



Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777 **NEWSLETTER** SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS January.....2018

January Program



Join us Jan. 25!

The Republic of Texas Navy, with Compatriot Jack Dyess

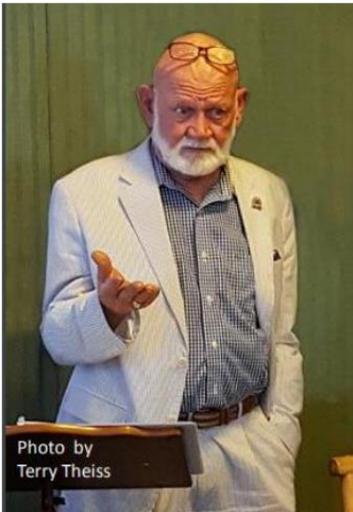


Photo by Terry Theiss

“Most individuals, including native Texans, do not know that Texas had its own Navy – let alone two. Of those who are aware of its existence, few know that it was instrumental in Texas’ victory over Mexico or that it almost single-handedly prevented Mexico from invading Texas during a period of nine years and eight months between the victory at San Jacinto and annexation into the United States.

Even fewer know that the Texas Navy was the only navy in history to defeat steam-driven warships with sailing vessels. Only a small number of otherwise extremely-knowledgeable historians are aware of the connection between the Texas Navy and the most popular handgun in the War Between the States; the 1851 Colt Navy revolver.” Jack Dyess

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

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.**

Upcoming program, probably first-ever for an SCV camp, sure to be lots of fun

They say all work and no play makes Jacques a dull boy. It's time for us to play a while.

Several years ago your editor gathered up childhood photos of members at his church. He made them into a slide show, and we had a great time one evening trying to figure out how such good-looking kids turned out so...well, you understand.

Let's make an evening of it at SCV, too. Actual baby pictures don't work too well because all babies look pretty much the same. So let's shoot for photos while we were still in our teens, at least. If you can scan your photos and email them to your editor that'll be great.



If you'd rather bring them to the January or February meeting he'll copy them there and you can hang onto the originals. Let's include the ladies, too, if they're among those who come to our meetings fairly regularly.

Let's see if you can figure out who the handsome young gentleman above is. He's not a member of our camp, but he should be familiar to most mature [in years] Americans. If you'd like to email your photos, you may send them to: mfpchat@yahoo.com

Forrest statue comes down in Memphis

Even in the corruption which often passes for city government these days, the Memphis woodpile reeks more than usual.



Night of Dec. 20, 2017

This one has all the hallmarks we've come to expect:

Months of trying through legal means had failed.

Two city parks were sold (for \$1000 each) so the statues would be on "private land" and no longer under state protection.

The "buyer" was Memphis Greenspace, a newly-formed group whose director is Van Turner, *a Shelby County Commissioner* (above right).

While the city council was voting on the sale, heavy machinery and an army of police officers were already being dispatched to both parks. Did taxpayers foot the bill? Probably.

President Jefferson Davis' statue was also removed that evening.

Two Tennessee House members vow to investigate all aspects of the bargain-basement sale of two Memphis parks

Fox News calls for Memphis mayor to be taken out of city hall in handcuffs.



Two members of the Tennessee House of Representatives have vowed to begin an investigation as soon as they return to work in 2018.

The two men are House Majority Leader Glen Casada (R-Thompson's Station, at left above) and Republican Caucus Chairman Ryan Williams (R-Cookeville, at right above). **This would be an excellent time to send letters of support to both men.** Mention your family ties to Tennessee in a simple sentence or two.

Rep. Casada may be addressed at Hon. Glen Casada, 425 5th Avenue North, Suite 604 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville, TN 37243.

Rep. Williams may be reached at Hon. Ryan Williams, 425 5th Avenue North, Suite 602 Cordell Hull Bldg., Nashville, TN 37243. Read two of the articles:

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/12/21/memphis-mayor-should-be-hauled-out-city-hall-in-handcuffs.html>

http://www.williamsonherald.com/news/article_e387590a-e6a7-11e7-b4b3-27a9e98f275d.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

Some faces of the decision-makers in Memphis, just FYI

Mayor Jim Strickland, right. Native of Mishawaka, Indiana, elected in 2015. This was the first time a challenger beat an incumbent since 1991. He is the first white to hold the seat in twenty-four years.

The remaining photos on this page are all members of the Memphis City Council. Newspapers report that the decision to sell the two city parks for \$1000 each was unanimous. If that's true, that adds a whole new level of pathos to the situation.



Bill Morrison,
District 1



Worth Morgan,
District 5



Janis Fullilove,
Super Dist. 8,
position 2



Frank Colvett, Jr.
District 2



Edmund Ford, Jr.
District 6



Martavius Jones,
Super Dist. 8,
position 3



Patrice J. Robinson,
District 3



Chairman, Berlin
Boyd, District 7



Kemp Conrad, Super
Dist. 9, position 1



Juanita
Swearingen,
District 4



Joe Brown,
Super Dist. 8,
position 1



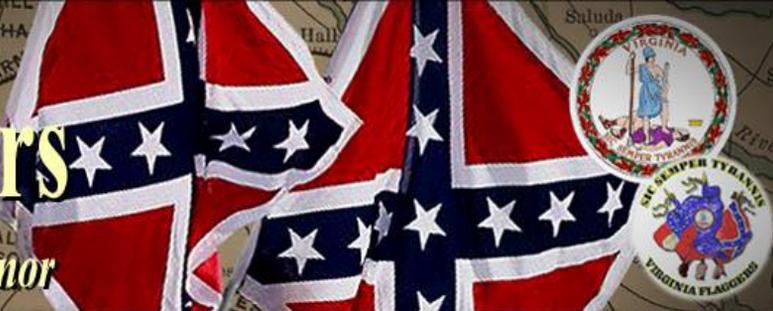
Philip Samosa, Jr.,
Super Dist. 9,
position 2



Reid Hedgpeth, Super
Dist. 9, position 3

The Virginia Flaggers

Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor



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

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

December 27, 2017:
Epic Fail: Stafford
County Black Lives
Matter Flag Fund-
raiser Falls Short,
Project Abandoned



*Go to their site to read the
articles and see all the
photos!!!*

December 14, 2017:
Dixie Rising, Another
Roadside Memorial
Battle Flag Raised
in Virginia!

Fort Worth Civil War Roundtable Events

Fort Worth Civil War Round Table 2017-2018 Season

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 7 PM.



Not changing times, changing people

WILL ATTEND FAT STOCK SHOW.

Special Car of Dallas Confederates to
Go to Fort Worth Entertain-
ment Tomorrow.

On a special car of the Northern Texas Traction Company, a party of Confederate veterans will leave tomorrow morning to take part in the exercises of the day at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. It is expected that along with the marching squad of members of the Dallas Confederate Guard there will be a number of other members of Sterling Price Camp. Besides these there will be Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy and some of the wives of members of the party.

The special car will leave Dallas at 1 o'clock. If there are as many as fifty persons in the party a rate of 80c for the round trip will be charged; if fewer than fifty the rate will be \$1.

