

*THE MARSHALL GUARDIAN*



**IN MEMORIAM**



Dedicated to the memory of the **Sergeant William Williston Heartsill** Company F 2nd Texas Cavalry, C.S.A.

**Next Meeting...**

**Tuesday,**

**January 18th, 2021**

**6:30 P.M.**

**SPEAKER**

**Past Commander in Chief Paul Gramling**

**The State of our Confederacy**

**Dinner Belle Restaurant**

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South**

**Marshall, TX 75672**

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**Bring a Friend**



**W. W. Heartsill**



Compatriots:

We heard at our last meeting about the Confederate soldier and his families hardships during Christmas time of the Civil War from Mark Vogl. We were glad to have Joey Hudson back in the Camp and he bought his son Owen with him. He also turned in the applications for Owen and his brother Hart. New young members are always a plus for us. 9 of us met at Greenwood and we set the VA markers for 2 Confederate Veterans whose grave are now marked. We will have the SCV Past Commander and Chief Paul Gramling and his wife Linda join us at our next meeting. He will be updating us on what has happened in the Confederacy over the last year. Bring your wives and family to hear the good news about the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I wish you a Happy New Year for 2022. The next upcoming work days will be an inventory of those buried at Marshall Cemetery and a cleanup day at Greenwood where we will cut some brush and growth from the plots in a couple sections like we did last year at Marshall Cemetery.

**Bill Elliott, Commander**



## Our December Meeting: Thanks to Albert Colvin for the pictures.



Getting our orders in



Setting up for the meeting



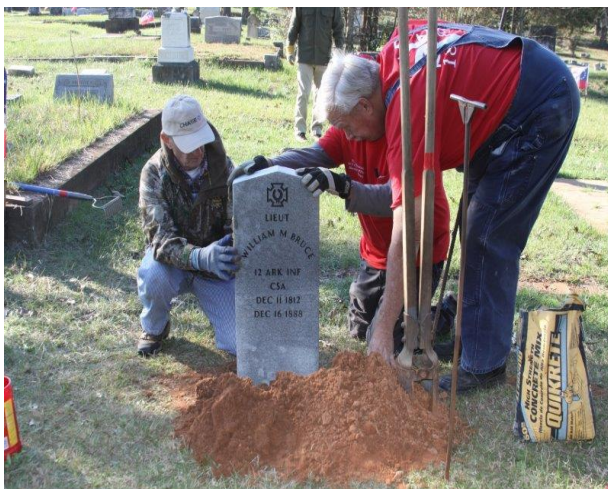
Mark Vogl presents Christmas in the Confederacy 1860-1865



Camp presents a plaque in appreciation to Mark. Wishing all members a Merry Christmas



## Hometown Heroes: Col. William McDonald Bruce 1812-1888



**Thanks to Mrs. Ann Brannon for applying for marker.**

**The write up from Find a Grave: William M. Bruce, born on Dec. 11, 1812, Dumfries, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland.**

