



COL. E. W. TAYLOR

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS #1777

NEWSLETTER

Bedford, Texas.....November 2014



Taylor cadet member Oliver Patterson gets a lesson in how to pop a cap on an Enfield. The instructor is Compatriot Jerry Puckett from the Lanham Camp in Weatherford. We were preparing to fire a salute to Edward M. Rippey in Fondren Cemetery in Parker County on October 18.

October Meeting a Memorable One



Two new members, father and son, were sworn in at our October meeting. Tony Jennings (left) and his son, Austin Jennings, are our newest members. They are soon to be residents of Grapevine, and we look forward to many years of working with them! They were sworn in by Mike Patterson (checked shirt) and Kent Mathews (blue shirt).

Tony and Austin joined under the service of their direct ancestors, John P. Jennings of Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, and Edward B. Greer, Forrest's Regiment of Alabama Cavalry. To our knowledge, Tony and Austin are the only members of our Camp who are descendants of a soldier who enlisted here in Northeast Tarrant County. Mr. Jennings enlisted at Grapevine.



After the Third Annual WBTS Trivia Program at the October meeting, Calvin Allen, right above, was presented the Incredibly Prestigious Mudwall Jackson Award for his high level of knowledge of WBTS facts. Congratulations Calvin!

October meeting, cont.



Calvin Allen, Commander of the Texas Third Brigade SCV and Kyle Sims, the Third Brigade's 2nd Lieutenant Commander, came to our October meeting bringing five awards which were handed out at the Texas Division Reunion a few weeks ago. In all the photos at left, Calvin is in the hat on the left and Kyle is in the dark shirt on the right.



Three Taylor Camp Compatriots received State-level bronze awards for meritorious service to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. They were, beginning at top left: Bobby Gresham, James Madewell, and Kent Mathews.



Mike Patterson, bottom, received the Dixie Award for recruitment efforts and a State-level gold award for meritorious service to the SCV.



We take this opportunity to thank all Taylor compatriots for their support of our activities in 2014. We look forward to working with our new members in 2015 to tackle some new projects!!!

Let's Go!!! 2015

Never in its history has the E. W. Taylor Camp had more members than it has now. We have a wide variety of regular, cadet, and associate members. We have working professionals, students, and retired men.

We have folks who are very well-off and we have po' folks. We have members who have an amazing variety of interests. Our members know how to do some very interesting and useful things, all of which can be used to help this camp.

As 2015 begins, we need to continue doing the good things we're doing now. We need to expand our participation in events in the community which let people know we're here.

We need to let the community see us doing things which show our Confederate ancestors as patriotic men who were willing to sacrifice to protect their liberties. All patriotic Americans may soon be called upon to do it again.

Recent events in this community have reminded us that we must continually work to show our neighbors who we really are...and who we aren't. We need you, your resources, and your time to help us make 2015 our best year yet!

Parker County American Legion

Post #163

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For God and Country
People who served

Weatherford Veterans' Day Parade

From: Veterans Parade Committee
American Legion Post 163

September 25, 2014

To: **November 8, 2014**

Subject: Invitation to participate in the annual Parker County Veterans Day Parade

Greetings,

American Legion Post #163 is organizing our annual Parker County Veteran's Day Parade for Saturday, 8 November 2014, to be held in the city of Weatherford, Texas. The theme of this year's parade is "In Honor of Veterans Past, Present, and Future." We are extending this invitation to you and the Texas State Guard members under your command to participate in or support the parade.

Veterans, community, businesses, civic organizations including local and special guests will be participating in or supporting the parade and we would welcome your participation.

The parade will start with opening ceremonies and special introductions at 09:45 A.M. at the viewing stand located in the parking lot next to the 9th Grade Center off of South Main Street. The parade events and floats will begin registration at 08:00 A.M. with the parade moving onto Main Street from Roo Drive at 10:30 A.M., then follow a route on Main Street North toward the Court House turning left on Oak Street, see enclosed parade map.

Please contact us as at your earliest convenience so we can confirm your participation, your support and any arrangements you might need.

Please Email your response to: legionpost163@aol.com or mail to the Post. Refer any questions to: Parade Committee Chairman, Vaughn Oliver at 817-550-6012, or Bret Watson at 817-946-0906 or Ron Chandler at 817-223-8926.

Sincerely,

Vaughn Oliver

Chairman
Parker County
American Legion Post # 163

**We've been invited to
join the Lanham Camp as
their guests in this parade.
We thank them for their
hospitality!**

Information you'll need if you're taking part in the Weatherford Veterans' Day Parade on Nov. 8

The staging area is at the 9th Grade Center on South Main in Weatherford. They ask parade participants to be there by 8:30 a.m.

The easiest way from Fort Worth is to go west on I-20 and take the exit for South Main Street at Weatherford.

Watch the signs because it's some distance on the access road to South Main. Go north on South Main and watch for the 9th-Grade Center on your right (east). There is a red-roofed eatery named Nizza Pizza directly across the road from the school. The parade stages in the parking areas around the school.

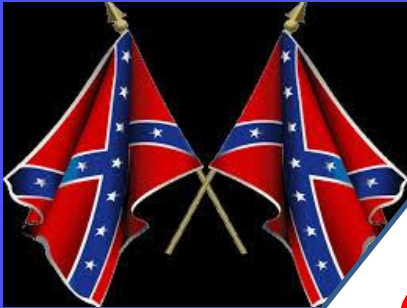


GRAPEVINE VETERANS DAY PARADE NOV. 8

*An excellent chance to get some good
for the SCV in one of the most historic
cities in the metroplex.*

We can RIDE with the
M T Johnson Camp!!!

