



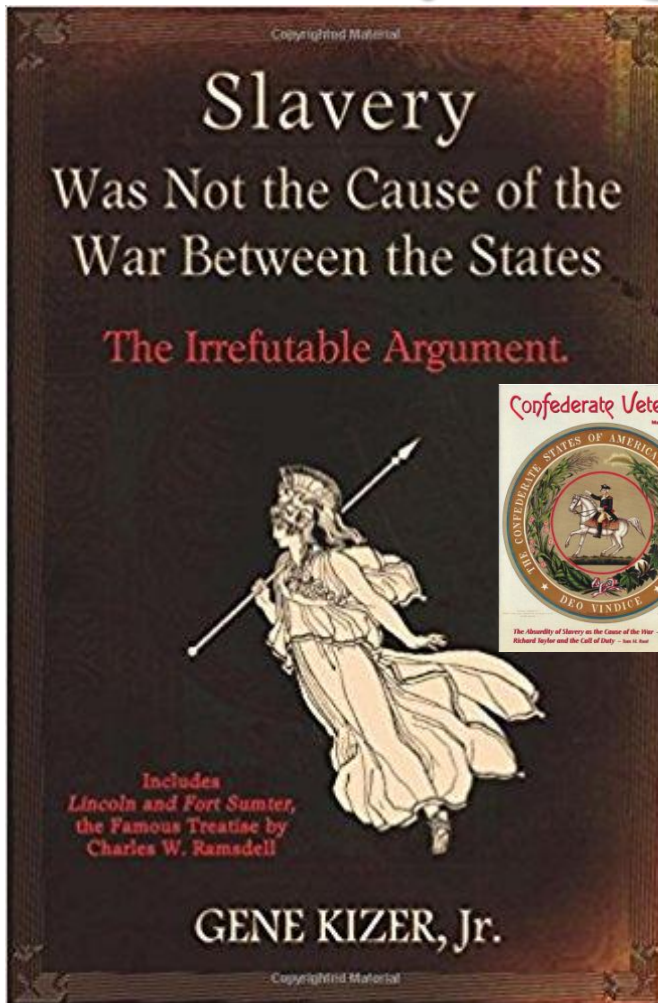
Col. E. W. Taylor Camp #1777

NEWSLETTER

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

February.....2018

February Program...Feb. 22

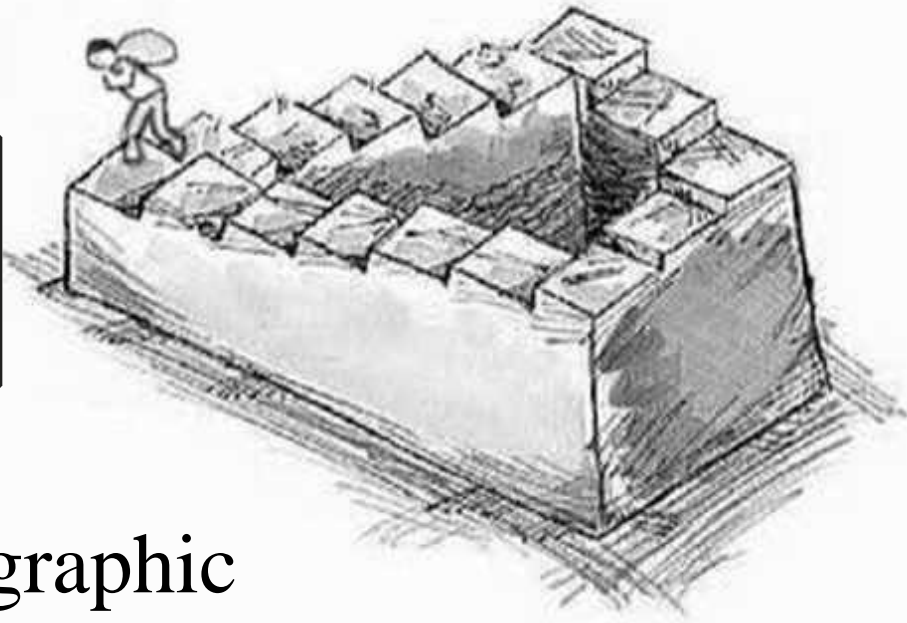


The material in this presentation is entirely the work of Mr. Kizer.

Written by Gene Kizer, Jr., and condensed by him for the March/April 2017 issue of the *Confederate Veteran*.

Last March at our meeting we presented an illustrated verbatim version of Mr. Kizer's magazine condensation. Some people at the meeting said it was the best presentation on the subject they'd ever heard. Some asked it be presented to their camp meetings also. Some said it should be presented to every SCV camp at least once each year, so

CONFEDERATE LIVES STILL MATTER

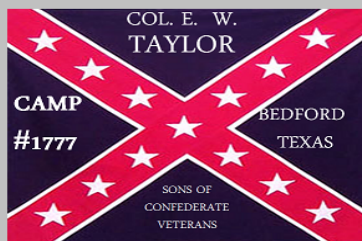


This is a graphic illustration of what you're up against trying to give correct information to someone who knows nothing about the WBTS, but thinks he does.

One way to learn correct history is to read what's been written by the people who have put prejudice aside and actually looked at the issues.

Join us at our February meeting to get the insight of a real scholar, Mr. Gene Kizer, Jr.

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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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@gmail.com

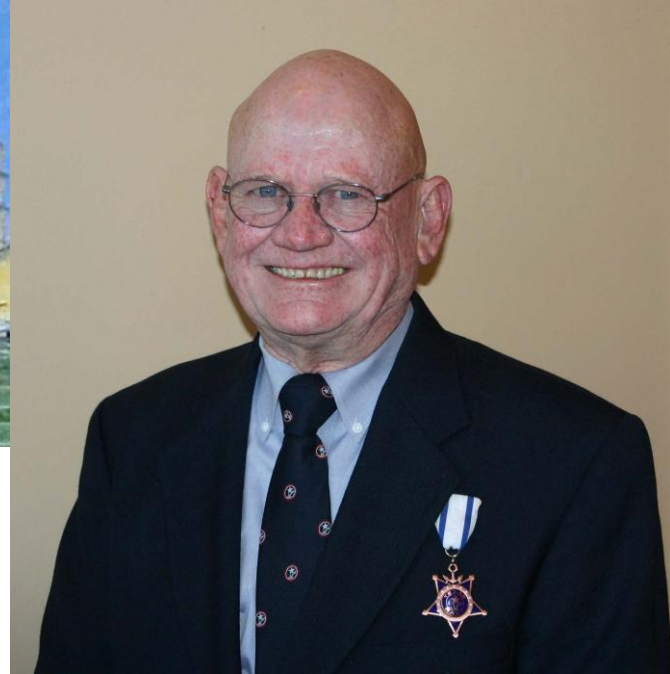
Our meetings are on the last Thursday of each month, except November and December when we don't meet because it would always conflict with the holidays.

