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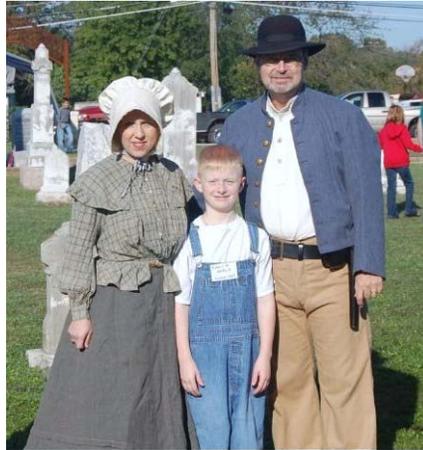
Money Raised For South Belton

A fundraiser, "History on the Hill," took place on Saturday October 17th in Belton. The event raised \$1,096 for the South Belton Cemetery restoration project.

Members of the Camp and others portrayed different individuals who are buried in the cemetery. As spectators went around the cemetery the reenactors would tell, in a first person account, about the lives of those who were buried there.

Also, as part of the fund raising activity a number of the historic homes in

Belton were open for touring.



The Major Robert M. White "Family." Jerri Gauntt, Conner Lloyd, and John C. Perry as they portrayed Sarah "Sally" White, Robert M. White, Jr, and Major Robert. M. White at the South Belton Cemetery. In actuality Major White never saw his son as he went to war before his son was born.

The Major Robert M. White Camp has adopted the South Belton Cemetery and along with the City of Belton has been working to restore the cemetery.

Thus far the cemetery boasts a new entrance gate, paved parking and curbing by the entrance, and the fencing around the cemetery has been repaired. Over 700 feet of fence has either been fixed or replaced. A fence pattern similar to the old 1908 pattern was fortunately found and the new fence is very close in

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the SCV. You can find the reminder program under the Downloads tab on the Mall page or go to: scv.we-care.com/Downloads/

The SCV encourages everyone to check the web site out and to spread the word. Anyone can shop there, and the SCV suggests to send the links to all your friends and family. The program can also be used for business purchases.



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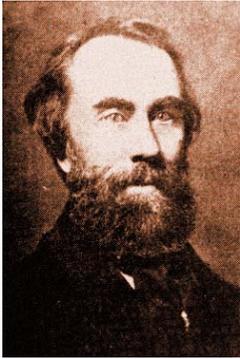
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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

Served Three Nations



James Reily

Reily represented the Republic of Texas in Washington, D.C.

This Ohio born Yankee gave his service to three different nations, the Republic of Texas, the United States of America, and finally the Confederate States of America.

James Reily was born in Hamilton, Ohio on July 3, 1811. He was the second born of five children born to John and Nancy Reily. He was educated at Miami University where he earned a degree in 1829. Following his graduation he studied law at Transylvania University in Kentucky. While in Kentucky Reily became friends with Mary Todd who was seven years his junior. Mary would later marry Abraham Lincoln.

Reily would later marry Ellen Hart Ross, a grand niece of Henry Clay, in 1834. Following his marriage he moved to Vicksburg, Mississippi where he practiced law. About 1836 he moved to Texas settling in Nacogdoches. He immediately offered his services to the Republic of Texas serving as a

major in the Texas Army. Post Texas War for Independence, Reily relocated to Houston where he was one of the founders of Christ Church and continued to practice law. According to the 1840 Census, Reily owned a lot in Houston, a single slave, two gold watches, and one pleasure carriage.

He was active in Republic of Texas politics and served as Texas' minister to the United States. He also served in the Republic's House of Representatives representing the Houston area. Republic of Texas President Sam Houston appointed Reily Charge d' Affaires for Texas in Washington, D.C. in 1842. He ended up losing that position due to his strong opposition to Texas's annexation by the United States.

After Texas entered the Union and war between the United States and Mexico began, Reily offered his services and served as a commander of a Texas Regiment. Postwar he served in the Texas legislature, 1853-

54, and in 1856 he was appointed by U.S. President James Buchanan as ambassador to the Czar in Russia. Reily was not happy with the Russian weather and his tour was very short lived.

After the election of Abraham Lincoln as president, Reily was strongly in support of Texas leaving the Union. When Texas did secede from the United States and cast its lot with the Confederacy, Reily offered his services to the Confederacy. He accepted a commission as a colonel in the 4th Texas Mounted Volunteers, serving under General Henry H. Sibley. His son John was also a part of the unit.

