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Annual Event June 11th and 12th

TEXAS DIVISION REUNION SET FOR NACOGDOCHES

The Texas Division will hold its 107th annual reunion in Nacogdoches, Texas on June 11th and 12th.

The reunion headquarters will be the historic Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center. Built by citizens for their guests and visitors to the city, the Fredonia Hotel is located on Old Washington Square in the center of historic Nacogdoches.

Rooms at the Fredonia are only \$76.00 plus tax per night. Reservations at the Fredonia can be made by calling 936-564-1234. Be sure to mention you are coming for the SCV Reunion when you call. Rooms are lim-

ited so Division members are encouraged to call early. There are two



Fredonia Hotel in Nacogdoches host site for the Division Reunion

nearby motels, a Comfort Inn and a Days Inn Suites.

Convention check-in and on site registration will

begin at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 11th. The reunion will officially kick off Friday night at 6:30 PM with a reception and barbeque buffet, at \$18.00 per person, by the Fredonia Hotel pool. A cash bar will also be available and the event will last until 10:00 PM.

Saturday morning there will be an optional Mexicana Breakfast buffet for \$10.50 per person. The reunion's opening ceremonies will begin at 8:30 AM. A Memorial Service will be held immediately following the opening ceremonies. The first Division business session will begin at 9:30 AM and run till noon. National candi-

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Camp To Meet At New Location

The Major Robert M White Camp #1250 will change its regular meeting location for the seventh time in June.

For the past year the camp has met at Scott & White Hospital. That followed nearly 13 years of meeting at King's Daughters Hospital.

The camp held its first meeting at Scott & White in May of 2003 and at

King's Daughters in November of 1990.

When the camp was first formed in 1988, the first three camp meetings were held at the home of camp founder, John Perry, who at that time lived in Temple. As the camp membership began to grow the camp needed more meeting space.

Beginning with the October 1988 meeting the

camp began meeting in the local Mid Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross. The camp first met, in their downtown Temple location, on South 1st St., and later at their new location when they moved to the Veterans Administration complex in southeast Temple. Permission to meet at the Red Cross was arranged by then associ-

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CONFEDERATE PROFILE REB GOVERNOR



By: John C. Perry

Ireland came to Texas in 1853 with little more than the clothes on his back

Although he had an unremarkable stint as a Confederate soldier, he was a born politician who would eventually become the governor of Texas after the war.

John Ireland was born near Millerstown, Kentucky on January 21, 1827. His parents were Patrick and Rachel (Newton) Ireland. During his early adult years Ireland served first as a constable and then as the sheriff of his home county. At the age of twenty-four he studied law and was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1852.

He left Kentucky for Texas at the age of twenty-six with only two silver dollars, a watch, and the clothes on his back. He ended up in Seguin in 1853. Within five years this natural politician was the mayor of the town.

He was married in 1854 to Matilda Wicks Faircloth. She unfortunately died only two years later. In 1857 Ireland married Anna Maria Penn, and they had three daughters. Ireland would later adopt one of his daughter's son, Patrick Ireland Carpenter.

Ireland was a strong believer in states rights and represented the Seguin area in the Texas Secession Convention of 1861 where he voted for Texas to leave the Union.

Ireland immediately

enlisted in the Confederate Army when the call for men was issued. He entered as a private, but in no time rose through the ranks.

Ireland was stationed along the coast of Texas for his service, as part of the 8th (Hobby's) Texas Infantry.

In September of 1862



John Ireland

he led a detail which thwarted an effort by the Federals to capture a Confederate salt works close to Laguna de la Madre, near present day Corpus Christi. All the members of a Federal landing party, from a Union gunboat, were captured by Ireland and his men without firing a shot.

By the end of the war Ireland had risen in rank from a private to a Lieutenant Colonel.

Following the end of the war Ireland served as a member of the Constitu-

tional Convention of 1866. He also served as a District Judge from 1866 until 1867 when he was forcibly removed from office. Federal General Phil Sheridan removed Ireland, due to his past Confederate rank, saying Ireland was an "impediment to Reconstruction."

Later Ireland served two terms in the Texas Legislature, one in the House and one in the Senate. During his tenure in the legislature Ireland earned the nickname of "Oxcart John" for his persistent opposition to railroad grants and subsidies.

