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**Report of the Texas Society to
The Military Order of the Stars and Bars
in National Reunion, Richmond, Virginia
June 21-23, 2007**

Jim Templin, Texas Society Commander

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8. When asked for a report for the Society newsletter, send one in. Let the rest of the members know what you are doing. This will also help the newsletter editor have something to put in the newsletter.

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**Texas Society Reunion
April 14, 2007 Austin TX**

Bob G. Davidson

Elections were held for the 2007-2009 two year term, with the new officers installed, as listed at left. Beau Cantrell of Oklahoma was the featured speaker, and as always, was most interesting. Barbeque lunch was catered into the meeting room, and afterwards we toured Camp Mabry, home to The Texas Military Forces Museum, and headquarters of the Texas Air National Guard and Texas State Guard. It was a very interesting afternoon. We returned to the hotel and were treated to an evening of fellowship, and a delicious buffet provided by the three Loudermilk couples, Gary M., Gary L., and Ewell, and their lovely wives, who were most gracious. Thanks to their efforts, the Reunion was most successful and enjoyable.



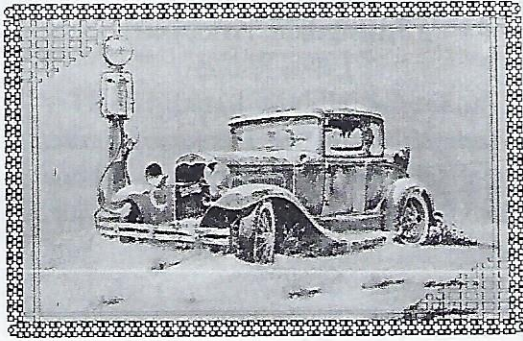
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MOSB Reunion Saturday evening Hampton Inn, Austin, Texas

THE YEAR 1907



The year is 1907,
one hundred years ago.
What a difference a century makes!

Here are some of the
U.S. Statistics for the Year 1907:

The average life expectancy
in the U.S. was 47 years old.

Only 14 percent of the homes
in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes
had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to
New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars
in the U.S., and only
144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit
in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and
Tennessee were each more heavily
populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million people,
California was only the 21st most
populous state in the Union.

The population of Las Vegas,
Nevada, was only 30!!!

The tallest structure in the world
was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage in the U.S.
was 22 Cents per hour.

The average U.S. Worker made
between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could
expect to earn \$2,000 per year;
a dentist made \$2,500 per year;
a veterinarian \$1,500 per year,
and a mechanical engineer
about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births
in the U.S. took place at *HOME*.

Ninety percent of all U.S. Doctors
had *NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!*
Instead, they attended so-called
medical schools, many of which
were condemned in the press AND
the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair
once a month, and used Borax
or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that
prohibited poor people from
entering into their country
for any reason.

Two out of every 10 U.S. adults
couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had
graduated from high school.

The American flag had 45 stars.
Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico,
Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been
admitted to the Union yet.

Five leading causes of death
in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and
iced tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day
or Father's Day.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine
were all available over the counter
at the local corner drugstores.

Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin
clears the complexion, gives
buoyancy to the mind, regulates the
stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a
perfect guardian of health."

There were about 230 reported
murders in the *ENTIRE U.S.A.!*

This was sent all over the United
States, possibly the world, in a
matter of just Seconds!!!

**Just try to imagine what life
may be like in another 100 years!**

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The Col. W. H. Parsons Chapter has adopted and is working on the family grave site of Captain Mark Latimer in Myrtle Cemetery in Ennis. The marble curb around the plot has been cleaned, as have the stones. Shrubs have been planted at each corner, and a large iron cross of honor has been placed at Captain Latimer's stone. Work will continue on this project. The chapter members continue to assist the UDC with the placement of bronze "Confederate Veteran" flag holders in the cemetery. This chapter added two new members this year.

Members of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter 5 of Houston, Texas, are very active in the planning and execution of the Southern Heritage Ball held each year in January, raising money for Confederate causes. Their chapter has successfully held several joint meetings with the UDC and DCV. Their chapter added four new members this year.

My goal for the coming years is an increase in membership and activities. I hope to revitalize some of the inactive chapters and inactive members. I hope to visit each chapter during my term.

Jim Templin,
Texas Society Commander



National MOSB Reunion

June 21-23, 2007
Richmond, Virginia

Gary M. Loudermilk

The convention was a good one but there wasn't a lot of business to conduct. All the Constitution Amendments passed; they were mostly administrative in nature. In the GEC we settled the "Loyalty Oath" issue; the oath is to be removed from all documents and information sources such as the web site. In the ATM meeting, the four States represented agreed that every even year they will hold their State Society Reunions together in a central location. Members of the Texas Society have been pushing for this and the other States liked the idea, but wanted to do it every other year. They said ... they would like to begin it next year.