March!!!



Details and place are found at:

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

Meet at 8 a.m. at the
staging area/parking lot
one block east of North
Main, in the NE corner
of Wall Street and
Jenkins Street.



SCV DENIED A PLACE IN THE GRAPEVINE VETERANS DAY PARADE

We got the surprise of the century, both when we were notified of our denial to be in the parade, *and when we discovered the City of Grapevine had no real part in the planning or conduct of the parade.*

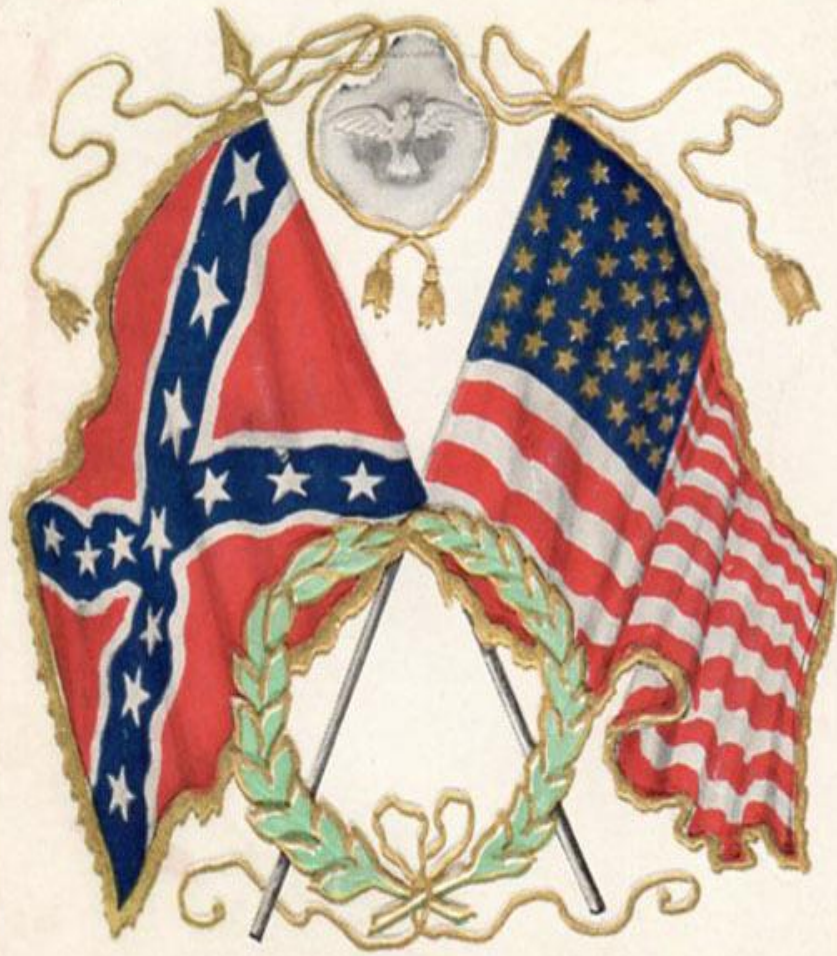
City officials immediately contacted the city attorney to see if they could legally influence the parade's organizer to allow us in, and he said there was nothing legally which could be done. Without an exception, every city official we talked to was sympathetic to our cause. Many of them are Confederate descendants, and they know it and are proud of it.

Absolutely no blame or criticism should be directed toward any elected or appointed member of the Grapevine city government. If they'd had any control over who got to be in the parade, we'd be in it.

This is first, last, and completely the creation of one woman who has tried unsuccessfully to get elected to the city council there. Her name is Kathleen Thompson. Google her name and "Grapevine" and all this will become clear to you. She's a self-proclaimed liberal, community organizer, etc. Her words, not mine. She belongs to a group called Drinking Liberally. Google it. This woman is *in* Grapevine but not *of* Grapevine. Also go to the link below. It's informative.

<http://www.texasgovvote.com/kathleen-thompson/liberals-are-voting-may-14th-will-you-002815>

This editor's family settled at Grapevine in 1868. Five generations of his family have been in the Grapevine Schools. One of his four Confederate great-great grandfathers lies buried in Grapevine. This is not typical of the Grapevine to which we've belonged for 146 years.



**JOIN US IN
THE
FT. WORTH
VETERANS
DAY
PARADE
ON
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER
11.**

**Everyone gets to ride!
No one has to march!**

Come in uniform if you can. If you can't, bring a flag. If you can't, just show up. Thanks to the MT Johnson SCV Camp for asking us to be their guests.

The parade will stage at the LaGrave Field parking lot at North 7th Street and Main Street. Arrive no later than 9:30 AM. (streets start closing at 9:30 AM!) Parade will start at approximately 10:00 AM and finish by noon.