The program of the day in Fort Worth will include participation in the general parade at 1:30 p. m., the Confederate competitive drill, the old fiddlers' contest and the sham battle.

The Dallas Guard will be in command of Capt. H. C. Lamar. There will be a Confederate company from Fort Worth and one from Weatherford in the several features of the day, and possibly several others of the First Texas Regiment, in command of Col. W. R. Daniel of Dallas.

The drill will be between Confederate soldiers according to Hardee's tactics. The sham battle will be between the several Confederate companies and State militiamen. There will be about thirty of the Dallas marching men. Sixty or more can be accommodated in the car.

The return to Dallas will be at the will of the party.



One of John Wayne's best movies, *McClintock*, was released in 1963. In it, his daughter was played by Stephanie Powers and his wife was played by Maureen O'Hara, both above. In one scene the two ladies watch a band of old Comanche raiders getting off a train, returning to their homes from exile.

Mrs. McClintock, remembering the "good old days," says "It's sad, these changing times."

Her daughter corrects her: "It isn't the times that are changing, Mama."

Reading the article at left which appeared in the *Dallas Morning News* on March 12, 1909, we're struck again with how many of the people of today have no respect for the memory of the men who sacrificed so much in the name of constitutional government and states' rights. The people who knew them were better informed.

Our apologies to any of our readers who may be hogs or cattle. Perhaps at some point we can go back through all our country's old newspapers and remove terminology which we now realize is so culturally-insensitive.

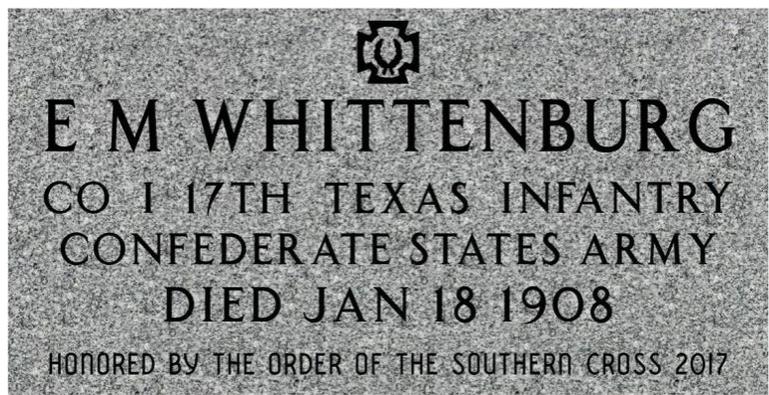
CSA vet waits 110 years for his first grave marker; set Dec. 2.



This is our second stone set with our recent grant from the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross. This was the hardest digging we've run across in years.

The installers were, above standing, Clay Fitzhugh, Bob Gresham, and Chuck Marks; kneeling, James Alderman and Mike Patterson.

Marilyn Patterson drove the stone and tools to Fort Worth and took the photos. See last month's newsletter for Whittenburg's biography.



Grapevine infantryman from Georgia, dead since 1896, to get corrected stone Jan. 20



Moses Allen was born in South Carolina about 1829. When the 1850 census was taken he lived with his widowed mother and three of his brothers in Monroe County, Georgia.

By 1860 Moses had a job as a slave overseer on the farm of B. F. Reeves. A young girl living on an adjoining farm belonging to Fleming McFall would later become his wife.

In her pension application in 1910, Rosa said her husband enlisted at Forsythe, Monroe County, Georgia and served in Co. H, 32nd Georgia Infantry. No records of his service have survived in the National Archives, but she found two men who had served with him who made affidavits for her.

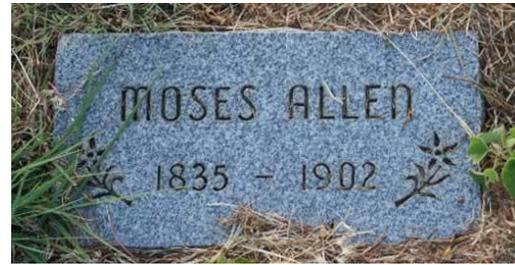
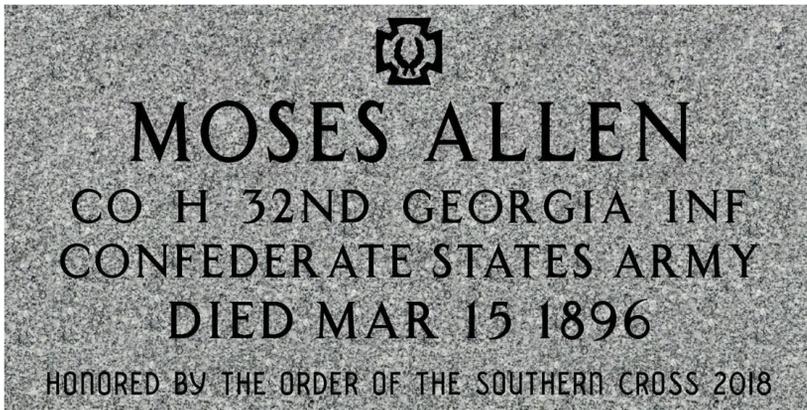
Internet sources confirm that Co. H was composed of men from Monroe County. Co. H's captain, Stephen D. Mobley, and three other soldiers named by Allen...B. F. Standard, A. D. Tingle, and D. E. Willis...all appear in the records of Co. H in the National Archives.

Joining in 1862 and remaining until the surrender in North Carolina, Mr. Allen would have been present at the defenses of Battery Wagner and Morris Island at Charleston. The regiment took the heaviest casualties of any Confederate regiment present at the Battle of Olustee (Ocean Pond), Florida on February 20, 1864; this was the only major battle of the War fought in Florida and was a Confederate victory. The 32nd then returned to the defenses around Charleston. The unit also participated in the Savannah Campaign, including Honey Hill, before surrendering in North Carolina in 1865.

Moses Allen, cont.

Moses and Rosa had at least two children: Rebecca E. Allen who married Charles C. Millican and died in the 1890's, and Robert Fleming Allen (1866-1934). Moses Allen died at his home four miles from Grapevine on March 15, 1896, and was buried in White's Chapel Cemetery. Rosa Allen survived as a widow for thirty-six years, dying of influenza on December 20, 1932. She was buried beside Moses. They still have living descendants in the area.

One of Rosa's brothers, Mark McFall, was also a pensioned Confederate veteran who died in Denton County in 1927. He had served in Co. B, 45th Georgia Infantry. Fairly recently small stones were placed for both Moses and Rosa. Both have incorrect death dates, and both birth dates also conflict with some records.