Kinship to Robert the Bruce, the King of Scotland and Edward Bruce, the King of Ireland. Citizen of the Republic of Texas, and a Texas Ranger. In hopes of a better life, William and his family immigrated to the United States in 1818 when he was 5 years old. In 1836 he came alone to Texas with the intent of fighting in the Battle of San Jacinto, the decisive battle of the Texas Revolution, which lasted only eighteen minutes. Santa Anna, the President of Mexico was captured and three weeks later signed the peace treaty which led to the establishment of the Republic of Texas as an independent nation. Bruce, believing the wars was over in Texas, returned home, but came back to Texas with his family in March of 1839 and settled in Nacogdoches County, only to find the newly established Republic was soon to be embroiled in a battle with the Cherokee, Shawnee, Kickapoo, and Delaware Indian tribes of Eastern Texas. He joined the Texas Rangers under the command of Captain Alexander Jordan, and for two years served as a "Mounted Ranger" and helped police the rogue Indians of East Texas from the area around Tyler, Texas to the present day Van Zandt County. It was in Van Zandt County, at the Neches River, on July 16, 1839. That battle culminated with the Cherokee leader, Chief Bowl being killed. The remainder of the Cherokees and their allies fled Texas to the Arkansas Territory (present day Oklahoma) The Battle of the Cherokees was over. His first child, daughter Mary Jane, was born in Nacogdoches in 1841 and soon after, Bruce moved his family to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where among other jobs he was Justice of the Peace, Photographer, Postmaster and a tailor. Bruce was elected Colonel Commandant of the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade in the Arkansas Militia in 1854 and later, at the request of Governor Rector of Arkansas, formed the "Arkadelphia Guards" who were to remain in and for the protection of Arkadelphia. One enlisted in the militia could not "transfer" into the Confederate Army, so Col. Bruce resigned his commission and command as Colonel in the Militia and accepted an appointment by the President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, as an Adjutant with the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of the 12<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry. He left the war as a Lieutenant and in 1865, moves back to Texas and opened and operated the first photography studio in the East Texas town of Marshall. He was one of the first photographers in the world to make a plate of the moon. He sired 6 children with Edith, his wife of 50 years. Bruce was preceded in death by 3 sons. He was originally interred in the Marshall City cemetery, but later moved to Greenwood when his wife Edith passed away in 1892. He died in 1888 and is buried in a unmarked grave in Greenwood Cemetery, Marshall, Harrison County, Texas.

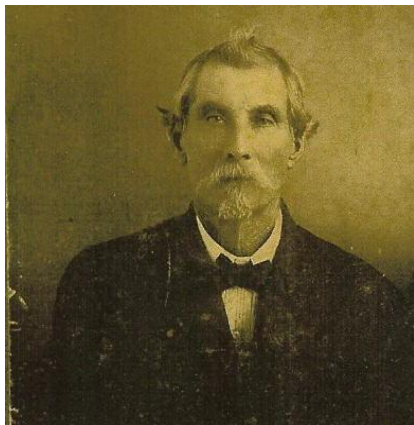


**William H. Rockett: 1836-1918, 19<sup>th</sup> MS. Inf. Regt.**

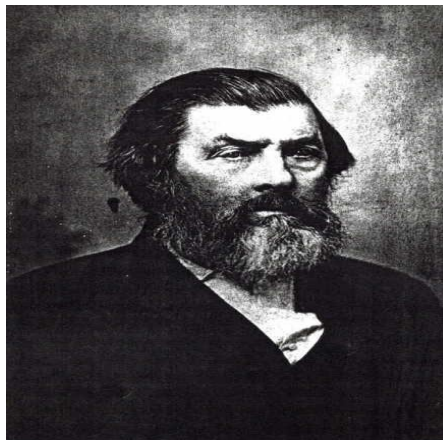


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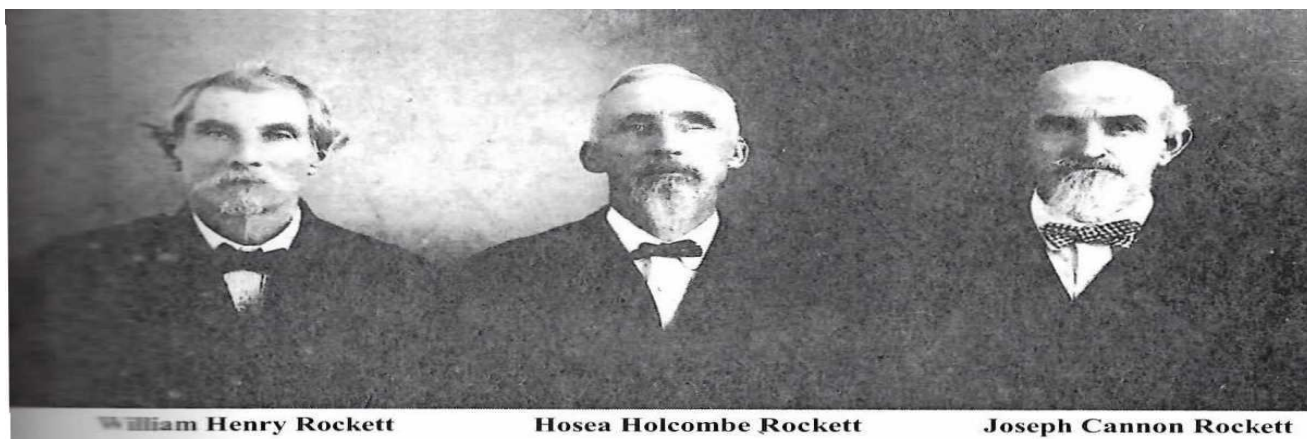
**William Henry "Bill" Rockett**



