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2017 Texas Division Reunion Held

By James Bozeman

The 120th Texas Division Reunion was held June 2-4, 2017, at the Radisson Hotel at Fossil Ridge in Fort Worth. The reunion was hosted by the Governor Samuel W.T. Lanham Camp #536 from Weatherford. Several heritage defense issues were the subject of discussion during the Saturday morning business session. One of these was Texas House Bill 1359, the Texas Heroes Protection Act, which died on the House floor at midnight on May 11th. We were assured by the Division that the Texas SCV did everything right in trying to get this bill passed, but it died at midnight without being read. There is still hope that this bill can go to the House this year, however, as Governor Abbott

has called a special session of the Texas Legislature for the month of July.

The other main heritage defense topic on hand was the removal of Confederate monuments across the South. Just



prior to the reunion, the City of New Orleans removed the Confederate statues from Lee Park in downtown New Orleans. Also, there were planned protests upcoming in both Dallas and Houston to discuss removing Confederate statues in both of those cities.

Two proposed changes to the Texas Division Constitution

were tabled until the 2018 reunion due to a debate over whether changes to the Constitution in 2015 and 2016 were ever published and distributed to all Texas Division camps.

This year's reunion had two outstanding speakers, both of them black men descended from Confederate soldiers. During the Awards Luncheon, the guest speaker was Al Arnold, from Mississippi, who gave a presentation on his book, "Robert E Lee's Orderly: A Modern Black Man's Confederate Journey", which tells the story of his Confederate ancestor Turner Hall Jr.

At the Grand Ball and Banquet on Saturday night, the guest speaker was the renowned H.K.

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Beauvoir Damaged by Storm

It was in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast and caused extensive damage to the Jefferson Davis Home, Beauvoir, in Biloxi, Mississippi. On June 21st it looked like history might repeat itself. As Tropical Storm Cindy plowed through a water spout hit land right at Beauvoir as a tornado. The tornado spared the home but



Damaged tree in front of Beauvoir (Photo by Beauvoir)

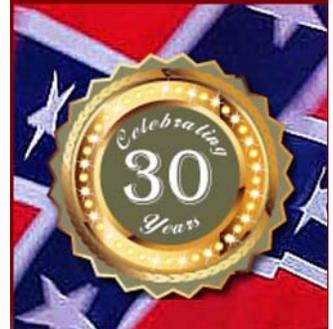
did about \$25,000 worth of damage to the property. Beau-

voir's Executive Director Thomas Payne said, "In the cemetery, some of our monuments have been knocked down and some of the trees are down." Some of the fencing on the property was also destroyed. Beauvoir has set up a GoFundMe account hoping to raise \$25,000 for repairs.



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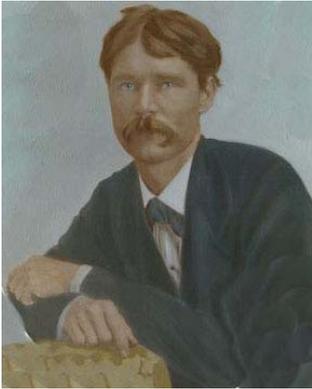
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CONFEDERATE PROFILE

The Other Houston



**Sam Houston,
Jr.**

**Houston enlisted in
the Confederate
Army at age 18**

Although his famous father opposed his beloved state leaving the Union, his eldest son took a stand and supported the Confederacy.

Sam Houston, Jr. was born at Washington-on-the-Brazos, Texas, on May 25, 1843, son of Sam Houston and Margaret Moffette (Lea) Houston. Young Houston was born while his father was the President of the Republic of Texas. Small and sickly at birth Houston grew quickly so much so that his father described him as, "a hearty brat, robust and hearty as a Brookshire pig."

He was educated at the Houston's home in Huntsville and beginning at age 16 at Bastrop Military Institute just before the beginning of the War Between the States. His father, who was then governor of the State of Texas, wrote often to his son in Bastrop. In one letter, he tells his son that "I look to you as one on whom my

mantle is to fall, and I wish to leave it to you, without a rent in it. It is natural that I should desire you to wear it worthily, ay, nobly, and to give additional luster to all that may descend to you!"

