

Newsletter of the Texas Lonestar Greys (*The Biggest Little Camp in Texas!*) Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp 1953, San Antonio and Schertz, Texas Our Brothers in the Sul Ross Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars Serving our members in; Parts of the Hill Country, East Bexar County, Western Guadalupe County, and Eastern Wilson County, Texas.

REVISED Again in 2015 July and August dedicated to The Texas Lone Star Greys and named for the Cry that chilled the Hearts of the Intruders, brought Joy to the True Believers, and Echoes still heard in the Hollowed Valleys, Plains, Forests, Swamps, Bayous, Rivers, Shores, and Upland Reaches (Hills and Hollers) of the BELOVED SOUTH LAND!

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Rules for Contributions: This newsletter will post meeting information past, present, and future meetings and activities; announcements from other camps in our area; articles (please use sources); editorials or comments will be accepted but they must be acceptable ABSOLUTELY: <u>no</u> <u>bigotry or racial prejudice</u> will be accepted this is an organization for <u>HERITAGE NOT HATE</u>; if you are interested in buying or selling items of organizational interest your announcement is encouraged; finally if you want to include historical trivia related to southern heritage feel free to submit (include your source); CAMP STAFF

**MEETING:** Lonestar Greys Camp meeting for July 2024; was called to order at 6:30pm by Commander Juan Ramirez, the Invocation was offered by James Wilson. Roy Poole led us with the pledges to the US flag, Texas flag and Confederate flag and *The Charge* was read by Commander Ramirez. We welcomed our guests, Mrs. Lynn Poole wife of Adjutant Roy Poole, friends of the Texas Lone Star Greys Camp and supporters of all things Southern; Mr. Rodney Seiler; Adjutant of Hood's Texas Brigade Camp and Mr. Dustin Seiler Lt. Commander of Hood's Texas Brigade Camp. Thank you for attending our meeting.

Adjutant's Report: Roy Poole reported: On current bank balance is excellent and membership renewal to be complete 100%. Roy has contracted a flag maker to make the approved flag for the Lonestar Greys Camp. James Wilson; is the winner of last year's logo contest, he wins the Lee's HQ ANV handmade flag replica and his logo design will be incorporated into the Camp flag. Old Business: the National Reunion (convention) John McCammon is our delegate currently attending the national Reunion.

**New Business:** waiting on delivery of the camp flag. **Awards were presented at the meeting, were awarded to: Roy Poole; Texas Division Silver Cross and Roy Taubert Texas Division Silver Cross** y'all earned them, keep up the good work; Congratulations from the Camp to Our honored member's outstanding efforts at history and heritage preservation.

The Program: was a short overview of the *Battle at Tunnel Hill*, Georgia, November 25, 1863. Our presenter was **William Bozic**. Benediction was given by **James Wilson** and we all sang *Dixie* before completing our meeting.

Juan Rami*r*ez Juan Ramirez Commander, **Texas LONESTAR Greys** 



Awards and Presentations: (Left-Right) James Wilson winner of the Camp logo contest showing off his fine Lee HQ ANV flag, Roy Poole awarded the Texas Division Silver Cross and Roy Taubert awarded the Texas Division Silver Cross. U DUN GUD



**NEXT MEETING:** <u>Thursday</u> 15, August 2024; at 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM (more or less, OK, maybe 8:00 PM). We begin gathering at 6:00 PM to socialize and order our fine Tejano cuisine. As of this writing the program has yet to be announced, so watch your email, cell phone text, or answering machines for further details. John McCammon should be back from the National Reunion and likely will update us on events. See y'all at Taqueria Casa Jalisco, 6846 US Highway 87E, China Grove, Texas. Please bring a friend, family members, and interested parties to the meeting.



\*Scam alert: for SCV members, we are posting this as a courtesy for TX DIV CDR Hurley and for all SCV members.



NOTE: there have been numerous scam attempts announced over recent months that have targeted a variety of groups and organizations; Veterans, Veteran Organizations, Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement support organizations, Second Amendment rights organizations, Church organizations, Medicare, insurance, various political causes, SENIOR CITIZENS, etc., etc. Many such scams have been mentioned in newspapers and on TV/radio news, <u>TAKE HEED</u> of scams and as you can see few organizations and groups are immune.

\*San Antonio Gun Show; Fri, Aug 2nd – Sun, Aug 4th, 2024; N Loop 1604 W San Antonio, TX 78258 2024 with additional shows on Sep 6th-8th, 2024, in San Antonio, TX. This San Antonio gun show is held at *Alzafar* Shriners and hosted by Texas Gun Shows. Hours: Friday: 4:00pm -7:00pm; Saturday: 10:00am - 5:00pm; Sunday: 10:00am - 4:00pm Admission: General: \$15.00 and Children 12 & under: Free

\* From our friends at: LAWRENCE SULLIVAN ROSS CHAPTER No. 184; MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS: August 5, 2024 Convival Dinner; CHESTER'S HAMBURGERS: 1006 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78209 (Enter the door to the Party Room on the freeway side of the restaurant) 6:30 PM-8:00 PM (Doors open at 6:00); RSVP by email to David Towery at dtowery@toweryassociates.com, or click Reply

\* The New Berlin Sausage Festival is a beloved annual event in New Berlin, Texas. For 2024, it is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 1st, the day before Labor Day, from 11 AM to 11:30 PM at the New Berlin Community Centerl. This festival is a great opportunity to enjoy delicious sausages, live music, and various activities with friends and neighbors. The event benefits the New Berlin Community Club and Volunteer Fire Department1. 8815 FM 775, New Berlin, TX, United States, 78155-8599 and (210) 343-9570.

