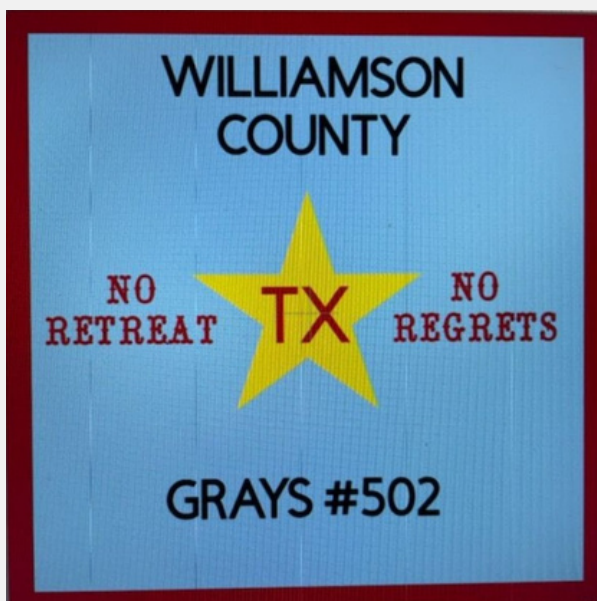




# FORWARDING OUR FATHERS' FLAGS



## Deo Vindice

October 2024

**Williamson County Grays Camp #502**

# Commander's Comments

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## Welcome to October,

We've had a successful month on the Square in September. Even though on Market Day (14 Sept) those people camped out Friday night to Saturday to ensure they were in front of the Memorial to conduct their rally. It looked to me to have about 50 people present. They bus them in from the Unitarian and Methodist churches. They have a philosophy that to get to Heaven they must tell others what to do.

With one or two exceptions, everyone is happy to see us there. They appreciate gaining knowledge to defend our history and our culture. When we are not directly talking with the public, I enjoy the fellowship of our Camp members. This month we had Denton Williams, Billy Ayers, Johnny Anderson, Grant Gee, Michael Axelrod, Carlton Wilkes (Travis County), Jim Pederson, Raymond Merritt, Cheryl Ayers, Theresa Coggins, Tracy Wallace, Shelby Little, oh, and me.

I wonder a lot about what's the best thing I can do to influence our culture. I've become convinced that preserving these Memorials, flags, and the good name of the Confederate soldier is what preserves the Cause (i.e. Constitutional Liberty). This is a terrible specter to the Woke/Leftist mind set. Our unswerving conviction in the rightfulness of our culture is terrifying to them. The differences between us and those people is obvious on the Square. Our Camp is happy and friendly while theirs is, well, not. Hope to see y'all at a meeting soon.

### Action Steps:

- Talk to family & friends about joining or supporting our Camp & the positive aspects of our Southern culture.
- Support candidates who respect Constitutional Government.
- Volunteer for campaigns and find ways to make a difference.

Reminder: The Texas Division is hosting the SCV National Reunion in July of 2025. .  
Make plans to be there!

*Lee Wallace - Camp Commander*

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## Honoring Our Camp Heroes

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We honor the bravery and sacrifices of our Martyrs of the South

### **Compatriot Reese A. Henry's CSA ancestor.**

**Name:** Newberry Sandford Henry (known as Berry)

**Rank:** Corporal

**Unit:** Company H, 10th Alabama Infantry

**Battles or Interesting Fact:** Lookout Mountain, Franklin, Tennessee, & Missionary Ridge, among others. Here is an excerpt from Grayson County TXGenWeb.

Newberry Sanford Henry was born in Calhoun County, Alabama on November 9, 1839. At the age of 20, Berry, along with four of his brothers, joined the ranks of the Southern Confederacy. Only 2 returned. In describing his first fight, Berry wrote, "The morning was dark with fog and the tangled brush and rocks tripped us. With gun in hand, I crept stealthily along and, as expected, I met a Federal picket and commanded him to halt. Refusing, he advanced and simultaneously, we fired. He fell, and I dodged behind a large tree to escape the rain of bullets and believe me, that tree was as full of bullets as a porcupine is full of bristles. Providence often times shields His children in strange ways and places."

After the war, Berry wrote, "We wanted to get back to normal living and to work, but horses were scarce. We received information that the federals were turning loose thin, poorly conditioned horses near Atlanta, Georgia, about 80 miles distant. I walked the eighty miles, but failed to find a horse." Luckily, Berry came across a Federal regiment on his way home, writing, "I followed the regiment to a thicket where they staked camp. It was absolutely dusk and I maneuvered about their camp until I located some horses. I stole near on my hands and knees under cover of darkness and was slowly making my way to where the horses were. Two fine horses, with halters on tramped past me into an old field. I was shaky, but I caught them, made my get away safely, and rode all night stopping at my uncle's. The yankees made chase. They were armed and told us they were going to have those horses if they had to bring in a regiment. I told them I hadn't seen the horses. At that very moment, I had them tied in a grove about 50 yards from the house."

