

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,
April 19th, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

SPEAKER

**Bill Elliott care and
cleaning of tombstones**

Dinner Belle Restaurant

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Bring a Friend



W. W. Heartsill



Compatriots:

We had a great presentation about the 43rd MS Inf. Regt. and their pet camel "Old Douglass" given by author and Compatriot Scott Bell. We all enjoyed the program and several bought signed copies of his book. Compatriot Daryl Ware was presented his Guardian Award for his care of his GG-Grandfather Willis Driskell's grave at Pope Cemetery.

On March 19th we had 8 Compatriots meet and install 2 CSA Veterans tombstones on their unmarked graves and we also installed a marker for a WW II veteran whose body was never found or returned home. We had Phil Davis, Eddie Pricer and Bill Starnes all from the Gilmer Camp attend our meeting. It is always great to have our Brothers join with us.

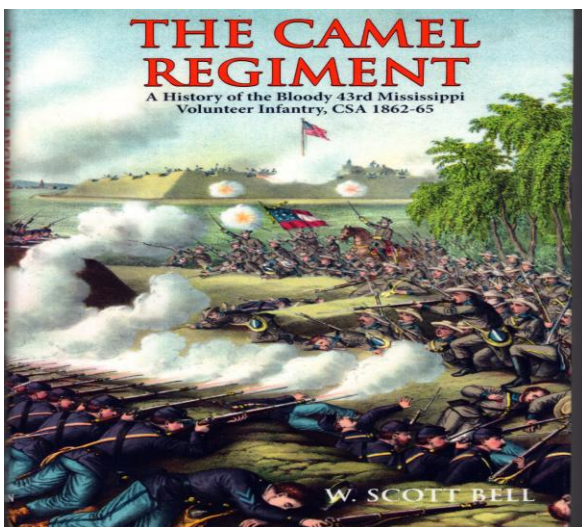
I had asked Gill Woolrey from Marshall Monument to be our April speaker. He could not make it but he sent me information for us to share and learn from. We will do our best to get new flags out for the month of April which is Confederate Heritage Month. We also await the risen Lord this Easter.

Bill Elliott, Commander, at your service.

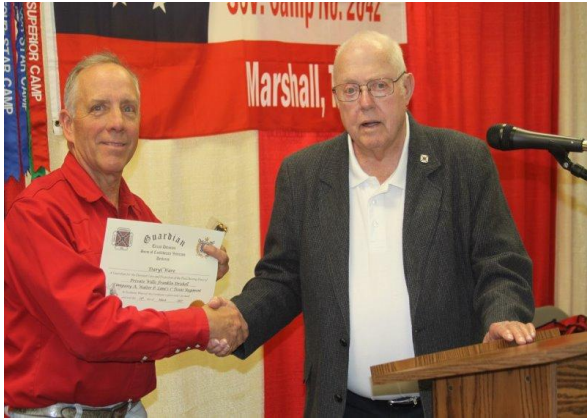


Our March Meeting: Thanks to Albert Colvin for the pictures.

Scott Bell presented our program on his book “The Camel Regiment”



March Camp meeting:



Daryl Ware receives his Guardian Certificate from Guardian Program Chairman Phil Davis



Owen Carroll & Pete Craig

Eddie Pricer, Phil Davis, Bill Starnes of the Gilmer Camp



March 19th tombstone installations. Photos by Albert Colvin



Orderly Sgt. James T. Pierce. Greenwood Cemetery



Pvt. Ellis James Evans. Greenwood Cemetery



Pvt. Hugh Oliver Jackson. Old Grover Cemetery



James T. Pierce joined the 14th Texas Infantry upon its formation on March 8, 1862. He was 22 years old and a local Attorney. He was elected Co. B 1st Sgt... In November 1862 he was detailed to the Commissary Department as Sgt. and served in that position until the end of the War. When he returned to Marshall he became involved in the community. He served on the Board of Directors of the Masonic Female Institute. He was on the board and a stockholder of the Marshall & Northwest Railroad. On February 5, 1881 was elected as 1 of 4 delegates to go to Austin to lobby the Governor to start a NORMAL school here in Marshall, which is a start of the State funded public School. He built the house at the corner of Alamo & East Burleson that is now the Red Poppy Salon in 1869 and was part of his estate until 1889.

Ellis James Evans: At his time of death he was 71 years of age and was born in Pennsylvania. When a child, his parents moved to Vicksburg, MS. where he spent his youth and early manhood. In 1861 he joined the Confederate Army joining the 12th MS Inf. Regt. on April 24, 1861 known as the "Vicksburg Sharpshooters" he served until the end of the war, He married Miss Susan Miller on June 6, 1868, and in 1897 he and his family came to Texas and settled in Palestine, where he went to work for the I.G.N Railway Company. In 1902 he came to Marshall and went to work for the T&P railroad as a machinist and worked here until his death. He was a member of the W.P. Lane Camp #621 of the United Confederate Veterans, Machinists Union #9 and a devoted member of Trinity Episcopal Church. He was survived by his wife, son and 2 daughters.

