

Major W.H. "Howdy" Martin Camp #1241

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THE CHARGE TO THE
SONS OF CONFEDERATE
VETERANS

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and 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
General Commander
United Confederate Veterans
April 25, 1906

William Harrison "Howdy" Martin

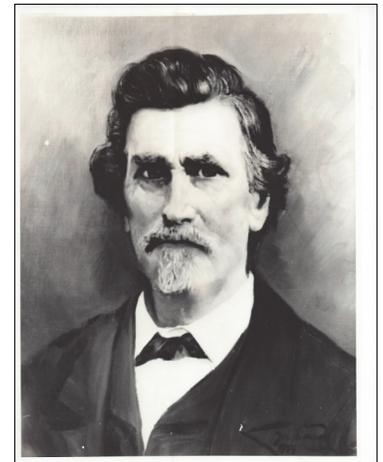
1823-1898

In 1861 during the War Between the States, William Harrison Martin enlisted in the Confederate Army and served in Company K of the 4th Texas Infantry that was assigned to Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. Martin gained his nickname because of his refusal to salute superior officers. Instead, he would politely tip his hat and say "howdy."

According to the Texas Historical Commission, Howdy Martin fought in the Eastern theater of operations in all of the fighting. After the signing of the surrender terms at Appomattox, Major Martin and Captain W. T. Hill led the remaining members of Hood's Texas Brigade back to the Lone Star State.

He was born September 2, 1823, in Twiggs County, Georgia, to Benjamin and Charlotte Martin. His early schooling was in Alabama where he was admitted to the Bar. In 1850 he moved to Athens, Texas, and started a law practice in Henderson County. He represented Freestone, Limestone, Henderson, and Navarro counties from 1853 to 1858 in the Texas Senate. Answering the call, he raised a company of volunteers that became a part of Hood's Texas Brigade. In April, 1864, he was promoted from captain to major. After the war, Martin was elected district attorney. He married Martha E. Gallimore of Navarro County and the couple had seven children. He was later elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1887 and served in the 50th and 51st Congresses 1887-1891 before retiring again to his farm near Athens.

Howdy Martin was a member of the Hill County Camp of Confederate Veterans when he died at his final home in Hill County on February 5, 1898. A lawyer, a Confederate officer who served the entire Civil War and a congressman, at 76 years old Major Howdy Martin was buried at the Hillsboro City Cemetery.



Read more about Howdy Martin's life, family and career on our camp website.

www.martincamp.org

Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less.
General Robert E. Lee



Above left: Cmdr **Abney** welcomes our guest speaker **Jimmy Moore**.

Spotlight on Our Camp

1. Our May 9, 2016 the Howdy Martin SCV Camp Meeting was held at the Calvary Baptist Church Gym with Commander **Jimmy Abney** presiding.
2. Quartermaster **David Miller** led the pledges and salutes to the flags and reading of the Charge to the SCV.
3. Chaplain **Jim Day** gave the invocation and blessing for the food. We had **24 guests and members** present to enjoy our pot luck menu of hot dogs and hamburgers. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meal. Our June menu focus is **barbeque** with side dishes and desserts.
4. Cmdr **Abney** introduced our guest speaker historian **Jimmy Moore** of Longview. His display of dozens of artifacts had all of us eager to listen and learn from his years of research and obvious love for southern heritage.
5. Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** read the minutes of our April meeting as well as the financial report. A mistake was corrected in the minutes, then both were approved as presented by those members present.
6. At the top of **Cmdr Abney's** agenda was to read and discuss the State Reunion Proposals to change four Amendments to our State SCV Constitution. He read all four and asked those members present to vote for or against the changes by a show of hands. In Kerrville June 3-5, our delegates will now be able to vote per our camp's majority vote.
7. In other business, the camp decided to meet at **Arms Cemetery** at 10:00 on May 21st for a work day. We'll need weed eaters, clippers for tree limbs or a chain saw, rakes, hoe and lawn mowers.
8. We have been asked to host a memorial service at the **Goodgame Cemetery** Annual Gathering on Sunday, June 12th at 1:00. Goodgame is 3 miles outside the Athens Loop 7 on Hwy 2494. See **Advisor Bunny Freeman** for more information
9. Cmdr **Abney** reminded us of the National Convention July 15-17 in Richardson. Our camp has been asked to help Tyler's Douglas Camp in various program duties. Contact **Dennis Brand** if you can help.
10. Chaplain **Jim Day** brought to the meeting a Battle Flag stick that was missing the entire flag. He wanted us to see it as a reminder why we need to replace Battle Flags at the graves of our CSA Ancestors. Cmdr **Abney** and Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** again reminded us that our camp has flags available for the use of all of our members.
11. Color Sgt **Terry Teems** spoke to us about his recent participation in Mexia at the Confederate Reunion Grounds. He spoke to a board director there who told him how the Grounds are in dire need for every SCV Camp in Texas to give \$50 or preferably \$100 for maintenance and upkeep of this beautiful park. A motion was made and seconded authorizing Adjutant/Treasurer **Don Bentley** to make a \$100 donation to this cause.
12. Prayer List: **Gerry McCray**, **Ray Brown's** Mom for knee surgery, **Brown's** friend/son has cancer behind his eye, **Hody's** family traveling in June to Palo Dura Canyon and Chaplain **Jim Day** who is in the hospital at this time.

