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23rd Annual Event Set for April 6th

CONFEDERATE HISTORY SYMPOSIUM AT HILL

The 23rd annual Confederate History Symposium will be held Saturday, April 6, 2002, in the Performing Arts Center of Hill College in Hillsboro. The subject will be "Lee Takes Command - The Seven Days." Registration will be from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. on the day of the event.

Dr. James Pohl will be the first speaker and will talk on the early days of the Army of Northern Virginia, June 2-26, 1862. Dr. Odie Faulk will continue discussing the Army of

Northern Virginia, covering from June 27, 1862 until the end of the Seven Days campaign.

Joe Walker and Gregory Hector will present a selection of Confederate songs between the two morning speakers. The Hill College Texas Brigade Brass Band will open the afternoon program by playing a medley of Confederate songs.

Dr. Robert Epstein will discuss the generalship of Robert E. Lee during the Seven Days Campaign. The final item on the program will be a panel discussion

with Scott Bowden as moderator.

The Texas Heritage Museum will be open during the symposium at no charge. Currently on display are two temporary exhibits, featuring the Sibley Brigade flag and cannon and a collection of Confederate sketches drawn by Sam Houston, Jr.

The admission price for the symposium is \$22.00. Make your reservation now by sending your check to CHS 2002, P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro, TX 76645.

Event Scheduled for March 16th and 17th

HISTORY DAYS AT REUNION GROUNDS

The Confederate Reunion Grounds State Park Historical Society will be hosting the Eighth Annual Living History Days March 16 and 17, 2002 at the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historical Park, located in Limestone County, near Mexia.

A large crowd of reenactors is expected for this year's event. Last year about 250 attended, this year they are expecting as many as 700 reenactors.

In 1889, twenty-four years after the end of the War Between The States, veterans of the Confederacy in Limestone and Freestone counties assembled as an encampment and formed the Joe Johnston Camp Number 94 of the United Confederate Veterans.

The organization's constitution formulated during the July 31 - August 2, 1889 meeting stated that its purpose was to

perpetuate the memories of fallen comrades, aid disabled survivors and the indigent widows and orphans of deceased Confederate soldiers, and to preserve the fraternity that grew out of the war. The 1889 meeting was the first of a series of annual reunions that continued with few interruptions for the next 57 years.

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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

KONRAD JOH

By: David Weber

Editor's Note: This is the second profile in a series of Confederate Profiles featuring the ancestors of our camp members. Please submit a write-up of your ancestor(s) to the editor. The profiles will also be featured on the Camp's web site..

Joh served in
Company E,
2nd Infantry
Brigade,
Wauls Texas
Legion

Konrad Joh is the great-great grandfather of David N. Weber. Joh served in Waul's Texas Legion at the Vicksburg siege.

He married Catharina Zwernemann, and they resided in a cabin, see photo on page 3, about six miles south of Round Top, in Fayette County, Texas. The one room cabin, with loft, is about 20 feet by 10 feet. This is where Konrad and Catharina raised five girls and one boy. The boy died from drinking spoiled beer at a church social. The cabin, a registered Texas Landmark, has a marker.

Konrad Joh's daughter, Minna Joh, married Otto Weber, David's Weber's great-grandfather. Otto was the son of Carl Fredrich Weber who also served with Konrad in Wauls Texas Legion. Carl was captured in a skirmish in December 1862 and missed the Vicksburg siege. Both veterans were members of Company E, 2nd Infantry Brigade, Wauls Texas Legion.

Konrad Joh was born in Germany September 3, 1830. In 1856, at the age

of 26, he left Germany as a stowaway on October 1st to arrive in Galveston November 30. Records indicate that his sister Maria and her husband Phillip Etzell with their four children and John Bru and Ernest Pochman formed a party traveling to Fayette County by oxen drawn

Top in Beat No. 4. The unit called Captain J. A. Ledbetter's Company was called to active duty June 2, 1862, becoming Company "E", second Infantry Battalion, Waul's Texas Legion June 16, 1862. Waul's Legion served at Vicksburg from May 16 to July 4, 1863. Konrad was paroled on July 9, 1863.

After the war, Konrad was a farmer in the Round Top Community. He was an 1867 charter member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He helped build the church, which still stands, by using his oxen to haul rocks for construction.

Konrad and Elizabeth had six children, the first being born January 26, 1860. The next child was born in January 1865 after the war had ended for Konrad. Their other children were born between July 1866 and June 1875. Elizabeth died July 4, 1901. Konrad lived with his daughters Anna Weber and Sophia Neese until he passed away March 8, 1912. Konrad had received a Confederate Pension in July 16, 1903, file number 9696.

WAUL'S LEGION

The formation of Waul's Legion took place at "Camp Waul" beginning May of 1862. Waul's Meadow, located some seven (7) miles north of Brenham, on Gav Hill over-

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Konrad Joh

wagon taking three weeks time. On April 28, 1859 Konrad married Elizabeth Zwernemann who had arrived in 1854, with her mother.

