

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,

February 17th, 2020

6:30 P.M.

SPEAKER

Frank Crisp & Bill Elliott.

Col. John Burke, Gen. Lee's Favorite Spy

**Jucy's Hamburgers
2003 Victory Dr.**

Marshall, TX 75672

Phone:

903-923-8020

Bring a Friend



W. W. Heartsill



Compatriots:

We had another busy Month. Our meeting had a very informative program conducted by our Immediate Past Commander Mike Hurley on George Washington. We all learned a lot for Mike. I had the pleasure of presenting the program for the Gen. Gregg Camp in Longview. I told them about our namesake W. W. Heartsill.

Compatriot Roger Opelia and I had the honor of carrying the Flags in the Jefferson Madi Gras parade. We had a lot of applause and shouts of thanks from the crowd as we marched thru Jefferson. We all have to thank Compatriot George Linton and his crew for all they do for the 5th Brigade.

On Super Tuesday the people of Texas supported the Republican party platform resolution concerning mounments and the Alamo by 92% of the vote. Now is the time for us to push this issue into law.

I hope you can attend our next meeting,

Bill Elliott, Commander



Hometown Heroes

Captain Samuel J. Richardson (1826- 1876) 50?

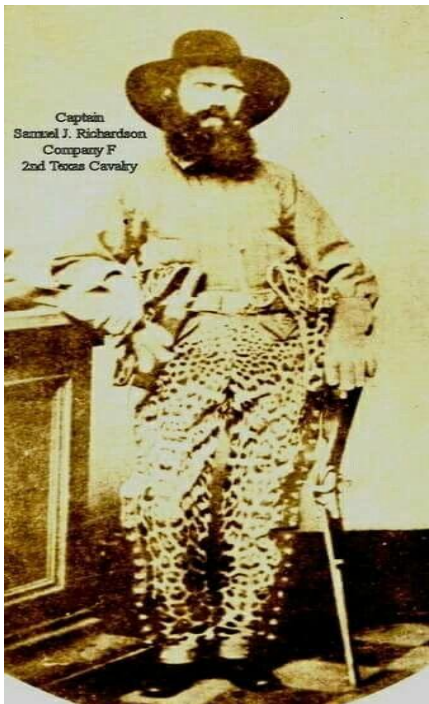
Samuel J. Richardson, farmer, businessman, Confederate officer, state legislator, and police chief, was born in Virginia in 1826. He was the son of William Stuart and Lavinia Richardson. He married Edwina Frances Buchanan on Feb. 27, 1849. He immigrated with his family to Texas prior to 1855 and established himself as a farmer and sawmill owner. During the late 1850's he joined the Knights of the Golden Circle (KGC), an organization devoted to the preservation of slavery and Southern culture within the United States and advocating the expansion of these institutions.

At the end of Feb. 1861 following the secession of Texas from the Union, Federal troops ceased defending northeastern Texas from Indian attacks and moved into Kansas. The following month Richardson organized a company of cavalry for service in frontier defense. This unit, part of the W.P. Lane Rangers was mustered on April 19, with Richardson elected Captain. By this time he had developed a flair for the dramatic. According to contemporary accounts, he led his company in a crisp parade through the main street of Marshall and halted in front of the gathering of Harrison County notables. With his troops of attention, Richardson – dressed in his trademark leopard-skin pants and brandishing a double barreled shotgun-accepted a silk flag from a young woman and delivered a speech about Texan valor which caused the ladies present to weep. Following a two-week expedition against Comanche to the west of Harrison County, Richardson and his company arrived in Austin, where they and other companies from around the state were feted by the Austin City Light Infantry Company and reviewed by Governor Edward Clark. Later in 1861, the W.P. Lane Rangers were mustered into the Confederate service, first as Company F of the Second Regiment, Texas Mounted rifles, and later as Company F of the Second Texas Cavalry Regiment. Richardson was the Captain for this unit throughout the War. They were discharged from service on May 20, 1865. Richardson returned to Harrison County where he resumed farming and engaged as a merchant.

With arrival of Federal military authorities in Harrison County, Richardson assumed a leading role in efforts to resist Reconstruction. On June 25, 1866, he won election-firmly within the Democrat and ex-Confederate bloc-as representative for Harrison and Panola counties to the Eleventh Texas Legislature. He served from August 6, 1866, to Feb. 7, 187.. At the conclusion of his term, Richardson served as chief of police for Marshall.

Hometown Heroes: Samuel J. Richardson:

In late December 1867 he broke up a meeting of several hundred freedmen and military-appointed officials at the county courthouse by firing shots into the ceiling. In the ensuing chaos, known as the Marshall Riot, Richardson and several others were arrested by military authorities. No charges were filed, however, as Richardson and the others were released a week later by a sympathetic judge. Richardson kept a low profile through the spring of 1868 but, following the formation of a Union League in Harrison County and a series of victories for the black electorate, reemerged as a leader in precinct “conservative clubs”, designed to roll back the tide of Congressional Reconstruction. The 1870 census listed Richardson living in Marshall with his wife, two sons, and a daughter. Richardson died on Dec. 19, 1876, and was buried at Marshall City Cemetery.



Capt. Samuel J. Richardson



His Family Plot

Capt. Floyd's unmarked grave at the SW corner of Marshall Cemetery With the information from Bill T. Whitis with the Harrison County Historical Commission I found the spot and marked it with a 3rd National Flag. I gathered information on 2nd Lt. J.E. Floyd and submitted a request with the VA for a CSA Veterans marble marker. I am awaiting their approval to get the "Captain's" grave marked.



Captain Floyd's Headstone is Approved

Veteran ID: 57819824

Dear Bill Elliott:

An upright marble headstone for James E Floyd was ordered on 2/11/2020. You may expect it to be delivered within 4 - 6 weeks from the date ordered to:

Meadowbrook Funeral Home
1804 S Washington Ave
Marshall, TX 75670

If the marker has not been set at the grave within a reasonable time after the above scheduled delivery, you may wish to call Meadowbrook Funeral Home at 903-938-5529 to verify receipt.

Sincerely,

Memorial Programs Service

E-mail: mps.headstones@va.gov • Website: www.cem.va.gov

Camp Members in Action Jan./ Feb.



Camp members Bill Elliott, Michael Hurley and Roger Opelia all helped out at the Longview Confederate Heroes Day 1/18/2020



Compatriot Roger and I carried the Flags thru the Streets of Jefferson For the Madi Gras Parade. We had a great response.



Upcoming Events:

Saturday March 21, 2020, 11AM,
Hallsville Cemetery.

There will be a Ceremonial Marker Dedication that will honor and commemorate the service of 16 Confederate Veterans who are buried there. The Hallsville Community is excited and pleased to have this event. Muster at 10AM services at 11AM. Turn South off US 80 on 450S and take 1st right. Travel west about 1/2 miles to Cemetery.

Texas 123rd Reunion June 5-7, 2020

This year's Reunion will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Grapevine, TX. All are welcome to attend. We are allowed 2 delegates. For more information go to the Texas SCV website.

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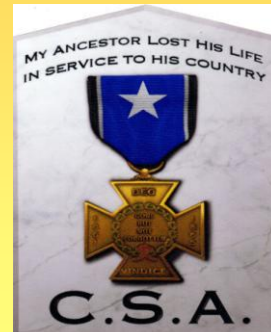
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Did you know ?



How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either lineal or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet Membership.