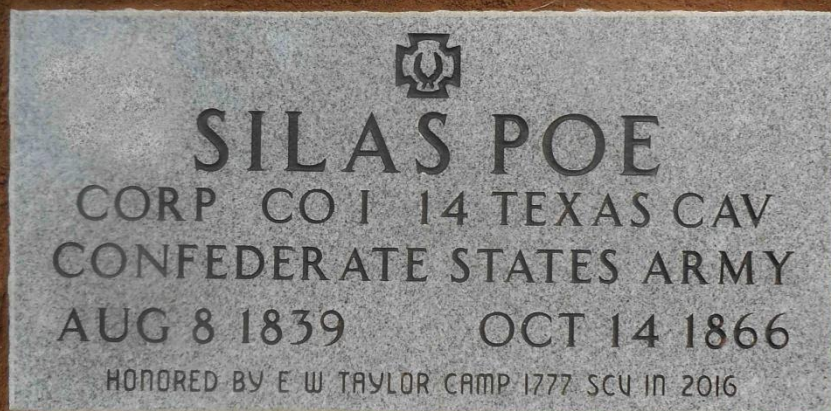
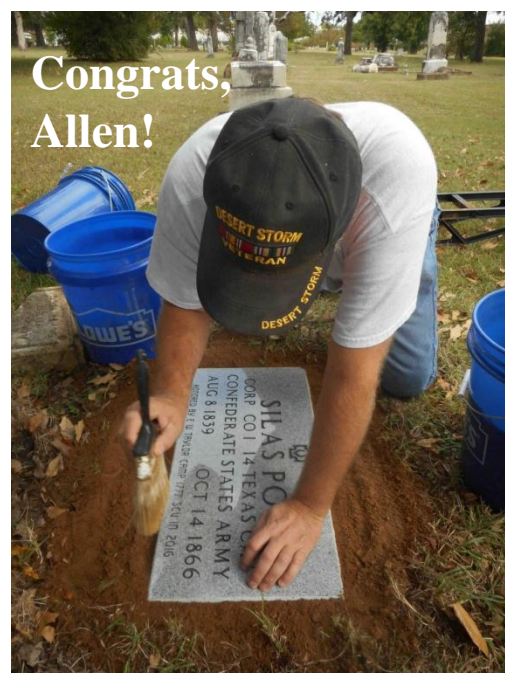
October 15 dawned bright and cool, and two of us got Mr. Poe's stone set in Johnson Station cemetery in short order. We also bought Silas' old stone home for an extensive repair job. Allen Hearrean of the M. T. Johnson camp came to Colleyville, got the new stone, helped with the installation, and brought the old stone back to Colleyville.

We found evidence that Silas had an earlier stone, made from sandstone by an old stone carver from the 1870's we've known about for decades and have just been calling "the Mystery Man." Only the in-ground stub of it was left. Several others of the mystery man's stones are still standing and readable a few feet away.

The stone we brought home to repair probably dates from the 1880's and is now in three pieces. The base and lower part of the tablet, shown with Allen at left, weigh about four hundred pounds and it was quite a job for two men to get in the truck. Mike Patterson (below center) will repair it and we'll take it back later. Allen's also below at right.

The last two times we've been to Johnson Station, we've taken an old locked gate off its hinges to get easier access, and it's been very hard to align it and put it back on.

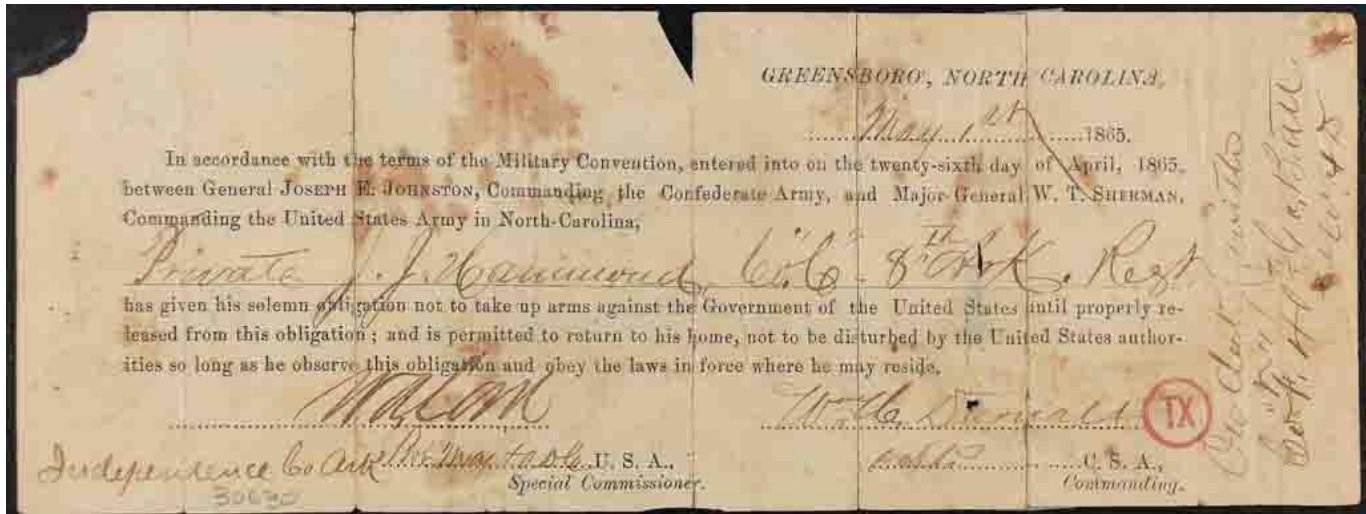
Allen came up with a much easier and quicker way to put the old gate back on, and it's now a part of our cemetery protocol.





