



THE MARSHALL GUARDIAN

IN MEMORY OF THE HARRISON COUNTY BOYS



Dedicated to the memory of the **Sergeant William Williston Heartsill** Company F 2nd Texas Cavalry, C.S.A

Next Meeting...

Tuesday,

January 20th, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Program:

**David Hill, PDC.
The Barrymore Incident**



Jose Tequila Restaurant

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2025 Texas Division Awards: Superior Camp Award, Four Star Camp Award, 100% Retention Award, Best Camp Newsletter Award.

2025 SCV National Outstanding Camp Award, 2023 & 2024 SCV National, ATM Superior Camp Winner

Greeting Compatriots:

As we begin the New Year, I want to extend my warm regards to each of you and thank you for helping us close out the past year on a high note. December was an outstanding month for our Camp. We wrapped up the year with participation in the Ore City Christmas Parade on December 6th and our Camp Christmas Dinner on December 16th, and both events were very well attended. At the Ore City parade, we had nine members from our Camp represented, joined by camps in Palestine, Gilmer, Longview, Sulphur Springs and Mt. Enterprise. It was encouraging to see so many Camps come together in fellowship and visibility. All participating Camps gathered for a group photo that was later featured in the Gilmer newspaper, which was a great way to highlight our shared presence and purpose.

Our Christmas Dinner was equally memorable. We were honored to present two of our four 25 years service medal recipients with their awards, recognizing decades of dedication and service. We also had the privilege of presenting our first annual Compatriot of the Year Award to Frank Crisp, a well deserved honor that reflects his commitment and contributions to our Camp. Looking ahead, I encourage everyone to join us at our January meeting. We will be honored to swear in our newest member, T.J. Burrow, and our speaker for the evening will be David Hill, who will be speaking to us about the Barrymore's performance in Marshall. I look forward to seeing you as we begin another productive and meaningful year together.

In your service,

Robb McMahan, Commander

Camp Christmas meal, December 16th. Pictures by Albert Colvin



Robb gets our meeting going.



The Brassell's & McMahan's



The Stag table



The Carroll's



The Gathering



Visiting



Christmas greetings



Pete tells a tale



T.J's grandmother



Donnie Weir, 25 year membership medal with 35 year service bar. Congratulations



Frank Crisp, 25 years of service medal & the 1st Compatriot of the Year winner. Congratulations Frank for all you do for the W. W. Heartsill Camp #314

Ore City Christmas Parade, Dec. 6th, 2025



Ore City Christmas Parade, December 6th, 2025. Great turnout of 20, poor pictures by me.

Heartsill Camp 9 members: Robb, Pete, Daryl, Randy, Tom, Frank, Allen, Larry Joe, Bill.
Gilmer Camp 7 + 1 guest: Eddie, Phil, Greg, Newell, Rodney, George, Jim Lock, drummer Roger Williams.

Sulphur Springs Camp: Commander Brent Gamblin

Longview Camp: Payton Murray

Mt. Enterprise Camp: Rex Russell.

Palestine Camp: Taylor Carter



Red Diamond Camp #2193, Texarkana, Christmas Party. Pete & I rubbing elbows the SCV bosses. Center picture, Camp Commander Phil Maynard, Pete, Past CinC Paul Gramling, Commander in Chief Donnie Kennedy, me, Past CinC Chuck McMichael, SCV Chief of Staff J. C. Hanna. Dec. 18, 2025.

Home Town Hero: Eli Taylor Craig, and sons James Marion, Thomas Hatley, Jonathan Louis.

Eli Taylor Craig: 1812-1867. Farmer and Texas legislator was born in Lincoln County TN., the son of James McCoy and Susannah Coffey Craig. Much of Craig's childhood was spent in Giles County. At twenty two years old he moved to Fayette County, TN. where he married Nancy Ann Collier. In October 1846 Craig left Tennessee for Harrison County, Texas, where his wife's brother Capt. James Yancy Collier, had settled. The Craig's bought land nearby and established a farm about eleven mile south of the county seat at Marshall where the grew cotton, grain, fruit as well as raising livestock.

