



Col. E. W. Taylor Camp No. 1777
Sons of Confederate Veterans
NEWSLETTER

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Confederate Lives Still Matter

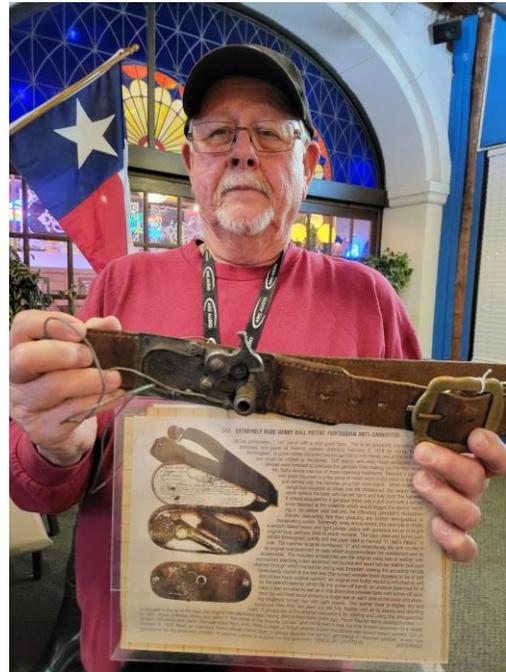
Best show and tell night ever!



If you missed the meeting on October 27, you missed a real treat!

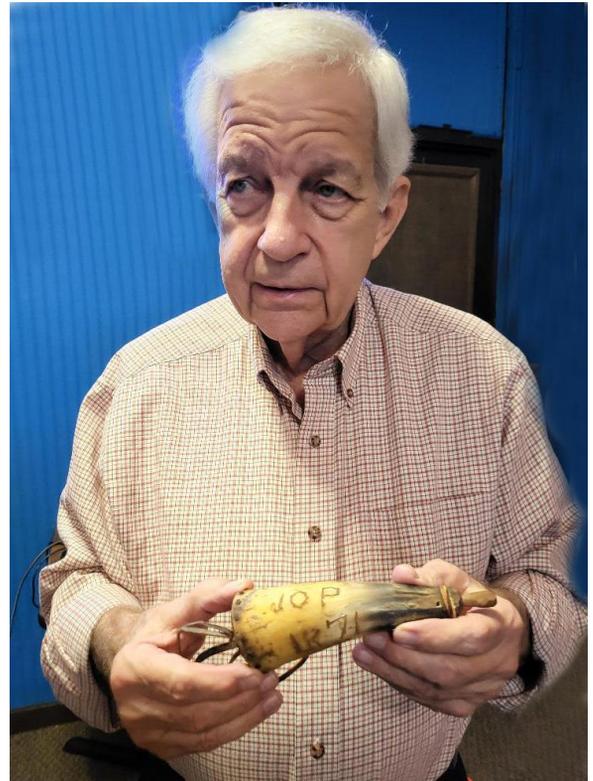
Among the presenters were Jake Behringer, at left, who shared some of the prize-winning knives he's produced. Joe Wade, at right, his granddad, showed a belt gun that fired from the back to shoot someone trying to garrot you from behind.

Lois McCook, lower left, showed a woven counterpane made in 1861 by a family member, Electra



Holstein. Terry Theiss, lower right, shared a powder horn which is one of his treasured family heirlooms. He also showed an artillery sword, a 3-inch cannon ball and sabot, and a band member sword. Rick Tittle also shared some Confederate currency which was gifted to his dad.

We have an outstanding camp filled with talented people who have accomplished much during their working lives. They have a fund of knowledge and expertise which would be the envy of any organization.



New rifle stacks in Oakwood's Soldiers Row Dedicated Oct. 23



Members of the E. W. Taylor camp who worked on the project during the past 18 months included, l-r, Ron Turner, Rich McCook, James Alderman, Bob Gresham, Van Cunningham, Joe Wade, and kneeling, Jake Behringer and Clay Fitzhugh.

Terry Theiss, also a Taylor man, graciously came to the ceremony and played Taps.

Two Taylor members who took the lead in fabricating, powder coating and installing the rifles were Joe Wade (left) and his grandson, Jake Behringer.



Oakwood Rifles, Oct. 23, cont.

Members of the Julia Jackson UDC Chapter 141 who attended the ceremony included, l-r, Keri-Dawn Henke, chaplain Paulette Peta, 2nd VP Colleen Petosa, treasurer Cendy Roberts, Texas Confederate Museum Collection Board of Trustees (TCMC BOT) chairman Claudia Pugh, chapter president Sheila Randolph, parliamentarian Diane Dyess and kneeling, Trish Bowen.