# Fort Worth Confederate dead 110 years will finally get marker

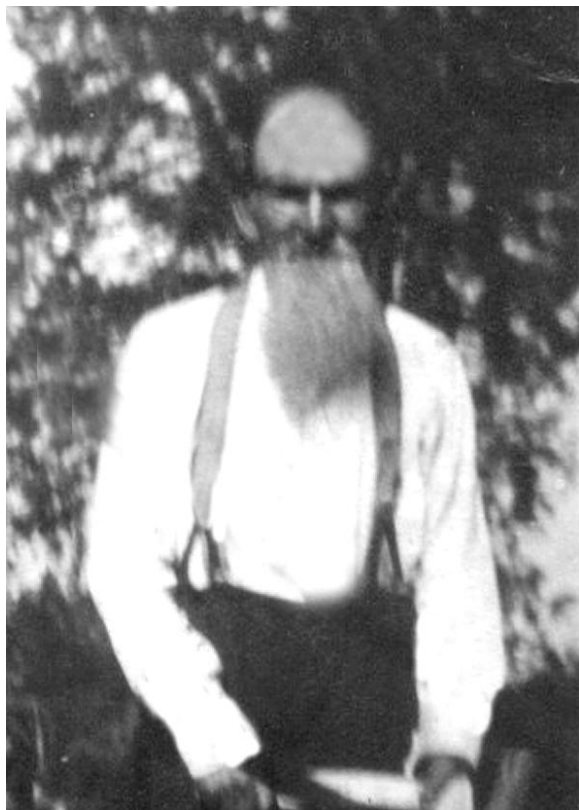
*We ran a long piece on Mr. Hammond back in June of 2015. This is a grave we intended to mark last year, and his stone reflects that. His amazing pension file includes the original of his discharge given to him in North Carolina in 1865.*



**Meet us at Oakwood  
on November 19 at 9  
a.m. We'll be in and  
out in a snap.**



# Serendipity strikes Handley veteran dead 103 years



George L. Carmack, who died in Handley in 1913, will soon have an upright granite VA-clone memorial compliments of Matt and Ryan Worthington at Worthington Monuments. A trucking accident, an ordering mistake, a request from a national trade magazine, and a waiting list of vets all worked together to set this one up for us.

Mr. Carmack was born in Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1836. He and two of his brothers served in Co. B, 8<sup>th</sup> (Smith's) Tennessee Cavalry. He surrendered in Alabama in May, 1865, and was released on oath a few days later in Nashville. His walk home was almost 300 miles.

Carmack and his family came to Texas about 1886, and moved to Handley about 1908.

Carmack was buried in the old Handley Cemetery but he's never had a headstone. His wife survived him twenty-two years, and died in 1935 two weeks shy of her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. She was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery not far from their home.

*We need a musket party of Lee, Taylor, Johnson, and Griffith compatriots at 9 a.m. on Saturday Dec. 10 at Handley. Coverage will be printed in a national monument builders' trade magazine.*

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# Our next three flat markers for unmarked Confederates will be in three different counties.

On November 19, Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth will get its first-ever marker for **John J. Hammond**, who was a veteran of **Co. H, 9th Louisiana Infantry**. He was with Lee at the surrender at Appomattox, and was a member of the R. E. Lee UCV camp in Fort Worth. He died in Fort Worth in 1912 and has never had a marker, although the exact site of his grave is not shown in the sexton's records for the Calvary [Catholic] section.

**Joshua Dean** was a private in **Co. E, 1st (Turney's) Tennessee Infantry**. He was discharged in 1863 because of some sort of physical disability. By 1880 he and his family had moved to northeast Tarrant County and were living north of Big Bear Creek. The census taken in that year recorded that he had a crippled hand...which may have been caused by a wound he received. Later they settled at St. Jo in Montague County, where he died in 1892. He lies buried in Reed Cemetery there, with only a temporary funeral home marker about the size of an index card. We've already contacted the cemetery folks there and they welcome a new marker for him. About 80 miles from Ft. Worth.

**Francis Marion Hoffman** was a member of the **Robert E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth**, having served in **Co. A, 18th Texas Cavalry**. He lived at Smithfield for a time around 1900. He was awarded the Southern Cross of Honor in 1908. He was pensioned, and spent some time in the Confederate Home in Austin. He died in 1925 at Anson in Jones County, Texas, but was brought back to Johnson County and buried beside his wife who had died in 1887. They are buried in a tiny abandoned graveyard near Alvarado called Old Cahill Cemetery. Her grave is marked; his is not. The landowner has already given his permission for us to be on his land. About twenty-five miles from Ft. Worth.

John Adams, in a speech to the military in 1798 warned his fellow countrymen stating, "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion...Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."





# We appreciate your help!



Thanks to Stephen Parker for his always-prompt help with our webpage and answering our computer-related questions.



Thanks to the E. W. Taylor members who came out to help at the Dobkins Cemetery on October 8: Shane Woodward, Tom Trawick, and Mike Patterson.



Thanks to Tammy Patterson for taking us to Worthington's before daylight on October 13, and to James Alderman for coming to get us and Mr. Carmack's rock later that morning.



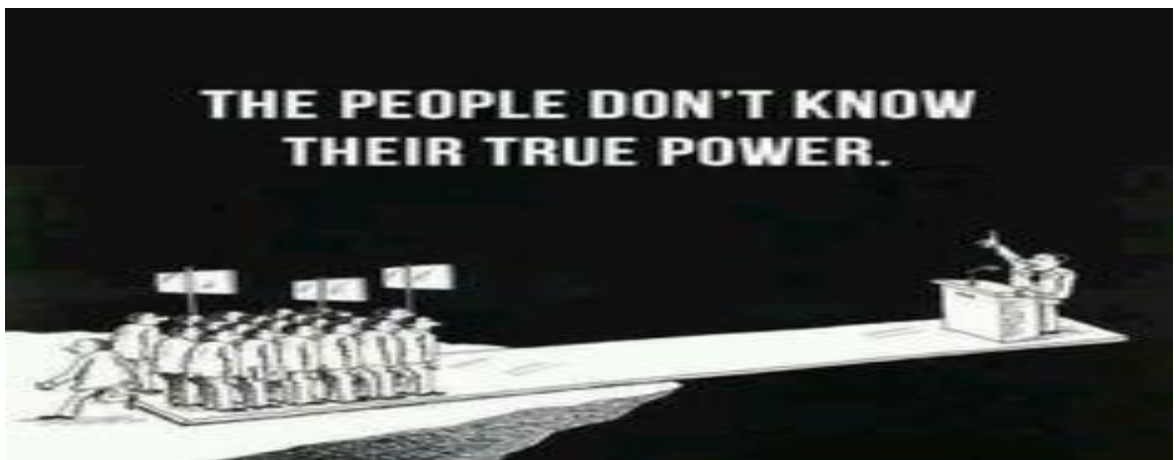
Thanks to Allen Hearrean of the Middleton Tate Johnson Camp who volunteered on October 15 to haul Silas Poe's new stone to Johnston Station and helped install it, then hauled Silas's old stone back to Colleyville for an extensive repair job. Allen and Mike Patterson were the crew that day.



Thanks to Tammy and Marilyn Patterson for hauling your editor around the county on several SCV-related trips in October.



Thanks to all the men who stepped up and agreed to serve as camp officers for next year. Chuck Marks, Ron Turner, Richard McCook, James Alderman, and Mike Patterson.