\*2024 80TH ANNUAL FLORESVILLE PEANUT FESTIVAL; OCTOBER Tuesday 10/8, Thursday 10/10, Friday 10/11 and Saturday 10/12 Please support area historical and cultural events to preserve our Texas and Southern, culture and history. For additional information go to: https//floresvillepeanutfestival.org/index.php or contact: FLORESVILLE PEANUT FESTIVAL P.O. BOX 81 FLORESVILLE, TX 78114

210-313-0926

\*Floresville Gun Show 9, November 2024, Hours Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm-Sunday: 10:00am - 4:00pm, Admission General: \$10, Military: \$9, Weekend Pass: \$5 more: Children under 12: FREE, And Uniformed Peace Officers: FREE, Floresville Event Center, 600 TX-97, Floresville, TX 78114; Vendor: 300+ Tables; 8ft Tables \$90.00/each

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In times of peril or impending peril we often say to ourselves "why am I not prepared or why did I not heed warnings" many folks wring their hands and all of a sudden have a new-found personal revival. We often face perilous times as individuals and as a people, these Biblical passages tell us that and let us know we must be prepared as all things have their time.

Joel (NK.F 9Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. **10Beat your plowshares into swords** And your [g]pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'' 11Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O Lord. 12"Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. 13Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow-For their wickedness is great." Isaiah 2 (NKJV) 2Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. 3Many people shall come and say. "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning [a]hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore. **Ecclesiastes 3 (NKJV) Everything Has Its Time** 1To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: 2A time [a]to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; 3A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; 4A time to weep,

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And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; 5A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; 6A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; 7A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; 8A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace. Go to church or at least take time to pray and be thankful. Mike Reynolds, Texas Lone Star Greys, Camp Chaplain

\*\*\*NOTE: the insignia for the Confederate Christian Chaplains used by the Confederate army we also included a symbol of all our Old Testament predecessors and used the U.S. Army Jewish Chaplain branch insignia the Confederate army included thousands of Jewish soldiers they had no official chaplain corps rather local Rabbis filled in when possible and soldiers who took it upon themselves to hold services. Since we have a number of Jewish Compatriots in the SCV we could not overlook their faith.



# SOUTHERN CULTURE, HUMOR, PRIDE and PRINT MORE FAMOUS CONFEDERATE CONNECTIONS

# TOMMY LEE JONES



Well recognized actor with many starring roles on the big screen from the 1970s through the present, many remember Jones from his role in Lonesome Dove, Coal Miner's Daughter among others. He is a native son of Texas but his Confederate ancestry is from Georgia. James Madison "Matti" Martin, BIRTH 6 Sep 1823 Virginia-DEATH 3 May 1910 (aged 86) Georgia, BURIAL Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery, Forsyth County, Georgia. Company H, 2nd Georgia Cavalry; Confederate States of America. AND

#### **Matthew Abraham Barnett**

BIRTH 24 Jan 1834 Georgia-DEATH 24 Aug 1909 (aged 75) Robertson County, Texas, **BURIAL Mount Pleasant Cemetery** Franklin, Robertson County, Texas. Matthew Barnett was a PRIVATE in Company L, 12 (Avery's) GA Cavalry, CSA.



He served in Company L, 12 (Avery's) GA Cavalry, CSA. AND

William P. Barnett: BIRTH 2 Apr 1838-DEATH 14 Oct 1918 (aged 80), BURIAL Lime Branch Cemetery, Polk County, Georgia, "W. P. Barnett, a venerable and highly esteemed Confederate veteran, died at Youngs on the 14th inst., and his remains were laid to rest the next day at Lime Branch. In the absence of the pastor, remarks were made by Me. E. E. Willingham. The deceased was 81 years old, a member of the Baptist church for 60 years, and was a member of the 1st Ga. Calvary."



William P. Barnett served in the 1st Georgia Cavalry Regiment, C.S.A.

# **MICHAEL NESMITH (of the Monkees)**



Co-founder of 1960s-70s musical group The Monkees, he was a song-writer, musician in the Rock, Country, and Country-Rock categories, music and movie producer, businessman, and U.S. Air Force Veteran.

**PVT John Rhea Nesmith** BIRTH 10 Oct 1828 Lawrence County, Alabama-DEATH 4 Aug 1911 (aged 82) Franklin County, Alabama, BURIAL Masterson Cemetery, Lawrence County, Alabama Civil War Veteran, Private, Company A, 4<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cavalry, Confederate States Army



**JOHN PRINE:** Country and folk singer/songwriter from the 1970s-2020 known for his witty subject matter, he was also a U.S. Army Veteran. One of his more noted protest-type songs was *Paradise* about northern corporate exploitation of coal fields in the South.