Annual Christmas Gala

*Mid-Cities Bluebonnet UDC, Col M. T. Johnson SCV, OCR
and Nicola Marschall CofC*

Saturday Evening, December 13, 2014

Doors open at

*5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Dinner, Program following (Barbeque Brisket,
Sausage, and Smoked Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Desserts, and a cash bar)*

Arlington Moose Lodge,

3210 Pleasant

Valley Rd Arlington, TX. 76015, (north of the Parks Mall)

***Featuring Holiday Fellowship, Guest Speaker: Susan Hathaway, with
Virginia Flaggers, SCV Officer Installations, "Bears on Patrol" (bring
stuffed bears to donate), SCV Sales and UDC Silent Auction***

Make Checks Payable to: Col M T Johnson Camp 1648

***Mail Checks/Reservation to: Allen Hearrean PO Box 821872 N. Richland Hills, Texas 76182-1872
817-821-8805 Late Reservations (after 12/1/2014), e-mail: ahearrean@sbcglobal.net***

Name/s: _____ Group/s: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Total Amt.: \$ _____

Reservations \$30.00 each or \$50.00 per couple

Capt. John B. Walker in Oakwood Due New Marker in November

When he died on Halloween in 1911 Capt. Walker's family could not afford a stone for him, so the RE Lee UCV Camp did the best they could .

John Bunyan Walker was born in 1838 in East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. He enlisted in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1862 and was elected 1st Lieutenant of Co. H, 18th Arkansas Infantry. He served through the rest of the War and was elevated to the rank of Captain on February 10, 1863.

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UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

DESCRIPTIVE LIST

Fort Worth, Texas, *March 15*, 1903

Name *John B. Walker*

When and Where Born *Sept. 23, 1838, East Feliciana, La.*

When and Where Enlisted *April 1862, Little Rock, Ark*

Rank *Lieut. & Capt.* Company *H x 4* Regiment *5th Infy* *3rd Caval* Brigade *Post-Gravelle Beale*

Division *McMurray's Gardner's Corps* Prices, *Army, Miss & Texas*

SIGN THIS, AND GIVE NAMES OF TWO REFERENCES. REMARKS.

(Under this head will be included changes in Commands, important battles in which engaged, and other important facts connected with your Confederate record.)

*Brigade 1st under Rush. Served at Fort Pillow 2nd under
Beale, evacuation of Corinth. Battle of Iuka.
Battle of Corinth. McMurray's Division. Prices Corps
4th under Beale. Brig. Gen. Gardner. Major
Gen. Post. Hudson. Last under McVair. Church Hill's
Division. Trans. Mississippi. Sept. the war closed
with me. about June 1st. 1865 at Marshall Texas*

*Refer to
Capt John Beale Pine Bluff Ark
Capt Reed Fletcher "
Capt Buck Owens "*

We are lucky enough to be able to see the actual application paper Capt. Walker completed when he decided to join the R. E. Lee Camp #158 of United Confederate Veterans in Fort Worth. It was included in the Lee Camp's papers which were donated years ago to Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and many of them have been digitized and are now available online.

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John B. Walker, cont.

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Endorsements Hereon for Comptroller's Use - Exclusively.

FORM No. 1.

CONFEDERATE PENSION APPLICATION.

Name of Applicant,
John B. Walker

County,
Coke

Post Office,
Gainesville, Tex.

Comptroller's File No.,
959

I have carefully examined the within application for pension, together with the proof in support thereof, and I recommend that the application be

Approved
this *26* day of *Sept*
A. D. *1899*

Wm. J. Main
Pension Clerk.

I hereby *Approved* the within application
for pension, this *26* day of *Sept*, A. D. *1899*
Chas. G. Bailey
Comptroller.

No Application Rejected by County Judge or County Commissioners
Should be Forwarded to Comptroller.

Capt. Walker successfully applied for a pension the first year they were available. He said he had been living at Gainesville, Texas for about one year. He said he had been in Texas since 1874 and that he had recently sold some real estate in Stephenville, Texas.

His pension file contains a number of original affidavits and letters. A descendant of his would be very proud of it.

When the War began John was living with his parents in Pulaski County, Arkansas. His father owned thirteen slaves in 1860.

Deaths

Walker—The funeral of J. D. Walker, 73, who died Tuesday night, was conducted from the Gause undertaking parlors Thursday morning.

The short obituary above appeared in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on Thursday, Nov. 1, 1911. This indicates he died on October 31 and was buried on November 2.

Mr. Walker was married in Erath County, Texas on December 16, 1895. We have not been able to find whether or not this was his first marriage. The unusual thing about the pairing was that she was not even born until ten years after the War ended...in 1875. Thus Mrs. Walker was thirty-seven years his junior. They did have a few children together.

In 1913 Mrs. Walker apparently applied for a widow's pension in Tarrant County but was turned down. She tried again in 1933 and was turned down again, this time on the basis of the fact that she was born after January 1, 1873. She could not remember her husband's regimental information, and she mis-guessed his death date, all except the month of the year.

She did, however, remember her husband's pension number and thus we know we're talking about the same man.

Mrs. Walker was remarried to J. W. Keith in 1920, and he died in late 1932. She lived until 1947 and was buried at Lubbock.

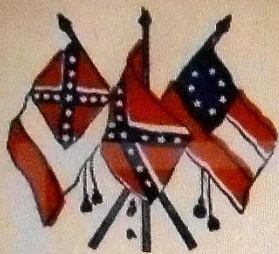
Our continued thanks to Sarah Biles who works in the office at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth. Most weeks we talk to her several times via email or phone to help us locate and document our Confederate veterans.



Dr. J. C. Sanders Marker in Oakwood Getting An Update After 106 Years



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UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

DESCRIPTIVE LIST

Fort Worth, Texas,

Jan 7

1906

Name

J C Sanders

When and Where Born

Rutherford Co Tenn Aug 21-1829

When and Where Enlisted

17th Oct 1861 - Mufreesboro Tenn

Rank

private

Company

C

Regiment

Long's Batt

Brigade

Division

Corps

Wheeler's

Army

Tenn

SIGN THIS, AND GIVE NAMES OF TWO REFERENCES

REMARKS

(Under this head will be included changes in Commands, important battles in which engaged, and other important facts connected with your CONFEDERATE record.)

