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FROM THE TEXAS SOCIETY COMMANDER

2010 National Convention Report

Gentlemen of the Texas Society,

I have recently returned from the 73rd annual convention of the MOSB that was held in Oklahoma City April 29-May 1.

I am sure you have seen official reports on the meeting. I just wanted to share a few of the details with the Texas members.

The most important order of business was the election of new officers. Max Waldrop, Jr. of Tennessee is our new Commander General, and Richard Rhone of Alabama is the new Lt. Commander General. I have met with both of these men on several occasions and they have my highest recommendation. They are active and dedicated Southern men. I believe the Order is in excellent hands for the next two years. Commander Waldrop has already appointed several of our Texas members to leadership positions in his administration. Elections were also held for the armies of the Order. In our Army of the Trans-Mississippi, Don Lee of Texas was elected Army Commander. Patrick Sohrwide of Oklahoma and Howard Jones of California are the new Army Councilors. These men will also bring great energy and leadership to the Order.

During the awards ceremony many members from Texas were recognized for their ongoing service. I will not attempt to list all their names here, but we are proud of each of them. I should note that Gary Morris Loudermilk, Past ATM Commander, Past Texas Society Commander, and current Quartermaster General, received the highest award given within our Order, the Robert E. Lee Chalice. It is a beautiful award. It was well deserved and I know he will cherish it in years to come. It is also of note that Bob Davidson (Texas Society Chief of Staff and Newsletter Editor) and Dale Fowlkes (Past Texas Society Commander) received, along with three others, the title of "*Honorary Commander General*" for their years of dedication to the MOSB. Texas once again had the largest number of delegates at the convention. We are the largest Society and Oklahoma City was not all that far of a drive for some of us, but I wish to thank all of you who gave of your time and expense to be there.

There were just too many other highlights to mention here. Excellent guest speakers, food, tours and music, but most of all, great fellowship. Special thanks to our Oklahoma MOSB brothers who put it all together.

Gary L. "Nux" Loudermilk
Texas Society Commander

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MOSB State Dues

By amendment to Bylaws, MOSB Texas Society is now on Calendar year. Dues for 2011 are due by January 1. They will be considered late if not received by your chapter adjutant by February 15, 2011, in order for chapters to send on to State and National in a timely manner. If dues are not received by your chapter adjutant by February 15, 2011, the member will not be eligible as a delegate for the State or National conventions.

By amendment to Bylaws, MOSB State dues have been raised from \$5 to \$10 per year. Your chapter adjutant will advise the total amount due for chapter, state and national dues.

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History Book of MOSB

Gentlemen of the Order,

We are currently working on updating the History Book of the *Military Order of Stars and Bars*.

Please assist in this effort by providing updated information on your Army, Society, and Chapters, as soon as possible. This is an important and overdue effort and worthy of our diligence. I encourage and implore all levels of the organization to contribute to a successful document that will endure for generations to come. Please send all information and documentation to:

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Two Confederate Uniforms For Sale Gently Used



#1 \$100

Butternut Shell Jacket w/red trim (artillery) - size 52 - taken up to size 48 - could be let out (Major)
Sky blue wool pants - 44 long
White Shirt Red sash Suspenders
Tan Resistol Hat Belt w/CSA buckle

#2 \$40 Field uniform

Khaki pants Plaid Shirt
Khaki military vest Suspenders

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Lee and Grant Traveling Exhibit



- June 16 - August 11, 2010 Bryan, Texas
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History
- September 1 – October 20, 2010 Carthage, Missouri
Powers Museum
- November 10, 2010 – January 7, 2011 Belton, Texas
Bell County Museum
- January 28 – March 16, 2011 Moraga, California
Hearst Art Gallery

www.nehontheroad.org



CSA Government Safe

The CSA Government Safe (the vault used by the CSA Treasury and later used by Texan CSA Postmaster General John H. Reagan) joined our Texas Confederate Collection at the Texas Civil War Museum in Ft. Worth, Texas, on Monday, July 19th! Hip-hip-hooray! Remember - the museum is closed on Sundays and Mondays...the first public viewing of the safe was on Tuesday, July 20, 2010. If you haven't visited the museum lately, please consider a field trip. The Confederate 6-pounder cannon is magnificent. The current rotation of our CSA battle flags exhibit includes the Terry's Texas Rangers flag and is displayed where you can see and enjoy both sides of the famous banner.

