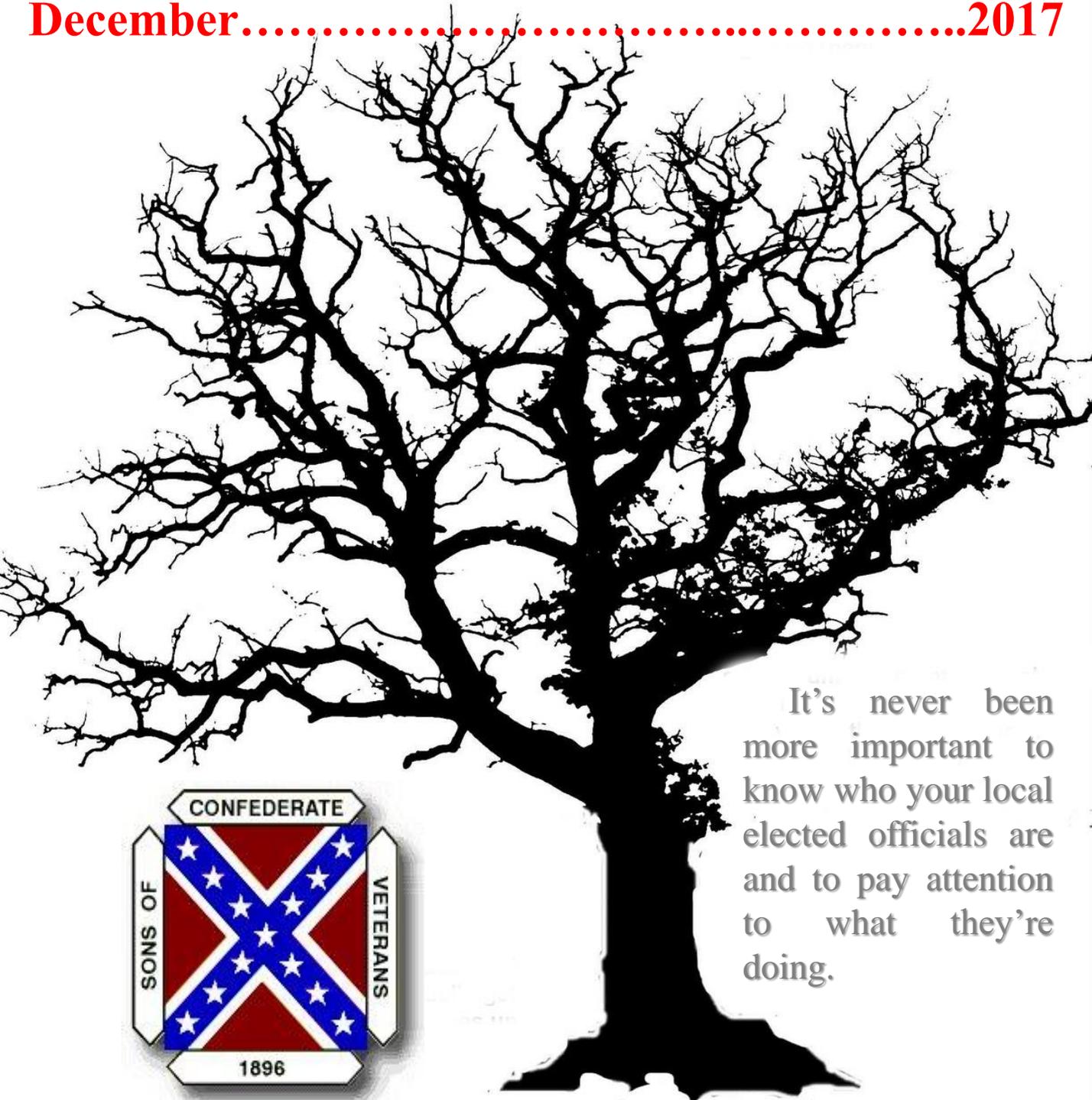


Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777

# NEWSLETTER

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

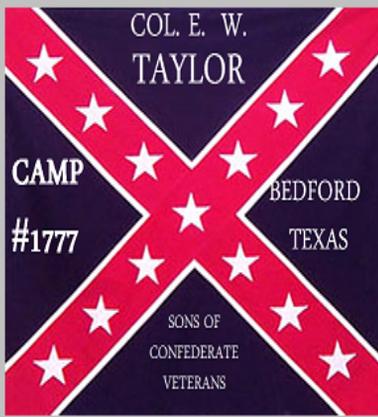
December.....2017



It's never been more important to know who your local elected officials are and to pay attention to what they're doing.



**CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER**



## Colonel E. W. Taylor SCV Camp #1777 (Bedford, Texas)

Commander: Chuck Marks (817) 703-6195

Adjutant: James Alderman (817) 605-0538

Meets: Last Thursday of the month Jan - Oct at 7:00 pm

(if planning to eat please arrive by 6:00 pm)

Location: Catfish Company Restaurant @ 900 Airport Fwy, Hurst, TX 76054 (817) 581-3912

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Visitors & Counting!

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# 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. Contact us at [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com)

**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 would 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.**

# Memphis, Confederate vets group to enter mediation over removal of statue



<http://thehill.com/homenews/news/361946-memphis-confederate-vets-group-to-enter-mediation-over-removal-of-statue>

Thanks to compatriot Clay Fitzhugh for bringing this article to our attention. Obviously, there's a lot the article doesn't say. Looking at the photograph, it's easy to see what side the media is taking. Will Americans ever again be able to trust anything the mainstream media says or does? The title of the article would lead one to believe that the citizens of Memphis and the Confederate vets group are two mutually-exclusive groups.

