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FROM THE COMMANDER

Dale Fowlkes, Commander

The Texas Society did very well at the Dalton, Georgia, reunion with a host of very deserving individuals being recognized as follows:

John Perry of Salado was bestowed with the Henry Timrod Culture Award for his most excellent book "Myths and Realities of Slavery". This book is in the 3rd printing, and the Texas Division Heritage Defense Fund has benefited some \$20,000 from the sales!

The chapter scrapbook contest saw our Chapters Major John Loudermilk #264 of Commanche, and Col. W. H. Parsons #273 of Ennis, take Nos. 1 and 2 respectively. Both were absolutely stunning. It is regretted that more of our chapters did not submit pictures, articles, and materials to permit a Texas Society scrapbook.

Commanders: PLEASE see to it that you document your activities so the TEXAS Society can do better next year. I would appreciate any offers of assistance for the office of Texas Society Historian, who will be responsible for any scrapbook we submit.

Mrs. Hollace Weiner of Ft. Worth received a Judah P. Benjamin Award for her efforts in publishing a book on Jewish Confederates AND the fact that our Battle Flag flies at her synagogue.

Our Meritorious Service Award recipients include the following fine men: Carl Adams #282, Gary Bates #127, Allen Connel #276, Bob G. Davidson #261, Bobby W. Jackson #273, both Gary M. and Gary L. Loudermilk #264, William Morris #279, Pete Orlebeke #68, Jim Rheudasil #261, Henry Seale #279, Ron Strybos #282, Jim Templin #273, Glen Toal #273, Dennis Todd #224, and Philip Whitley #5.

Lt. Charles "Savez" Read Meritorious Service Award Medals were awarded to Dale Fowlkes #261, George Perry #68, Jim Templin #273, and Gary Whitfield #254.

All these men are to be congratulated for the industry and efforts they have expended in behalf of our organization, and also our SCV, as well as their own chapter.

On a separate note, advance information indicates that the MOSB Reunion in Nashville will again precede the SCV, July 18-19, 2005. This is due to the advance contractual obligations with the reunion hotel which were necessary during the poisonous atmosphere of the previous SCV administration. All chapters will receive complete information as soon as it is available.

Our annual report of the society shows that the Texas Society has gained some 40 new members from the prior year. Much of this is due to the new and still growing chapters #279 and #282, in particular. Let us continue to grow as each new member brings new ideas, energy, and a new friend.

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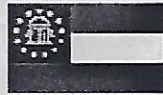
FROM THE LT. COMMANDER

Gary M. Loudermilk, Lt. Commander

I am going to defer to our 18-year-old granddaughter, Brittany, for this article. She accompanied us to the Convention in Dalton and, during the trip, we visited Cassville, Georgia, which was the home of my great-grandfather. She wrote about what she observed and learned there, and I think it is good to get the perspective of a young person regarding the War and its consequences. Her report follows.

Cassville, Georgia - Then and Now

By Brittany Watson



Quick Facts*

City: Cassville

State: Georgia

County: Bartow County

Zip Code: 30123

Area Code: 770

* From:

<http://www.citylinkz.com/Georgia/Cassville.html>

Cassville, Georgia is the home of Major John Loudermilk, a major in the Civil War and my great-great-great-grandfather. My great-great-grandfather Walter Loudermilk, was born in Cassville in 1863.

In the years before the Civil War, Cassville was a very prosperous town. It had two colleges, a post office, innumerable churches, a general store, many other businesses and many homes. It was a thriving business and educational center. Major John, in fact, owned a hotel and a livery stable in the town. When the war started, Major John joined the cause and fought. When Sherman began his raids in 1864, Cassville was on his route and he ordered it burned to the ground by an Ohio unit under his command. Only four houses and a church were left standing. After that the town was simply never rebuilt, too much had been lost. A new post office and a new general store were built, and of course a few houses, but that was all.

In current day Cassville you will find that the general store is still in use, and the old

post office is occasionally open as a museum. You will also find a very old cemetery that was established before the Civil War, but is quite full of unknown Confederate soldiers' graves, perhaps as many as 500. Among the unknowns are a few known, such as that of General William H. T. Walker, who served with valor during the Atlanta campaign. Also included among the graves is that of Confederate Congressman Warren Akin. He wrote a letter supporting a request made by Major John in the Spring of 1864, to create a cavalry unit to operate behind enemy lines.

In 1906, a very large monument was erected in the cemetery by the town in memory of the Confederate soldiers.