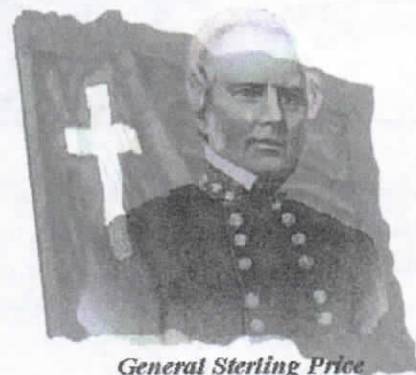
Deena Harrison, Chairman TCMC Board of Trustees
Texas Division UDC

Special MOS&B Offer for Discounted, Signed Civil War Books!

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars has teamed up with Savas Beatie Publishing to provide members with a special offer. Any member who orders a Savas Beatie book (through the website www.savasbeatie.com using PayPal, or by placing an order using phone, fax, or mail) and references the coupon code "MOSB" will receive FREE SHIPPING and a MOS&B-personalized bookplate autographed by the author. Browse titles such as *The Complete Gettysburg Guide* by J. David Petruzzi and *Major General Robert E. Rodes of the Army of Northern Virginia* by Darrell Collins (a 2009 Douglas Southall Freeman award winner) at:

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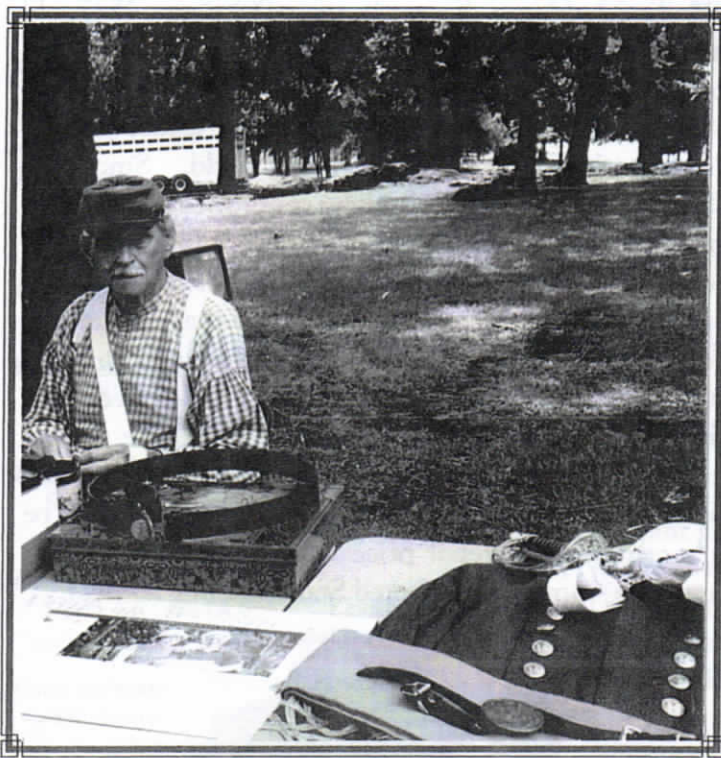
General Sterling Price

Col. Richard B. Hubbard Chapter #261

Bob G. Davidson DCS, Texas Society Chief of Staff
Tyler, Texas

On May 15th the MOSB was represented at the second annual *Heritage Day at the Goodman Museum* in Tyler. This is a wonderfully restored 1860's mansion. Other heritage organizations, and period crafts were portrayed: blacksmith, spinning, weaving, etc. Carriage rides, and small animals added to the day. The setting is perfect, lots of shade trees on a broad lawn. Lois and I had three tables with displays of a Revolutionary War Captain uniform, a War of 1812 plumed hat, Confederate Corporal and Confederate Colonel uniforms, belts, and pistols. We also demonstrated period embroidery and the making of corn husk dolls. We will join the festivities indoors for *Christmas at the Goodman* in December.

