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**A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTERS IN TEXAS & SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**Summer 2022**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**  
**J.D. Boydston**



Dear DCV Members and Friends,

Lately I have been involved in an ongoing battle of facts and ideas on the editorial pages of my local newspaper. As a rule I seldom respond to essays or editorials due to their extremely vapid content, but lately I have been very much involved with those people who love to call Southerners of the Secessionist Era "traitors". I would like to offer you a way to counter the argument that Southerners are traitors which is so prevalent in contemporary thinking. I have found it to be very powerful because it is true.

Here are the facts: in order to commit treason against the United States, one must be a citizen of the United States. Their entire argument for treason rests on the highly tenuous premise that in the years 1860 and 1861 the act of secession was somehow, someway prohibited by the U.S. Constitution. The truth is there was no bar to secession at that time. It does not matter if they disagree, it does not matter if they do not like it, there was no bar to secession. So when the Confederate states left the Union, their citizens were no longer U.S. citizens.

The United States of America and the Confederate States of America established diplomatic relations with one another at the highest levels and

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE cont.**

conducted prisoner exchanges and official communiques as international actors.

The name-callers also love to point out that after the war no one was tried for treason due to the grand magnanimous gesture made by the 'Northern leadership' to aid in healing the bitter division between the states. What a kind view of human nature they have! A few of them may even be naive enough to believe it. The truth is this: there could be no trials for treason without dealing with the legality of secession. Northern politicians were afraid to see the matter adjudicated by the courts.

The Supreme Court might have ruled - and the Radical Republican politicians had good reason to believe they would - that there had been no bar to secession, thereby laying an ax to their premise for the war. Or the high-ranking Confederate could have been acquitted! It would only have taken one juror to dissent. The whole thing could have backfired on them and they knew it.

I hope you have found some useful information in reading this. Please feel free to use any of it in your letters to the editor. Have a safe summer, everyone.

J. D. Boydston  
President Board of Directors  
DCV

## EDITOR'S COMMENT:

### President Boydston's message to the DCV.

In his message to the DCV, President Boydston stated *"I have been involved in an ongoing battle of facts and ideas on the editorial pages of my local newspaper."*

Being aware of his deeds and actions President Boydston has long been a leader in the never ending effort to preserve and protect our Confederate history and heritage. In addition to contacting the print media he often attends and speaks at public meetings in his community of Longview, Texas in Gregg County.

Below is the most recent example of a rebuttal by President Boydston to a letter to the editor that was published in the Longview News Journal.

NOTE: In this instance his rebuttal was not published in the usual "letters to the editor" way.

The Longview News Journal features a "Saturday Forum" page. In this particular instance the News - Journal editor vacated his usual editorial space and placed President Boydston's essay in the space. In other words, he published his entire unedited rebuttal in the most widely read column of the paper's popular "Saturday Forum".

*Note: The name of the complaining party is redacted.*

## Longview News-Journal

### Time to remove the Confederate statue

By: **XXXX**

May 7, 2022

I recently had to go to the Gregg County Courthouse. It is difficult to visit the courthouse without encountering the monolithic statue to a Confederate soldier on its lawn.

The monument, "Dedicated to the Confederate soldier of 1861-1865," was erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy on June 3rd, 1911, and was followed in 1921 by a KKK parade in Longview at the height of the Jim Crow South.

### Time to remove the Confederate statue cont.

By: **XXXX**

On the west side of the base in raised letters is inscribed "Lest We Forget." Lest we forget what? That the Southern states were traitors to the United States of America? That their policies promoted the kidnapping and enslavement of an entire race of human beings resulting in the impoverishment and terrorization of their ancestors until this day?

The presence of the statue on our county courthouse grounds implies an endorsement of the ideas it represents: division, hatred, racism, the Jim Crow South — all things many of us are anxious to see become relics of the past.

I, for one, am tired of living in the dreadful past of the Civil War. It is time to move beyond the conflict and the hate that accompanied it and to look to what we can be as a community forged in love and respect for each other.

- 1. The monument does not represent who our community is anymore.
- 2. No Civil War battle took place in Longview or Gregg County.
- 3. It does not represent history — it is an attempt to rewrite history.