Berry went on to "...join the Methodist Church and never sowed any wild oats, and lived a virtuous life without habit of any kind and used tobacco in no form whatsoever."



Berry died on January 30, 1932  
at the ripe old age of 92 and is buried in Bonita, Texas.

## Chaplain's Corner

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Most Civil War enthusiasts are interested in the many different battles and how many were change makers in the final outcome of the War for Southern Independence.

Another great battle also changed the course of history. On October 7, 1571 a great naval battle happened between Christian forces and a newly built Turkish (Ottoman) fleet off the southern coast of Greece in the Bay of Corinth.

For years European city states battled one another for land and seaports to increase their mercantile interests. However, one big event led them to unite against their common enemy. The Ottoman empire had grown strong since taking the capital of the Byzantine Empire (Constantinople) in 1453.

In 1570-71, the Turks captured many of the Venetian possessions on Cyprus. All members of the alliance viewed the Ottoman navy as a significant threat, both to the security of maritime trade in the Mediterranean Sea and to the security of continental Europe itself.

A united fleet of Christian ships gathered together off the east coast of Sicily to plan and to stop the Turkic threat to Europe. The Christian force included navies from Rome, Spain, and Venice. The Turkic generals disagreed on how to handle the Christian navies. Some wanted to shelter in the Bay of Lepanto; others wanted to make a direct attack on the Christian forces.

The Christian navies were outnumbered when they engaged in the Turkish assault. The battle went down in history because it was a turning point for both sides. The Christians were led by the Venetian, Doge Sebastiano. Christians throughout Europe were praying for the success of their forces. The battle was intense and full of moves and counter-moves. In the end the Christians decisively won the battle and destroyed much of the enemy force. This battle is credited with turning the tide of the naval threat posed by the Ottoman Empire in the Mediterranean and discouraged future land attacks into Europe. It was not until 1683 when the last great offensive was launched by the Turks against the city of Vienna, which was successfully repelled.

Because of this battle, Europe was kept free and remained predominately Christian.

Our own nation is now at a cross roads. This upcoming election will dictate the future of America. Let's remember to pray as our ancestors prayed for the forces of good to triumph over evil.



**Don Sawyer, Co-Chaplain**





# Ask the Colonel

## October's Question

What are the greatest threats facing the SCV?

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### Upcoming Discussion Topics

- Leadership
- Membership Participation
- Recruiting & Retention

**Compatriots - At this momentous time in our history, both America's and our own, we face great questions and choices regarding our collective future. I believe that we all know by now, the seriousness of choosing a new President and Congress as well as many of our State and local elected officials. Are issues surrounding this election applicable to our SCV? In my view, they are. These issues include *Leadership, Membership Participation in Camp Activities, and Recruiting/Retention*. Space does not allow me to share my full thoughts on these matters collectively, so I will address them individually in coming Camp Newsletters. Hopefully, by the time of our next meeting, we will know who our next civilian leaders will be. Do your part, Compatriots - VOTE!**

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# RECENT HAPPENINGS

September was a busy month with hand-shaking dinners, fun festivals, and a lot of time and effort put into restoring our adopted graves.



Building good relationships within the County continues to be a high priority. As such, several Camp members attended a meet and greet dinner with Matt Lindemann who is running for Williamson County Sheriff.



Several Camp members attended the Wendish Fest near Giddings at the Texas Wendish Museum. The Fest is an annual day of celebrating Wendish history and culture through folklife exhibits, unique cultural activities, delicious food, and demonstrations. We toured a painted church and wandered through a graveyard with very unique headstones. A great time was had by all.



The Guardian Program is in full swing. Two graves have been adopted by Camp members Billy Ayers and Shelby Little. In September, the group went to the Florence Cemetery to make repairs to the footstone and level the headstone of PVT W.A. Miller (Co E, 18th Texas Infantry). They also flagged the grave while there. In this photo, Billy Ayers digs around the headstone so that dirt can be placed underneath to make it level. Camp members are encouraged to join the program.

**The Camp is focused on getting more awards this year. Information about various awards can be found at:**

<https://scvtexas.org/resources/awards/>

# UP COMING EVENTS



**Texas and National Guardian Program**  
**Billy Ayers and Shelby Little are now Guardians of 2 Confederate graves. We have plenty of Confederate Soldier graves to adopt; over 1000 in Williamson County alone. Contact Billy or Shelby if you are interested in becoming a Guardian.**

Speakers: We are looking for folks who would like to give a talk at a Camp meeting. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please let us know at our next Camp meeting.

November 7: Camp meeting. The main event is the election of Camp Officers. If you would like to serve in an Officer's position with the Camp, you can still announce your candidacy before the election.

November 11: Veterans Day - We'll be on the Square.