13. Cmdr **Abney** also noted the following dates for us to remember:

May 21st— Arms Cemetery Clean Up @ 10:00 am

June 3rd-5th - SCV State Convention Kerrville, TX. We have 5 votes and need members to plan now to attend. Visit their website for more information www.scvtexas.org

Sunday, June 12th Good Game Cemetery Annual Reunion. Our camp has been asked to host a memorial service. Contact Bunny Freeman for more information.

July 13th-17th - 121st National SCV Reunion in Richardson, TX. The Captain James Douglas Camp 124, Tyler is co-host. www.scv2016.org or contact **Dennis Brand in Tyler at 903-360-7090**. We need to assist the host camp with taking tickets, registration and giving directions at the convention area.

14. Before adjourning, Chaplain **Day** gave the benediction and Color Sgt **Terry Teems** led in the singing of "**Dixie**".



Howdy Martin Camp Members furnish a delicious meal at each monthly meeting. This month's planned menu included hamburgers, hotdogs, various condiments and side dishes and tasty desserts. Besides enjoying a meal together, it gives us a time to meet our guests and fellowship with each other. Meals are served about 6:30pm. Our June menu theme is barbeque!



Right: Annette Brown proudly shows off the bag she won in our drawing. The bag was donated by the Freeman's to help our kitty. Congrats Annette!

Howdy Martin Compatriots.....Caught on Camera



Above:

1st Annual Battle of BlackJack Grove with Jesse Giles
in white pants and others

Left: Camp Ford, Tyler with Jesse Giles,
Stephanie Ford and others



CONFEDERATE REUNION GROUNDS

Living History and Reenactment

April 16-17, 2016

Above: Mexia, TX

with Bryan Dale, Buster Horn, Steve Sifers,
Terry Teems, Jesse Giles

Historical Speaker Researcher CSA Artifacts Collector *Jimmy Moore, Longview*



Howdy Camp Members enjoyed hearing and seeing Mr. Jimmy Moore's presentation at our May meeting. Without using notes, he picked through a CSA soldier's "Haversak." It held a few soldier's personal possessions. But, it was his survival pack on and off the battlefield. He displayed a complete soldier's uniform including shoes, weapons, ammo, hats, cooking utensils, medicine, and reading materials. Mr. Moore offered an explanation for each item and emphasized how important it was to keep the weight he had to carry to less than 80 pounds.

Right: Mr. Moore is standing behind a large table that could not hold all of the items he brought to share with us during his presentation. He also encouraged questions and our camp members and visitors enjoyed visiting with him.