Great-Great Uncle Mother's side

James William Yonts Name sometimes spelled Yountz

Company C; 9th Kentucky Infantry Regiment ("Orphan" Brigade"), CSA

BIRTH 12 Aug 1837 Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, DEATH 14 Jul 1905 (aged 67) Central City, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, BURIAL Fairmount Cemetery Central City, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, In, his book; <u>John S. Jackman's Diary of a Confederate Soldier</u>, Jackman spelled the soldier's name *"Yountz."* 

LTG "HAL" HAROLD GREGORY MOORE, US Army and Author "We Were Soldiers"



**PVT** Augustus Ignatius Moore Great-Great Uncle father's side (grandfather's brother)

BIRTH 2 Apr 1828 Nelson County, Kentucky, DEATH 10 Feb 1894 (aged 65) Calhoun, McLean County, Kentucky, BURIAL Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, McLean County, Kentucky, **Company B; 9<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Infantry Regiment, C.S.A.** (*"Orphan" Brigade"*)



## **ROY ORBISON**



Great-Great Uncle on his maternal grandmother's side S. R. Golden BIRTH-11 Jan 1842 DEATH 25 Aug 1907 (aged 65) BURIAL San Marcos Cemetery San Marcos, San Diego County, California, Shadrack R. Golden, Pvt Age 18. Enlisted 23 Sept 1861 at Pocahontas, AR. Captured 20 Sept 1863 at Chickamauga, GA., and sent to Camp Douglas, IL 7 Oct 1863. Discharged 14 Jun 1865 Honoring the service of Sgt Golden of Company F, 8th Arkansas Infantry, CSA.

PAT BOONE: singer, actor, businessman



**Bryant V Boone Jr. great-great uncle** BIRTH 30 Jan 1836-DEATH 2 Jan 1863 (aged 26) Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi, BURIAL Vicksburg National Cemetery Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi **Bryant V. Boone, son of Bryant Boon, b. 30 Jan., 1836; d. 2 Jan., 1863, at Vicksburg, Miss., of smallpox, while serving as a Confederate soldier. Probably buried at Vicksburg in mass unmarked grave. AND Judge Andrew Rechmond Boone great-great uncle; BIRTH 4 Apr 1831 Davidson County, Tennessee-DEATH 26 Jan 1886 (aged 54) Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky, BURIAL Maplewood Cemetery Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky secessionist leader 1861. Member of the United States Congress, Kentucky's first district (1875-1879). He was elected and served as judge of the Graves County Court from 1854 to 1861. member of the State house of representatives in 1861; circuit judge for the first judicial district of Kentucky 1868-1874; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth Congresses (March 4, 1875-March 3, 1879); chairman of the State railroad commission 1882-1886.** 



Pvt Richard S. Foy (Pat Boone's great uncle on his mother's side)

BIRTH 24 Nov 1839 Dukedom, Weakley County, Tennessee-DEATH 21 Mar 1880 (aged 40) Graves County, Kentucky, BURIAL Foy Cemetery Graves County, Kentucky, Enlisted on 12/11/1861 at Columbus, KY as a **Private. On 12/11/1861 he mustered into "A" Co. KY 7th Infantry (date and method of discharge not given) He was listed as: POW 5/16/1863 Baker's Creek, MS** 

Additional Information: Richard and James Foy were brothers from Dukedom. Both joined the 7th Ky Infantry CSA Co. A. Their first battle was at Shiloh. At the battle of Baker's Creek in Mississippi, James was killed and Richard buried him on the battlefield. Richard was taken prisoner and spent most of him time at Camp Lookout, Md. He spent 18 months there, sick with dysentery, and walked home to Dukedom after the war. He married Sina Payne of Dukedom and he died in 1880.



AND

#### Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Gates (great uncle again from maternal grandmother's side)

BIRTH 8 Feb 1838 Dukedom, Weakley County, Tennessee-DEATH 8 Jun 1921 (aged 83) Fulton, Fulton County, Kentucky, BURIAL Old Bethel Cemetery Dukedom, Graves County, Kentucky, Co. K, 31st Tennessee Inf., CSA

AND

**BROTHER OF ABOVE SOLDIER again great-uncle from maternal grandmother's side Asa Jackson Gates** BIRTH 25 Feb 1847 Weakley County, Tennessee, DEATH 1 Sep 1927 (aged 80) Graves County, Kentucky, BURIAL Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Graves County, Kentucky, **Co. C, 12th Kentucky Cav., CSA** 

#### HAROLD LLOYD JENKINS (CONWAY TWITTY)



Grandfather James Monroe Jenkins: **Company F, 42d Regiment Mississippi Volunteer Infantry C.S.A.** BIRTH 24 Jun 1830 Monroe County, Mississippi-DEATH 24 Aug 1910 (aged 80) Georgia, BURIAL Jenkins-Potts Cemetery Calhoun County, Mississippi.



