



Oran M. Roberts Chapter 440

United Daughters of the Confederacy®

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Lynna Kay Shuffield, Newsletter Editor

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Message from the President



Happy Halloween and Happy Holidays to All. The Chapter had a very nice luncheon meeting in September, with future transfer member, **Rita Crabbe**, attending. Our speaker, **Betty Mann**, gave a very informative program, the "CSS C. L. Hunley" with many handouts. The program was well received by all.

I am pleased to report that orders for insignias have been brisk during September with eleven pieces of insignia ordered. We are looking forward to several more of our new members ordering their insignias to honor their ancestors. Scholarship information has been forwarded to our new member, **Andria Agras**, so she may apply for a General Scholarship. She is currently working on a degree in the medical field while living in Indiana.

The Chapter began the year with 21 members. The reinstatement and transfer of Ms. Crabbe is in progress. Our very capable Registrar, Lynna Kay Shuffield, is progressing on the application of new member, **Annette Hill**. We have several other prospective members working on documentation and several supplements are in work. Our thanks again to Lynna Kay.

Chapter Website

http://www.geocities.com/lks_friday/UDC/UDC-001

Texas Division Website

<http://txudc.org/>

UDC General National Website

<http://www.hqudc.org/>



Chapter Officers

Carolyn Farmer, President
Carolyn Farmer, Vice President
Minalee Ferguson, Recording Secretary
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Lynna Kay Shuffield, Registrar
Jude Hoke Meschwitz, Historian
Lynna Kay Shuffield, Recorder of
Military Service Awards
Karen Campbell, Chaplain

November 2005 - 19 Members
Chartered - 19 February 1901

**Chapter Meeting Dates
2005-2006**

November 19, 2005 (Saturday)
January 21, 2006 (Saturday)
March 18, 2006 (Saturday)
June 3, 2006 (Saturday)

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Place

Dixie's Classic Diner - 15323 Gulf Frwy
[Driving From Downtown: I-45 South, take Exit 30 -
Dixie Farm Road / Ellington Field Exit - bear onto
Dixie Farm Road toward Ellington Field, turn left
onto the I-45 Service Road]

Other Dates of Interest

112th UDC Annual General Convention
Nov. 3-8, 2005 (Thursday-Tuesday)
Mission Valley Marriot
8757 Rio San Diego Dr.
San Diego, CA

Texas Confederates Memorial Day
January 22, 2006 (Sunday)
Museum of Southern History
14080 Southwest Frwy
Sugar Land, Texas

Website < <http://63.90.155.100/default.asp> >

District I [Houston Area] Meeting
March 4, 2006 (Saturday)
Place: Bayland Community Center
6200 Chimney Rock
Houston, Texas

110th Texas Division Convention
Oct. 5-8, 2006 (Thur-Sunday)
Houston Marriott West Loop
1750 West Loop South
Houston, Texas
Hosts - Division I [Houston]



Confederate Gravemarkers

Do you have a Confederate ancestor who does not have a gravemarker? If you would like help to obtain a FREE gravemarker for your ancestors, contact: Judy Hoke Meschwitz - xxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx - Houston, Texas 77xxx e-mail < xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx >

Chapter Motto, Color & Flower

Motto: Memory is the motto of muses.

Color: Red & White

Flower: Pansy



Chaplain's Corner

If you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, nursing home or has had a death in their family, please notify our Chaplain - Karen Campbell - xxxxxxxx-xxxx or e-mail < xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx > and/or President - Caroline Farmer - e-mail < xx > or xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Newsletter - To save on postage, we are sending out the newsletter in Adobe .pdf format to those members with e-mail. Please remember to let us know about your new e-mail address. Those who do not have e-mail, will receive their copy by regular U.S. Mail.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sadness that I inform you the eldest and a long time member of our chapter, **EMMA SCHNELL SIMON BELLEW**, passed away on Sept. 12, 2005 in Houston, Texas. She was 95 years young and was born on Oct. 9, 1909 in Houston. Mrs. Bellew, became a member of ORAN M. ROBERTS 440 on Nov. 29, 1952, on the service of her great-great-uncle, Jaques (James) Vienne, Co. E, 30th (Sumter) LA Infantry. She was a second generation member of the chapter, with her mother, Mrs. L. F. Simon, who joined in 1922. Mrs. Bellew held numerous chapter offices during her early years as a member.