Howdy Martin Camp 3rd Lt Cmdr Luke Freeman

Paid Tribute to Henderson County CSA Veterans
in Recognition of April Confederate History Month



Corp Nathan Davis
Post Oak Cemetery



Mitchell
Post Oak Cemetery



Corp Wiley F Trammell
Willow Springs Cemetery



Corp John K Simmons
Willow Springs Cemetery



W S Shelton
Willow Springs Cemetery



John K Simmons
Willow Springs Cemetery



Andrew J Defur
Union Cemetery



Pvt Oliver Scott
Willow Springs Cemetery



Wiley Thornton
Post Oak Cemetery



3rd Lt Cmdr Luke Freeman's Great Great Grandfather
Private Martin Benjamin Wright
Smith Cemetery

Editor's Note: It is my hope that this page in your Howdy Herald Newsletter will be filled each month with pictures or lists of CSA Veterans who are honored by SCV Compatriots as Guardians or placing of Battle Flags. Please email me all of the CSA Veterans you have honored. As Commander Abney said, our Camp has Battle Flags and First National Flags and Howdy Camp Flag Pipes for your use to respectfully give our CSA Veterans the attention they deserve.

From the Commander

Greetings,

There is an ol' saying that you have heard from time to time... "There is a time to work and there is a time to play!" Well it is my opinion that this applies to our Howdy Martin Camp. You might not call it Work to put together our monthly meal, but it is Work. The food doesn't jump out on the table by itself. The same thing goes for obtaining our monthly speaker and any of the events we attend whether it be an out of town parade or a cemetery dedication.

My point I'm trying to make is that it is time for us to Play at the State Reunion Kerrville. Please try to be there! This site is noted for attracting visitors on a regular basis and now our reunion being there is the best opportunity you will have to go and Play. Seriously, as SCV Compatriots we are obligated to take care of business at the Reunions, however let me tell you from experience that it is one time that you will feel emotions that you may never knew you had. When those camp flags are marched in during opening ceremonies you will feel your heart bursting with pride. Hearing the pledges and The Charge read is just not the same as at our monthly meetings. Please don't cheat yourself and not think for one moment you would regret the drive. The vendors will be plentiful if you want a to pick up something for your uniform. The food and atmosphere of so many fellow compatriots gathered together is a feeling that stays with you. This type of excitement is brought back home to our meetings and stirs a love for the SCV and for trying our best to make our ancestors proud. I hope to see you there!

I have noticed in our newsletter a new page created to honor the many different CSA veterans that our camp strives to recognize. If you would like to participate in the Guardian Program, please see Chaplain Day or Adjutant/Treasurer Bentley for more information.

It was Work one more time to clean up Arms Cemetery. Thanks to all who helped and I know you are as proud as I am of the results after a few hours of our camp answering the Call!



Commander Jimmy Abney

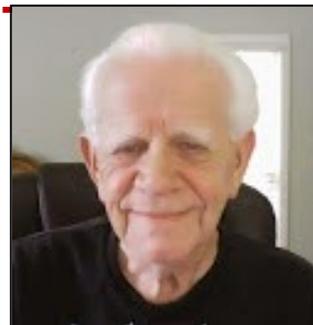
Your commander,

Jimmy Abney
"Keep the flag flying!"



"Howdy's Flag" is framed and is proudly displayed at the Henderson County Historical Museum located at 217 North Prairieville Street in Athens. At the August Camp meeting, members voted their approval to special order a reproduction of the flag for use at various Howdy Martin Camp events.

Adjutant/Treasurer Don R. Bentley



Don R. Bentley

Fellow compatriots.....we are losing the fight! Whether you're a user of Facebook are not, my research revealed the following disturbing information. Liberals and Progressives are trying to erase our Southern heritage and seem to be doing a pretty good job of it as the facts bears witness to.

Facebook, the preeminent global social media service, has bowed to pressure and will begin banning posts containing the Confederate flag, joining the trending activity called #NoFlagging. Critics say the social media giant is encouraging the #NoFlaggingChallenge trend, which dares people to remove and destroy Confederate flags from private property.

The new ban, which some commenters have called "Confederate Flagging", will reportedly go into effect after the July 4 holiday. Multiple violations will result in account suspensions.

Users who send or receive a post containing the flag or its imagery in any form will receive the following notification: *"Content deemed offensive to one or more groups of individuals is blocked from public view. This content may include images or links to images that depict, display, or promote the design and/or content of the Confederate flag in any manner."*

All monitoring and blocking will be controlled by Facebook. The online community immediatl reacted with a pushback explosion. Many condemned the media giant for bowing to political and social pressure, while others accused Facebook of imposing censorship and taking away free speech and expression: "What if my kid draws the flag because he likes to draw? You're trying to tell me I can't send that picture to his grandmother? This is the beginning of the end and it started here."