# Stone date of death was an error. AND

**Great-Uncle or brother of grandfather Simon J. Jenkins PVT Company H, 7<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, C.S.A.** BIRTH 13 May 1828 Monroe County, Mississippi-DEATH 24 Nov 1916 (aged 88) Calhoun County, Mississippi, BURIAL Stewart Cemetery Banner, Calhoun County, Mississippi,



#### AND

Henry Tophah Jenkins great-uncle or grandfather's brother Served as a Private in Company F, 42nd Mississippi Infantry. BIRTH 20 Oct 1832 Mississippi-DEATH 28 Nov 1902 (aged 70) Calhoun County, Mississippi, BURIAL Stewart Cemetery, Banner, Calhoun County, Mississippi great-uncle or grandfather's brother.

#### AND Jonathan Leroy Jenkins

# PVT, Company E, 1st Mississippi Cavalry, C.S.A.

BIRTH 30 Aug 1842 Monroe County, Mississippi, DEATH 4 Jun 1882 (aged 39) Calhoun County, Mississippi, BURIAL Jenkins-Potts Cemetery, Calhoun County, Mississippi.



TO BE CONTINUED

# **TEXAS CONFEDERATE HISTORY**

EXISTING FACTORS of AREA CONFEDERATE HISTORY The Undeniable Truth of San Antonio and Adjacent Counties and Their Confederate History

Including

An Eclectic Guide to Some Remaining Confederate Sites

ATASCOSA COUNTY PLEASANTON NAMED; War Between the States



## **Major Lewis Antonio MAVERICK**

**BIRTH** 23, March 1839-**DEATH** 18, June1866 (aged 27) **BURIAL** City Cemetery #1 San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, **SOURCE: Findagrave.** Although buried in San Antonio, Maverick recruited Company E; 32d Texas Cavalry Regiment from men in Atascosa County, the company was mustered into service at Pleasanton. Lewis was the son of Samuel A. Maverick an early shaker and mover of Texas after independence. The Texas Historical Commission Marker is located at Main Street (US 281) and Goodwin Street. **SOURCES: Awbrey, Betty Dooley and Awbrey, Stuart, With the Texas Historical Commission**, <u>WHY STOP</u>, <u>A Guide to Texas Roadside Historical Markers</u>, Taylor Trade Publishing. Lanham, New York, Boulder, Toronto, Plymouth, UK, (6<sup>th</sup> Edition), **2013, pg. 372., FINDAGRAVE.** 

## **GUADALUPE COUNTY**

# DEITZ COMMUNITY in GUADALUPE COUNTY C.S.A. Connection



**FERDINAND DIETZ** served in the 8th Texas Infantry (Hobby's Regiment), C.S.A. under Lt. Col. John Ireland in Company K, in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States. He also served as Justice of the Peace in Guadalupe County in 1875 and 1876. Note: several Dietz surnamed men from Guadalupe County served in Texas Confederate organizations. NPSCWSSSS.

Ferdinand Michael Dietz BIRTH 4, December 1830 Wiesbaden, Stadtkreis Wiesbaden, Hessen, Germany DEATH 6, May 1914 (aged 83) San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, BURIAL Dietz Cemetery Schertz, Guadalupe County, Texas, SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE, NPSCWSSSS.

In 1851 Jamaica native Jacob De Cordova (1808-1868) settled here **(See Note on De Cordova below)**. He selected this spot for its beauty, rich soil and nearby springs. He built his first home, "Wanderer's Retreat." It served as a stage stop on the San Antonio Road and as a mail delivery station. De Cordova, acting as a land agent, sold over 90,000 acres of Texas land including this site. Nine German bachelors purchased the property and it became known as "Bachelor's Hall" and "Nine Men's House." Two brothers, Ferdinand Michael and J. August Dietz, cowboys for De Cordova, bought out the other men and the community became "Dietz." Johann Phillip Stautzenberger (1838-1904) bought the land in 1861, built a substantial house and general store, and became the first postmaster. Formal education began in a small room adjacent to Stautzenberger's store with Frankfort School starting later. "The Frohsinn Maennerchor," a singing group, was organized in the schoolhouse. Later they adopted the present name of "Frohsinn Mixed Chorus of Clear Springs." In 1895 a group of farmers founded present-day Friedens Church in the school building. Consolidation of the schools, closing of the post office, and good roads and automobiles caused this early community to disappear. **SOURCES:** 

Awbrey, Betty Dooley and Awbrey, Stuart, With the Texas Historical Commission, <u>WHY STOP, A Guide to Texas Roadside Historical Markers</u>, Taylor Trade Publishing. Lanham, New York, Boulder, Toronto, Plymouth, UK, (6<sup>th</sup> Edition), **2013**, pg. **431**., FINDAGRAVE, NPSCWSSSS, and John Gesick, "Dietz, TX," *Handbook of Texas Online*, accessed February 26, 2024, https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/dietz-tx. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