Ireland then served as an associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court from 1875 until the Constitution of 1876 reduced the size of the court from five to three judges. He ran an unsuccessful campaign against Richard Coke for the United States Senate in 1876. He lost again two years later when he was defeated for a seat in the United States House of Representatives.

In 1882 he was elected the Governor of Texas and then was re-elected two years later. He had a "law and order" view of criminal justice where he urged strong enforcement of criminal statutes and fought to lessen the number of pardons that were issued.

While governor he

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By: George Ballentine

Commander's Call

I am taking a short break from organizing our events this Memorial Day Weekend to write this column. This is the first time since I have been a camp member that we have had two important events scheduled on the same day, at about the same time and in two different counties. Although only ten members (less than 10%) stepped up for these two events I was able to get members from the Hamilton Camp, re-enactors and other non-camp members to fill our ranks. Our camp will be well represented and make a good showing for itself. Where were you?

The Texas Division Convention is June 11-13, 2004, just a couple of weeks away. If you have not sent in your registration and made hotel reservations, time is growing short. This should be a good convention and I hope to see many of you there.

After the convention June is a slow month. After all of the April and May activities we can use the break. But, there is not a break for the Camp Store. We will be in Liberty Hill on June 5th. This is the make up date for the rain out in May. Then in July we do four days in Lampasas at their Spring Ho Festival. Beginning in September, James and I will be doing seven reenactments in three months as well as many of our regular festivals and events that we

can work in. When we are close to home we would appreciate camp members coming out to support us by talking with folks about the SCV and our camp. Our schedule will always be on the camp's web site under Upcoming Events.

The 4th of July Parade in Belton will be Saturday, July 3rd at 10:00 am. This is an event we participate in every year. This is a great opportunity for our camp to show our stuff for a very large crowd. I would sure like to see some new faces there this year. It's a lot of fun and the crowd, especially the kids, love it.

Our 2005 Convention planning is ongoing and we need camp members to step up and volunteer to man the committees that are trying to get things organized. If you have a particular talent or just interested in a certain area of the planning, let me know and I will put you in touch with the committee chairman. We need more than 10% of the camp involved to put on a great convention and not embarrass the camp with a poorly organized event. Do your duty.

I hope to see as many members as possible at Golden Corral for our June 8th meeting. We started having our meetings there because a number of members said they cannot get home and eat and still make meetings. Now you can come a bit early (bring the family) and eat and

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Camp Schedule

June 5, 2004 Liberty Fest & Fire Expo, Liberty Hill, TX Rescheduled due to rain. We will have our camp store set up at this event. Come out and support your camp.

June 8, 2004 Camp Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX Speaker: John A. Stovall, "The Singer Torpedo"

June 11-13th, 2004 Texas Division Convention, Fredonia Hotel and Convention Center, Nacogdoches, Texas

July 3, 2004 Camp to march in the annual Belton 4th of July Parade. Parade starts at 10:00 AM, formation time and location: TBA

July 10, 2004 Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX. Speaker: TBA

July 28-31, 2004 SCV National Reunion, Dalton, GA

August 10, 2004 Camp Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX Speaker: Bell County Attorney, Rick Miller, Topic:, "Sam Bass."

September 14, 2004 Camp Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX. Speaker: TBA

October 9, 2004 Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX. Speaker: TBA

November 9, 2004 Camp Meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Temple, TX. Speaker: TBA

Next Camp

Meeting:

June 8th

7:00 P.M. at
Golden Corral,
Restaurant,
Temple, TX

107th Division Reunion

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dates for office are welcome, but all business session time will be strictly limited to Division business.

A noon luncheon buffet will be held and the second business session will begin at 1:30 PM. Cost of the luncheon is \$20.00 per person. Brigade meetings will run from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars will hold its meeting from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The Division Awards Banquet will begin at 7:00 PM on Saturday night. Cost of the event, which includes admission to the Confederate Ball is \$35.00 per person. The annual

Confederate Ball begins immediately following the Awards Banquet and will feature the band, "Time Was."

The UDC will sponsor an optional tour for Division member's wives to Mallard's Crossing. Cost for this event is only \$5.00 per person.