I encourage the Gregg County commissioners to take up this issue. The courthouse is a place everyone must go at some time to conduct all manner of business.

The statue does not belong on this public site where all must view it in order to enter. Our region is booming. Our downtown is thriving. Our arts district is the pride of East Texas.

Let us look to the future instead of the past. Remove this statue and find it a new home on private land where those who love it can continue to view it, but it will no longer hurt those with bitter feelings from the dark past of slavery.

# Longview News-Journal

## J.D. Boydston: Another view on Gregg County's Confederate monument

By J.D. Boydston  
May 21, 2022

Please allow me to respond to Ellen Herbert's essay which appeared in the Saturday Forum of the Longview News-Journal. She describes her extreme dislike of having to walk past the Confederate monument on the Gregg County Courthouse lawn and claims the monument evokes all kinds of negative feelings and memories when she is forced to view it. At the center of it all is the specter of slavery.

I am curious to know how she would feel walking past the Washington Monument in our nation's capital. She must be aware that King George had declared slavery illegal in the colonies and that General Washington was not fighting indirectly or hypothetically against that proposition, but instead was fighting directly for the perpetuation of slavery in the United States.

As a matter of fact, seven of the first nine U.S. presidents were enslavers of men. Why is there no will to remove the Washington Monument, or the Jefferson Memorial, for that matter? Why is the focus solely on all things Confederate? The answer is because it is easy. It is low-hanging fruit. Anyone with half an eye can see the blatant hypocrisy here.

The Gregg County Confederate monument is dedicated to an anonymous Confederate soldier. She must be aware that many Confederate soldiers were conscripts, or draftees. Should not all the hatred and contempt she expressed in her essay be better directed at those who actually volunteered to serve? A statue of Gen. John Gregg would work nicely for that, not an anonymous soldier.

It is not necessary to resort to name calling either, labelling Southerners as "traitors." There was not a single Confederate soldier or politician tried for treason after the war — not one.

I think that fact speaks for itself. Also, both Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis had their full citizenship restored, the former during Gerald Ford's Republican administration, and the latter during Jimmy Carter's Democratic administration.

Before we can hold hands and walk together into that glorious sunrise of future goodwill and harmony suggested in the essay, you must stop trashing my ancestors by calling them "traitors" and less charitable epithets. Until this happens, there can never be reconciliation. When and if it does happen, I will give serious consideration to what you are saying. Respect must be mutual.

Don Boydston  
Longview, Texas

## East Texas Chapter DCV Cemetery Marker Dedication April 9, 2022



Reeves Chapel Cemetery



Chapter President Terry Hedrick Officiating

Reeves Chapel Cemetery Marker Dedication cont:



Guests and Chapter members arriving

Reeves Chapel Cemetery Marker Dedication cont:



J.D. Boydston J.D. Denton Terry Hedrick Carl Hedges prepared to receive the colors



DCV President Boydston welcomes Mr. Horace Reeves, Chairman of the Reeves Chapel Cemetery Committee



Advance the Colors



Robbin & Terry Hedrick



**Reeves Chapel Cemetery Marker Dedication cont:**



DCV President J.D. Boydston at the podium

**Reeves Chapel Cemetery Marker Dedication cont**



Mr. Horace Reeves, Chairman of the Reeves Chapel Cemetery Committee at the podium



East Texas Chapter member Kay Hilburn brings greetings from the UDC



Chapter President Terry Hedrick removes the veil



Muzzle Salute to the Confederate Veterans



J.D. Denton, East Texas Chapter member and DCV Board of Directors member at the podium



**Reeves Chapel Cemetery Marker Dedication cont.** Special thanks to SCV Camp 2109 Upshur County Patriots Gilmer, Texas 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Lone Star Color Guard for their participation in the dedication.

George E. Linton Commanding

**Reeves Chapel Cemetery Marker Dedication cont:**



In Memoriam



Chapter President Terry Hedrick  
DCV President, Chapter member J.D. Boydston

The following submitted by Phillip Thomas  
Florida resident and member of the  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter

**Thomas Family Texas Confederate Connection**

With over 32,000 people in my tree. I have a deep connection to the great state of Texas including many who fought for the Confederacy from that state. My many families and married in kin have contributed to my having a Confederate soldier from every State in the CSA and I stopped counting at 220.