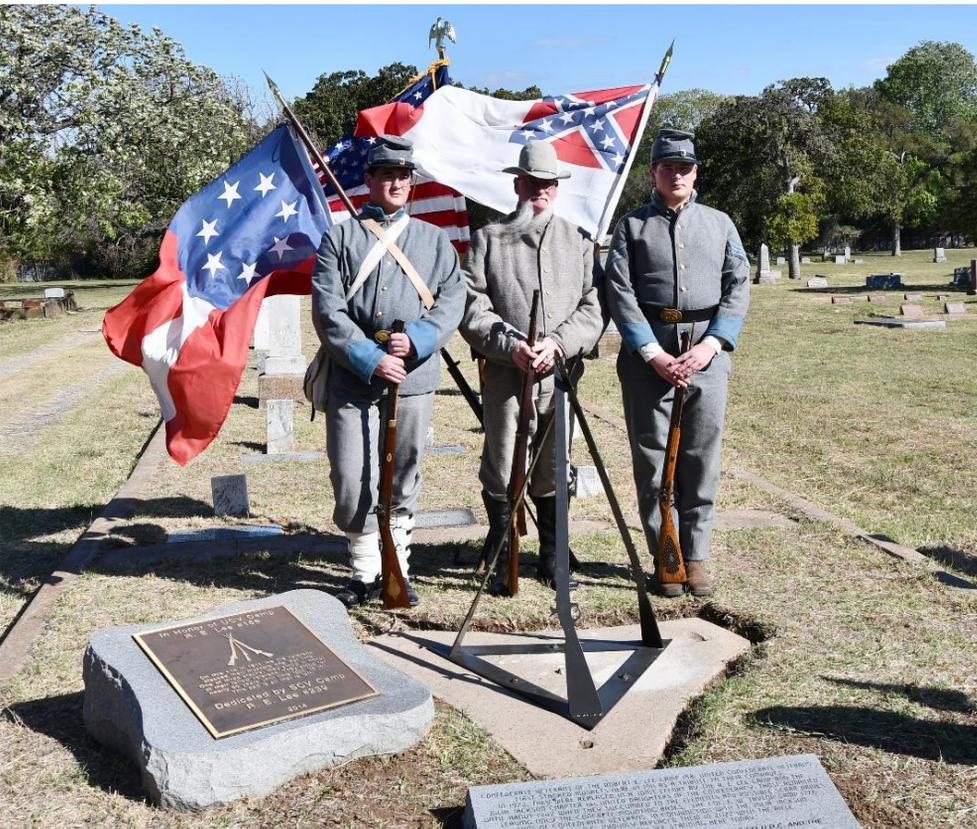


Holding the 1st National Flag is Taylor member Joe Wade and holding the 3rd National Flag is Taylor member Jake Behringer, his grandson. In center, l-r, are Taylor commander Rich McCook, Julia Jackson Chapter 148 UDC president Sheila Randolph, and District VII United Daughters of the Confederacy Chairwoman Sheron Weible.

Oakwood Rifles, Oct. 23, cont.



In the photo at left, (l-r) are Sheron Weible, the District VII UDC Chairwoman; Rich McCook, Taylor Camp Commander; Sheila Randolph, Julia Jackson Chapter 141 UDC President; Tami Hurley, past Texas Division UDC Regent; Michael Hurley, 1st Lt. Commander, Texas Division SCV, and Cindy Harriman, Honorary President of the Texas Division, UDC.



It was also our pleasure to have three members from Fort Worth's R. E. Lee SCV Camp who attended the service and helped fire the musket salute. They are Festus Allcock (center) and his two sons, Hayden (left) and Olin (right). It was their SCV camp who placed the original bronze plaque remembering the rifles (shown at left).

Oakwood, Oct. 23, cont.



Because of extremely windy and dry conditions, the musket team didn't fire powder charges, only caps. The leader was Bobby Gresham, at left. The other members were, l-r, Rich McCook, James Alderman, Olin Allcock, Hayden Allcock, Festus Allcock, and Joe Wade. The Allcocks, father and sons, are members of the R. E. Lee Camp SCV in Fort Worth. All the others are members of the Taylor Camp. Below are three photos of the project in process from earlier newsletters.



The new granite stone, installed only two days before the ceremony, says:

CONFEDERATE VETERANS OF THE ROBERT E. LEE CAMP 158, UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, FIRST STACKED MUSKETS HERE IN 1911 AS A TRIBUTE TO THEIR COMRADES. IN 1922, THEY WERE REPLACED IN A JOINT EFFORT BY THE R. E. LEE CAMP AND THE JULIA JACKSON CHAPTER 141, UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY. THOSE REMAINED UNTIL ABOUT 1942 WHEN THEY SUCCUMBED TO THE ELEMENTS AND POSSIBLE SCRAP DRIVES, LEAVING ONLY THE CONCRETE MOUNTING BASES. THE COL. E. W. TAYLOR CAMP 1777, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JULIA JACKSON CHAPTER, U.D.C. PROUDLY REPLACED THEM IN 2022 WITH THE RIFLE SILHOUETTES YOU SEE STANDING HERE TODAY.

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When someone goes out of their way to help the SCV, we like to let them know we appreciate it. On Monday morning, Oct. 31, we took a Certificate of Appreciation to Dacie Clark of Worthington Monuments and presented it to her at her job. That's our adjutant, James Alderman, on the left and our commander, Rich McCook, on the right. Dacie saw to it that we got the granite marker on the preceding page in the nick of time. Dacie's the artist at Worthington's who does all the artwork for the hundreds of memorials which the company always has in the works.