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.

Thanks to Compatriot Jack Dyess for an excellent program on the Republic of Texas Navy!



We thank our friend and compatriot Jack Dyess for an excellent and informative program on the *two* navies of the Republic of Texas.



Everyone in the place learned something he didn't know about the subject, guaranteed. Jack's expertise in sailing gave his presentation an added sparkle which no one else could have added.

This editor's favorite part was the story of the only day in history when a fleet of wooden-hulled sailing ships with smoothbore guns defeated a navy in iron-sided ships with steam engines and rifled guns. Hurray for the Texian commander's skill, tactics, and the heavy fog.

March 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 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@gmail.com

We already have a good start on this program! Please send in your photo and let's make it even better!

Get on the bandwagon and send us your kid pictures!

*This one's gonna be tons o'fun, and it'll be lots better if
you're at the meeting and in the show.*



Here's a little preview. Two of these are present, active members of the E. W. Taylor Camp, and one's a world-famous movie star who recently died at the age of 80. Can you guess who's who?

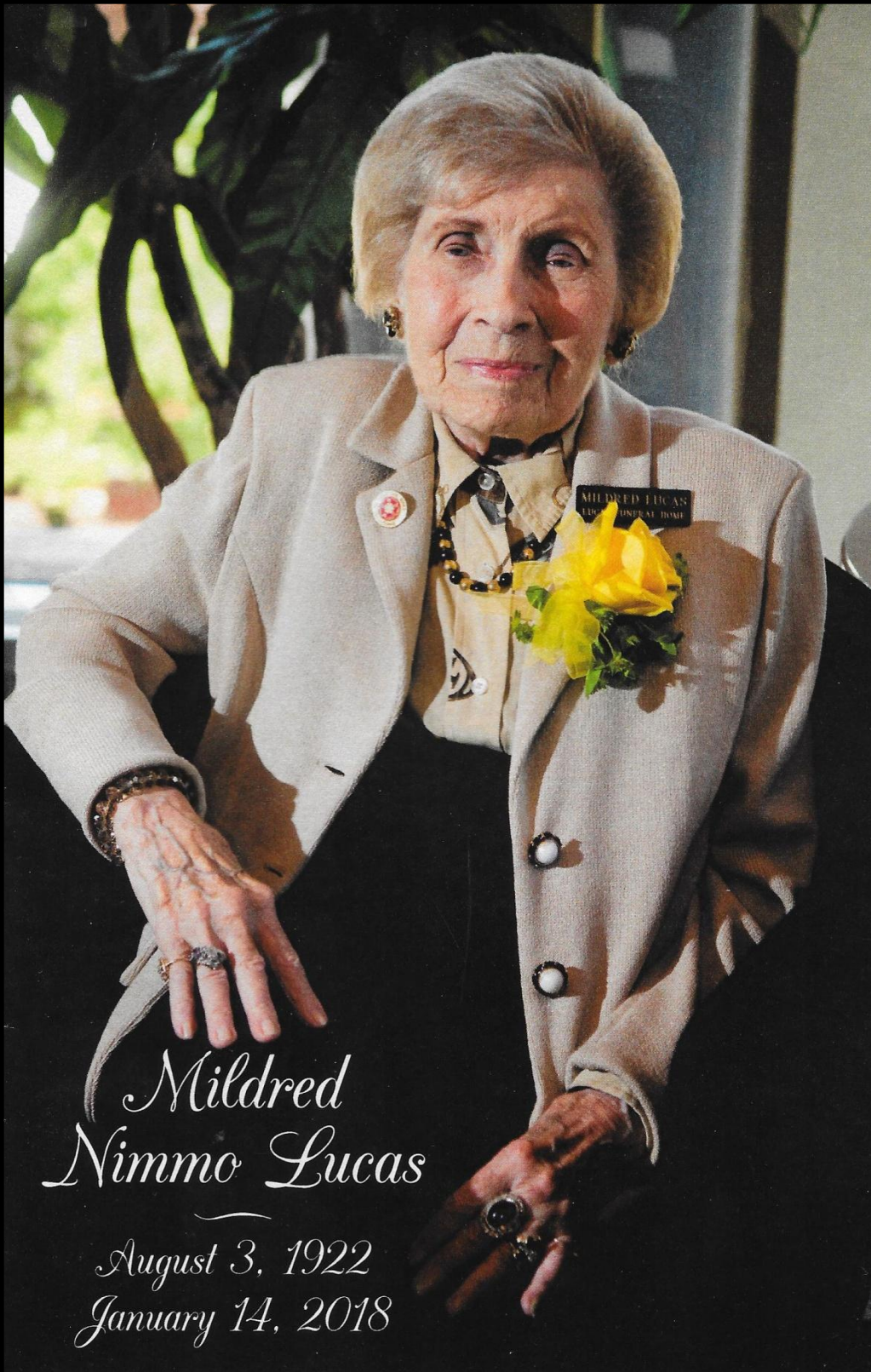
They walk (and drive) among us.

Your editor and his wife noticed that our next-door neighbor, Jim, had a new Toyota. We asked him about it, and he said a lady had run into him and totaled his other car, a Honda CRV.

Jim was sitting still on the highway at a light, idling in the left-turn lane. A lady rolled up beside him, in the straight-ahead lane. Suddenly, with no light change and no warning, she barreled into his right front. When they got out to exchange insurance and talk to the police, she explained what happened. "I turned on my GPS to check my route, and it said 'turn left now' so I did."

Apparently, all this talk about "smart cars" online made her think she already had one.





*Mildred
Nimmo Lucas*

*August 3, 1922
January 14, 2018*

Matriarch of NE Tarrant family passes at age 95.

See story on the following page.

Lucas family now in business here for more than 150 years

After going into business on Grapevine Prairie in the early 1860's and selling caskets as a sideline, the Lucas Funeral Homes evolved over the years. The Lucas family buried many of our Confederate veterans, their wives, and children.

Mildred Nimmo Lucas, who was laid to rest in Bear Creek Cemetery on Saturday, January 20, should be an inspiration to us all. When she married Bobby Joe Lucas in 1942, (above right) little did she know she would become an integral part of the funeral industry here.

Bobby Joe Lucas returned home after three years in the Navy in World War II, and they started a family while he worked in the Lucas funeral business. Their son was killed in a hunting accident in 1962, and Bobby Joe unexpectedly died less than two weeks later.

