



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,

August 19th, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Program:

**David Hill
Texas Confederate
Monuments**



Jose Tequila Restaurant

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all!**

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

Compatriots:

This past month we attended the National Reunion in Houston. I'm proud to say that this year we had all our delegates plus one extra. Compatriots Owen, Daryl, T.J, Bill, Albert and I attended and brought home the prestigious Outstanding Camp award. We also brought home individual awards that I will be presenting at the August meeting. Many of the photos from the reunion are in this newsletter and you can find more of them on our Facebook page and website (wwheartsill.org). I can't wait to tell you all about it at our next meeting. David Hill from the Richard Taylor camp in Shreveport will be our guest speaker and be talking about Texas Confederate Monuments. I hope to see you all there.

At your service,

Robb McMahan, Commander

Camp Meeting July 15th. Pictures by Albert Colvin



Robb gets our meeting going



Larry Joe & Pat Tomberlain



New member Patrick Tomberlain



Frank & Donnie Weir



Randy & Keith in their spot



Bill updates Division info



TJ & Owen receives their Division Gold Crosses



Program was by Shelby Foote



Bill presents Carthage Camp Awards. Bronze for Compatriot Sheriff Cutter Clinton, Gold Award for Tommy Holmes, 100% Retention for the Gen. Randal Camp.



Pictures from the 130th National Reunion. Photos by Albert Colvin and Bill Elliott



TJ carries in our Camp flag at opening ceremonies.



Harrison Daws aka “Moose” from SCV Chat with our Camp flag. They all know our name.



You're Camp Delegates at work



Long meetings are not for everyone. TJ knows how to concentrate on hearing the speakers



Registration desk duty for Bill on 2nd day



Awards Luncheon



Marcel cleans up well



SCV ATM Outstanding Camp award



Texas Awards Chairman sorting out our 60 Texas awards. Shreveport wins Superior Camp



Convention Chairman Hurley, ATM CM McCammon, a Texas flag was given by TX DV CM Little that flew over Capital on April 1st along with the Resolution to Commander in Chief Kennedy.



Past CinC Grambling, CM Little with Past CM Hurley & McCammon. Daryl & Shreveport



Past CinC Boshers



Louisiana Division



Past CinC McMichael & Hurley



Our friend Ross Cox served as our Sgt. at Arms along with 2 other Texas Compatriots



Texas Division at the 130th National SCV Reunion at Houston, Texas



Sear sucker suit day at the 130th National SCV Reunion at Houston



Army of Trans Mississippi members at the 130th SCV National Reunion at Houston

Things to know. Cedar Hill Cemetery, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

There are over 5000 Confederate Soldiers buried in this cemetery but less than 200 have a grave marker. Of those 5000 burials 200 were Officers. Over 400 Confederates have headstones.

The city of Vicksburg served as a major hospital center in the early years of the Civil War. A section in the Cedar Hill (Vicksburg City) Cemetery was set aside to provide a fitting burial place for Confederate soldiers who died of sickness or wounds. Known as "Soldiers' Rest," the plot in Cedar Hill Cemetery is the final resting place for an estimated 5,000 Confederate soldiers.

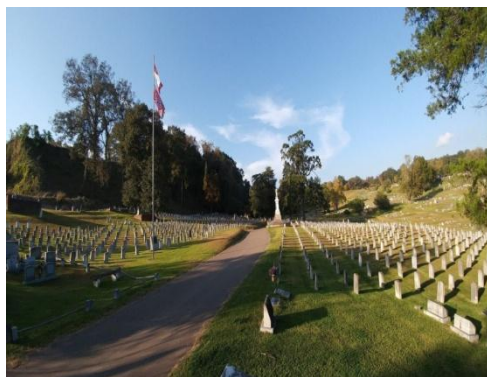
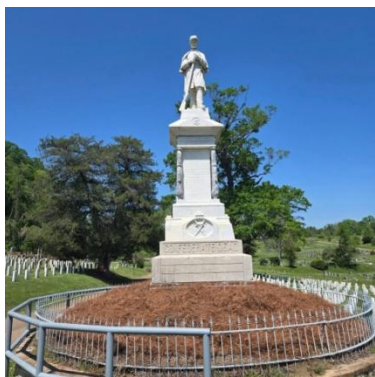
A local undertaker, Mr. J.Q. Arnold, was hired by the Confederate government to bury Confederate soldiers, and carried out those duties throughout the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Arnold meticulously maintained records of the soldiers he buried, assigning each one a grave number. Regrettably, his list and map of the cemetery disappeared after the siege, although a portion of his list was re-discovered in the early 1960s, giving the name, rank, company, unit, and date of death for 1,600 soldiers. Approximately 3,500 names are unknown. The document is now part of the archival records at the Old Courthouse Museum in Vicksburg, MS.