There I am, at the table.....



Recently, we were privileged to hear Compatriot Egan Tausch of San Antonio speak on the role of Texans of German heritage during the War Between the States. They were soldiers and supporters of the Confederacy by very large majorities of their population. It was a most interesting talk, and we were glad to see him in Tyler again.

A Poem By Miss Lydia Vesey Coles, 1865

David Whitaker DCS, MOSB Chief of Staff General

At the 2010 Convention held in Oklahoma City, North Carolina Compatriot John Northrop Williams, the great great grandson of Brigadier General Lucius Bellinger Northrop, read a poem that was written by Miss Lydia Vesey Coles to General Northrop's son, Edmundo Francisco Ximenes Northrop. We do not know the relationship between Miss Coles and Edmundo F. X. Northrop. Miss Coles had a very beautiful handwriting. She apparently was a very well educated person and she wrote this poem the day after the end of the War Between The States.

The Yankee Land

The drums are loudly beating,
And we must march away,
Jeff Davis has given orders,
No longer here to stay,

He will march us down to New Orleans,
So many a long mile, hard
there we'll embark the hero.

Oh Mollie Dearest Mollie,
I fear that can't be so,
Jeff Davis has given orders,
No ladies there can go.

Their feeble Constitution,
I fear they cannot stand,
Along the fatiguing marches,
All in Yankee Land.

So now this war is over,
And we'll return home,
To our loving wives and sweethearts,
We left behind to mourn.

We'll hug them, we will kiss them,
We'll take them by the hand,
And live in peace and pleasure,
In our dear happy land.

A Poem By Miss Lydia Vesey Coles, 1865

An actual copy of the poem

Oh Agatha Dearh Agolie,
 I fear that cank be so,
 Jeff Davis has quit order,
 Tho ladies there can go,
 Their feeble constitution,
 I fear they cannot stand,
 Along the fatiguing marches,
 All in yanked land.

So you that was it ever,
 And will return home,
 Go out bring war, and such books,
 The life of the world
 We'll hug them, we will kiss them,
 We'll take them by the hand,
 And live in peace and pleasure,
 In our dear happy land.

The Yanked Land
 The drums are loudly beating
 And our men march away,
 Jeff Davis has quit order,
 Tho ladies here so stay,
 We will march us down to New Orleans,
 As many a long mile,
 And that will be the end

Miss Lydia V. Coles

Military Order of the Stars and Bars 2010 Texas Society Convention Report

The Texas Society Convention was held Saturday March 27th at the Holiday Inn Express in Huntsville, Texas.

There were around twenty members present, which represents a little over 10% of our total membership. Total attendance, with guests included, was about 36.

The reception Friday evening was well attended and we enjoyed a great time of fellowship.

Quartermaster General, Gary M. Loudermilk brought numerous items from the MOSB store to sell. This allowed the members to see the items and save shipping charges on any items they purchased. There were many sales made and we all appreciate the effort that went into bringing this to the convention.

Our guest speaker, Evault Boswell brought some of his books to sell and was on hand to answer questions and discuss the books with everyone interested. He is a very enjoyable man to be around.

The business meeting began as planned around 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning. Past Commander Jim Templin offered the invocation. Communications Officer Barney Hilburn lead us in the pledges and salute to the flags. Texas Society Lt. Commander Ward Slack read the MOSB Pledge.

We were honored to have in attendance Texas House Representative Allen Fletcher of District 130. Rep. Fletcher is one of our newest members and was sworn in during the meeting by the Texas Chapter 5 Commander John Hoover. Jacob Smith, son of member Todd Smith, was sworn in by Randy Jones, Commander of the Col. W. H. Parsons Chapter. Jacob is now our youngest member and we are glad to have him.

We were also honored and pleased to have in attendance two representatives of MOSB Headquarters. Both Lt Commander General Max Waldrop and Adjutant General Toni Turk drove long distances to be at our convention. Their attendance gave Texas members a chance to discuss national MOSB issues face to face. As always, both these men were gracious listeners and will act on the input they receive from our members. A special thank you goes out to each of them.