This will be our third marker placed with funds from the Order of the Southern Cross.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
1. PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF <u>Tarrant</u> CITY OR PREGNANT NO. <u>3</u>	2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <u>Mrs Rosa Allen</u>	3. SEX <u>Female</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>
5. SINGLE OR MARRIED <u>Widowed</u>	6. DATE OF BIRTH <u>Nov. 11 1838</u>	7. DATE OF DEATH <u>Dec 20 1932</u>	8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS SPINNER, SAWYER, BOOKBINDER, ETC. <u>Housekeeping</u>
9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS MILK MILL, SAW MILL, BANK, ETC.	10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (month and year)	11. TOTAL TIME (years) spent in this occupation	12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Georgia</u>
13. NAME OF FATHER <u>Mark Mc Fall</u>	14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>Georgia</u>	15. MAIDEN NAME <u>unknown</u>	16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country) <u>unknown</u>
17. INFORMANT <u>Jack Allen</u> (Address) <u>Grapevine, Tex.</u>	18. BURIAL OR CREMATION (SEE REMOVAL) <u>White Chapel</u> Date <u>Dec 21 1932</u>	19. UNDERTAKER <u>W. S. Smith & Son</u> (Address) <u>Grapevine, Texas</u>	20. FILE DATE AND SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR <u>Dec 30 - 1932</u>
21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year)		22. I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from (month, day, and year) <u>Dec 20 1932</u>	
23. I last saw <u>her</u> alive on <u>Dec 17 1932</u> ; death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>her home</u>		24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?	
25. Name of operation _____ date of _____		26. Nature of injury _____	
27. What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____		28. Date of injury _____ 19 _____	
29. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____		30. Where did injury occur? (Specify city or town, county, and State) _____	
31. Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. _____		32. Manner of injury _____	
33. If so, specify _____ (Signed) _____ M. D.		34. (Address) _____	

Since Mr. Allen died in 1896, several years before Texas passed a death records law, there was no official record made at the time. Luckily, his wife gave his date of death when she applied for a Confederate widow's pension. In that same application, Rosa said she was born November 11, 1841. Her correct death date, Dec. 20, 1932, is a matter of public record, as shown on her death certificate at left. The informant thought her birth date was Nov. 11, 1838.

Markers *in the works*



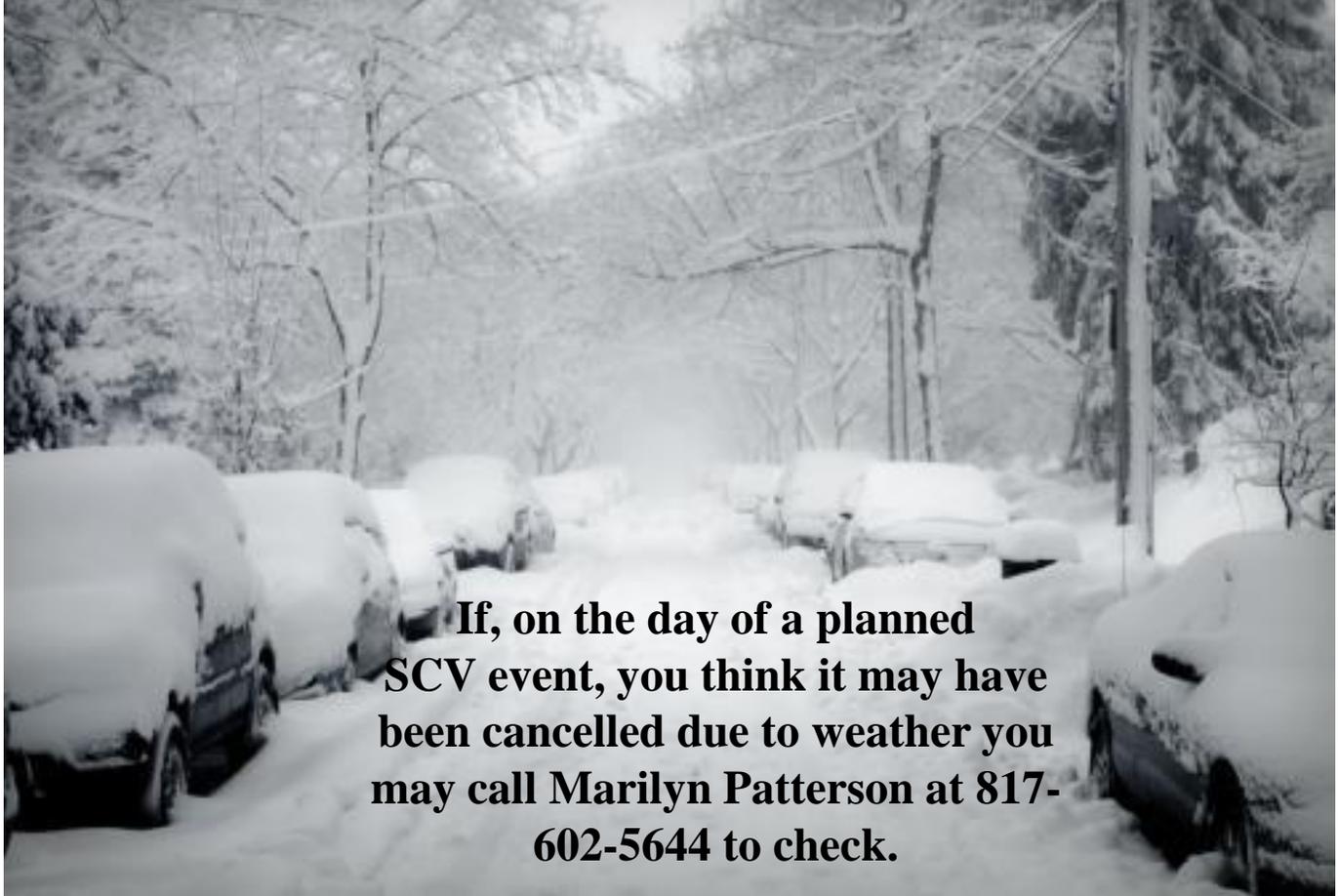
Now that our grant from the Society of the Order of the Southern Cross has been approved, we're in business through next summer.

In January we'll place a marker for Moses Allen of Co. H, 32nd 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 has his death date six years off. That'll be our third one using the new OSC grant.

In February we'll be placing a stone in Bedford Cemetery for Amos H. Morris, an ordnance sergeant in Co. E, 8th Tennessee Infantry. Read his story in February's newsletter.

In March we'll be staying close to home, placing a stone in Parker Memorial Cemetery in Grapevine for John Driskill, a member of McGinnis' Company, 20th Brigade, Texas Militia.

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



If, on the day of a planned SCV event, you think it may have been cancelled due to weather you may call Marilyn Patterson at 817-602-5644 to check.

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- Get more Exercise
- Read more correct WBTS History
- Come to more SCV meetings.
- Lose Weight
- Learn about your ancestors regiment.
- Support the Virginia Flappers
- Become an expert on some WBTS topic.
- Come and help us set a vet's store.
- Visit the Texas Civil War Museum

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Thanks to everyone who helped with our marker program in 2017!



James Alderman, Caleb Allcock, Festus Allcock, Sarah Biles, Shawn Clark, Jack Dyess, Jack Edwards, Clay Fitzhugh, Kristen Giesecke, Bob Gresham, Ervin Hauk, Steve Huckabee, Dawn Kelly, Kyle Lewis, Chuck Marks, Kent Mathews, Richard McCook, David McLaughlin, Mickey Mumford, Ron Parker, Marilyn Patterson, Mike Patterson, Tammy Patterson, Don Reed, Donna Reed, Ethan Russell, Tom Russell, David Sanders, Dan Shaw, Joe Smith, Richard Smoot, David Stewart, Paul Stewart, Teresa Stewart, Tom Trawick, Michael Upchurch, Michael Vinson, Joe Wade, Linda Wade, Shane Woodward, Matt Worthington, Ryan Worthington

We apologize if we've left anyone off the list.