Vendor's tables may be purchased for \$30.00. The tables are in an unsecured area. Also, additional medals may be purchased for \$8.00.

The OCR will hold a Silent Auction at the Texas Division Convention in Nacogdoches June 11 and 12, 2004. The OCR asks that camps and individuals donate items to the auction.

The auction will be an all day affair, so to receive the highest bid on each item, please turn-in the item to the OCR table as early as possible. The OCR donates the proceeds of the auction to the Texas Division. Contact Betty Nelson at 254-634-3198 or email jnelson1@hotmail.com for information.

Camp #1250 will select delegates to the convention at the camp's June meeting.

Registration forms should be sent to 19566 N. US Hwy. 59, Garrison, Texas 75946. For any additional information about the Division Reunion contact Compatriot John Key at: 936-564-6684 (Day) or 936-564-2019 (Night).

Texas Division
to gather in
Nacogdoches for
the 107th
Reunion

Gazette Begins 17th Year

The *Confederate Gazette*, with this issue, kicks off its 17th year of publishing. This issue is Volume number 17, number 1. A total of 185 issues have been produced since the first issue in June of 1988.

The initial issue of the *Gazette* was a two-page newsletter that was sent to prospective Sons of Confederate Veterans members in the Temple area. Camp member John Perry has served as the *Gazette's* editor since its inception.

Perry says that publishing the newsletter has been "a labor of love." "It takes a lot of work to put this together. Considering all the writing, layout, and then photocopying, I would

guess each issue takes around 10 hours or so," Perry explained.

The *Gazette* has al-

Gazette was first published on an Apple Macintosh. According to Perry, the Macintosh was relatively new then, and "had a whopping 512K memory and no hard drive." "I had to switch back and forth with various floppy disks," Perry explained.

A program that came with the Macintosh, McDraw, was used to layout the publication and to draw the graphics. Perry used the Macintosh computer from June of 1988 until April of 1990. There were 20 issues of the *Gazette* published on the Macintosh, the issues started out with just two pages but soon grew to four.

The *Gazette* moved to
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NEW SCV CAMP TO FORM !
New Camp Planned for Temple

What is the SCV?
The SCV stands for the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. It was formed in 1896 in Richmond, Virginia. Today it has camps all across the nation.
Today the SCV is a patriotic, historical, educational, benevolent, and political, and non-sectarian organization. It is concerned that the events of the War Between the States are authentically and clearly written.

A Sons of Confederate Veterans camp is being formed in the Temple area. Currently the closest SCV camp to Temple is either south in Austin or north in Hillsboro. Several Temple residents who are members of the Hood Texas Brigade Camp in Hillsboro are attempting to re-establish a camp in Temple.

The original Temple SCV Camp was established in 1896 as the J.D. Sayers Camp, number 100. It was apparently active as late as 1927. A new camp, number 1250 was later established, it was called the George Temple Camp in 1966. It changed its name to the Major Robert M. White Camp but retained the same camp number.

William D. McCain, Adjutant-in-Chief for the SCV has indicated that the new Temple Camp could retain the original camp number of 100. New camps are currently being assigned numbers at about 1,450.

An organizational meeting for the Temple Camp is set for July 12, 1988 at the home of SCV member, John Perry. The meeting is set for 7:00 PM and the address is 117 Twelve Oaks Drive in Temple. For additional information, contact John at 774-4000, at work, or at 773-7253. All interested persons are invited to attend. You do not have to currently be an SCV member to attend.

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ways been printed using a personal computer. The

Reb Governor

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worked to protect public lands in the state and he encouraged the development of state institutions of higher education. It was while he was governor that the University of Texas was founded.

The current state capitol's cornerstone was laid while Ireland was the governor and it was Ireland who insisted that the new capitol be built of Texas pink granite rather than the recommended Indiana limestone.

The year after he left the governorship Ireland ran against another ex-Confederate, John H. Reagan, for a U.S. Senate seat, but Ireland was defeated by the very popular Reagan.