Due to the disappearance of Mr. Arnold's records, only a few private headstones marked the plot until 1893. On April 26 of that year, the ladies of the Confederate Memorial Association dedicated a stone monument featuring the standing figure of a Confederate Soldier. It was not until the early 1980s, following the discovery of the partial list, that the headstones were erected through the combined effort of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Veterans' Administration. The stones were arranged with military precision and placed in state groupings. In 1998, an additional 72 headstones were erected by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to honor soldiers whose identities were established on a second list which surfaced in the collection of the Old Courthouse Museum.

Confederate section of Cedar Hill Cemetery, in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Also known as 'Soldiers' Rest Confederate Cemetery or Vicksburg City Cemetery, it is among the oldest and largest cemeteries in the United States still in use, with burials dating back to the 1830s.

This "Soldiers' Rest," section is dedicated to Confederate soldiers who died during the War, particularly the Siege of Vicksburg. This section, established by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, contains the graves of approximately 5,000 Confederate soldiers, with around 1,600 identified. These soldiers were not permitted to be buried in the nearby Vicksburg National Cemetery.

A couple notables of Cedar Hill Cemetery include the grave of Douglas the Camel (near this marker), a Confederate pack animal during the Civil War. Another unique marker is a piano-shaped tombstone for Estelle, located uphill past the Confederate memorial statue. The cemetery is maintained by the City of Vicksburg, with gates open daily from 7:00 AM to dusk.



Another interesting story to share:

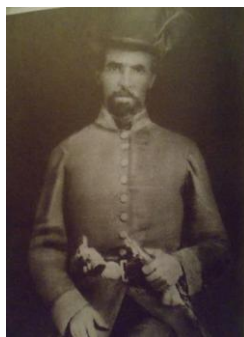
Honoring the courageous service and sacrifice of Confederate soldier David G. Luckie(Lucky) Herron.

David was born August 3, 1824 in Maury County, Tennessee to Francis and Cynthia Lucky Herron. As a young man, David left his native home of Tennessee for Mississippi settling in the county of Yalobusha. David began setting his roots purchasing a house just outside of town near the railroad. David began planting seed becoming quite a successful farmer. David also became a lot surveyor for the town of Coffeeville. On September 26, 1849, David married his first wife Mary Ann Elizabeth Bridgers. Through this union they would have three children. Sadly, Mary Ann died on March 23, 1857. Nearly two years later, David married the sister of his first wife, Harriet A. Bridgers on February 15, 1859. On February 10, 1860, David and Harriet would welcome a daughter to this world naming her Marcella "Cellie" Eugenia Newal Herron. I'm sure at this point David thought he'd been given another chance at living a quiet and happy life. Fate, however, had different plans.

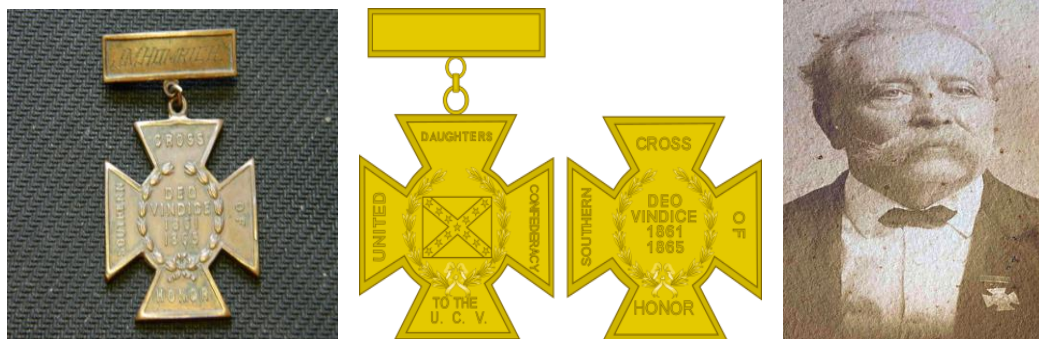
As war began to rage, David did what many young men of the South did, enlisted in the defense of the South. On April 26, 1861, David enlisted as 1st lieutenant in what would become company E (Blythe's Rifles) 44th Mississippi Infantry. David was not only a dutiful soldier but a natural born leader of men. This lead David to climb in rank rapidly and as the Battle of Shiloh loomed, he had become the regiment's lieutenant colonel.

