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Fair Event A Success

The Central Texas State Fair is held each September at the Expo Center in Belton. This year, for the second year in a row, the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 had a booth at the fair.

The booth was manned from when the fair opened on Thursday night August 30th until it ended on Sunday September 2nd.

The Camp sold a whopping \$1,854.50 in Confederate oriented items. The fair booth also attracted about 25 men who expressed in-

terest in joining the SCV. Four of the potential recruits



Dr. Chris Ellis manning the Camp's booth at the Central Texas State Fair. He was assisted by seven other Camp members and spouses.

attended the Camp's September meeting.

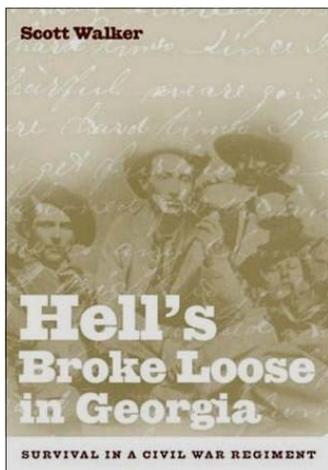
Dr. Chris Ellis coordinated the event. He was assisted by Betty and Jerry Nelson, Rocky Sprott, Richard Sutton, John Perry, and Linda and Steve Wooley.

During the three plus day event the Camp sold out of all the pillows, blankets, beach towels, all three quilt sets, and the "Dixie" car horns. The Camp store is the main source of revenue and recruitment for the Camp.

Author To Speak at Dinner Meeting

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250's October Dinner will feature a special guest speaker, Dr. Scott Walker. The meeting will be held Saturday night, October 13th, at the Cotton Patch Café in the Temple Mall at 7:00.

Dr. Walker is the author of the recently published book, *Hell's Broke Loose in Georgia, Survival in a Civil War Regiment*. The book tells the story of the history of the 57th Georgia Infantry. Dr.



Dr. Scott Walker's Book Cover

Walker resides in Waco where he has been the pastor of the First Baptist Church since 1993. He was born in Florence, South Carolina, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Elbert H. Walker, career missionaries to the Philippines. Scott lived in the Philippines for eight years prior to the death of his father in 1965.

Dr. Walker holds a Bachelor

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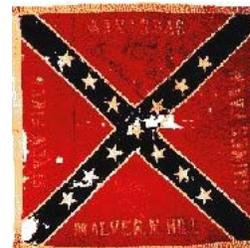
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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

Belton Confederate



John Henry Brown

Just prior to the War Between the States he lived in Belton and served as the editor of the *Belton Democrat*. When he wasn't doing his newspaper job he was serving as the commander of two military companies to help protect the Indian frontier.

John Henry Brown was born in Pike County Missouri on October 29, 1820. Although he had little formal education, he was a quick study and went on to work on newspapers in Missouri. At only 17, in 1837, he moved to Texas to live with an uncle. Two years later he was in Austin working on a newspaper. He served as a private in fights with Indians along the frontier, later advancing to the rank of 1st Sergeant. In 1842 he served with other Texas volunteers to fight incursions by Mexican troops into Texas. At the Battle of Salado Creek, near San Antonio, he suffered a hip injury.

He later worked on newspapers

in Victoria, Indianola, and Galveston. While in Galveston he quit writing about politics and entered the political fray. He served in the Texas legislature and then was elected Galveston's mayor, but then resigned and went back into the state legislature. He and his family moved to Belton in 1858.

While in Belton, he served as the editor of the *Belton Democrat* and was involved in frontier defense. He was elected to the Texas Secession Convention and he served on the committee which prepared the articles of secession.

When the war began, Brown volunteered as a private eventually serving on the staff of Brigadier General Ben McCulloch where he advanced in rank to major. When McCulloch was killed Brown joined the staff of McCulloch's brother, Henry, serving him as his assistant adjutant general. Brown had health problems causing him to leave his active duty position. His family had

moved to Austin so he joined them there.

He spent the remainder of the war serving in the Texas militia, later commanding the Third Military District. He did participate in the last battle of the war, at Palmito Ranch in May of 1865.

He fled Texas post war, moving to Mexico. He worked for the Mexican government of Maximilian before returning to the U.S. to live in 1871, first in New Orleans, then returning to Texas, this time in Dallas in 1872. He continued to write and got back into politics. He wrote four well regarded Texas history books and served on the Dallas city council, later serving as the mayor of Dallas from 1885 to 1889.