"This is the worst thing to happen to freedom! Now I can't even watch Dukes of Hazzard on TV anymore!"

"Good-bye Facebook! Millions of us are leaving. There are already many groups forming to deal with this."

"Mitt Romney was right! Corporations are people! People without a spine or respect for family history and traditions! Un-American!"

South Carolina, Mississippi, Virginia, Georgia and Alabama have either ordered the Confederate flag removed from public grounds, or plan to do so. But Facebook is privately owned.

"It's as simple as that," said social media analyst Susan Exeter. "You don't get a vote with a private company. What people are saying is a majority of a minority of Facebook users do not want to see this flag, so no one should want to see this flag. This is a game-changer and a deal breaker!"

Is the worldwide "Cultural Revolution" that is Facebook no longer a reflection of our society, but rather a result of it? Should the exchange of any and all user-created content be unrestricted? What happened to majority rule? Who decides what is offensive and what is not? Is the corporate culture now the majority? They allow filthy language, using God's name in vain, soft porn and questionable ideologies and have the gall to say the battle flag is offensive! Is this our America?

It is somewhat ironic that over the Independence Day holiday – a day marking the defining moment in America's fight for freedom – Facebook, the cultural phenomenon that was born, bred, and populated by all the public – has decided to follow just one part of the crowd.

Like it or not.

Don R. Bentley
Adjutant/Treasurer



*I salute the
Confederate
Flag...*



*With Affection,
Reverence and
undying
devotion*

*To the Cause
For Which It
Stands.*

A reminder of our **Second Monday Camp Meeting** is published in the Athens Daily Review in its Community Calendar each day for the week prior to our meeting!

Athens Daily Review

Community Calendar

Sunday, March 13

• Local grower Joey Dziema presents "Introducing the Daylily". This PowerPoint will cover the history of the plant, its transfer to America, and its subsequent development into numerous colors, shapes & sizes. Come by and learn! The meeting will start at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. Location: Tyler Rose Garden Center - in the Azalea Room. Visitors and new members welcome. For more information, call 903-670-3302.

Monday, March 14

• The Major W H Howdy Martin Camp 1241 of the Sons Of Confederate Veterans meets the second Monday of each month at the Calvary Baptist Church Gym on the corner of US Highway 175 East and Crestway Drive. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m., with a pot luck dinner followed by a historical program. Guests are invited to join us to learn more about your ancestors. For more information, our website is www.martincamp.org.



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April is **Confederate History Month!** Eric in Canton has supplied our Howdy Camp with flags for several years.

Prayer Requests

Health issues:

Local Needs and Our Nation

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| * Ray Brown's MoM | * Our next meeting June 13th |
| * Brown's friends/son | * <i>Pray for the June SCV Reunion</i> |
| * <i>Gerry McCray</i> | * Pray for all upcoming elections |
| * Hody's family | * Pray for our military |
| * Jim Day | |

**Howdy Martin Camp meetings are on the
Second Monday of each month.**

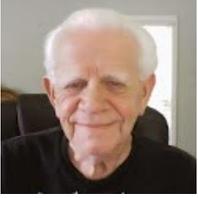
We meet at the Calvary Baptist Church Gym in Athens on the corner of Hwy 175 East and Crestway Drive. Notice of our camp meetings may be found listed in the Athens Review Newspaper in the Community Calendar section.

Meetings begin at 6:30pm with a pot luck dinner furnished by members followed by a short historical program. Guests are welcome and you may bring your family.

**WELCOME TO THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE
Major W H Howdy Martin SCV Camp1241
HOWDY HERALD NEWSLETTER**

It is our goal to share the news of all members of our camp in such a way that this newsletter and all that follow will honor and pay respect to all past and present family of our great Southern States. Members are encouraged to bring to our camp meetings articles for submission to this publication. The deadline for entries is the Monday following our regular 2nd Monday camp meeting.