# Supreme Court Rejects Case Over Confederate Emblem On Mississippi Flag

**November 27, 2017: The U. S. Supreme Court has declined to take up a case challenging the use of a Confederate emblem on the Mississippi state flag.**



Read one of many online accounts at:

<http://wshu.org/post/supreme-court-rejects-case-over-confederate-emblem-mississippi-flag#stream/0>

# Mayor of Gulfport, Mississippi, William Gardner Hewes, calls for a new state flag



*He says they'll continue to fly the state flag in Gulfport, but he wishes it would be replaced.*

**Hewes is a direct descendant of Commissary Sergeant Frederick Searle Hewes (1830-1913) of Co. H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Mississippi Infantry, who is buried in Gulfport.**

Mayor Hewes has stepped in it several times in recent months over his push to fly something to represent Mississippi other than its duly-adopted flag. He tried banning it from city property a while back, and that didn't fly with voters. Now he's written an editorial encouraging the state to fly one of its earlier state flags. Of course, he claims this is all in the sprit of unity.... One of many articles can be seen at:

[http://www.nola.com/northshore/index.ssf/2017/11/gulfport\\_mayor\\_pushes\\_mississi.html](http://www.nola.com/northshore/index.ssf/2017/11/gulfport_mayor_pushes_mississi.html)

**Dec. 7**

**6 p.m.**

**Ladies  
welcome.**

**Come in  
uniform if  
you can.**



**The Taylor Camp  
and the M. T.  
Johnson Camp  
will hold a joint  
Christmas get-  
together on this  
evening at 2612  
W. Pioneer  
Parkway in  
Arlington. Your  
meal should run  
around \$10.00.**



TEXAS DIVISION  
SONS of CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

***Color Sergeant George A. Branard***

*1st Texas Infantry, Hood's Texas Brigade*



We need uniformed men to fire a musket salute on **December 16, 2017** at the Texas Civil War Museum, where this award will be housed. The men in the musket squad need to be there by 10:45 a.m.

# **Fort Worth Civil War Roundtable Events**

## **Fort Worth Civil War Round Table 2017-2018 Season**

**December 12** The 5<sup>th</sup> Texas , Dr. Steven Woodworth, Professor, TCU

**January 9** Pate Award Presentation, To be announced

**February 13** The Real Story of the USS Monitor , Dr. Bill Cogar, Executive Director, Historic Naval Ships Assoc.

**March 13** An Evening with Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus, NPS

**April 10** The Civil War We Don't Know, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ralph Peters, Author, Commentator, and Historian

**May 8** A Terrible Glory: Custer and the Little Bighorn, Jim Donovan, Author and Historian

Again, this year we will be holding our meetings at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. We will be in the same meeting room in the Medical Education Training building at 1000 Montgomery Street.

We need a count of meals for the caterer. So please respond to me, Jim Rosenthal, by email, phone call (cell 817-307-9263) or text to RSVP. As always, if you do not plan on eating dinner, you are welcome to attend the program starting at 7PM.



# Nov. 18 was Felix H. Corbell Day at Old Arlington Cemetery

*Six Taylor Campers braved mid-November temps in the 60's  
and a 30-mph wind to install a corrected marker for Mr. Corbell.*

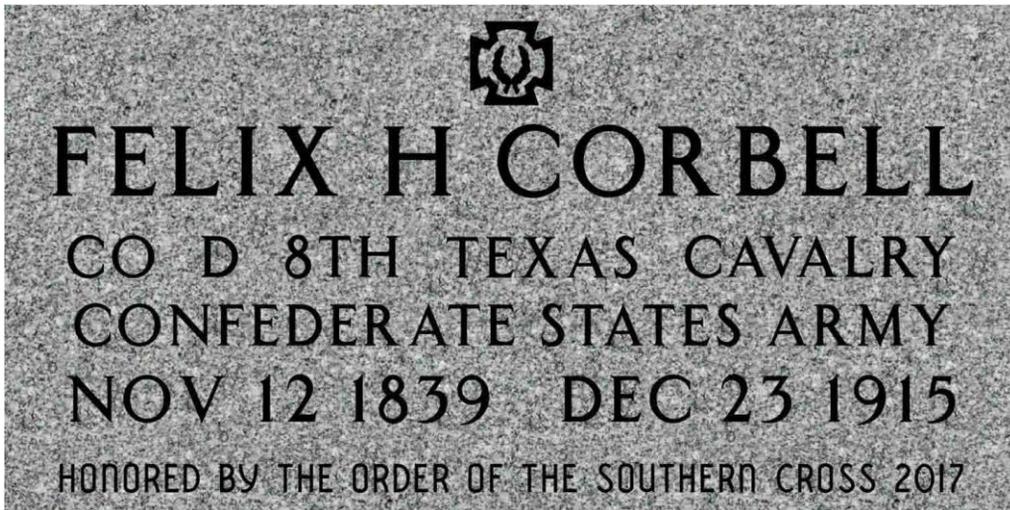


Thanks to Kyle Lewis for driving the stone and tools and your editor to the cemetery that morning. The installers were, standing l-r, Clay Fitzhugh, Ron Parker, Chuck Marks, David Stewart, and kneeling, Rich McCook, and Mike Patterson. Photos on this and the next page are by Kyle Lewis.

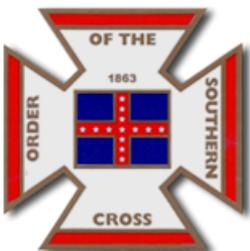
# Felix H. Corbell, cont.



*After looking at the photos he took for us, Kyle Lewis suggested that we might have someone with a lot of influence on our side in our effort to mark Confederate graves.*



This is the first of twelve new markers we will place using our generous grant from the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross. We thank them for their confidence in us.



THE SOCIETY OF THE  
ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

## **Felix H. Corbell, cont.**



*Dear Mr. Patterson,  
I am so grateful to you that words cannot express it. I thank you and all these gentlemen so much for honoring Felix Corbell. Words are not enough to express. Please thank these wonderful men for me. My family will be thrilled. Blessings,  
Patricia Corbell [California]*

Nov. 20, 2017



Photo by Ervin Hauk

*At Worthington Monuments' open house/ribbon cutting in November, the photographer caught your editor explaining to his wife, Marilyn, the truth about Santa Claus.*

# Fort Worth Confederate dead since 1908 will finally get marker on December 2.

*Father of Fort Worth fire chief, CSA vet buried in Oakwood Cemetery to be honored.*