**We continue to keep Compatriot Sean and Christie Partee and their families in our prayers during Sean's deployment in Kuwait. Sean may be able to come home as early as mid-May.**



*“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*

**James 5:16**





# **Taylor Campers help local DAR chapter clean up in pioneer cemetery in Euless on October 8**

*One prominent local Confederate veteran and doctor lies buried there with his parents and a handful of other relatives on the Big Airport's land in Euless.*



About twenty-six folks showed up for a morning of raking and cleaning. They included Dobkins descendants, Girl Scouts, members of the Euless Historic Preservation Society, members of the Capt. Nathaniel Mills Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, E. W. Taylor Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans, and family members.



*Taylor camp members Thomas Trawick, Mike Patterson, and Shane Woodward spent much of their time digging out the old base of Mary Ann Dobkins' 1880 stone. After it was leveled, we reattached the broken top.*



## Dobkins Cemetery cleanup, cont.



The boundaries of the cemetery are still clearly marked with posts and old bull wire. It would take about two hours for two men with chain saws to cut down the unneeded brush and trees and get the grounds to where they could be mowed...if we had a way to get rid of the brush.

An industrial-sized chipper which would shoot the chips into a truck would make things much easier, and we have a spot nearby which wants the mulch.

The Dobkins pioneer here was Alexander Dobkins, whose 1869 stone is shown at above left. The Taylor crew is seen standing beside it after an initial cleaning of the marker. Jennifer Woodward of the DAR came to our October meeting and presented Shane, Tom, and Mike with certificates of appreciation.

A few of the markers need a little more cleaning and repair. The state historical marker needs a refinish job, which is easy, cheap, and quick. Maybe in next month's newsletter we may run a little piece about how that's done, and if you have one near you which needs attention you can take care of it as a public service.

Anyone who goes out there to work must be on the alert for scorpions, which are legion, and when the temperature gets much above 60 degrees they begin to be active.





# North Carolina gets its first huge roadside flag on October 16, with more to come



**Reprinted from the Virginia Flaggers blog with permission**

“I am pleased to announce that our Division has completed its first flag-raising as part of the “Flags Across the Carolinas” project! The flag was raised today, Sunday, October 16, through the hard work of the membership of Sanford’s Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #803. The camp will maintain the site and will make improvements to increase the visibility of the flag from the road.

Because of its location along the Jefferson Davis Highway, our first flag is dedicated to Jefferson Davis, the first and only President of the Confederate States of America. Davis was a remarkable man, who in addition to carrying the Confederate States through four years of war against impossible odds, was a decorated U. S. Army veteran, Congressman, Senator, and Secretary of War. It is right to honor a man who served two countries so well and who conducted himself through great personal and political strife with skill

and dignity. He truly was one of the last great statesmen.

Our flag is an 8’ x 8’ Army of Northern Virginia battle flag atop a 40-foot pole. It is located in Moore County on the side of the Jefferson Davis Highway (U. S. 1) outside of Cameron.

I would also like to report at this time that our first Mega Flag is still under construction- if you know anyone who can help us set the pole, please contact me as that would move the project along toward completion. Once we pass that hurdle, we will organize a Division dedication event surrounding the flag-raising.

For now, enjoy the fact that there is one more large Confederate flag, the standard of our ancestors, flying in North Carolina...”

[signed] Commander Kevin Stone

# Getting to know our local Confederates.

*Veteran who lived until 1910 led a remarkable, interesting life.*



Henderson B. Alverson (above) was a native of North Carolina who lived in northeast Tarrant County during and for a time after the War. He served in a Mississippi infantry company. A few years after the War he moved to northwest Tarrant County, where he died in 1910.

Henderson B. Alverson was born in Surry County, North Carolina on July 10, 1816 and was a son of Elijah Alverson (1785-1874), a pensioned veteran of the War of 1812 who died in St. Clair County, Alabama.

Mr. Alverson was married on January 3, 1836 to Sarah Minerva Thompson, who was born in South Carolina on July 31, 1818. She died in

Tarrant County, Texas on June 23, 1869. Her stone is apparently unreadable; it probably lies in the I. D. Parker Cemetery along present-day Baker Boulevard/West Hurst Boulevard, a short distance east of that street's intersection with East Loop 820. One of her children who died in 1870 is buried there with a readable headstone.

Mr. Alverson and his family appear in the 1840 census of Fayette County, Alabama. He owned no slaves in that year. About 1841 Mr. Alverson and his family moved from Alabama to Mississippi, where they appear in the 1850 census of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. The Alversons owned real estate worth eight



## Henderson B. Alverson, cont.

hundred dollars. He also owned two mulatto slave girls, ages ten and eight. Family traditions say they arrived in Texas in an ox wagon in 1858.

The family appears in the 1860 census of Shackelford County in an area served by the post office at Palo Pinto, Texas. He owned real estate worth two thousand twenty-one dollars, and personal property worth eight thousand two hundred and seventy-one dollars.

Interestingly, they also appear in the 1860 census of Throckmorton County at Fort Belknap. The 1860 slave census of Shackelford County, Texas shows Henderson Alverson as the owner of nine mixed black and mulatto slaves who were housed in two slave houses. In 1860 the population of Shackelford County was reported as 44, thus Henderson Alverson's nine slaves would have created a large slave-to-white ratio for the county...about 28 percent of the county's residents were slaves although there only nine of them.

Given the frontier nature of that area in 1860, and their closeness to the Comanches and Kiowas just across the Red River to the north, the county lines may not have been clearly defined. That probably explains the family being recorded twice.

A detailed study of slavery in Texas in 1860 indicates that Mr. Alverson's nine slaves were further west in Texas than any other slaves in that year. It also shows that Tarrant and Dallas Counties' slave population was 10-19 percent of its total population. Wharton County, along the lower Colorado River and near the central coast, had the highest per capita slave population in the state in that year; more than 80 percent of its people were slaves.

Mr. Alverson spent some time in Texas state service prior to the War. He served as a private in Capt. T. J. Johnson's ranger company from May 15 to October 10, 1860. The notation "Belknap" appears on one muster roll on which his name appears.



*One surviving flag of the 18<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry is housed in the Museum of Mississippi History in Jackson.*

Mr. Alverson served for a short time as a Confederate soldier. We have not discovered the circumstances which caused him to enlist in the 18th Mississippi Infantry, but an examination of his file in the National Archives proves he did. On May 28, 1861 he enlisted at Corinth, Mississippi as a private in Capt. O. R. Singleton's Company of the 18th Regiment Mississippi Volunteers. He was forty-four years old when he enlisted. He was mustered into the Confederate service on the same day. He enlisted for a term of twelve months. The records show he traveled two hundred thirty-six miles to the place of rendezvous. Singleton's Company subsequently became Company C.