Jim Day, Editor/ Chaplain
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True Confederate Historical Facts

Don R. Bentley

(Part 2 of a 3 part series)

The State of South Carolina was particularly incensed at the tariffs enacted in 1828 and 1832. The Tariff of 1828 was disdainfully called, "The Tariff of Abominations" by the State of South Carolina. Accordingly, the South Carolina legislature declared that the tariffs of 1828 and 1832 were "unauthorized by the constitution of the United States."

Think about this, why would the southern states secede from the Union over slavery when President Abraham Lincoln had offered an amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing the PRESERVATION of slavery? That makes no sense. If the issue was predominantly slavery, all the South needed to do was to go along with Lincoln, and his proposed 13th Amendment would have permanently preserved slavery among the southern (and northern) states. Does that sound like a body of people who were willing to lose hundreds of thousands of men on the battlefield over saving slavery? What nonsense!

The problem was Lincoln wanted the southern states to pay the Union a 40% tariff on their exports. The South considered this outrageous and refused to pay. By the time hostilities broke out in 1861, the South was paying up to, and perhaps exceeding, 70% of the nation's taxes. Before the war, the South was very prosperous and productive. And Washington, D.C., kept raising the taxes and tariffs on them. You know, the way Washington, D.C., keeps raising the taxes on prosperous American citizens today.

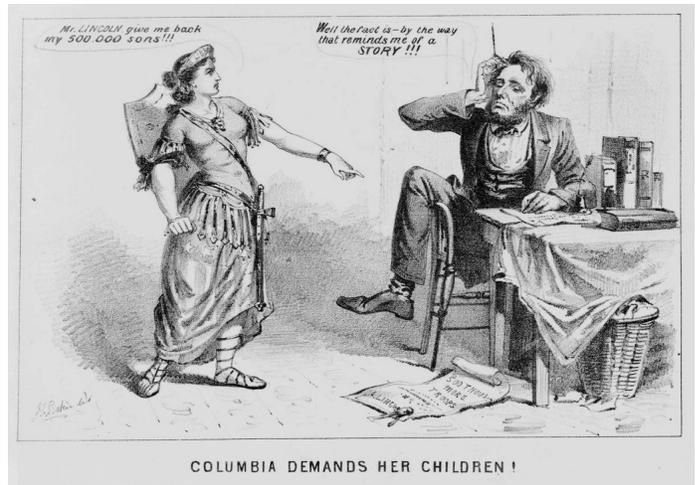
This is much the same story of the way the colonies refused to pay the demanded tariffs of the British Crown--albeit the tariffs of the Crown were MUCH lower than those demanded by Lincoln. Lincoln's proposed 13th Amendment was an attempt to entice the South into paying the tariffs by being willing to permanently entrench the institution of slavery into the Constitution. AND THE SOUTH SAID NO!

In addition, the Congressional Record of the United States forever obliterates the notion that the North fought the War Between the States over slavery. Read it for yourself. This resolution was passed unanimously in the U.S. Congress on July 23, 1861, "The War is waged by the government of the United States not in the spirit of conquest or subjugation, nor for the purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the rights or institutions of the states, but to defend and protect the Union."

What could be clearer? The U.S. Congress declared that the war against the South was NOT an attempt to overthrow or interfere with the "institutions" of the states, but to keep the Union intact (by force). The "institutions" implied most certainly included the institution of slavery.

Hear it loudly and clearly: Lincoln's war against the South had NOTHING to do with ending slavery--so said the U.S. Congress by unanimous resolution in 1861.

Abraham Lincoln, himself, said it was NEVER his intention to end the institution of slavery. In a letter to Alexander Stevens who later became the Vice President of the Confederacy, Lincoln wrote this, "Do the people of the South really entertain fears that a Republican administration would directly, or indirectly, interfere with their slaves, or with them, about their slaves? If they do, I wish to assure you, as once a friend, and still, I hope, not an enemy, that there is no cause for such fears. The South would be in no more danger in this respect than it was in the days of Washington."