How it was with Soldiers' Row in the beginning



VETERANS IN WEEKLY SESSION

New Rules Adopted Governing Confederate Burial Grounds

The session of Lee Camp, United Confederate Veterans, yesterday was opened by prayer by Chaplain Wright.

Rules for the government of the Confederate grave ground were read by Dr. George Jackson. The report provides that only members of the United Confederate Veterans or of some woman's Confederate organization shall be buried on the grounds. It also prescribes a number of rules governing the care of the graves. The report was adopted.

This appeared in the *Startlegram* on April 18, 1904. This is only the first two paragraphs of a much longer article, but they are the only places which deal with the plot reserved for Confederate vets in Oakwood Cemetery.

It wasn't long before they had to deal with the issue of spouses being buried apart, to name one of many. Any time you make a rule, it nearly always becomes impossible to enforce it without any exceptions. We may discover more articles on this subject which appeared later, and if we do we'll share them.

It's interesting to note that they met *weekly*.

Oakwood's records say the man in the northeast corner of the plot was a member of the R. E. Lee U. C. V. camp named George Smith. He is unmarked. We have not been able to find any other information to indicate his regiment or his membership in the camp. We could make him a memorial which shows him to have been a member of the camp without company and regimental data. It would be nice to have an upright for him in the corner, but in this case a VA stone is not do-able.

10 years ago this month in this newsletter

GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL CONFEDERATES

ISAAC DUKE PARKER 1821-1902

The name "Isaac Parker" has been linked to Tarrant County history for more than one hundred fifty years. The first was Isaac Parker (1793-1883), who lived in Tarrant County for many years before moving to Parker County. Parker County was named for him because, while representing Ellis and Tarrant Counties, he introduced the legislation in the Texas House which created the county.

Another of the name here was his nephew, Isaac Green Parker (1815-1875), a pioneer of the Grapevine community who lies buried there.

One of "1793" Isaac's sons, Isaac Duke Parker, lived in northeast Tarrant County for decades and became well-known for his service in the Confederate Army and one term representing Tarrant County in the Texas legislature.

Isaac Duke Parker came to Texas with his parents in 1833, settling first in Grimes County. His grandfather, John Parker, and several other family members were killed in the well-known Indian raid on Parker's Fort in East Texas in 1836. Isaac D. later moved with his parents to Houston County, then to Tarrant County in the 1850's.

He served as a county commissioner in this county. I. D. Parker was a member of the R. E. Lee Camp of United Confederate Veterans. His application papers showed him to have served in the Gano Guards.

In 1872 he and his wife came into the possession of the "Double-log House" which is now one of the focal points of Fort Worth's Log Cabin Village. It originally sat on the Parker property in northeast Tarrant County near the Hurst-Fort Worth dividing line.

He was elected to represent Tarrant County during the 21st Legislature (1889-1891). After his term he returned to the Birdville community and resumed his life as a successful farmer and valuable citizen.

I. D. Parker died at his home on October 29, 1902. He lies buried in the I. D. Parker Cemetery along the north side of Highway 10, just east of East Loop 820. His last home lay a short distance southwest of the cemetery, and is now within the city limits of Fort Worth, probably under the roadbed of East Loop 820 and north of Trinity Boulevard.

A biography published during his term in the legislature said of him: *"Rugged, earnest, and impassioned, Mr. Parker always caught the ear and plaudits of the members when he obtained the floor. Upon the recognition of the "gentleman from Tarrant" by the Speaker, the members crowded about his desk to enjoy the sledge hammer blows and the dry humor that ran through his speeches."*



120 years ago this month in the Startlegram November 9, 1902

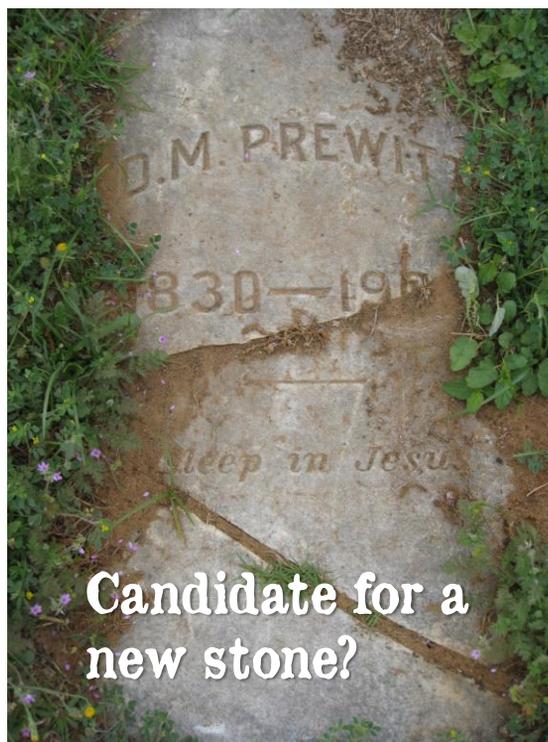
CAPT. D. M. PREWITT DEAD

For 30 Years Was a Resident of Fort Worth

Capt. D. M. Prewitt, aged 72 years, died at 615 Florence street last night, surrounded by the members of his family—a wife and five children. One daughter residing in Crowley was absent, being ill. The funeral will be preached at 2:30 p. m. today at the house.