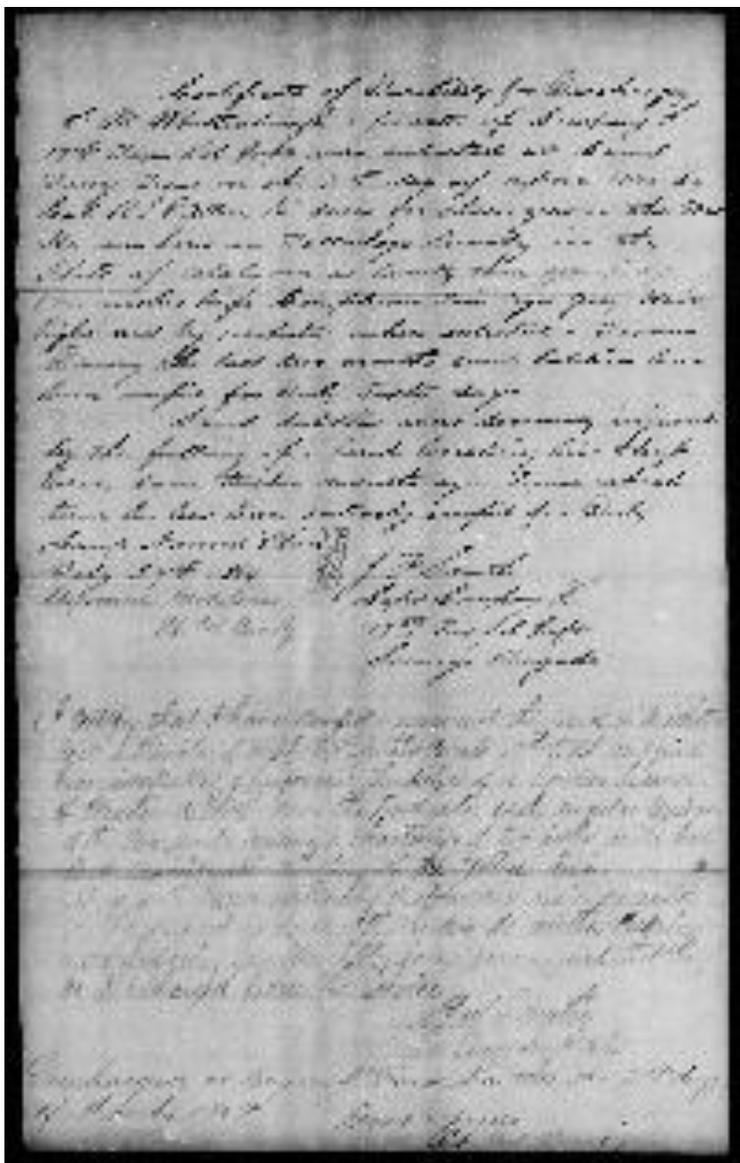
Elmos Monroe Whittenburg was born about 1841 in Alabama. By 1850 he was living in Talladega County with his parents and siblings. He was a son of William Monroe Whittenburg (1823-1900) and his wife, Caroline (Christian) (1821-1908), both of whom died and are buried in Erath County, Texas. The Whittenburgs came to Texas about 1852 and first settled in Bell County.

Mr. Whittenburg enlisted in the Confederate service at Belton, Texas on March 24, 1862. He was a private in Co. I, 17<sup>th</sup> (Allen's) Texas Infantry, and served until he received a medical discharge on February 23, 1864.

His discharge (at right) says Whittenburg broke his thigh just below the hip joint when a tree limb fell on him about twelve months earlier. The bone knit back out of position, and caused that leg to be about two inches shorter afterwards. When he applied for his pension in

1905 he added the detail that he was "crippled during a storm" while in the Confederate Army. One affidavit in his pension file from a comrade says the storm happened at Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Whittenburg came home to Bell County after the war and remained there several years. By the time the 1900 census was taken they had moved to Parker County, and in that year his wife, Cornelia, said she had given birth to five children, four of whom were still alive. About 1901 they moved to Fort Worth, and in 1904 he applied for a Confederate pension, which was granted in short order. About 1905 doctors told him he had developed cancer, from which he died on January 18, 1908.



# E. M. Whittenburg, cont.

After his death, Mrs. Whittenburg lived with her married children in Fort Worth. In 1908 she, too, applied for and received a Confederate widows' pension. She died at the home of her daughter, Ida Ross, at 1605 Lagonda Street, in Fort Worth, on October 6, 1917. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, rather than beside her husband in Oakwood.

A 1148—REPORT OF DEATH—Class 2

No. 55551 To the Clerk of the County Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas.

Name of Deceased E M Whittenburg Race W.

Nativity North Fort Worth Sex Om Age 66 Years 5 Months 17 Days

Residence North Fort Worth Place of Death North Fort Worth

Died on the 18 day of January 1908, about 3 P. m., Alien or Citizen Citizen

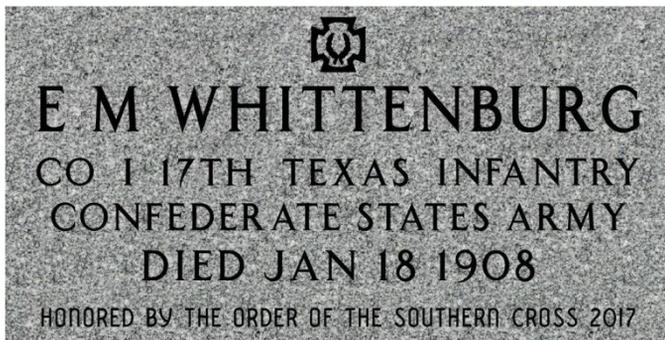
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	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	HOURS
Immediate Cause <u>Cancer</u>	<u>3</u>			
Contributory Cause				

THE ABOVE STATED PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Dated this Feb 7 day of 1908 190

Signed M. E. Gilman Address North Fort Worth Tex  
(Physician, Accoucheur or Coroner)

Object lesson. Indexes are only as good as the folks who made them, but indexers can't read the minds of people who made the records over a century ago. The person who wrote Mr. Whittenburg's death certificate, above, forgot to cross the t's, so he's shown in the indexes as E. M. Whillenburg.



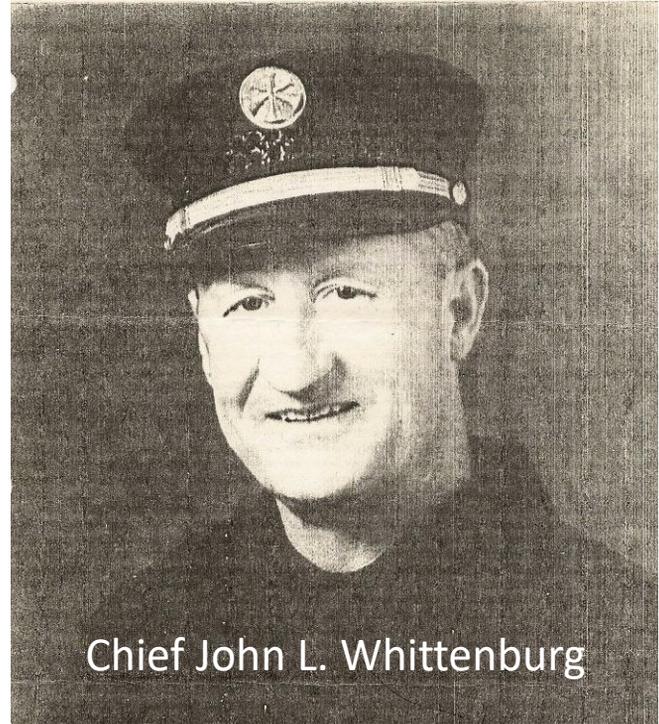
Whittenburg's new stone, above left, is the second using our new grant from the Order of the Southern Cross. Mrs. Whittenburg survived until 1917 and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery beneath a flat stone.

