

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

Next Meeting...

Tuesday,

June 16th, 2020

6:30 P.M.

Marshall Cemetery

E. Grand @ N. Columbus

Open air meeting under trees in the center.

Bring a Friend



W. W. Heartsill



Compatriots:

Well where do I begin. We had 2 great get togethers at the Greenwood Cemetery. Jucy's is not ready yet to open up the meeting room so it might be next month to go back to normal. I have been watching in disgust what is going on in America. A division is occuring in the SCV between our Chief officers and our younger members wanting a call to arms. If local law enforcement will not take on these thugs, how can we legally get in the middle?

Let get together at the old Marshall Cemetery and discuss these issue and remember our heroes buried there, I will have cold drinks, bring a chair. There has been 3 protest in front of our Confederate mounument, but no one has called for its removal. Thanks be to God.

Bill Elliott, Commander

Hometown Heroes

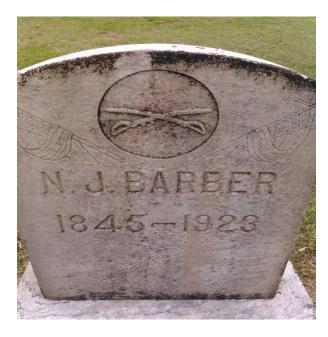
Nathaniel J. Barber: July 4th, 1845 to Dec. 1, 1923

N. J. Barber died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R.A. Patrick, Saturday at 3 o'clock. He was born in Lafayette, Ala. July 4, 1845, and was a Confederate veteran, having served all through the war, being only 17 years of age when he went into the army. He had been a resident of Marshall for the past 12 years, and is survived by three children, Mrs. S.P. Barber of Caney, Okla., Mrs. R. A. Patrick and N. M. Barber of Marshall, and a sister Mrs. M. J. Stephenson of Paul's Valley, Okla. and 13 grandchildren.

The funeral will take place Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Patrick, services conducted by the Confederate veterans of the Walter P. Lane Camp No. 621 of Marshall.

The family story: At age 17 N. J. Barber joined the Confederate Army towards the end of May 1863 at West Point, GA. and became a part of Co. F. 61st Alabama Infantry Regiment under the Command of Captain Zachery, to which belonged, was made up in the Lafayette community. He was put on guard duty for the first 8 weeks of service at Pollard at which he saw the Yankees. It was on the Gulf of Mexico at Pensacola, Fl., that his company captured two large fishing boats. From Pensacola his company was sent to Richmond on a freight train; this was his first ride on a freight train. After arriving in Richmond, they camped in an old tobacco factory, and the next morning they were placed in a line of march, and he marched into his first battle at White Oak Bottom. After being stationed there three days, his company made their way to Orange courthouse. The skirmished on the Rapidan River until the latter part of April 1863. On May 1, 1863 camp was broken and they began to march, and he marched to one knew not where. When General Lee called for sharpshooters in February of 1864, all men were tested. N. J. Barber was the first to be drawn out of his company as a sharpshooter. On the morning of May 5, 1864, yelling was heard in the rear of the march, immediately all the men knew that Gen. Robert E. Lee was coming. They asked Gen. Lee if there was danger ahead. The answer was "Boys, you'll meet them at one o'clock. This was the Battle of the Wilderness. After three days of fighting N.J.'s Company was ordered to Spotsylvania. Here N. J. captured a Yankee and a flag. It was latter learned that his gun was empty and the Yankee's gun was loaded. His next battle was at Frazier's farm at Hanover Junction. He was later stationed near the crater where he heard the tunneling underground a number of days before the big blow-up. N. J. was also in the battles of Winchester and Fishers Hill.



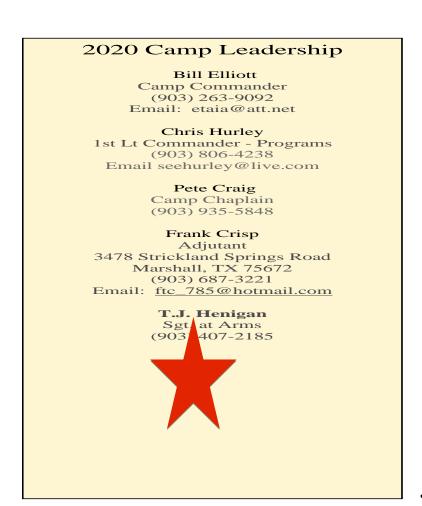


Before and after pictures. When I found him in Greenwood I saw the crossed swords and the flags on poles to the left and right of the crossed swords

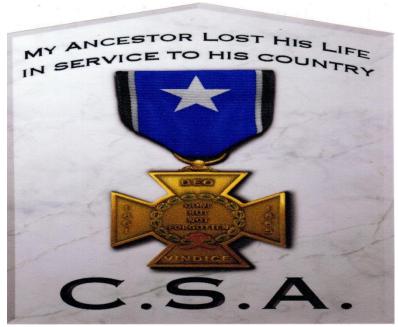


I found this on the bottom of Hugh T. Seastrunk, Co. C. 17th TX DM. Cav. He was later a Judge here. "W. P. Lane Camp No. 621 and UCV Logo"

The SCV Reunion is still on for



July 16, 17. & 18th at



San Augustine, Fl.