My Co was generally on detail on scout & picket duty. We covered the retreat of Bragg's army from Nashville to Mufreesboro. was in the Stone River fight. also near Shelbyville Chucamunga & Missionary Ridge. and all the battles from Missionary Ridge to Atlanta Ga. we were on a scout in north Ga when Genl Lee surrendered. we disbanded after Genl Lee surrendered & went home. never seeing any one who was authorized or offered to parole me.

J. C. Sanders

Reference

Thos Queam. La Vergon. Tenn Ret. written Jan 8-06
Jas Shelton " " " 1st Lt. Ret. " "

As was the case with Mr. Walker, we were able to find Mr. Sanders' application paper online in the collection at Texas Tech in Lubbock. The lighter blue areas on the copy above are some sort of watermark showing Tech's ownership of the original. We found this page by googling "J. C. Sanders Robert E. Lee Camp 158." This and the collection now online at the Fort Worth Public Library have opened new doors for our research.

William Shelby Massey, Dead Since 1905, Will Get Marker

W. S. MASSEY DIES ENDING ACTIVE LIFE

**Abandons Active Business Career Upon
Morning of Day of His Un-
expected Death**

The first day upon which he gave up an active business career, W. S. Massey, formerly of the Mansion hotel, died suddenly in his room at the hotel which he has conducted with his wife for the past three years.

Monday morning the establishment passed into the hands of George Koenig, with the expiration of a lease. Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock the death of Mr. Massey occurred. Bright's disease is given as the cause.

Mr. Massey was 70 years of age and a native of Tennessee. He came to Texas twenty-nine years ago. A widow and son, R. D. Massey of this city, survive him.

The funeral was held from the Mansion hotel this afternoon. Rev. Alonzo Monk conducted the services. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sept. 19, 1905

William Shelby Massey was born about 1845 in Tennessee. When the 1870 White County census was taken he and Emma did not yet have any children.

Mr. Massey did not apply for a Confederate pension, but his wife, Emma Jane Massey, did in 1923. She said he had served in Co. D, 37th Arkansas Regiment from September 1863 until April 1865.

She married him in White County, Arkansas in November 1868, and moved to Fort Worth about 1875.

Mrs. Massey lived until late 1936 and was buried beside her husband in Oakwood Cemetery.



Two known flags have been attributed to the 37th Arkansas Infantry. Both were captured at the Battle of Helena, Arkansas on July 4, 1863.



DEATH OF JESSE Z. BECK.

Aged Confederate Veteran Succumbs Suddenly to Brain Hemorrhage.

Jesse Z. Beck died suddenly of hemorrhage of the brain yesterday forenoon at the home of his son-in-law, Elder L. S. White, of the First Christian Church. The funeral will be from the residence, 152 Peabody avenue, to Oakland Cemetery at 10 a. m. today, Gen. R. M. Gano conducting the service. The pallbearers will be W. P. Roberts, T. H. McElreath, A. F. Kirkpatrick, L. R. Terry, W. C. Terry and W. B. Badger.

Mr. Beck was born in Cumberland County, Kentucky, Sept. 30, 1820. He was a gallant soldier in the Confederate Army, serving under Gen. Forrest. He was captured and was confined for more than a year as a prisoner of war at Johnson's Island. After the war he located at Gallatin, Tenn. Two years ago he came to Dallas to make his home with his only daughter, Mrs. White. He is also survived by a son, who lives at Sparta, Tenn., and a brother, W. A. Beck, who lives at Celina, Tex.

Jesse Zebulon Beck served the South as a first lieutenant in Co. K, 13th (Gore's) Tennessee Cavalry. He enlisted on September 15, 1862 at Sparta, Tennessee. About eleven months after he enlisted he happened to be back at the same place and was captured there.

Like so many other men he was first sent to the military prison at Louisville, Kentucky, was forwarded to Camp Chase, then moved again to Johnson's Island near Sandusky, Ohio. Later still he was sent to Baltimore, and then to the prison at Fort Delaware. He was finally released from Fort Delaware on June 12, 1865.

About 1906 he came to Dallas from Tennessee. He died in Dallas on October 9, 1908 and was buried the next day in Oakland Cemetery in Dallas.

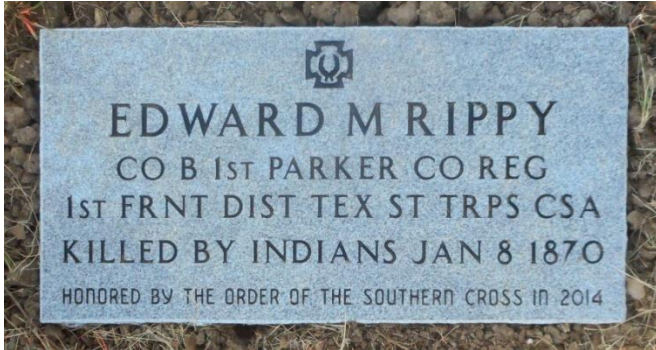
Some time in November he'll finally be getting a headstone.

DALLAS CONFEDERATE VET WILL GET HIS FIRST MARKER IN NOVEMBER

Dallas' Oakwood Cemetery, in near southeast Dallas, is a huge expanse of trees, grass, and to tell it like it is...brush. The City pays for only one caretaker and he does the very best he can. Volunteers and family members help out from time to time. It has some of the best gravestone architecture anywhere, statuary, mausoleums, etc. It is the resting place of much of the Old Money of Dallas. Through no fault of its own it wound up in a very poor part of town. Don't go there alone.