In 1984, she received the UDC 25 year membership award and, in 2003, a UDC 50 year membership award at the chapter's 101st Anniversary Luncheon. She attended with her daughter in great appreciation of her recognition and UDC spirit. She certainly carried her 93 years well.

Carolyn K. Farmer, President



Obituary

Houston Chronicle, Wed., 14 Sept. 2005

EMMA SIMON BELLEW, 95, entered into eternal rest, Monday, September 12, 2005. A native Houstonian. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Michael Bellew. Beloved mother of Margaret [Mary Bellew] Musgrove, Hilary [Schnell] Bellew and Frances [Laurence Bellew] Dulin. Grandmother of Marie Welsh, Emil Musgrove, Rebecca Dulin, Renee Bellew, Ryan Bellew, Amanda Dulin and Robert Dulin. Great-grandmother of Emma Welsh, Aiden and Colin Welsh and Brennan Musgrove. Visitation at Earthman Funeral Home, 2420 Fannin, from 4 to 9 pm. Rosary will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm at Earthman's. Mass of Christian Burial, Thursday, 10 am at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Internment at Holy Cross Cemetery. She lived a long and faith-filled life. May she rest in peace.

Please Mail Sympathy Cards to: Mr. Hilary Bellew, xxxxxxxxxxxx, Houston, Texas 77xxx -or- Frances Dulin, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx., Uvalde, Texas 78xxx.

In Memoriam

Regretfully, I must report the passing of another long-time member of our chapter, **Margaret Bond Gaunt Earthman** (Mrs. James Bradshaw Earthman, III), who died on Oct. 25, 2005 in Galveston, Texas. She was age 71 and was born on 4 Aug 1934 in Harris Co., TX. Mrs. Earthman, became a member of Oran M. Roberts 440 on 8 Jan 1972 on the service of her great-grandfather, Joseph Patrick Flanagan, Co. B, 6th Infantry Regt., Louisiana. She founded Eiband's Antique Gallery on Post Office Street in Galveston.

She hosted several Chapter meetings in her lovely home in Houston before moving to Galveston. In 2003, the chapter awarded her the UDC 25 year membership insignia at our 101st Anniversary Luncheon. She was very proud of her Southern heritage, indeed.

Carolyn K. Farmer, President



**Obituary
Houston Chronicle, Thur.,
27 Oct. 2005**

MARGARET GAUNT EARTHMAN, 71, died Oct. 25, 2005 in Galveston, Texas. She

was born in Houston but spent her early childhood in Beaufort, S.C. Her father Richard Hay Gaunt was a member of one of South Carolina's oldest and most distinguished families. Thus Margaret grew up appreciating the Episcopal tradition of her father and the Catholic faith of her mother. Preceded in death by her parents Richard and Mary Bond Gaunt and children Michael and Ann. Margaret graduated from St. Agnes Academy and attended the University of Houston and later Galveston College where she studied art. Member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority. She was an antique dealer and artist. Member of UTMB's President's Cabinet; East End Historical District Assn.; Advisory Board Member of the Grand 1894 Opera House; Advisory Board Member Ronald McDonald House; National Trust Council of Washington D.C.; Galveston Historic Foundation's Menard Society; Advisory Board Member American Cancer Society; Director, Friends of the Texas State Cemetery, Austin, Texas.; Lady Washington Chapter Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Oran M. Roberts Chapter