His father was opposed to Texas leaving the Union and joining the fledgling Confederacy, but young Houston responded to the call of duty. In August of 1861, he enlisted, at age 18, as a private in Company C, 2nd Texas Infantry. His father by then had been deposed as governor, but wrote his son saying, "It is every man's duty to defend his Country; and I wish my offspring to do so at the proper time and in the proper way." Although his father tried to secure an officer's appointment for his son, Sam Houston, Jr. refused to accept such.

Before leaving Texas, his father visited the unit to deliver a bible from his mother inscribed, "Sam Houston, Jr., from his Mother, March 6,

1862." Houston and his unit arrived in Corinth, Mississippi in March of 1862. On April 6th and 7th the 2nd Texas fought in the Battle of Pittsburg Landing, also known as Shiloh.

In fighting on the Confederate right Houston and his regiment would see heavy fighting near the Hornet's Nest. He avoided likely a fatal injury on April 6th when a Yankee bullet tore through his knapsack and lodged in the Bible given to him by his mother at the 70th Psalm. The Bible today is in the Sam Houston. The next day Houston wasn't as lucky, when he was shot in the right groin and left for dead on the field. Post battle a Union doctor examined Houston on the field of battle and assumed Houston's femoral artery was hit and saw no need for further treatment. A Union chaplain intervened and Houston was treated and survived.

Houston was first sent to

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Saved By A Yankee Chaplain

Sam Houston, Jr. was struck by a Yankee bullet in the groin on April 7, 1862 at the Battle of Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh). After his unit withdrew Houston was left for dead on the battlefield. A union doctor came by to examine the dead and dying Confederates. He quickly surmised, due to the fact that

Houston was covered in blood that Houston's femoral artery was severed and there was no hope.

Later a Union Chaplain came by Houston to help try to identify each dead soldier. As he was going through Houston's knapsack he found the Bible from Houston's mother and realized

who he was. The Chaplain approached Houston and asked him if he was the son of the Sam Houston who had served in the US. Senate. Houston weakly replied, "My father." He immediately sought additional medical care and Houston was treated and survived.

June Meeting

By Michael E. Belcher

1st Lt. Commander James Bozeman, was our guest speaker for our Camp meeting in June, and he spoke on the 2017 Texas Division SCV Reunion in Fort Worth. During the business session Past Commander John L. Larson, Jr. and 1st Lt. Commander James Bozeman gave us an after-action report on the Battle of Tomlinson Hill (formerly, the Battle of Temple Junction) event. The event was considered a huge success by the Falls County Old Settlers and Veterans Association, and will be conducted again next year, with proposed increases in participation in all areas. Our Camp Store made \$284 at the event.

Commander Tyler reported that the Belton Chamber of Commerce will have organizational meetings for the Belton 4th of July Parade on June 14th and June 17th. Compatriot Earl Soudelier will provide the trailer for the parade. Participants should bring lawn chairs and small ice chests with water. It is most likely that we will line up on Crusader Way again, and Commander Tyler

will provide our entry number to everyone via email. Commander Tyler raised discussion on the Sam Davis Youth Camp, and it was reported that we have two participants that will be attending this year. Compatriot Ralph Snyder made a motion that the camp pay for them, which was seconded by Buddy Wheat, and passed by a unanimous vote.

Adjutant Belcher reported that he and 1st Lt. Commander James Bozeman met with the Mayborn Convention Center representatives in Temple and signed the 2019 Texas Division SCV Reunion contract. Our requested amendments to the contract were accepted. Compatriot Jonathan Bozeman raised discussion on the idea of having our camp commit to participate in TXDOT's Adopt A Highway program. The camp had done this in the past but let it go. After discussion, James Bozeman made a motion, that was seconded by Buddy Wheat, to have Jonathan Bozeman pursue this further, and it was tabled until the winter.