He died in 1895 at the age of 74. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Dallas. In 1999 the Dallas ISD changed the name of the John Henry Brown Elementary School to the Billy E. Dale Elementary School, renaming it after a Black Dallas educator.

Brown served in the Texas Legislature and as Mayor of both the cities of Dallas and Galveston

Brown in Belton

Although John Henry Brown only spent a few years in Belton he certainly made his mark on Bell County.

Soon after arriving he formed and commanded "The Bell County Rovers" to protect the

frontier from Indian attacks. His second in commander was Robert M. White. He later formed the "The Independent Blues," with White.

In 1860 he helped form the *Belton Democrat* a competing

paper to a pro Sam Houston and anti-secession paper already being published in Belton.

Brown also represented Bell and Lampasas counties at the Texas Secession Convention.

HK To Return To Texas *Stop Planned in Temple*

He's coming back! H.K. Edgerton, a former NAACP leader from Asheville, North Carolina, will soon begin a 1,300 mile march across the South to seek to expand the awareness of the need to defend Southern heritage and history.

He is scheduled to start his march on October 20th in

Asheville and ends it on December 21st at Hays County High School, south of Austin. Along his route H.K. will make a stop in Temple on December 14th.

Tentative plans call for a luncheon to host H.K. at the Railroad & Heritage Museum in the Santa Fe Depot in downtown Temple. All Camp



members will be invited as well as various governmental officials.

On H.K.'s last march to Texas he traveled approximately 1,500 miles to protest the removal of the Confederate plaques at the Texas Supreme Court Building.

**Luncheon For
H.K. Set For
December
14th**

Camp To Aid South Belton Cemetery

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 has formed a committee to discuss how the South Belton Cemetery can be improved.

The Committee held its first meeting at the cemetery on September 25th. Chaired by Rocky Sprott, other committee members include Richard Sutton, Linda and Steve Wooley,



Nancy Kelsey, Gordon and George Mobley, and John Perry. *(See photo)*

The Committee will seek grants to fund cemetery improvements, such as fence repair, a new gate, installation of flag poles, monument repair, and other worthwhile improvements.

Other Camp members are invited to help, contact Rocky Sprott.

Camp Schedule

October 13, 2007

Quarterly Camp Dinner meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall at 7:00 PM. Speaker: Dr. R. Scott Walker.

December 11, 2007

Camp meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall at 7:00 PM. Speaker: TB

December 14, 2007

Camp Luncheon to host HK Edgerton on his march across the South. Noon at the Railroad & Heritage Museum at the



Santa Fe Depot.

January 12 2008

Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, TBA at 7:00 PM. Speaker: TBA

**Next Camp Meeting:
October 13th
7:00 PM
Cotton Patch Café
Temple Mall
Speaker: Dr. Scott
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Camp Recognized By SCV

At the Major Robert M. White Camp #1250's August meeting the Camp voted to voluntarily send the SCV an additional \$700, representing approximately an additional \$10 per Camp member. This was done to assist the national SCV. At the national convention, a dues increase of \$10 per person was approved, but it will not go into effect until next year creating a tight budget this year.

The goodwill gesture by the Camp has not gone unnoticed.

The SCV's Executive Director, Ben Sewell, thanked the Camp for its generosity.

Mark A. Simpson, the SCV's Adjutant-in-Chief, wrote to Texas Division Commander Greg Manning, "This sacrifice and generosity demonstrates the very best of the SCV and goes a long way to 'emulate the virtues' of our Confederate grandfathers. We talk a lot about the 'charge,' but herein lies the real thing; the men of the Major Robert M. White

Camp 1250 of Temple, Texas 'put their money where their mouth is.'"

He went on to say, "Rather than fighting among ourselves, which accomplishes no good at all, this act gives me renewed hope that our organization is truly made of good men – descendants of those who understood duty and sacrifice in ways beyond our ability to comprehend. But, all things considered – and take this as a sincere compliment from a 10th generation South Carolinian – one must consider the source. These are **TEXANS** and I know they are proud and love their Southern heritage. To them, I give a salute and personal regards!"

Walker to Speak

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of Arts degree from Mercer University with a major in Religion and Psychology. He holds



Dr. Scott Walker

a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Education from the University of Georgia.