The referendum on secession took place February 23, 1861. The votes were canvassed and the proclamation declaring Texas had left the "Union" officially March 2, 1861. Konrad enlisted in "the Second Company", a reserve unit of the 22nd Brigade Texas State Troops on July 1, 1861, at Round

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looking New Year's Creek near the southern boundary of the Glenblythe Plantation, saw the training and organization of the legion. The legion originally consisted of twelve companies of infantry, six companies of cavalry, and a six-gun battery of artillery with a total complement of 2,000 men. The



Konrad Joh Cabin in Fayette County

first infantry battalion was originally commanded by Lt. Col. Barnard Timmons and the second by Lt. Col. James Wigley. The cavalry battalion was led by Lt. Col. Leonodias Willis and the artillery battery by Capt. William Edgar.

The legion was part of the Eastern District of Texas until completion of its training in August 1862. Transferred to Lovell's Division District of the Mississippi, Department 2, it marched toward Clarksville, Arkansas. Orders were received to go to Shreveport, Louisiana instead. Camping on the Sabine River September 11, they arrived on September 14.

The legion was assigned to Vicksburg October 1st as a part of Lor-

ing's Division, Lovell's Corps, Army of West Tennessee, Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana. They were sent to Holly Springs on the 8th where they received converted muskets, cartridge boxes with 40 rounds ammunition, cap pouch, bayonet and scabbard.

On October 27th they went to Coldwater Mississippi and on through Holly Springs and Dumphins Mill before reaching Camp Natchez on the Tallahatchie River. Owing to the

difficulty associated with commanding mixed arms, it was stripped of its cavalry and artillery components. The infantry companies were reorganized into two battalions of six companies each. Uniforms were issued November 9 and the unit moved to Rocky Ford November 12th where they threw up breast works. All was quiet through November 28th.

On December 1st there was a skirmish, and the legion retired to Coffeeville Mississippi. The Legion was part of the Army of North Mississippi in December of 1862, and transferred to the Army of the Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana, assigned to Loring's Division, in January of 1863.

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Camp Schedule

March, 2002

March 9th: Camp Executive Council Meeting, 9:00 A.M. at Stagecoach Inn Coffee Shop, Salado

March 12th: Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M. at King's Daughters Hospital in Temple, Texas, Speaker: Dr. Buddy Patterson

March 16-17th: Re-enactment at Confederate Reunion Grounds, Mexia, Texas

March 24th: Confederate Courthouse Monument Dedication, Comanche, Texas

April, 2002

April 6th: 23rd Annual Confederate History Symposium, Hill College, Hillsboro, Texas

April 13th: Pvt. Guehrs, Confederate Medal of Honor Ceremonies, Waldeck, Texas

April 14th: Quarterly Camp Dinner Meeting, TBA.

New Bell County Book Available

The Bell County Historical Society has recently published a new book, The Bell County Historical Resources.

The book is a 128-page guide for researchers doing historical research in the county. The book, among other things, includes a bibliography on more than 300

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Buddy Patterson, Dean of the Texas Heritage Museum & Confederate Research Center will be the next speaker, March 12th at 7:00 PM, King's Daughters Hospital, Temple

Camp To Adopt Highway

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 has applied to TXDot to adopt two miles of Highway 93 for liter pick-up. The Camp will commit to picking up trash at least four times a year.

In return the SCV and Camp's name will be listed on the Adopt a Highway sign. The area to be adopted is two miles of highway from the Leon River bridge east. Highway 93 is the well traveled road between Belton and Taylor's Valley.

New Bell County Book

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books and newspaper and magazine articles on various Bell County topics. Numerous other researching aids are also listed in the book.

The book is available from the Historical Commission office in room 305 in the Bell County Courthouse in Belton or from the Bell County Museum in Belton. Cost of the book is \$8 if picked up or for \$10 it can be ordered from the Commission at Box 712, Belton, 76513.

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The legion moved to Grenada December 7th.

Orders issued January 2nd made the legion part of Pemberton's First Division, under direct command of W.W. Loring. The legion moved January 24, 1863 going through Yazoo City some 60 miles by boat to Snyders Mill, then back to Yazoo City on February 16. From there up the Yazoo River February 20th. They were stationed at Fort Pemberton until May 4th, after which they were ordered to Vicksburg to defend the city.

After being surrendered July 4, 1863, paroled mid-July and declared exchanged September 12, 1863, the legion reorganized in the fall of 1863 in Houston and was assigned to duty protecting the Texas coast in the region of Galveston. Barnard Timmons was promoted to Colonel and assumed command of the legion until the end of the war, May 26, 1865.

Waul was promoted to Brigadier General September 18, 1863. He was given command of the first bri-

gade of Maj. General John G. Walker's Texas Division, which he led during the Red River campaign of 1864. After the battles of Mansfield (April 8, 1864) and Pleasant Hill (April 9, 1864), Waul and his brigade were transferred to Arkansas. At the battle of Jenkins' Ferry on April 30, 1864, Waul's unit helped repulse federal Major General Frederick Steel's attempted invasion of Texas.

Event At Confederate Reunion Grounds

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torical Park is located in Limestone County on the Navasota River, and is 77.1 acres in size. The park was acquired in September 1983 by deed from the Joseph E. Johnston Camp No. 94 U.C.V.

The Confederate Reunion Grounds State Park Historical Society is asking that all SCV and UDC organizations donate one new item for our raffle to offset the expenses of the event. They will be selling raffle tickets at the event and to the public prior to the event.



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March 12th
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7:00 PM**