## **JACOB DE CORDOVA:**



Jacob De Cordova a Sephardic Jew, was born in Spanish Town, Jamaica who eventually came to Texas was knowledgeable in navigation, and drawing, as well as being fluent in and literate in several languages. During the War Between the States De Cordova served as the Confederate Provost Officer, Post Master, and C.S.A. Tax Collector for District 30, mostly out of Bosque County. De Cordova was bankrupted after the war and died in 1868, he is buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas. During antebellum times, Jacob De Cordova as a cartographer co-composed pre-war map of Texas they were praised for incredible accuracy even by present-day standards. His sons also served in the Confederate army; De Cordova who had financed over a million acres to Texas settlers did not bow to Federal authorities and northern "carpetbaggers" regardless of his personal debt and refused to foreclose on his fellow Texans. When occupying Federal authorities threatened to foreclose on peoples' property for back-taxes De Cordova paid his clients' back-taxes to Federal authorities rather than see them lose their land. Furthermore, Jacob De Cordova refused to take the post-war oath of allegiance. He was active in the Odd Fellows and is considered a co-founder of Waco, Texas. BIRTH-6 Jun 1808 Spanish Town, Saint Catherine, Jamaica-DEATH-26 Dec 1868 (aged 60) Bosque County, Texas, MEMORIAL SITE\* -Jacob de Cordova Historical Memorial Waco, McLennan County, Texas, \* A structure erected in honor of someone whose remains lie elsewhere. AND; Jacob Raphael de Cordova; BIRTH-6 Jun 1808 Spanish Town, Saint Catherine, Jamaica-DEATH-26 Dec 1868 (aged 60) Bosque County, Texas, ACTUAL BURIAL -Texas State Cemetery Austin, Travis County, Texas, Plot-Republic Hill Section 1 Row P Plot 7. SOURCES: FINDAGRAVE, Rosen, Robert N., THE JEWISH CONFEDERATES, University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, 2000, pg. 30., and Handbook of Texas Online, Natalie Ornish, "DE CORDOVA, JACOB RAPHAEL," accessed April 19, 2020, <u>http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fde03</u>. Uploaded on June 12, 2010. Modified on May 18, 2016. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

# **ROBERT HALL: A FOUNDER of SEQUIN and TEXAS LEGEND (One of Many)**



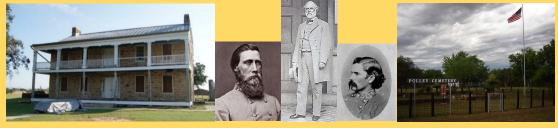
One of many colorful Texans who served in the Texas Revolution through the War Between the States was Robert Hall who is thought to have come to Texas in 1835. During the Texas Revolution he served on the Yellowstone one of the few "naval" vessels the Texas forces had at their disposal. By June 1836, Hall was in the Republic of Texas army serving until November followed with an enlistment in the Texas Rangers under Benjamin McCulloch. Along with three other Rangers, Hall surveyed and plotted out an area in 1838 that is present-day Seguin in Guadalupe County. Later, Hall was awarded some land in present-day Seguin. Having married and wanting to establish himself, Hall constructed a house on the Walnut Branch which is now Travis and Nolte Streets in Seguin. The frontier home remains today and is designated a historic site and locally known as the Hall-Burges-Glenewinkel home. While not appearing as the original core log house structure it is the same building having undergone several remodeling efforts in its history. Nonetheless, it is one of the oldest structures in the city of Seguin. The South Carolina-born Texian would not know peace for several more decades as Indian raids would continue and incursions by Mexican forces, and the War with Mexico erupted following Texas Annexation to the United States and the War Between the States as the Southern states attempted to form a separate nation. Hall would serve in the Confederate army for at least three years during the national bleeding. Robert Hall by this point was a soldier of three nations although an active serving Confederate soldier, he was detailed to spy or scouting duty. During the War Between the States scouts were often referred to as "Spies" although these men were not spies in the classic sense. Some Confederate organizations were designated as "Spy Companies" such as the San Elizario Spy Company or Coopwood Spy Company for example as there was a number of these organizations. After the war, Hall began to follow less hazardous pursuits eventually moving to Cotulla where he raised thirteen children. His wife Mary Minerva "Polly" King, a daughter of Colonel John Gladden King died in the decades after the war. He became active in Texas and Confederate Veteran organizations until his death. Furthermore, as if Hall's life wasn't colorful enough, he became a prolific relic of Texas from the Revolution through his Confederate service. The old soldier and Ranger died in 1899 and is buried at King Cemetery, Oak Forest, Gonzales County, Texas



The Hall-Burges-Glenewinkel Home: more contemporary view and as it appeared about 1890. SOURCES:

Carolyn Hyman, "Hall, Robert," Handbook of Texas Online, accessed June 09, 2024, https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/hall-robert. Published by the Texas State Historical Association. AND FINDAGRAVE, also Photograph of the Robert Hall House (located at 214 South Travis) in Seguin, Texas. Possibly around 1890, The Portal to Texas History, https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapth677846/ and Photos: https://texasreader.com/2021/01/texas-history-newsletter-a-sharp-dressed-man (Robert Hall late in life), also Findagrave.com Robert Hall, Robert Hall House via <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\_Hall\_House</u> National Register of Historic Places, and Texas Historical Commission. [Robert Hall House, (East elevation)], photograph, 1890; (https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapth677846/: accessed June 17, 2024), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, https://texashistory.unt.edu; crediting Texas Historical Commission. WILSON COUNTY, TEXAS

**SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Whitehall or Polley Mansion and Family Burial Site:** This stone house was built by New York native Joseph Henry Polley in 1847, Polley was one of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred" settlers who came to colonize Texas with grants from the Mexican government. It is in neighboring Wilson County near Sutherland Springs at 11432 FM 539 La Vernia, TX 78121. Polley's sons served as Confederate soldiers with Joseph Benjamin Polley (buried at Floresville City Cemetery, also in Wilson County) became a historian of Hood's Texas Brigade; author of the book; Hood's Texas Brigade: Its Marches, Its Battles, Its Achievements. Joseph H. Polley served in Company F (Mustang Greys); 4th Texas Infantry Regiment, Hood's Texas Brigade one of the most famous infantry brigades in American military history. Joseph Polley was also a County Judge in Wilson County. Polley wrote two excellent books about his Civil War experiences and are a must read. Before the war Colonel Robert E. Lee visited there several times as did future Confederate Generals; John B. Hood, and George B. Cosby. General Robert E. Lee while still a colonel in the "old" U.S. Army wrote his last letter from Texas while a guest at the Polley home.



**SUTHERLAND SPRINGS HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** located at 6556 Highway 87 W., Sutherland Springs, Texas 78161. Displays facets of this historic Texas town and its surrounding area including persons and events from the town's early settlement period through the War Between the States and *"Reconstruction."* 



**STOCKDALE: STOCKDALE, TEXAS.** Stockdale is at the junction of U.S. Highway 87 and State highways 97 and 123, thirteen miles northeast of Floresville in eastern Wilson County. The town was named for Fletcher S. Stockdale; Texas Confederate lieutenant governor when the town was established in 1863. Stockdale was the last Confederate Governor of Texas. A Texas State Historical Marker about Fletcher S. Stockdale is located near the center of the town. **STOCKDALE MUSEUM** 507 W Main Street, Stockdale, TX, United States, Texas 78160.



## Text for tours: 830-534-0540

LAVERNIA: Masonic Lodge: 135 Bluebonnet Drive or FM 775, La Vernia, Texas: Brahan Lodge No. 226 A.F. & A.M. From the Historical Marker: "Set to work U.D. June 22, 1868. Chartered June 16, 1859. Named for Dr. Robert W. Brahan, John Rhodes King first worshipful master. Members included veterans of Texas War for Independence, Mier expedition, Mexican War, Indian campaigns. The quarried stone hauled it to site by oxcart, completed hall 1871. In it Churches met, children were educated. Members served in every American war, in Civil War were in Hood's Texas Brigade, Terry's Texas Rangers, Parsons' Texas Cavalry, 3rd Texas Infantry, Walker's division, Ireland's company, Cibolo Guards, Mustang Grays. From Chickamauga to Atlanta to Mansfield to Appomattox to Brahan Lodge, veterans of that war this marker is dedicated: Robert Adams, Irvin H. Armstrong,

Thos. H. Barry, James Edwin Beck, Haywood Brahan, Gen. Robert. W. Brahan, Emery C. Barker, M.A. Broach, Sanford Brown, Stephen T. Cook, R.B. Curry, H. Fourham, T.B. Fowler, Ed Frances, W.F. Gardner, Bennett Henderson, Connally F. Henderson, S.L. Herron, David H. Houston, Ross Houston, Russell Houston, J. Humphries, T.D. James, J.T. Johnson, John Rhodes King, W.A. King, Felix A. Knox, V.R. Knox, R.N. Leigh, Robt. Lenox, Levi Maddox, J.G. Maddox, Emil Morosa, Sam H. Milam, Wm. Morris, J.M. Morrison, R.G. Murray, Chas. A. McAlister, Sam W. McClain, Richard D. McGee, G.M. McKay, J.K. New, D.C. Newton, Jas. Newton, N.M. Newton, Wm. Northcraft, C.R. Patton, T.J. Reese, Jas. D. Sanders, Wm. D. Scull, J.A. Sharpless, Robt. Sharpless, J.W. Thompson, Eli Toole, Jas. M. Trainer, L.J. Vivian, J.E. Watkins, John A. Wells, L.S. White, Hugh W. Wiseman, Wm. R. Wiseman, Henry Yelvington."



**Brahan Lodge Building in LaVernia** 

LAVERNIA HERITAGE MUSEUM: 13136 U.S. Hwy 87 West, Hwy 87 at Bluebonnet (FM 775) La Vernia, Wilson County, Texas. Presents history and life in this small historic town from the Spanish colonial era, post Texas through War Between States, Reconstruction the present-day. Republic, the the into Hours Every First and Third Sunday, Noon to 3:00 PM and by appointment. Call 210-392-3281. Admission is free. Donations are always appreciated!