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Confederate Gazette Quiz Questions

By George Ballentine

Subject: **Field of Human Conflict**

- 1. Jeb Stuart's October 1863 rout of Federal cavalry under Kirkpatrick
 - a. Swift's Creek
 - b. Somerset
 - c. Mine Run
 - d. "Buckland Races"
- 2. For one part of one day in August 1864, Confederates reoccupied this Southern town
 - a. Memphis
 - b. Shiloh
 - c. Corinth
 - d. Chattanooga
- 3. On September 1, 1864 the Confederate Army evacuated
 - a. Houston
 - b. Savannah
 - c. Atlanta
 - d. New Orleans
- 4. Nathan Bedford Forrest suffered intense pain at the Battle of Tupelo from
 - a. Dyspepsia
 - b. boils
 - c. migraine headaches
 - d. a flesh wound
- 5. On August 23, 1864 this last Confederate post at the entrance to Mobile Bay fell to the Federals
 - a. Fort Collins
 - b. Fort Knox
 - c. Fort Davis
 - d. Fort Morgan

Answers: 1. d, 2. a, 3. c, 4. b, 5. d

Gazette has been published 185 times since 1988

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an IBM compatible personal computer in 1990. With a near doubling of memory to one megabyte, a "huge" 40 megabyte hard disk drive, and a 286 twenty-five megahertz processor, it was, "a technological leap," according to Perry. The layout was done on a software package called Finesse. "It (Finesse) was a software package designed for putting together publications, and it was quite good, and way ahead of its time," Perry said. "For the first time we had spell check and that was a great relief," according to Perry. In the second issue using the new software the first

scanned graphics appeared. Perry said, "I borrowed a scanner at work

changed again in October of 1993. Perry switched to a Windows based software, Microsoft Publisher. Although Perry is using the fifth version of Publisher, it is currently the software being used to put the Gazette together.

The Gazette has been published continuously except for an eight-month period. "For a time I was serving as the Texas Division Commander and the SCV's Chief of Heritage Defense, Perry explained, "and something had to give." Perry discontinued the publication of the Gazette from January of 1998 through August of

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Previous formats of the Gazette

and was able to scan graphics, photographs, etc, into the Gazette." The typical issue had 4 to 8 pages. Finesse was used to produce 37 issues of the newsletter.

The Gazette's format



New Camp Meeting Location

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ate camp member Doug Stewart. The camp met at the Red Cross facilities through March of 1990.

Beginning in May, 1990 the camp moved its meeting location to Temple Junior College, now known just as Temple College. Camp member Dr. Weldon Cannon helped arrange for the meetings to be held at the college. The college provided the camp with a classroom to hold the meetings. The camp met at the college until it moved to the new location at King's Daughters in November of 1990. The Camp left King's Daughters after the hospital needed the space due to, "the increased demand of the internal use of our meeting rooms."

The camp will hold both its regular meetings and dinner meetings in the banquet room of the Golden Corral. If members and guests would like to come to the regular Tuesday night meetings they are welcome to order a meal. It is not mandatory to eat at the Golden Corral for regular camp meetings.

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1998. When no camp member stepped forward to continue the newsletter Perry again resumed publication of the newsletter.

In September of 1998 the *Gazette* again changed its format after the eight-month hiatus. Perry said the change had nothing to do with the software; he just wanted to "change the look." That format is still being used today, 70 issues later.

Currently, the *Gazette* is being produced on Perry's fifth IBM compatible personal computer, a fairly new Sony Vaio Pentium 4 3GHz processor, 512 megabytes of RAM, and a 160 gigabyte hard disk drive.

What is Perry's biggest need? He said he needs help. "I wish we could get more camp member participation," he said. "We need book reviews, profiles, and any interesting submissions," Perry explained.

Another need is photocopying, "We need someone that can copy the newsletter for us, preferably at no cost, on a copier that will do two-sided copying on ledger size paper," Perry said.

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After his defeat Ireland retired from public life. He returned to his adopted hometown of Seguin. There he practiced law.

The end of his life was somewhat difficult. He had constant bouts of illness and he lost much of his personal wealth in some land and railroad ventures in South Texas.

He passed away on March 15, 1896. He is buried in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

Baylor University in Waco has the John Ireland Papers, primarily consisting of legal documents and correspondence concerning Ireland's land investments and the execution of his will.

Commander's Call

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then be right there for the meeting. The meals are not arranged - eat before; meet after. And don't forget to bring along a friend, too.



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**Next Meeting:
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