

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,
September 19th, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Program:
**2nd Lt. Commander
Robb McMahan**

**How A.I. can help with
our message**



**Dinner Belle Restaurant
4803 East End Blvd.
South**

Marshall, TX 75672

**Phone:
903-923-9678**

Bring a Friend



W. W. Heartsill

2023 Texas Division Superior Camp Winner

2023 SCV, ATM Superior Camp Winner

Compatriots and my Brothers All:

What a month. We had a great turn out for our August meeting. We had 23 in attendance. It really was an honor to have 4 members of the Shreveport Camp come and join with us and share information. Brother Daryl did a great presentation and shared with us and so did Brother Owen about their thoughts on attending a National Reunion. 2nd Lt. Commander Robb McMahan has offered to share with us about Artificial Intelligence and how it can help in the future like in the area of Heritage programs. It is always a welcome to have members willing to share and to travel to other SCV events to learn and to enjoy our Brotherhood with other Compatriots.

I have been in contact with Marshall Monument and also ancestors of Col. John Burke. We have all things we hope in the works to dedicate his monument around the anniversary of his death around January 4th. Maybe Dec. 30th if all comes together. Marshall Monuments has what we want for the wording and are working on what all will fit to tell his story.

Teamwork has no I, but does have WE!

Bill Elliott, Commander, at your service.



Camp Meeting August 15th. Pictures by Brother Albert Colvin.



Brother Daryl Ware presented the program on the SCV Reunion



We had a large turnout and a fun time



Lute Lee, David Hill, Bobby Herring, and Allen Lawrence from Shreveport Camp



1st LT. CM Pete Craig shares membership recruiting information



SCV Meritorious Service Award, for Frank Crisp. ATM Superior Camp Award for our Camp



SCV Assistant Chief of Heritage Defense Bobby Herring addresses the Camp

Visiting after the meeting



Shreveport Camp Adjutant David Hill and Commander Lute Lee behind the podium



Mrs. Chris Hurley and Mrs. Owen Carroll joined with us at the meeting

ATM Training Symposium host by the Red Diamond Camp Texarkana



Pete Craig, SCV Commander in Chief Jason Boshers, me, and Randy Saxton



5th Brigade 2nd Lt. CM. Craig, CinC Boshers, Brigade CM Elliott, 1st LT CM. Bill Starnes

Marshall's Past:



Color halftone postcard showing a view from above of the Texas & Pacific Railway Shop Marshall, Texas. It shows various industrial buildings, a water tower and train tracks with part of the city of Marshall in the background. Distributed by Eastex Photo Supply, Marshall Texas. Creation information: Curt Teich & Co. 1915-1930. Provided by: Harrison County Historical Museum.

The T&P Shops



1980's the viaduct coming down



New High School



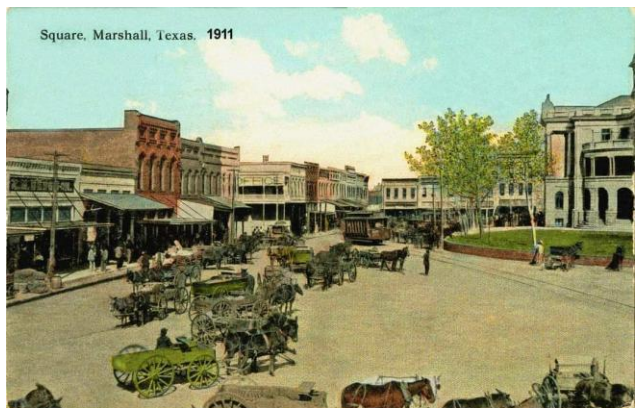
the Paramount



Description

Color halftone postcard printed on linen style paper of the Gables Cafe, Marshall, Texas, probably from the late 1930s or early 1940s. The one-story side-gable building has a small cross-gable entrance and an addition on the left side. A tall sign mounted on a single pole says "Gables Cafe." A shorter sign to its right is shaped like a woman wearing a long skirt holding one arm out, and the word "cafe" is legible on her apron. Printed on the sky part of the image is the title, "The Gables -- Marshall, Texas." The caption on the back lists features of the cafe, including "Open 24 Hours, Hammond Organ Melodies Noon and Night." There is no postmark or message on the back of the card.