Something else that you will find in this town is a very sweet lady named Ms. Reba Allen. She was born in 1916, and is very knowledgeable about the past of the town. She was, in fact, the postmaster from the 1950s through the 1970s. If you have the time and she has the health, she can give you a tour of the town. She, herself, owns the old post office and the land it sits on. She can tell you the locations of many things that were burned in Sherman's raid, including Major John's properties. A house currently sits in place of the hotel, and the livery stable was close to the old post office, on property owned by Ms. Allen. She was even in possession of a key to the hotel at one time, but her son who lives in North Carolina now has it.

Brittany Watson

Blanket, Texas

In Affiliation with SCV Camp 1904
and MOSB Chapter 264

Texas Society MOSB Websites

Sul Ross Chapter #184 - San Antonio
<http://harris.home.texas.net/sulrossmosb/>

Col. Richard B. Hubbard #261 - Tyler
<http://www.b17.com/mosb/>

Major John Loudermilk #264 - Comanche
<http://members.aol.com/mosb264/>

Col. Isaac E. Avery Chapter #282 - Alvin
<http://www.geocities.com/ieachapter282/>

(Please Note Corrections)

Confederate POW Medal and Certificate

The 2nd Texas Frontier District Camp #1904, SCV, in conjunction with The Major John Loudermilk Chapter #264, MOSB and The Cactus Rose Chapter #23, OCR, has developed a beautiful certificate and medal for descendants of Confederate veterans who were imprisoned in Northern prison camps.

This is just one more way in which we can remember and honor the sacrifices of our forefathers. The medal and certificate are being offered for the reasonable price of \$25.00 including packaging and postage, plus an additional \$5.00 for engraving the reverse side of the medal, if engraving is desired.

A copy of the application form for this medal is included in this issue of the Clarion Call.



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FROM:
THE COMMANDER GENERAL
Daniel W. Jones, Commander General

Dear Commander Fowikes and Texas Society Members,

I bring greetings to you and the men of Texas from me personally, and from the Military Order of Stars and Bars. Like so many others, I have served some military time in your great state, and while there, grew quite fond of Texas and Texans. In fact, I was married in San Antonio, but to a North Carolina girl, who made the long trip out there by automobile, just to keep me out of trouble.

Since the Dalton Convention, I have been busy assembling a staff and working with some administrative glitches, none of which have been serious in nature, but just time consuming. Of interest to you and your Society, is that the Constitution has been changed so that we now have an extra person from each Army to represent it on the Executive Council. With an Army Commander, and two Councilors, each Army is well represented.

In addition, several additional positions were placed in the Constitution, some have already been functioning by decree of the Executive Council: they are a Commissary General, a Communication General, an Editor General, a Comptroller General, and a Registrar General. The rest of the Constitutional changes were relatively minor.

At the Dalton Convention, it was an honor and a privilege for me to be elected as your Commander-General. As I have said before, one cannot walk alone in the shoes of the Commander-General. I need the support of each and every one of you to back my commitment to be a responsible leader of the Order. Each of us must be challenged to make personal sacrifices for the good of the Organization.

I feel that the next two years will be critical to the operation and administration of the

Military Order of Stars and Bars. Therefore, we will have many discussions in the Executive Council on the future directions of the Order. I'm a firm believer that good men, with good discussions, and good intentions can solve most problems that we may face. I can assure you, however, I will not walk away from problems that may be detrimental to the MOS&B.

We must be flexible to the extent that decisions made in the past that are not pertinent to today's operation, must be improved by decisions made in the future. I feel strongly that a lack of commitment on my part to my responsibilities as Commander-General, would be detrimental to our Order. I feel strongly that a lack of commitment on your part to the principles of the MOS&B would also be detrimental. Your ancestors were leaders and you are leaders, or else you would not have joined the Military Order of Stars and Bars.

I plan to strengthen the programs we already have in place, that have brought recognition to the Order. Several of these, including the Literary Awards Program; the Scholarship Program; and the Legacy Endowment Program, have been received favorably by our members and the general public. We will examine all our programs, in the light of what we are trying to accomplish, and proceed from that point.

I feel that we are moving toward a "Great Revival", and in that revival there is a vision of the future that cannot be fulfilled without being built on the past. Honoring our ancestors is a sublime obligation, so when you feel the emotion and get the call to advance the principles of the Military Order of Stars and Bars, I hope we all move together to make the MOS&B the premier heritage organization of our nation. Compatriots, let's make it happen.