On a roll dated September 4, 1861 Mr. Alverson is shown as having been discharged on September 25, 1861. Another record shows the date as September 21. His file contains two different signed originals of his "Certificate of Disability for Discharge."

## Henderson B. Alverson, cont.

One of them says, in part: "...H. B. Alverson, Private of Captain O. R. Singleton's Company (E) of the 18 Regiment of the Confederate States Misp Vols, was enlisted by Capt. Walker at Corinth, Miss on the 28 day of the May, 1861, to serve one year;" he was born in Surry Co., in the State of N. Carolina, "is forty-five years of age, 5 feet, 7-1/2 inches high, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair, and by occupation when enlisted a farmer. During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for duty 10 or 12 days. *He ought to be discharged on account of his family. He has a wife and eleven children (nearly all small)*

*upon the frontiers of Texas, poor, sick, and defenseless since the war broke out in the west. Common humanity requires his presence at home."*  
[Italics editor's]

This document was signed near Leesburg, Virginia on September 21, 1861. Mr. Alverson was allowed travel expenses for one thousand miles from Manassas, Virginia to Corinth, Mississippi, but was partially paid with fifty rations worth twenty-two and one-half cents each. He also received pay in the amount of \$29.70 for two months and twenty-one days. No further records of his service have survived.

**ARMY OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.**  
**CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE.**  
(To be filled in duplicate, in all cases of discharge on account of disability.)

H. B. Alverson Private of Captain  
O. R. Singleton's Company, (C.) of the 18<sup>th</sup> Regt of  
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on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1861, to serve One year; he  
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DATE: Sept 21 - 1861  
O. R. Singleton  
(Capt. Co. 18<sup>th</sup> Regt)



## Henderson B. Alverson, cont.

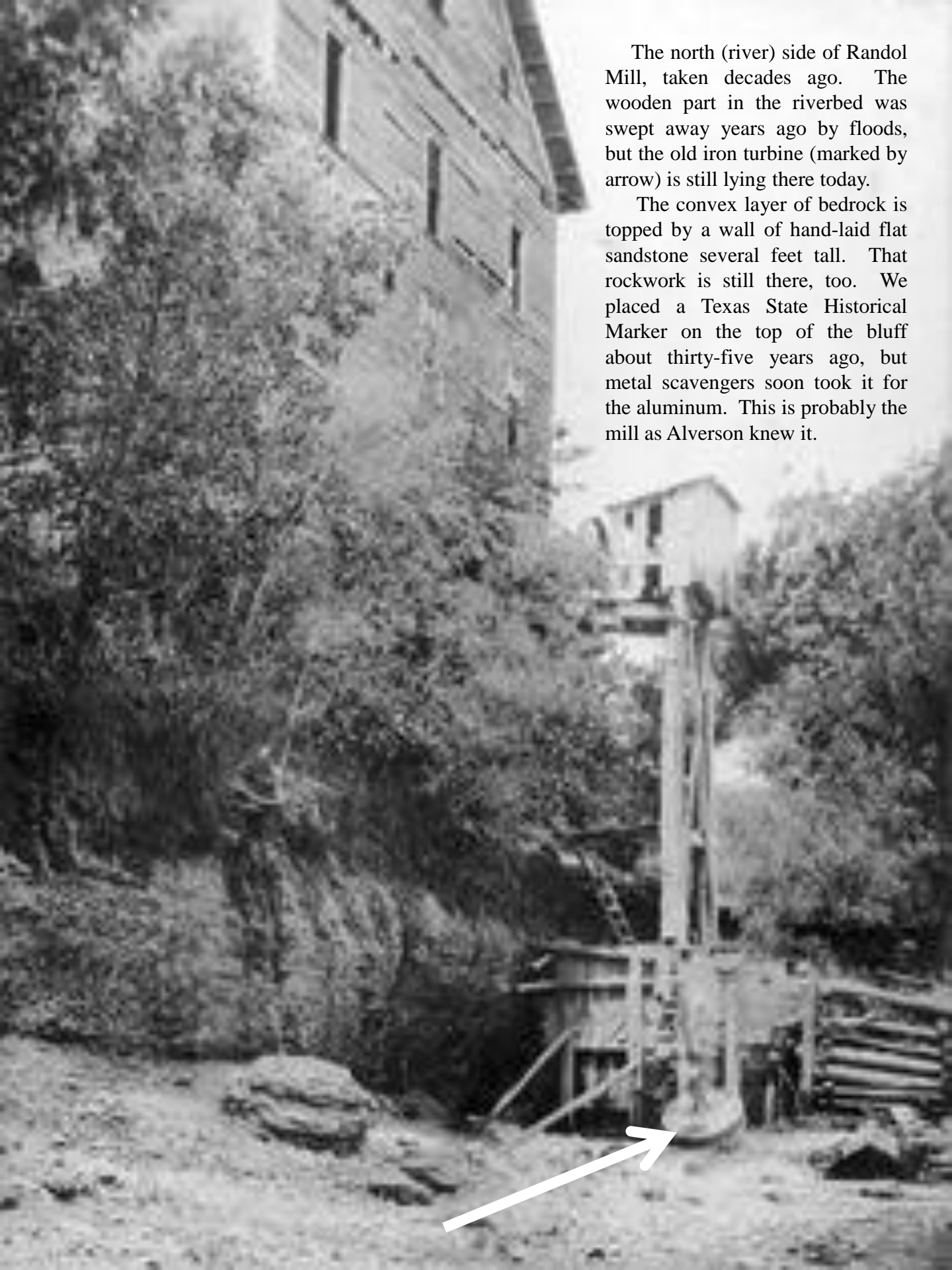
In the 1865 Tarrant County tax list, Mr. Alverson is shown as the owner of one hundred sixty acres of the J. C. Davis survey and three hundred twenty acres of the J. A. Hust survey. He also owned five horses worth one hundred seventy dollars, fourteen cattle worth one hundred dollars, and fifty sheep worth one hundred dollars. He also still owned seven hundred sixty acres in Shackelford County worth two hundred ninety dollars.