United Daughters of the Confederacy; the Lafitte Society; Friends of the Rosenberg Library; Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem and Third Order of St. Dominic. Her love of historic preservation, the arts and antiques led her to found the Eiband's Antique Gallery on Postoffice Street. Over the years Margaret gladly opened her home to many charitable events. Margaret was the American Cancer Society's 2002 Honoree. May 23, 2002 was proclaimed "Margaret Earthman Day" in her honor by the City of Galveston for her generosity to the community. She and her husband Jim received numerous awards for their efforts at preservation of Galveston including Downtown Revitalization Committee, 1995 George P. Mitchell Award; Galveston Historical Foundation, 1996 Phoenix Award; Galveston Center for Transportation & Commerce, 2000 Golden Lantern Award; Historical Downtown Strand Partnership, 2001 Downtown Renaissance Hall of Fame Award; The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2004 Galveston Community Enrichment Award. Her survivors include her husband James B. Earthman III and their children James B Earthman IV; William J. Earthman and wife Camille; John B. Earthman and wife Jeniffer; Sissy Lappin and husband Mark; Elizabeth M. Hall and husband John; Katie Cullen and husband Harry; and Addie M. Pappous and husband Norman. Grandchildren, Garrett Earthman, Kyle Earthman, Liam Earthman, Katherine Earthman, Mary Margaret Earthman, Leah Lappin, Nick Lappin, William Phillips, Jessica Fluker, Harrison Cullen, Hugh Roy Cullen II, Katie Rose Cullen, John David Marion, and Jim Marion. Great-grandchild, Riley Fluker. Also her sister, Marion Gaunt Reif and husband Cyril, and numerous cousins including Marsha Gaunt Berryman and husband John. The family would be honored to receive friends from eleven o'clock in the morning until two o'clock in the afternoon, Thursday, the 27th day of October in the Tanglewood Chapel of J. B. Earthman, 5740 San Felipe @ Bering; and later that evening from six o'clock until eight o'clock at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1302 Broadway in Galveston. At seven o'clock a Vigil Service will be held which includes recitation of the Rosary, followed by remarks from family members, also Rabbi Jimmy Kessler and the Rev. Ron Pogue, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be held Friday at ten o'clock in the morning, the 28th day of October at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Frank Fabj as Celebrant. Rite of Committal will take place at four o'clock that afternoon at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. Pallbearers are Bill Foley, Fred Burns, Armin Cantini, Gene Hornstein, Jim Ware, Doug McLeod, Col. Art Wilcox, Dr. Aristides Koutrouvelis, and

David P. Salyer. Honorary Pallbearers: Dr. Bill Levin Dr. Jack Jinkins, Dr. Elmer Vogelpohl, Ellis Rudy, and Paul Hewitt. The family would like to thank the entire UTMB staff and administration for their loving care, especially Dr. Lyuba Levine. During her lifetime Margaret worked on many charitable events. With her good friend Fredell Rosen, her last effort was to raise funds for a fellowship program at UTMB. Friends wishing may make a contribution to: The Margaret Earthman Endowment for the Breast Imaging Fellowship Program University of Texas Medical Branch 301 University Blvd. Galveston, Texas 77555-0148 Or to a Charity of your choice.

Please Mail Sympathy Cards to: Husband, **James B. Earthman, III** at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Galveston, Texas 77xxxxxxx ---- and children ---- **James B. Earthman, IV** at xxxxxxxxxxxxl St., Houston, TX 77xxx ---- **John B. Earthman** at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxx, Spring, TX 77xxx ---- **Sissy Lappin** at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx., Houston, TX 77xxx ---- **William J. Earthman** at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx, San Antonio, TX 78xxxxxxx ---- **Elizabeth M. Hall** at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxx, Cleveland, TX 77xxxxxxx ---- **Katie Cullen** at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx., Houston, TX 77xxx ---- **Addie Pappous** at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx., Galveston, TX 77xxxxxxx.