Lt. Commander General Waldrop addressed the audience and pointed out several of the Texas members who are now, or will soon be, serving the Order at a national level. We can all be proud of what these Texas Society members are doing.

Adjutant General Turk confirmed that, although our numbers are down slightly, the Texas Society is still the largest Society within the Order. Adjutant Turk having recently moved his membership back to the Texas Chapter 5 in Houston, was awarded the prestigious "Dick Dowling" award from Chapter Commander John Hoover.

Texas Society Adjutant Glenn Toal gave a brief financial report and addressed membership numbers. Adjutant Toal is keeping a great set of records for our Society that will benefit us in years to come.

ATM Councilor and Texas Society Genealogist, David Whitaker spoke about the new MOSB application form that is available on line. If you have any new applicants, be sure and use the new form. Councilor Whitaker also gave an update report on the plans for the 2012 MOSB National Convention to be held in San Antonio. He reports we are ahead of schedule. I know we are only ahead of schedule because of a lot of hard work that he and the "Convention Team" have done. Thanks to all those involved, and keep up the good work. David is very active and a great asset to our Society. Acting on approval from last years convention, he had made a Texas Society banner. It is

a Bonnie Blue flag with "Military Order of the Stars and Bars, Texas Society" sewn on it. We will certainly take it to Oklahoma City with us to show it off. David and the Houston chapter also presented the Texas Society with an embossing gun and Texas Society seal for future use. Thanks again!

Texas Society Communications Officer, Barney Hilburn, once again addressed a very important issue. The Texas Society MUST have good communications in order to be able to coordinate activities and be sure that every member is an informed member. Comm. Officer Hilburn reports we have good e-mail addresses for about 65% of our members. If you are receiving this report, you are on the list. Please take the report to your next Chapter meeting. Find out who didn't receive it and try to get them on the e-mail list or have a plan of how to get information out to them in a timely manner.

Two amendment changes to the Texas bylaws were brought: one change to Article II to change the fiscal year to the calendar year; and one addition to Article IV on how delegates are defined and chosen; both passed by unanimous vote. The entire changes were read before the members and reasoning given, prior to the vote.

A motion was made to increase Texas Society dues from \$5 per year to \$10 per year. Adjutant Toal brought the motion and gave his reasoning based on having been Texas Society Adjutant for the last three years. There was some discussion with most thinking the increase, although not pleasant, was much needed and over due. It was suggested that a larger increase might be needed, but those closest to the State budget, those being recent Society adjutants and commanders, felt a \$5 increase would suffice. *(The motion to raise Society dues from \$5 to \$10 per year was passed by unanimous vote and will take effect in 2011.)*

The MOSB benediction was lead by Jim Templin and we adjourned the business meeting.

After hearing from guest speakers Max Waldrop and Evault Boswell, we enjoyed a very good catered meal.

We had a pleasant surprise on our planned trip to the Sam Houston Museum when Representative Fletcher, who is on the board at the Museum, offered to pay the admission for anyone touring the Museum. It was a generous act and everyone was grateful. The Museum was especially interesting to me since the last time I was there I was a very young child. It brought back some great memories.

This report is not meant to be the complete minutes, just some of my recollections. Thanks to all that attended, you are making a difference. Special thanks to the friends and family that helped plan and make this a great convention.

God Bless -

Gary L. "Nux" Loudermilk
Texas Society Commander
Military Order of the Stars and Bars

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2012 Convention in San Antonio

Chairman David Whitaker continues to shake the money tree to get the seed money that is necessary to put on a first class Convention in San Antonio, June 8th, 2012. The 75th Annual National Convention of the MOS&B will not have any bus tours because the Historic Menger Hotel is "Across the Alley From the Alamo" and within walking distance of many great sources of entertainment. So, no bus rides - but the trolley stops in front of the Hotel and is a fun ride to everywhere in downtown San Antonio. Bring your walking shoes. Incidentally, the hotel food is as good as you will ever get. Also, plan on eating some of the best Tex-Mex in the world. We plan to include lots of free time so get ready for a boat ride on the famous San Antonio River, or just setting in the shade drinking margaritas and listening to the mariachis.