On August 14, 1867, H. B. Alverson registered to vote in Tarrant County's Precinct 8. Also in 1867, Mr. Alverson bought the interest of A. F. Leonard in Leonard's Mill, a water-powered grist mill which sat on the West Fork of the Trinity River a few yards just upstream from the modern-day crossing of Precinct Line Road in far east Fort Worth. Some of the metal mill machinery may still be seen in the water there, and a great deal of rock work is visible in the high south bank of the river there. He operated the mill for several years in partnership with J. H. Wheeler. In 1876 it was purchased by Robert A. "Bob" Randol, who continued its operation for many years. It closed after Mr. Randol's death 1922. It is best remembered as Randol Mill. Your editor and a friend obtained and placed a Texas State Historical Marker on the top of the river bank at this site about 1980. Aluminum thieves soon stole it.



Many photographs of the abandoned mill house taken during the last century have survived, and there are probably others still lying unrecognized in collections. The photo at left and one other one were just recognized last year in the collection of the Fort Worth Public Library with the title "Unidentified house." It seems unusual that, given the amount of activity in and around this mill from the end of the War until about 1920, no photographs of activity around it have been found and recognized.

Alverson's first wife died in Tarrant County in 1869, and it seems likely she lies buried in an unrecognizable grave in the I. D. Parker Public Cemetery in Hurst, along the north side of Baker Boulevard and a short distance east of East Loop 820.



The north (river) side of Randol Mill, taken decades ago. The wooden part in the riverbed was swept away years ago by floods, but the old iron turbine (marked by arrow) is still lying there today.

The convex layer of bedrock is topped by a wall of hand-laid flat sandstone several feet tall. That rockwork is still there, too. We placed a Texas State Historical Marker on the top of the bluff about thirty-five years ago, but metal scavengers soon took it for the aluminum. This is probably the mill as Alverson knew it.



## Henderson B. Alverson, cont.

Mr. Alverson was married second to Louisa Holt on January 29, 1870. That marriage ended in divorce on July 11, 1879. The family appears in the 1870 census of Tarrant County in Precinct 3. He was a miller. His new wife, L. Alverson, was born about 1820 in Tennessee. Four Holt children, Henderson's stepchildren, were also with the family.

Mr. Alverson also appears in the 1870 manufacturing census of Tarrant County. He was operating a water-powered grist mill which developed thirty-nine horsepower. In the past year he had ground meal and flour worth a total of two thousand dollars. At various times during this mill's existence the water turbine also operated a circular saw and a cotton gin.

One of Alverson's children, William J. Alverson, 1857-1870, died about this time and was buried in the public portion of the Isaac Duke Parker Cemetery in Hurst, along present-day Baker Boulevard just east of I-820 West (below).

William Alverson (stone at right just below) and another adult with a Mystery Man stone are buried side-by-side in a native stone curb (below). This is almost certainly his mother, who died in 1869. Both stones were installed facing west, and when the Parker family fenced their portion of the cemetery they put the chain link only about two inches from the faces of the stones (below).



The entire face of William's mother's stone has split off and disappeared. William's stone is soon to suffer the same fate, because cracks have developed in the top (just below). Some winter when they fill with rain water and then freeze, the face will break off.

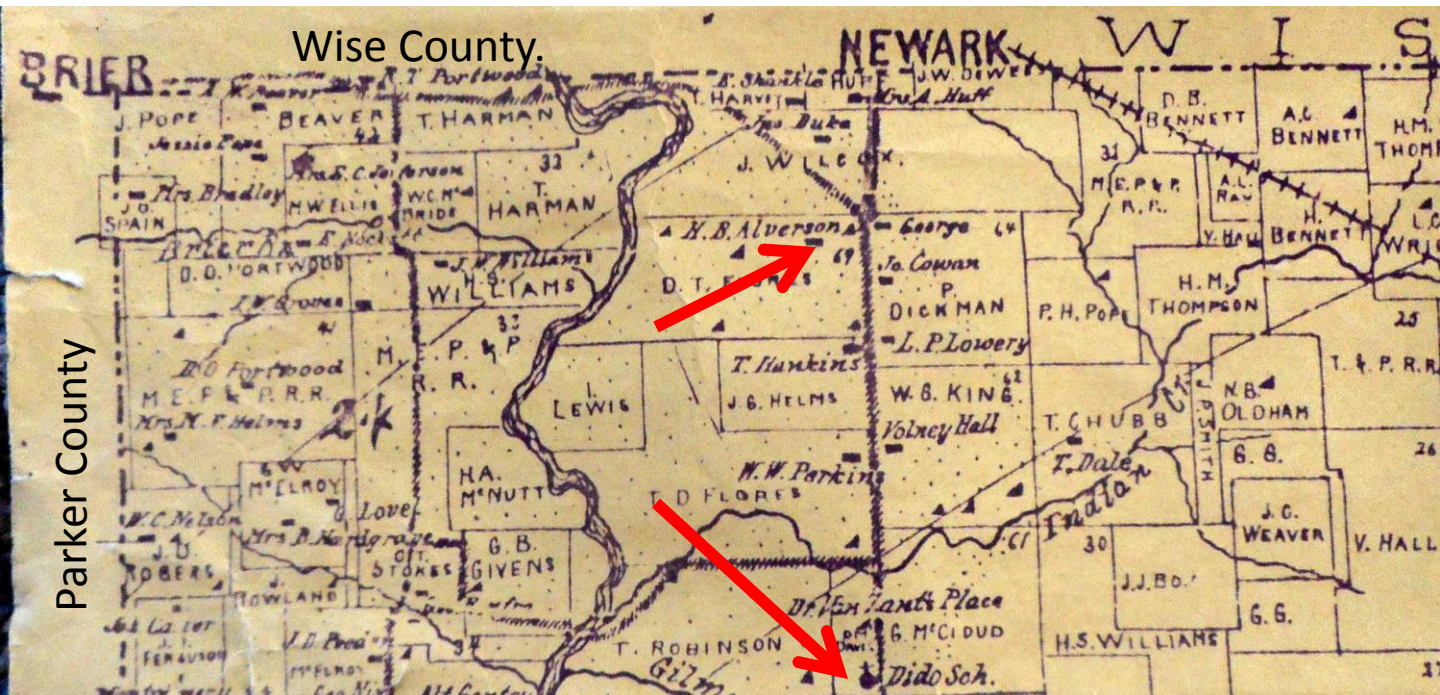


*Interestingly, this stone was one of dozens in Tarrant County made by the "Mystery Man" stonecutter mentioned in the story about Silas Poe earlier in this issue of the newsletter. There are about fifteen "Mystery Man" stones in this little I. D. Parker Cemetery alone.*

Mr. Alverson appears in the 1880 census of Precinct 5 in far northwest Tarrant County. With him were his minor daughter, Julia, and his married daughter, M. Ballard, who was thirty-eight. Later in that year, on December 25, he married his third wife, Drucilla Roberts.