MOSB ATM Reunion
November 20, 2007
Fayetteville, Arkansas

J. Troy Massey

The General Patrick R. Cleburne, Arkansas Society, has re-scheduled the MOSB ATM Department Meeting to November 10, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Express in Fayetteville. This date will benefit those compatriots attending the UDC National Convention in Rogers, Arkansas with their wives. The distance between Fayetteville and Rogers is about 15 miles.

The Arkansas Society will meet Friday evening, November 9, and the ATM MOSB meeting will be on Saturday morning, November 10. Holiday Inn Express reservations in Fayetteville is (479-444-6006).

National MOSB Reunion

May 15-17, 2008
Springdale, Arkansas

J. Troy Massey

The 2008 MOSB Convention site, Holiday Inn of Springdale, phone number for reservations in Springdale, Arkansas is 479-751-8300. Tell them you are with the MOSB.

Note: With it being that close to Texas, we should be able to have a lot of Texas members there. Jim Templin

MOS&B State Dues

We have a new State Adjutant, and for those Chapter Adjutants who do not have his mailing address, Texas MOSB dues are \$5.00 per member, and are to be sent to:

Glenn Toal, Texas State Adjutant
1401 Newton Rd.
Ferris, TX 75125-9457

Things Never Change
Sent along by Col. John Cole

"It appears we have appointed our worst generals to command forces, and our most gifted and brilliant to edit newspapers! In fact, I discovered by reading newspapers that these journalists/geniuses plainly saw all my strategic defects from the start, yet failed to inform me until it was too late.

Accordingly, I'm readily willing to yield my command to these obviously superior intellects, and I'll, in turn, do my best for the cause by writing editorials after the fact."

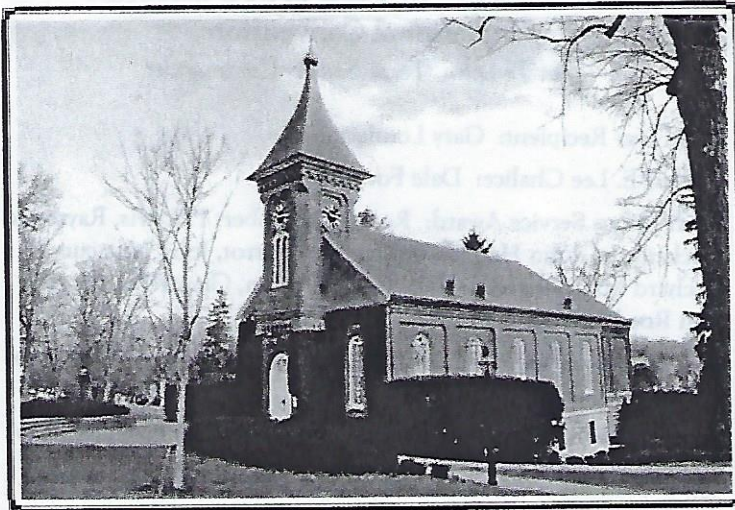
Robert E. Lee in 1863

Descriptive Plaques for the Robert E. Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University

Gary M. Loudermilk

The National Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars has donated \$15,000 to Washington and Lee University for the Robert E. Lee descriptive plaques. The lady representing the University was most appreciative and gave us details about the plaques, including the fact that they will allow the MOSB name to be on each plaque. We need to raise another \$5,000 to completely pay for both plaques, and that fund raising started before we left Richmond after the National MOSB Reunion.

Major John Loudermilk Chapter #264 of Comanche, Texas has donated \$125, and Colonel Richard Bennett Hubbard Chapter #261 of Tyler has donated \$500 to this effort.



Since the days of Robert E. Lee, Lee Chapel has been at the heart of life on the campus of Washington and Lee University. Imbued with tradition, it continues to be a gathering place for the University's most important events.

Construction began on the chapel in 1867 at the request of General Robert E. Lee, who served as president from 1865 to 1870 of what was then

Washington College. The simple Victorian design may have been proposed by his son, George Washington Custis Lee, and the plans and specifications were drawn up by Colonel Thomas Williamson; both were professors in the engineering department of neighboring Virginia Military Institute. Built of brick and native limestone, the chapel was completed in time for graduation exercises in 1868. Lee attended daily worship services here with the students and the lower level housed his office, the treasurer's office and the YMCA headquarters (student center).