The Gables Restaurant



Postcard showing the Harrison County courthouse square in Marshall, Tx. viewed from the N.W. corner. Only part of the courthouse is visible on the right. Commercial buildings are on the North side with wagons and mules parked in the street. A street car is in the middle distance. The year is 1911.

Northwest corner of the Square

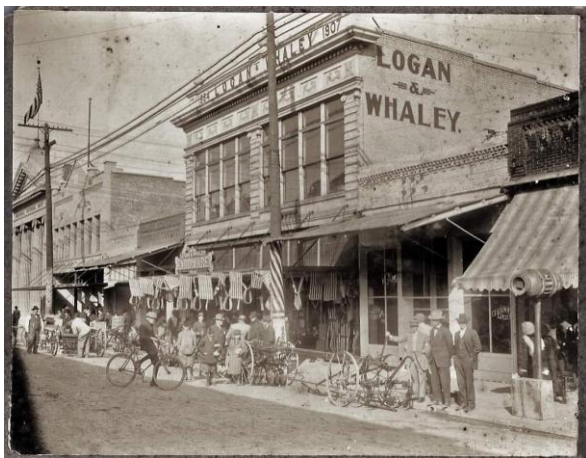
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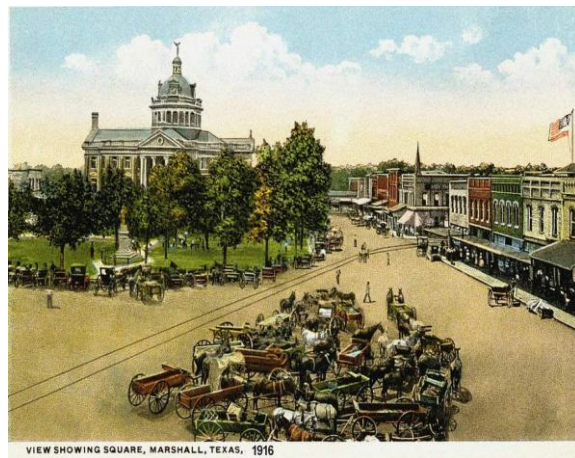
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Courthouse being built, and the 1920 extensions of the east and west wings

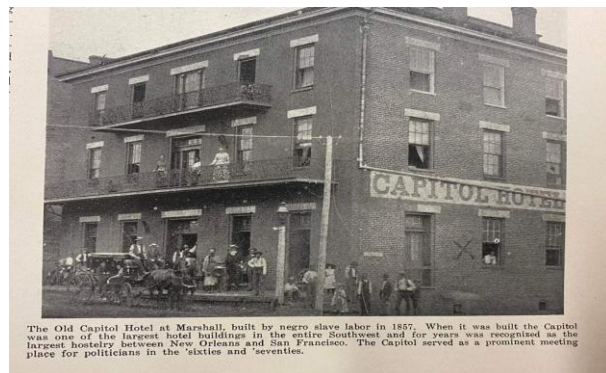


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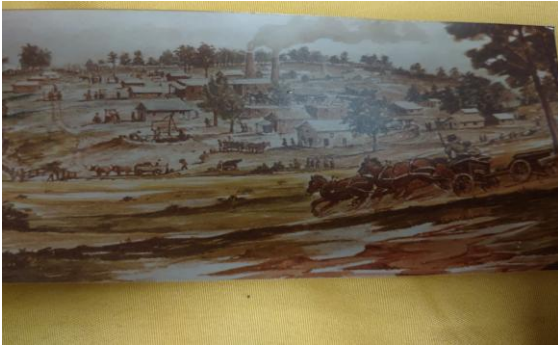
VIEW SHOWING SQUARE, MARSHALL, TEXAS, 1916

Northeast corner of the Square



The Old Capitol Hotel at Marshall, built by negro slave labor in 1857. When it was built the Capitol was one of the largest hotel buildings in the entire Southwest and for years was recognized as the largest hostelry between New Orleans and San Francisco. The Capitol served as a prominent meeting place for politicians in the 'sixties and 'seventies.