Confederately yours,
Daniel W. Jones
Commander-General MOS&B

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WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE TEXAS SOCIETY

Chatham Roberdeau Wheat Chapter #224 - Plano

On October 16, 2004, the Wheat Chapter of MOS&B, #224, will be selling books at the McKinney Trade days in McKinney, Texas. All proceeds go toward the purchase of concrete for marking Confederate veteran graves.

Commander Dennis Todd will speak at the memorial of two Confederate soldiers who are buried at the Harmony Cemetery South of Nacogdoches on October 16, 2004.

POC reb4ever@dallas.net (Dennis Todd)



Colonel B.H. Norsworthy Chapter 276 - Orange

The Colonel B.H. Norsworthy Chapter 276 has been in existence for only a short while. Formed in late 2003, we haven't had much time to start the business of the Chapter.

The majority of our members are active within their respective SCV Camps. This hurts the chapter from initiating much on its own, not from lack of desire, but from lack of time. We have the obstacle of our Chapter covering several SCV Camps and a large geographical area. Our members are from several different cities, which makes it much harder to get together for meeting, much less special activities.

Saying this, we still have started the restoration of the damaged Texas State Historical marker at the grave of our Chapter's namesake, Colonel Benjamin H. Norsworthy. His grave is located at Evergreen Cemetery in Orange.

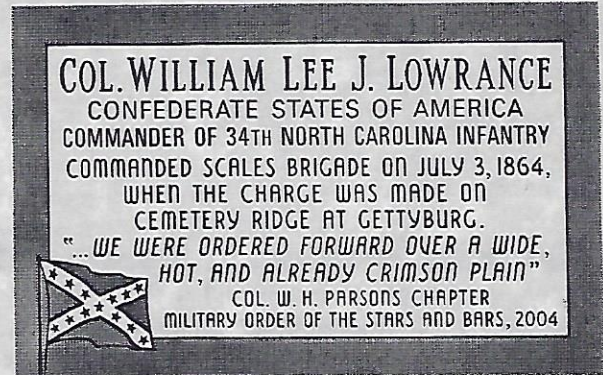
With some of us wearing more than one hat, we have worked with the local Orange Camp and the Orange County Historical Commission, in attempts of first saving, and then salvaging, a paper machine known as "The Little Dixie Bell". She was located in Orange, and was the only paper machine to be in the service of the Confederacy. (See *Article on Page 7.*)

We are making preparations of starting a local High School ROTC awards program.

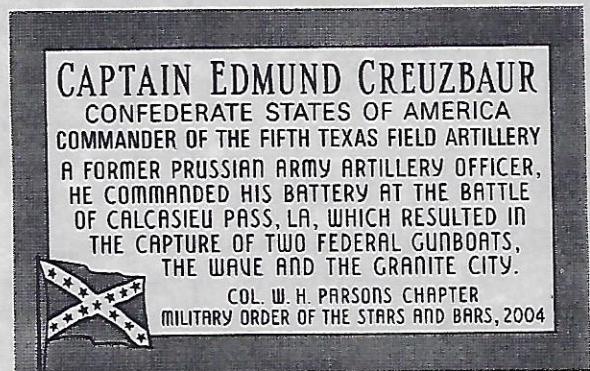
Granvel Block, Commander GBlock@chicagobridge.com

Colonel W.H. Parsons Chapter #273 - Ennis

A marker for Col. William Lee J. Lowrance will be placed in the Oak Cliff Cemetery in Dallas. The date has not been set, but expect it will be sometime in late October.



The marker for Capt. Creuzbaur will be in the Old High Hill Cemetery in Fayette Co. just north of Schulenburg and will probably be dedicated early next spring. We are working with his descendants on the date.



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Major John Loudermilk Chapter #264 - Comanche

SCV Camp 1904, MOSB Chapter 264 and OCR Chapter 23 will host a Confederate Christmas Party on December 11 in the ballroom of the Blue Moon Supper Club in downtown De Leon, Texas. The festivities will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar open at 5:00 p.m. There will be door prizes, a great guest speaker, and an auction of Confederate items. Price is only \$10.00 per person and everyone is invited.

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Colonel Richard Bennett Hubbard Chapter #261 - Tyler

The Richard B. Hubbard chapter in Tyler is active in preserving our Confederate heritage. At our last meeting members voted to send a \$200 camp donation to the Texas Heritage Fund, a sum augmented by \$105 in member donations. Hubbard members have participated in Confederate history presentations in schools in Tyler, Hawkins, and Fruitvale. Chapter members have served as speakers for several events in and around Tyler. Don, Steve, and Paul Majors, along with Larry McClellan, make up a quartet that has presented a number of programs of Confederate music. Along with the Douglas SCV chapter, the Hubbard chapter has been a part of numerous marker dedications, members acting as speakers, and as flag bearers and rifle squad members. In November the Chapter will conduct a ceremony at the grave site of Col. Hubbard in celebration of his birthday.