Chapter Flag

Like Bo Peep who lost her sheep, our chapter has lost its flag! Urban lore is that a former member had it and when she died, it was lost when the family disposed of it.

In reading 1902 Texas Division Minutes, there is a description of our original flag:

“ . . . a banner with the name ‘Oran M. Roberts Chapter’ blazoned in gold . . . Miss Dunovant has inscribed, in letters of living light, the words, ‘Memory is the Mother of the Muses.’ “

Our chapter will celebrate our 105th Anniversary in February 2006, what a fitting tribute to do so with a new chapter flag. Put your thinking caps on about raising funds to acquire a new flag.

ESTIMATED CHAPTER FLAG REPLACEMENT COST: \$400.00 - Donations Accepted

109th Texas Division Convention
Sept. 29th - Oct. 2, 2005
League City, Texas

We had one delegate, **Lynna Kay Shuffield**, from our chapter elected to attend the 109th Texas Division Convention. Also attending was our president, **Carolyn Farmer**, who participated and voted in the capacity as an Honorary Texas Division President. Major Shuffield provided the following short summary:

After 30 years membership in the UDC, I was able to attend my first Texas Division Convention. I did not know what to expect but entered upon the adventure with great excitement. Friday began with a tribute to the 66 UDC members, including 4 Real Daughters, who died between Sept. 1, 2004 and Aug. 31, 2005. Also, in her capacity as Honorary President, Texas Division, Carolyn recited a Memorial to the Daughters of the Confederacy. The pages, all dressed in white, placed carnations into a circular wreath as each individual's name was read.

A total of 217 pre-registered to attend the convention and 8 registered at the door; however, only 169 individuals attended, of which 52 were delegates. About 60 individuals who pre-registered, did not attend, probably due to recent hurricanes in the Gulf Coast region.

The next order of business was the reading of reports by each officer and committee chairman. During the report of the Texas Division Registrar, **Betty Crosby**, recognized the oldest individual to join during 2004-2005 as **MABEL COBB EVARD LAWHON**, age 89, who was a member of ORAN M. ROBERTS CHAPTER 440. The Registrar announced in the Texas Division, there are 2,786 members, 85 chapters, during 2004-2005, there were 426 submissions, which included 252 new member applications and 75 supplemental applications.

The Texas Division Treasurer was unable to attend however, her report for 2004-2005 was read and included \$100,418 income, \$90,526 expenses with \$9,891 balance. The audit report was read and confirmed all records were in order and the amounts were correct.

The 2nd Vice President announced there were over 100 applicants for 11 scholarships at Texas Division. These scholarships can only awarded for a Texas college or university. She referred everyone to website for information:

< <http://txudc.org/education.htm> >.

Ginny Robinson, Webmaster of the Texas Division website announced the **Best Chapter Website Award** was ORAN M. ROBERTS CHAPTER 440, Houston, Texas and a lovely certificate was presented.

The Real Daughters' Luncheon was very nice and the "*Historical Clothing Fashion Show*" present by **Hollie T. King** of Baytown, Texas was extremely interesting. One Real Daughter, **Marjorie Clark Richards**, was in attendance.

During the Historical Evening, our chapter president, Carolyn Farmer, in her capacity as Pioneer in Space Awards Committee Chairman, presented two awards - Certificates for Special Achievement to William Lee Keeling and Joe Ned Yelverton.

There were numerous other awards presented during the event and the evening's speaker, Ed Cotham presented a fascinating program on "*The Battle of Sabine Pass*."

Saturday's Business Meetings were almost totally devoted to By-Law Amendments. This discussion, debate and voting went on in adnauseam beginning at 9 a.m. and was mercifully over by 4:30 p.m.



The President's Banquet and Evening was a great deal of fun and provided a spectacular culmination with the Presentation of Chapter and

District Flags. The speaker was Eric Sandifer on "*The Magnolia Rangers in the War Between the States*." The evening closed with numerous Chapter and District awards being presented.

