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HISTORY IN FULL BLOOM

By: Dustin W. Seiler

The scene could not have been more perfect and was set for the fruition of months of historical research with cool breezes, light overcast, and the cemetery was littered with native Texas wildflowers in full bloom as members from the 6th Brigade, Texas Division SCV gathered at Wrightsboro Cemetery in Gonzales Co., TX. to honor the sixty-four identified Confederate and two Union veterans. The Community of Wrightsboro, TX. was named after L.C. "Jack" Wright and his burro (donkey) who freely roamed the Texas Country side grazing in the neighbor's fields on wildflowers and such that was in season. L.C. Wright was the 3rd Great Grandfather to Camp Commander George Foulds of Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp # 153 in San Antonio, TX.

Services were conducted by Division Chaplain Sanford Reed, who worked for months since last fall to research the hero's in the cemetery, organize, announce and execute this beautiful service. Camp Chaplain John McCammon welcomed all who attended and read the

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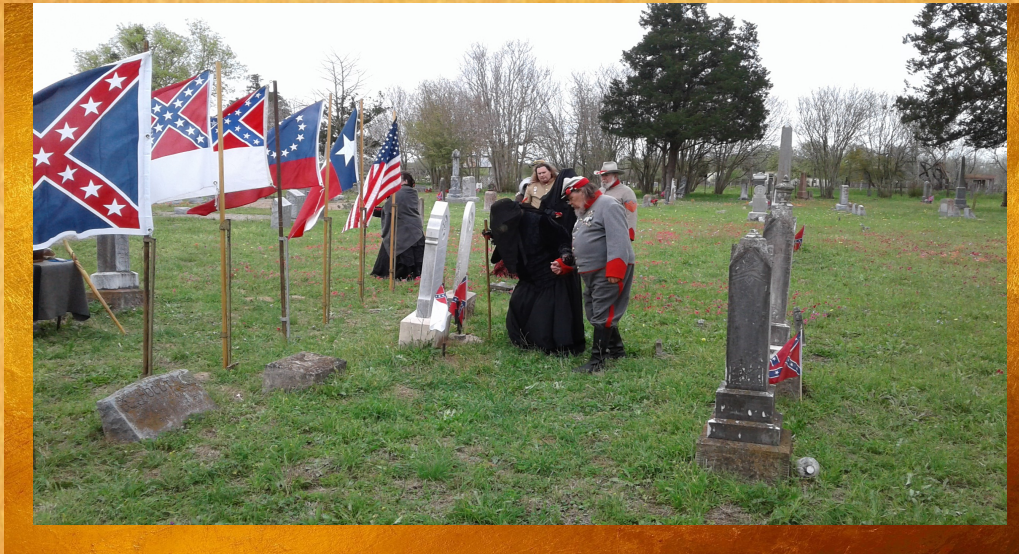
history of Wrightsboro and how the town got it's name. Camp Commanders, Charles Thacker from the Medina Co. Grey's, Camp #2254; John Christensen of the Col. Sydney Drake, Camp #977; Garry, Cornett of the Col. A.M. Hobby's Regiment, Camp #713; Past Commander Bill Coffee Smith of Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153; Rusty Harris of the Lone Star Greys, Camp #1953 and 6th Brigade Commander Shelby Little served as the elocutionist for the reading of honor roll. The services however would not be true to the memory of the hero's buried there with out the elegant but silent black rose services from the Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose, Inc. Alamo Rose, Chapter #4 and pipe music by Piper Bill from the Col. Gustav Hoffman, Camp #1838.

The Trans-Mississippi Old Guard commanded by Captain Mike Reynolds opened the services with the placing of the colors of the US, Texas, CSA 1st, 2nd & 3rd National Flags, the ATM as well as the ANV battle flags. A empty canteen ceremony after the black rose service, and a black powder rifle salute with a cannon volley by the San Antonio Cannoneers shortly after. The ceremony where concluded with the placement of a sign for the cemetery from the camp in memory of the services conducted.

The officers, gentlemen and friends of Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153 would like give special thanks for all who attended this event and would like to thank all the men and women who put in the time, energy and man-power to make this ceremony a complete success. As long as we draw breath, they will never be forgotten.



The Trans-Mississippi Old Guard under the command of Captain Mike Reynolds fired off a rifle volley as part of the Confederate Hero's Ceremony. The cemetery itself was covered in a array of native Texas Wildflowers from Indian Paintbrushes, Wine Cups and Golden Stars.



Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Jo Ann Seiler of TSOCR, Inc. Alamo Rose Chapter #4 along with her fellow roses, Mrs. Joyce Manuel and Mrs. Katy Reynolds participated in the ceremony with their beautiful silent black rose service. They where escorted by their Gentlemen Grey's: Camp Adjutant Rodney W. Seiler, First Sergeant Bill Manual and Camp 3rd Lt. Commander Dustin Seiler.

