



PATRIOT'S PERIODICAL

UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS CAMP #2109
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
GILMER, TEXAS

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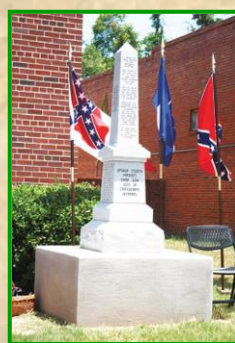
Our July Meeting was held at the Historic Upshur Museum 119 Simpson St. on the downtown square in Gilmer, Texas. We would like to thank Director Gwen Jewett and everyone involved with the Museum for their hospitality. For the coming months we will be holding our monthly meetings at this historic location.

This red brick concrete building served the people of Upshur County as a post office from February, 1926 until October, 1992. With funding from private citizens, the City of Gilmer, and the County of Upshur, the building was purchased from the federal government and opened the first exhibits October 1, 1993.

(903)843-5483

www.historicupshurmuseum.com

MUSEUM MONUMENT



The Monument in front of the Museum was dedicated on June 22, 2013 by the Upshur County Patriots, Camp #2109. The project was accomplished under then Camp Commander Chris Loyd.

The Monument is dedicated to all who served the Confederate States of America in any capacity during the War for Southern Independence.

This project was completed with support from: The Historic Upshur Museum, Gilmer City Council and Camp County Monument

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MEETINGS OF THE
UPSHUR COUNTY
PATRIOTS ARE NOW HELD
AT THE HISTORIC UPSHUR
MUSEUM



THE
GUARDIAN

By Phil Davis

I haven't written an article in quite a while but this month I am led to write this one. It is about

Compatriots helping other Compatriots. With that said, I wish to thank Compatriot David Palmer on what a great job he has done in producing these past Guardian articles.

It starts out with a phone call from Roger Moore (not the one that made movies), from an SCV camp in Miller County Arkansas. He was concerned that the grave of his Great Grandfather buried in a cemetery near Latch, Texas, may not be cared for properly. He explained that his nephew who lived near Latch had been caring for properly the cemetery and grave. The nephew had moved away and was no longer able to see after the cemetery.



I assured him that I would look into it for him. The first thing that I did was to check Find A Grave to locate

the cemetery. When I found the cemetery (Moore Family Cemetery) I looked up his Great Grandfather's name and I found that I had placed a flag on his grave a couple of years ago. My practice is when I get a Guardian Application; I go to Find A Grave and place a flag on the Grave. This told me that I have a Guardian taking care of the grave.



Upon further examination I found our great friend and Compatriot George Linton was the Guardian over this

grave. It was one of the graves that George assumed from Compatriot Tommy Lee Mitchell when he passed away. I contacted George and he immediately went to the cemetery and cleaned up the whole cemetery. The cemetery is now in good repair as you can see by the pictures. Thank you Brother George.

I called Compatriot Moore and assured him that one of the best Guardians was guardian on his Grandpa's grave and he doesn't have to worry about it anymore. I sent him pictures so he could see for himself the work that has been done. He thanked me and said to thank George.

Gentlemen this is the Guardian Program at work, as long as we have dedicated people in the Sons of Confederate Veterans willing to dedicate themselves to honoring our ancestors.

Each time one of you accepts the responsibilities of becoming a Guardian it lifts my heart knowing that the process is working and that a Confederate Hero's final resting place continues to be cared for.

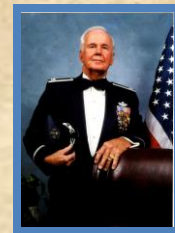
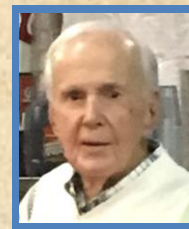
As I always say, I believe with all my being in the Guardian Program and I hope that in some small way I can convince you of its importance in fulfilling "The Charge". We must, now more than ever, show the world

that we care about our Southern Heritage and the Valiant Heroes that fought to preserve it.

AS ALWAYS I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS QUESTION- ARE YOU A GUARDIAN? IF NOT, WHY NOT?