## **E. M. Whittenburg, cont.**

Time and again we see the sons and grandsons of Tarrant County's Confederate veterans taking their place in leadership roles here in government and business.

Such was the case of E. M. Whittenburg's son, John L. Whittenburg. He joined the Fort Worth fire department in 1904 and put his skill in handling horses to good use. He was one of the fortunate firemen who got to see the end of the horse-drawn era and the emergence of motorized equipment in the service. He was put in charge of opening the new Fire Station No. 12 in the North Side near the Stockyards. Located at 2408 Prospect Avenue, it is shown below about the time it opened. The building remains and is in use today.

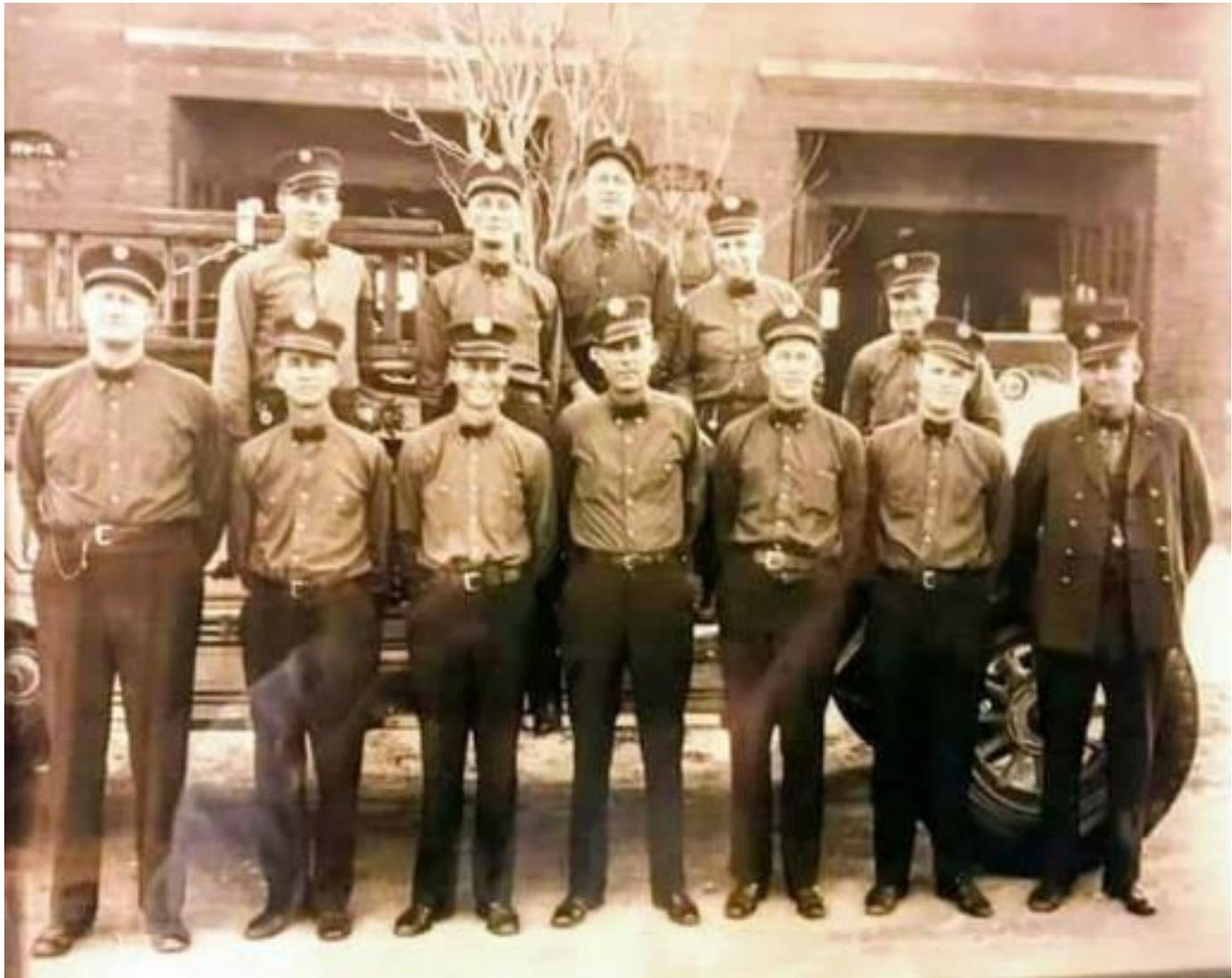
John retired in 1947, as Battalion Chief after 43 years of service. In 1972, he was again honored as Ft. Worth's oldest living fireman at age ninety-two. In his retirement he enjoyed working in his garden and sitting on his front porch.