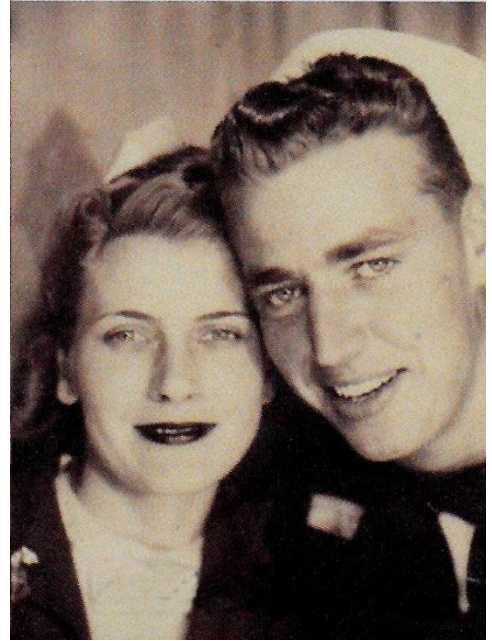
Mildred was faced with raising her family and providing for them. She entered the mortuary school in Dallas, driving back and forth to school each day from Fort Worth, and graduated in 1966 with a degree in Mortuary Science.

She never looked back, but went to work with a will. A working widow for fifty-six years, she helped direct a funeral at their Sylvania location on the day before she died.

Three of Mildred's four great-grandfathers were Confederate soldiers: Joel P. Nimmo (1829-1880) of Co. B, 36th Virginia Infantry; Walter Braley Glenn (1830-1913) of Co. C, Tom Green's Texas Cavalry; and Samuel Alexander Maloney (1840-1914), of Co. H, 3rd Georgia Cavalry.

She was immensely proud of all her ancestors, and was a member of the Daughters of the American Colonists, Daughters of Colonial Wars, Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the War of 1812, and Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Mildred's grandson, Jimmy Lucas, sees to it each year that the E. W. Taylor Camp has a prominent part in the Memorial Day Observance at Keller's Historic Mount Gilead Cemetery. The entire SCV sends its condolences to the Lucas family.



She is survived by two children, nine grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Confederates still present in 2018 Stock Show Parade and along its route, despite flag ban by parade officials



Read the local coverage of this year's Stock Show Parade in Fort Worth, including coverage of Confederate flagging along the route. The online link is below.

Up to this point, almost no You Tube video has been posted of the parade. We were unable to see any SCV presence or flagging in the little that's been posted.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/fw-stock-show/article194592989.html>

Petitioning Tarrant County Commissioners Court

Take down the Confederate monument at the Tarrant County Courthouse!

Tarrant County Equality Union

A monument near the entrance of the Tarrant County Courthouse honors Confederate soldiers and their descendants who fought in other wars. This monument is offensive and intimidating to many who enter the courthouse hoping for equal justice.

The Tarrant County Commissioners Court has the power to remove this Confederate monument.

This Confederate monument honors those who took up arms against our country in defense of the institution of slavery. This Confederate monument is contrary to the ideal of equal justice for all that we strive for in the courthouse which sits behind it. In 1953, this Confederate monument was a gift from the Daughters of the Confederacy, an organization that

defended segregation and white supremacy in the face of the emerging civil rights movement in this country.

Monuments are placed in public places to honor acts that show our country and community at its best. There is no honor in what this Confederate monument stands for. There is no denying what this Confederate monument stands for.

It should stand no more.

The Tarrant County Commissioners Court should immediately remove this Confederate monument from the Tarrant County Courthouse lawn so it shall no longer cast a shadow on equal justice for all of us.

We'll devote several pages to this petition in this issue.

It would have been better if this group had gotten the same person who read the memorial to them in the first place to proofread their petition before they put it online.

Sign this petition

500

500 have signed. Let's get to 1,000.

First name

Last name


Email

 Share with Facebook friends

Sign

☒ Keep me updated on this campaign and others from Tarrant County Equality Union

☒ Display my name and comment on this petition

 You can trust us to keep your information safe.

By signing, you accept Change.org's [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#), and agree to receive occasional emails about campaigns on Change.org. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Pardon us for running something with tiny text, but we wanted to get a screen-grab of this petition as they initially posted it and garnered nearly 500 signatures with it. This is as it was 1/21/2018.

Tarrant County Confederate Monument comes under fire. How original.



A group called the Tarrant County equality union has posted an online petition to ask the commissioners' court to remove the monument. The TCeu makes some interesting statements and uses some unusual spellings and English usage choices. Everyone should remember you get only one chance to make a good first impression on your readers.

We're *sure it was just an oversight* that most of the granite marker was cut out of the photo above. The first part of the petition proclaims that "A monument near the entrance of the Tarrant County Courthouse honors Confederate soldiers and their descendants [sic] who fought in other wars. This monument is offensive and intimidating to many who enter the courthouse hoping for equal justice." Is "equal justice" redundant?

Where shall we begin? A "decedent" is a dead person. A "descendant" is the child, grandchild, etc. of another person. "Decendant" is a misspelling of one of those two words; we assume of the second one.

As always, trying to have an intelligent discussion about the WBTS with someone who doesn't know anything about it is like playing chess with a pigeon. Haven't heard that one? Google it.

Monument on Court House grounds, cont.

As you can see at below left, there's more to the memorial than the TCeu would have you believe. Lots more. No *law-abiding* person should ever feel intimidated to go into the court house, nor should they be intimidated by Confederate soldiers or World War I soldiers (all of whom are now dead). Most combatants of World War II have gone on to their reward, and the ones who are still with us are all in their low nineties, at least. They are heroes, period.

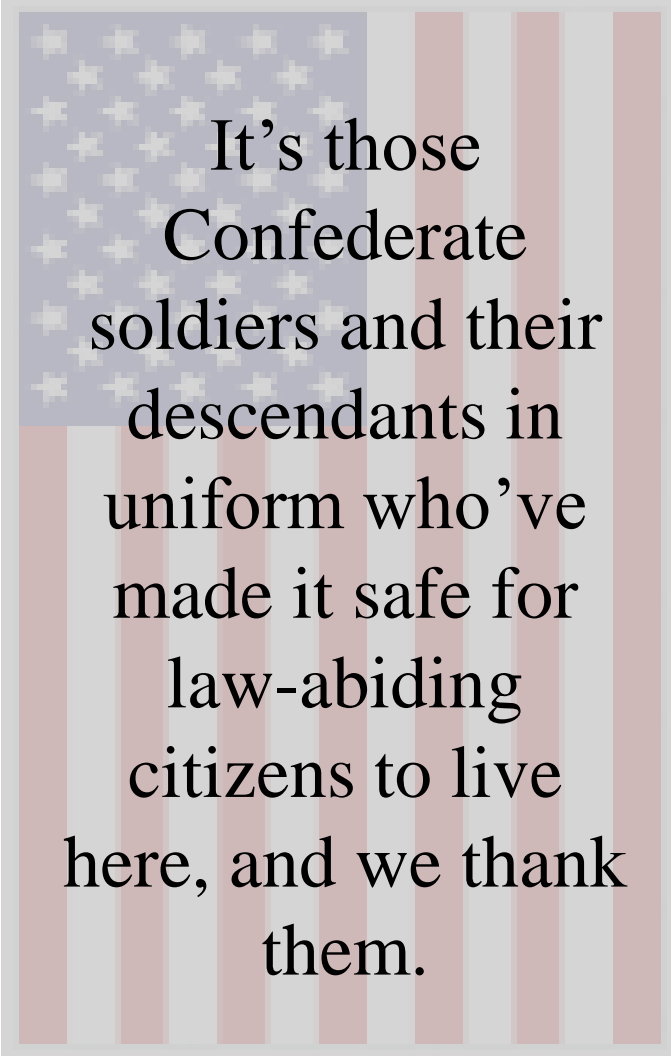
We have a system of laws and law-enforcement in place which usually works out quite well, even for repentant first-offenders. The district attorney's office brings some cases before the grand jury, and a fraction of those cases make it to trial. A fraction of

those cases ever result in a verdict, because defendants usually take a realistic look at what they've done and take a plea-bargain.