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



Last October the whole country was shocked at the brutal death of Richardson's Sherin Mathews, age 3, allegedly at the hands of her adoptive parents.

The whole community drew closer to each other. One of them, Gene Champagne, is an employee of Jersey Mike's Subs in Colleyville.

Mr. Champagne attended the ribbon-cutting at Worthington's new Colleyville store in late October. He registered and won one of the two door prizes donated by Worthington's...in this instance a granite bench, including engraving and installation.

It didn't take Mr. Champagne long to realize he'd won the drawing for a reason, he said ...to erect a lasting memorial to little Sherin.

He and the Worthingtons got busy on a design, and the finished bench was dedicated in Richardson's Restland Cemetery on Saturday, December 23.

Take a look at the media attention, complete with videotape, at

<http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/dallas-county/permanent-memorial-for-sherin-mathews-in-richardson/502563967>



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mike@worthingtontx.com*

Grapevine veteran of 17th Tennessee Infantry met violent end in Fort Worth

When William H. Churchman registered at the 1884 Confederate Veterans Reunion held in Dallas he said he was a resident of Grapevine, Tarrant County and a veteran of Co. D, 17th Tennessee Infantry.

Mr. Churchman enlisted as a private in Co. D, 17th Tennessee Infantry, at Camp Harris, Tennessee on May 20, 1861 for a term of twelve months. Like most Confederate soldiers, his official records preserved in the National Archives are spotty and generally yield only a few specific details, rather than a broad sweep of battles, marches, etc. The records show him absent for duty for a time beginning on March 7, 1862. He re-enlisted when his initial term was over. He spent some time in a hospital in September or October 1862, and he was sent to a hospital at Shelbyville, Tennessee on December 18, 1862. He was sent home to recover on that date. He was in the hospital at Tunnel Hill, Georgia for neuralgia from May 18 to June 1, 1863. He was placed on detached service as a division teamster on the supply train on June 17, 1863 by special order no. 14 by Maj. General Stewart. He was paid sixty-six dollars pay for the period April 30 through October 31, 1863, and received the money on December 2 following. The last surviving records of his service show that he received an issue of clothing on January 8, 1864.

The 17th Tennessee Infantry was engaged in many of the major engagements of the War, including Perryville, Kentucky; Murfreesboro,



Tennessee; and Chickamauga, Georgia. After being transferred to the Army of Northern Virginia it fought in Virginia at Drewry's Bluff, Petersburg, and Hatcher's Run. It was with General Lee's Army at the surrender at Appomattox Court House. Of over one thousand men who had served in the regiment, about seventy remained at the time of the surrender.

William H. Churchman was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee on August 18, 1838. Family researchers say he was a son of Rufus Jackson Churchman (1814-1880) and Rachel Kinder (1816-1883). Two of his descendants, Wayne and Vici Churchman, have an excellent family history and genealogy website from which much of the information in this biography was taken. It may be found at

<http://www.churchman.org/default.asp>

By the time the 1880 census was taken, Mr. Churchman's wife had died and he was living in a mixed family with his parents, some of his

William H. Churchman, cont.

siblings, and some of his children in District 10 of Franklin County, Tennessee. Family sources report that Mr. Churchman brought his family to northeast Tarrant County about 1883 or 1884. He attended the Confederate veterans' reunion held at Dallas, Texas on August 6-9, 1884, and gave a Grapevine address when he registered.

The Tarrant County tax lists show that in 1885 William H. Churchman owned one-half acre of the Ambrose Foster survey, which is in the area of the old downtown and residential district of Grapevine. He also owned fifteen hogs worth thirty dollars, and ten dollars in personal property. There aren't any places in Northeast Tarrant County now where the city government would let you have one hog, let alone fifteen.

William H. Churchman died November 6, 1895 and was buried at Lonesome Dove. His stone is shown at right. The following article reporting his death appeared in the *Fort Worth Gazette* on November 7, 1895:



A PROBABLE MURDER

DEATH OF W. H. CHURCHMAN NEAR GRAPEVINE.

The Old Farmer Who Was Found Under the Railroad Bridge. Robbery and Murder.

W. H. Churchman, the old farmer who was found under the Fort Worth and Denver railroad bridge last Friday night, died yesterday morning at his home near Grapevine.

When found the man's head and face were badly crushed and his shoulders had been dislocated. He was in an insensible condition when removed to the city hall and never regained entire consciousness. He was taken thence to the hospital and was afterwards

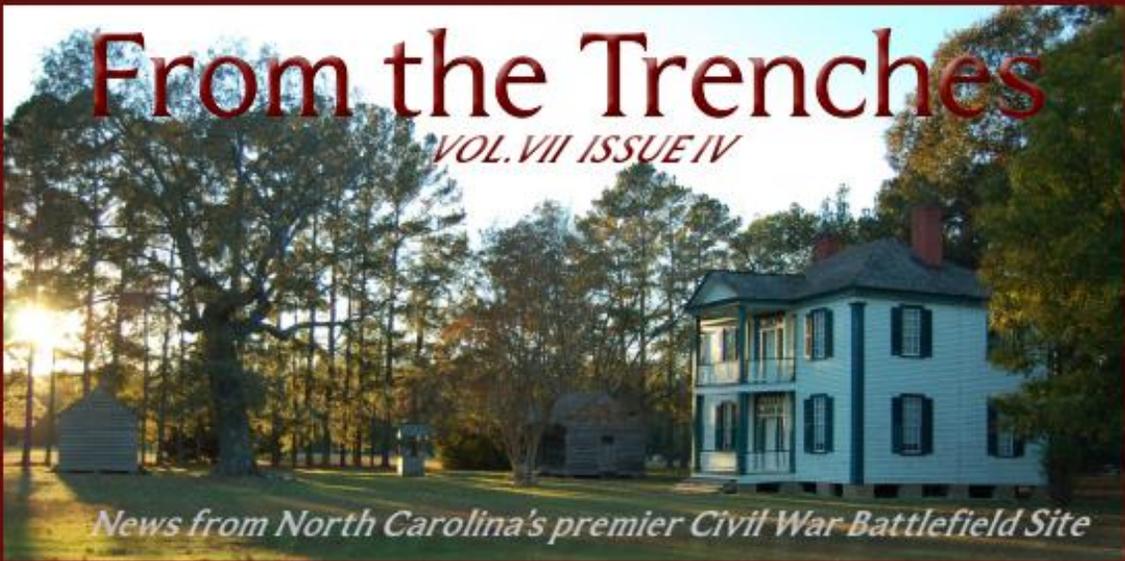
removed to his home in the country, between Grapevine and Roanoke, where he died.