Commander's Note: *I wish's to give special thanks to the ladies of the TSOCR, Inc. Alamo Rose, Chapter #4 for their contribution to the our ceremony in Wrightsboro, TX. - Commander George Foulds.*

HERITAGE MINUTE: JEFFERSON SMITH'S LETTER

Submitted by: Sanford Reed, Div. Chaplain

Letter published in the Daily Progress letters to the Editor, Nov. 25, from a Confederate Soldier who served under North Carolina General J. Johnston Pettigrew. The writer of this letter died at the Battle of Gettysburg. This letter written to his wife just a couple of weeks prior to that battle.

"My lovely wife. I do so miss you, and the life we have there on the small plot of land God has given us. More and more, it seems that my thoughts are drifting back there to reside with you. Yet, as badly as I desire to be back home, it is for home for which I deem it best for my prescence here with these other men. The proclamation by the Lincoln administration six months prior may appear noble. Were I here in those conditions, simply to keep another man in bondage, I would most certainly walk away into the night and return

unto you. God knows my heart, and the hearts of others here amongst me. We know what is at stake here, and the true reason for this contest that requires the spilling of the blood of fellow citizens. Our collective fear is nearly universal. This war, if it is lost, will see ripples carry forward for five, six, seven or more generations. I scruple not to believe, as do the others, that the very nature of this country will be forever dispirited. That one day, our great great grandchildren will be bridled with a federal bit, that will deep how and if they may apply the gospel of Christ to themselves, their families and their communities. Whether or not the land of their forefathers may be deceitfully taken from them through taxation and coercion. A day where only the interests of the northern wealthy will be shouldered by the broken and destitute bodies of the southern poor. This my darling wife, is what keeps me here in this arena of destruction and death."

(signed) *Jefferson Smith*



OUR LEGACY

A Brief Bio of a Camp Member's Confederate Ancestor

PVT. DAVID NEWTON WHARTON KERR CO. FRONTIER RANGERS

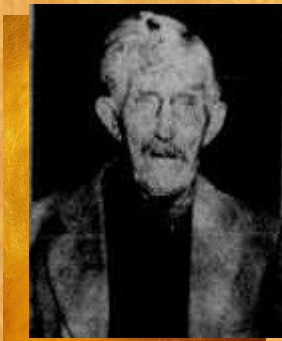
David Newton Wharton was born in McNairy Co., Tennessee on January 15th, 1846; one month to the day the Republic of Texas was annexed by the United States. By 1857 at the age of eleven, David moved along with his parents, William and Thankful Wharton to Texas to settle Kerr Co..

During the out break of the War of Northern Aggression, his older brothers, John and William Bill enlisted. John served in parts unknown, while William was a Sergeant in the Texas State Troops. David however only being fifteen remained behind and began running freight with a yokes of eight ox from Kerr Co. to Austin, TX. carrying cotton and cypress shingles, a hot commodity in the south, but his return trips carried flour, sugar, salt, and other provisions necessary for colonizing Kerr Co.

By July of 1863, David at eight-teen years old, enlisted with the Kerr Co. Frontier

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Rangers tasked to defend against the Indian raids and the cattle drive trails while the town of Kerville was being established. His immediate commander was 1st Lieutenant Denger H. Farr who had been elected to such rank thanks to a vote of confidence from Governor Lubbock. His other duties where to enforce the martial law of the Confederacy during the dissension of the Union League that was causing domestic unrest for the divided county. Despite having not seen any major engagements or battles during his short two year service to the Confederacy. David was given a handsome pension and was the last one to do still receive such payments from the US Government in Kerr Co. David remained in Kerr. Co, on his family's homestead after the war, but yet did not sign the oath of alliance. He crossed the river to lay under the shade of trees on August 29th, 1938 at the age of 92. To his day he is survived in spirit by his great-niece, Mrs. Jo Ann W. Seiler - who is the Secretary/Treasurer of the TSOCR, Inc. Alamo Rose Chapter #4 in San Antonio, TX.



Pictured here is David Wharton, days before his death in 1938.

Editor's Note: This ancestor's bio was selected to show that not all soldiers went to go fight the Yankees and may not have great contributions to what history records, but their own service however small needs to be remembered. David N. Wharton helped stave off civil unrest in part of Texas that was on the verge of it own little rebellion, proving that the war was even being fought in the soldier's homesteads.

CELEBRATING TEXAS!

By: Dustin W, Seiler



True our focus as members of the SCV is to honor our confederate ancestors, but for the members of Hood's Texas Brigade the first few days of the month of March is important to us. For some our members, this touched us on a emotional level as we gave thanks to the fathers and uncles of the Texas confederate soldiers. To kick off Texas Independence Day, members of the Texas Division SCV including our camp participated in the Texas Interdependence Day Parade in Austin Texas on Saturday, March 2nd. Despite the chilly and drizzly conditions, we still "marched" on Congress Ave up to the Capital grounds to advanced the colors. But the celebrations of Texas freedom didn't stop there! Members of the camp also participated in the firing line of the Alamo on March 3rd for the 8th Annual Alamo Run before the crack on dawn.

