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Meeting Set For April 15th

DINNER MEETING SET FOR LITTLE RIVER

A new dinner meeting location and a different day of the week will be the order of the day for the Camp's dinner meeting in April. The event will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. on April 15th. The location of the dinner meeting will be the FireHouse Ranch in Little River.

The FireHouse Ranch is the old Maggie's Restaurant just by the railroad tracks in Little River, off East Main (see maps in-

side).

The speaker for the dinner meeting is Dr. Edward R. Devries from Waller, Texas. Dr. DeVries is the author of sixteen books and many published articles. His topic is "The Destruction of Southern Churches and Desecration of Cemeteries by Union Troops."

Dr. DeVries holds five earned college degrees and seminary degrees, including a Doctor of Theology degree from Landmark

Baptist University in Bristol, Tennessee. He travels several thousand miles each year speaking at rallies, conferences, seminars, camps, conventions, civic functions, and in local churches across the North American continent.

The camp has reserved the entire FireHouse Ranch facility and members can order either steak or catfish for \$15.00. The FireHouse Ranch is well known for serving one of the best steaks in Texas.

Confederate Heritage To Be Honored April 6th

Camp Ceremonies In Belton

In honor of April being Confederate History Month in Texas, The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 will hold special ceremonies in Belton on Sunday, April 6, 2003.

The event will kick off at 1:00 PM at the Bell County Courthouse. A wreath will be laid at the Confederate Soldier's statue at the northwest corner of the courthouse grounds.

From the courthouse those that are able will

march to the South Belton Cemetery a few blocks away, where at 1:30 PM or so there will be a marker dedication. The South Belton Cemetery is the final resting place for a number of Confederate soldiers, including the Camp's namesake, Major Robert M. White.

Following the ceremonies at the South Belton Cemetery the proceedings will reconvene at Confederate Park in Belton. At Confederate Park the camp

will have a dinner, fellowship, and social. The approximate time for the dinner will be 2:30 PM. Confederate Park is named for the property that Confederate Veterans once used as a reunion site.

All camp members, and friends of the camp are invited to this important event. Show your pride in your Confederate heritage by helping Confederate History Month be celebrated in Bell County.



CONFEDERATE PROFILE

BEN McCULLOCH

A friend of Davy Crockett and Sam Houston, he journeyed to Texas at age 24

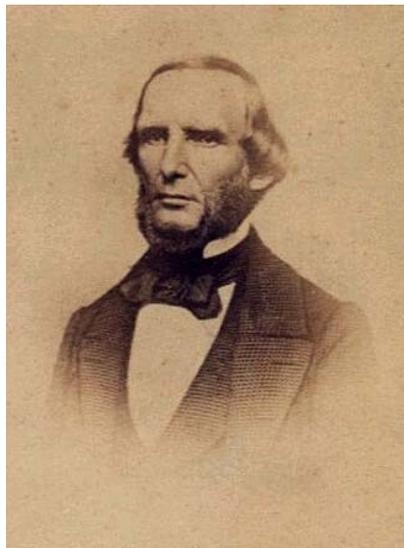
He knew Sam Houston and Davy Crockett in his home state of Tennessee. Like his friends, who would earn fame in Texas, he too felt the allure of Texas and at age 24 made the journey to the Lone Star state.

Benjamin McCulloch was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, on November 11, 1811. He was the fourth son of Alexander and Frances McCulloch. Ben's mother was the daughter of a prominent Virginia family. His father, who was a graduate of Yale College, was a major during Andrew Jackson's campaign against the Creek Indians. Ben's younger brother was Henry E. McCulloch.

As a teenager Ben moved with his family to western Tennessee. He became well know for his prowess as a bear killer. He is credited with killing 80 bears in one year, a feat that rivaled friend, Davy Crockett. In one bear fight young Ben killed a bear by stabbing the bear in his heart as the bear held Ben's other arm in its mouth.

By 1835 the lure of Texas caught hold of Ben. He journeyed to Texas in an effort to join with Davy Crockett and his men. After he reached Texas, he became quite ill with the measles and was unable to join with Crockett and his men, thus missing out on the fight at the Alamo.

He recovered in time to offer his services to his former neighbor, Sam Houston. Houston put Ben in charge of one of the two "Twin Sisters" cannons. He participated in the Battle of San Jacinto, and performed so well that Houston promoted him to 1st



Benjamin McCulloch

Lieutenant on the field of battle.

Post war Ben became a Texas Ranger and an experienced Indian fighter. He settled in Seguin and was elected to the Republic of Texas' House of Representatives in 1839. During the election a dual with a political rival resulted in Ben being wounded in his right arm. Ben never fully regained complete use of his arm. The man that had wounded him was later killed in a subsequent dual.