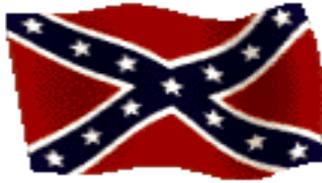


This cartoon was published by an unknown artist in a southern newspaper distributed across cities throughout South Carolina. The message of this cartoon is to make people believe that Lincoln has no reason behind the decisions that he makes and the legislation that he supports. When the state of South Carolina, symbolized by an oddly dressed individual with a stern expression, demands changes, Lincoln tries to avoid the subject because he appears to have no response as to how he's going to handle the complaint. Lincoln is displayed as completely exhausted and unprofessional by the way that he's sitting. He has important documents crumpled on the floor, while his trash can is full of crumpled, failed attempts at written bills he is looking to pass during his term. He appears bored with his job and is in a very hostile situation with "South Carolina."

Again, what could be clearer? Lincoln, himself, said the southern states had nothing to fear from him in regard to abolishing slavery. Hear Lincoln again: "If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it." He also said, "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the states where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so and I have no inclination to do so."

The idea that the Confederate flag (actually there were five of them) stood for racism, bigotry, hatred, and slavery is just so much hogwash.

In fact, if one truly wants to discover who the racist was in 1861, just read the words of Mr. Lincoln in next month's newsletter.



On August 14, 1862, Abraham Lincoln invited a group of black people to the White House. In his address to them, he told them of his plans to colonize them all back to Africa. Listen to what he told these folks: "Why should the people of your race be colonized and where? Why should they leave this country? This is, perhaps, the first question for proper consideration. You and we are different races. We have between us a broader difference than exists between almost any other two races. Whether it is right or wrong I need not discuss; but this physical difference is a great disadvantage to us both, as I think. Your race suffers very greatly, many of them, by living among us, while ours suffers from your presence. In a word, we suffer on each side. If this is admitted, it affords a reason, at least, why we should be separated. You here are freemen, I suppose? Perhaps you have been long free, or all your lives. Your race is suffering, in my judgment, the greatest wrong inflicted on any people. But even when you cease to be slaves, you are yet far removed from being placed on an equality with the white race. The aspiration of men is to enjoy equality with the best when free, but on this broad continent not a single man of your race is made the equal of a single man of our race."

Did you hear what Lincoln said? He said that black people would NEVER be equal with white people--even if they all obtained their freedom from slavery. If that isn't a racist statement, I have never heard one.

Lincoln's statement above is not isolated at all. In Charleston, Illinois, in 1858, Lincoln said in a speech,

"I am not, nor have ever been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and the

political equality of the white and black races. I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, the social and political equality of the white and black races."

Lincoln continues,

"I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people; I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races which I believe will forever forbid the two races from living together on social or political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white."

(Part 3 in next newsletter)

Standing Up for Dixie,

Don R. Bentley
Adjutant/Treasurer



*The Significance
Of Membership In
The Sons Of
Confederate Veterans
Cannot Be Overstated. The Veterans
Themselves Entrusted Their Legacy
To The Sons... A Responsibility Not
To Be Taken Lightly. Ours Is Truly
A Heritage Of Honor. Deo Vindice.*

This Chaplain's Message is dedicated in memory of Brother Len Patterson for his years of service to his Lord and to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Our Camp #1241 has been honored to receive permission from Ms Patterson to reprint Brother Len's messages that were written from his heart to share his testimony of salvation through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Photographs

5-27-2012

I have an interesting photograph. It is the picture of a group of children, about six to ten years old, standing in front of a school building with their adult teachers on each side. I don't know any of the youngsters or adults in the photo. I know nothing about them at all, except that they're all dead. This photograph, you see, was taken about a hundred and twenty-five years ago.

Most, if not all of us enjoy looking at old photographs. We realize the people we are seeing in these pictures were real, just as we are. They were alive and active. They were doing something before the camera snapped, and they continued doing something afterwards. After the camera snapped, the children in my photograph grew up, got married, raised children, worked, played, and eventually died. But, I have one instant in their lives that is forever frozen in time. That's what makes this, and all old photographs, so interesting.

There were a lot of photographs taken during the War for Southern Independence. Many of them were done after a battle, and since they were taken by photographers with the Yankee invaders, they quite often showed the bodies of Confederate soldiers. We've all seen them, and these photographs of our Confederate dead should give us a very clear perspective of the work and mission of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

There is one photograph of a young Confederate lying dead in a muddy ditch. He had a mother, a father, brothers, sisters, and other family members that loved him. They cared about him and worried about his welfare. Now he was dead and they didn't know it. They may never know what happened to him. They may only know he, like so many other brave Confederate soldiers, just didn't come home. It is their honor that is at stake. It is the respect they are rightfully due, that is being viciously attacked. It is the Cause for which they fought and died that is being maliciously twisted to suit the agenda of the Unionists. It is their homes, country, and heritage, as well as ours, that is being subjected to ridicule by the willfully ignorant. It is their flag that is being made a symbol of shame and bigotry, by bigots who have no shame.