THREE PARKER COUNTY VETS GET STONES ON OCTOBER 18



Numbers four, five, and six of the stones made possible by our grant from The Order of The Southern Cross.

For a little while on this sunny Saturday morning we had a break in the seven-month summer we've endured. Our first stop was Fondren Cemetery, where we marked the grave of Confederate veteran and Indian victim Edward M. Rippy. They also killed his wife the same day. This tiny cemetery contains the bodies of five Indian victims. The other three were two black women and one young man who was killed and scalped the year before the War began.

Kent Mathews and Tammy Patterson hauled the stones out west. Compatriot Jimmy Reynolds' son, Jimmy Jr., went along for the scenery, as did Mike Patterson's mom.

The setting crew included, below l-r standing, Jimmy Reynolds, Kent Mathews, Jerry Puckett, and kneeling, Mike and Oliver Patterson.



Four members of the Taylor Camp, one member of the Lanham Camp, and three family members of Taylor compatriots came out to help in Parker County on Saturday morning.

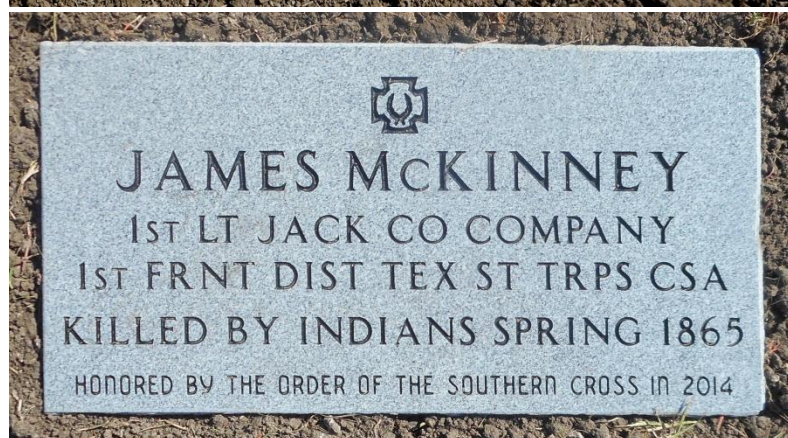
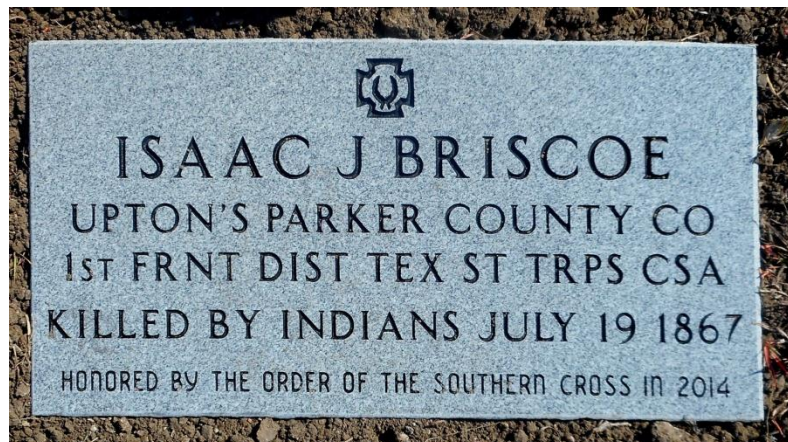


Three more markers made possible by our grant from the Order of the Southern Cross earlier this year.



Left, Oliver supervises as Kent and Mike drop Rippy's stone into the hole. Lower left: Jerry and Mike finish filling around McKinney's stone.

Briscoe and his son-in-law, McKinney, lie buried in Goshen Cemetery near Springtown. We have two more in line for Goshen Cemetery early next year.





The Dallas Weekly Herald

DALLAS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS, JULY 18, 1868.

IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING!

About nine hours after we engraved the new headstone for William D. Light in Parker County, we were scanning through the July 18, 1868 issue of the Dallas Weekly Herald. We noticed this interesting article:

The Weatherford Times says that a party of 15 or 25 Indians came into the western part of Parker county, 9 miles from town, on Saturday, the 4th inst., overtaking the family of Mr. Light, near his house. Killed Mrs. L. and her youngest child, about a year old, mortally wounded Mr. L. and severely wounded another child 3 years old. On Monday the 6th, a party supposed to be the same Indians, came within five miles of Weatherford, searching for horses.

The interesting part is that we'd found more than one source, all of which seemed reliable, which said this raid took place on July 4, 1869. So that's what we carved in granite on his new stone: 1869.

But no worries... In short order a new, correct stone was done and we'll make someone else a nice marker from the 1869 version of Light's.

...and then the Light project took on yet another dimension.

Economic realities being what they are, an extra trip to Parker County to verify information is basically out of the question these days. We took the word of people who'd been in the cemetery that Mr. Light's grave was unmarked.

When we arrived there we discovered that he and his wife and daughter not only had a nice commercially-produced granite marker, but he also had a bronze VA marker as well.

Thus we made not one but two granite markers which weren't necessary, and drove many miles to find out that fact.