Ben chose not to run

for reelection in 1842 and spent the next several years, surveying, and fighting Indians and against Mexican incursions into Texas. Ben returned to the Texas legislature after Texas was annexed by the United States.

When war began with Mexico he raised a command of Texas Rangers that became part of Jack Hays's 1st Regiment, Texas Mounted Volunteers. Ben had an excellent record during the war, including some exceptional efforts at the Battle of Buena Vista. By war's end he had been promoted to major of United States volunteers.

After the Mexican War, Ben traveled to the gold fields of California before returning to Texas and becoming a U.S. Marshal for the eastern district of Texas. He also served as one of two peace commissioners in the Mormon hostilities in Utah in 1858. Ben is given credit for helping prevent bloodshed in the dispute.

After Texas left the Union, he was commissioned a colonel and was given the responsibility to demand the surrender of all federal posts in Texas. On February 16, 1861, McCulloch received the surrender of the federal arsenal in San Antonio. On May 11, 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis appointed Ben a brigadier general. He was

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Division Convention Set For Brazos Valley

The Sul Ross Camp #1457 of Bryan will host the 106th Texas Division Convention-Reunion on June 6th and 7th. The events will take place at the College Station Hilton and Conference Center, located in College Station.

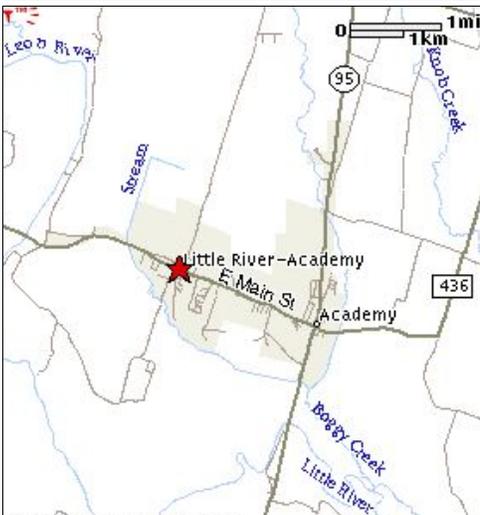
Registration will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6th and will continue until 6:00 p.m. that evening. A reception and social will follow in the Oakwood Room where a full chicken and beef fajitas

buffet with cash bar will be available. The buffet will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. only. Mr. Joe Walker will be on hand with his banjo sharing some period music and laughter.

Registration will open Saturday morning, June 7th at 7:00 a.m. Convention's Opening Ceremonies will be preceded by a Memorial service beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the main hall of the Conference Center.

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Directions to April Dinner Meeting



Above: Map A

Left: Map B

Camp Schedule

April 6th: Confederate History Month Ceremonies in Belton:

- ◆ 1:00PM Courthouse Square
- ◆ 1:30 South Belton Cemetery
- ◆ 2:30 Confederate Park—Camp Dinner and Social

(Note: The 1:30 and 2:30 times are only approximate start times)

April 15th: Quarterly Dinner Meeting. 7:00 P.M., Fire-House Ranch Restaurant, Little River, Texas.

Speaker: Dr. Edward R. Devries

May 13th: Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., TBA

June 6-7th: Texas Division Convention, College Station Hilton Hotel, College Station, Texas

June 10th: Regular Camp Meeting, 7:00 P.M., TBA

Map A shows the general location of Little River. Little River is located just west of Academy on Farm to Market Road 436.

Map B shows a closer view of Little River. The Fire-House Ranch is a two story building just off FM 436 by the railroad tracks.

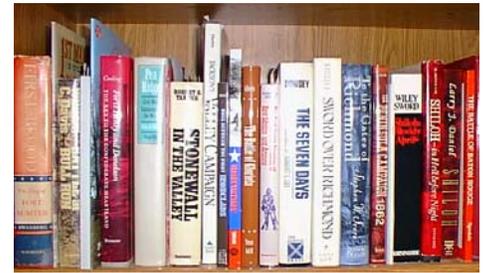
Directions from Killeen area: Go east on US190 to Belton and then go north on I-35. From I-35 take a right (east) on FM 436 in Belton. Take 436 to Little River.

From Temple: Take Highway 95 south to Academy. At Academy take a right (west) on FM 436.

Next Camp Meeting:
April 15th
7:00 P.M. at
FireHouse Ranch
Little River, TX

“THE BOOK BIN”

When in the Course of Human Events



Editor’s Note: Almost all of us read books on the War Between the States. Please share your thoughts on a book with your fellow camp members. The book can be old or new just write something up and send it to the editor.