It was at first thought that he had fallen from the railroad bridge while attempting to cross it, and thus received his fatal injuries, but it has since developed that there are strong grounds to believe that he was robbed and murdered. The police made a thorough investigation of the locality where Churchman was found, and say they think that it is highly improbable that he could have fallen through the bridge, or that he fell from it. The theory of the police is that the old man was decoyed by some one Friday night, robbed of considerable money he was known to have on him, and then murdered and thrown under the railroad bridge. The position of the body when found and other circumstances makes this theory very plausible. When the old man came to the city Friday he was seen to have a roll of bills in a small pocketbook. When found that night, only a nickel was to be found in his pocket.

As he died without regaining consciousness, and was unable to tell where he had been that fatal night or in whose company, it is now impossible to obtain any clue, and the affair will probably remain one of those mysterious tragedies so frequently found in the annals of crime.

From the Trenches

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News from North Carolina's premier Civil War Battlefield Site

Cole Plantation Trail Opens

BY: DEAN HARRY

The following article contains portions of an address given by Friends of Bentonville Battlefield President, Dean Harry, during the opening ceremony.

The American Civil War was fought to settle the meaning of democracy in America. Were the states of the union merely somewhat bound by a central government but independent in internal affairs, or had the Declaration of

battlefield is told accurately and, as much as possible, in its entirety. The battlefield contains thousands of yards of earthworks and hundreds of acres of ground over which two tremendous armies struggled for three days in March of 1865. Recently Friends members joined State officials, the Bentonville staff, descendants of war time property owners and other interested parties on the battlefield to commemorate the opening of a trail section where

way to understand what happened and why. Civil war veterans often revisited the battlefields where they had fought, drawn by the memories of their sacrifices and of long lost comrades.

One such veteran was Major General Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. In 1903, thirty-nine years after he was severely wounded at Petersburg, Virginia, Chamberlain, visited the battlefield where twenty-

Thanks to Compatriot James Alderman for bringing this to our attention. It's the newsletter of the Bentonville, North Carolina battlefield association. The lead article mentions a visit to the battlefield many years ago by Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, a Union vet most famous for his initiative at Gettysburg.

His perspective on battlefield conservation is quite interesting. Read the article at:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/00b2814d9b3b5d5c267b0c73d/files/3d8962d0-5cab-4376-8164-116fecefb8d6/Fall_2017.pdf



We appreciate the helping hands of...

...James Alderman, Bob Gresham, Chuck Marks, Clay Fitzhugh, Marilyn Patterson, and Mike Patterson who came to help install Whittenburg's stone on December 2.

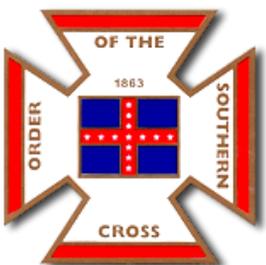
....James Alderman for taking us (before daylight) to Rendon to pick up Moses Allen's stone, and for bringing us back to Colleyville.

....Kristen Giesecke of Worthington Monuments for doing our drawings for our February and March stones, and to Matt and Ryan Worthington and their other staff members for continuing to help us with our program.

....Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh for keeping us updated on the developing situations with the Forrest and Davis statues in Memphis.

....Tammy Patterson and Marilyn Patterson for proofreading this issue of the newsletter.

....The Society of the Order of the Southern Cross, for the funding we received which will finance our marker program into next fall.



THE SOCIETY OF THE
ORDER OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Wagon wheels

Wagon wheels were as much a part of our Confederate ancestors' lives as car tires are of ours today.

This modern - day craftsman at work fills us with awe at his skill. Take electricity out of the mix and imagine what our ancestors went through to make wagon wheels from tough hickory, oak, and ash trees which first had to be felled and sawn and lathed.



The talented gentleman in these videos is Dave Engel of Montana, one of the premier living wheelwrights. Visit his site at <http://engelscoachshop.com/> One of his DVDs would make an excellent gift for anyone in your life who enjoys woodworking or pioneer crafts.

Take a look at these three interesting items on You Tube to get an idea of this man's amazing work.

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

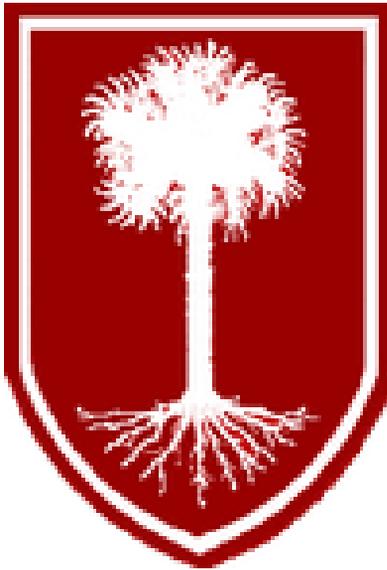
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EooePm48oWc>

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Take a look at the site and see the wide range of materials there.

<https://www.abbevilleinstitute.org/>

The Abbeville Institute was founded in 2002 by a group of scholars in history, literature, philosophy, religion, and other disciplines who conducted a conference on “Modernity and the Southern Tradition” at the University of Virginia. They were concerned that the Southern tradition is no longer taught in colleges and universities except as a function of the ideological needs of others.

With few exceptions, the Southern tradition is presented as little more than the story of racism and slavery. Eugene Genovese, a distinguished historian of the South—a Northerner and a man of the left—has been a rare voice in criticizing this effort to purge the Southern tradition and its symbols from the American landscape.



Watch a short introduction to the Institute by Donald W. Livingston at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOqvP7YyrEI>

You might also enjoy:



By John Marquardt on Dec. 4, 2017, commenting on a Fox News interview with John Kelly, a former Marine Corps general currently serving as Trump's White House Chief of Staff.

<https://www.abbeyvilleinstitute.org/blog/through-a-lens-darkly/>



Re-Humanizing Johnny Reb, by Travis Archie, an independent historian from Missouri, published June 28, 2017.

<https://www.abbeyvilleinstitute.org/blog/re-humanizing-johnny-reb/>



Yes, this photograph was taken in the same Dallas where the city council voted to immediately take down the bronze statue of Robert E. Lee. The statue had stood proudly in Lee Park since 1936, when the President of the United States came personally to Dallas to dedicate it. Just another example of people who learned history the way it didn't happen, and think they know better than the people who lived it.

TAKS is a reference to the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test, one in a long line of standardized tests administered over the years by the Texas Education Agency. In a 2010 report issued by the TEA, forty-two Dallas campuses appeared on the dreaded "worst in state" list. No other district, not even Houston (with twenty-five), had more. Fort Worth had twenty-three.