Deceased had been a resident of Fort Worth for 30 years, and first resided in the log cabin at the corner of First and Throckmorton streets. He was a member of R. F. Lee camp, Confederate Veterans. During the civil war he was captain of Company D of the 36th Alabama regiment. His wife is a niece of General Forrest.

Capt. Dudley Marion Prewitt was born in Pickens Co., Ala. on Sept. 28, 1830. He enlisted on Apr. 1, 1862. He was severely wounded in the neck at Chickamauga on Sept. 20, 1863, and resigned his commission on Jan. 13, 1864. There are several original papers with his signature in his file in the National Archives in DC. Buried in Oakwood Cem.



**Candidate for a
new stone?**

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

Produced by today's foremost Civil War historians, this site contains a definitive list of over 325 topics that every student of the Civil War should study. <https://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/>

The older we get, the more it seems the survival of our Nation hangs in the balance each time we elect a new president.

The first election your editor can clearly remember was the one in 1960. People were very open in the man they supported, and even the kids knew the chants and songs.

He vividly remembers one day thinking, "Whichever man wins, the country will still be protected and our way of life will go on."

But an 8-year-old boy in 1860 wouldn't have been able to say or think that. Neither could any thinking, aware American of today have that outlook about the election we face in 2024.

Most of us are aware that Lincoln's win in 1860 came about because the opposing party split and ran three different slates.

With tensions already white-hot this year, even before the midterms, might we have another split in one of the major



parties coming up? If that happened, how would we deal with it in 2024?

A good read for us all right now would be Christopher C. Meyers' *The Election of 1860*. It took your editor only 32 minutes to read it aloud, and at this point in our history it's time well spent.

With every day which passes, the SCV and its compatriots are becoming more and more the guardians of American patriotism and the keepers of its past, even more than the Sons of Union Veterans, at least from this editor's experience. We should give ourselves a well-deserved pat on the back and a nice cone of Blue Bell.

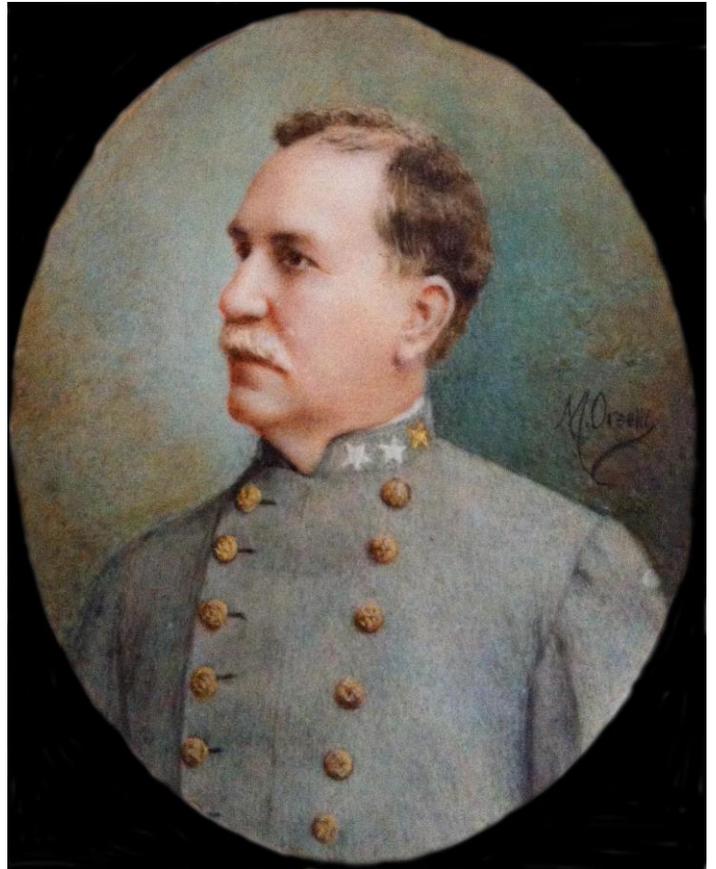
"The party was on the verge of an irreparable split, the absolute worst scenario on the eve of a presidential election."

<https://www.essentialcivilwarcurriculum.com/the-election-of-1860.html>

Finally a good photo of Col. E. W. Taylor, sort of....



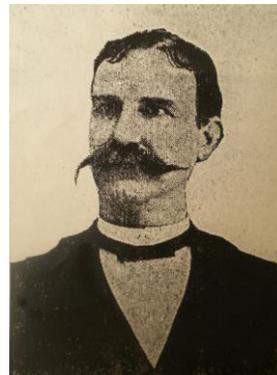
The Fort Worth Record and Register
Fort Worth, Texas, 23 May 1908, Sat • Page 4



We just ran across the photo at upper left...it is a newspaper photograph but it was obviously made from a real photo, and it was doubtless the photo used for the colored porcelain of Col. Taylor found in the museum at his old home in Jefferson, TX.