By: John C. Perry

When in the Course of Human Events by Charles Adams, Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., Lanham, Md., 257 pages, 2000, \$24.95.

“Liberals Beware!”

Perhaps this should be a notice printed on the cover of *When in the Course of Human Events* by Charles Adams. The sub title of the book tells it all, “Arguing the Case for Southern Secession.”

The book, which was published in 2000, is not politically correct; it is in the mold of Thomas DiLorenzo’s *The Real Lincoln* and my book *Myths and Realities of American Slavery*. It disputes the traditionally cited history that the War Between the States was fought over slavery. Mr. Adams sees things quite differently. First he argues that the war was fought mainly over trade issues, with tariffs being the primary culprit.

Adams is one of the world’s leading authorities on the history of taxation. With the painstaking approach of a trial attorney, Adams builds the case that it was the United States’ trade policies that caused the War Between the States. To the “witness

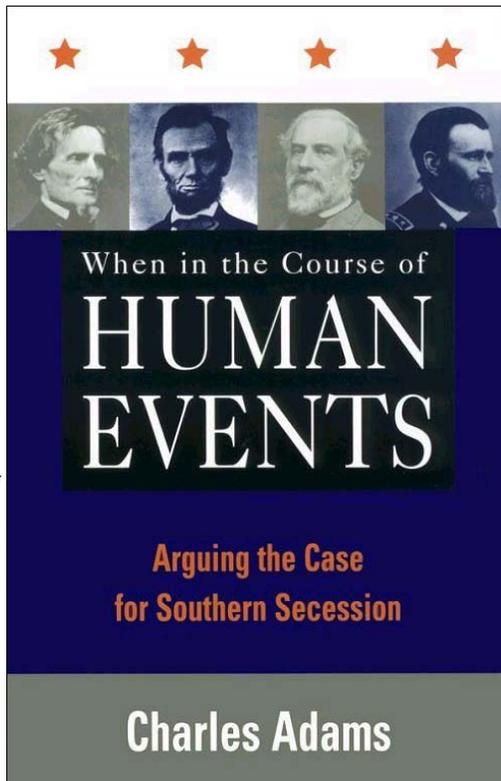
stand” Adams brings various parities to “testify” as to the cause of the war. Some of the star “witnesses” include notable 3rd party neutrals, such as Charles Dickens, and others.

Another interesting part of the book is when the author examines the South’s right to secession. Was the South within its legal rights to leave the Union? Adams clearly builds a very strong case for legal secession. He argues that is one of the reasons that, postwar, Jefferson Davis was never brought to trial by the Federal government. It was a legal case that those in the Federal government knew they could not win.

Fans of Abraham Lincoln and the Northern Abolitionist should be advised to stay away from this book. Lincoln comes under fire from the author for his fragrant misuse of power as the nation’s sixteenth president. From suspension of habeas corpus, censoring opposition newspapers to dismissing the duly elected Maryland legislature, the author takes on the misuse of power by Lincoln. As to the abolitionists the author makes a compelling case that they were nothing more than a fanatical lunatic fringe.

The book, which won the 2000 Paradigm Book Award, is a must read for those of us who feel that true American history has

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Adams also examines the Morrill Tariff Act, the highest tariff ever enacted by the U.S. Congress. It was passed just before the war began, and enacted tariffs that averaged 47%. Rarely does this inflammatory action taken by the U. S. Congress even rate a blimp on the discussion screen of causes of the war.

Director of OCR Passes Away

Marilyn Sweeney, Texas Director of the Order of the Confederate Rose (OCR) and wife of the SCV's Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Denne Sweeney, passed away March 17, 2003 at her home after a long illness. She was born on Sept. 18, 1942 in Toledo, Ohio. She moved first to Northern California and then to Dallas. She graduated from Richardson High School in 1960.

She completed her B. S. degree in Fashion Design at Texas Women's University in 1971. Marilyn was employed for over 20 years as a Graphics Designer at the Army and Air Force Exchange.

Marilyn was active in the Southwest Celtic Music Association, serving for several years as Secretary of that organization and as a volunteer at North Texas Irish Fest.

She served as the OCR's Texas Director from 1999-2003.

She was laid to rest on March 20th at DFW National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the:

**Texas Society
Order of Confederate Rose
241 Ralston
Converse, Texas 78109**

Book Bin Review

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been shortchanged by political correctness and liberal ideology. It is very easy to read, and is straight to the point without a lot of fluff. If you don't already own this one, go out and buy it right now, you here!

