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## 9th Texas Civil War Preservation Seminar Set

The ninth annual Texas Civil War Preservation Seminar will be held in Hillsboro at Hill College on Saturday, November 23rd. The title of this year's event is "Davis and Lincoln At War."

Featured speakers at the event include:

- Ed Bearss - *Lincoln as Commander in Chief*
- David Smith - *Lincoln, The Master Politician*

■ Steve Woodworth - *Jefferson Davis and His Generals*

■ Jack Davis - *Jefferson Davis, The Chief Executive and Politician*

The event is sponsored by the Harold B. Simpson History Center, Hill College, the Austin Civil War Round Table, and the Waco Civil War Round Table.

The cost of the event

is \$50.00 for a regular reservation and \$125.00 for a Patron reservation. A Preservation breakfast is \$10.00, and at noon a lunch is also available for \$10.00. Audio tapes are available at \$15.00 each.

The Patron admission fee includes a breakfast and lunch with the speakers, tapes of the seminar, and preferred seating.

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*Rainy Weather Doesn't Stop Festivities*

## Camp at Ogletree Gap

**By: George H. Ballentine**

For a while it looked like the 2002 Festival at Ogletree was going to be rained out, but the weather held off enough for it to go on. It was our camp's first attempt at setting up a recruiting booth and offering Southern souvenirs for sale. Thanks to everyone who helped with the booth; we done good!

No high schools responded to the offer of a Living History Day this year, so Friday

was just a day to set up our booth. Camp members who were there as reenactors were John Larson, Jr.,



*Camp Display at the Ogletree Gap Re-enactment. (photo by G. Ballentine)*

Mac Amsler, Terry Crawford and Jerry Nelson. Jerry

Nelson loaned us his a-frame tent for the weekend, and we needed it. David Weber and I were

out there most of the day Friday supporting the effort. On Saturday, I was there with Commander Steve Wooley, Robert Welch and James Kinnear to set up the display for the day. Later shifts for that day were manned by Wayne Wilson, Greg and Chaniel Manning, and David Weber. We were set up right next to the Mercury Sutler, and on the way to the Reenact-

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## CONFEDERATE PROFILE

# THE OTHER JACKSON

*By: John C. Perry*

He was “Stonewall” Jackson’s second cousin, and he too had a nickname, or did he? Some call William Jackson, “Mudwall” Jackson, although many disagree and say that title properly belongs to Alfred Eugene Jackson, no relation to “Stonewall” Jackson.

William Lowther Jackson was born in Clarksville, Virginia, now part of West Virginia, on February 3, 1825. He was well educated and was admitted to the bar in 1847. He had a distinguished career in the judicial system, including service as judge of the 19<sup>th</sup> judicial circuit. He also served in the Virginia House of Delegates and from 1857-1860 served as the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia.

Jackson, as a judge, was known for having a fiery temper in his courtroom. In May of 1861, three men were arrested as suspected Confederate guerrillas, charged with an attempt to destroy a railroad bridge. By this time, the Federals had taken over the area and wanted to try the men in a military court. Judge Jackson informed the Federals that it was a civilian matter. The prosecuting attorney declared that the three men should be tried in a military

court. Jackson instead dismissed the case. The prosecutor was furious and the two men were screaming at each other in the courtroom. Jackson told the prosecutor to shut up and ordered him con-



*William Lowther Jackson*

finied to jail for contempt of court. It looked like all hell was going to break lose when one spectator jumped up with a pistol in his hand and then other firearms appeared. Before any harm could befall Jackson, Confederate sympathizers in the courtroom immediately surrounded him and took him home. Jackson, knowing the Federals would arrest him, decided to leave the area.

He enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private. Jackson quickly advanced in rank, becoming a colonel in the 31<sup>st</sup> Virginia Infantry. He also served on Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson’s staff until after the Battle of Fredericksburg, when he grew tired of playing second fiddle to his much more famous cousin. He left Jackson’s staff, before his cousin’s untimely death in May of 1863, to form his own unit. He recruited men in western Virginia, which by 1863 was behind enemy lines. He formed the 19<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry and was elected the unit’s colonel in command.

He and his men were assigned to the brigade of Albert G. Jenkins and saw action in West Virginia and in the Shenandoah Valley campaign of 1864. He was promoted to brigadier general effective December 18, 1864. In May 1865, he disbanded his troops at Lexington, but not trusting the Federals he headed south towards Mexico. He was paroled in Brownsville, Texas in July of 1865, but continued on to Mexico.