**FLORESVILLE: Canary Islander Cemetery,** many Tejanos Confederate Veterans, or their widows, nearly all Canary Islander descendants are buried here. It is a must visit site if you get to Floresville if for nothing more than its historical value. Unfortunately, the Floresville and Wilson County do not maintain this historic Texas site very well. Since the Civil War Centennial, several ceremonies have been held here to not only commemorate Confederate Veterans but prominent Texans of Canary Island and Iberian descent who made the Lone Star State of both fact and legend. There are at least ten Confederate Veterans buried in this cemetery. One of those intrepid old Veteran's grave is viewed below (courtesy of great-grandson Juan Ramirez, 1SG U.S. Army retired.)



#### WILSON COUNTY JAILHOUSE MUSEUM

1140 C St, Courthouse Sq, Floresville, TX 78114-2226 (830) 393-2166

The museum, located at 1140 C St. in Floresville, is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. The museum revolves around Wilson County history before the county was founded through the present-day. Admission is \$3 for ages 13 and up and free for children 12 and under. The museum was recently remodeled and has new exhibits.



## BEAUREGARD RANCH, Wilson County, Texas by Rusty Harris

Augustine Toutant Beauregard brother of Confederate general Pierre Gustav Toutant Beauregard resided in Bexar and Wilson Counties during antebellum times and the post-war decades becoming a respected businessman in agriculture. Beauregard after the war purchased Samuel Maverick's cattle becoming a major post-war player in the Texas cattle business. The term "Maverick" for cattle was due to Beauregard's purchase of Samuel Maverick's cattle holdings. Augustin had three sons who served in Confederate forces. Augustine brought the classic Louisiana model of the plantation to the area initially specialized in raising sheep, swine, and some cattle. The ranch is on private property located near present-day Poth; a Texas historical marker (Texas Historical Marker No. 348) is located 4.5 miles south of Poth on the west side of US Highway 281. The precise Beauregard Ranch location is a restricted access private property off Wilson County Road 203, and Highway 181, east of Poth, in Wilson County. The wool produced during the war was sold to the Confederate government for the production of uniforms and other military usages. Augustine Beauregard in addition to wool also sold cattle to the Confederate government. The ranch was 8,542 acres it originally belonged to Spanish Captain of the Presidio San Antonio de Bexar Luis Menchaca. The ranch was called El Rancho de San Francisco, Beauregard bought the initial portion in 1841 and the remainder in 1851. Augustine's three sons served in Confederate forces in various capacities. Following the war, the Beauregard family became deeply involved in the cattle industry as with many former Confederates, it was the cattle drives and breeding that brought Texas out of economic ruin due to the vicious conquest of the Southern states and oppressive post-war practices of occupying Union military and civil authorities.

Augustine Toutant Beauregard had three sons who served in Confederate forces; Alcée J. Toutant Beauregard, Leo J. Toutant Beauregard, and A. Richard Toutant Beauregard. Alcée J. Toutant Beauregard enlisted in Captain Joseph Tivey's Company of the Panna Maria Grays of the 29th Texas Brigade of Texas State Troops, as a Private. Five months later he was assigned as an Aide de Camp to General Mansfield Lovell with the rank of Captain. In June 1864, Captain Alcee' Beauregard was assigned to the staff of his uncle General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard attaining the rank or grade of major. Leo J. Toutant Beauregard also enlisted in Captain Joseph Tivey's Company of Panna Maria Grays of the 29th Texas Brigade of Texas State Troops, as a Private. A. Richard Toutant Beauregard began the war as a cadet at a military school in Louisiana, in 1863 he was assigned as a clerk under his uncle General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard. In 1865 he was a 2LT in Company H; 1st Regiment, South Carolina Infantry (Butler's) (1st Regulars). By the time the war ended A.R.T. Beauregard was on his uncle General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard A.R.T. Beauregard was on his uncle General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard in 1906 leaving active military service in 1943 serving in World War I, in Latin America, various military diplomatic postings and during World War II. Among the ships in which he served was the U.S.S. Texas battleship.

Augustine Toutant Beauregard is buried in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas. His three sons who served in the Confederate army are also buried in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at San Antonio. Visual remains of the Beauregard Ranch consist of carved pillars of with mounted iron rings that was a component of scaffolding used to butcher hogs. Again, a Texas historical marker regarding the ranch is located at; US Highway 181, South of Poth, Poth, Wilson County, Texas. **SOURCES:** 

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**OPEDS:** the pen is mightier than the sword; Therefore, keep your inkwells full and your swords sharpened!



(<u>Views expressed DO NOT NECESSARILY reflect those of the Texas Lonestar Greys Camp</u>) NOTE: this report appeared in an internet "*news*" site of course it grabbed your always alert *STAFF's* attention; after reading the report we felt it very applicable for placing in this section of the "YELL." RIDE HARD AND LASSO THE AMERICAN SPIRIT Staff Editorial

