

*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,**

**December 21th, 2021**

**6:30 P.M.**

**SPEAKER**

**Mark Vogel**

**Christmas in the  
Confederacy**

**1860-1865**

**Dinner Belle Restaurant**

**4803 East End Blvd.  
South**

**Marshall, TX 75672**

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**Bring a Friend**



**W. W. Heartsill**



Compatriots:

We were glad to see Compatriot Billy Haynes and his wife attend the last meeting, it has been awhile since Billy attended. Well we have some work to do in the next few weeks. Mrs. Brannon has notified me that the VA markers for William M. Bruce and William H. Rockett have been delivered to Meadowbrook Funeral Home. So we need to pick a Saturday or Sunday afternoon to install them both at Greenwood Cemetery. I hope all had a Blessed Thanksgiving and hope the same for upcoming Christmas. Our Camp's namesake reports in his book that on December 25, 1862 from the Arkansas Post. "Christmas and a nice one for me as I awake this morning with a first class case of the mumps, my neck and jaws are too sore to eat." "I find the mumps quite fashionable in camp, as about one dozen of the boys have their jaws tied up." So I bet your Christmas will be better than W. W. Heartsill's Christmas in 1862. Remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Remember to keep Compatriots Joey Hudson and Alton Keys in your prayers.

**Bill Elliott, Commander**



**Our November Meeting: Thanks to Albert Colvin for the pictures.**



**National Guardian Program Chairman Explains why we should be Guardians**



**Past 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Eddie Pricer receives an appreciation plaque from our Camp.**



**Compatriot Billy & Mrs. Haynes**



**Compatriots look over Pace Family pictures**



**Discussion after meeting**



**Camp's podium display**



**We have mounted an American and Texas Flag poles at Marshall Cemetery**



**We have placed Christmas Wreaths on Heartsill's grave and the Unknown monument**



**Comptrot Daryl Ware and I found the McKay family cemtery and Lt. Col. S.B. Hendrick, the Commander of the Co. E. 17<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry "Hendrick's Company"**



**Daryl is a Wildman with his chainsaw. A tree has fallen on the gate and damaged the sign**



**Top fence pole placed thru a tree years ago**



**Hendricks's Company Flag at the Museum**



**Becky Palmer explaining the Flag to us**

## What a great month we have had:

We had a great presentation explaining the Guardian Program by our National and Texas Chairman Phil Davis from the Gilmer Camp. We have several ask questions and take applications to get started being a guardian for a Confederate Veteran's grave. The 1<sup>st</sup> one to get his paperwork in was 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Robb McMahan who has adopted Captain William Bennett Hill of the 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Infantry Co. H "Texas Invincible" whose marker is at Ewing Cemetery on Roseborough Springs Rd. Captain Hill died at the Battle of Ft. Donaldson in 1862. Captain Hill is an ancestor of Robb's wife Kathy.

Compatriot Daryl Ware is getting his together to adopt Dr. B.F. Eads who served as Asst. Surgeon for Gen. Forrest's Cavalry. Daryl and I were at Greenwood looking over the needs at Dr. Eads Family plot and we look up and Compatriot Albert Colvin drove up. He was there to take before pictures to adopt Isaac Newton Preston who served with the Alabama Captain Russell's Company of Reserves and Andrew Boswell Corley who was 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt, in Co. C, 17<sup>th</sup> AL Infantry. We all need to adopt some of our 300 plus Confederate Veteran buried in and around Marshall. I will help you get started.

Daryl and I made a trip down to between Crossroads and Elysian Fields to find the abandoned McKay Family Cemetery. We met at the Crossroads Methodist Church Cemetery parking lot and we went in it and found and flagged William James Everitt and Robert B. Everitt both who served with Co. C of the 28<sup>th</sup> Regt. LA. Infantry and are buried at Crossroad Cemetery. We loaded up in Daryl's truck and drove down FM 31 to Old Town Road and then turned west to the abandoned Fire Tower Road. We drove down the road that is a trail into some old oil leases. We knew from information and satellite photos we got from Bill T. Whitis that it was in the woods off this old road. Daryl used his GPS info off his phone and we stopped where he thought we were near it. Daryl went in the woods and headed east; I went down the road a little farther to the south and went in also going east. Daryl and his GPS were right on track and he found the remains of the cemetery. He hollowed at me and I came back and found him and the cemetery. The cemetery is about 40ft wide and 60ft long. The gate is on the west side and it had an Arch over the gate with the letters McKay Cemetery. The top of an old oak tree has broke out and fell on the arch damaging it and blocking the gate, since most of the fence wire is down you could still get in. I found about 14 tombstones that were all McKay's, Shaw's and Hendricks. While I was taking pictures and reading stones, Daryl fired up his chainsaw and got to work. First he cleaned around Lt. Col. Hendricks's downed tombstone and then he went to clean up around the entrance gate. I placed out some flags and helped move the brush he cut. We stopped and headed back to the truck as we were really kind of trespassing. I have the address of the landowner and I will write her for permission before we go back. After we returned to Crossroad Church we went west on FM 2625 to the Blocker-Ware Cemetery and cleaned and flagged John Leroy Newton's VA tombstone. He served with CO.L, 15<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry.