After a short stint in Mexico he returned home, to find that his new state, West Virginia, had passed laws prohibiting ex-Confederate officers from practicing law in the state. He moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he re-

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He was  
“Stonewall’s”  
cousin, who went  
from private to  
brigadier general

# Olgetrie Gap

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 ment Camp, so we had a constant flow of visitors.

Wayne Wilson, Jerry and Betty Nelson, and David Weber and his mother. Jimmy Dossey, who recently transferred his membership to Hamilton, also dropped by for a visit. After a successful weekend, James Kinnear and I



*Above: Camp members "hard at work" at the Olgetrie Gap Re-enactment.*

*Below: Display of Confederate Flags at Olgetrie (photos by George Ballentine)*



During the slow times, re-enactors who are camp members dropped by to visit.

On Sunday, Commander Wooley and I again set up the booth. During that day, shifts were manned by Steve and myself and James Kinnear,

dismantled our display. We helped Jerry and Betty Nelson recover their tent and packed up for the weekend.

We learned some lessons for the next time we set up, but overall, it was a great success. The ladies

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## Camp Schedule

**November 9<sup>th</sup>:** Capitol Guards Camp #1263 Twilight Vigil at the Texas Supreme Court in Austin, 7:00 P.M.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., King's Daughters Hospital, Temple. Program: Stephen Cheung, a missionary from England, "Revival in the Southern Armies"

**November 19<sup>th</sup>:** Book Signing Party for John Perry and his new book, *Myths & Realities of American Slavery*, 5:30-7:30 P.M. — "Come & Go," Board Room #3, Inn at Scott & White.

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., King's Daughters Hospital, Temple. Program: Stephanie Turnham, Bell County Museum, "Bell County in the Civil War."

**January 18<sup>th</sup>:** 15th Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner Meeting 7:00 P.M., Inn at Scott & White. Program: John C. Perry, "American Slavery, the Truth."

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., King's Daughters Hospital, Temple. Program: Jerry Nelson, "The Myth of the Ft. Pillow Massacre."

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., King's Daughters Hospital, Temple. Program: George H. Ballentine, "Civil War Medicine and Surgery"

**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Quarterly Dinner Meeting. 7:00 P.M., Location and speaker to be announced.

Next Camp Meeting  
 November 12<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00 PM at  
 King's Daughters  
 Speaker:  
 Stephen Cheung

## Preservation Seminar

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The money raised by the seminar is used to purchase land on the sites of War Between the States battlefields and to support the History Center at Hill College. The annual seminar has raised nearly \$100,000 over the last eight years.

Send your reservation to the Harold B. Simpson History Complex, P.O. Box 619, Hillsboro, Texas 76645. Make your checks payable to "CWRT-CRC Seminar."

For additional information about the event, please contact the History Complex at 254-585-2555, extension 258.

## Ogletree Gap Festival 2002

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and gentlemen who organize and administer this festival are a great bunch of folks. I got to visit with many reenactors that I now count as friends, met others, and enjoyed visiting with all of them.

We plan to do this again, and could use some more help from camp members in the future. The reenactors can always use help, too, if you are interested. There will be a Festival Report at our next scheduled camp meeting on November 12th.

## The Other Jackson

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sumed his practice of law. Jackson practiced law until 1872, when he was elected judge of the circuit court and was re-elected to successive terms. He was serving as a judge at his death in 1890, at the age of 65. He is buried in Cave Hill cemetery in Louisville.

So who properly "owns" the nickname of "Mudwall?" Historians disagree, but the title probably does more properly rest with the other brigadier general, Alfred E. Jackson, who was of no relation. But never fear for William L. Jackson, as he was also known by at least two other nicknames, the "Fighting Judge," and "Brickwall."

## New Movie Not PC!

The *U. S. News & World Report* in its November 4<sup>th</sup> issue reports that Ted Turner's new movie, *God's and Generals*, is thumbing its nose at political correctness. In spite of Turner's liberal leanings the prequel to *Gettysburg* will stress historical facts, regardless of political correctness.

The movie's director, Ron Maxwell, who also directed *Gettysburg*, told the magazine that Turner wanted the \$60 million movie to be based on historical facts. "No one else would have refrained from imposing politically correct views," Maxwell told the magazine. According to Maxwell there are two reasons for this refreshing view, Turner "cares about the truth," and he's a Southerner.

The movie is set for a nation wide release in February and already has been ordered by President Bush

The movie will tell the story of Confederate "Stonewall" Jackson, the fight for secession, and slavery, but it doesn't bow to the Al Sharptons of the world, says Maxwell. "If I'm not willing to take on the politically correct crowd," he adds, "then I'm not worthy to tell this story."



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