We're reminding our readers of these things because 99.9% of us have seen these things only on TV, and not in real life. I don't personally know anyone who's ever been intimidated to enter a county court house, but apparently there are at least five hundred (out of a population of 1.98 million in this county) who have. It would be interesting to know how many of those 500 people have *never* set foot in Tarrant County, and never will.



Monument on Court House grounds, cont.

The background of the text box is a stylized American flag with stars in the upper left and vertical stripes. The text is centered over this background.

It's those
Confederate
soldiers and their
descendants in
uniform who've
made it safe for
law-abiding
citizens to live
here, and we thank
them.

Then there's the assertion that the Daughters of the Confederacy was "an organization that defended segregation and white supremacy in the face our [sic] (we assume they meant "of") the emerging civil rights movement in this country." I hadn't realized until now what a voice the UDC was years ago in keeping segregation and white supremacy the status quo. I guess I wasn't paying attention.

The petition continues: *"This Confederate monument honors those who took up arms against our country in defense of slavery."* This is simply untrue on many levels. At the beginning, even President

Lincoln himself said he had no inclination to interfere with slavery where it existed. It was the North's president who called for troops to invade the South, and that was to avoid the North's precarious economic position should the South leave the Union. Period.

Lincoln only interjected slavery into the mix when he became alarmed that both Britain and France might recognize the Confederacy. Coming in on the South's side would have been unpopular in Europe after Lincoln's emancipation proclamation.

For years agitators have been claiming that the monument was erected as a reaction to the Brown vs. Board of Education case. Brown was decided in 1954, but the monument was erected in 1953 after years in the planning stage. In regard to the next paragraph, most English writers have realized for over a century that it's poor form to end a sentence with a preposition. What's worse? Ending two in a row that way.

But realistically and all things considered, the preposition thing's not such a big deal. Standard English is going the way of common sense and patriotism. In the last few years we've been told to overlook, accept, and even agree with all manner of things in society our parents would have choked on twenty years ago.

Thankfully, the petition has a final paragraph, which concludes "...so it shall no longer casts [sic] a shadow on equal justice for all of us." At least it's over. (oops...ended with a preposition...sorry)

In reference to the preceding pages, here are the people in county government who need to get letters.



Left to right, Roy Charles Brooks, Pct. 1; Andy H. Nguyen, Pct.. 2; B. Glen Whitley, Co. Judge; Gary Fickes, Pct. 3; and J. D. Johnson, Pct. 4.



A further reading of the rest of the memorial shows that it honors Confederate descendants who were in the Spanish-American War, World War I, and World War II. Anyone among the protesters ever been intimidated or offended by a WWI or WWII vet?

Hopefully, the petition won't get a friendly reception. Take County Judge Glen Whitley (center above) for instance. His father, Benjamin Franklin Whitley (1925-1991) was a veteran of both WWII and Korea, and is buried in the DFW National Cemetery beneath a VA headstone.

Judge Whitley's paternal grandfather was a veteran of World War I. Two of the judge's great-great grandfathers were Confederate soldiers: Capt. Jacob Ziegler of the 10th Texas Cavalry and Pvt. George W. Duffey of the 11th Texas Infantry. All the veterans mentioned on this page lie beneath stones given to them by the Veterans Administration.

Tarrant County Confederate Memorial, cont.



Left to right, Roy Charles Brooks, Pct. 1; Andy H. Nguyen, Pct.. 2; B. Glen Whitley, Co. Judge; Gary Fickes, Pct. 3; and J. D. Johnson, Pct. 4

County Judge Glen Whitley may be addressed at 100 E. Weatherford St., Fort Worth, Texas 76196.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks' address is 6080 South Hulen Street, Suite 430, Fort Worth, Texas 76132.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Andy H. Nguyen may be reached at 700 E. Abram St., Suite 304, Arlington, Texas 76010.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Gary Fickes' address is 645 Grapevine Highway, Suite 200, Hurst, Texas 76054.

Pct. 4 Commissioner J. D. Johnson may be contacted at 6713 Telephone Road, Suite 301, Fort Worth, Texas 76135.

Time to write two important letters

Two Republican members of the Tennessee House of Representatives have promised to actively investigate the illegal sale of two Memphis parks and the removal of statues of Forrest and Jeff Davis in late December.



The two Tennessee House members at left have promised to hold those officials responsible for breaking the law. Letters from people outside Tennessee would remind them that people all over the country are watching.

Rep. Casada (left) may be addressed at Hon. Glen Casada, 25 Legislative Plaza, Nashville, TN 37243.

Rep. Williams (right) may be reached at Hon. Ryan Williams, 109 War Memorial Bldg., #109, Nashville, TN 37243.

It might be good to include a simple sentence about your tie to Tennessee.



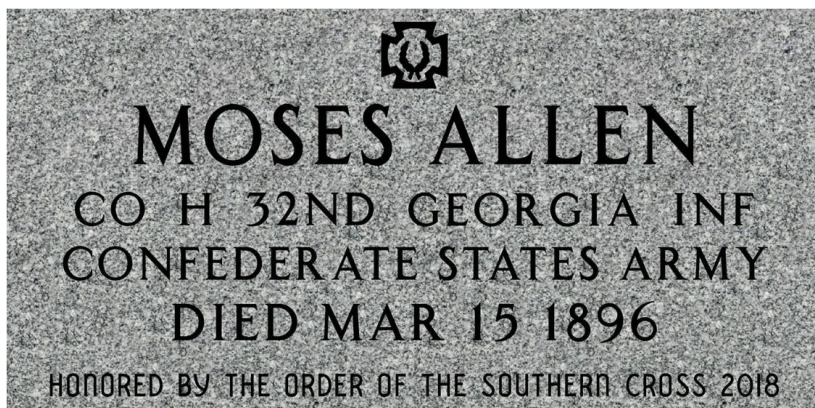
Next April we're going to stage a short local event during Confederate history month.