Chief John L. Whittenburg

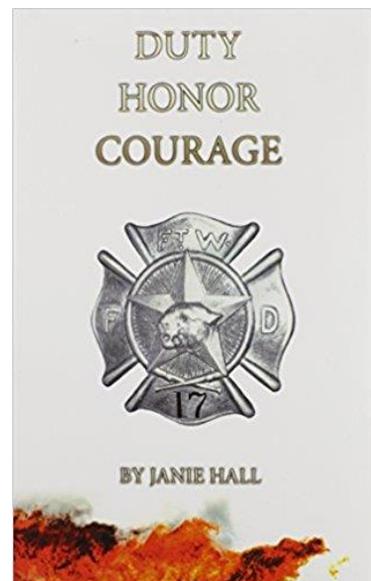


## E. M. Whittenburg, cont.

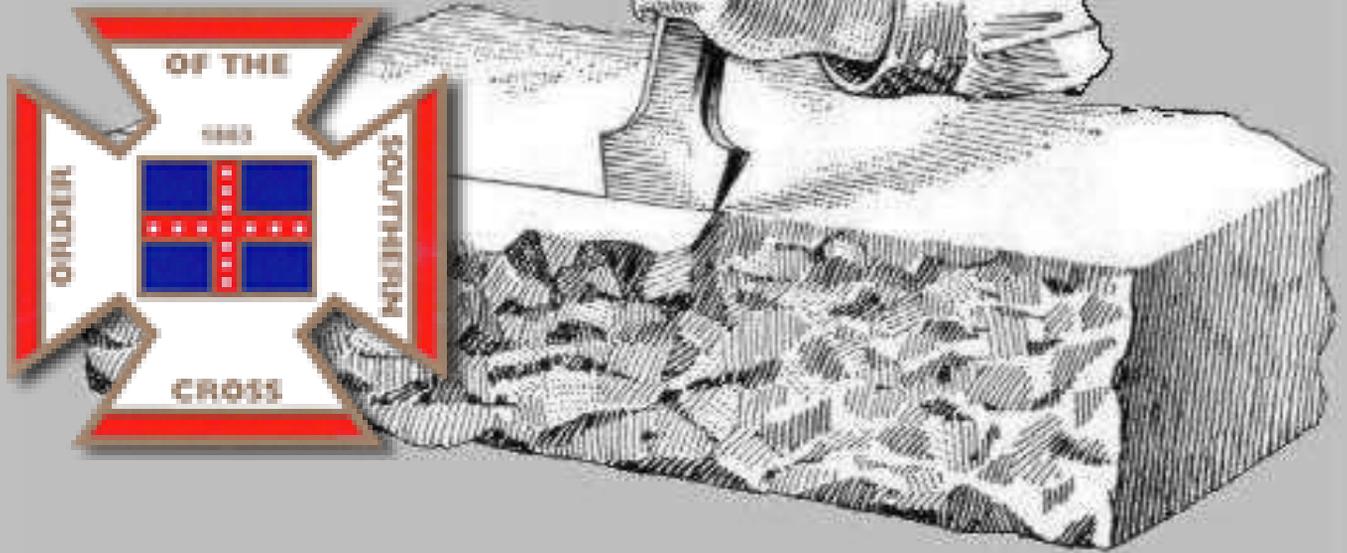


John L. Whittenburg appears on the extreme left in the photo above with his comrades at Fire Station 12 in North Fort Worth. He was literally head and shoulders above most of the others. He died in 1973, just short of his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Janie Hall has arranged his interesting memoirs into a book shown at right called *Duty Honor Courage*, which is available on the internet.



# Markers *in the works*



Now that our grant from the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross has been approved, we're in business for the next twelve months or so.

In December we'll mark another Oakwood veteran, Elmus M. Whittenburg, who served in Co. I, 17<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry and died in 1908. His son was a fire chief on the North Side of Ft. Worth.

In January we'll be doing a replacement stone for Moses Allen of Co. H, 32<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Infantry who died in 1896. He's buried in White's Chapel Cemetery in Southlake, and has a very small recently-placed stone which makes no reference to his service and his death date 6 is years off.

In February and March we'll be staying close to home, with one marker in Bedford and one in Grapevine, respectively.

Our April marker will be incorporated into a short Confederate History Month program in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

**Our continued thanks to Worthington Monuments for making it possible for us to have an active marker program.**



*Long-time Worthington employee Dan Shaw sets the blaster to engrave Confederate vet John F. Guthrie's marker, which we installed in October.*

**When you need the services of an experienced, talented monument company please give them a call. Come see their new Colleyville location at 4201 Colleyville Boulevard. 817-770-4434  
mike@worthingtontx.com**

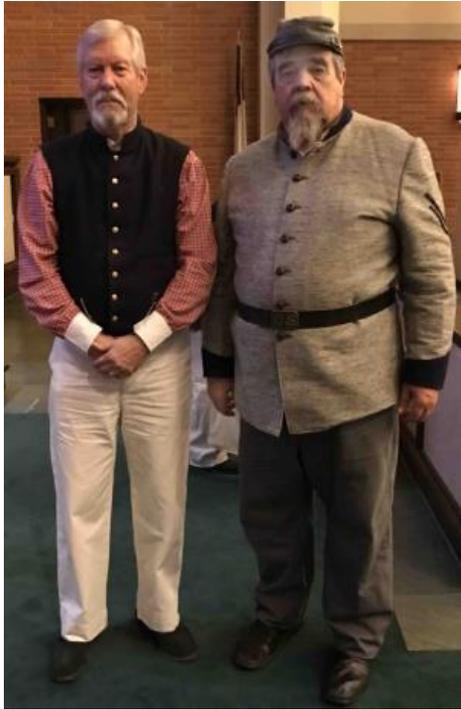
# Taylor Camp members take part in Massing of the Colors in Ft. Worth on November 12



The Sons of Confederate Veterans were represented in this annual event by Chuck Marks and Mike Patterson, at left above. Two more of our members were in uniform representing their Sons of the American Revolution unit. One of them was Ron Turner (in the white and blue uniform at right above). Taylor member James Alderman, below left, a member of both the SCV and SAR, attended in civilian clothes. Ron Turner is shown again at lower right background, and Taylor Camp member Bob Gresham, in the foreground, was also there representing the SAR. Photos by Tammy Patterson.



## Massing of the Colors, cont.



Two more of the Taylor Camp members are members of the Frontier Brigade Band, which provided the music for the event. They are Richard McCook, at left, and Terry Theiss, who was ill and unable to attend.



# Taylor Camp members take part in two area Veterans Day Parades



Four Taylor Camp members rode in the Fort Worth Veterans Day Parade. L-R above they were Tom Trawick, Shane Woodward, Bobby Gresham, and Joe Wade. A member of the M. T. Johnson camp came with the flags and his trailer.



## Parades, cont.



We were represented in the Grapevine parade by Christie Partee and her husband, Sean, above. Many members of the R. M. Gano Camp in Grapevine were there, below. Christie's in the black dress and Sean is at the extreme right in the photo below.

