

THE MARSHALL GUARDIAN



IN MEMROSY

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

Next Meeting...

**Tuesday,
May 16th, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Program:

Movie night

**Texas Generals by
Johnny Anderson**

Dinner Belle Restaurant

**4803 East End Blvd.
South**

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W. W. Heartsill

2022 Texas Division Distinguished Camp Winner

Compatriots and my Brothers All:

We had a fun and informative Camp meeting with 21 in attendance and an informative program by Compatriot Robert Bailey. I thank Daryl Ware for taking the meeting pictures. As you can see the storms we had here 4 weeks ago did cause damage to both Marshall and Greenwood Cemeteries. The City contracted out the tree removal which also took a crane. We will do our best to get the graves of our Confederate Veteran back in shape.

We lost Brother James A. Weir in April. James had been in a Nursing Home and was a 33 year member of the SCV. We mourn his loss and will drape our Charter in him memory. We have had a new member join the SCV and our Camp. We welcome Compatriot Colin White who has joined under the service of his GGG-Grandfather Cpl. William James Finklea, 42nd Alabama Infantry. Colin is the Grandson of Brother Keith Finklea and cousin of Brother Josh Thomas. The Jefferson Pilgrimage Parade is this weekend and I hope we have several Compatriots come out to march in the parade.

Celebrate your Confederate Heritage everyday !

Bill Elliott, Commander, at your service.



Camp Meeting April 18th. Program was by Robert Bailey, photos by Daryl Ware.



Robert explained to our Camp how as a volunteer at the Harrison County Museum he was able to work with Mrs. Inez Hatley Hughes who was the Director. He was able to pick he brain on where the records and information on Confederate Veterans and the Marshall Cemetery records we at and research the location and info on them. With the hard work of Jimmy Moore and the other members of the Walter P. Lane SCV Camp #1455 they were able to help develop a working map of Marshall Cemetery showing the location of the Confederate Vets. Robert enjoyed his work here in Marshall but had to relocate do to his job and later family needs. He drove down to our meeting from Princeton, Texas east of Greenville. We were glad to be able to thank Robert for he work that we are using today.



The last roll call for Compatriot James A. Weir Sr. a 33 year SCV member

James A Weir was born August 29, 1932 in Harrison County, Texas to Gill and Willie Borne Weir. He grew up on Birmingham Road with 2 brothers, Charles Weir and Cecil Weir, who preceded him in death. He attended Marshall schools, graduating from Marshall High School. He worked for Fry Hodge drug store in his youth, delivering on his Cushman scooter. James worked for Safeway grocery in his teens and met and married Dorothy Rider Weir in 1954. Was honorable discharged from the National Guard in 1955. Beginning his career with SWEPCO- AEP, retiring after 38 year as a foreman. He loved his family and spent happy times vacationing to different historic battlegrounds and National parks. He and Dorothy moved to Carthage and was very active in the Panola Cattleman's rodeo committee for several years. He was a rancher with cows and horses which gave him great joy. He raised his children riding horses and his sons riding livestock. He hauled his children many miles pursuing the rodeo trail. Upon his retirement he developed and received a patent for a line tie that electric companies use to this day. He and Dorothy traveled to many trade shows demonstrating his invention. Once they decided to settle down in Marshall on his family land he drew up the plans and designed his new home. His time was spent following his grandson playing travel league baseball and helped coach teams. He also began going to Whataburger to meet with the coffee group each morning. He never met a stranger. He loved to talk. There was nothing he couldn't fix or tackle. His motto was fix it yourself. Never hire unless you absolutely couldn't figure out how to do it yourself. He believed in hard work and perseverance. He was a hard man but a proud good man. He loved his country and his God. He believed in the old ways. His heart was soft towards his wife and his children. He loved history, especially the civil war era.

Survived by wife Dorothy Rider Weir of 69 years, son James A Weir Jr (Jim) and Karen Weir of Amarillo, Texas. Granddaughter Ashley and Ricky Rodriguez. Great grandchildren Bree and Tallen of Amarillo, Texas. Granddaughter Chelsea Weir of Houston, Granddaughter Kinsey and Will Brady. Great grandchildren Four and Palmer of Canyon, Texas. Daughter, Amy Weir and Lowell Coleman of Marahall. Grandson Skyler and Taylor Weir. Great grandchildren Winry Weir, Amity Miller and Adler Miller of Marshall. Son, Dennis Lynn Weir (Denny) and Taanya Weir of Sulphur Springs, Texas. Grandson Casey and Lory Weir. Great grand son Devin Weir and Jaydyn Parks of Carthage, Texas. Grand daughter Cori and Jared Gobert. Great grand daughters Sophie Lay, Leah Lay, and Harper Gobert of Spring Hill, Texas.