**William MacDonald Bruce**

**William H. Rockett was born on March 28, 1836 in Jefferson County Alabama.**

He joined the CSA on May 23, 1861 along with his brother Hosea at Spring Port, Panola County Mississippi. Spring Port was in Northwest MS. and is no longer there. The where shipped to the Old Fairgrounds in Richmond, Virginia in June of 1861 where state units were combined to form regiments. William and Hosea were assigned to Company G which was placed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Mississippi Infantry. The 19<sup>th</sup> was the same Regiment my ancestor Captain I. Q. Perry was in Company A. The rosters for the 19<sup>th</sup> shows that in September of 1861 both William and Hosea were in the hospital in Richmond. The Company roster for October shows that on October 10<sup>th</sup> William was discharged for medical reasons and on October 13<sup>th</sup> Hosea was also discharged. William married in 1869 and with his wife Mary Catherine had 9 children in 17 years. The 1880 and 1900 Census shows him in Mississippi as a Farmer-Carpenter. The 1910 Census show them in Pct. 3 in Marshall living with their daughter and son in law. Below the 3 Rockett Brothers



**William Henry Rockett**

**Hosea Holcombe Rockett**

**Joseph Cannon Rockett**

# In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Harrison County, Texas

2nd Texas Cavalry Co. F “Walter P. Lane Rangers”	Captain Sam J. Richardson
3rd Texas Cavalry Co A “The Texas Hunters”	Captain T. W. Winston
1st Texas Infantry Co. E “The Marshall Guards”	Captain F. S. Bass
7th Texas Infantry Co. D “Bass Greys”	Captain K M Van Zandt
7th Texas Infantry Co. H “Texas Invincibles”	Captain W. B. Hill
17th Texas Cavalry Co. E “Hendricks Company”	Captain S. B. Hendricks
17th Texas Cavalry Co. K “Clough Rangers”	Captain Gil McKay
14th Texas Infantry Co. B “Clough and Hill Avengers”	Captain W. L. Pickens
14th Texas Infantry Co A. “Marshall Mechanics”	Captain N. S. Allen
14th Texas Infantry Co. H “Cypress Tigers”	Captain John Miller
28th Texas Cavalry Co. F “Harrison County Lancers”	Captain Phil Brown
1st Cavalry Regiment Partisans Rangers	Captain Hec McKay
1st Cavalry Regiment Partisans Rangers	Captain S. W. Webb



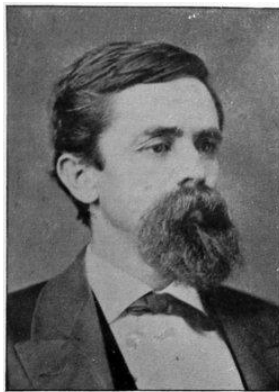


### Upcoming National and Texas Division Reunions

**2022 Texas Division Reunion: June 3-5, 2022 at McKinney Texas. Info can be found on the Texas Division Website SCV TX Div.**

**2022 SCV 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion: July 13-17 at Cartersville GA.**

**We will be passing the Bucket at our meeting for the Flag replacement fund as they will need changing soon.**



JOHN HUNTER POPE.

**Dr. John Hunter Pope 1844-1915. Co. E., 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Lane's Partisan Rangers. Wounded at Battle of Prairie Grove, AR. 12<sup>th</sup> president of the Texas Medical Assn. Buried at Greenwood Cemetery**

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### How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?

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