The fighting at Shiloh, for David at least, began on the morning of April 6, 1862. General Bragg ordered his right two regiments into action, the 154th Senior Tennessee Regiment and Blythe's Regiment (44th MS). They would face the 77th Ohio and Waterhouse's battery. The first attack did not go well, ending in failure. At roughly 9:30 am, the regiments gave it another try with the help of an entire brigade of brave Southern men. As colonel Blythe rode his horse ahead of his men to lead them into the battle, he was knocked from his horse by a canister blast. As the men reached him, it was discovered that he had been struck in the heart by one of the iron balls instantly ending his life. David, without hesitation, took command of the men and gallantly continued the charge! In less than ten minutes after losing colonel Blythe, David was struck by a cannonball falling to the battlefield never to rise again. By the time this bloody struggle was over, only about 200 men of the regiment remained. In the after action report, General B. F. Cheatham gave the following statement: "This regiment at all times eminently manifested the high spirit which always characterized the soldiers of Mississippi and no braver soldier than it's historic leader was lost to our cause."

As for David, he was one of the lucky few whose body made it back home and was given a proper Christian burial. This was possible due to a faithful servant known by the name of Spencer. He saw to it that David's body was taken from the war torn area of Shiloh and escorted the body back home to Coffeeville, Mississippi. The family being ever so grateful, etched Spencer's name forever in stone on the marker that stands so elegantly above David's resting spot.



The Southern Cross of Honor:

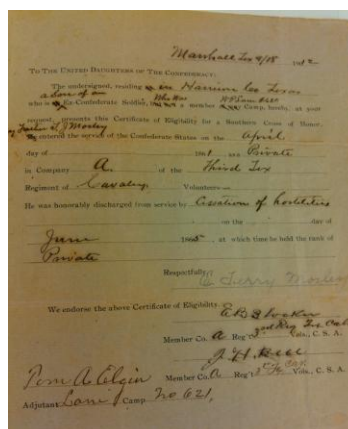
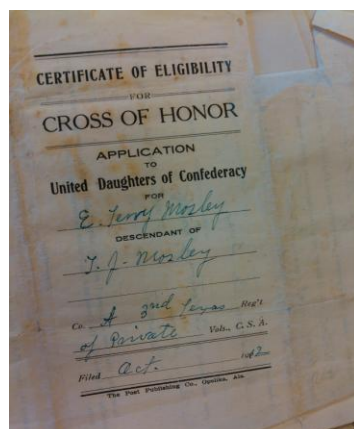


The Southern Cross of Honor was a commemorative medal established in 1899 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy to honor Confederate veterans. The Cross of Honor is in the form of a cross pattee suspended from a metal bar with space for engraving. The obverse displays the Confederate battle flag placed on the center thereof surrounded by a wreath, with the inscription UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY TO THE U.C.V. on the four arms of the cross. The reverse of the Cross of Honor is the motto of the Confederate State, DEO VINDICE (With god as our Vindicator) and the dates 1861-1865 also surrounded by a laurel wreath. The arms of the cross bear the inscription SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR.

The Cross of Honor could only be bestowed through the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It could not be purchased; it was given in recognition of loyal, honorable service to the South and only a Confederate veteran could wear it. It was available to any branch of the Confederate military. Only living veterans were eligible. However the final award was given posthumously, in 1951 to Rear Adm. Raphael Semmes. At least 78,761 were awarded.

On Sunday April 26, 1903 in the Methodist Church (now 1st Methodist) the Marshall Chapter #412 presented 55 Southern Crosses of Honor to the Confederate Veterans present. More had applied but they only gave out 55 at this event. One SCH was presented to Galen Eads in memory and honor of his father Dr. B.J. Eads who had died on Sunday February 1st, 1903. They also presented a SCH to W. S. Allen age 91 who was too feeble to attend, his award was given to UCV Camp #621 Commander W. W. Heartsill so Camp members could take it to Allen and pin it on him.

The applications the Confederate Veteran had to fill out and return to the UDC Chapter showing their service information and justification are in possession of the Harrison County Historical Museum Research Center.



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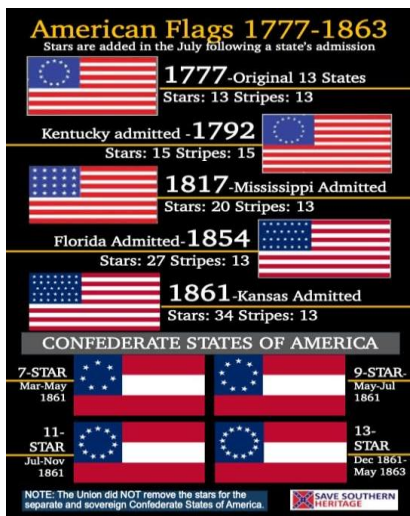
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In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Harrison County, Texas

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
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 Captain Gil McKay
 Captain W. L. Pickens
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We will be passing the Bucket at our meetings for the Flag replacement fund, and the newsletter fund.



Parting thoughts

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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 periods 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.