Hugh Oliver Jackson: The article in the Jan. 21, 1945 Marshall News Messenger states "Pvt. Hugh Jackson is listed Missing" Pvt. Hugh Jackson, son of Sid Jackson of the Grover community has been missing in action in Belgium since Dec. 12th, according to a war department message received by his father. Pvt. Jackson's wife makes her home in Hallsville. The Battle of the Bulge was fought in Belgium from Dec. 1944 to Jan. 25, 1945. He was 38 years old. He is listed as Missing in Action and Killed in Action. We do not know if the date of death is true or when they officially closed out his standing. We placed his monument between his Mom & Dad's tombstone and that of his sister and brother-in-law. Rest in Peace Pvt. Jackson you are with your family.

Home Town Heroes: Captain Samuel J. Richardson, 1826-1876

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 Lavina Richardson. Richardson married Edwina Frances Buchanan on Feb. 27, 1849. He immigrated with his family to Texas prior to 1855 and established himself as a sawmill owner and farmer. During the late 1850's he joined the **Knights of the Golden Circle** an organization devoted to the preservation of slavery and Southern culture within the United States and advocating the expansion of these institutions into Central and South America. In the spring of 1860 Richardson led the Harrison County "castle" of the Texas KGC.

Richardson remained a staunch advocate for Southern empowerment. At the end of February 1861, following 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 the frontier defense. This unit, part of the W.P. Lane Rangers (First Texas Partisan Rangers) was mustered on **April 19th, 1861** with Richardson elected as 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 at 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 also from Marshall. Later in 1861, the W.P. Lane Rangers were mustered into 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 captain for this unit and served in this capacity throughout the war. Following his discharge from service on May 20, 1865, Richardson returned to Harrison County where he resumed farming and engaged as a merchant.

With the arrival of Federal military authorities in Harrison County, Richardson assumed a leading role in the 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 February 7, 1870. At the conclusion of his term, Richardson served as chief of police for Marshall.

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 the **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 Edwina, sons William, Edwin and Earl and daughter Lavinia. Captain Richardson died on December 19, 1876, and was buried at Marshall City Cemetery.



Capt. Sam. J. Richardson.



April 1861, from W.W. Heartsill's Book Fourteen Hundred and 91 days

The above brief history, is conditions of affairs in our country about the 1st of April 1861; near which time, Sheriff A. W. Crawford received authority from the Governor, to raise one Company from this and adjoining counties; with instructions to give the neighboring counties fair opportunity to furnish their quota. Sheriff Crawford immediately opened a book for the registration of names; there was a perfect rush to enlist, as the impression prevailed that the Company would be ordered immediately from Austin to Galveston. On the 7th I registered my name, at the same time with my friends Henderson, Duke, and Curtis. By the 10th the list was full to overflowing as the surrounding counties have furnished their full numbers. Sheriff Crawford appointed the 19th of April, as the day for the organization of the company, and this is the day on which my journal of the Company begins, as to when, or how it will end; the Great "I AM" alone knoweth. Believing that our cause is just; a strict sense of duty has impelled me to the course I have pursued in enlisting; as military fame I do not desire, even had I the ability of earning it. This new "WAR FEVER" finds my friend Duke and I, clerking in the store of Mr. Bradford & Talley; both of us originally from the State of Tennessee; reared in a peaceful quiet community, and when the present great question is to be decided by an Appeal to arms; we with many others eagerly embrace the first opportunity to enlist. And we may realize the old adage, "Experience is a dear school, and fools will learn at none other". We may not find so much "Fun and Frolic" as we anticipate. With the above scattering notes, we enter upon the work before us.

April 19th, 1861. At an early hour the hitherto quiet, of Marshall is disturbed by the "Neigh of the war horse;" and the assembling of the Cavalry. The counties of Panola, Upshur, and Marion have sent forth some of their best material; and the town is full of soldiers, all finely mounted and equipped for service, with the exception of arms; these we expect to get at Austin, At 9 o'clock we fall into line on the north side of the Courthouse, and prepare for valuation of horses; which is conducted by Major William Bradford, A.G. Scogin, and Sheriff Crawford; this consumes much of the day. At 3 o'clock we proceed to the organization of the Company; with names of aspirants, and in some instances unauthorized; but as all are willing to serve in any capacity that their friends of the respective candidates. The ballots were deposited in a ballot box, and while the officers of the election were counting out the vote,- the Company was called together in the Courthouse, and the oath administered by Judge Frazer; after which, on motion of the members of the Company, (Maj. Sam J. Richardson) which was unanimously, and enthusiastically adopted; that the name of the Company shall be the "W.P. LANE RANGERS," In honor of a worthy citizen of Marshall; Maj. W. P. Lane who has distinguished himself in many hard fought battles for Texas Independence. About sunset the results of the election is announced; which makes our Muster Roll stand complete. Total strength 103: Captain Sam J. Richardson, Commander.

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.

SCV Homecoming. May 7th at Elm Springs, Columbia, TN.

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 127th Annual Reunion: July 21-23 at Cartersville GA.

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



Lt. Gen. Dick Taylor

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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.