POC is mcclellan@cox-internet.com (Larry McClellan)



Department of the Trans-Mississippi

Dale Fowlkes, ATM Commander

At the Dalton Reunion I had the honor of being elected Army of the Trans-Mississippi Department Commander of the Military Order of Stars and Bars.

Each department now also has two councilors who will attend the MOSB General Executive Committee meetings with me. The fine men elected to these positions for the ATM include Robert Crook of Baton Rouge, LA and Glenn Railsback III of Pine Bluff, AR.

It will be our task to represent you and your chapter so as to advise our National leadership of problems, concerns, and suggestions to strengthen our Military Order of Stars and Bars, and offer suggestions to deal with problems. We take this responsibility seriously and I am very pleased to be associated with these men.

If you have concerns, feel free to share them through your chapter commander.

The MOSB web page is not yet updated to reflect all the changes by reason of election and/or appointment, but that is expected shortly.

Albert Sidney Johnson Chapter #5 - Houston

The Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter #5 met in regular session at the King Fish Market Seafood Restaurant on Thursday, August 12. Our guest speaker was Dr. Danny Sessums, historian and curator of the Museum of Southern History in Sugar Land. To a well-attended meeting, Dr. Sessums gave a most illuminating and entertaining talk on Texans in the War Between the States, and about the Museum of Southern History, a treasure for our taking.

On Saturday, September 25, at 10:00 AM, our members will participate in a Confederate tombstone unveiling ceremony, marking the graves of some ten Confederate veterans, at historic Washington Cemetery on Washington Avenue. The research to identify the tombs of these veterans, the acquisition of the tombstones and markers, and the organizing and planning of the ceremony, is painstakingly executed by our compatriot, Gus Mistrot and his wife, Berniece. God Bless the Mistrots.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Thursday, November 11, at 7:00 PM, at the King Fish Market. Our speaker will be Will Howard, librarian of the Texas Room at the Julia Ideson Library. Will is a most erudite historian and entertaining speaker; and we expect a good attendance.

Deo Vindice

Dennis Giuffre, Commander

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Correction - General Sul Ross Article in March Clarion

From John A. Stovall, 1st Lt. Commander MOSB Chapter 264

Compatriot Stovall reports that Sul Ross did not kill Peta Nocona at the battle of Pease River; that Nocona was killed by Antonio Martinez. He added that this isn't to detract from Ross, but rather to put the historical record straight. For further information, Compatriot Stovall sent along these links:

<http://www.co.wilbarger.tx.us/Battle%20of%20Pease%20River.htm>

<http://www.fischer.org/fischer/robertAndersonIII.shtml>

or "Cynthia Ann Parker: The Life and the Legend"
by Margaret Schmidt Hacker is good starting point.

MOSB in Chattanooga Newspaper - National Convention

Sent along by Jeff Massey, Past Commander General
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Confederate Group Holds National Meet in Dalton

By Pat Mahoney - Dalton Bureau

DALTON, Ga. -- The Confederate battle flag, an emblem long at the heart of controversy and recently the catalyst for change in Georgia, never was meant to represent what it has come to today, said Daniel Jones, whose ancestors fought in the Civil War. "The Stars and Bars was not the battle flag," Mr. Jones said about the national flag of the Confederacy. "The battle flag was used in the battle to guide the troops. It's revered by the descendants who carried the flag, fought and died," said Mr. Jones, in Dalton this week participating in the national convention of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars.

Mr. Jones said attending the convention of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, which represents male descendants of Confederate officers, is a matter of pride.

There are 43 chapters and 14 states represented at the conference, said Jeff Massey, commander general of the organization. The convention dovetails into the national convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which will be held through Saturday.

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars is not a hate group, he said. "It's a legacy of remembering the suffering of what your ancestors have gone through," he said.

Just outside the meeting room, Stanley Lott, who described himself as a black Southern American, author and speaker, sold copies of his new book, "Slavery and the U.S. Government."

The Saluda, S.C., resident said he spent four years studying the Congressional Globe, which are the official records of the acts of Congress from 1833 to 1873. "My book proves how the U.S. government protected slavery under the U.S. Constitution, the Supreme Court, the federal government and under international law. It also proves that taxes and revenue were the major causes of the Civil War," Mr. Lott said.