We have been invited by the

***Samuel W. T. Lanham Camp,
Sons of Confederate Veterans
in Weatherford, Texas
to join them in the
Weatherford Christmas Parade
on
Saturday, December 6.***

**More detailed information
will appear
in our December newsletter.**

**This is the only SCV-sponsored Christmas
Parade West of the Mississippi River!!!**



Our ancestors' life and times



In the 1989 classic, “Lonesome Dove,” Pea Eye (Timothy Scott) and Gus [Robert Duvall] were attacked by Indians and Gus was severely wounded by arrows. After they’d holed up, Pea Eye asks Gus, “What kinda Indians are these?” Gus replies, “I don’t know. They didn’t introduce themselves.” Texans on the frontier might have wondered the same thing.

Since much of our last newsletter was devoted to the Indians who raided near us we thought it proper to complete the picture to some extent. Comanches got most of the blame for raids to our north, west, and south. They probably did most of the raiding simply because there were many more of them than the next smaller tribe who often joined them on their trips into the settlements....the Kiowas. Oddly, the Kiowas were sometimes eager to take the credit, even in those days. There are also many identified photos of the raiders themselves, some taken while they were still coming down across the Red.



*Teague Cemetery, Rhome, Wise County, Texas.
They raided in Tarrant County later that day.*

Kiowas!!!

Kiowas!!!, cont.

Their Comanche allies considered them a strange tribe, with their complicated religion and warrior societies, neither of which the Comanches had. Their language, too, was spoken by no one else. Many Kiowas learned to speak Comanche, which was the lingua franca of the Southern Plains.

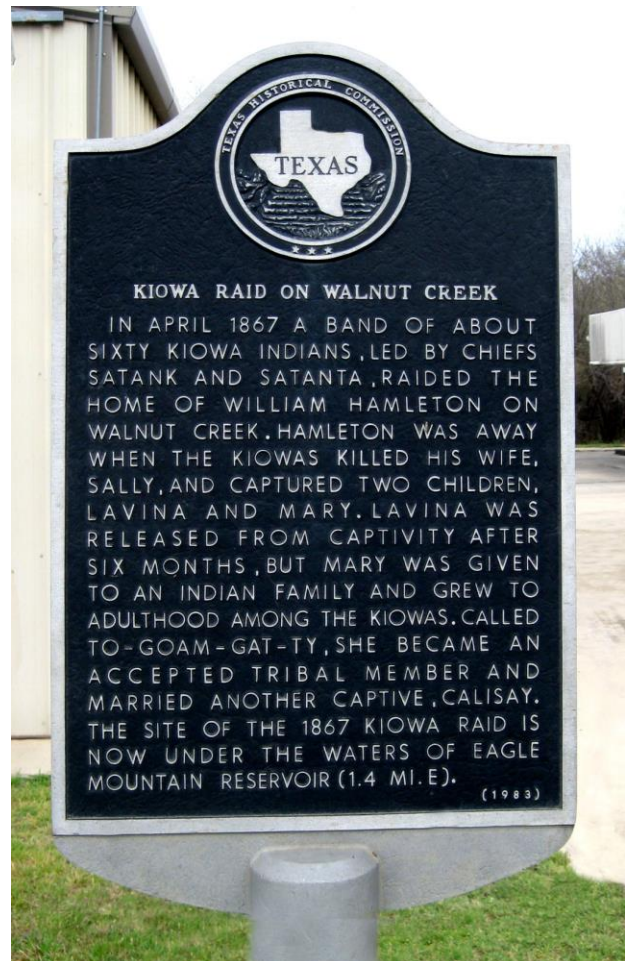
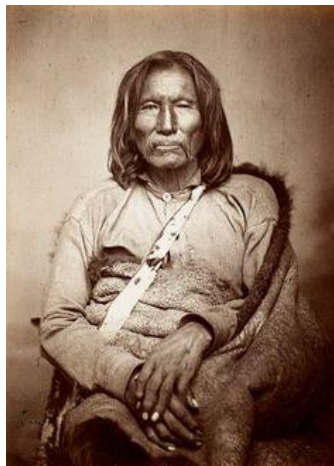
What they lacked in numbers they more than made up for in bravery and determination to protect their way of life. They loved to tell stories of their exploits against the tribes around them and their English-and-Spanish-speaking enemies. Quite a few army officers and other whites wrote down those stories. An educated and literate Kiowa named George Hunt also did much to record many stories while the old raiders themselves were still there to tell them.

The first two Native Americans in U. S. history who stood trial for murders committed in raids were both Kiowa chiefs, Satanta (at right) and Big Tree. Their trial took place in Jacksboro, Texas in 1871 after a raid near Fort Richardson. Gen. William T. Sherman, who was in Jacksboro at the time, realized that the raiding party had been within arrow-shot of him the day before and had watched them pass, but had chosen to wait for an easier target.

One memorable raid took place here in Tarrant County in April 1867 in what is now Azle. In 1983 we erected a Texas marker at the site (right). One young girl named Mary Hamleton taken during that raid grew up among the Kiowas, married another captive Indian, and her descendants today consider themselves Kiowas.

Two of the leaders that day in '67 were Satank (right) and Satanta (above right). Some of the raiders later told the story to interviewers at Fort Sill, so the story lives on in quite some detail.

In 1983 one of Mary Hamleton's Kiowa grandsons, George Tahbone, attended the marker dedication and spoke.



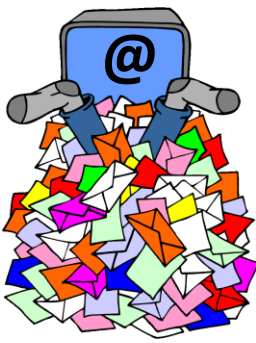
“ I’d like to extend my warmest appreciation to you for all you did to make a new gravestone for our Riley Pemberton become a reality. For a long time I had looked for an affordable solution to replacing the existing stone because it was loose and inaccurate. You solved that for us. And the final stone looks terrific.