The Storm Damage and the aftermath at Marshall & Greenwood



Captain Samuel Richardson of Co. F, 2nd Texas Cavalry and Marshall's 1st Chief of Police family plot at Marshall Cemetery . Pushed the tombstone off it's base.



Greenwood Cemetery



3rd Sgt. Reuben McHenry Herndon, 1838-1915 Co. A, 16th Tennessee Infrantry and his wife America Elizabeth Rains. He was a carpenter by trade and later went into his Father in Law's G.W. Rains business Rains & Herndon, and later Rains and Talley Funeral Home.

17th Annual Confederate Cemetery Memorial, Keachi, LA. 4/15/23



A great annual event conducted by the Lt. General Richard Taylor SCV Camp 1308 and the Shreveport Chapter #237 UDC. Always held around the 3rd Saturday of April. I had a blast attending.

Hometown Hero: Captain Thomas Jefferson Whaley Jul.7, 1833-May 3, 1911



Capt. Thomas Jefferson Whaley.



Maarshall NewsMessenger May 9, 1911: T. J. Whaley Dead after a long Illness, He was a man long prominent in the affairs of this section of Texas.

Captain T. J. Whaley died at his home on College street Wednesday at midnight after being sick for many months. Mr. Thomas Jefferson Whaley was one of Marshall's oldest citizens, honored, and respected by all who knew him and his death will be mourned by many citizens who have known him so many years. The deceased was born in Hancock County, Georgia, July 7, 1833, and when a young man moved to Texas, arriving here in 1853. He married Miss Eugenia Coleman on August 22, 1855, and has made this his home continually since. When the war broke out he joined the Confederate army and was in the battle of Mansfield, and was first lieutenant in Co. K, dismounted, 17th Texas Cavalry, and when his Captain Gil McCay, was killed at Mansfield, he was promoted to the position of Captain of his company.

The deceased has been an honorable and useful citizen to Marshall and Harrison county for nearly sixty years, and leaves a family of a wife, Mrs. Eugene Whaley, and two daughters, Mmes. S.L. McClaran of Marshall, George Leachman of Dallas, and three sons Paul Goodwin, Eugene Coleman, and Thomas Little, besides many grandchildren to mourn his death.

He was a member of the Marshall lodge No. 22 Masons, a member of the W. P. Lane Camp #621, United Confederate Veterans, and for years member of the board of deacons of the First Baptist Church. For fifty years he was a member of the Baptist Church and for twenty years a county commissioner. The funeral will take place tomorrow from the family home on College street to the First Baptist Church, with interment in Greenwood cemetery.

Captain Hudgins' speech at grave of Whaley:

Captain Hudgins was chaplain of the Confederate camp on the day of the funeral of Capt. T. J. Whaley, and in that capacity had to make a few remarks, which he did in the language below, By request of several veterans the remarks are printed. Comrades and sorrowing friends. I have no words or language to express the fullness of this sad heart as we come to bury one who has so long been a comrade, friend and brother comrade in as much as for four long years of conflagration, tears and blood he stood manfully at his post of duty and endured the same labors, dangers, suffering and apprehension as did the loyal and faithful Confederate soldiers at his side. As a friend for forty-six years there has been no moment of that time but I knew, yes knew, that he was my friend, faithful and true to me. As brother, often, oh how often, in they days that now have passed away, have I witnessed his prayers. His tears, his songs and his praise as they mingled with those of his brothers whom he loved so well, and went up to heaven as our common offering there to be king of kings and lord of lords, and comrades, we have reason to hope and to believe that those offerings have found acceptance there. The life of Thomas J. Whaley, comrades has been to us all, as an open book to us all, open because in it there was nothing that he desired to conceal, nothing that he was ashamed of. More words of mine, therefore, would be superfluous, because they could add nothing to what is already known of Thomas J. Whaley. It only remains, then, for us to consign his body to the earth his spirit to the constant care and protection of the God who gave it and who has promised such protection to his children. Amen.