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.

Georgia infantryman dead 122 years gets a marker in Southlake



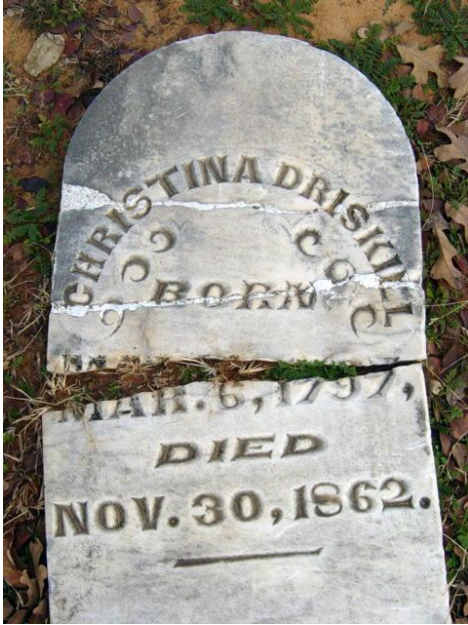
After the brutally-cold weather we'd been having the past few days, it was nice to wake up to the 50's on Saturday morning, January 20. The installers were, standing l-r, Michael McGarry, Larry Atkins, Jim Hodgson, Royal Smith, and kneeling, l-r, Ervin Hauk, Mike Patterson, and Roger Hays. Michael, Larry, Royal, and Roger are all members of the White's Chapel Cemetery Association. Jim and Ervin are members of the Tarrant County Historical Commission. Mike and Marilyn (who took the photos and hauled everything over there), are Taylor Camp members. Royal Smith is also a member of the Griffin SCV camp in Haltom City.



For a photo of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, and a few details of their lives, see last month's newsletter.

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

Local Confederate militiaman to be honored in Grapevine on Feb. 17 with first-ever grave marker



After February 17, another of our Confederate heroes will have a visible reminder that he was here.

John Driskill was born about 1813 in Illinois, a son of Elias Driskill and Christina (Eaton) Driskill, and a brother of Grapevine-area pioneer William Franklin Driskill

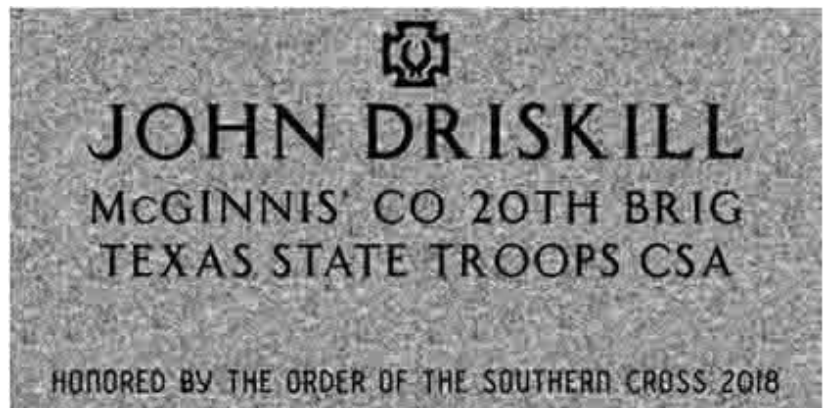
John's mother has the oldest readable headstone in Grapevine's Parker Memorial Cemetery (above left). Years ago we got his brother a stone and installed it beside hers (lower left)..

John was married in Illinois about 1838 to his wife, Catherine "Kate," who was born about 1818 in Kentucky. The Driskills moved from Illinois to Pulaski County, Missouri about 1842. It is interesting to note that in the year 1850 in Pulaski County, Missouri, John Driskill and his family were close neighbors (appearing on the same census page) as Lilburn H. Colley and his family, for whom the town of Colleyville was named decades later.

By the beginning of the War the Driskills had arrived in northeast Tarrant County. He, along with his brother, William F. Driskill, served in Captain William W. McGinnis' Co., 20th Brigade, Texas State Militia. Both men were fairly old...John was nearly fifty, and William was nearly forty.

After the War, John and his family moved to Round Prairie Township, Benton County, Arkansas, where they were living when the 1870 census was taken. By 1880 he and Kate had returned to Tarrant County, where they lived with a married daughter, Mary P. Thomas, and three of her children.

Join us at Parker Memorial Cemetery south of Grapevine on Saturday morning, February 17, at 9 a.m. Lots of the Driskills are still living in the area.



***Our fourth with
our OSC grant.***



***If any descendant shows up who knows his
exact dates, we'll engrave them..***

Website which contains our hundreds of local WBTS veteran bios, photos, documents, etc... is DOWN, thanks to ancestry.com



The folks who maintain the Tarrant County site are actively looking for another host. We need no connections whatsoever to ancestry.com.

The single most useful resource for anyone doing local history research in Tarrant County is the county's genweb site at Rootsweb. We usually go to it for something at least once every day. When I tried on Dec. 27, I got a message from ancestry.com which told me the site would be down for a few weeks. I immediately got on the horn to ask someone who knows the skinny, and this is what he told me:

"Ancestry considers USGenWeb as a parasite now, even though they wouldn't have ever made it without us drawing in customers to their website. They have a contractual agreement to continue to host the USGenWeb project websites, but they are no longer being a good host. When they say three weeks, you can bet that it will take at least three months. Two years ago they took the county mailing lists down for "maintenance" for an estimated three weeks and we were without that service for over three months. It killed the mailing lists as everyone quit using them. I never get any messages on the county lists now."

It's looking like we have their attention, so every single piece of input is going to have some weight



Ancestry.com apparently realizes they did it too close to the house when they took down the Rootsweb sites. They have started responding online to comments about their recent actions by posting updates trying to reassure paying customers of ancestry.com and the thousands of volunteers who built the rootsweb sites. **Now they've done something worse.**

Go to <http://home.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> and scroll down to the little place called Care to share your thoughts with us?