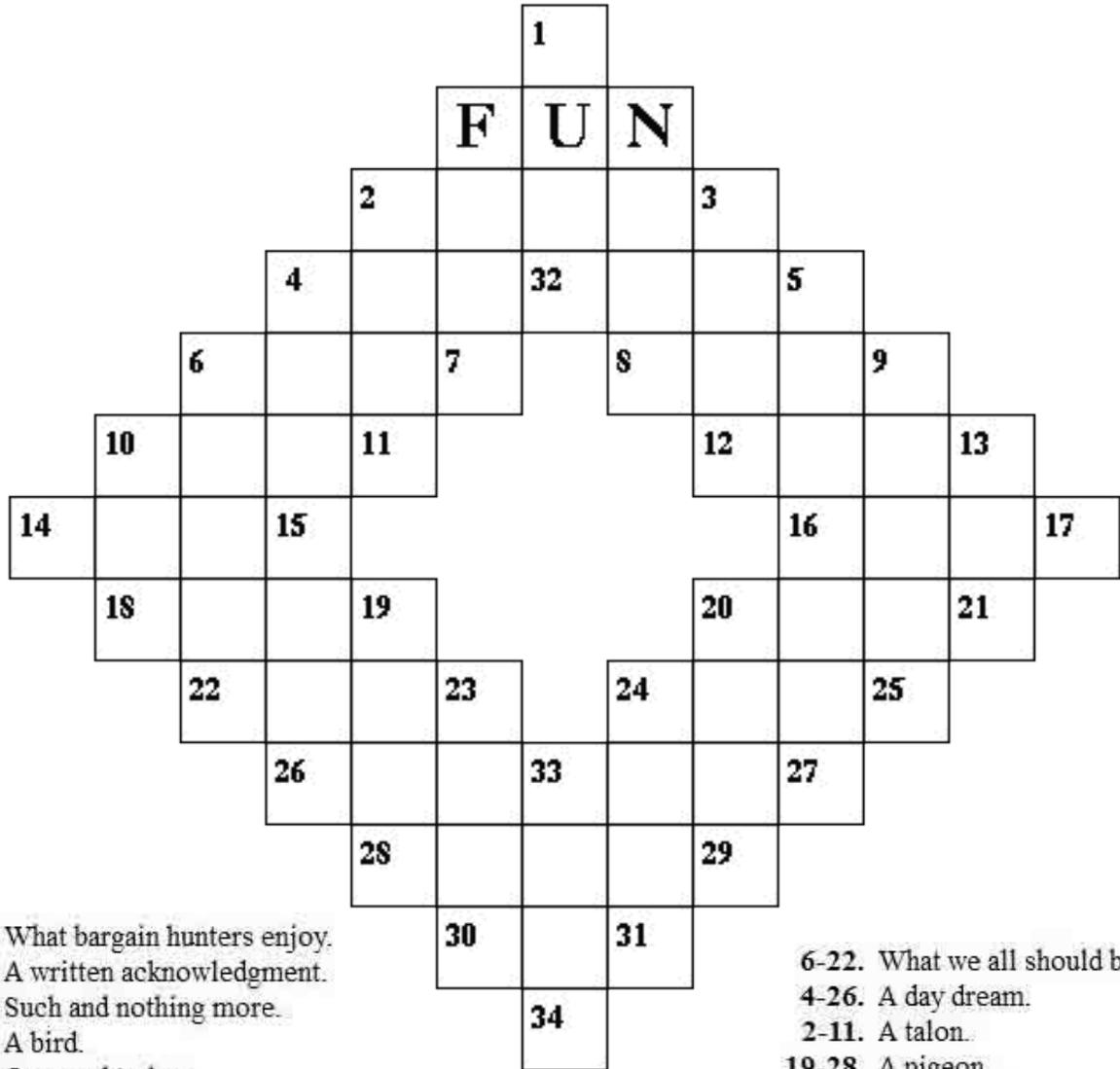


“The highest form of ignorance is when you reject something you don't know anything about.”

Wayne Dyer (1940-2015),
American philosopher,
author of *Your Erroneous
Zones*

Brain teaser from a century ago

Thousands of WBTS veterans, North and South, probably tried their hands at this one. The work of a journalist named Arthur Wynne from Liverpool, England, it was the very first crossword puzzle published. It appeared in the *New York World* on Dec. 21, 1913.



- 2-3. What bargain hunters enjoy.
- 4-5. A written acknowledgment.
- 6-7. Such and nothing more.
- 10-11. A bird.
- 14-15. Opposed to less.
- 18-19. What this puzzle is.
- 22-23. An animal of prey.
- 26-27. The close of a day.
- 28-29. To elude.
- 30-31. The plural of is.
- 8-9. To cultivate.
- 12-13. A bar of wood or iron.
- 16-17. What artists learn to do.
- 20-21. Fastened.
- 24-25. Found on the seashore.
- 10-18. The fibre of the gomuti palm.

- 6-22. What we all should be.
- 4-26. A day dream.
- 2-11. A talon.
- 19-28. A pigeon.
- F-7. Part of your head.
- 23-30. A river in Russia.
- 1-32. To govern.
- 33-34. An aromatic plant.
- N-8. A fist.
- 24-31. To agree with.
- 3-12. Part of a ship.
- 20-29. One.
- 5-27. Exchanging.
- 9-25. To sink in mud.
- 13-21. A boy.

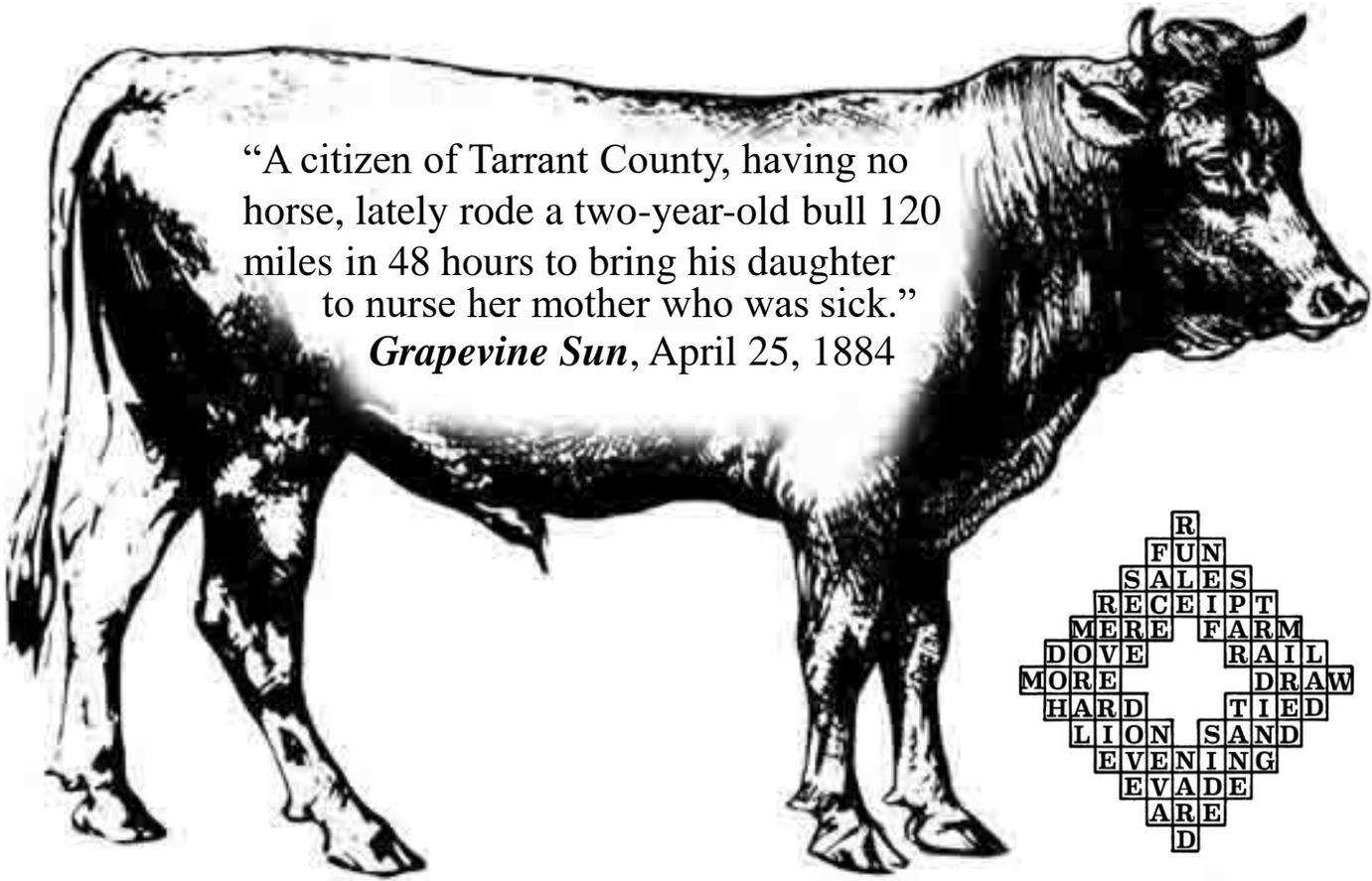
Solution is
found on page
27 of this
newsletter.

