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GRAVE DEDICATION SERVICE APRIL 29TH

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 will hold a grave dedication service on Sunday afternoon, April 29th at 2:30 at the South Belton Cemetery.

The graves of five Confederate soldiers were recently marked with new mounumnets placed there by the Camp. The



South Belton Cemetery "Clean Up" Crew: Jerry Nelson, Greg Manning, Michelle, Mac Amsler, Steve Wooley, Curtis Pruitt, Eric Rachut. (not pictured: Ralph & Janette Spence, mowing; George Ballentine, taking the picture

Camp ceremonies will honor these men and the other Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

New markers were placed on the following Confederate Veteran graves; Capt. Henry E. Bradford, 6th Texas Infantry, Pvt. William P. Cox, 26th Texas Cavalry, Pvt. Benjamin F. Decherd, 17th Texas

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Event Set For June 1-2

DIVISION CONVENTION SET FOR AUSTIN

The 104th annual SCV Texas Division Convention will be held June 1st and 2nd at the Austin Marriott at the Capitol in Austin, Texas.

Festivities will kick off Friday, June 1st at the Marriott with a reception from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM. Joe Walker of Waco will perform with a music and story telling program.

The opening ceremonies and a brief Memorial

Service will be held at the Texas State Cemetery, 909 Navasota Street, Austin, Texas from 8:00 AM until 9:30 AM Saturday.

The General Sessions, MOS&B and OCR meetings are scheduled throughout the day Saturday at the Austin Marriott.

Mr. Bruce Marshall, National Artist, CSA (Sons of Confederate Veterans), Jefferson Davis Medal recipient, and noted author,

will be our guest speaker at the luncheon to be held at noon Saturday at the Austin Marriott at the Capitol.

The Awards Banquet is Saturday evening from 7:00 until 9:00. At 9:00 PM we will adjourn and everyone is invited to attend the Confederate Ball. The 12th Louisiana String Band will provide entertainment at the Ball. Period or formal attire is requested.



CONFEDERATE PROFILE

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RIGHTS GIST

His cause was reflected in his name, States Rights Gist, not a nickname but his given name. It reflected his parents' feelings about Southern rights, but also States Rights would grow to have the same beliefs.

He was born in South Carolina in 1831 and graduated from South Carolina College. He journeyed north and graduated from Harvard University Law School in 1852. Gist returned home and practiced law in his native state. He was also active in his state militia and rose to the rank of brigadier general in the South Carolina militia by 1859.

When South Carolina left the Union Gist served as the state's adjutant and inspector general. He acquired arms for and assisted with the bombardment at Fort Sumter. He traveled with South Carolina volunteers to Virginia and served as an aide to Brig. General Barnard Bee at the First Battle of Manassas. When Bee was wounded in the battle and died the next day, Gist assumed temporary command of Bee's brigade after his death.

In early 1862 Gist was appointed as a brigadier general in the Confederate army. His first assignment was back in South Carolina to assist with state coastal

defense. From there he was assigned to General Joseph E. Johnston's staff in its failed expedition to relieve the encircled General John Pemberton at Vicksburg.

After Vicksburg fell Gist was reassigned to the

ing his brigade west of the Columbia Pike. In the early stages of the Battle of Franklin Gist was guiding his men in one of the first assaults. Gist ordered his men, the 24th South Carolina, forward waving his hat. His horse was shot out from under him, but Gist continued forward on foot. Through the smoke of battle he was shot in the chest, one of six Confederate generals killed in the battle.

There is some controversy over what was done with Gist's body after the battle. Some maintain that either all six or at least five of the slain Confederate generals were laid out on the gallery of the Carn-ton House near Franklin. James McDonough and Thomas Connelly in *Five Tragic Hours* maintain that Gist's body and that of General John C. Carter were never taken to the

Carn-ton House. More recent research indicates that Gist was alive when taken from the battlefield. He later died at a field hospital on the night of November 30, 1864. He was buried by his body servant at a nearby home under a large cedar tree.

Gist would later be interred in his native South Carolina. He is now buried in Trinity Episcopal Churchyard in Columbia, South Carolina.



States Rights Gist

Army of Tennessee. He saw combat at Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and in the Atlanta Campaign. Historians today find his service during these battles nearly flawless.