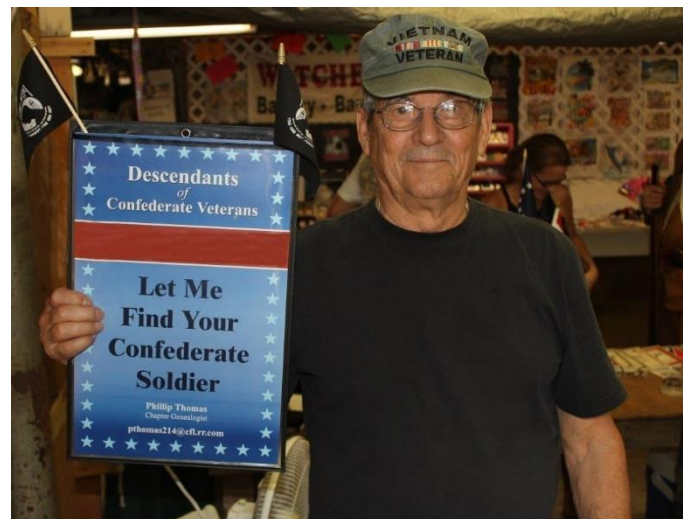
**Thomas Family Texas Confederate Connection cont:**

I also found a lot of Yankees in my tree but did not acknowledge them. They were the result of some of my family lines migrating north as Mormons and Quakers early in the 1800's

Phillip Thomas's Family connection to Texas by County  
Texas has 254 Counties, as of 1 April 2022 My [Thomas] family and related families [kin] were either born, died, Buried or lived in the following 157 Texas Counties. \* Thomas in that county 1666 - 2022

- Amarillo, Angel, Angelina, Archer,
- Bastrop, \*Bee, \*Bell, \*Bexar, Bosque, \*Bowie, \*Brazoria, \*Brazos,
- Brewster, Brown, Burleson, \*Burnet, Blanco,
- \*Cameron, Caldwell, Calhoun, Camp, Carson, Cass, Carrollton, Callahan,
- \*Childress, Coleman, Comal, \*Comanche, Collins, \*Cottle, Concho,
- \*Coryell, Crane,
- \*Dallas, Dallam, Dawson, \*Deaf Smith, Delta, Denton,
- \*Erath, Eastland, Ector, Ellis, El Paso,
- Falls, Fannin, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Frio,
- Galveston, Garza, Grayson, \*Goliad, Gonzales, Gregg, \*Grimes,
- Hale, Hall, Hamilton, \*Harris, Hardin, Hays, \*Henderson, Hill, Hidalgo ,
- Hood, Hopkins, \*Houston, \*Howard, Hunt,
- \*Irion,
- \*Jack, Jackson, \*Jasper, \*Jefferson, \*Johnson,
- \*Karnes, \*Kaufman, \*Kleberg, Kerr, Kimble, Kingwood,
- \*Lamar, \*Lamb, Lasalle, \*Lavaca, Lee, Leon, \*Liberty, Limestone,
- Live Oak, Llano, Lubbock, Lynn,
- Madison, Mason, \*McClennan, \*McCullock, McMullen, Medina, Menard,
- Mitchell, Midland, \*Milam, Mills, Montague, \*Montgomery, Morris,
- \*Motley,
- \*Nacogdoches, \*Newton, Navarro, Nolan, \*Nueces,
- \*Orange,
- Palo Pinto, Palo Alto, Panola, \*Parker, \*Polk, \*Potter,
- Randall, Red River, Rockwall, Runnels, Rusk,
- Sabine, San Patricio, San Sabo, Santa Anna, Scurry, Shelby, \*Smith,
- Stephens, Sutton, \*Swisher,
- \*Tarrant, \*Taylor, Terry, \*Tom Green, \*Travis, \*Titus, \*Trinity, Tyler,
- Upshar, \*Uvalde,
- \*Van Zant, Victoria,
- \*Walker, Waller, Washington, Wilson, Wilson, \*Wichita Falls, Williamson,
- Wilbarger, Wise, \*Wood,
- Young,