December 5, 2024: Our annual Christmas gathering with gifts and prizes.

January 2, 2025: First meeting of the new year! Join us for a traditional Southern meal of black-eyed peas, greens, and cornbread. Let's get 2025 started right!

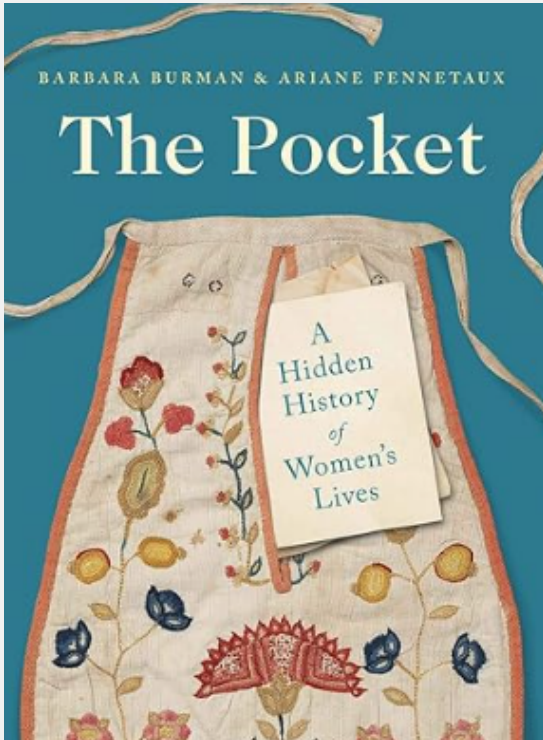
June 6-8, 2025: Texas Division Reunion in Mineral Wells, Texas. Let us know if you would like to share a ride to the event. More information can be found at: <https://scvtexas.org/event/texas-division-reunion-2025/>.

July 16-20, 2025: Texas Division is hosting the SCV National Reunion in Houston. Information can be found at: <https://scv130.com/schedule/>.

**Williamson County Grays' T-shirts will soon be available. Attend a Camp meeting or contact Billy Ayers for additional information.**



## Ladies Corner



### **The History of Women's Pockets By Teresa Chapman**

During the Victorian era, women's fashion included intricate layers of skirts, corsets, and petticoats, but something critical was often missing - practical pockets! Unlike men's clothing, which boasted pockets sewn directly into garments, women's pockets were mostly separate, detachable items worn beneath their skirts. These pockets were often beautifully embroidered and tied around the waist, sitting between layers of fabric.

And, oh, the things they'd carry! Some women stuffed these pockets with everything from smelling salts (for all those "vapors") to little sandwiches for a midday nibble (because if you're going to faint, you might as well be well-fed!). Victorian mothers were known to tuck in everything from children's toys to knitting supplies, and a menagerie of other items.

Not everyone approved, of course. Social critics wrung their hands over the scandalous idea of women keeping secrets in their pockets. "What if they start carrying around money?", they gasped. Or worse, opinions! By the time bicycles came around, women started demanding functional clothing with real pockets. Success was found through the Rational Dress Society based in London and slowly, women's fashion began to change to the slimmer, lighter styles.

In the end, though, Victorian pockets were victims of fashion evolution. As those skirts slimmed down, pockets were replaced with handbags. But while they lasted, Victorian pockets were fabulous, functional, and treasured. Women of the 19th Century often said, "Yes, I have pockets. And yes, I just might use them!"

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# CONFEDERATE ART & WRITING

## Lee's Texans

By Don Troiani



**6 May 1864 - Northern Virginia. The Confederate army continues its engagement in the tangled woodland of the Wilderness with a tenacious Union foe. The Southerners of Wilcox's and Heth's Divisions, who had beaten back numerous attacks on their positions the day before, break under a renewed, even more furious assault by an overwhelming body of Federals. Just at this critical moment, with Union forces advancing relentlessly, Longstreet's men, with Gregg's Texas Brigade in the forefront, stride by a forced march into view down the Orange Plank Road. Seeing their beloved commander, they begin to cheer affectionately and wheel into line of battle.**

**Moved by their greeting and recognizing the crucial job immediately facing these men, Lee spurs his favorite mount, Traveler, to the head of the Texans. Suddenly, as their battle line steps off, the Texans realize the gallant Lee intends to lead them personally into the storm of missiles. Afraid for his safety, they begin to cry out for him to go back and the momentum of their advance stops as some of the ragged veterans run forward and turn Lee's horse to the rear. "We will not advance unless General Lee goes back," says one soldier. "But if he will not expose himself, we pledge ourselves to drive the enemy back." Lee's horse is seized and he is reluctantly forced back from the point of danger. With a shout, the 800 Texans rush into the thickest of the fight, driving the enemy off and regaining their positions while suffering 50% casualties, but saving Lee's Army.**

# THE CHARGE



**“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”**