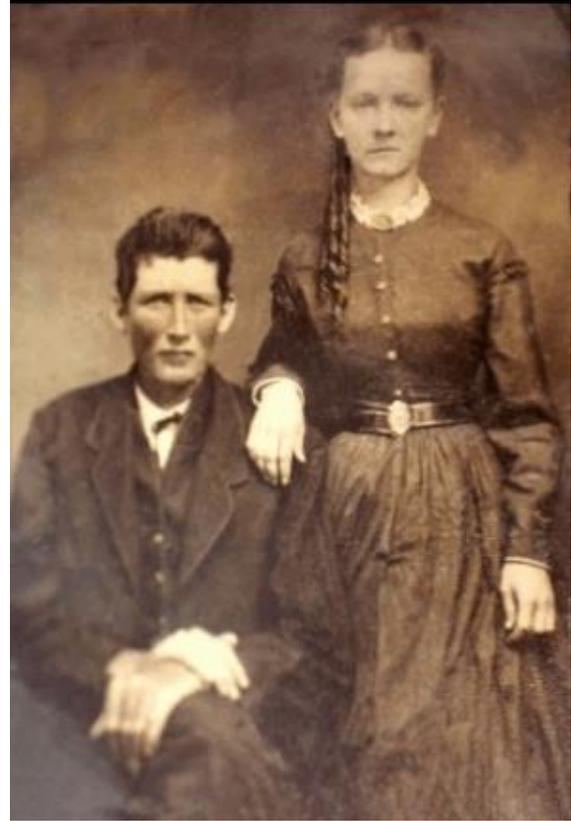


# Grapevine cavalry veteran was proud of his Confederate service

Joseph N. Willis, a well-known pioneer in the town of Grapevine, was a Confederate veteran who served in the 34th Georgia Cavalry. He was one of the charter members of the Grapevine Methodist Church.

Family genealogists at Ancestry.com say he was born in Georgia in 1839, a son of John E. and Frances Willis. Those sources also say he was living with his parents in Jackson County, Georgia when the 1850 census was taken.

The official records show that Willis enlisted March 3, 1862 at Athens, Georgia. The last roll for the regiment on file, dated September and October, 1864, shows him present for duty. He surrendered May 23, 1865 at Augusta, Georgia, and was paroled there. Soon after the War Willis settled at Grapevine and in 1869 married Mary Elizabeth



Hudgins, a daughter of Grapevine pioneer El Nathan Hudgins. She was about eleven years his junior. He could not have found a more Confederate young lady. Four of her brothers left Grapevine to serve the South. The older two died of disease during the service and were buried where they died. The younger two returned to this area and raised families here. Many of their descendants still live among us. A few years ago the Taylor camp made cenotaphs for the two older brothers and placed them beside their mother's grave in Minter's Chapel Cemetery on the Airport land. In addition, two of her father's younger brothers also left Grapevine to serve as Confederates; they both survived the War and returned to Grapevine.

Mr. Willis did not apply for a Confederate pension. His death certificate shows that he died at 2 a.m. on March 24, 1914, of nephritis, with an unspecified injury as a secondary cause. He was buried in Grapevine Cemetery.

Known as Mollie, his widow was a well-known and respected member of the community for twenty-six years after his death. She applied for a pension in 1931, and an interesting affidavit in her file made by Grapevine businessman B. R. Wall says that Mr. Willis "usually wore gray clothes and in his residence there is his photo in Confederate uniform and numbers of pictures of Confederate officers adorn the walls of the rooms." Mrs. Willis died in 1940.

**Getting to know our local Confederates**

## Joseph N. Willis, cont.

### DIED.

It is our sad duty to chronicle another visitation of the Death angel in our midst; this time it is our highly respected fellow-citizen Joe N. Willis, which occurred at 3:20 p. m. last Tuesday, after a lingering illness of several weeks, caused by a fall: He suffered a great deal during that time, but was patient through it all. "Uncle Joe," as he was familiarly called by his many friends, was born in Georgia; married in 1869 to Miss Mollie Hudgins, daughter of N. H. Hudgins, who survives him. He joined the Methodist church here in 1871 and has been a consistent member ever since. He was 75 years old at time of his death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mussett and the remains of Uncle Joe were laid to rest in Grapevine Cemetery late Tuesday evening, followed to the grave by sorrowing relatives and friends. We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved wife, who will miss him more than words can tell. May God in His infinite wisdom and love comfort and sustain her in this sad hour of her affliction.

Grapevine Sun, Mar. 28, 1914



## Getting to know our local Confederates

# SHARPSBURG FOOTAGE NOT INCLUDED IN *GODS AND GENERALS* AVAILABLE ON YOU TUBE



There was lots of neat film shot which didn't make it into the final movie. Here's some: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dS1mR-xzF1g>



# Our ancestors' life and times



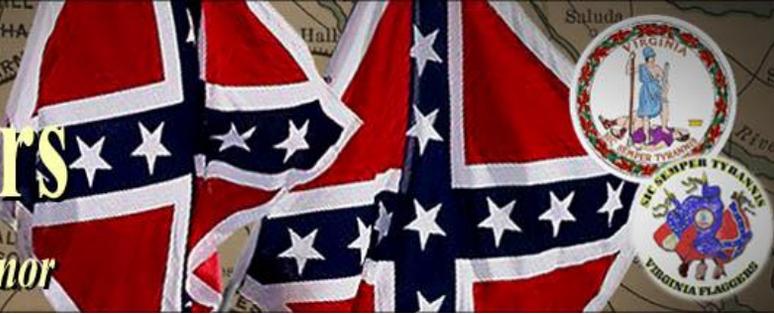
Watch this amazing water-powered saw mill with its wooden gears and single saw blade which is pulled up and down to reduce logs to boards.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBPI1PcckGY>



# The Virginia Flaggers

Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor



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

Check their site often, and consider being a monthly contributor.



**Nov. 7  
New  
Billboard  
in  
Charlottes-  
ville, Va.  
Honors  
Robert E.  
Lee**

“Study hard, be  
always a gentleman,  
live cleanly and  
remember God.”

Robert E. Lee

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE VIRGINIA FLAGGERS





## **We appreciate the helping hands of...**

...**Kristen Giesecke** who made the drawing and the mask for Mr. Corbell's stone, and **Dan Shaw** who engraved the stone for us in early November. Ditto for getting Mr. Whittenburg's stone done at the end of November. Both are employees of Worthington Monuments.

...**Tom Trawick, Shane Woodward, Joe Wade, and Bobby Gresham** who took part in the Veterans Day Parade in Fort Worth on November 11.

...**Sean Partee and his wife Christie** who represented the Taylor Camp in the Grapevine Veterans Day Parade in Grapevine on November 11.

