



## *THE ROSE CITY STAR*

Newsletter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans - Walker's Greyhounds Camp #2338, Tyler TX

### **Next Meeting...**

**Tuesday,  
June 18, 2024  
6:00 P.M. ~ Eat  
7:00 P.M. ~ Meet**



**Spring Creek BBQ  
5810 Broadway  
Tyler, TX 75703**

**A Report on the  
127th Annual  
Texas Division Reunion  
&  
Discussion and Voting  
On National SCV By-laws**





**Walker's Greyhounds Attend Reunion!**  
**(L-R) Commander Zack Sabota, Stratford Sabota,**  
**Michael Hurley, and Monty Williams**



**Monty Williams carries Camp flag in**  
**the Reunion "Parade of Flags"**

## June 8-9, 2024

Members of Walker's Greyhounds #2338 attended the 127th Annual Texas Division Reunion in San Antonio, TX



**Monty Williams accepts 100% Retention Award**  
**on behalf of Walker's Greyhounds #2338**



**Walker's Greyhounds on the dance floor!**



**Smith County  
Confederate History  
Spotlight...**



**11th Texas Infantry Colors**



**Edwin Lawson Clay 1843-1890 Private,**

**Company G, 11th Texas Infantry - Walker's Greyhounds**

**E**dwin Lawson Clay was born on 22 January 1843 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi to John Martson Clay and Lucinda Cewning Clay. The family immigrated to Tyler, Texas in 1849. The family appears in the 1850 census for Tyler, TX where Edwin is recorded as 8 years old. He was educated in Tyler TX.

We find record of Edwin Lawson Clay aka "Loss Clay" in Company G, 11th Texas Infantry, Colonel Oran M. Roberts served as the Commanding Officer. Col Roberts had previously served the Confederacy as the commissioner of the Texas Secession Convention in 1861, and went on to serve after the war as a justice of the Texas Supreme Court, and governor of Texas from 1878-1883. Loss Clay first served in McCulloch's Brigade and later in 1862 assigned to General Horace Randal's Brigade, Walker's Texas Division. Loss Clay served honorably until the war's end and returned to his home in Tyler, TX following the war

He and married Sue Hill on 29 October 1867 at Marvin Methodist Church in Tyler. In the 1870 census they were living in a beautiful home located on West Ferguson Street. To this union six sons were born: Emmet 1871, Arkie 1873, Benjamin 1875, Lawsie 1878, James 1880, and William in 1883.



**Lawson Home circa 1890**

Loss Clay ran a furniture store on North Broadway Ave, he also sold caskets, and lumber. In 1883 he donated 4 acres of land to Oakwood Cemetery and proceeded to sell plots in that area.

He was a Methodist and one of the founders of Marvin Methodist church in Tyler, TX. He played the cornet, and organized a popular musical group in Tyler, TX after the war. He passed away on 25 August 1890 and is buried in historic Oakwood Cemetery.

# Charter Member of Walker's Greyhounds Passes...



**William Clyde Kerley**  
**1941-2024**

William Clyde Kerley, age 83, passed away on the morning of May 18th, 2024. Clyde was born on January 25th, 1941, to Emmie Lou and Odus Clyde Kerley in Dallas, Texas. At the early age of nine, he accepted Christ as his Savior and maintained that faith throughout the rest of his life. He attended and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1959.

Like his father, uncles, and cousins before him, Clyde attended A&M College of Texas where he was a member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. While in college, he met Susanne Kersey, and they were married June 1st, 1963. Upon graduating, he went into the U.S. Army, Military Intelligence, as a Second Lieutenant. After various state-side assignments, he was sent to Munich, Germany where he was appointed head of an intelligence team focused on East Germany. During their stay in Germany, Susanne and Clyde welcomed their son, Andrew, and soon returned to Dallas.

Clyde was assigned to South Vietnam where he served in a Special Ops battalion as a Deputy for Support. A few months after the Tet Offensive, Clyde returned to Texas and left active duty as a Captain.

Over the next several years Susanne and Clyde welcomed their daughter, Teresa.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Clyde held several management positions before moving to El Paso, TX with Century Papers. Clyde taught Adult Sunday School Classes at several Baptist churches and served as volunteer Sunday School Director, Finance Chairman, and Deacon Chairman at First Baptist Church of El Paso.

After thirteen years in El Paso, TX, Clyde took the position of Regional Sales Manager with Affiliated Paper Companies, and moved back to Dallas where he would spend the rest of his life.