Craig was active in local politics and served for six years as a county commissioner. Although he had been a Whig for most of his life, he became a Democrat during the 1850's. Eli Craig was elected in 1857 and again in 1859 as Democratic representative from Harrison County. During the Civil War he worked with the Central Relief Committee to supply needy families near Marshall. He also served as Captain Co. G, Harrison County Regiment #6, Texas Militia. 1860 Census showed he had a Real Estate estimated at \$8400.00 and a personal estimate worth of \$18, 500.

Eli and Nancy five children, James Marion, 1836-1864, Ibbey Yancy (Roseborough) 1838-1919, Thomas Hatley 1839-1919, Jonathan Louis 1842-1863, William A. 1844-1853. 3 of his 4 sons would serve in the War of Southern Invasion.

James Marion Craig 1836-1864: Enlisted on Oct. 5, 1861 signed in under Capt. W. B. Hill in Co. H, 7th Texas Infantry at the rank of 2nd Lt. promoted to 1st Lt. on Feb. 15, 1862. Captured at the fall of Ft. Donelson on Feb. 16, 1862 and sent as a POW at Johnson Island near Sandusky, Ohio where he was confined from April 17, 1862. Was sent to Vicksburg, MS and paroled on Sept. 1, 1862. He received POW leave and came home and on Nov. 6, 1862 married Francis Katherine Johnson daughter of Dr. EPM Johnson (also served with the 7th Texas Inf.) Returned to service, the 7th Texas had become under the command of Gen. John Gregg as part of Army of Tennessee. On July 22, 1864 he died in the Battles near Atlanta. After his death his brother Thomas H. Craig became the commander of Company H.

Thomas Hatley Craig 1839-1919: Enlisted on Oct. 5, 1861, signed in under Capt. W. B. Hill in Co. H., 7th Texas Infantry, "Texas Invincibles" at the rank of Orderly Sgt. (the original ledger book on Co. H is in possession of the Harrison Co. Historical Museum, and several of its original pages before the fall of Ft. Donelson was T. H.'s handwriting) reassigned as 1st Sgt. on Aug. 1st 1862, promoted to 2nd Lt. on Nov. 8th, 1862, promoted to 1st Lt. on Oct. 1st, 1864 after the death of his brother 1st Lt. J.M. Hatley. Was taken prisoner at the fall of Ft. Donelson on Feb. 16th, 1862 and shipped to Camp Douglas in Chicago Ill, was paroled Sept. 1st, 1862 at Vicksburg, MS. Returned to the 7th Infantry under command of Gen John Gregg and became 2nd Lt. again. Fought thru all of the Atlanta campaign and was captured again at the battle of Franklin, TN. on Dec. 17th 1864. Was shipped to Louisville KY, and then became a POW at Ft. Delaware, DE. on Jan. 9th 1865. Was exchanged at City Point, VA. on Feb. 27, 1865 because of a wound to his left hand. He was granted 90 furloughed as POW and for his wound to heal. While on furlough the War ended in the Army of Tennessee. He came home to return to a normal life, after the death of his father Eli he managed the family farm. He married Martha Anna Hall (1852-1883) in 1874 and they had 2 sons J.M. Craig (1875-1941) and E.T. (1877-1881). Martha died in 1883 and Thomas remarried on Jan 27th, 1886 his brothers James's widow Kitty Johnson Craig. Thomas died at his residence at 103 N. Grove on May 13, 1919 after a short illness. He was 80 years old.

Jonathan Louis Craig 1842-1863. Enlisted for 12 months in Co. K, 17th Texas Cavalry, Clough's Rangers commanded by Captain Gill McKay, on March 8, 1862. He came in as a Pvt. was promoted to 4th Sgt. on March 22, 1863 then became 3rd Sgt. On January 11th, 1863 he was captured at Fort Hindman, Arkansas Post, AR. (along with W. W. Heartsill and the 2nd TX CV) was shipped up the Mississippi river ending up at Ft. Douglas, Chicago, Il. He died as a POW on March 2, 1863. The report said he died of erysipelas a skin rash that is in the streptococcus disease group.