Your generosity of time and resources is greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much for helping us, as well as so many others, to insure that our Confederate ancestors are recognized and not forgotten. With sincere appreciation,

Alice Grissel”



Our warmest thanks to Nathan Pike (right) for taking us to Worthington's on October 2 and helping to make the stones which went to Parker County. Thanks, also, to Kent Mathews (left) for helping unload them and storing them at the Fort Worth Grain Exchange until time to take them West. Nathan's 6'6" frame makes light work of these 120-pound markers.



We've got mail!!!

Every day brings something new and interesting in this compiler's mailbox. One day in September a request for help from a Confederate soldier's descendant wound up giving us a new look at some Tarrant County pioneers.



Last year we got a VA stone for Confederate Mortimer Elliston in Birdville Cemetery. In September we got an email from family member Lisa Pfleuger, wondering if we had a photo of him or his wife, who was the daughter of Birdville pioneer Sanders Eliot (above). Sadly, we don't.

During the conversation she mentioned that she had a photograph of Sanders K. Eliot who settled at Birdville in 1847. Sanders served as Tarrant County's first District Clerk, having been elected in 1850. By the time of the WBTS his son, James S. Eliot, had moved to California. Sanders stayed around for a few years and served as Tarrant County sheriff in 1868-1869. Then he joined his son and other relatives in California.

Sanders lived to the age of 86 and died at Norwalk, Los Angeles County, California in 1896.

James S. Eliot and his wife, above right and center, were married in Birdville in 1856. In 1916 they renewed their vows after sixty years of marriage. Amazingly, Rev. John A. Freeman (above left) had married them and was there to hear them renew their vows. Freeman was one of the first settlers to enter the county around Grapevine about 1845. He later also moved West to California, and was 95 years old at the Eliots' ceremony in 1916.

James kept a diary for several decades and said of the Indians around Birdville, *"...We lived there and near there many years on the Excream front tears and know all about privation and hard shif of a front tear Indian life—they cleaned us out of our horses sevel times..."*

Oklahoma Confederate Pension Records

Oklahoma's Complete Confederate Pension Applications Now Available Free Online

Many north Texas Confederates moved to Oklahoma when the Indian lands were opened. If you've lost a man here, look there next.

<http://www.digitalprairie.ok.gov/cdm/landingpage/collection/pensions>

...and another new veteran for our Memorial at Bedford.

Poking around on the net looking for Sanders Eliot, we noticed he had a son named Stephen K. Eliot who was born in 1838 who was here during the War years. Was he a Confederate soldier? Yep. Did he live in the area covered by our Memorial? Yep.

Stephen K. Eliot served in Co. G, 15th Texas Cavalry. He enlisted at Denton and was captured at the fall of Arkansas Post, as were so many other Texans.

In 1875 he lived about two miles SSW of Birdville on a survey which bears his father's name. The survey is bisected by the West Fork of the Trinity River.

During the late 70's he moved to Wise County, and about 1898 he moved to the Chickasaw Nation. He was pensioned by the State of Oklahoma for his Confederate service.

Records at ancestry.com say he died in 1920 in Blaine or Grady County, Oklahoma. We can't find any record of him having a gravestone anywhere.





Our puzzle for this month is a close look at some pioneer precision engineering. This is called dovetail corner notching, and it was one of the best methods of building log corners. Any rainwater which is blown into the corner is automatically channeled down. Any single log is stopped from moving in any direction by the logs around it.

Go to the puzzle at

<http://www.jigzone.com/puzzles/29167DEB41A?m=81250DB2BB.B091686&z=6>

When you're there, pick a skill level from the choices at left. A 67-piece classic cut is a fair challenge for most of us.

Nathan Pike is fast attaining pro status. He's taking the mask off Isaac Briscoe but has stopped for a moment to put William D. Light into the sandblaster. October 2.





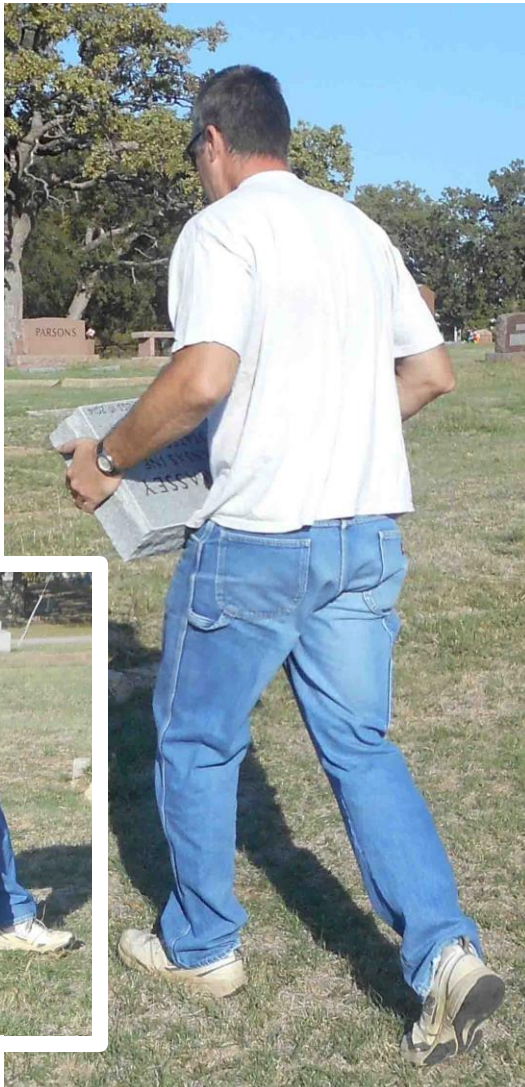
Nathan Pike met us at 6 a.m. again on Oct. 30 and took us back down to Matt's where we made four more.