New Member James Lock (R) is sworn in at our July Meeting by Camp Commander Eugene Brown



Happy Birthday to Compatriot Bill Palmer
August 11, 1924
Real Grandson of Frank Palmer
Company B, 7th Alabama Regiment



Compatriots David Palmer (L) and Jerry Akin (C) performing at the Gilmer Brewing Co. on July 16th.

UPSHUR CO. PATRIOTS
GUARDIANS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Guardian Status</u>	<u>Number of Graves</u>
Phil Davis	Full	29
Kim Duffey	Full	3
Jamie Eitson	Full/GPT	8
Chris Loyd	Full	5
George Linton	Full/W/GPT	46
T. Mitchell/G. Linton	Full	5
Eddie Pricer	Full/GPT	40
Milt Ojeman	Full/GPT	4
David Palmer	Full	1
Bill Palmer	Full	10
Tommy Ray	Full/GPT	19
Bill Starnes	Full/W/GPT	7
Frank Smith	Full	2
Mitch Tyson	Full	3
Gregg Gipe	GPT	3

W=Wilderness GPT=Guardian Pro Tem



If you are interested in perpetuating the ideals that motivated your Confederate ancestor, the SCV needs you.

The memory and reputation of the Confederate soldier, as well as the motives for his suffering and sacrifice, are being consciously distorted by some in an attempt to alter history. Unless the descendants of Southern soldiers resist those efforts, a unique part of our nation's cultural heritage will cease to exist.

OUR PLEDGES



PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible, With liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a non-profit, heritage organization whose mission is to preserve the history and legacy of Confederate Veterans. It is not associated with any anti-government or hate groups. Membership is open to any male descendant of a Confederate Veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces.



CHARGE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.”



“Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”



Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906

*“The SCV’s Best Hope for Success is
Knowledge of the Truth”*

The worst
distance
between two
people is
Misunderstanding

WHEN YOU ARE MISUNDERSTOOD

Ray Pritchard

We are so prone to be suspicious. When we become offended or hurt, we immediately begin to look for evidence that someone did us wrong. *Assumicide* leads to the death of relationships because we end up believing the worst about others. We've all been guilty of drawing wrong conclusions on the basis of tiny scraps of evidence: “He didn't call back so he must not want to talk to me. I think she's trying to ignore me. He's probably a jerk at home too.”

Few things hurt more than being misunderstood by our close friends. The closer they are to us, the greater the pain. When that happens we discover a lot about ourselves. How we respond when we've been misunderstood tells a great deal about the depth of our Christian faith. "Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret-it leads only to evil" (Psalm 37:8).

Sometimes we will be misunderstood by our close friends. The best defense is an honest, clear, non-defensive explanation. At some point we must decide to leave our reputation in God's hands and walk away from the controversy. "If you live to please people, misunderstandings will depress you; but if you live to please God, you can face misunderstandings with faith and courage."



HISTORICAL DATES IN AUGUST

1861

August 3-For the first time in warfare a reconnaissance balloon is used by Union forces to assess Confederate positions. The balloon is launched from USS Fanny at Hampton Roads to observe the enemy at Sewell's Point, Virginia.

August 3-Union warships open fire on Confederate positions at Galveston, Texas.

August 10-The Battle of Wilson's Creek in Missouri is won by Confederate forces.

August 29-Union forces take Fort Hatteras in North Carolina.

1862

August 5-The Battle of Baton Rouge takes place on this date. Forces include 2,500 Union against 2,600 Confederate.

August 9-Stonewall Jackson's forces are victorious over Union troops at Cedar Mountain, Virginia.

August 13-Confederate cavalry claim London, Kentucky.

August 27-Stonewall Jackson captures a major Union supply depot at Manassas Junction.

August 28-The Second Battle of Bull run is had over a two-day period, beginning on August 28th and ending on the 30th.

1863

August 26-Union and Confederate cavalry elements meet one another at Rocky Gap outside of White Sulphur Springs in West Virginia.

1864

August 1-The Battle of Folck's Mill takes place. It is an inconclusive engagement.

Also known as the Battle of Cumberland.

August 2-The Battle of Mobile Bay begins pitting a Union force of 12 wooden ships, 4 ironclads and 2 gunboats against a Confederate force of 3 gunboats and one ironclad. Additionally, 5,500 Union troops make up a land contingent while the Confederates field 1,500 men.