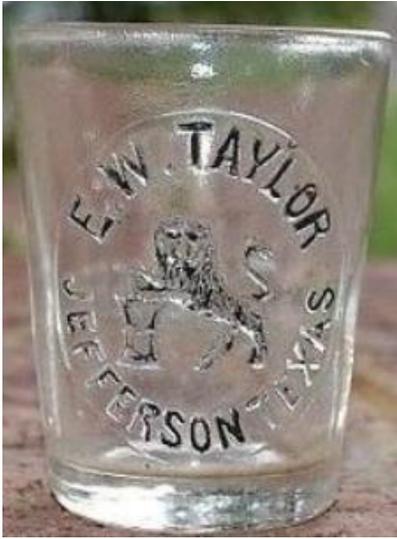


That makes four different photos we have of Mr. Taylor...all from newspapers, sadly. He said his favorite was the one at the immediate right, which was probably made in Wartime or soon after. We'll keep looking.



COL. E. W. TAYLOR.

Lots more exciting finds about E. W. Taylor



In early October we made a call to the Jefferson Historical Museum. Did they have a record of when Mrs. Connery, Mr. Taylor's daughter, donated some Taylor memorabilia to the museum at Jefferson? **Boy, did they!**

Actually it was Mrs. Connery's executor who gave a total of 65 items to the museum in about late 1968. Lots of things had belonged to Mrs. Connery, like the gown she wore to the inauguration of Pres. Woodrow Wilson, several diaries kept by Mrs. Connery, including some she kept while on her way by ship to and from Europe, and several fine accessories of hers.

Of most interest to us will be several photographs, including two of Col. Taylor in a Civil War uniform. Hopefully, they're actually photos taken in wartime and not the one of him in his UCV uniform on the previous page of this newsletter. Still, an original of that one would be better than anything we have now. There is also another photo of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their daughter.

As soon as we've had a look at these we'll share them with you.

Around the Confederacy

Contributed by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh



Article by Ed Kilgore, *The Intelligencer* (New York Magazine), Oct. 2, 2022.

You Don't Have to Be Southern to Be a Neo-Confederate.

I don't know exactly what I was expecting, but it wasn't this. This writer (inset above) says he grew up in Georgia. I think I expected a complimentary piece about people in other parts of the country who sympathized with us. *Au contraire*.

The writer is Ed Kilgore, an editorialist. I read a little about him before I read the article. *The Intelligencer* claims to be "delivering national news and sharp commentary on politics, business, technology, and the media." Your guess is as good as mine about the category in which to place this story.

I must say I was pretty shocked at his statements which are so decidedly anti-White. In this newsletter we have gone out of a way **not** to promote racism. In fact, lately we've run several complimentary stories about local black WBTS soldiers.

It's been years since I read anything online which was produced by a company as decidedly on the Left as *The Intelligencer* apparently is. I looked at some of his (and their) other stuff online, and it's in the same vein as this piece.

https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2022/10/you-dont-have-to-be-southern-to-be-a-neo-confederate.html?utm_source=msn&utm_medium=f1&utm_campaign=feed-part

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Greenville, S. C., *Yahoo! News/Greenville News*, Oct. 10, 2022.
Confederate monument in Greenville draws renewed call for condemnation and removal

At left is the only photo which accompanied the article. A close reading shows it's all factual and direct quotes. Still, Bruce Wilson, a community activist pictured at left, delivered some pretty divisive statements at a press conference, way back on March 7, 2022, which are quoted in this article seven months later.

Like some editorialists we could name closer to home, sometimes one has to rehash something which happened weeks or months ago to keep the narrative alive.

https://news.yahoo.com/confederate-monument-greenville-draws-renewed-232723691.html?soc_src=yahooapp



Newsweek, Oct. 23, 2002

Marjorie Taylor Greene's Confederacy Remark Trashed by Civil War Historians

Rep. Greene [R. GA] (or someone on her staff) just messed up. Period. You just about can't go wrong by staying off social media. Interesting that they didn't mention the battle in question was a Confederate victory. The video accompanying this article has been removed and replaced with something else mildly critical of Rep. Greene.



Memphis, Tenn., *CBS News*, Oct. 25, 2022

Civil War relics found under Memphis bridge as Mississippi River water levels drop

Refreshingly, just straight news reporting without a drop of unrelated Confederate-bashing, as we often see. Good that, in this instance at least, a major mainstream media source may be getting back to reliably reporting just the news. Most of us have never lived in an area where WBTS relics may still be found in situ. Lots of good photos and relevant links to other stories.



<https://abcnews.go.com/US/civil-war-relics-found-memphis-bridge-mississippi-river/story?id=92065643>

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Richmond, Virginia, *AP*, October 26, 2022

Richmond gets court win in lingering Confederate statue case

“A judge has sided with Richmond officials in a lawsuit over whether the Virginia city can remove a final Confederate monument and the remains of a rebel general buried beneath it.” In an insulting act toward the descendants of Confederate soldiers everywhere, not to mention the descendants of the General himself, the state plans to give the statue to the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia. No mention is made of what is to be done with the remains of General Hill himself. To see how the museum exhibits the statue of Jefferson Davis in its possession, go back and look at the story we drew your attention to in the July issue of this newsletter. It could not be more degrading and downright childish.