...**Chuck Marks, Ron Turner, James Alderman, Bobby Gresham, Rich McCook, and Mike Patterson**, members of the Taylor Camp who took part in the Massing of the Colors in Fort Worth on November 12. Ron and Bobby were in uniform representing the Sons of the American Revolution.

....**Tammy Patterson**, who took us to Worthingtons' in Rendon to pick up Mr. Corbell's new stone on November 12.

....**Chuck Marks, Ron Parker, Clay Fitzhugh, David Stewart, Rich McCook, Mike Patterson, and Kyle Lewis** for helping to set Mr. Corbell's stone on Nov. 18.

....**Kyle Lewis** for taking us to Worthingtons' in Rendon on Nov. 25 to pick up Mr. Whittenburg's completed stone and taking it to Colleyville.

....**The gentlemen in the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross** for their confidence in granting us the funds to make twelve new markers.

....**Tammy Patterson and Marilyn Patterson** who proofread this issue of the newsletter.



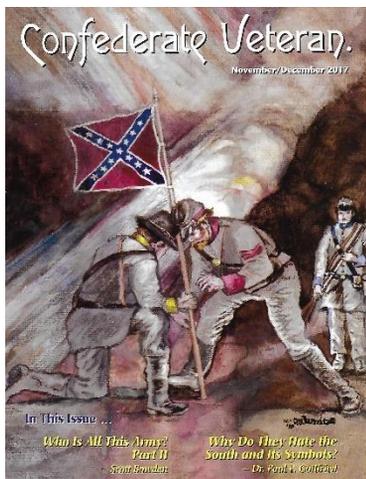
**Next April we're going to stage a short event during Confederate history month.**

We've found a locally-prominent Confederate vet who died in 1886, was buried in Oakwood, and has never had a stone. We'll get him one, have a short ceremony, and fire a musket salute. We'll get busy right now and try to find some descendants who might be interested in coming that day.

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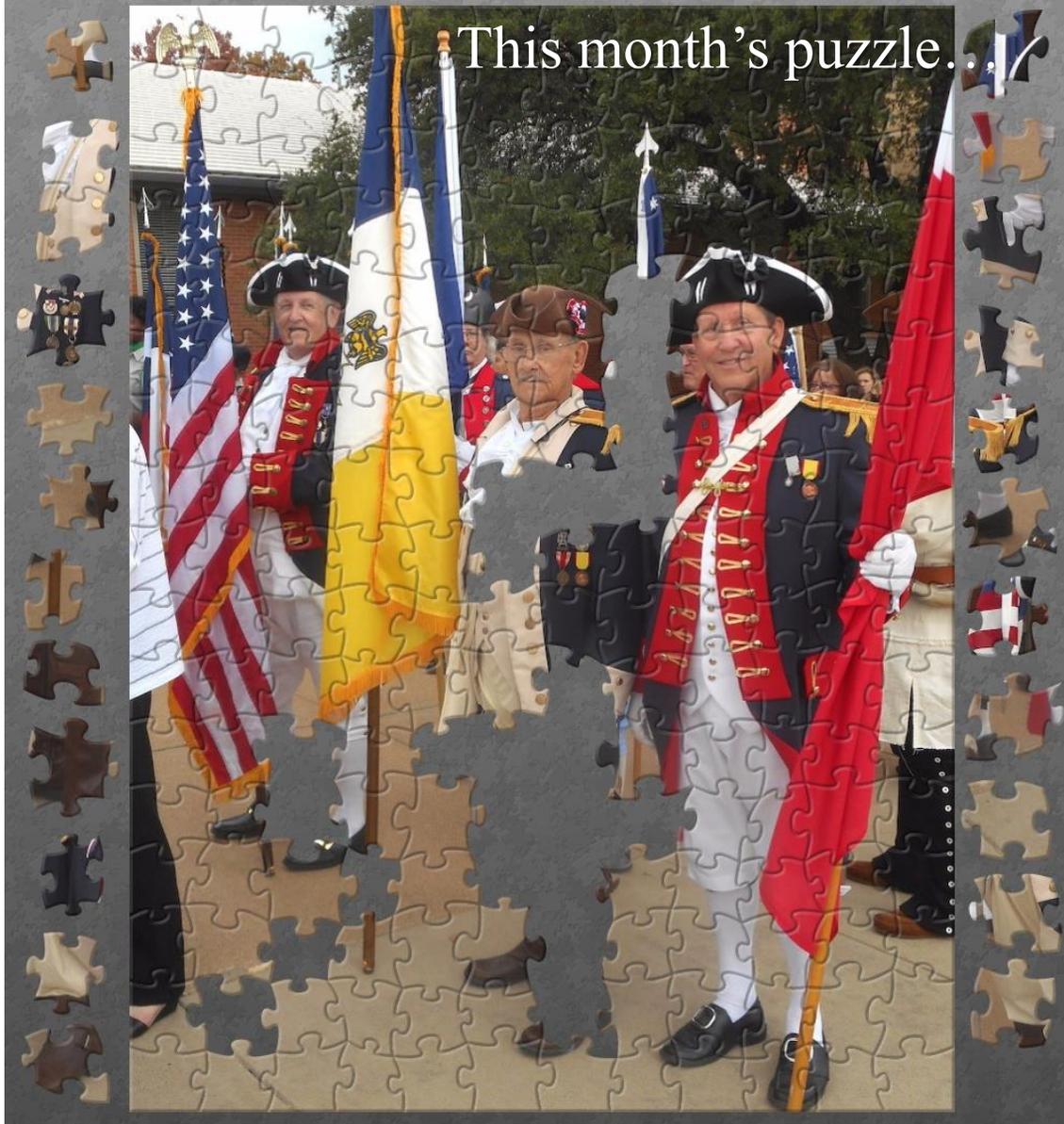
## **Some notable quotes from this month's *Confederate Veteran* magazine**

*... "We now see everything relating to the Confederacy being removed and desecrated, all in the name of political correctness, by those who have never opened an American history book... To capitulate to this uneducated mass is tantamount to giving a child a piece of candy. You can gift the kid with the entire candy store and it would still not appease them." Jesse Wayne, Billings, Montana*



*... "The placement of our flags and monuments was an expression of trust, which has been callously betrayed, in the integrity of public officials who were elected to serve and represent all Americans, not just their liberal constituents." Fr. Richard W. Rudd, Independence, Missouri.*

This month's puzzle. . .