Many of the rocks in the stockpile at left will wind up being markers for our local Confederate veterans.

We dropped off three at Oakwood Cemetery. The fourth goes to Dallas in a few days.

These granite stones are 120 pounds of dead weight.

Luckily we have someone in the camp who can carry one of them.



ANOTHER CONFEDERATE FATHER IN OUR MIDST

Grapevine old settler had a son younger than one of his great-grandchildren. Yep, you read that correctly.



Hamilton McDowell (1815-1891) was an interesting man. He was a Peters Colonist, arriving in Dallas County in the 1840's. Hamilton McDowell's son from his first marriage, Edwin McDowell, enlisted at age sixteen at Dallas in Co. G, 31st (Hawpe's) Texas Cavalry. He served until he got a medical discharge in 1863 for a necrotic bone disorder.

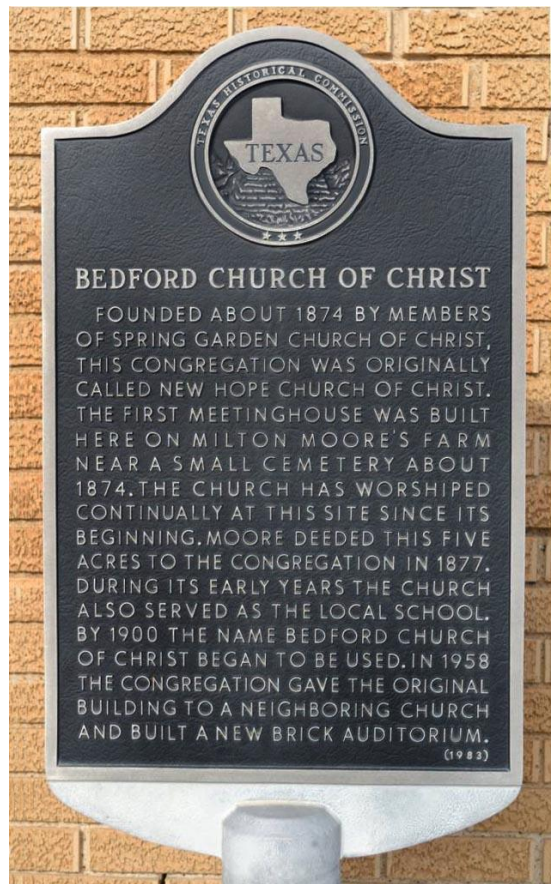
Hamilton became a father for the first time in 1839 when his daughter, Nancy, was born. She grew up and married one of our local Confederates, David Sylvanus Harris. The Harrises presented Hamilton with a granddaughter named Jane in 1858. Time passed and Jane Harris married a local man named Pinkney Lafayette Witten.

The Wittens presented Hamilton with a great-granddaughter named Bella Witten in 1876. She later married Ed Cavender, the son of another local Confederate.

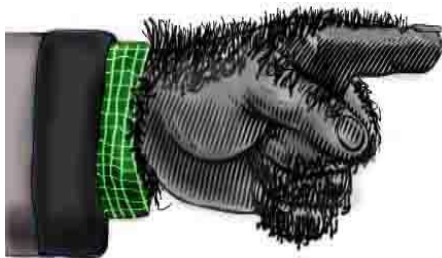
Like many other men of his time Hamilton remarried after losing his first wife. Then he started another family. In 1879 Hamilton's new wife gave birth to a son they named David Sylvanus McDowell. Thus Hamilton McDowell had a great-grandchild older than one of his own children. He died at his daughter's home south of Grapevine and is buried in Parker Memorial Cemetery there.

**Please try your very
best to make it to the
Bedford church of
Christ old-time singing
on November 2 at
1:00 p. m.**

While you're there please seek out some of the church members and tell them how much we appreciate being able to keep the Northeast Tarrant County Civil War Veterans Memorial on their property. Thanks in advance for being there!



Thanks to Dan Shaw of Worthington Monuments for engraving a stone for us, and thanks to Tammy, Laura, Oliver, and Doris Patterson for taking us down to get it on October 10.



Thanks to all the E. W. Taylor Camp members and their support staff who made the trip to Parker County on October 18: Tammy Patterson, Jimmy Reynolds, Sr., Jimmy Reynolds, Jr., Kent Mathews, Doris Patterson, Oliver Patterson, and Mike Patterson. Thanks, too, to Lanham Camp member Jerry Puckett who drove from South Arlington to help.



**THEY
WALK
AMONG
US...**

This really happened:

Worthington's produced this attractive black polished granite marker for an avid angler and golfer. After it was delivered to the funeral home, an employee there called to complain that it had a "ray-lookin'" pattern on it when you looked at it from one direction. They'd tried soap and water and it was still there. Did Worthingtons have any suggestions on how to make it go away? Was it just sump'm in the rock?



**As has always been
our custom, we will
not have formal camp
meetings in November
or December.**

**Our other activities
will go on as usual.
Be thinking of what
you can do to make
our camp even better!**





“Well excuuuuuse me!!! Where I come from it’s considered good manners to let fly with a good trumpeting after a yummy meal!”

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.