<https://apnews.com/article/richmond-lawsuits-race-and-ethnicity-virginia-culpeper-b30705759cf85cfaedc83704f4d72f8a>

Spartanburg, S.C., *Fox/Carolina*, Oct. 26, 2022

Confederate camp responds to call for flag-pole along I-85 to come down

Apparently it was Fox News itself who got this tempest kicked off: “A FOX Carolina crew spotted the flag from Interstate 85 near Teaberry Road.” SCV Camp #68 owns the property and doubtless got all the necessary permissions and permits. Now they’ve been told they have violated an obscure county ordinance from 1999 (23 years ago) and they have **20 days** to take the pole down. The reasoning is shaky, at best. This reminds this editor of an old episode of *I Love Lucy* when Ricky and Fred finally agree to take Lucy and Ethel golfing with them. The boys make the game impossible to play by constantly making up ridiculous rules. Its only purpose is to make fun of their wives. This episode could never be made today and shouldn’t be. Link on photo.

There’s absolutely no good reason you shouldn’t be able to put a flagpole on a piece of vacant land you own, and out in the country to boot. Hrumph.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBIzFrNLNe8>

<https://www.foxcarolina.com/2022/10/26/officials-say-confederate-flag-pole-along-i-85-needs-come-down/>

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Memphis, Tenn., *WREG News Channel 3*, Oct. 20, 2022
Record-low Mississippi River becomes attraction for hidden treasures. TV News spot with no text.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3oij3mREgSg>



Baton Rouge, La., *The Advocate*, Oct. 21, 2022
Mudlarking 101 on the Mississippi: Low river levels reveal small buried treasures

A sport well-known to Brits, we don't have many opportunities for it here. Just a good, honest high-interest piece with no politics or other unpleasanties. A film clip and several good photos, too.

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/entertainment_life/article_b6703480-4fe5-11ed-b8d5-577fe998d7ad.html

Newton Co., Ga., *11 Alive News*, Oct. 26, 2002
Georgia Supreme Court clears up battle over Confederate monuments ["clears up" ???]

"The high court explains that recent lawsuits haven't been about the statues themselves, adjusting how justice can be applied." Purporting to explain who has and has not standing to bring suits...if you can understand this you're better'n this editor.

<https://www.11alive.com/article/news/crime/trials/confederate-supreme-court/85-7910b016-4cd7-4533-85b9-f02d71beeee0>



Yahoo News, October 8, 2022
Civil War-era relics unearthed on dried banks of Mississippi River

Just an interesting account of one man's experiences looking for our past. No politics, no messing with your mind or your feelings. Lots of links to other interesting stories. I wish I could see the Mississippi just one more time.

<https://news.yahoo.com/civil-war-era-relics-unearthed-163301568.html>

Around the Confederacy

Contributed by Compatriot Clay Fitzhugh

New York Times, October 29, 2022

Richmond Can Remove Last Confederate Statue, Judge Rules

“Like other cities across the nation, Richmond has struggled with how to get rid of the symbols of its Confederate history,” goes the narrative. It’s the same wherever the people whose families lived the history are being replaced by those who probably couldn’t even answer a few simple questions about that War or any other in our Nation’s history. Any history which doesn’t involve them and what they want in the here and now has no relevance, period. No one and no thing has the right to stand in the way of them getting what they’re “entitled” to.



<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/29/us/richmond-confederate-statue.html>

Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, *KMSP/Fox 9 News*, Oct. 28, 2002

Explorer finds rare Civil War relics on banks of drought-stricken Mississippi River

Wonder with the current frenzy of surface hunting going on now along The River what else will turn up before the inevitable rains and snow melt (hopefully) get the water level back up. The next story is an interesting one, too. A very excited young lady is holding in her hands a 1500-year-old Viking arrow-head, especially great because it still has the shaft and binding intact!!! Recently-frozen intact prehistoric weapons have been turning up in other parts of the world, too.

<https://www.fox9.com/news/explorer-finds-rare-civil-war-relics-banks-drought-stricken-mississippi-river>

Spartanburg, S. C., *Spartanburg Herald-Journal/Yahoo!news*, Oct.30, 2022

Confederate flag on I-85 in Spartanburg County ordered removed

Authorities trying to justify what they’re doing. Note “Hicksville” comment.

https://news.yahoo.com/confederate-flag-85-spartanburg-county-182554915.html?soc_src=yahooapp



The Greatest Generation ...and it ain't us



**“When Did This
Become Art?”
by Andy Rooney**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsfX6xqCBks>

**Fifteen years ago
(Less than 3 min.)**

**“Andy Loses Touch
With New Music”
by Andy Rooney**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGCg6EO-sr4>

**Twelve years ago
(Less than 2 min.)**



“It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.”
Ronald Reagan

Please, please vote on November 8



As each day passes, there are fewer and fewer of us who remember our world when we saw these humble, honest, useful beasts going about their daily business.

Now many of their human manifestations (without many of their useful traits) have been elected to positions of leadership in our land, but their business hasn't changed.

Every one of us has two eyes, two ears, *a nose*, a brain, and a much lighter pocket book. You know what needs to be done.