...is a colorful tribute to the many men in the SCV who also hold membership in the other patriotic organizations. Two of the men above (Ron Turner at left and Bob Gresham at right) are Taylor Camp members who represented the Sons of the American Revolution in the Massing of the Colors on November 12. Tammy Patterson took this photo.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=2c9865a3f2fe>

Go to the URL shown above. You'll find the puzzle in the shape the last person there left it.

Click on "Play As" near the top of the page, then move the slider down to 180.

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.

If you have any trouble getting these puzzles to work please email [mfpchat@yahoo.com](mailto:mfpchat@yahoo.com).

Click on the icon at lower right and take it to full-screen. It'll give you more room to work and will make the pieces bigger.

# Coming soon...

Dec. 2

Meet us at 9 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth to install a first-ever marker for Elmos M. Whittenburg of the 17<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry. He died in 1908.

Dec. 7

Joint E. W. Taylor-Middleton Tate Johnson Christmas get-together. See further information in this newsletter.

Dec. 16

Come and help us fire a musket salute in honor of George A. Branard. Texas Civil War Museum. Please be there by 10:45.

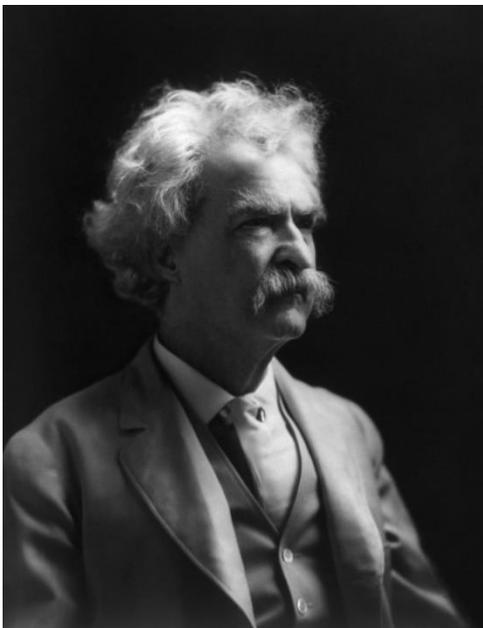
Apr. 14, 2018

Long way out, but keep this date open on your calendar for a mid-morning event at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

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IS *Being*  
DOWN  
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...LIKE AMERICAN HISTORY, FOR INSTANCE.

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“That is just the way with some people. They get down on a thing when they don’t know nothing about it.” Mark Twain, in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*



**“Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.”**

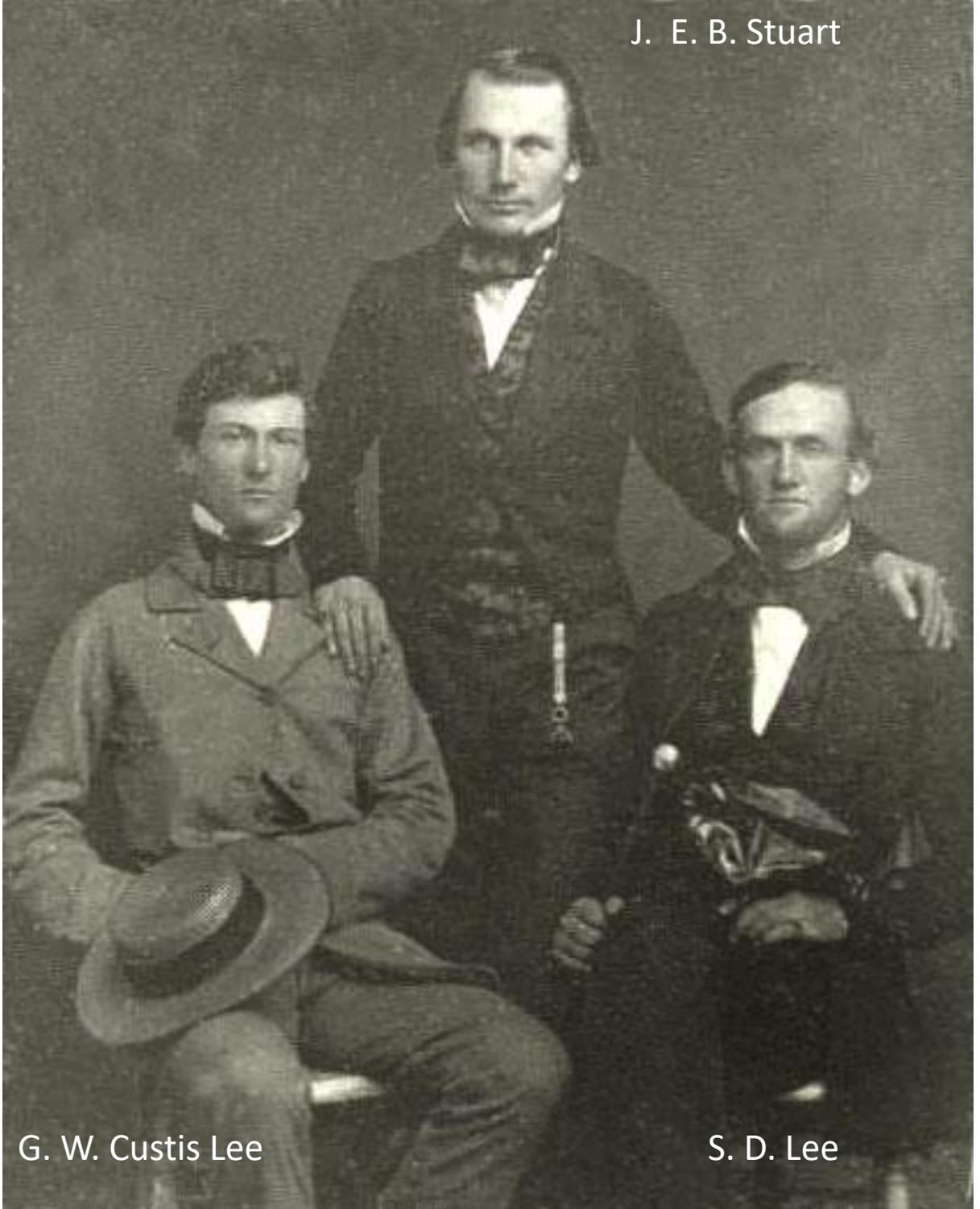
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**



“Broken glass and sharp nails !!!  
Let’s get it on board! First piece  
of luck we’ve had since the Rebs  
sunk our ship.”



J. E. B. Stuart



G. W. Custis Lee

S. D. Lee

*"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."* CSA General Stephen Dill Lee