

Confederate Gazette

Seminar In Huntsville

The Hood's Texas Brigade Association, Re-activated, will sponsor a seminar on Saturday, November 15th at the Walker Education Center at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in Huntsville. The seminar is entitled "Die Hard, Hood's Texans in 1864," and will feature a number of different speakers. Registration begins at 8:00 AM.

Scheduled speakers include Dr. Tom Cole, MD. Dr. Cole is the great nephew of John W. Thomason, Jr., author of *Lone Star Preacher* and noted artist. Dr. Cole will discuss the career of his famous great uncle and

family. Rick Eiserman, "Train Ride to the River of Death." Eiserman will set the stage for 1864, by following the Texans as they travel by train from Virginia to Chickamauga in Georgia, through East Tennessee and back to Lee's Army.

Also speaking are Dr. Richard McCaslin, "Robert E. Lee and Hood's Brigade in the Wilderness, May 1864." Dr. McCaslin is Chair of the History Department at North Texas University. Dr. Richard Sommers, "Fury at Fort Harrison," covering Texans during the 1864 Campaign in and around Fort Harrison, Virginia. Dr. Sommers recently

retired from a 44-year career at the US Army Heritage & Education Center in Carlisle, PA. His brand new updated edition of *Richmond Redeemed* will be available. Dr. Susannah Ural, "Hit Them Hard! Hood's Boys and Their Families in '64 & '65." Her most recent book is *Don't Hurry Me Down To Hades*.

On Friday November 14th there will be an optional tour of historic Oakwood Cemetery and buffet dinner.

Cost for the Friday night event is \$45.00 per person and the Saturday seminar cost is \$60.00 per person. Each ticket includes the cost

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Former Camp Adjutant Passes Away

Thomas Richard Sutton, known as Dick, passed away on September 25th at the age of 76. Dick was a member of the Robert M. White Camp #1250 for many years. He served as the Camp's adjutant for three years from 2004 through 2006.

His funeral was held on September 29th in Waco with burial at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in

Killeen.



Dick was born in Dallas on October 25, 1937 and

served in the U.S. Air Force from 1957 to 1963.

After leaving the service Dick worked for American Airlines for 30 years, retiring in 1995. Following his retirement he moved to Temple.

He is survived by daughters Karen Dooley and husband Kenneth, Kathy Moon and husband Roger, and Melissa

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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

Adopted Texan



**Overton
Young**

**Young moved to
Texas about 1851**

He was a native of Georgia but journeyed to Texas to work and raise a family.

Overton Young was born on September 26, 1826, in Lawrenceville, Georgia, the son of Isaac N and Mary (Austin) Young. He was educated locally and then attended Amherst College in Massachusetts from 1847–49. He left Amherst before he graduated to return home and study law in Lawrenceville.

Around 1851 he relocated to Texas and began a law practice in Richmond in Fort Bend County, south of Houston. On May 13, 1852 he married Ann Elizabeth (Compton) Manadue, a widow, who had two daughters. By 1853 he was practicing law in Richmond in the firm of Waller & Young.

Sometime in the 1850s Young apparently began doing less legal work and had acquired a sizable sugar plantation near

Sandy Point in Brazoria County, Texas. The 1860 U.S. Census shows him having a large plantation and considerable wealth. By then Young had four sons, Lee, Henry Cecil, Overton, Jr., and William. Eventually another son Austin P., and three daughters, Anna, Fria, and Madora, would be born to Young and his wife.

In late 1861 Young was commissioned colonel of the 12th Texas Infantry Regiment and the 12th Texas along with other Texas regiments were ordered to Camp Nelson in Austin, Arkansas. There Brigadier General Henry McCulloch was assembling a Texas division.

The 12th Texas would join with other Texas troops to form what at first was known as McCulloch's Division, but within a few months it was known as Walker's Texas Division, following the assumption of command by John George Walker in November of 1862. Walker's Texan Division would be the

largest Confederate outfit composed of troops from a single state. It has been said by some scholars that Walker's division did less fighting and more walking than any other outfit in the war. Because of the speed of the division it earned the nickname from some as Walker's Greyhounds.

Young would be given the command of the First Brigade of Walker's Texas Division in 1862, but in April 1863, Young was replaced as commander of the First Brigade by Brigadier General James M. Hawes. Young then resumed the command of the 12th Texas Infantry.

Young commanded the 12th Texas with distinction during the Red River campaign and at the April 30, 1864, battle of Jenkins' he was severely wounded in the wrist. Young's commanding officer at Jenkins' Ferry, Thomas N. Waul, commended Young for his actions during the engagement, writing

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Walker's Greyhounds

Walker's Texas Division was formed in October of 1862 at Camp Nelson outside of Little Rock, Arkansas. The division was initially commanded by Henry McCulloch, but was replaced by John George Walker three months later.

The unit earned the nickname

of the "Greyhounds" due to their rapid march ability.

One of the divisions worst enemies was measles and pneumonia when approximately 1,500 men were lost in 1862.