Join us in doing it on Tues., Nov. 8 !!!

“Politicians are a lot like diapers. They both need changing often and for the same reason.”

Wrongly attributed to Mark Twain, origin obscure.

**Wanna do something to help the Taylor Camp?
Talk up the SCV when you're among friends.**

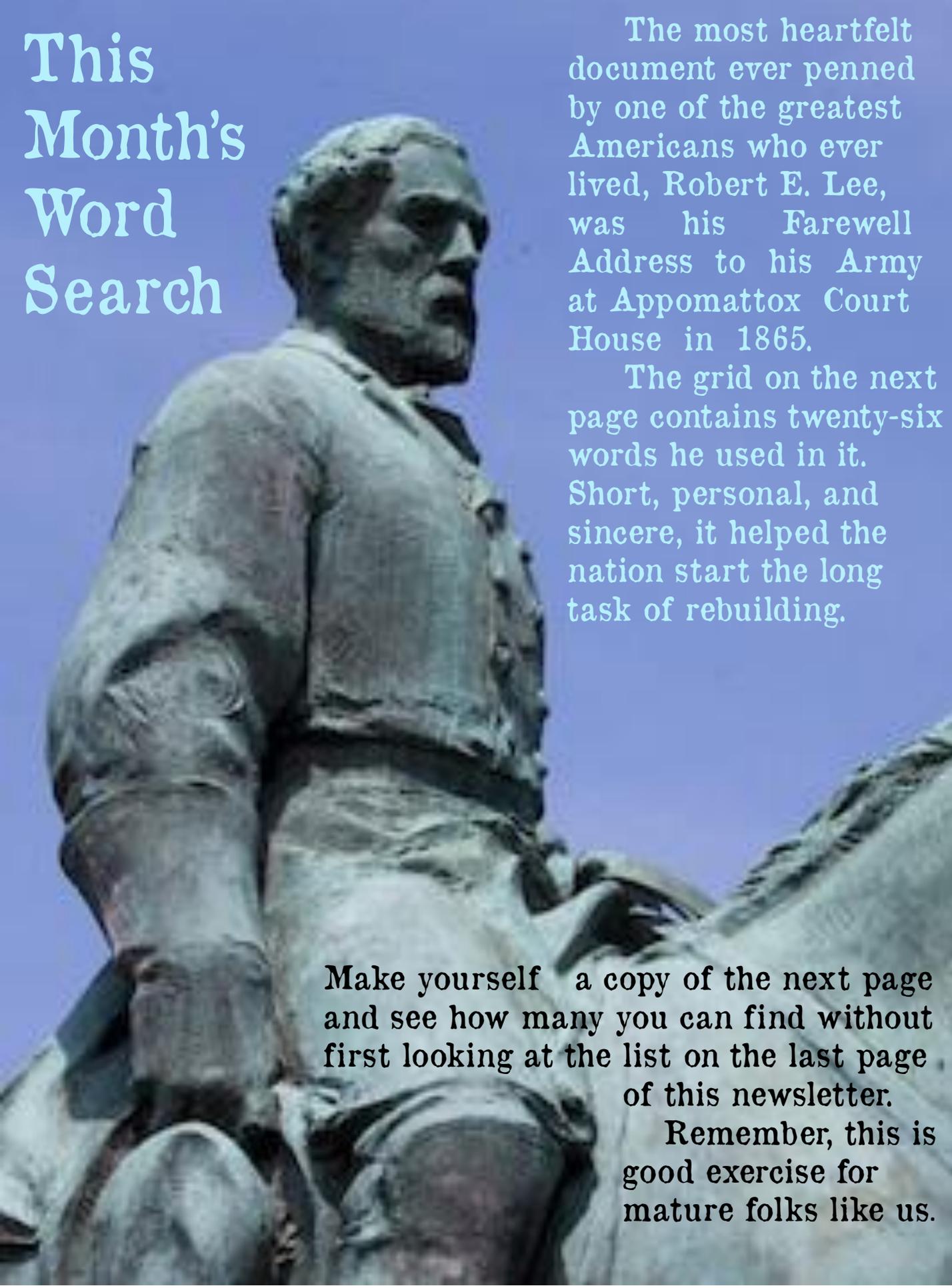


Ask them if they had family members who fought in the WBTS, even on the Yankee side. Ask them if they'd like to know a little more. We have someone in the camp who has a pretty good track record of finding ancestors, especially Confederates.

Email your editor at mfpchat@yahoo.com and tell him the names of their four grandparents and where they're buried. We have to get past recent times to start.

He'll see what can be found and will get back to them pronto. More than ever before, it's up to us to see that our Southern forefathers are not forgotten or cancelled.

This Month's Word Search



The most heartfelt document ever penned by one of the greatest Americans who ever lived, Robert E. Lee, was his Farewell Address to his Army at Appomattox Court House in 1865.

The grid on the next page contains twenty-six words he used in it. Short, personal, and sincere, it helped the nation start the long task of rebuilding.

Make yourself a copy of the next page and see how many you can find without first looking at the list on the last page of this newsletter.

Remember, this is good exercise for mature folks like us.