They are all buried at Ewing Cemetery on Roseborough Springs Rd. just north of FM 2625 West



Eli T. Craig

1st Lt. James M. Craig



Jonathan L. Craig

Thomas H Craig

Co K, 17th Texas Cavalry



Wreaths across Marshall 2025. Thanks Pete & Bill



Texas Division Commander Shelby Little places a wreath on the grave of Col. Fredrick Bass, Co. E, 1st Texas Infantry at the Texas State Cemetery that I requested.



BG Horace Randal



BG Alexander Hawthorn



BG Matthew Ector



Gov. / Col. Edward Clark



BG Walter P. Lane



Dr. B.F. Eads Family plot

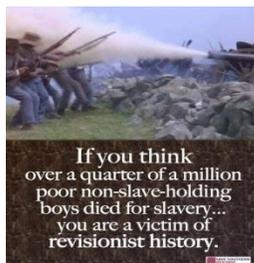
The Texas Division took on a new program this year. The Texas State Cemetery has around 2200 Confederate Veterans and Confederate widows buried there. For years the Wreaths across American has placed wreaths there. This year the Division asked for donations to help do our part the support this program. The Division donate \$4,250 for 250 wreaths from the Extra Giving Fund. Camps and the membership of our Division stepped up and donated enough for us to provide 682 wreaths for this project. The Upshur County Patriots Camp 2109 in Gilmer raised funds to donate 50 wreaths, our Camp donated for 5 wreaths and I gave for 5 wreaths asking for one of mine to go on the grave of Col. F.S. Bass, Co. E, 1st Texas Infantry the “Marshall Guards”.

BLM: Oklahoma City. The con job rewards their leaders: But we are the Bad guys

Oklahoma City BLM leader charged with wire fraud, money laundering in alleged \$3.15 million embezzlement scheme. The executive director of the BLM chapter in OKC was indicted for allegedly siphoning off more than \$3 million in grants to bankroll luxury vacations, shopping sprees, groceries, a car, and six properties over five years. Tashella Amore Dickerson, 52, was slapped with 20 wire fraud counts and five money laundering charges for funneling \$3.15 million meant for the group's bail fund and social justice program into her own accounts between June 2020 and October 2025, according to the Department of Justice. Dickerson, who has led the Black Lives Matter local affiliate since at least 2016, reported on annual filings that the sizable donations were used solely for tax-exempt purposes, prosecutors said. The local branch raised more than \$5.6 million through its affiliation with the Arizona-based Alliance for Global Justice, its fiscal sponsor, which required bail fund grants to be used for pretrial bail for individuals arrested in racial justice protest after George Floyd's 2020 death. But when those checks were returned to the chapter, Dickerson quietly routed them into her accounts. Prosecutors said she used the large sum to travel to Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. She also spent more than \$50,000 on groceries and food deliveries for herself and her children, and shelled out "tens of thousands" on retail shopping. The money also funded a personal car in her name and six Oklahoma City properties (\$975,000) deeded either to her personally or to Equity International LLC, an entity she solely controlled, the indictment showed. Dickerson, who had access to the BLM chapter's bank, PayPal, and CashApp accounts, allegedly used interstate wires to submit two of the fraudulent annual reports to the Alliance for Global Justice.

She was arraigned on her charges in federal court on Dec. 4th. In a nearly 13-minute FaceBook video, Dickerson said she was not in custody and was doing "fine", while attempting to explain that the charges levied against her are common in the type of work she does. "I cannot make an official comment about what has transpired today", she said in the chaotic video, filmed in her car while wearing oxygen, noting that she knew the indictment was coming. "I am home. I am safe. I have confidence in our team. A lot of times when people come at you with these types of things... its evidence that you are doing the work. That is what I'm standing on",. She bizarrely insisted that her long-winded video was not an official statement, but rather a message to her family and friends who were worried about her, even as she urged people to register to vote, remain engaged, and promised to remain active in her community to secure "liberation" for "her people". Dickerson now faces up to 20 years in the federal lock up for each wire fraud count and 10 years for each money laundering charge, along with potential fines of up to \$25,000 per count. (I wonder whose money will be used to pay these fines.).

Something to think about:



The fact that the Confederate army was brought to submission is not one of question. But when one considers it took Northern forces well over two million men to bring to surrender a fighting force of six hundred thousand a period of four long years the question is why did it take that long? One of many answers is the self denial of the mere comfort of food. The Union army had little to worry for in way of supply. For Confederates, cut off from the outside world, this was a daily and ever changing challenge. Would they subject themselves to such conditions so a rich man could keep slaves? Not at all.