## Henderson B. Alverson, cont.



*The extreme northwest corner of Tarrant County as it appears on the December 1895 Sam Street map. Alverson's home is at the point of the upper red arrow. The Dido school and cemetery are at the lower arrow. Large stream is the West Fork of the Trinity, now underwater in Eagle Mountain Lake.*

The family appears in the 1880 agricultural census for that year. This little-used source gives us a detailed look at the lives of farmers. In 1880 he was shown with a farm which included four hundred-fifty acres of cultivated land and an additional four hundred eighty-nine acres of unimproved property. His farm and buildings were worth a total of ten thousand dollars.

His farming implements were worth four hundred dollars, and his livestock was worth one thousand two hundred dollars. He estimated that all his farm productions in the past year were worth one thousand eight hundred dollars. He owned nineteen horses, sixteen milk cows and fifty cattle of other classes. Sixteen calves had been dropped on his place in the past year, and five cattle had died.

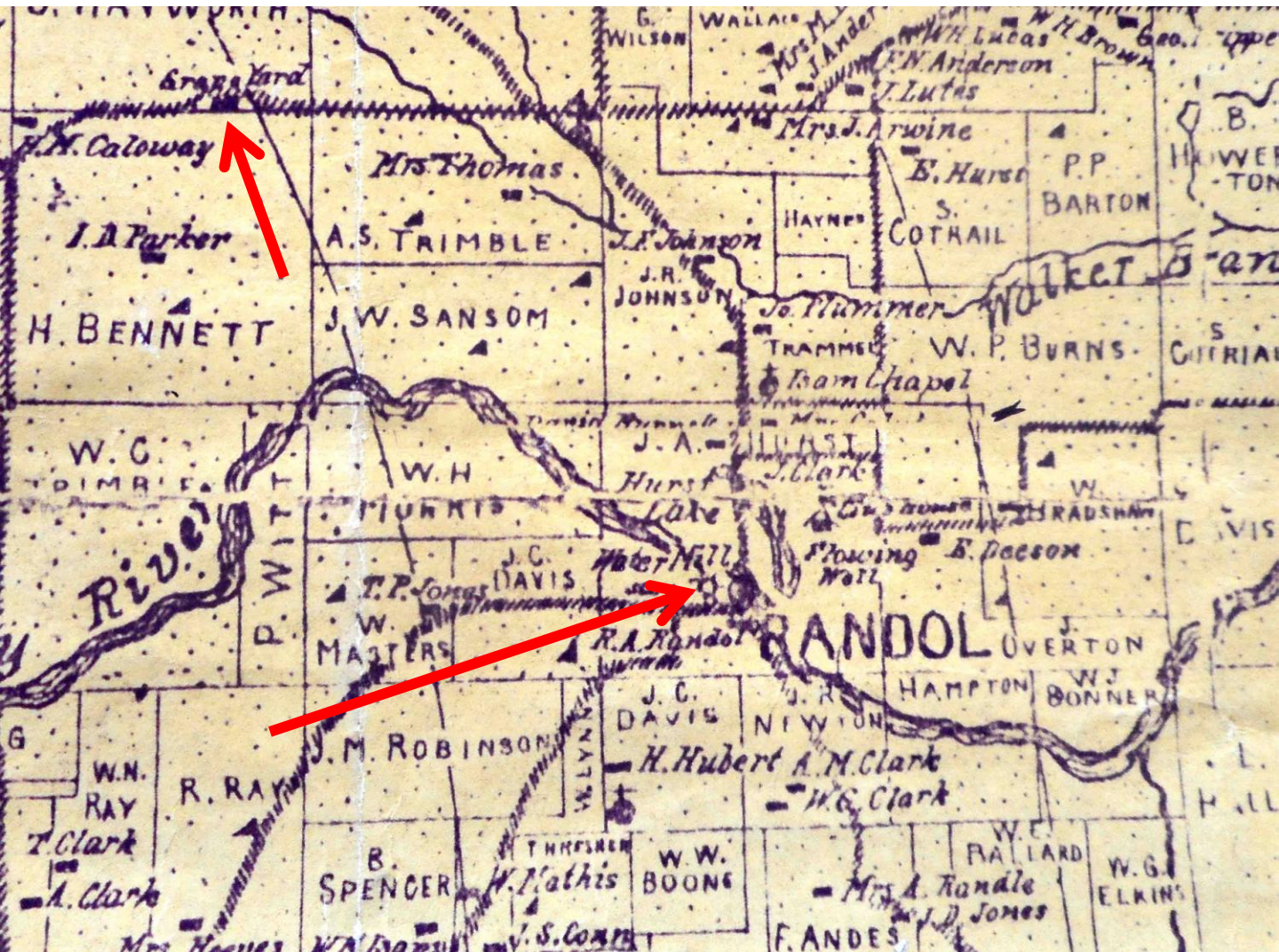
He estimated he had made four hundred pounds of butter in the last year. He owned eighteen hogs, thirty laying hens, and seventy

other fowls. He had collected one hundred thirty dozen eggs. He had made six hundred bushels of Indian corn on his forty acres devoted to it. He had made twenty bushels of oats on twenty acres. He had thirty-five acres in wheat which produced six hundred bushels. He had sixty acres in cotton which produced twenty-four bales. His beehives had produced thirty pounds of honey.

H. B. Alverson's home is shown on Sam Street's December 1895 map of Tarrant County. His home appears near the northeast corner of the D. T. Flores survey. This survey has as its western boundary the West Fork of the Trinity River. Alverson's home sat about three-quarters of a mile south of the Tarrant-Wise County line, and about the same distance east of the river. His homesite now lies in empty land along the east side of Eagle Mountain Reservoir, west of Morris-Dido-Newark Road.



## Henderson B. Alverson, cont.



*Part of the Sam Street 1895 map showing the Randol Mill area of Tarrant County. The upper red arrow indicates the I. D. Parker Cemetery, where Alverson's wife and son lie buried. The lower arrow indicates the "water mill." R. A. "Bob" Randol was living at the site by this time, and his name appears on the map.*

Mr. Alverson also appears in the census of precinct 5 of Tarrant County in 1900. When the 1910 census was taken, the Alversons were living in Akers Township, Carter County, Oklahoma, with the family of his son, James Alverson. H. B. Alverson told the census taker he was a Confederate veteran. The census was taken on April 20, 1910; this was only about seven months before his death. Thus it seems possible he may have died in Oklahoma and been brought back to Texas for burial.