In 1863 the division saw action at Perkins Landing, Milikin's

Bend and Young's Point. In 1864 the division fought at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill..

On May 19, 1865 Walkers Greyhounds just went home. They didn't surrender, they weren't captured, they had just seen enough of war to know when it was all over.

September Camp Meeting

By Michael E. Belcher

Miss Jessica Larson of Troy was the guest speaker at the September camp meeting. She is the daughter of our former Camp Commander John L.

Larson, Jr. and his wife Barbara. She spoke about her participation and experiences at the Sons of Confederate Veteran's sponsored Sam Davis Youth Camp this year held at the Three Mountain Retreat in Clifton, Texas from Sunday, July 27th to Saturday, August 2nd.

She talked with great enthusiasm about the guest speakers, and her classes on Southern History, traditions, historical dress, manners, period songs and dance. She also spoke about other fun activities like horseback riding, swimming and cannon, musket training and archery.

She rated the camp as being

better than the Glorietta Youth Camp in New Mexico. She was very thankful to the camp for providing her with a scholarship to attend this year, and would like to return and attend

the camp next year. She was asked lots of questions and the presentation was well received by the Camp membership and guests

in attendance.

A new member was sworn into the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Major Robert M. White, Camp No. 1250. He is Floyd Arthur Taylor, Jr. of Kempner, Texas, who joined on his 2nd Great Grandfather ancestor; John Abraham Cowan, a Private in Company I, 34th Regiment, Arkansas Infantry (Brooks' Regiment). Commander Jimmy Dossey conducted the ceremony.

Four new members were ap-

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Adopted Texan

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"As at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, he behaved courageously and coolly, managing his regiment with great skill and exhibiting much fitness for command." "Young's wound," wrote Waul, "would deprive his brigade of one of its finest officers if it prevented him from returning to the army." Waul recommended him for promotion but it apparently was never approved.

Due to his wound and subsequent assignment as the president of Court Martial in Houston in 1864 and 1865, Young never returned to Walker's Texas Division. Young was paroled in Houston on June 28, 1865.

Postwar Young returned to his sugar plantation. He died on September 8, 1877 in Galveston. Young is buried in the Old Catholic Cemetery in Galveston.

Dick Sutton Passes Away

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Sutton and son Richard Kyle Sutton, 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.



Floyd A. Taylor, Jr. welcomed as a new camp member by Commander Jimmy Dossey

"he behaved courageously and coolly . . ."

Camp Schedule

October 11, 2014

Quarterly Camp Dinner Meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall, 6:00 PM Social and Meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Speaker: Charles Oliver from Waco, subject to be determined.

November 11, 2014

Regular Camp Meeting at Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall, 7:00 PM. Speaker: Steve Foreman, subject to be determined.

December 12, 2014

Camp Christmas Meeting at Oscar Store, 8133 Oscar Spur,



Temple, TX, 6:00 PM Social, Meeting starts at 7:00 PM Special guest speaker: Ms. Susan Hathaway from the Virginia Flaggers organization.

**Next Camp Meeting:
October 11th
Cotton Patch Café
Temple Mall
6:00 PM Social
7:00 PM Meeting**

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Anti-Flag Bill Signed

As reported in last month's edition of the *Confederate Gazette* the California legislature had



California Governor Jerry Brown

passed a bill banning the Confederate Battleflag on state property.

As we went to press last month the bill was sitting on the desk of California Governor Jerry Brown. In September Governor Brown signed the bill enacting it into

law. The law will become effective on January 1, 2015.

The bill outlaws the state of California from the selling or displaying of the Battleflag of the Confederacy, or a similar image, or tangible personal property inscribed with those images, unless the image appears in a book, digital medium, or state museum that serves an educational or historical purpose.

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of the meals. Tickets may be purchased from Pat Parsons at PO Box 469, Luling, Texas 78648 and she can be contacted at: patbake46@yahoo.com.

September Camp Meeting

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proved for membership in a unanimous vote. They are Stephen Wayne Brunk, Simon Timothy Brunk, Reuben Wayne Brunk and Caleb Miguel Brunk of Killeen, Texas.

It was announced that the City of Temple will be sponsoring the Battle of Temple Junction again next year, and that the location will again be at the Texas Early Day Tractor and Engine Association show grounds at 1717 Eberhardt Road in Temple.

It was also announced that the December / Christmas party meeting will be held on Friday evening, December 12th at Oscar Store, located at Little Elm Creek and Farm Road 3117, (8133 Oscar

Spur), about six miles east of Temple. The meal will be \$14.00 per person and served buffet style. Our guest speaker will be Ms. Susan Hathaway from the Virginia Flaggers organization.

Longstreet's Granddaughter Dies

Confederate General James Longstreet's granddaughter, Jamie Paterson, passed away on August 5th at the age of 84. She was a resident of Bowie, MD. Mrs. Paterson never met her famous grandfather.

She was born in Gainesville, GA, but married a man from Pennsylvania and they lived mostly in Washington, DC and later in Bowie.