The Marshall Powdermill:



While Pete Craig and I were attending the Civil War Symposium in Jefferson a gentleman had a couple of tables with artifacts from the Marshall Powdermill works. In his display was the Highway Departments April 1978 report on the archaeology report on the work done before Loop 390 was built. Pete bought the book and has loaned it to me to share with you the info contained in it. The periods of exploration and excavations were held in June 1971, summer of 1972 and December of 1973. After each one the Highway Department changed the layout of the future Loop 390.

When General Pemberton surrendered at Vicksburg on July 1863, the Mississippi River became no longer passable to the Confederate Army. Consequently, the Trans-Mississippi Army was on it own to supply itself. At the time there were arsenals in Littlerock, Arkadelphia, Camden and Ft. Smith but as the Union was gaining control in Arkansas the need to relocate to other locations. The installation in Camden went to Shreveport and the one in Arkadelphia was moved to Marshall. In a letter from Major Rhett to Major J. P. Johnson, " I have removed machinery, tools, stores and men from Arkadelphia to Marshall, Texas. And the machine tools, stores and men. I am having buildings erected for manufacture of small arms, smith's, and carpenter's shop powdermill and magazine, and I am concentrating at that point large supplies of heavy material such as saltpeter, sulphur, lead and iron and I intend it to be a depot for supplies arriving from Mexico". Other letters also directed all arms needing repairs to be shipped to Marshall for repairs and to be reissued.

S. Alan Skinner reported the results of his 1971 reconnaissance state "In addition to the powder mill, there were at least 40 buildings at this location. Between 40 and 250 acres of land were covered by the mill and buildings. The latter included small arms, blacksmith and carpenter shops, as well as the mill and magazine." It was also mentioned at least forty houses were built for the accommodations of the employees of the mill.

The time line for the mill was between 1863 starting to build it and moving machinery from other locations. Then moving the manpower and trained employees. The records show several were transferred from the military and detailed to the mill. With the fall of Gen. Lee in Apr. 1865 and Gen. Taylor in May of 1865 and finally Gen. Kirby Smith surrendered the ATM on May 26, 1865 the guards and employees at the mill started leaving and going home. So the Mill became a safety issue. The *Texas Republican* urged someone with authority and the citizens to stay away from the Mill as reported had been received of gunpowder being taken by citizens by to bucket loads. Several thought it could be used later for hunting but most of the loose powder was for cannon's. There were reports of neighborhood explosions by misuse of the powder/. Federal troops arrived in June and they secured the Powder Mill. On Sept. 1, 1865 the *Texas Republican* reported an explosion had occurred while Union Soldiers were taking equipment apart, 7 were caught in the explosion with 3 dying. They were a part of Co. H, 8th Illinois Infantry. See Pete to look over this report by the Texas Hwy. Department.

Update on the Col. Burke monument:



In searching in Ancestry family information I looked up John Burke with his date of birth and date of death I found a person who had been posting a bunch of information on Burke. Her ancestry log on name was kphummingbird and she was in Virginia and had been on Ancestry since 2008. She had in the Burke family records that John Edmund Burke was born on 3-9-1832 in Philadelphia and he married Martha Virginia “Jennie” Taylor on 3-3-1865 This was about 9 months after he returned to Texas and was serving as Texas Adjutant General for his brother-in-law Gov. Pendleton Murrah. John and Jennie had 3 children: Alice Mary Burke 8-30-1866 to 2-11-1935 and buried in Ft. Worth. Edmund Burke 1-6-1869 to 9-15-1917,, buried in Ft. Worth. John Burke born 2-16-1871 to 7-17-1939 buried in Dallas. Jennie Taylor Burke died on 8-2-1920 and is buried in Ft. Worth.

I sent her a message thru Ancestry and in a couple days she responded. I informed her who I was, and what our Camp was doing to mark the grave of Col. Burke with proper recognition for his service during the Civil War. I sent her the propose design of the marker and I would like to share her response.

The marker is beautiful! I will send you pictures shortly of the sword and a copy of the letter Robert E. Lee gave him when he was released from his service as one of his personal scouts (spy). He is referred to as “the eyes and ears of Robert E. Lee” Some have suggested that John was also quietly working with Gov. Murrah to try to negotiate with Maximillian in Mexico for an escape route for confederate leaders in case the South fell. Gov. Murrah died in Mexico from tuberculosis. John stayed by his side until his death. He would later from the disease as well.