Mr. Alverson did not apply for a Confederate pension in Texas or Oklahoma. H. B. Alverson's family Bible still exists and was recently in the hands of a descendant, Lilly Hill Campbell, of Glen Rose, Texas. It was printed by the American Bible Society in 1878 in New York. It records Henderson B. Alverson's death at noon on November 22, 1910. He lies buried in Dido Cemetery near Newark in northwest Tarrant County, Texas. Several sources agree that Henderson B. Alverson and his first wife, Sarah

## **Henderson B. Alverson, cont.**



Minerva Thompson, had thirteen children. The last survivor among them was Nancy Adeline Alverson who was born November 7, 1850. She was married August 29, 1869 in Tarrant County to Napoleon Bonaparte Thornton. She died at the age of 107 on December 11, 1957 at her granddaughter's home in Friona, Parmer County, Texas. She was buried in West Park Cemetery in Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas.



## **Veterans Day Parade November 12**

**Another chance to take part in a close-in Confederate-friendly parade! Since we're already accepted in two parades on November 5 and 11, we didn't sign up for this one. All SCV members are welcome to ride with the Weatherford SCV.**

**Details:**

**<http://business.eastparkerchamber.com/events/details/annual-veterans-day-parade-11-07-2016-2123>**



# A brief look at slavery in Tarrant County

*Since one of the county's first permanent settlers was a slave owner, it seems likely the practice started here about 1844. Twenty-one years later it was over for all time.*

Sometimes early records are hard to find for Tarrant County, because our court house and most of its contents burned early on the morning of March 29, 1876. Luckily, copies of all our tax lists had been sent to Austin, and our census records were sent to Washington, D. C. Still somehow the entire 1860 census for our county has been lost, but tax records make up for it to some extent.



Slavery was a part of life in Tarrant County from the first, although a small minority of the settlers here owned slaves. When the first tax rolls were prepared here in 1851 forty seven slaves were listed. Middleton Tate Johnson, [above] who lived in present-day Arlington, owned twenty-two of them.

Johnson was the largest slave owner here every year through 1863. In 1861 he owned fifty-four slaves, the most he ever owned while living in Tarrant County. In 1862 and 1863 his ownership

had fallen back to forty. We don't know about 1864, because the first half of the tax rolls are missing.

With every passing year after 1851, slave totals increased in this county: 84 in 1853, 90 in 1854, 280 in 1855, 463 in 1856, 507 in 1857, 529 in 1858, 589 in 1859, and 730 in 1860. The year 1861 registered 756, 1862 had 960, and 1863 had 1152.

We know from the statistical wrap-up for 1864 (included at the end) that 1772 slaves were being held here at a total estimated value of \$1,096,200...at an average of just over \$618 each. The land in Tarrant County that year was valued at an average of \$3.70 per acre.

In 1864 M. T. Johnson lost the distinction of owning the most slaves here. A new face appeared on the scene. It was Elisha Worthington (1808-1873), formerly of Chicot County, Arkansas [below].



## Slavery in Tarrant County, cont.

Elias Worthington's father was a Revolutionary War veteran who lies buried in modern-day McLean County, Kentucky. Elias was briefly married in 1840, but his wife went back to Kentucky after only six months and was granted a divorce, citing his practice of living openly with one of his slave women (whose name has been lost). Worthington had two mulatto children with the woman; he sent both of them to be educated at Oberlin College in Ohio. His son, known as James W. Mason (1841-1875), was the first black postmaster in the United States and later served in the Arkansas Senate during Reconstruction.

When the census was taken in 1860, Worthington owned 543 African slaves and five plantations in Chico County, comprised of about 12,000 acres [nearly nineteen square miles], making him the largest slaveholder in Arkansas. In 1862 he moved part of his slaves and livestock to Texas to keep them from being taken by the Union army.

We do not know where in Texas he lived before 1864. By that year he owned only 167 slaves; and horses, cattle, and sheep valued at \$13,800, although they were not numbered. The tax assessors here in 1864 took a very relaxed stab at record keeping and the rolls are not very detailed. The rolls prepared for 1865 make no mention of slaves.

Worthington returned to Chicot County in 1865 and sold enough of his land to pay back loans he'd made from Wade Hampton and Abraham Van Buren. Worthington was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson on January 31, 1866. He died in 1873 without a will and his estate was in the courts for years. His mulatto daughter eventually was declared not to be a legitimate heir because her father had taken her into free territory while he paid for her housing and tuition to Oberlin College.

The reasoning for this decision is lost, on this editor, at least. That would seem to be an argument in favor of his paternity.

## Tarrant County Slave Owners in 1851

**Ripley A. Arnold (4)**  
*Commander of the Fort*

**Permelia Allen (2)**  
*Mt. Gilead near Keller*

**William Burford (6)**  
*Present-day Arlington*

**Brinson, M. J. (4)**  
*Present-day Arlington area*

**Isham Crowley (2)**  
*Present-day Euless*

**Susan Foster (2)**  
*Present-day  
downtown Grapevine*

**Middleton T. Johnson (22)**  
*Present-day Arlington*

**J. M Standeford (4)**

**J. Ventioner Sr. (1)**

**Watson, Isum (1)**

**Archibald Leonard (2)**  
*Present-day  
downtown Grapevine*



# Pesky heckler of Virginia Flaggers gets his day in court



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“Our readers may recall that we shared the news that Richmond police officers were able to serve warrants on a local protestor after he turned up at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts last month. We are thrilled to report that earlier today [Oct. 12], the most violent of the “counter-protestors” who sometimes antagonizes and attempts to provoke our Flaggers on the Boulevard in Richmond was convicted of disorderly conduct in a local courtroom, in connection with a June incident where he spit at, cursed out, and intimidated several of our Flaggers in a violent rage.

He was convicted, levied with a fine and court

*A while back we reported that this man showed up at a flagging, not knowing there were outstanding warrants against him. As Gomer would say, “Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!”*

costs, forced to publicly apologize, and instructed to keep his distance from the VA Flaggers.

We are thrilled with the precedent set and proud of the ladies who swore out warrants and took time off of work today to face their assailant in court. We left the courtroom with renewed optimism, rekindled commitment to our Cause, and more determined than ever to stand, fight, and NEVER back down!

Bo Traywick came out to the courthouse today to offer support and to be available if needed, since he has also had experience with the accused. He wrote and sent a wonderful report with commentary, [a portion of which may be read on the VA Flaggers blog site].