Flags and Seal of the Confederacy

Bob G. Davidson DCS
Chief of Staff and Editor

Many of our newer members may not be aware that the major Confederate heritage organizations have adopted a specific Confederate flag as the Official Flag of their Organization.

Stars & Bars



1861-1863

The official flag of the **Military Order of Stars and Bars - MOSB** - is known as the First National Flag. Although the more famous Battle Flag is often referred to erroneously as the Stars and Bars, this is the flag more properly known by that informal title. It was replaced in May 1863 after a number of incidents of battlefield confusion resulted, due to its similarity to the U.S. Stars and Stripes. The original flag bore seven stars to represent the original seven states that seceded. The stars were increased to 13 as additional states seceded.

Bonnie Blue Flag



1861

The official flag of the **Descendants of Confederate Veterans - DCV** - is the Bonnie Blue Flag. Tracing its origin to the early 1800's during a border dispute with Spain, the Bonnie Blue Flag was for years used as a symbol of Southern independence. It served as the unofficial flag of the Confederacy until it was replaced by the Stars and Bars.

Battle Flag



1861-1865

The official flag of the **Sons of Confederate Veterans - SCV** - is the Battle Flag, or St. Andrew's Cross. After several incidents of battlefield confusion between the First National and the U.S. Stars and Stripes at Manassas, the staffs of Generals Joseph Johnston and Pierre Beauregard submitted designs for a distinctive banner to fly over the Confederate Army in Northern Virginia to set it distinctly apart from the U.S. Stars and Stripes. The design submitted by General Beauregard's staff was selected as the official banner, due mainly to its simpler design. Conceived on the field of battle for the noblest of reasons, to save the lives of their comrades, the Confederate Battle Flag flew proudly over battlefields for the next four years, until being furled finally at Appomatox in April 1865.

Stainless Banner



1863-1865

The official flag of the **Children of the Confederacy - CofC** - is the Second National, commonly known as the Stainless Banner. It was the replacement for the Stars and Bars. It was adopted in May of 1863. One of the first flags produced was used to cover the casket of Lieutenant General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and is today on display at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond.

Stars & Bars



1861-1863

The official flag of the **United Daughters of the Confederacy - UDC** - is the First National Flag.

Battle Flag



1861-1865

The official flag of the **Order of Confederate Rose - OCR** - is the Battle Flag.

3rd National



1865-Present

The final Confederate flag, the Third National Flag was sometimes referred to as the "Blood-stained Banner". It was adopted in March of 1865 after reports that the Second National Flag had been mistaken on the field of battle for a flag of truce.

Editor: We have seen other descriptions for these flags, but these seem to be the most commonly accepted. The Texas State flag was often a battle flag for Texas men, as were many other state and unit flags for their men.

The Great Seal of the Confederacy,

or "Deo Vindice" seal was smuggled through the Union blockade, along with its pressing equipment, during the war. It proudly displays the Confederate motto of Deo Vindice, which is Latin for "God will Vindicate." In keeping with the Southerners belief that their struggle was continuing the beliefs of America's founding fathers, the seal displays a mounted **General George Washington** in the center of the seal.





Major National Awards

Robert E. Lee - Silver Chalice -
 Most prestigious MOSB award
 Dr. Gary M. Loudermilk DCS, Texas

Honorary Commander General - Walnut Plaque
(First time awarded in living memory - or perhaps ever)
 James Gaston, Americus, Georgia
 John T. Mason, Tennessee
 Curtis Hopper, Missouri
 Dale Fowlkes DCS, Oklahoma (formerly Tyler, Texas)
 Bob G. Davidson DCS, Tyler, Texas

Gold Star Awards - One Award per Army
 ANV Raymond W. Gill, Jr.
 AOT William Bryan Roehrig, III
 ATM Dr. Toni Richard Turk

Distinguished Commander Award
 Ed Cailleateau, Louisiana
 Richard Wallace Rhone, Alabama
 Steven Lyman Wolfe, South Carolina