Throughout his life, Clyde was honored with several accolades including: The U.S. Army Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, and Golden Circle of the Sul Ross Group of Texas A&M University.

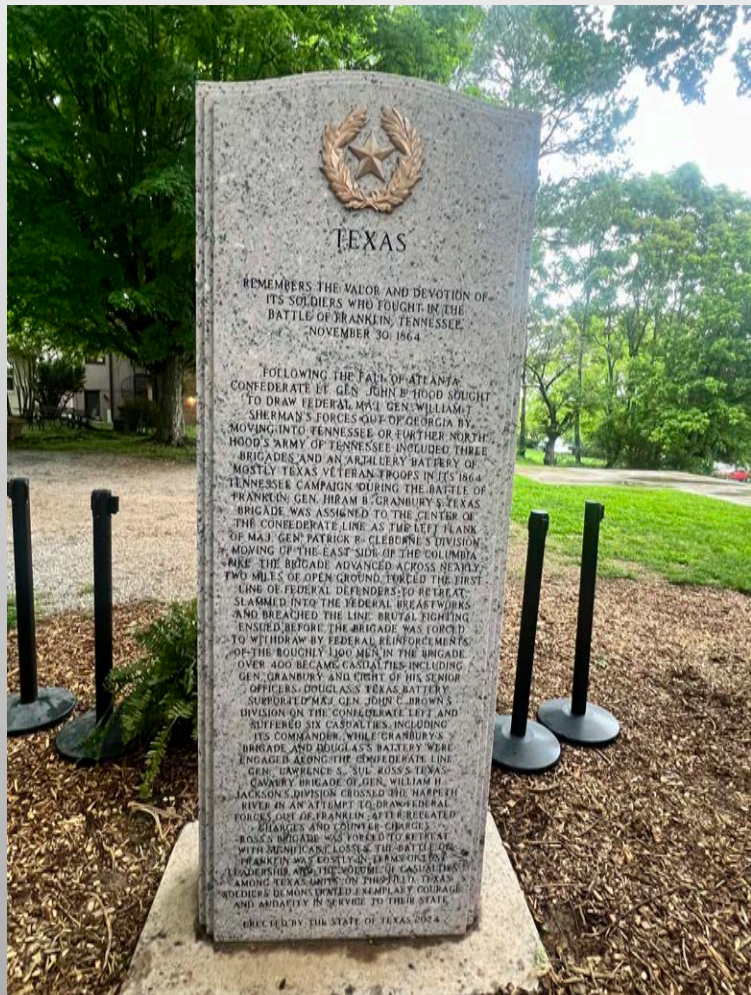
During the last years of his life, Clyde found joy in the service and friends from the Marathon Sunday School class at Stonebriar Community Church, being surrounded by his wife and family, being a member of The Heritage Association of Frisco, Collin County Historical Commission, Walker's Greyhounds #2338 Sons of Confederate Veterans, and of course, reading all the books he could convince Susanne to let him purchase.

Clyde is survived by his wife, Susanne Kerley; their son, Andrew Kerley and his wife Katie Kerley, and their daughter Teresa Tebrinke; their grandchildren, Sydney Cannon and her husband Coleman Cannon, Cassie Ammermann and her husband Jacob Ammermann, and Benjamin Tebrinke. Funeral services for Clyde were held at Stoney Point Cemetery in Anna, TX on 30 May 2024.



**Clyde on far left at the Charter Ceremony**





Proudly showing the colors in Tennessee!