"This brings us to the question of food supplies in general these were, alternately, superabundant and altogether wanting depending upon the relative positions of the troops and wagon trains, conditions of transportation, the activity of the enemy, and other accidents and mishaps of the campaigns, The Confederate soldier had to grow accustomed to getting much bread and no meat, meat and no flour or meal, much sugar and no coffee, then coffee and no sugar, for months nothing but flour, then again nothing but meal. fresh meat it was nauseating, then salt pork without intermission. More than this, he had to learn that to be one day without anything to eat was common, that two days' fasting, marching, and fighting was not uncommon, and that even at times there would be no rations issued for three or four days. In short, he was forced to depend upon other things than governmental help, to fight without pay, and find subsistence as best he could; and the thing that bore him through it all uncomplainingly was his indomitable spirit and his firm belief in the righteousness of his cause."

That cause was Southern Independence and driving back an illegally invading force from the Southern States.

Excerpt from an article, Rank and File of the Confederate Armies by Miss Hortense Herman of Baltimore, Maryland as reprinted in the Confederate Veteran Magazine, May, 1914

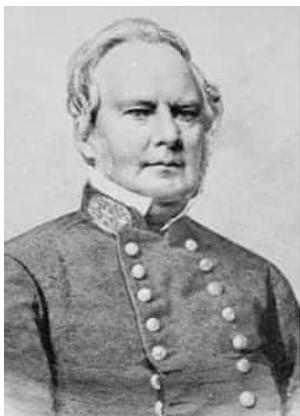


Lucy Pickens's face appears on Confederate \$100 bills

December 2nd, 1862

On this day in 1862, the Confederate government issued \$100 notes bearing a portrait of the renowned Southern beauty Lucy Pickens. Lucy Holcombe was born in 1832 in Tennessee. Between 1848 and 1850 the Holcombes moved to Wyalucing plantation in Marshall, Texas. Lucy became highly acclaimed throughout the South for her "classic features, titian hair, pansy eyes, and graceful figure." In the summer of 1856 she met Francis Wilkinson Pickens, twice a widower and twenty-seven years her senior. Her acceptance of his marriage proposal, it is said, hinged on his acceptance of a diplomatic post abroad. President James Buchanan appointed him ambassador to Russia, and Pickens and Lucy were wed in 1858 at Wyalucing. Lucy was a favorite at the Russian court, but Pickens resigned his diplomatic post in the fall of 1860 in anticipation of the outbreak of the Civil War. Upon his return home he was elected governor of South Carolina. By selling the jewels that had been given her in Russia, Lucy helped outfit the Confederate Army unit that bore her name, the Lucy Holcombe Legion. Her portrait was also used on the one-dollar Confederate notes issued on June 2, 1862. She died in 1899.

Article from the TSHA



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"In the name of God and the attributes of manhood, let me appeal to you by considerations infinitely higher than money! Are we a generation of driveling, sniveling, degraded slaves? Or are we men who dare assert and maintain the rights which cannot be surrendered, and defend those principles of everlasting rectitude, pure and high and sacred, like God, their author?"

Be yours the office to choose between the glory of a free country and a just Government and the bondage of your children!

I will never see the chains fastened upon my country. I will ask for six and one-half feet of Missouri soil in which to repose, but will not live to see my people enslaved."

- Sterling Price, Major-General Commanding, Missouri State Guard, and later Commissioned into the Confederate States of America 1862.

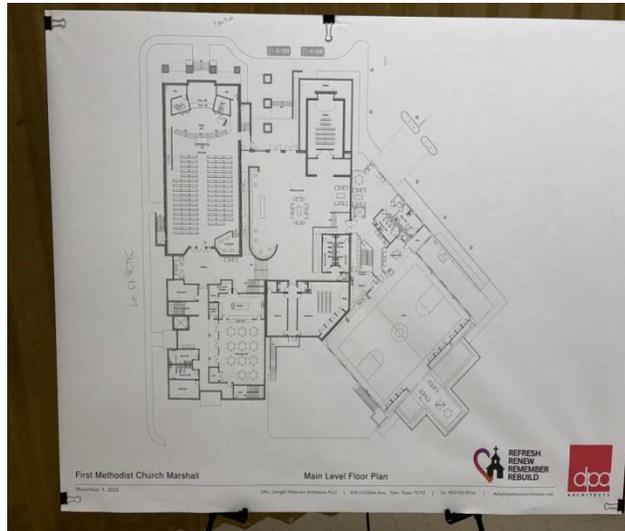
Proclamation issued in Missouri's provisional capital of Marshall, Texas.
November 26, 1861