Lee died on October 12, 1870, and was buried beneath the chapel. In 1883 an addition was made to the building which houses the memorial sculpture of the recumbent Lee by Edward Valentine and includes a family crypt in the lower level where the general's remains were moved. His wife, mother, father ("Light-Horse Harry" Lee), all of his children and other relatives are now buried in the crypt as well. The remains of his beloved horse, Traveller, are interred in a plot outside the museum entrance.

Lee's office is preserved much as he left it for the last time on September 28, 1870. The rest of the lower level became a museum in 1928, exhibiting items once owned by the Lee and Washington families.

Lee Chapel was named a National Historic Landmark in 1961, and from 1962 to 1963 the chapel was restored with the support of the Ford Motor Company Fund. A major renovation of the Lee Chapel Museum was completed in 1998, commemorating the University's 250th anniversary in 1999.

The chapel remains an integral part of Washington and Lee's campus even today. Concerts, lectures and other University events take place regularly in the 500-seat auditorium on the main level.

A state-of-the-art museum is housed in the lower level and includes Lee's office, a portrait gallery displaying the Washington-Custis-Lee Collection, an exhibition tracing the history and heritage of Washington and Lee University and a museum shop.

Major John Loudermilk Chapter #264

Comanche, Texas

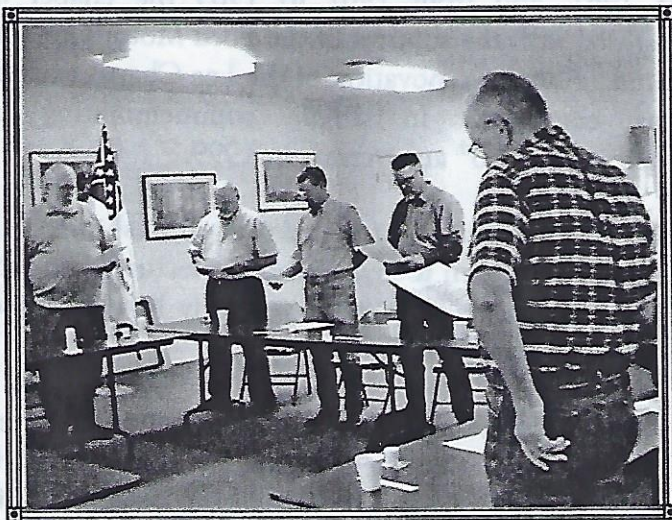
Gary M. Loudermilk

The Chapter held its summer meeting in Comanche, Texas on July 21, 2007. The meeting was very well attended with around 20 members and guests present. The Chapter was pleased to have as guests: Cris Bloyd, President of the local DCV Chapter, and Steve and Lyn von Roeder, as well as other guests. Lyn was officially presented her recently awarded "Varina Howell Davis Award" and Steve was presented his "Meritorious Service Award". Both awards were presented by ATM Executive Councilor Gary M. Loudermilk.

The Chapter held elections in accordance with its constitution. The result was a new Commander, Gary L. Loudermilk and a new Lt. Commander, Will Bowen.

There was much business to discuss, including the MOSB ROTC Medal program and support for the Glorietta Pass Battlefield restoration. In keeping with the request of MOSB International Headquarters, the Chapter voted to make a monetary donation to the fund for descriptive plaques at the Robert E. Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University.

The meeting concluded with the Roll of Honor Ceremony and all present enjoyed a Bar-B-Que lunch afterwards.



L - R John Stovall, Gary M. Loudermilk, Cris Bloyd,
Keith Currie, and Rogers Byler

Col. W. H. Parsons Chapter #273

Ennis, Ellis County, Texas

Jim Templin

The Parsons Chapter is continuing to grow, adding two new members this year. We have been active in providing color guards for several monument dedications, and continue our work on the family gravesite of Captain Mark Latimer in Myrtle Cemetery in Ennis.

We meet quarterly and have had excellent programs on two occasions provided by a DCV member here in Ennis, who has also spoken to several other groups.

We had two delegates to the National Reunion in Richmond, and are very proud of the awards received by our members and their wives.