Know someone who suddenly has lots of time on his hands and needs to put the pieces back together?



By this time in our lives, many of us are facing the end of our working careers. For some, it's our own choice. For others, it's the women in our lives who helped make the decision for us.

If you have a friend in this category (hopefully not in Al's fix) who may have some Confederate ancestors and who might like to become a part of our group, let us know a few details about him. We'll see if he has any Southern patriots in his background.



“A citizen of Tarrant County, having no horse, lately rode a two-year-old bull 120 miles in 48 hours to bring his daughter to nurse her mother who was sick.”

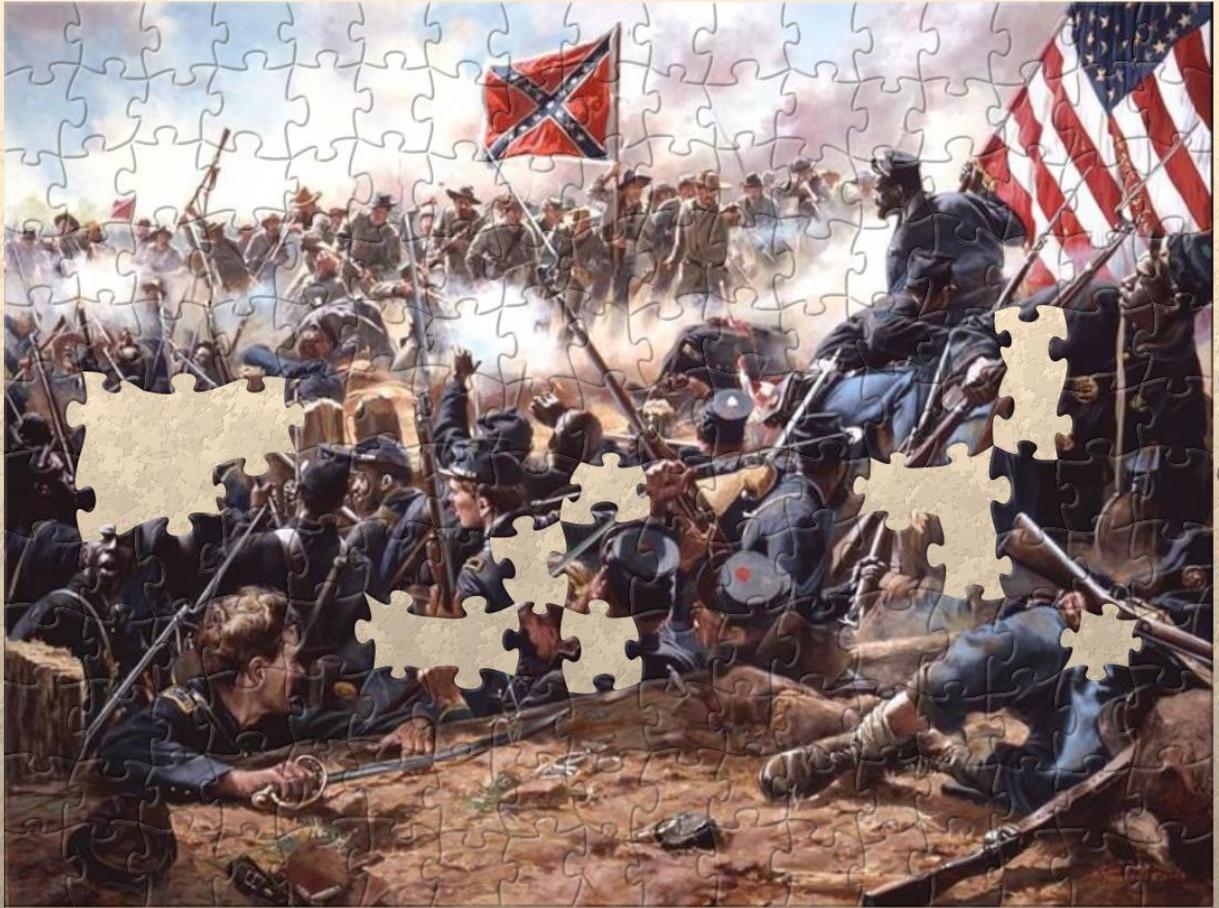
Grapevine Sun, April 25, 1884



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 make 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.

January's puzzle...



<http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=38b5bbe44920>

...is a painting of the Siege of Petersburg, which was dragging on in January, 1865. We were unable to learn the artist's name. We even tried contacting the Petersburg Battlefield park but got no response.