1M. L. G. and C. Guillaume Thummel and Perry S. Rader, *The Civil Government of the United States and the State of Missouri and the History of Missouri from the Earliest Times to the Present* (Columbia, 1897), p280.



Rosborough Springs near Marshall, TX was first used by the Caddo Indians, who believed that the eighteen mineral springs, each one different, had special healing powers. The springs were purchased in 1845 by William J. Rosborough. His grandson, James, merchandised the water as miracle cure for his medical patients claiming: "The waters had been tested and were found to cure every known form of skin and blood disease." In 1897, a hotel, pavilion, stables and cottages were constructed as a first class resort. In 1933 the buildings burned, leaving only the pavilion and a few cottages standing.

The Phoenix: Rising from the Ashes: 1st Methodist returns. Dec. 9th, 2024



In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Harrison County, Texas

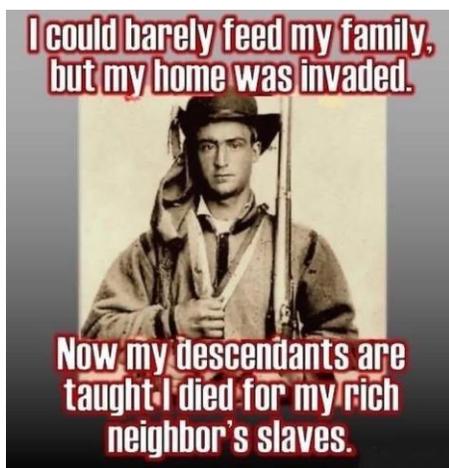
2nd Texas Cavalry Co. F “Walter P. Lane Rangers”
 3rd Texas Cavalry Co A “The Texas Hunters”
 1st Texas Infantry Co. E “The Marshall Guards”
 7th Texas Infantry Co. D “Bass Greys”
 7th Texas Infantry Co. H “Texas Invincibles”
 17th Texas Cavalry Co. E “Hendricks Company”
 17th Texas Cavalry Co. K “Clough Rangers”
 14th Texas Infantry Co. B “Clough and Hill Avengers”
 14th Texas Infantry Co A. “Marshall Mechanics”
 14th Texas Infantry Co. H “Cypress Tigers”
 8th Texas Cavalry Co. F “Harrison County Lancers”
 1st Cavalry Regiment TX Partisans Rangers Co. E
 1st Cavalry Regiment TX Partisans Rangers Co. L

Captain Sam J. Richardson
 Captain T. W. Winston
 Captain F. S. Bass
 Captain K M Van Zandt
 Captain W. B. Hill
 Captain S. B. Hendricks
 Captain Gil McKay
 Captain W. L. Pickens
 Captain N. S. Allen
 Captain John Miller
 Captain Phil Brown
 Captain Hec McKay
 Captain Stephen Webb





We will be passing the Bucket at our meetings for the Flag replacement fund, and the newsletter fund.



Parting thoughts

We must keep on fighting for our ancestors

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January & February Camp members anniversaries and birthdays.

January SCV entry dates: None

January Birthdays: Pat Tomberlain, Jan. 2, 1945, Robert Bailey, Jan. 1, 1952, Clarence Brassell, Jan. 22, 1945, Allen Bourne, Jan. 10, 1947.

February SCV entry dates: Robert Bailey, Feb. 15, 1991, 35 years.

February Birthdays: David M Sutton, 2/24/1953, Terry L. Landrum, 2/3/1948, Randy Saxton, 2/9/1960, Jack Heim, 2/10/1955, Joey Hudson, 2/10/1974, Owen Carroll, 2/4/1965, Chad Crisp, 2/6/1971,