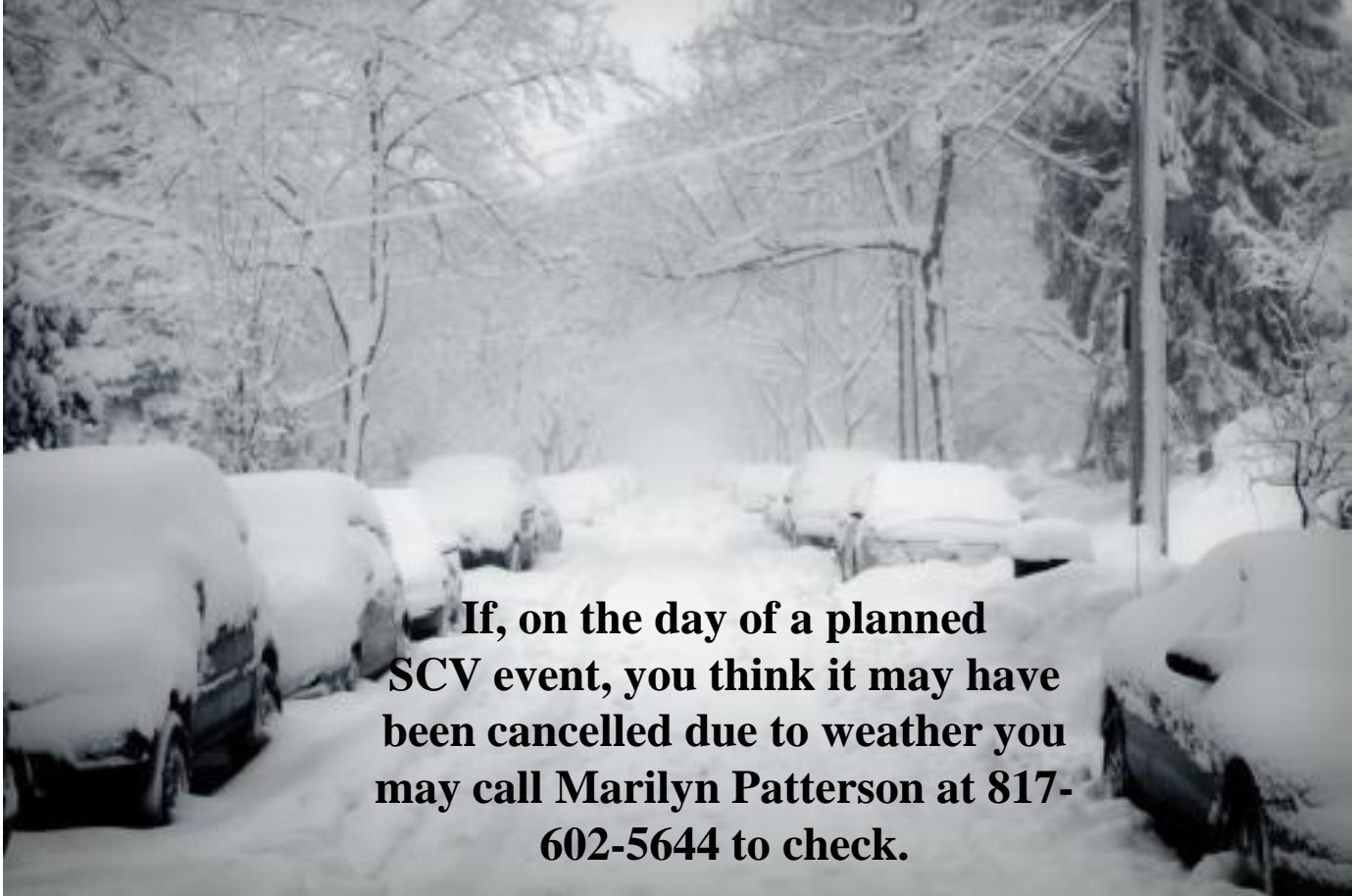
It looks like a little input box, but you can type a lot in it. Let 'em have it.

For the last two or three days, your editor hasn't been able to use his yahoo email account, which he's had for years, and which contains hundreds of archived emails, addresses, and photographs.

Beginning on the morning of January 25, this "update" was posted on the Rootsweb site:

We have taken the RootsWeb Mail system offline for the next **few weeks** so that we can upgrade the Mailman system. Mailman is the software which runs the mailing lists. ***While the system is down, you will not be able to send or receive email.*** We thank you for your patience. [Red italics mine]

That couldn't possibly be a literal, all-encompassing statement, could it? Guess again. Of course, calls to ancestry.com are unproductive.



**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.**



CAUTION

COSTLY MISTAKES MAY BE AHEAD!

If you're considering getting a subscription, even a trial subscription, to ancestry.com, you might look at the following site first:

<https://www.consumeraffairs.com/online/ancestry.html>

Happily, all the old *Grapevine Sun* newspapers have been scanned and are now safe. However, only one "service" offers them for online use. It's Newspaper Archive.com It has hundreds of titles available, but before you take the plunge and get a subscription spend some time reading

at: <https://www.complaintsboard.com/bycompany/newspaperarchivecom-a43085.html>

You can drive to the Grapevine Public Library and look at them online there, because the library has a subscription.

SCV Salutes Chatfield Cemetery Association in Navarro County

Your editor volunteers three or four days a week at Worthington Monuments to help compensate them for their assistance in our Confederate marker program. This was a nice surprise during the last week of January.



Whenever we're called upon to do monument work in cemeteries outside the metroplex, we must always find a contact person to let them know we'll be in their cemetery. While looking for a person to call in connection with the two old cemeteries in Chatfield in Navarro County, we found their useful and Confederate-friendly website.

They're the only cemetery website we've ever found which lists all the Confederates buried there. There's also extensive historical information about the community.

One note especially caught our attention, because it's one of those things our grandparents used to do which would cause the public to get the drizzles today (quote at upper right). The website names fifty-four Confederate veterans who are buried in Chatfield's two cemeteries. They also have one real daughter of an American Revolutionary War soldier, and veterans of the War of 1812, the Texas Revolution, the Mexican War, and later conflicts.

“In 1924 and 1925, when L. P. Hodge was principal of the Chatfield School, the students raised the necessary funds to place a marker at the grave of each Confederate veteran....”

Lewis Page Hodge (1891-1978) was a lifelong resident of Chatfield. We'd give anything to be able to go back to 1925 and ask around in our community for the names of the Confederate vets who'd lived (and some of whom were still living) here.

The Virginia Flaggers

Return the Flags ~ Restore the Honor



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

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

Go to their site. Read the stories and see all the other photos.



**Monday, January 1,
2018 Despite An All Out
Assault, the Confederacy
Marches On**



**Wednesday,
January 10, 2018
Lee-Jackson Day
2018. All We Ask Is
To Be Left Alone.**



Fort Worth Civil War Roundtable Events

Fort Worth Civil War Round Table 2017-2018 Season

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.



Texas Civil War Museum Upcoming Events



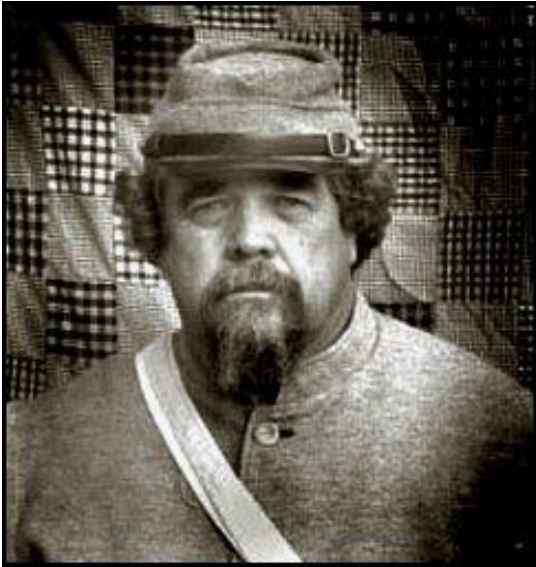
A major rotation of the WBTS flag displays within the museum will take place in late January.