By November of 1864 General John Bell Hood's Army of Tennessee was moving north in Tennessee against Federal forces under command of General George H. Thomas. Slipping away from Hood at Spring Hill, Tennessee, Federal forces entrenched at Franklin. Gist was lead-

Gist was killed
in Fighting
at Franklin, TN

South Belton Cemetery

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 Infantry, Pvt. Thomas T. Hannon, 17th Texas

war from Belton on July 1, 1861. As his unit was leaving Belton, Miss Victoria Bradford, a popular Southern belle, presented White and his men a hand sewn Confederate flag.



Jerry Nelson supervises as, Eric Rachut and Greg Manning prepare to set marker. Photo: George

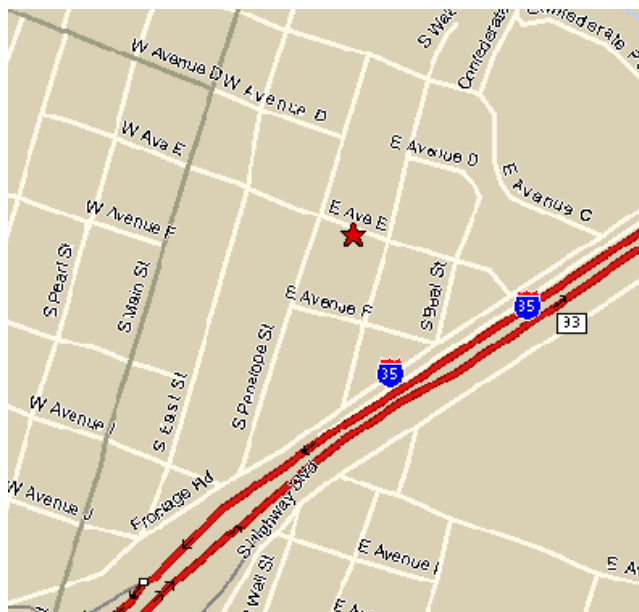
Infantry, and James P. Holcomb, 21st Texas Cavalry.

The cemetery is also the final resting place of the Camp's namesake, Major Robert M. White. White's unit left Bell County amidst great pomp and ceremony. White and his men marched off to

White and his men camped first at old Bosqueville, near Waco, and then moved on to Camp Stone, near Lancaster, Texas. After leaving Camp Stone, White's unit saw service mainly in the

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Map to South Belton Cemetery



Camp Schedule

April 2001

April 6th: Texas Division Executive Council Meeting, Hill College, Hillsboro, TX, 7:00 PM

April 7th: Confederate History Symposium, Hill College, Hillsboro, TX, 9:00 AM

April 14th: Camp Dinner Meeting, 7:00 PM, Inn at Scott & White, Temple, TX. Speaker: Evault Boswell, author of Texas Boys in Gray.

April 21st: Statue Dedication, New Braunfels, TX

April 28th: Statue Dedication, Anderson, TX

April 28th: Texas State History Museum grand opening, Austin

April 29th: Dedication and Grave Marking Ceremony, South Belton Cemetery, Belton, TX, 2:30 PM.

May 2001

May 8th: Camp Meeting, King's Daughters Hospital, Temple, TX, 7:00 PM.

May 25th: Reenactment, Jefferson, TX

June 2001

June 1-2nd: Texas Division Convention, Marriott Hotel, Austin, TX

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Trans-Mississippi Theater of the War Between the States. They saw action in Arkansas,



Marker being set. Photo: George Ballentine

Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia.

White would prove himself to be a popular and brave Confederate officer. White was promoted to a major in Sul Ross's regiment

on May 25, 1862. The company was reorganized under Captain William B. Whittington, who was commander until the end of the war. The company left Bell County as a cavalry unit, but was dismounted in 1862, and the horses returned to Bell County.

Major Robert M. White was killed in action on April 26, 1862 along the Tennessee River.

His body was returned to Bell County

for burial. Buried in the same plot, at the South Belton Cemetery, are Kittie White (1859-1860), apparently an infant daughter listed in the 1860 Census, and R. M. White (1861-



Graver marker for Maj. Robert M. White

1883), apparently a son born the same year White left Bell County for the war.



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**Next Meeting:
April 14th
Inn at S&W
7:00 PM**