### The Texas Historical Commission Dedicates Monument to Texas Soldiers at Franklin, TN

## May 13, 2024



With Tennessee Division Commander John A Blankenship



In front of monument with Commander in Chief Jason Boshers

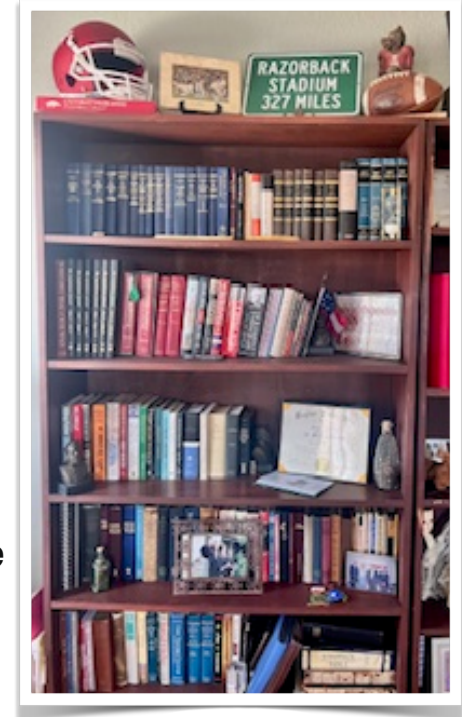


*From the Bookcase of Michael Hurley...*

## ***Perryville the Grand Havoc of Battle***

***By Kenneth W. Noe***

On October 8, 1862, Union and Confederate forces clashed near Perryville, Kentucky, in what would be the largest battle ever fought on Kentucky soil. The climax of a campaign that began two months before in Northern Mississippi, Perryville came to be recognized as the high water mark of the western Confederacy. Some said the hard-fought battle, forever remembered by participants for its sheer savagery and for their commanders' confusion, was the worst battle of the war, losing the last chance to bring the Commonwealth into the Confederacy and leaving Kentucky firmly under federal control. Although Gen. Braxton Bragg's Confederates won the day, Bragg soon retreated in the face of Gen. Don Carlos Buell's overwhelming numbers. *Perryville: This Grand Havoc of Battle* is the definitive account of this important conflict.

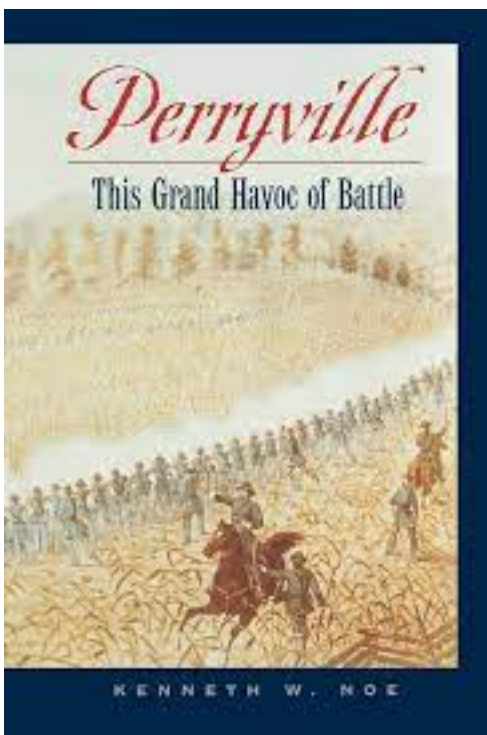


This book has proven to be a favorite in my library, I have read the book twice, and refer to it numerous times whenever

I am speaking on the Perryville campaign.

While it can sometimes get a little tedious in detail, overall the writer does a good job of describing the action, and movement of the troops engaged. He also does a great job explaining the reasons both militarily and politically that the battle was fought.

I highly recommend every SCV member have a copy!



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# In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Smith County, Texas

1st Texas Infantry Hood's Texas Division "The Ragged Old First" - Colonel Louis T. Wigfall

3rd Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Scurry's Brigade - General William R Scurry

3rd Texas Cavalry McCulloch's Divison - Major George W. Chilton

11th Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Randal's Brigade - Colonel Oran Milo Roberts

14th Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Randal's Brigade - Colonel Edward Clark

14th Texas Cavalry "Johnson's Mounted Volunteers", Ector's Brigade - General Matthew Ector

15th Texas Infantry Polignac's Brigade, Speight's Regiment - Lt Colonel James E. Harrison

17th Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Scurry's Brigade - Colonel Robert T. P. Allen

22nd Texas Infantry Walker's Texas Division, Hubbard's Regiment - Colonel Richard B. Hubbard

28th Texas Cavalry (dismount) Walker's Texas Division, Randal's Brigade - Colonel Horace Randal

Douglas Texas Battery of Artillery, Army of the Tennessee - Captain James P. Douglas



15th Texas Infantry



11th Texas Infantry



3rd Texas Infantry.



Tyler Guards - 3rd Texas Cav



14th Texas Infantry



17th Texas Infantry.



1st Texas Infantry



Douglas' Texas Battery





- ◆ **June 18, 2024** - Next Meeting of Walker's Greyhounds
- ◆ **July 17 - 21, 2024** - SCV National Reunion in Charleston SC
- ◆ **July 16, 2024** - Monthly Meeting of Walker's Greyhounds
- ◆ **August 20, 2024** - Monthly Meeting of Walker's Greyhounds

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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.