[Researched over 40 years] Transcribed by Phillip Thomas 2 Aug 2021



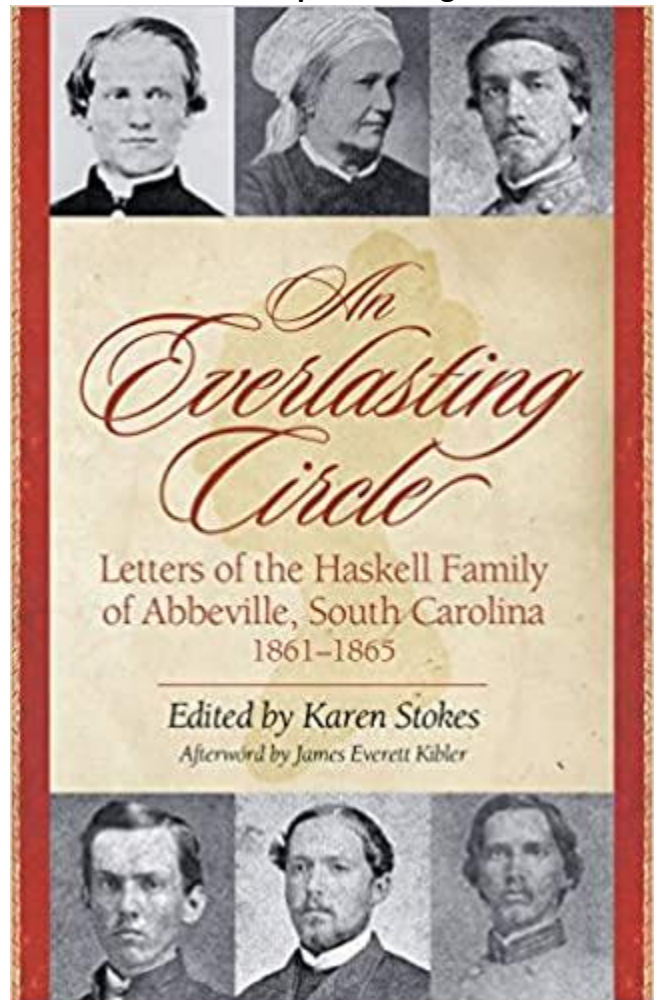
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter member Phillip Thomas

## Welcome New DCV At Large Member



Benjamin Carter Campbell  
Canon, Georgia  
Ancestor Pvt. John Benjamin Campbell  
Co. K 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment Alabama Infantry

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C. cont.



The Everlasting Circle is just one of 16 amazing books by Karen Stokes available on Amazon.

<https://amzn.to/3xpPVSS>

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At the chapter's April meeting author Karen Stokes was the speaker. She had an excellent power point presentation, " An Everlasting Circle: Letters of the Haskell Family of Abbeville, SC, 1861-1865". Seven sons of the Haskell Family were in Confederate service. Many of her books were purchased. Twenty people were in attendance.



Hunter Heape was sworn into the DCV and chapter on April 18th by Chapter President Ernie Hales. His ancestor was Pvt. Jacob Martin Zahler in Co. D 4th South Carolina Cavalry. Welcome to the DCV Hunter.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C. cont.**



Carl Hickson, Noah Brafford, Ernie Hales, & James Nesmith. Maintaining the Garner Cemetery in Darlington County, SC. Many Confederate Veterans and veterans from several of our nation's wars are buried there and are honored as well.



Confederate Veteran's headstones at Garner Cemetery



Charles Jefferson Garner  
22 Apr 1840 3 Dec 1900

Before and After

Joseph Franklin Garner  
12 May 1844 Sep 1910

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**Pleasant Grove Cemetery**



Carl Hickson



Carl Hickson, Bob Jones, Ernie Hales, Mike Loupo, Dan Cox & James Nesmith



Dan Cox on the mower

Ernie Hales weed eating



Nice Job Gentlemen



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C. cont.  
Brunson Family Cemetery



James Nesmith Ernie Hales  
A new Battle Flag was raised over the  
grave of Lt Colonel Axalla J Hoole



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Pee Dee Lodge # 12 I.O.O.F.