Mr. Lott chatted with another conference attendee, Jefferson Davis, of Gainesville, Ga. Mr. Davis is a direct

descendent of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America. He is also Mr. Lott's friend, he said. "His book has merit," Mr. Davis said. "It's also selling really well."

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ON THE WEB

Information on the Military Order of the Stars and Bars can be found at the Web site: www.mosbihq.org

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Texas Society-MOSB Aids Heritage Defense

After consultation with a number of the officers of the Society, we have made a \$500 donation to the Texas Division Heritage Defense Fund, as a result of the financial report distributed at the Nacogdoches Reunion. That report showed the Division expenditures understandably exceeded receipts by some \$4,000, largely driven by legal costs associated with litigation over the supreme court plaque issue.

Commander Fowlkes challenged all Texas Chapters to undertake some project within their means, to rally to the cause. Our newest Chapter, Col. Isaac E. Avery Chapter 282 in Alvin, immediately contributed \$200. This was followed by the Col. Richard B. Hubbard Chapter 261 in Tyler, who raised \$305. Many other chapters will surely do something also.

It is hoped all MOSB members and chapters will endeavor to get into the fight. This is a fight for all of us - SCV AND MOSB. In this day and age there will always be an issue. Some may require legal action as a last resort, but very many can best be handled by heading off problems by demonstrating to educators, local politicians and leaders, and the public, that we are first, last, and always, a heritage group. We pose no threat to anyone, whether we agree with them or not. However, fight we must from time to time. As Henry Seale of Chapter 282 said "we will fight them until Hell freezes over and thereafter upon the ice".

Cooperate with your chapter officers and raise an investment in protecting our Southern history and heritage. The heroes we honor deserve no less.

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Please print the engraving you would like to appear on back of medal.

"The Little Dixie Bell"

By Granvel J. Block

Walter P. Lane Camp 1745

Col. Benjamin H. Norsworthy Chapter 276

Orange County Historical Commission

This is the story of the "Little Dixie Bell", the only paper machine to be in the service of the Confederate States of America for the production of that government's paper. This story is one of survival and tragedy, and weaves itself through over fourteen decades in American history.

The tale begins in the early 1860's before the war, which at that time Confederate money was printed in the North. After fighting began, this arrangement was no longer practical. The Confederate government tried several ways to acquire the paper needed to run their new government. Importation from Europe was the most common, and then the money, bonds and stamps would be printed in various locations. The blockades kept this method from being as desirable as having paper produced within their own boundaries. So, in time, the Confederate Government established their paper production in a facility in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Confederate paper mill workers nicknamed their paper machine, "The Little Dixie Bell". She was a magnificent little machine; she was 66 inches wide, a beauty of gold scrolls and strips. She and the men who ran her gave their government faithful service. But in 1864 as General Sherman moved through Georgia, on his infamous march to the sea burning all that was in sight, "The Little Dixie Bell" felt the wrath of Sherman's torch as he burned Atlanta.

She sat idle for over twenty years, then in the late 1800's the little scorched and blackened machine was purchased by some Englishmen. They moved her to the Everglades of Florida, where they had the intentions of making paper from Palmetto roots. The project was a failure, the mill closed and the "Little Dixie" sat idle. During this time a forest fire burning out of control consumed the mill in flames, and the "Little Dixie Bell" was blackened and charred a second time. There she sat waiting in the Everglades for a new home and a new life.

In 1908 the "Little Dixie Bell" was purchased by the Luther Moore Lumber Company, later to be renamed the Luther Moore Brown Company. She was moved to Orange, Texas, where she was setup to run kraft paper. The "Dixie Bell" carried her duties out successfully once again, and made the Brown Paper Company financially secure for the next twenty years. But, in the early 1930's the great depression forced the little machine's massive drums and gears from turning, and the "Little Dixie Bell" sat waiting a third time.

After several years of idleness, Equitable Bag and Paper Company bought the mill in Orange, and by the mid 1930's, the "Little Dixie Bell's" huge gears were set to motion once again. This time she was to make bag specialty paper, and as before, she and the workers who operated her produced her paper faithfully.