Reily missed much of the fighting during Sibley's New Mexico campaign, as he was dispatched on a diplomatic mission to the Mexican state governments of Chihuahua and Sonora. His goal was to get the Mexican governors to refuse Federal use of the Mexican port

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Battle of Bayou Teche

The Battle of Bayou Teche, also known as Battle of Irish Bend, or the Battle of Franklin occurred in April of 1863 in Louisiana south of Alexandria and west of New Orleans.

The battle was fought between Union Major General Nathaniel

Prentice Banks against Confederate commander, Major General Richard Taylor.

Fighting began on April 13th when Union troops landed near Franklin and in the rear of Taylor's men. Taylor realizing the peril that he was in formed

his army the next morning and attacked the Federals. Realizing that he was grossly outnumbered he later withdrew.

There were an estimated 350 casualties, one of whom was Confederate Colonel James Reily.

South Belton Cemetery Event

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appearance to the original one. The fence was partially purchased with a \$1,200 grant from the Bell County Historical



Commission.
The next major enhancement will be to place three flag poles on the property.
Participating in the cemetery event were Camp members

John Larson, Gordon Mobley, Rocky Sprott, John C. Perry, and Steve Wooley, plus several Rose ladies.

Sparta Elementary School in

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Photos:
Top Right: Linda and Steve Wooley at the Cemetery.
Above Left: John Larson as a Confederate soldier
Above Right: Conner Lloyd as Robert M. White, Jr.
(Photos by John C. Perry)

Camp Schedule

November 10, 2009
Regular Camp meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall. at 7:00 PM. Speaker: TBD.

December 5, 2009
Camp Christmas Social, Location: Wes' Burgers, Downtown at 4 South Main Street in Temple, Time: 6:00 PM,

January 9, 2010
Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, Location: Gober Party House, Temple, Social at 6:00 PM. Dinner at 7:00 PM, Speaker: Art Wylie.

February 9, 2010
Regular Camp meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall.



at 7:00 PM. Speaker: TBD.

March 9, 2010
Regular Camp meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall. 7:00 PM.

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**Next Meeting:
Tuesday, November 10th
at 7:00 PM
Cotton Patch Cafe**

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Franklin Battlefield May Expand

A major effort is under way to recover valuable land that was part of the 1864 Battle of Franklin, Tennessee.

A local nonprofit group, Franklin's Charge, is negotiating to buy the Domino's Pizza restaurant and Four Star Market at the corner of Cleburne Street and Columbia Avenue. Their goal, if they can purchase the property, is to convert the land into a new park, where a replica of a cotton gin that once stood there would be built.

There is a major battlefield reclamation project ongoing in Franklin. Very little of the original battlefield was preserved post war. In 2005 the City of Franklin pur-

chased the property across the street from where the current effort is being made. A Pizza Hut there, on the approximate site of where Confederate General Patrick Cleburne was killed, was demolished and the land is now preserved.

Franklin's Charge purchased 110 acres of a former golf course next to the Carnton Plantation for a park. They plan to spend \$3.2 million for the current property and to rebuild the cotton gin that originally stood on that site.

All this is being done to recoup as much of the Franklin battlefield as possible in time for the 150th anniversary of the battle which will be commemorated in November of 2014.

South Belton Fundraiser

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Belton had twelve students and two teachers participate in the cemetery event.. Overall there were 79 individuals or organizations who volunteered their time to help with the event.

In special ceremonies that morning, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas placed five medallions on South Belton Cemetery graves during the History on the Hill event. The markers represent the service to the Republic of Texas by those who were honored and who are buried in the cemetery.

The event was covered by the *Belton Journal*, with an article and a front page photo.

James Reily

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of Guaymas and to urge them to refuse to allow Union troop movements within their state. The best he was able to do was to negotiate the right of the Confederacy to purchase supplies in Mexico.

Reily was wounded at the Battle of Bayou Teche near Franklin, Louisiana on April 14, 1863. He seemed to know that his wounds were fatal and he told his men not to take the time to carry him off the field. He was later found dead propped up against a tree on the battlefield. Ironically his younger brother James, who never left Ohio, and was a Union colonel, was wounded and died of his wounds up in Virginia, within four days of his older brother's death.