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Lieutenant Colonel Axalla John Hoole  
Company A, Darlington Rifles  
8th Regiment SC Infantry  
12 Oct 1822 - 20 Sept 1863

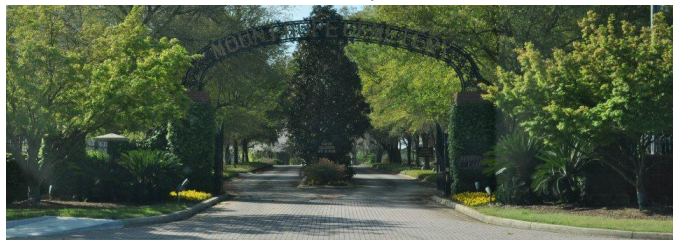
Killed in action during the Battle of Chickamauga

**Editors Note:** Doing some research on Colonel Hoole I discovered there is a collection of letters and notes written by him while fighting in Bleeding Kansas (1856-1857) and later serving in the Confederate Army. The final letter is dated 18 September 1863, shortly before he was killed in action during the Battle of Chickamauga. The collection served as source material for "A Southerner's Viewpoint of the Kansas Situation, 1856-1857," edited by William Stanley Hoole (1903-1990). I don't know the kinship but he is buried in Grove Cemetery in Darlington. It was published in the Kansas Historical Quarterly in 1934. Link to "A Southerner's Viewpoint of the Kansas Situation". Click on link below:

[https://www.kancoll.org/khg/1934/34\\_2\\_hoole.htm](https://www.kancoll.org/khg/1934/34_2_hoole.htm)

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Mount Hope Cemetery  
Florence, SC.



A special ceremony is held at Mount Hope each year on the second Saturday in May to honor the Confederate dead.



Not far from the entrance to the cemetery, an obelisk monument marks the grave site of 64 Confederate soldiers, of which only 3 have been identified. A Southern Cross of Honor identifies other Confederate Soldiers who are buried throughout the cemetery.



Five James Chapter Members attended the Confederate Memorial Day Observance on May 14<sup>th</sup>. L/R; Dr. John E. Owens, Tom Rhodes, Noah Brafford, President Ernie Hales, & Bob Jones.

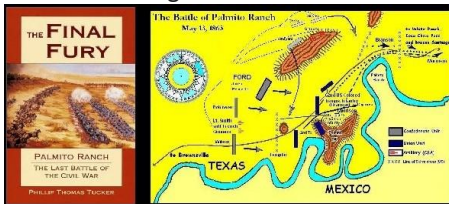
**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C. cont.**

The monthly meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> at Takis Restaurant in Darlington S.C.

With plans set in motion since taking office at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual DCV Reunion in March DCV President J.D. Boydston and his wife Deborah travelled from Longview, Texas to attend the meeting.



Chapter President Ernie Hales welcomes DCV President J.D. Boydston to the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter.

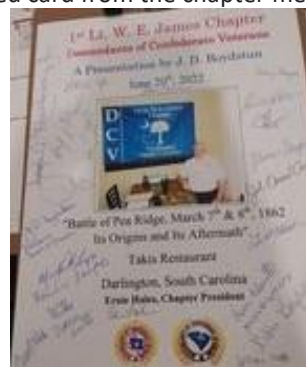


President Boydston presented Chapter President Ernie Hales with a signed copy The Final Fury, Palmito Ranch, The Last Battle of the Civil War.

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President Boydston and wife Deborah accept gifts and a signed card from the chapter members



President Boydston presented his program about the Battle of Pea Ridge. It was a very informative program the 21 chapter members and three guests thoroughly enjoyed..



Ernie Hales, J.D. Boydston, Deborah Boydston Haley Heape. Bob Jones

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A brief business meeting with the chapter members followed. Items discussed were rescheduling the trip to the Confederate Relic Room, grass cutting and weed eating Saturday 6-25-2022 at 8:00 am at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.



In the final order of business Carl Hickson was elected by acclamation to the office of Vice President of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter



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**Mission Statement:**

To establish and maintain an honorable, non-racist Southern heritage and history organization dedicated to perpetuation of the memory and spirit of the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors who served their country during the War Between the States, 1861-1865.

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