On March 6th the anniversary of the end of the Alamo siege; compatriots Bubba Cheek and Camp Chaplain John McCammon participated in the twenty-one musket salute at dawn. This was the opening of the day long services honoring the fallen hero's of Texas and celebrating their decedents. Camp Commander George Foulds laid a wreath in honor of his Alamo Defender ancestor and member of the Immortal 32, Andrew Kent. Camp 3rd Lt. Commander Dustin Seiler took part in the closing ceremony later that evening as one of the elocutionist for the Roll Call of the Alamo Defenders and laid yellow roses for his Alamo Defender ancestor, Sgt. Issac White. Soon after, Lt. Commander Seiler and his fellow decedents of the Alamo defenders gathered in side the chapel to prey and give thanks to their ancestors, which concluded the day long services and ceremonies.

It is worth mentioning that the son's, nephew's and grandson's of the hero's of the Texas Revolution later themselves fought again for Texas' sovereignty in the War of Northern Aggression, wither they were away at the front lines or defending stateside.



Compatriot Bubba Cheek, Camp Chaplain John McCammon and Camp Commander George Foulds took part in the opening of the day-long ceremonies honoring the Defenders of the Alamo on the sunrise of March 6th.



Camp Commander George Foulds, laid a wreath for his Alamo Defender ancestor, Andrew Kent one of the immortal 32 at the Alamo in March 6th.

GOOD NEWS EVERYONE: WE HAVE OUR FIRST ONLINE FUNDRAISER!

By: Dustin W. Seiler



Introducing our first online fundraising: **Shop. Save. Support the Cause.** Everyone is familiar with Amazon and how people gush about how much they saved as compared with other retailers, especially those with AmazonPrime membership. Now AmazonSmile has partnered with SCV Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153! For every qualifying purchases, Amazon will donate .5% to our camp. Proceeds from AmazonSmile will go towards the ongoing efforts of the camp and to future projects in development. To shop on Amazon and support our camp, use the link here to start: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/62-1646108>. This address will take you directly to smile.amazon.com in support of SCV Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153 so you won't have to search for our charity among the other 650 SCV Camps that are already partnered with Amazon.

CAMP DEPLOYMENT'S (EVENTS CALENDAR)

March 23rd, 2019 -Pearsall Pioneer Days -10:00 AM
Frio Co. Jail Museum 501 S. Pecan St. Pearsall, TX, 78061

April 6th, 2019 - Tejada History Fair, 10:00 AM -4:00 PM:
Frank Tejada MS 2909 E. Evans Rd. San Antonio, TX. 78259

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April 6th, 2019 - Poteet Strawberry Festival, Poteet TX.

April 8th, 2019 Adopt a Highway Clean Up Day! 9:00 AM –
Meeting spot is at the Target on Blanco Rd. outside Loop 1604
Safety vests will be provide

April 27th, 2019 - Medina Co. Museum Heritage Festival: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Medina Co. Museum 2202 18th St. Hondo, TX. 78861

April 28th, 2019 –Confederate Decoration Day 2:00 PM
The Confederate Cemetery S. New Braunfels Ave and Commerce

May 31st-June 2nd 2019
Sons of Confederate Veterans: Texas Division Convention
Hosted by the Major Robert M. White, Camp #1250 –Temple, TX.
Early Registration ends May 1st, 2019!

WELCOME TO THE SCV HOOD'S TEXAS BRIGADE, CAMP #153

New Members

John Sida

New Friends of the Camp

Justin W. Cole

New Cadets

Maverick Lane Castillo

EDITORIAL

To the Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen of the
Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose TM, Inc,

Over the past two years alone, our organizations have participated in almost hundreds different events and activities with your chapters lovingly supporting our local camps in the state of Texas. While some individuals of questionable characters and motives have attempted to hampered and impede your many accomplishments, or even try and divide you; we-Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153 in San Antonio, TX. will always remain indignantly steadfast by your side. We appreciate all the hard work you do. Not just what the Alamo Rose, Chapter #4 can do for the

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entire 6th Brigade in the Texas Division, but for what you as the Texas Society does for the camps that need you. To put it simply, our many efforts can not be done with out you. We can not have confederate hero's ceremonies with out your black roses. Camps can not hold toasts to General Lee with out your aid. Camps can not tell the cretin parts of history of the war with out you. Some camps in Texas would not even exist with out you. We could sing your praises more over, but we will leave room for more accomplishments yet to come.

We are excited to see you recharter old chapters and charter new ones for years to come. If there is anything our camp can do for you, all you need is to ask. For all that you do, thank you!

The Officers, Compatriots and Friends of Hood's Texas Brigade, Camp #153 -San Antonio, TX.

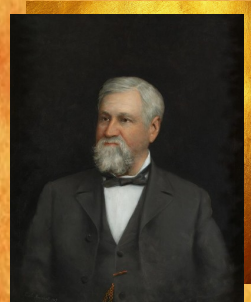


Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"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."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee,

Commander General - United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.



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All friends & members of the Son's of Confederate Veterans are welcome to submit articles, heritage minutes and ancestor's bios for this newsletter. Articles and events that endorse political figures are not allowed and will immediately not be considered for publication. To submit articles for this newsletter, contact 3rd Lt. Commander, Dustin Seiler: dw.seiler85@gmail.com

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