Your editor and his wife make regular monthly contributions to the VA Flaggers through Paypal. Check the blog site:

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

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# The answer is “No” from the State of Tennessee

*City of Memphis is denied a variance from the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act, which would have allowed the city to move Gen. Forrest's statue, remains, and those of his wife.*



Memphis City Council's request to move the monument has been DENIED. Congratulations to the Memphis Brigade, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and all those who helped win this battle. Those in attendance said the discussion was brief and the decision came quickly.

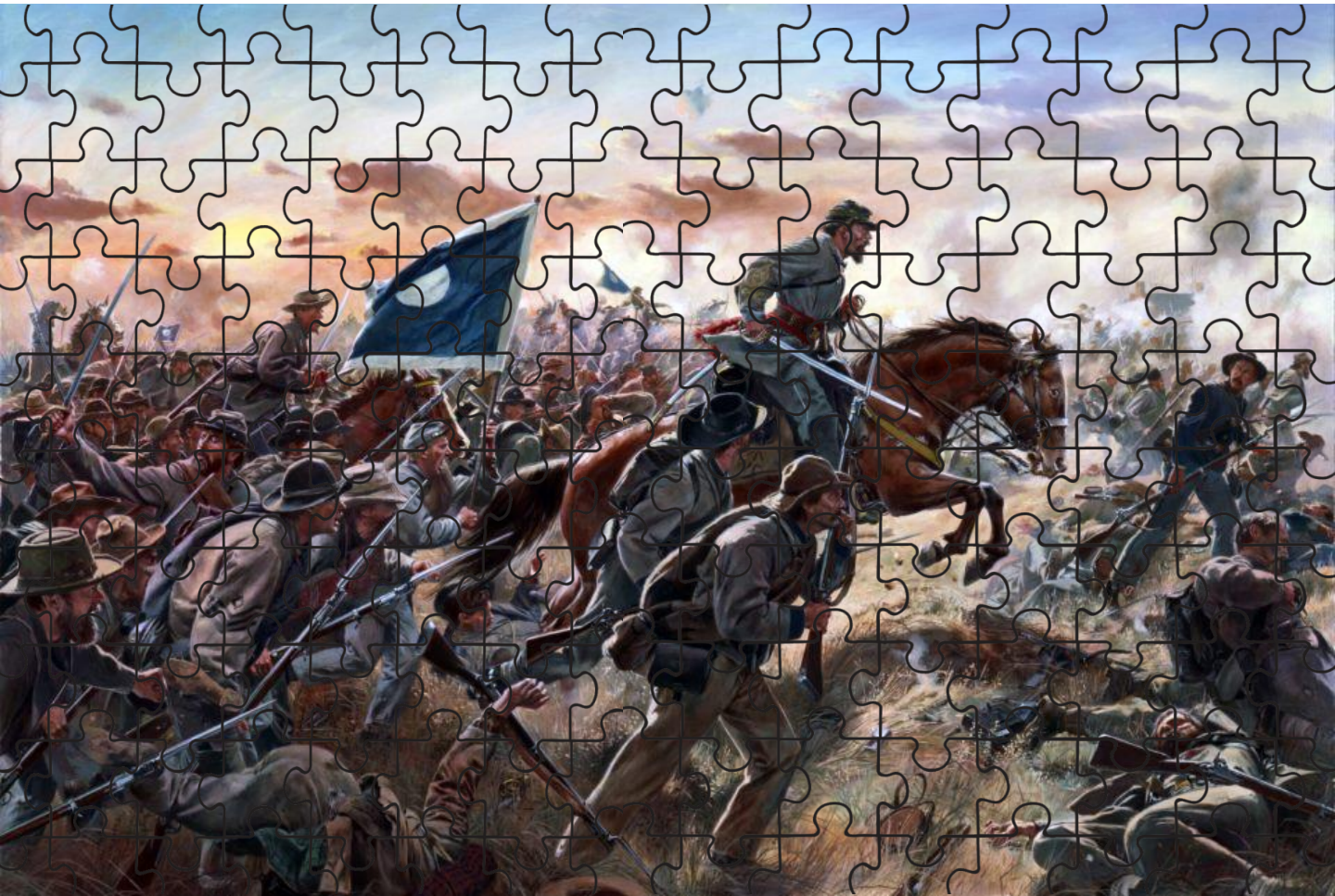
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# This month's puzzle!



In honor of the late-November 1864 Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, this month's puzzle is Don Troiani's painting depicting General Patrick Cleburne's last moments.

<http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=0913247708cf>

1. Go to the URL above. You'll find the puzzle in the shape the last person there left it.
2. Click on "Play As" near the top of the page then moved the slider down to 180.
3. Click on "Start a New Game." It seems to help this puzzler to change the background color from time to time. Taking a break helps, too.
4. If you have any trouble getting these to work please email [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com).
5. Click on the icon at lower right and take it to full-screen. It'll give you more room and will make the pieces bigger.
6. If the puzzle appears in a semi-or-completed form, left click on the cog-shaped icon at lower left and tell it to "restart."





While spending time with your family during the holidays, work the SCV into the conversation. See if any of your folks might be interested in joining. We'll be happy to check to see if they have Confederate ancestors, even if they don't ultimately join.





# Coming soon...

Nov. 5  
**Grapevine  
Veterans Day  
Parade. Details  
in this issue.**

Nov. 11  
Fort Worth  
Veterans Day  
Parade. Details  
in this issue.

Nov. 13  
Annual Massing of the  
Colors at First  
Presbyterian Church in  
Fort Worth. There'll be  
a Confederate presence  
for the first time in  
several years. Details in  
this issue.

Nov. 19  
Meet at Oakwood  
in Fort Worth at 9  
a.m. to install one  
marker for a CSA  
vet.

A painting of a dirt road winding through a forest. The road is light-colored and leads into the distance. On the left, there are bare trees and some evergreens. On the right, there are trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The sky is overcast and grey. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

# Down the road a piece...

**Dec. 3, Saturday; Christmas Parade in Weatherford; we'll ride with the S. W. T. Lanham Camp on their float.**

**Dec. 10, Saturday: Musket salute in Handley Cemetery for Charles L. Carmack, Co. B, 8<sup>th</sup> (Smith's) Tennessee Cavalry. Stone donated by Worthington Monuments will already be installed.**

**January and later: We need a ride to Alvarado in Johnson County to install one stone, and a ride to Montague County (north of St. Jo) to install one stone. Actual install time for each will be 30 minutes or less. We can provide gas for one vehicle making the trips if necessary.**





*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.*