MOSB Awards to Texas MOSB Members at National Convention

Jim Templin, Texas Society Commander

Gold Star Recipient: Gary Loudermilk

Robert E. Lee Chalice: Dale Fowlkes

Meritorious Service Award: Ron Aldis, Robert F. Davis, Raymond Dickens, Jr., John Hoover, Gustave A. Mistrot, John Moncure, Richard M. (Bill) Morris, Jack E. O'Bannion, Glenn Toal, Steve von Roeder, Nick Warren

Meritorious Service Medal: Ron Aldis, Henry Seale, Jim Templin, David Whitaker

Distinguished Service Medal: Bob Davidson, Dale Fowlkes, Gary L. Loudermilk, Gary M. Loudermilk, Henry Seale, David Whitaker

Judah P. Benjamin Merit Award: The Southern Heritage Society

Commander General's Award: Robert L. Crook, Dale Fowlkes, Gary Loudermilk, Jim Templin, David Whitaker

Rebel Club for 4 members: Bill Morris

Varina Howell Davis Award (for ladies):

Janice Langford, Helen Templin, Susie Toal, Lyn von Roeder

Winnie Davis Award: Lois Davidson

I am real proud of these recipients.

Jim Templin, Texas Society Commander

**Col. Richard Bennett Hubbard Chapter #263
Tyler, Smith County, Texas**

Bob G. Davidson

The Hubbard Middle School of Tyler asked me if we could present a living history event in the wooded area on their campus. They were intrigued by the coincidence that our MOSB Chapter is named for the same man as their school. R. B. Hubbard was a Colonel in the Army of the Confederate States, who later went on to become Governor of Texas, and then Ambassador to Japan.

On May 15, twenty-one East Texas Confederates, men and women, representing at least five Confederate heritage organizations, came together to bring the history of the Confederacy to 700 students who came through the exhibits that day. I was very grateful for the camaraderie and unity of purpose of all those who responded and gave of their time to make this event such a success. We have a great bunch of people in East Texas.

The school printed "Blue-Gray Field Day" tee shirts for the advanced social studies students who acted as docents. The school also furnished water, snacks, and box lunches for all participants. Several times during the day, we were told by the teachers they would like to make this an annual event. Doesn't get much better than that. We will make this an annual event.



Poor Johnny Reb, Surgeon Larry Mink, Nurse Mary Ann Mink, Student Docents in Blue-Gray Field Day Tee Shirts

At the Chapter meeting on July 1st, new officers were elected: Commander Dan Horton, Lt. Commander Tom Clinkscales, Adjutant John Haynes, Chaplain Don Majors.

The Chapter voted to make the following donations:
\$100 - Tyler Police Department's Bicycle helmet program
\$500 - Washington and Lee University for the plaques at the Lee Chapel
\$100 - Southern Memorial Society for preservation of graves of Confederate soldiers from Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, killed at Elkhorn Tavern, and various Indian skirmishes, etc.

We will hold our annual tribute to Colonel Hubbard at his gravesite in historic Oakwood Cemetery, near downtown Tyler, in November.



**Membership in
The Military Order of the Stars and Bars
The Legacy Clause**
David G. Whitaker, Texas Society Genealogist

Our Constitution is set up to allow blood relatives to join the order with a minimum of fuss. I just recently brought my sixteen year old grandson into the Houston Chapter.

All that is required is to fill out the first page of the application form that can be downloaded from the MOS&B web site. On this form is a place for the Relative/MOS&B member to sign and provide his membership number. I took the extra step by adding a page certifying that my grandson was the son of my daughter.

Brothers, sons, grandsons, fathers, uncles and cousins are all eligible as long as they are blood kin. Relations by marriage do not count. Let's make it a family affair.

If I can be of help to anyone, you may contact me at this email address: dgwhitaker@verizon.net

**Benjamin H. Norsworthy Chapter #276
Orange, Texas**

Granvel J. Block, Commander

The members of the Military Order of Stars and Bars, Colonel Benjamin H. Norsworthy Chapter 276, Orange, Texas have represented our chapter in a variety of activities in our area. Our members are also active members in five different SCV camps as well. This has given us a broad base of activities to participate in with other heritage based organizations. We participated in several Confederate Memorial Services, and Lee, Jackson Banquets with the SCV. One of our members was the key note speaker at the Lee, Jackson Banquet in Orange, and four other members were speakers at Confederate Memorial Services in the area. We honored all American service men with the SCV and the VFW on Memorial Day this year. We have several members who have participated in a number of living histories for local schools, and they also have participated in several re-enactments. I was fortunate to be asked to speak to a group of college students at Lamar University in Beaumont, and was able to share the true history of the War with some very receptive young men and women. I also accepted a proclamation for the MOSB, SCV, UDC, and the OCR from the Orange County Commissioners Court. For the fifth year in a row, they have declared April as Confederate History and Heritage Month in Orange County.