Recently, yours truly has been watching some old TV westerns and reflecting back to those days when the television industry was in its infancy and programing reflected traditional American values. There of course was a preponderance of westerns that extolled the virtues of not just the American cowboy and vaquero along with national virtues and founding Fathers' principals as we still basked in our victory over evil in World War II. We watched Tombstone Territory, Wagon Train, The Life and Times of Wyatt Earp, Judge Roy Bean, Annie Oakly, Rawhide, Gunsmoke, The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin, when we were smaller. Then there was Chevanne, Bronco, Sugarfoot, Yancy Derringer, The Adventures of Jim Bowie, Tales of Wells Fargo, Casey Jones, The Rebel was it not refreshing seeing a former Confederate soldier portrayed as the "good guy" and how could we forget The Gray Ghost again, portraying Confederates as good guys defending their homes and Mosby was a hero. Walt Disney who was a loyal and patriotic American gave us the Davy Crockett series with Fess Parker (who also had good Confederate pedigree), Johnny Tremain hardly a western but presented American virtues in a good light. Under Mr. Disney's direction there was also a Daniel Boone mini-series, Willie and the Yank, The Great Locomotive Chase, and Johnny Shiloh all wholesome War Between the States historical dramas that did not lampoon people of the South. Other TV westerns we lived for; the great Gene Autrey (who too had bonified Confederate pedigree), Roy Rogers, Tex Ritter another cowboy with Confederate pedigree. There was Have Gun Will Travel, The Deputy, Laramie, The Rifleman, Maverick, Riverboat, Wanted Dead or Alive and who can forget The Cisco Kid one of this writer's favorites. While Hollywood was cranking out fine TV western programming some of the finest western big screen westerns continued to grace theaters and drive-ins with the likes of John Wayne THE DUKE, Randolph Scott, Rory Calhoun, Joel McCrae, Audie L. Murphy (most soldier of WW II) and James Stewart (retired U.S. Air Force Reserve, Major General) all one can say is what happened? Perhaps it was the turbulence of the 1960s and 70s, that affected so much of our society in ways that continue to negatively impact us a people who bailed the failed European nations out of two world wars and rushed to those nations' aid to rebuild or those devastated by disaster.

This writer has in the course of a long military career deployed to over eighteen nations and for the most part many of the host-nation military both officers, NCOs, and enlisted loved to talk about the American west, our history, our wars in which we overwhelmingly prevailed but in their moments of sincere candor our conversations turned to; *what happened to the America we admired, where's the cowboys*? Sadly, it was hard to give a response; these folks were sincere, many of the programs we watched as children; they were still viewing, when we showed movies they wanted our westerns, in Afghanistan, yours truly saw *Tombstone* so many times it is indelibly stamped in the brain-housing group. While an advisor in El Salvador in the 1980s, one of the units this author was embedded with proudly showed us the very room their first military advisor occupied, thinking the man was one of our predecessors and he was; by about one hundred twenty years prior, the man was a former Confederate officer, imagine that. Every foreign nation the author deployed to, our history very familiar, especially among the officers and to some extent the NCO corps what they admired was our Revolutionary War history men like George Washington, Nathaiel Greene, George Rogers Clark, and Francis Marion. The *"old west"* was another favorite American era host nation folks admired and our own War Between the States and guess which personalities intrigued those officers and NCOs the most? It was Lee, Jackson, Stuart, Mosby, Morgan, Forrest, and Wheeler.

Meanwhile, since the 1960s and 70s while the pseudo-intellectuals and there has been legions of them who infested themselves into education, the print and entertainment medias, never wasting a moment in depreciating and denigrating our nation, and its forebearers who made this nation in spite of the seemingly insurmountable obstacles while the present-day self-proclaimed elite enjoy the high and mightly life of the narrow-mined trendy socio-political class. American history including legend and fact have been targets of erasure and revision but old habits die hard, and the whale always surfaces for air as it appears that America may be in the infantile stages of a traditional revival with regard to love of country, Judeo Christian tradition, in the cinema with the growth of Judeo Christian themed movies exampled by *The Jesus Revolution, God is not Dead, The Sound of Freedom* and we are seeing a revival in western themed programing and movies such as *Yellowstone, 1883, Horizon, The Dead Don't Hurt, Hell or High Water, and News of the World* nearly bereft of South-bashing a needed change indeed and war movies *American Sniper, Top Gun Maverick, 12 Strong, The Covenant, Lone Survivor,* and *Hacksaw Ridge* where American troops are portrayed as decent individuals; while a changing, we'll see and hope. Another recent indication of hope is that due to the current economic situation according to the news media, people are opting to visiting state and national parks, there is somewhat of a revival in seeing America, we can only dare to hope. Let's keep the faith and hope that initial indicators of American virtue, the cowboy, our true heroes, or traditional history, and above all God are coming back into vogue, this writer can only hope for a change.

As members of the SCV we try to preserve not only our history and heritage but legitimate history and heritage of the nation as a whole for our history is the nation's history. Let us go forward and continue to do our part when and where we can. The late Toby Keith, who by the way had an impressive Confederate pedigree; in his hit recording *Should a Been a Cowboy*, said it all in that song which rang true to this writer and many others about the classic virtues of the American cowboy, maybe there is still time; instead of *should a been*, we just plain ought a be cowboys in our daily lives. As Roy Rogers used to say *"may The Good Lord take a liking to you"* and the *Cisco Kid* said *Adios*.

In DIXIE, We Kneel Before GOD Almighty, and a fallen Veteran, and Stand for the National Anthem

ALL VETERANS ARE EQUAL!!!!! Get It!