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Houston

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Champ Chase a prison of war camp in Ohio and then to Camp Douglas a POW camp in Chicago. He was exchanged in late 1862 and returned to Texas. In June of 1863 he joined his uncle on a trading expedition to Mexico and was not present at his father's death on July 26th. He later re-enlisted in the Confederate Army in a artillery battery. He saw action again in Louisiana.

After the war, Houston enrolled in the Philadelphia University of Medicine and Surgery, graduating in 1869. If he practiced medicine after graduating it was only for a short period of time. In 1875 he is living in Georgetown, Texas and his occupation is listed as a clerk. In 1875 he married Lucy Anderson, and together they have three children. In the 1880 census he is listed as living in Waco with his family and his occupation is listed as editor.

His wife died in 1886 and Houston moved in with his

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Houston was a POW at Camp Chase and Camp Douglas

Camp Schedule

July 8, 2017

Camp's Quarterly Dinner Meeting, 6:00 PM Social and Meeting at 7:00 PM, at the Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall. Speakers: Larry and Pam Wilhoite, speaking on Texas regimental and company flags used during the war.

August 8, 2017

Camp's Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM Social and Meeting at 7:00 PM, Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall.

September 12, 2017

Camp's Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM Social and Meeting at 7:00



PM, Cotton Patch Café, Temple Mall.

October 14, 2017

Camp's Quarterly Dinner Meeting

**Next Camp Meeting:
July 8th
Cotton Patch Café
Temple Mall
6:00 PM Social
7:00 PM Meeting**

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Former Camp Member Passes

Thomas Vernon Brown, Jr. of Salado, a former Camp #1250 member, passed away on June 17. Tom was born in Temple in 1927, graduated from Temple High School and attended Temple Junior College. He later graduated from the Central Texas Peace Officers Academy.

He was a World War II veteran, serving on the USS Langley during the war.

After working for the Bartlett Electric Cooperative he entered law enforcement, serving with the Belton Police Department and later working for the Bell County Sheriff's Department.

He was an active Camp member until he developed health issues.

June Camp Meeting

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Commander Tyler raised discussion on the idea of having our camp commit to participate with the Bell County Historical Commission in doing restoration work in pioneer cemeteries in Bell County containing Confederate veteran's graves. John L. Larson, Jr. made a motion to pursue this cemetery cleaning project, that was seconded by Herb Cowan, and passed by a unanimous vote.

Sam Houston, Jr.

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sister in Independence. He had a book of short stories and poetry published in 1892. He died in Independence on May 20, 1894, at the age of 51. He is buried in Old Independence Cemetery in Independence, Texas.

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Edgerton, who wowed the crowd with his views on Black Confederates and the current Black Lives Matter movement. He also spoke proudly of his personal journeys on foot throughout the South carrying the Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia.

One of the main events of the weekend was the bi-annual election of new Division and Brigade Officers. These men have been chosen by their peers to lead the Texas Division for the next two years: Division Commander – David McMahon (formerly Division 1st Lieutenant Commander), Division 1st Lieutenant Commander – John McCammon (formerly 6th Brigade Commander), Division 2nd Lieutenant Commander – Dennis Brand (formerly 8th Brigade Com-

mander) Division 3rd Lieutenant Commander – Lee Roy Lance (formerly 11th Brigade 1st Lt Cmdr), Division Adjutant – John Dickey (from the General Felix H. Robertson Camp in Waco), Division Chaplain – Sanford Reed (from the Alamo City Guard Camp in San Antonio). New Central Texas Brigade (7th Brigade) Officers: Brigade Commander – Frank Bussey (formerly Brigade First Lieutenant Commander) (from the 2nd Texas Frontier Camp #1904 from De Leon), Brigade First Lieutenant Commander – Chad Weldon, (Camp Commander of William Henry Parsons Camp #415 from Ennis), Brigade Second Lieutenant Commander – James Bozeman (1st Lt Commander of Major Robert M. White Camp #1250 from Temple).