W. W. Heartsill's comments at the funeral:

Comrades- Friends: For the 61st time since our Organization eleven years ago, we assemble around the grave of an other gallant Confederate. And while our ranks may grow less, our looks whiten, our eyes grow dim, our steps totter and our bodies waste away, yet our love for those who a half a century ago stood by our sides for four years of hardships of camp life, shall never falter. There lies the remains of a man that was everything that goes to make up true and noble manhood. Comrade Thomas J. Whaley was born in Hancock County Georgia on July 7th, 1833. Came to Harrison County Texas in 1853. Early in 1862 he enlisted in Company "K", 17th Texas Cavalry (dismounted) and was honorable discharged from the Confederate Army in June 1865. When Company K was organized he was elected 1st LT. of the Company and when their Captain fell at Mansfield, Comrade Whaley was made the Captain of the Company. The men under him loved and respected him, and this alone was a grand tribute. "An honest man is the noblest work of God. Farewell Comrade Whaley!

FYI: W. W. Heartsill's daughter Minnie 1877-1961 married Eugene Coleman Whaley on October 31, 1900. Whaley's sons went on to form Logan & Whaley Company .

Reunion of the W. P. Lane Rangers: April 19th, 1900. At the doors of 1st Methodist Church and at the Marshall Lake that was at the end of N. Franklin St.



BOYS WHO WORE THE GREY 39 YEARS LATER—These men left Marshall for the Civil War battlefields shortly after the organization of the W. P. Lane Rangers on April 19, 1861. Here they are pictured at their first reunion held on April 19, 1900. They are seated on the steps at the First Methodist Church. Note the shape of the big columns on each end of the picture. The veterans are: front row, left to

right, B. E. Matthews, J. Z. Pattillo, M. J. Tillery, J. M. Clark, J. M. Vines, W. O. Johnson, T. J. Pounds and H. F. Felton. Second row, J. W. Young, Lt. J. W. Clark, R. P. Benge, B. P. Black, J. M. Trosper, R. M. Burns and W. W. Williamson. Third row, W. S. Thompson, J. C. Morris, T. A. Elgin, E. T. Bedell, W. W. Heartsill, A. W. Harwell, C. W. Jarrott and D. Gibson.



United Confederate Veterans W. P. Lane Camp #621



W, W, Heartsill is on the stage on the left side next to the W. P. Lane UCV;s Camp banner. This banner is somewhere at the Harrison County Historical Research Center collection. Since the collection of items have been moved and stored 3 times over the years they are re-inventing what they have in what boxes. Robert Bailey and Jimmy Moore both know it is in the collection as they along with Mrs. Moore packed it up in their past days as volunteers. At the center of this picture is a picture of General Walter P. Lane their namesake.

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





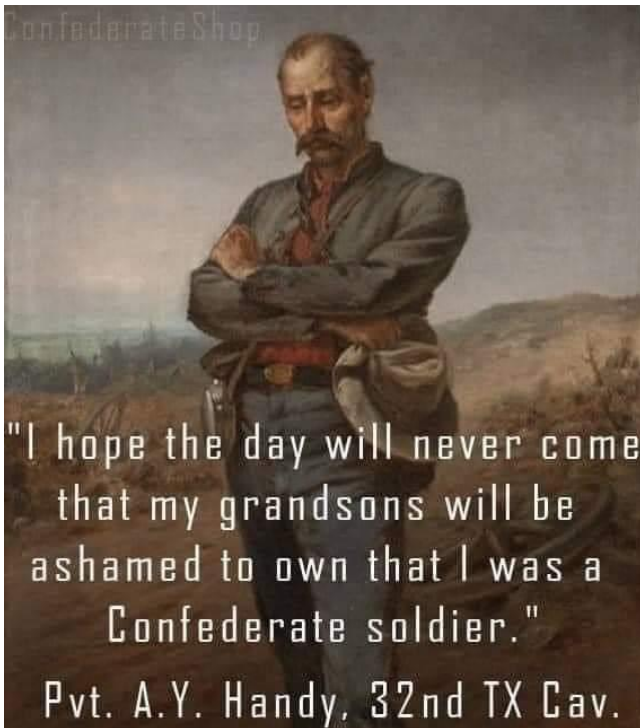
Upcoming Reunions

2023 Texas SCV 126th Annual Reunion

**June 2-4, 2023 MCM Elegante's,
Lubbock, TX.**

2023 SCV 128th Annual Reunion: July 19-22 at Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas

We will be passing the Bucket at our meetings for the Flag replacement fund and for the marker for Col. Burke.



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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.