On Saturday, February 3, the Buttermilk Junction String Band will be performing from one to four p.m.

On Saturday, February 10, the 9th Texas Infantry reenactors will be drilling on the museum's front lawn from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**Your humble editor invited to speak to
National meeting of the Monument Builders
of North America in Irving in February.**



The topic of his power-point dinner presentation will be “Before the Pros Arrived.” It will illustrate ways our pioneer ancestors memorialized their dead here and the materials they used before they had easy access to granite, marble, and professional stonecutters.

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Surprise found in the Grapevine Sun from 1904

While looking for little “oddities” to put in our newsletter, we noticed this interesting note.

Grapevine Sun, Sept. 3, 1904

We inadvertently failed last week to mention the death of Mr. Sutton, father of S. W. Sutton, which occurred Aug. 19th. Mr. Sutton was in his 82nd year at the time of his death. He was a veteran of Mexican war. His wife preceded him to the grave some nine years.

The County Clerk of Grapevine 53393 County, Texas. Penalty for Failure to Report within 10 Days, \$5.00 to \$50.00.

No. _____

REPORT OF DEATH.

Full Name of Deceased Stanford Sutton
Race White, Sex Male, Age 81 Years Months 26 Days
Nativity American
Alien or Citizen Citizen
Died on the 26 day of Aug 19 at, at about 8 P M.
Place of Death Residence of son -
Residence Grapevine

CAUSE OF DEATH.
Immediate Cause Senility
Contributory Cause Malarial fever

DURATION
Years Months Days Hours
8 2 Weeks

The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Dated this 26 day of Aug 19 at Grapevine
(Signature) W. H. Sutton (Physician, Accoucher, or Coroner) Address 364

This man is buried in Grapevine Cemetery with no rock, but that will soon change.

1139
Sutton, Stanford
Co 1 Tennessee Inf.
(Mexican War.)
Private Private
CARD NUMBERS.
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See also

He has both a death certificate (a real rarity in 1904) and records in the National Archives. He was pensioned, but we have no online access to those records.

As an added surprise, he's a direct ancestor of our good friend of many years, Mike Sutton, who attends church with us at Bedford Church of Christ.

“Close” doesn’t *just* count in horseshoes and hand grenades...

For several months we’ve been planning to make a stone for Amos H. Morris, of Co. D, 8th Tennessee Infantry.

We’ve wondered about Mr. Morris for years. His wife died in 1888 and is buried at Bedford (above right). One of his children is buried beside her, but her stone is so eroded we can’t read the death date; 1875 or 1878 is our best guess (center right).

A few years back we discovered his father-in-law, Joshua H. Phillips, was also buried at Bedford. We got him an upright marble stone from the VA and added a few things to it (below right).

Descendants on ancestry.com didn’t know whether Amos had died in Tennessee or Texas, or when. In mid-December we found him in the 1880 tax lists for Tarrant County. We decided to make him a cenotaph and place it beside his wife in Bedford Cemetery. That was to be our stone for February.

We got to thinking about Mr. Morris, and realized he was widowed when he was still in his forties. Might he have left Bedford and remarried?

On the frigid morning of January 2 we went looking for him elsewhere. We found him in nearby Wise County, buried in Crafton Cemetery, and he even has a VA marker someone got for him years ago (below left). We’d already asked our good friend, Dan Shaw of Worthington Monuments, to cut Mr. Morris’ cenotaph for us. We hurriedly called Dan on his cell phone that cold morning and *he had the blank stone inside the shop, trying to get it warm enough to engrave it.*

This was a close one. We almost paid for a stone we didn’t need, and had Dan spending valuable time in miserably cold weather making a marker we couldn’t use. Luckily, we caught him just in time.

One good thing came out of all this. Now we have another confirmed Confederate soldier who lived for a time in Northeast Tarrant County. The site with all the bios is down right now, but we’ve addressed that problem in another article.



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



On January 11 we presented Worthington employee Brandon Loredo with a certificate of appreciation for his help in getting our stones engraved. Matt Worthington says he is a top-notch, dependable employee. He can easily pick up and carry one of our 125-pound Confederate markers, and he always does it with a smile!

*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*

2017 was, in some ways, a great year!

2017: Year in Review

2017 YEAR
- IN -
REVIEW

Recap of Another Prosperous Year for the Civil War Trust

One of the premiere organizations which is actually getting something done to preserve the history of the WBTS....getting things and places into private hands and out of the control of elected officials, many of whom have shown of late they can't be trusted with the history which belongs to all of us, not just the left.

Look at their short video and consider becoming a contributing member.

<https://www.civilwar.org/learn/videos/2017-year-review>



CIVIL WAR TRUST

Saving America's Civil War Battlefields

Civilwar.org

Some faces of the decision-makers in Memphis, just not all

Mayor Jim Strickland, right. Native of Mishawaka, Ind., was elected in 2015. This was the first time a challenger won the job since 1991. He is the first white to be elected in twenty-four years.

The remaining photos on this page are all of members of the Memphis City Council. Newspapers report that the city will sell the two city parks for \$1000 each, which, if true, that adds a whole new level of pathos.



Bill Morrison,
District 1



Frank Collier,
District 2



“Dirty diapers and politicians
need to be changed often, and
for the same reason.”
Mark Twain



Martavius Jones,
Super Dist. 8,
position 3



Kemp Conrad, Super
Dist. 9, position 1



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



Reid Hedgpeth, Super
Dist. 9, position 3



We appreciate the helping hands of...

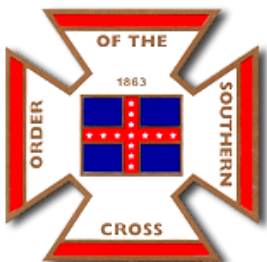
.....Dan Shaw of Worthington Monuments for engraving John Driskill's stone for us on January 2, and to Marilyn Patterson who took us to Rendon to get it on January 11.

.....Joe and Linda Wade for being the first ones to send us kid photos for our March program. There's plenty of time for you to send us yours.

.... everyone who came to White's Chapel to help install the stone for Moses Allen on January 20. They were Michael McGarry, Larry Atkins, Royal Smith, and Roger Hays, all of the White's Chapel Cemetery Association; Ervin Hauk and Jim Hodgson of the Tarrant County Historical Commission; and Marilyn and Mike Patterson of the Taylor Camp. Royal Smith is also a member of the Griffin SCV camp in Haltom City. Marilyn Patterson hauled the stone and the tools to White's Chapel and took the photos.