I am the great great granddaughter from his daughter Alice. Alice married Howard W. Peake of Ft. Worth. They had a daughter Florence and Florence married Daniel L. Hill. They were the parents of my father, Daniel L. Hill, Jr. I grew up on stories of the exploits of John Burke. I have been searching for decades of his parents. He was born in Philadelphia and was orphaned while he was very young and was on his own by age 11. He studied law and finished this education in Marshall. **He might not have been born in Texas, but he had the heart of a Texan.** Pat Kingston lives in Chesapeake, VA. and her brother lives in Plano, Texas. I have also made contact with Ellen Burke in San Diego, CA. another GG-Granddaughter of Col. Burke.

A busy month since the last newsletter:

Pete Craig and I attended the Jefferson Civil War symposium held in Jefferson on Aug, 5th. We heard presenters discuss the search and findings about a CSA Naval Yard at the mouth of Cross Bayou at the Red River. Records show even though secret and in coded messages the Singer Company moved their operations to Shreveport to continue their work to build submarines. They built the CSS Hunley at Charleston, SC but relocated as the War surrounded Charleston Harbor. It appears that more were built and were tested in secret at Shreveport up until the end of the War. We heard the stories and legend of Col. John S. "Rip" Ford, a Texas Ranger and Texas Col. of Calvary of the Texas Troops. For a while Co. F. 2nd Texas Cavalry the "**W. P. Lane Rangers**" were under the command of Col Ford.

The one I enjoyed most was about Unsung Heroes the Trans-Mississippi Quartermasters Officers. It was explained what all suppliers and supply chain had to be built and staffed to provide the Texas Troops with clothes, shoes, leather goods and shelter tents and blankets during the war. How a system was put in place to build and industry and a system to pull in private contractors to help supply the troops. A whole lot was not in place at the start of the war and had to come more on line after supplies east of the Mississippi stopped with the fall of Vicksburg. Texans made it happen. As you know we had Hat and Shoe factories here in Marshall. They were privately owned before the war but became part of the system that was built by the Quartermasters Office. Marshall was also a supply depot in this system. Another thing to think about, how was this was done during the war?

Pete Craig, Tom Scarborough, Randy Saxton and I worked at Marshall Cemetery and got it reflagged in this heat, and on the first cool morning of Aug. 15th we got Greenwood reflagged by Pete, Daryl and myself. The mowing at Greenwood is supposed to be presented for the City Council approval for ETBU to take on Greenwood. I do not want ETBU to complain about poor looking flags to use as an excuse to pull them. The City has said the flags are not a problem and they can stay, I just want to make sure we do not give anyone the right to complain about their conditions.

On August 12th, Randy Saxton, Peter Craig and I attended the ATM training session in Texarkana. We heard from our Commander in Chief, Lt. Commander in Chief, the Chief of Heritage Defense and about the membership records system. We had about 70 attend from Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Arizona. We learned about membership recruiting, heritage defense and what is going on with the National SCV. Go to SCV.Org. and click on logo for the **Confederate Legion** to find out more info on Heritage Defense. The old Make Dixie Great has been rolled into the Confederate Legion. More information on the Arlington Cemetery Reconciliation monument will be coming down from Headquarters for us to do our part. Our work is always moving the flag forward.



Color halftone postcard showing an aerial view of the Texas & Pacific Railway Shop Marshall, Texas. It shows the roundhouse, various industrial buildings, train cars, and train tracks. Creator unknown - date 1930-1945. From the Harrison County Museum.

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
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Sept. 20, 2023 Waco TX DV DEC meeting.
Feb. 10, TX DV Heritage Defense training, Waco.
Feb. 16, &17th, S D Lee Institute, Columbia, TN.
April 6th: ATM gathering at Mansfield Battlefield.
April 20th, TX DV Heritage gathering.
2024 Texas 127th SCV Reunion:
June7th-9th Double Tree, San Antonio Airport.
129th SCV National Reunion
July 16th-22nd. North Charleston, SC.

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



Gen. Forrest's new ride

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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.