In 1975 the "Dixie Bell" was well over one hundred years old and still in service. This was something of curiosity for a retired Drytex employee named Carl Plumles. Mr. Plumles spent a great deal of his retirement time researching paper mills and mill machinery. Mr. Plumles visited the facility in Orange specifically to observe "The Little Dixie Bell" in

operation. With his visit to the mill, and information he acquired from a 1916 article from The Orange Leader, he wrote an article about "The Little Dixie Bell". His article was published afterwards in a paper industry magazine called the Drytex Challenger. The article told the history of the little lady, and the first hand observation Mr. Plumles had of her in operation, was an open window into the past.

There sat "The Little Dixie Bell" in all its splendor, running like a well tuned eight day clock at 800 FPM (feet per minute), making 1.2 tons per hour of brilliant red bag paper. As I stood there and silently gazed at it in awe, I thought I could hear it humming the tune of "Dixie".

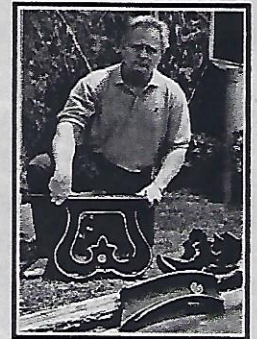
This would be a happy ending for a story with so much tragedy and survival, but unfortunately it doesn't end here. For over a century, thru many adversities "The Little Dixie Bell" was faithful to each of the mills where she was called to serve. She was faithful to the little mill in Orange for almost ninety of those years, but now the smaller, less modern facility was unable to compete. In the late 1990's Equitable Bag and Paper Co. closed her gates, and "The Little Dixie Bell" produced her last ream of paper.

The little lady sat for over ten years in hopes of a new owner, but in 2003 a third fire struck the little machine at the abandoned facility in Orange. This fire was unlike those she had experienced in years past. There were heavy metal roof trusses that gave way, crashing down on her ornate frame. There were highly flammable gases and combustible materials that caused the blaze to burn so much hotter and longer than the times before.

When the metal debris was pulled away a year later in 2004, the little lady was found still standing, her frame was blackened and portions of her frame were broken, but she had survived.

Efforts were taken by our local SCV Camp 1745, and the local MOSB Chapter 276, along with the Orange County Historical Commission, to have her removed to another location where she could rest and have her fantastic story of survival told. But before she could be removed to safety, the jaws of the giant salvage machinery took its toll on the "Little Dixie Bell". This was more than our little lady could withstand; as she fell to the ground her ornate framework broke. Then to add to her destruction, she was grasped by the giant jaws of her persecutors and broken even more as she was loaded into the huge dumpsters.

All that remains now of our little lady are a few salvaged pieces of her beautiful little ornate frame. But, these few surviving pieces will assure that the story of survival and tragedy of the "Little Dixie Bell" will continue to be told.



Leader photo by Gary Perilloux

"Granvel Block displays ornate scrollwork restored from a piece of Civil War history, The Little Dixie Bell paper machine that produced currency and bonds for the Confederacy before landing in Orange."



Newsletter of the
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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.

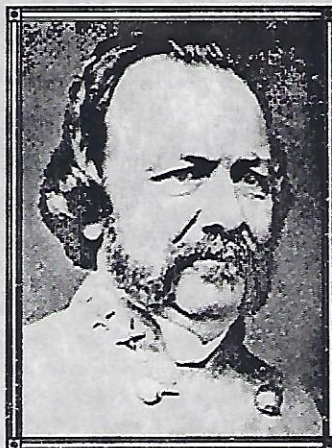
THOMAS NEVILLE WAUL 1813 – 1903

Thomas Neville Waul, was born January 5, 1813, in Sumter District, South Carolina. He attended South Carolina College until his junior year. After teaching school for a time in Florence, Alabama, he studied law in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was admitted to the bar in 1835. Soon after, he moved to Gonzales County, Texas, where he established a plantation and practiced his profession. An unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Congress in 1859, he was elected to the Provisional Congress of the Confederacy in 1861 and served until establishment of the permanent government.

He recruited and supplied the well known Waul's Texas Legion in 1862, and was commissioned its colonel. He surrendered his command in 1863 with the fall of Vicksburg, and was promoted to brigadier general, September 18, 1863.

In the Red River campaign of 1864, he commanded a brigade in Gen. John G. Walker's division at Mansfield and Pleasant Hill. Later he was transferred to Arkansas to oppose Steel, and fought at the battle of Jenkins' Ferry.

Immediately after the war, in 1865, General Waul



was elected to the first Texas reconstruction convention. Thereafter, he practiced law in Galveston, and in later life, retired to a farm near Greenville, in Hunt County, where he died on July 28, 1903. With no relatives, Waul was the last of his line.

He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.