Confederate Gazette Quiz Questions

By George Ballentine

Category: If You Can't Say Something Nice...

Match the person below with the statements that they made.

1. ___ "South Carolina is too small to be a republic, and too large to be an insane asylum."

2. ___ "I can make men follow me to hell."

3. ___ "A crow would have had to carry its rations if it had flown across the valley."

4. ___ "that old man ... had my division massacred."

5. ___ "For God's sake, if Mr. Forrest will let me alone, I will let him alone."

6. ___ "... it has happened as I told them in Richmond it would happen. The line has been stretched until it is broken."

7. ___ "The effort was a stupendous failure..."

8. ___ "It is well that war is so terrible - we should grow

too fond of it."

9. ___ "The Father of Waters again goes unvexed to the sea."

10. ___ "It may perhaps be unnecessary for me to state that I captured no prisoners."

Select from the following answers:

A. General Samuel Sturgis at Brice's Cross Roads.

B. Grant on the Petersburg Mine Assault.

C. Lincoln after the victory at Vicksburg.

D. Phillip Sheridan's report on his Shenandoah raid.

E. Lee to James Longstreet.

F. George Pickett about Lee.

G. Southern Unionist, James Petrigru.

H. Lee on the evacuation of Richmond.

I. McClellan to Lincoln.

J. Phillip Kearny's comment to his corps commander at the Battle of Williamsburg.

Answers:
8, j, d, f, a, h, b, e, c, i

Camp Submits Texas Division Constitutional Amendment

The Major Robert M. White Camp #1250, for the first time in its history, has submitted a proposed change to the Texas Division's Constitution.

The proposed amendment, which will be published in the next edition of the *Texas Division Dispatch*, proposes to change the length of office for Division and Brigade officers from 1 year to 2 years,

done in odd years.

A competing amendment has been submitted by Camp members Greg Manning and John Perry. This amendment is identical to the Camp's amendment except it proposes the change to occur only in even years. This would keep the Texas Division in sync with the national SCV elections.

Camp Submits Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Ben McCullough

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the first Confederate officer appointed to the rank of general, that had not been a veteran of West Point. Ben was assigned command of the Indian Territory and he established his headquarters at Little Rock, Arkansas.

He performed well in the Confederate victory in August of 1861 at Wilson's Creek in Missouri. Ben also worked hard to help secure agreements with the Indians, Creeks, Cherokees, and Choctaws in the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma).

On March 7, 1862 Ben's forces clashed with Federal forces at Elkhorn Tavern (Pea Ridge) in Arkansas. Ben was out in front of his troops dressed in black a velvet suit when he was shot through the heart. Another brigadier general and later a colonel led a unit trying to recover Ben's body. The general was killed and the colonel was captured. With the loss of its command structure Ben's unit fell apart, and some credit their withdrawal as a significant reason that the Confederates were defeated.

Ben's body has rested in three dif-

ferent graves. He was first buried on the field of battle. He was later reinterred in Fort Smith, but came home to Texas to his final resting place at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. Ben never married, so in 1938 the remains of his mother were reinterred and a joint monument erected. McCullough County was named in honor of Ben.

2003 Division Convention

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The Division's first business session will follow promptly at 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. The ladies of the OCR will hold their business session at the same time. This year's luncheon speaker will be Army of the Trans-Mississippi Commander and former Texas Division Commander, John C. Perry.

The second business session will begin at 2:00 p.m. and Brigade meetings will immediately follow the conclusion of the Division session. The OCR will also hold their second business session during this time. The MOS&B will conduct their business session from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Division's Award Banquet will

begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Ballroom. Scheduled to speak will be Texas Land Commissioner Mr. Jerry Patterson. At the dinner a number of special awards will be presented and the new Division officers for 2003-04 will be installed.

Following the dinner the annual Confederate Ball will be held. The band *Cross Ties* is currently scheduled to appear featuring period music for our entertainment from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. Period, formal or cocktail attire is requested, and a cash bar will be available.

Only 100 rooms have been blocked out for SCV members, so make your registrations as soon as possible. The cost for the room is \$83 with a king size bed or two doubles and parking is free. To reserve a room, please call 1-800-HILTONS and notify hotel reservations that you are with Sons of Confederate Veterans or you may contact the hotel directly at (979) 693-7500. Rooms will be held at the special convention price only until May 9, 2003.

For additional information contact the Convention Chairman, John P. Blair, 3509 Midwest Drive, Bryan, Texas 77802, or call him at 979-260-6911 or e-mail him at blair83@earthlink.net.



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