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Make yourself a copy of this page and see how many you can find without looking at the list on the last page. Enjoy.

Much obliged to:



Sheila Randolph and all the ladies of the Julia Jackson UDC chapter who helped finance the rifles project at Soldiers Row.



All the members of the Julia Jackson UDC who attended the ceremony in Oakwood on Oct. 23



Sheron Weible, District VII United Daughters of the Confederacy Chairwoman, for traveling from plumb down at Stephenville to attend our ceremony on Oct. 23



Tami Hurley, past Texas Division UDC Regent; and her husband, Michael Hurley, 1st Lt. Commander, Texas Division SCV; for coming from some place in Arkansas (5.5-hour drive) to be with us in Oakwood on Oct. 23. They live in Tyler.



Our long-time friend, Cindy Harriman, Honorary President of the Texas Division, UDC; for coming to the ceremony on Oct. 23



All the Stalwarts, members of the E. W. Taylor Camp who have helped with the Oakwood cleanup in the last few days and who came to the ceremony.



Jacob Behringer and his grandpa, Joe Wade, both E. W. Taylor Stalwarts, who took the lead in fabricating and installing the rifle silhouettes in Soldiers Row.



Olin Allcock, Hayden Allcock, and their dad, Festus Allcock, all members of the R. E. Lee SCV Camp in Fort Worth, for coming out to honor the old veterans and help fire the musket salute.



Dacie Clark, Shawn Clark, Dan Shaw, Brandon Loreda, and the other employees at Worthington Monuments who shook some legs and got our stone done in record time. It went from a raw stone in a quarry in Georgia to a finished engraved stone at Worthingtons' in Rendon, Texas in 4 days.



Taylor Camper, musician and photographer extraordinaire, Terry Theiss, for playing Taps at our ceremony in Oakwood on October 23.



All the current officers of the camp for 2021-2022, who generously agreed to serve another two-year term in 2023-2024.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Catfish Co. Restaurant by Cmdr Richard McCook.

Opening Invocation was given by Chaplain Joe Wade.

Opening Pledges lead by Bobby Gresham. The Charge was read by George Harrison.

Cmdr McCook then welcomed everyone and acknowledged that George Harrison has transferred to our Camp.

Commander McCook then asked for the Adjutant's reports.

Adjutant Alderman gave the financial report showing a bank balance of \$4,075.88. He indicated that we do have some expenses which have not been paid yet for the Rifle Project which will be reflected in the October report. The minutes were approved, with corrections, by Bobby Gresham and Joe Wade.

Adjutant Alderman had additional comments regarding:

- The slant stone for the dedication should arrive at Worthington's next week to be cut.
- There is a bonified black Confederate soldier by the name of Sam Kilgore buried at Oakwood. Mike Patterson has validated his service not only to the CSA but as a soldier during the Indian Wars and Spanish American War. We have decided he would be a good candidate for a stone.

Cmdr McCook then called on the 1st Lt Commander for his report.

1st Lt Cmdr Fitzhugh announced that there will not be a formal program in October to allow for officer elections.

Cmdr McCook then called on Chaplain Joe Wade. He indicated that Tim Pringle is still having issues and does not currently know his status. He mentioned Ja Ann Alderman's recent hospitalization and our prayers for her.

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any **Old Business**

- None

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any **New Business**

- Joe Wade mentioned that the Middleton Tate Johnson camp has verified a "real" grandson that is a member of their camp. His name is Winified McRee and is 90 years old. He also mentioned we need to be thinking about our annual Christmas party.
- Ron Turner brought up the need to support Wreaths Across America and that the SAR is sponsoring wreaths again this year for Oakwood if we want to participate. He made a motion we do the same as we did last year with a sponsorship of 7 wreaths. It was seconded by Vann Cunningham and approved by member vote.
- Cmdr McCook announced we will be installing the Rifle Stacks tomorrow at Oakwood with a ceremony scheduled for October 23rd in the afternoon. He cautioned everyone to not post this on social media as to prevent in problems with outside groups. The R. E. Lee camp has been contact about participation with a firing squad per Joe Wade.
- Cmdr McCook asked Joe and Clay to contact Barry Turnage and Michael Hurley concerning attendance at the event.
- Terry Theiss said he would be available to play TAPS.

Cmdr McCook asked if there was any **Announcements**

- Officer Elections were brought up. A motion was made, seconded by Joe Wade and Ron Turner to keep the existing officers for another term if they agree. Cmdr McCook canvassed the officer to see if they would agree. All were OK in doing so.

Cmdr McCook asked Lt Cmdr Clay Fitzhugh to come forward and introduce our Guest Speaker, Kip Wright.

Cmdr McCook thanked Kip for an excellent presentation on John Singleton Mosby.

Cmdr McCook thanked everyone for coming and encouraged everyone to attend the October meeting. He called for the Benediction from Chaplain Joe Wade.

Motion to Adjourn, Ron Turner second by Bobby Gresham. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted for Approval by Adjutant James E. Alderman

Who are we? We are the Col. Ennis Ward Taylor Camp #1777

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. We eat at 6:30, meet at 7:00, and adjourn by 8:30.

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.



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