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Varina Howell Davis Award
 Theresa Dawn Loudermilk Nabers, Texas

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Winnie Davis Award
 Dorothy Loudermilk, Texas

Texans Serving the MOSB for 2010-2012 Term

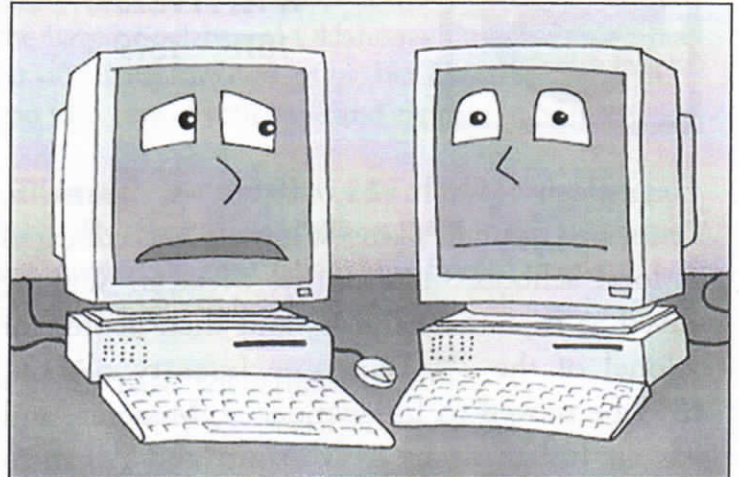
Adjutant General	Todd Smith
Chief of Staff General	David Whitaker DCS
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Communications General	Gary M. Loudermilk DCS
Ethics Committee Chair	David Whitaker DCS
Education Committee Chair	Randy Jones
ATM Commander	Don Lee

December 1-5, 2010 Camp Gilmont, Gilmer, Texas
 Mark Vogl

"The Road to Secession is one of the first national events of the American Civil War Sesquicentennial. The event will feature both an academic symposium and a living history event and will address the question: "Why did the good Christian people of the South choose secession as their political answer to the challenges of the day?" First person portrayals of leading figures of the day will be on hand, and speakers are coming from around the country. If anyone is interested please contact me, and I will keep you informed. It is an SCV event.

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11-29-2005

OH MY NO ... HUMANS DIDN'T INVENT US AT ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES, AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS



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Military Order of the Stars and Bars Pledge

We, the posterity of the Officer Corps and Civil Officials of the Confederacy, do pledge ourselves to commemorate and honor the service of leadership these men rendered in the Cause of the fundamental American principles of self determination and States' Rights and to perpetuate the true history of their deeds for the edification of ourselves, our society, and for generations yet unborn.



**JOHN WILKINS
WHITFIELD**
1818 - 1879

Born March 11, 1818, in Franklin, Tennessee, John Wilkins Whitfield was educated in local schools. During the Mexican War he served as captain of the 1st, and then lieutenant colonel of the 2nd Tennessee Infantry. About 1835 he moved to Independence, Missouri, and was an Indian agent in Missouri and Arkansas for the next few years. Upon the establishment of Kansas Territory, he was elected its delegate to Congress, serving until 1857. He was registrar for the land office at Doniphan, Kansas, until 1861.

Whitfield entered the Confederate Army as major of the 4th Battalion Texas Cavalry. He later became Colonel of the 27th Regiment and fought at Pea Ridge (Elkhorn) in 1862, and at the Battle of Iuka under General Sterling Price, where he was painfully wounded. He was commissioned Brigadier General on May 9, 1863, while attached to the command of General Earl Van Dorn. He was under General Joseph E. Johnston in the Vicksburg campaign of that year, and later commanded a brigade composed of his Texas Legion, 3rd, 6th, and 9th Texas Cavalry under General W.H. Jackson in Mississippi. Apparently without a command at the end of the war, General Whitfield was paroled at Columbus, Texas, June 29, 1865.

Whitfield made his home in Lavaca County thereafter, where he was a representative in the Legislature. He died near Hallettsville, Texas, October 29, 1879, and is buried there.