An invitation was issued for the **110th Texas Division Convention** on Fri., Oct. 5th-Sun., Oct. 8, 2006 in Houston at the Marriott West Loop. On Thur., Oct. 4, 2006, there will be workshops and committee meetings at the convention hotel. ORAN M. ROBERTS 440 and William Mosby Eastland 2609 will serve as co-hostesses for the Real Daughters Luncheon on Friday. We will be responsible for the program, speaker, table decorations and individuals favors.





Historical Evening Awards

Standing L to R - Ed Cotham, _____, _____,
William Lee Keeling, _____, Joe Ned Yelverton

Seated L to R - Carolyn Farmer, President, ORAN
M. ROBERTS 440; Bonnie Harrill, Janice K.
Langford, Texas Division President; Sergeant First
Class Theresa McKinley Foss



112th UDC Annual General Convention

Mrs. Judy Hugg Grimes, will serve as our delegate to the UDC General Convention on Nov. 3-8, 2005 (Thursday-Tuesday) at the Mission Valley Marriot in San Diego, CA. We look forward to including her summary report in our January 2006 newsletter. In addition, Judy will be serving as a Page at her 1st UDC General Convention. A big thank you to Judy for undertaking to represent our chapter!

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Corrections / Changes / Updates to your Yearbook

Campbell, Karen - email
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OUR SOUTHLAND
By Miss Adelia A. Dunovant
[Founding President of ORAN M. ROBERTS 440]

Our Southland-Ah! that word,
Like storm-tossed, fluttering bird,
Throbs on the air.
That name on starry height,
Fame seized the plume to write,
when might and darkest night
concealed each star.

Yet, honor, with firm heart,
Held glory's blood-stained chart,
Through murk and storm,
its stars like unto those
God's azure vaults disclose,
Each, with its own life, glows-
Yet, uniform.

Grand voice of liberty!
Thy tones in infancy
First spoken here.
A southern heard thy tone,
South breezes bore it on,
And southern sun bright shone
On utt'rance clear.

Fair Southland! Thy bright plain
And grandly rolling main
In wondrous plan
Of wise conformity,
Supply crowns lavishly,
And pains ceaselessly
For sovereign man.

Oh, Southland! Thy deep moans,
As Rachael, for thy sons,
We still do hear.
Mayhap, those tears adown
The cares of woe, have grown
To diamonds, for thy crown
In other sphere.

We lift our voice to thee,
Author of land and sea,
Creator All!
Still guide our steps, O God!
In paths our fathers trod,
Thou wert their king, their God!
Be thou our All!

September 2005 Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 Sept 2005 - *Place:* Dixie's Classic Diner
- 15323 Gulf Frwy

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm by the president, Carolyn Farmer, followed by pledges to the U.S. Flag, the Texas flag and the Confederate flag. The six members present introduced themselves and the president introduced our guest speaker, Betty B. Mann of Jefferson Davis Chapter 1637, UDC.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as written in the newsletter. The motion passed and minutes approved.

The treasurer reported a beginning balance on Aug. 24th of \$193.85 and our ending balance as of Aug. 31, 2005 of \$368.85.

Carolyn Farmer read the obituary of our member Mrs. Emma Bellew who died Sept. 12, 2005 at 94 years of age.

The president thanked Lynna Kay Shuffield for becoming the registrar, recorder of military service, doing the yearbook, newsletter, chapter website and putting O. M. Roberts history in archival sleeves. She also thanked Judy Meschwitz as historian and Karen Campbell as Chaplain for accepting these offices.

The president and Lynna Kay will be our delegates and alternate to Division Convention at South Shore Harbor in League City, Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, 2005.

We have two possible prospects for scholarships: Adria Agraz and Natalie Hill.