.....Dan Shaw and Brandon Loreda who engraved our March and April stones for us on January 26, and to Tammy Patterson who took us to Rendon to get them on January 27.

.....Marilyn Patterson who proofread this issue of the newsletter for us.



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Wooden Buckets

*This very-entertaining video of a sixth-generation cooper is somewhat long but quite interesting. It's also neat to hear someone speaking **our** language, hill-Southern English, with a foreign accent.*



George Smithwick is a sixth-generation cooper who makes traditional wooden buckets and barrels. He is continuing a family tradition that began in the 18th century in Ireland.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GE7QA1chUzw>

Our ancestors' lives and times

The Abbeville Institute

A nearly-inexhaustible resource for learning the truth.



The Abbeville Institute

**Supporting What Is True
and Valuable in the
Southern Tradition**

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>

**Know someone who knows nothing about
his (or her) ancestors, but is interested?
Know someone who just makes it up and
might be interested in knowing the truth?**



For many years now, it's been fashionable to have American Indian blood, and most people who've claimed it figured no one could (or would) check. Au contraire, Ke-mo Sah-bee.

If you have a friend who's wondering (hopefully not in the Senator's fix) if he may have some Confederate ancestors and who might like to know about them, let us know a few details. We'll see if he has any Southern patriots in his background. Yah-tah-hay!!!

Going Green?!?

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment.

The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that she was right - our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day.

The older lady went on to explain: "Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the 'green thing' back in our day."

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribblings. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags. But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

We walked up stairs because we didn't have an elevator, much less an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new things.

But that young lady was right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to



Going Green

cushion it, not Styrofoam peanuts, or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity.

But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull.

But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000

SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing."

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

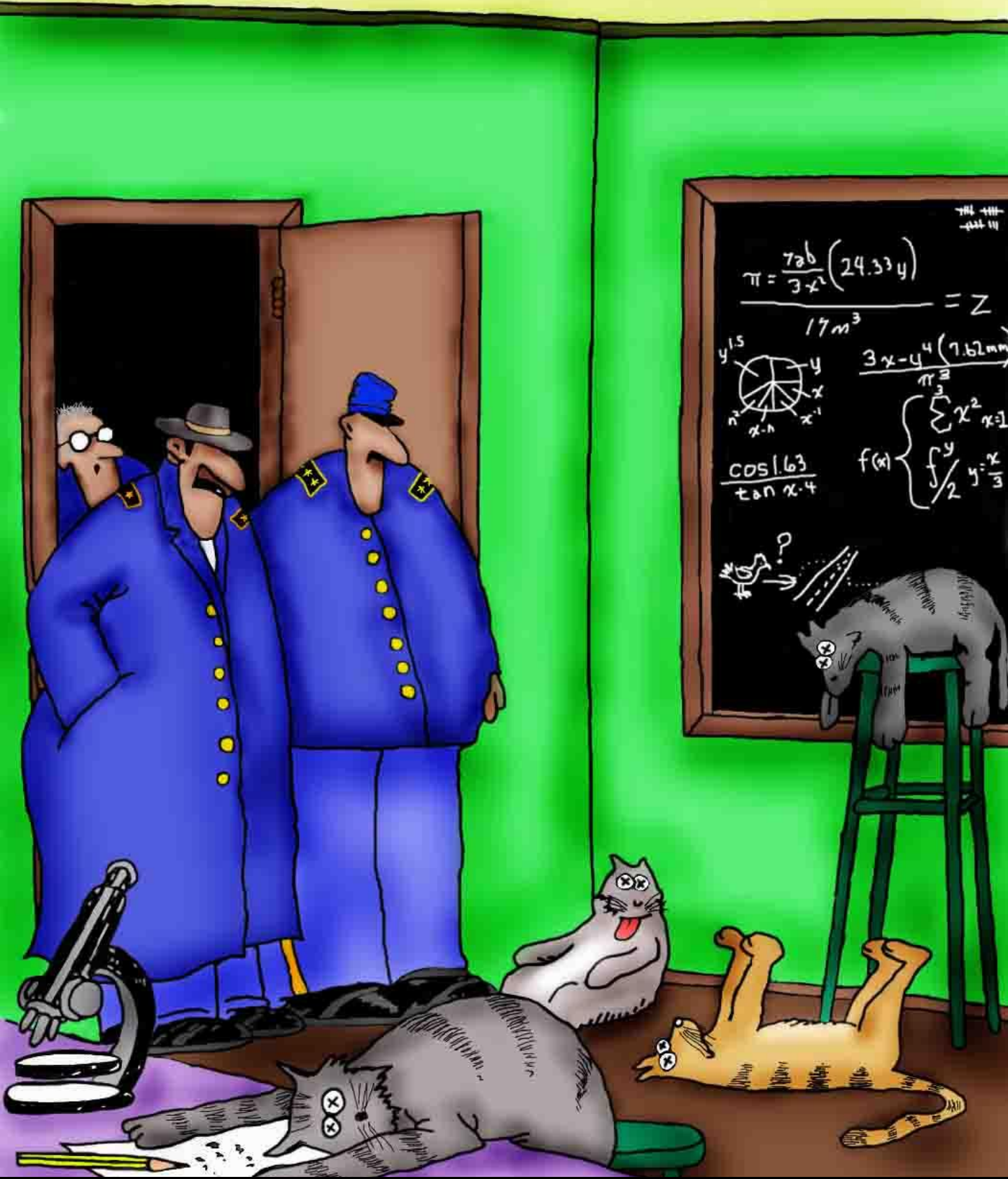
But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

Please forward this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in conservation from a smarty-britches young person.

We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to get our teeth to grindin'... especially from tattooed, multiple-pierced Einsteins who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much.



One of the good parts about getting older is not being afraid to go the dentist. When you have a toothache, just draw an X on the one that hurts and mail 'em to the dentist.



“Yes, captain, I think it’s safe to say it was curiosity that killed these cats.”

February's puzzle:



Boots on the ground.

Probably no person in this century has done more to assure that our Confederate heroes are remembered and honored than Susan Hathaway of the Virginia Flaggers. It's being there, in person, day or night, burning up or freezing to death, long after the media and even the counter-protestors have gotten bored and gone home, that makes the difference. If those valiant old Confederates can look down and see us, she's their hero in 2018, and she should be ours, too. Consider becoming a regular monthly donor to the Virginia Flaggers.

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=0b10f8892a06>

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@gmail.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...

Feb. 17, 2018
Meet us at Parker
Memorial Cemetery
in Grapevine to
install a stone for
John Driskill.
9 a. m.

Feb. 22, 2018
Regular monthly
meeting of the E.W.
Taylor Camp at
Catfish and Company.
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