If your remember last month's newsletter I wrote about Judge J.W. Pace who I cleaned and flagged. Well when Compatriot and Mrs. Billy Haynes came to the meeting he brought a framed picture of all the Pace Family. Judge Pace is Billy's Great-Grandfather. So I cleaned and reported on a family member of our Camp. What great news to find out more about a local CSA Vet.

## **Hometown Heroes: James Madison Freeman 1837-12/31/1897**

This is a story of a Confederate Vet who dropped thru the cracks. In this day and age he would have been considered having PTSD. Mrs. Ann Brannon found his story as she was working to apply for a VA tombstone for him. It has been denied, but she is re-submitting it with newer information. If it is denied again we need to get him marked ourselves. Here is his story based on newspaper articles and his obit.

### **Suicide: Death caused by an Over Dose of Morphine. In a fit of Despair J.M. Freeman takes his own life.**

At the National Hotel this morning at 11 o'clock, J.M. Freeman breathed his last. This morning an attempt was made to rouse Mr. Freeman for breakfast when it was discovered that something had gone wrong. Dr. J.H. Taylor was immediately phoned for, arriving shortly afterwards. The Dr. discovered that Mr. Freeman was in a dying condition from an overdose of morphine. Electric batteries and every other assistance were given Mr. Freeman but they would not revive him. At 11 o'clock he passed away. His remains were then removed to the undertakers and prepared for burial. The following letter, neither addressed nor signed, written on the back of an encouraging letter from L.S. Thorne in answer to his some weeks ago, asking for a situation, was found on his person. **"I am despondent and depresses. No money, out of employment, and no hope for the present or the future, and nothing to do but end my miserable existence." "Everybody seemed to spend a merry Christmas but I, poor I. I have been expecting some money from Louisiana, but it failed to come and I am entirely destitute." Oh it is horrible but, I have no other recourse. I write that I die owing Mrs. Levy for board and she has been so kind and good to me. But I see no other way open to me, May the Lord have mercy on my soul.**

Mr. Freeman was in possession of a letter from Boyce, LA., saying that as soon as possible the money spoken of in the above letter would be sent him.

**His Obit:** Mr. J.M. Freeman who committed suicide yesterday, was buried this morning at 9 o'clock in Greenwood cemetery in a lot furnished by subscription; a small amount was raised towards the expense of his burial, and he was followed to the grave by Mrs. And Miss Levy and three or four others who had known him during his lifetime. Mr. Freeman was originally from Houston County and was a private in CO.I, 4<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry. He was one of those who made the desperate charge when the noted "Valverde Battery" was captured. Never a reckless man, he was ever cool and ready for duty, and he did his whole duty. Great sorrow came to him in later years, and his end should rather be a cause of sympathy than criticism. We should say with Lear's faithful friend: "Let him pass, vex not his troubled ghost, He hates him who on the rock of this tough world would stretch him out longer" A fellow soldier.

J.M. Freeman is buried section 1A-plot 186, Greenwood Cemetery in a section set aside for the Indigent in an unmarked grave. God rest his soul.

# 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



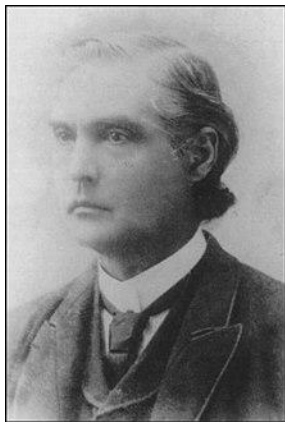


### Upcoming National and Texas Division Reunions

**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 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion: July 13-17 at Cartersville GA.**

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



**Brig. Gen. Alexander Travis Hawthorne, 6<sup>th</sup> Ark. Inf. 1/10/1835 to 5/31/1899. Baptist Minister after the War. Buried at Greenwood Cemetery.**

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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.