And who is going to speak for them? Who is going to be their voice? Who is going to defend their honor? Who is going to stand up and say, "I am the proud descendant of a brave Confederate soldier. The South was right and their Cause was just."

Who? We are! It is our duty. It is our mission. Because, we are the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and that's what we do.



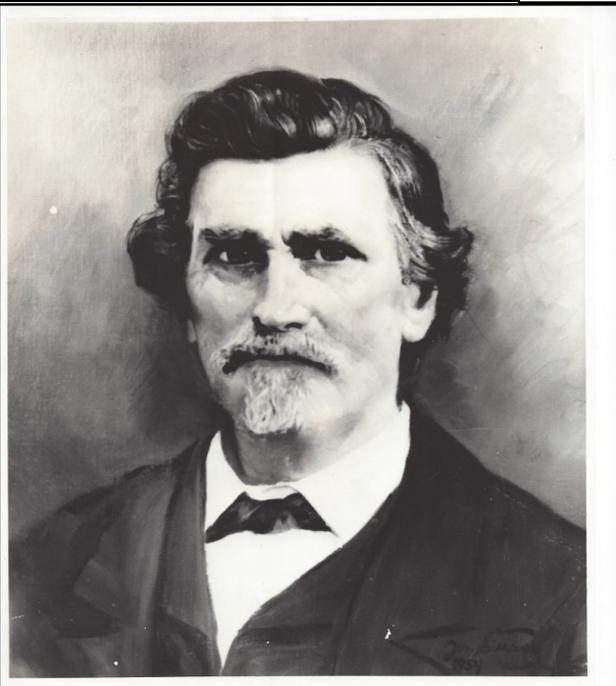
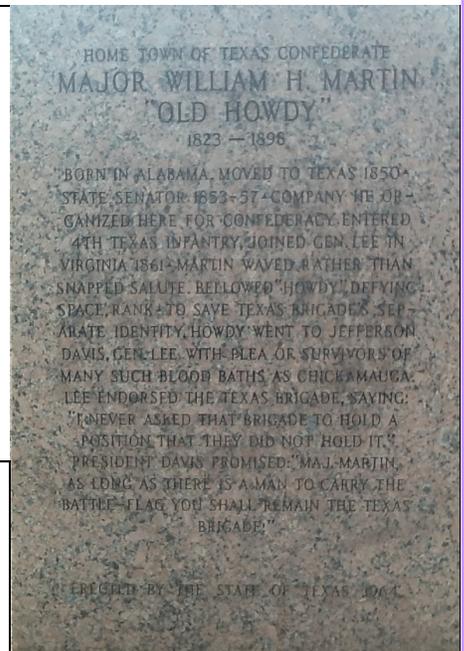
Bro Len speaks at the Confederate Veteran's Memorial Plaza Dedication

William Harrison Martin
 "Old Howdy"

Bill Martin, Attorney
 State Senator
 Captain Co. K 4th TX Inf, CSA
 Major, 4th Texas, CSA
 District Attorney
 U.S. Congressman, Texas
 Husband, Father, Grandfather
 Great Grandfather



Above: Howdy's Grave, Hillsboro City Cemetery, Hillsboro, TX.
 Right: Howdy's Marker is located in Athens on Hwy 19 South in the Confederate Park.



Above: Major W. H. Howdy Martin

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- 2nd Lt Commander — Jim Ogburn, MD
- 3rd Lt Commander — Luke Freeman
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- Aide de Camp — Jesse Giles
- Surgeon — Aaron Freeman

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We reserve the right to edit all submissions due to limited space for such material that honors and supports The Charge given to us in the year 1906 that may be found herein. This Newsletter is compiled and submitted to our Webmaster as nearly the same date as possible immediately following our Camp's monthly meeting.