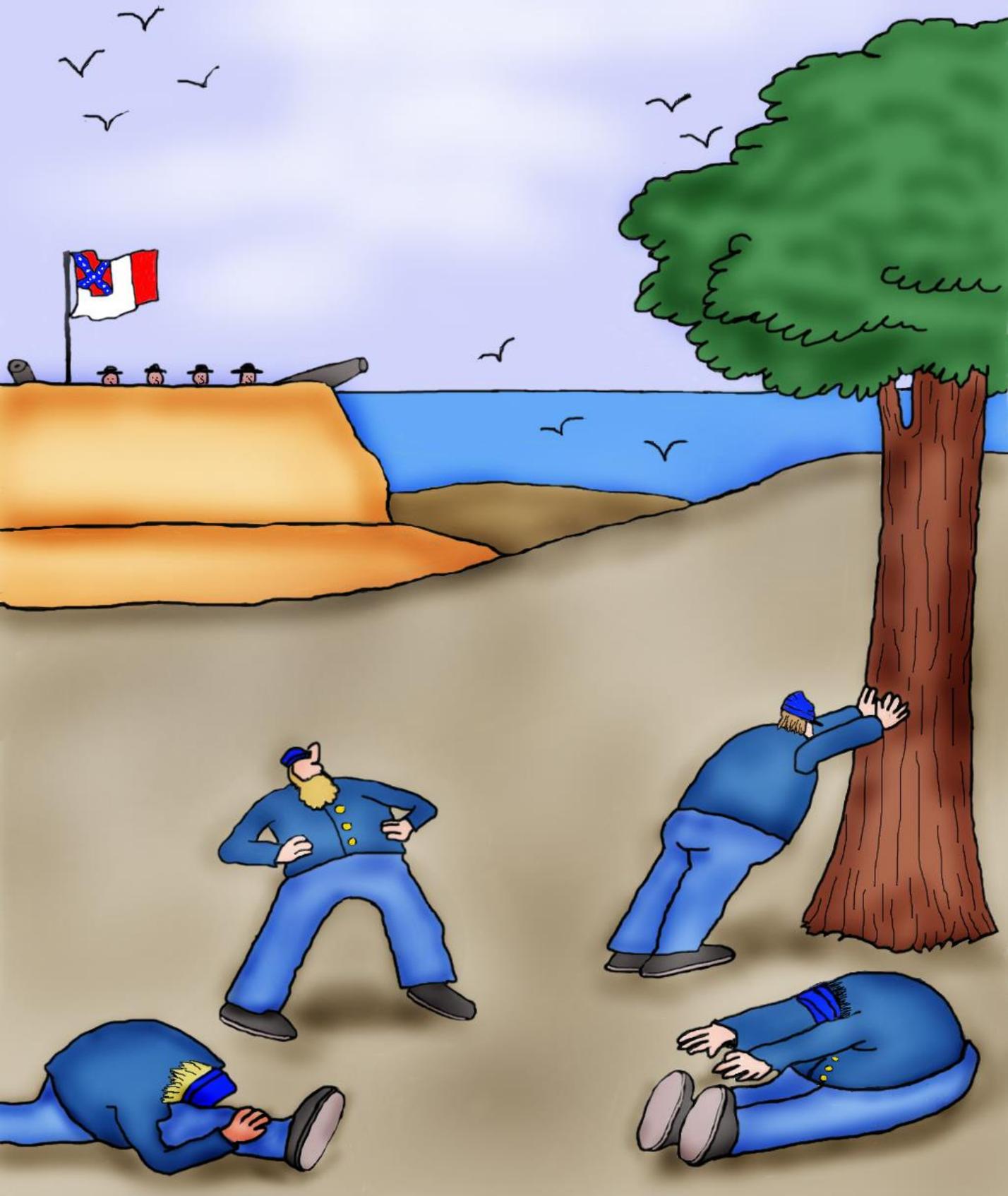
Go to the URL shown above. You'll find the puzzle in the shape the last person there left it.

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.

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.



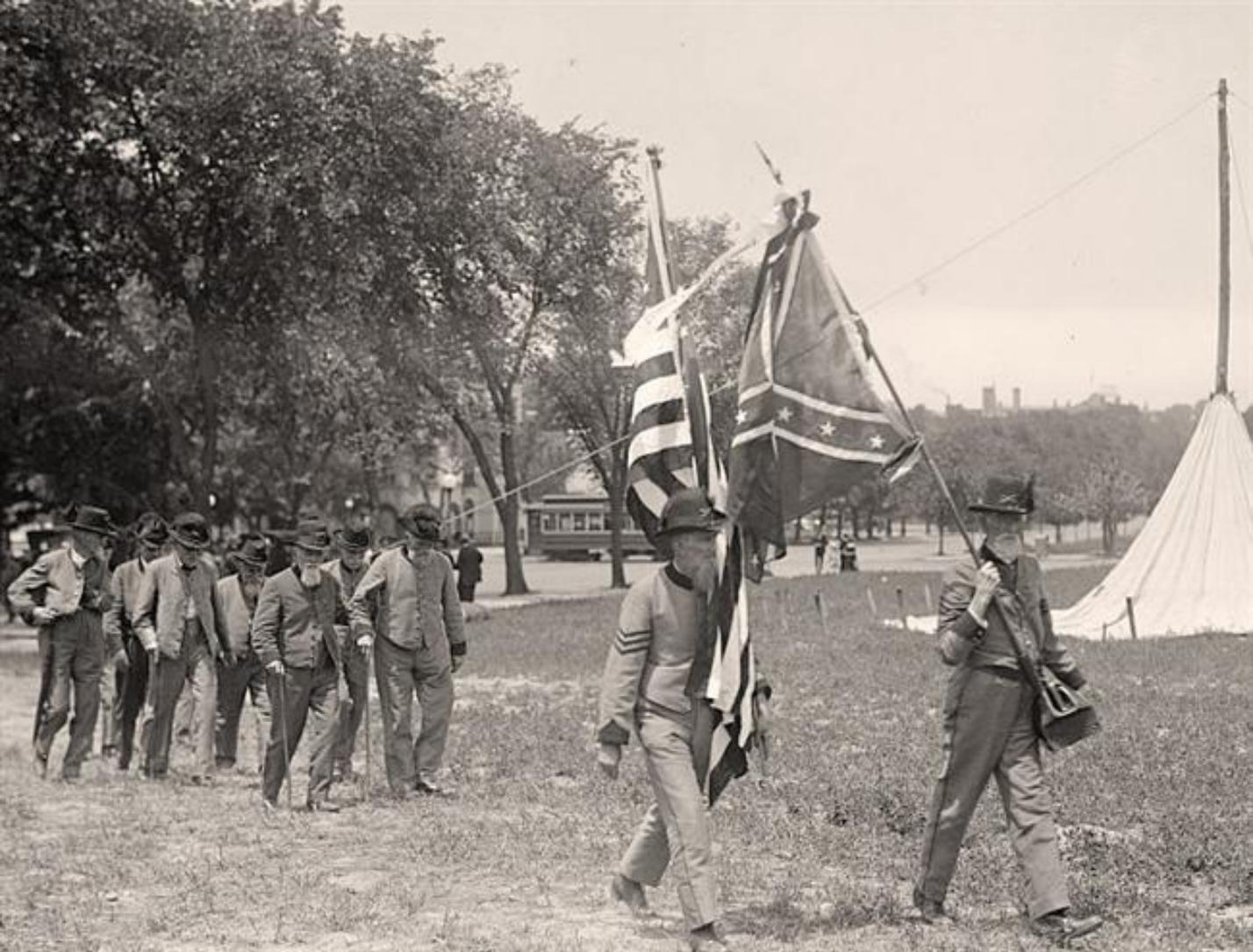
Co. A, the “Syracuse Snowflakes” of the 123rd N. Y. Infantry, get ready to assault Fort Fisher, North Carolina.

Coming soon...

Jan. 20, 2018
Join us at White's
Chapel Cemetery in
Southlake to install
Moses Allen's stone.
9 a.m.

Jan. 25, 2018
Regular monthly E.
W. Taylor Camp
meeting. Eat at 6,
meet at 7, out by
8:30.

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.



"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**