August 7-The Battle of Moorefield takes place in Hardy County, West Virginia.

August 17-General Sheridan is forced to retreat back across the Potomac under force from Confederate leader Jubal Early.

August 21-Union-held Memphis, Tennessee is attacked by Confederate forces under the command of General Nathan Forrest.

August 25-Atlanta falls under siege to forces led by Union General Sherman.

August 31-The Battle of Jonesborough begins in Clayton County, Georgia.

1865

August 2-News of the war's end reaches the crew of CSS Shenandoah which then sets sail for the neutral waters of Liverpool in England. Lt James Waddell serves as her captain.

August 31-Washington College of Lexington, Virginia names former Confederate General Robert E. Lee as its president. The college will one day be renamed to Washington and Lee University.

August 14, 1945 - Following the two Atomic Bomb drops and believing that continuation of the war would only result in further loss of Japanese lives, delegates of Emperor Hirohito accepted Allied surrender terms.



BATTLE OF WILSON'S CREEK

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The Battle of Wilson's Creek, also known as the Battle of Oak Hills, was the first major battle of the Trans-Mississippi Theater of the American Civil War. It was fought on August 10, 1861, near Springfield, Missouri. Missouri was officially a neutral state, but its governor, Claiborne Fox Jackson, supported the South and secretly collaborated with Confederate troops.

In August, Confederates under Brigadier General Benjamin McCulloch and Missouri State Guard troops under Maj. Gen. Sterling Price approached Brig. Gen. Nathaniel Lyon's Army of the West, camped at Springfield. On August 10, Lyon, in two columns commanded by himself and Col. Franz Sigel, attacked the Confederates on Wilson's Creek about 10 miles southwest of Springfield. Eventually, Sigel's column was driven back to Springfield, allowing the Confederates to consolidate their forces against Lyon's main column.

The Confederate victory buoyed southern sympathizers in Missouri and sustained Price's Missouri State Guard activities in the state. Wilson's Creek, the most significant 1861 west of the Mississippi River, gave the Confederates control of southwestern Missouri.



BATTLE OF JONESBOROUGH

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The Battle of Jonesborough was fought August 31–September 1, 1864, during the Atlanta Campaign in the American Civil War. Two Union armies led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman maneuvered to draw the Army of Tennessee (led by John Bell Hood) away from their defenses at Atlanta, Georgia, so it could be destroyed. Although Hood's army was not destroyed, the city of Atlanta was abandoned and then occupied by Union troops. The fall of Atlanta also had far-reaching political as well as military effects on the course of the war.

The Union forces had succeeded in cutting Hood's supply lines, but they failed to annihilate Hardee's command. Sherman would finally occupy Atlanta the following day on September 2. This had been one of his major goals in the campaign. The Battle of Jonesborough was the final battle of the Atlanta Campaign, and it caused the besieged city of Atlanta to fall into Union hands.

The famous fire scenes in the 1939 American film *Gone with the Wind* depict the conflagration in Atlanta caused by the spreading of fires started when Hood ordered the destruction of military supplies and installations as he evacuated the city.



REMINDER

Texas Hunting and Fishing
Licenses expire on August 31st



Saloons such as the Stella-Vite were an integral part of Gilmer's economy in the 19th century. In May 1890 Gilmer voted 225 to 174 for the prohibition of the sale of intoxication liquors. After much bitterness another election was called in August 1890 and Gilmer again went "wet." The County was again voted dry in 1907.



Gilmer Texas was named by Isaac Van Zandt for Captain Thomas Walker Gilmer. Captain Gilmer was a member of President Tyler's Cabinet, and a naval officer. Both of these men were accidentally killed at the same time when an explosion occurred on their boat.

Dues

Most of us have received our annual dues notices by now. Please pay your dues before August 31st. to avoid any penalties or interruption in membership.