Being a member of the Orange County Historical Commission has opened the doors for our chapter to participate in the expansion of the War Between the States portion of the Heritage House Museum in Orange. While the museum was being repaired from the damages of Hurricane Rita, I was included in the planning to increase the War Between the States portion of the museum. We have been asked to participate as consultants for the displays, as well as to help acquire additional artifacts for the museum.

Granvel J. Block, Commander
Benjamin H. Norsworthy Chapter 276 - Orange, Texas

Which War?

Sent along by Gary Loudermilk

The conflict known to most of us as the Civil War has a long and checkered nomenclature. Some samples:

The War for Constitutional Liberty
The War for Southern Independence
The Second American Revolution
The War for States' Rights
Mr. Lincoln's War
The Southern Rebellion
The War for Southern Rights
The War of the Southern Planters
The War of the Rebellion
The Second War for Independence
The War to Suppress Yankee Arrogance
The Brothers' War
The War of Secession
The Great Rebellion
The War for Nationality
The War for Southern Nationality
The War against Slavery
The Civil War Between the States
The War of the Sixties
The War against Northern Aggression
The Yankee Invasion
The War for Separation
The War for Abolition
The War for the Union
The Confederate War
The War of the Southrons
The War for Southern Freedom
The War of the North and South
The Lost Cause
The Late Unpleasantness

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The Civil War Book of Lists

Pages 13-14 By Donald Cartmell

"After the War was long over and work was begun compiling all documents of the war into an official record, a suitable name had to be found that was acceptable to both sides. After much discussion, the "War of the Rebellion" was chosen and seemed to settle the matter. However, 20 years after the *Official Records* were published, Congress decided to give its opinion on the proper name for the conflict. On March 2, 1928, in Senate Joint Resolution No. 41, Congress recognized the name, "War Between the States" as the official name because, they argued, 22 non-seceding states made war upon 11 seceding states to force them back into the union of the states."

*There are two items often referred to as sources for
"War Between the States"
being the official name of the conflict.
Following are complete transcripts
from copies of the original documents.
Both state they were referred to the
House Committee on the Judiciary.
Are records kept of disposition
of Committee sessions?*

63rd Congress - 3rd Session
H.R. 28572

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 1, 1913

Mr. Edwards introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

Officially naming the War between the States,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the war sometimes referred to as the "Rebellion" and the "Civil War" be, and the same is hereby, officially and legally designated, named, and known as the "War between the States."

Note: Blair Rudy contacted Mary Baumann, Researcher-Writer, U.S. Senate Historical Office concerning the Edwards Resolution; following is her report:

"The only reference I find related to this resolution (the Edwards Resolution) is that it was referred to the Judiciary Committee; therefore it would be correct to say that it died in committee."

Compatriots, much has been written.

Inscribed around the base of the Marine Corps Iwo Jima monument in Washington, DC are the names of all the conflicts in which our Marines have fought. Inscribed is "War Between the States". If the Marines say that is the name, we are never wrong.

If anyone has information concerning disposition by the House Judiciary Committee of either proposal, please forward to me at graycirce@cs.com and we will include in a future issue.

Bob G. Davidson, Editor

70th Congress-1st Session

S. J. RES 41

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 3, 1928

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Directing the Comptroller General of the United States to reopen,

readjust, and resettle the account between the State of Nevada and the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to reopen, restate, and resettle the account of the State of Nevada for moneys advanced and expended in aid of the Government of the United States during the War between the States, and on such restatement and resettlement (1) to assume the balance due the State of Nevada on January 1, 1900, as being correctly stated in the account set forth in the reports of the Secretary of the Treasury printed in House Document Numbered 322 and Senate Document Numbered 441, Fifty-sixth Congress, first session; (2) to add to such balance the interest certified by the governor and the Comptroller of the State of Nevada as actually paid by said State from January 1, 1900, to the date of the approval of this joint resolution on the principal sums so advanced and expended; and (3) after deducting the amounts repaid by the United States to the State of Nevada since January 1, 1900, to certify to Congress for an appropriation the balance found due the State of Nevada.

Passed the Senate March 2, 1928.

Attest: Edwin P. Thayer, Secretary

Note: SJ 41 passed the Senate March 2, 1928. It was then referred to the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives. Ms. Baumann did not comment on final disposition of this Joint Resolution.

Note: SJ 41 used the term "War between the States" in referring to the conflict; however, the purpose of SJ 41 was to deal with money owed to the State of Nevada by the United States, and does not appear to have been designed to determine the legal name of the Late Unpleasantness, although it is likely such use would have been carefully considered before being included. Technically and legally, it was not a "civil" war. That name probably wound up as the most popular name because it was the shortest.



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