FREEDOM IN AMERICA

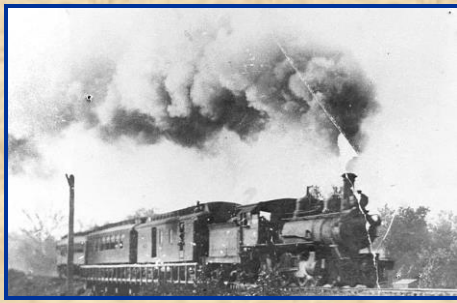
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America was founded on a single principle: Freedom. We are a nation built for people willing to accept responsibility for their lives for good and for ill. Indeed, the Founding Fathers were well aware of the allure of despotism. It is safe to be protected by someone else and to not have to make decisions about one's own life.

What's more, the Founders knew that true liberty requires eternal vigilance. They understood that even a limited government would constantly be looking for ways to acquire more and greater power over the lives of its citizens. We need no further evidence of this than the United States government of today, with a far greater scope than what the Founders would have been willing to tolerate. Liberty is difficult to obtain, even more difficult to *maintain*, and very easy to lose.

"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us without a struggle, or be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men."
Samuel Adams, 1771



In 1901 the Texas Southern Railroad began to build through the East Texas area, and by 1902 it passed through Gilmer to connect Marshall and Winnsboro. After 1909 the line was acquired by the Marshall and East Texas Railroad, dubbed the "Misery and Eternal Torment" line by local wags. The railroad opened the virgin forests in the western part of the county to lumbering operations, and from 1907 to 1917 the county experienced a lumbering boom, especially around Rhonesboro and Rosewood. The last of the virgin forests were cut down during this period.



Upshur County Courthouse 1909



The Courthouse bell was rung every day for many years in the early 1900's by W.A. Roberts to signal six o'clock P.M.



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**MARGARET
HEFFERMAN
BORLAND, 1824-
1873.
INDEPENDENT
RANCHER**

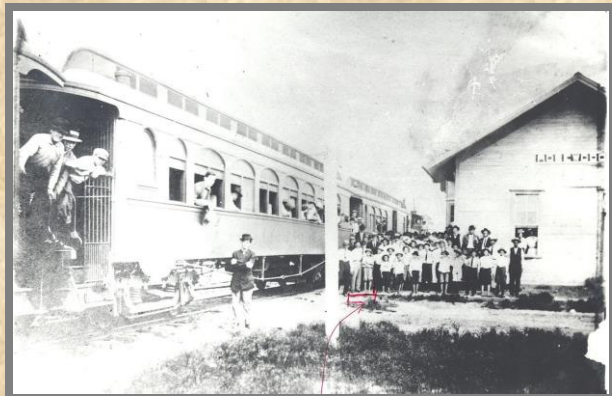
In 1829 Margaret Heffernan was a five-year-old passenger on the first ship bringing Irish colonists to Texas. She grew up on the wild prairies of the Coastal Bend, where the Texas ranching industry was born. Her father died in an Indian attack in 1836. With the outbreak of the Texas Revolution, Margaret's mother gathered up the children and fled the advancing armies. After the Battle of San Jacinto, the family was back home in San Patricio.

In 1867 Margaret's third husband died of yellow fever along with four of her children. Now the sole owner of the ranch, Margaret capably managed operations and enlarged the ranch's holdings. In 1873 she drove her own herd up the Chisholm Trail, accompanied by several ranch hands, three children, and her six-year-old granddaughter. The group succeeded in reaching the booming cow town of Wichita, Kansas, but Margaret fell ill with "trail fever" and died in a local boardinghouse before she could sell her cattle.

Margaret Borland's life parallels the momentous social, political, and economic changes of nineteenth century Texas. She was earnest and resourceful until the end.



Rosewood Cotton Gin
Upshur County



Rosewood Depot
Upshur County

**Upcoming Events may be found on the
Calendar at:**
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In honor and in loving memory of our Confederate Ancestors who sacrificed and gave their all to protect home, our beloved Southland, and a way of life. May the heroic deeds of these men be studied and understood, never to be lost or forgotten. Protecting and defending their memory to future generations. We are proud descendants of these brave and valiant soldiers for those who chose Upshur County, Texas as their home and final resting place - we will forever remember.

*"To Disarm the People is the Most Effectual
Way to Enslave Them"*
George Mason

*"No Freeman Shall be Disbarred the Use of
Arms"...Thomas Jefferson*

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