The UDC Magazine is \$15.00 yearly and Division Newsletter "The Battle Cry" is \$7.00 per year. Also at a later date we will have to discuss the need for new flags as these are over 20 years old and frail.

We are invited to a dedication of Confederate Headstones, Sat. Oct. 8, 2005 at Washington Cemetery sponsored by the Cemetery Historic Trust and Albert S. Johnston Camp 67, SCV.

The Nov. 19, 2005, meeting will be at the diner at 2 p.m. If you want lunch, come before the meeting time.

A most informative program on the submarine "C.S.S. Hunley" was given by our guest, Mrs. Betty Mann.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Minalee Ferguson,
Secretary



District I News

Jamie Davis, Chairman

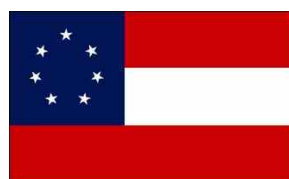
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Upcoming date: Jan. 22, 2006 - Confederate Heroes Day at Museum of Southern History.

At the Texas Division Convention, District I received award for Best District Report, Districts 200-300 members.



**First National Flag of the Confederacy
"Stars and Bars"
March 1861 to May 1863**



The original version of the Confederate national flag, called the Stars and Bars, included seven stars representing the first seven states to secede from the Union: South Carolina,

Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas. In its final form, the flag contained 13 stars (adding the seceding states of Virginia, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee, as well as two states that attempted, but failed, to secede: Kentucky and Missouri). The flag's first official use was at the inauguration of Jefferson Davis on March 4, 1861. It was also used in combat, but its similarity to the Stars and Stripes caused confusion on the battlefield.

Profile of Our Ancestors

Every newsletter will carry a profile of one of the Confederate ancestors of our Chapter. Please submit your biographical sketch / narrative to Lynna Kay Shuffield, Newsletter Editor.

Private F. M. Cave & Private Wayne Cave Co. E, 4th Texas Cavalry

(a/k/a Milam County Guards or Captain Charles Buckholts' Company, 1st Regiment, Sibley's Brigade, Texas Mounted Volunteers)

[Great-great-great-uncles of Lynna Kay Shuffield]

The brothers were the sons of Henry W. Cave and Nancy Jane Bass Cave and were born in the area of Clarke Co., AL. The family later moved to Enterprise, Clarke Co., MS and they moved to Texas in the 1850s and were living in the Elevation, Milam Co., TX by 1860.

The brothers were the grandsons of John Cave (Jr.) who served in the War of 1812 and Lucinda Causey. Their great-grandparents were John Cave (Sr.) who served during the American Revolution and Sarah Wilson Brown, daughter of William Brown who was also a Patriot of the American Revolution. Sarah's brother, Tarlton Brown was a hero in the American Revolution.

The boys' maternal grandparents were Uriah Bass, Jr., who was an Emissary of the Republic of Texas, and Rutha Pipkin.

Wayne, born ca. 1837, was enrolled by Captain Buckholts on Monday, 9 Sept 1861 in Milam Co., TX and mustered into service by Lieutenant Lane on Wednesday, 18 Sept 1861 in San Antonio, Bexar Co., TX. He died on Thursday, 27 March 1862.

F. M. (thought, by family tradition, to stand for Francis Marion), born ca. 1839, was enrolled by Captain Buckholts on Wednesday, 2 Oct 1861 in Milam Co., TX and mustered into service by Lieutenant Lane on Tuesday, 8 Oct 1861 in San Antonio. He is shown dead on the Company Muster Roll with service through Wednesday, 30 April 1862.

The exact burial location of the brothers in New Mexico is unknown and memorial Confederate gravemarkers were placed in the Hurt-Graham

Cemetery in Elevation (near Milano), Milam Co., TX, at the foot of their father's grave.

It is presumed Wayne was buried somewhere on Johnson's Ranch in Santa Fe County and F.M., according to family lore, may have died at a hospital in the City of Santa Fe and was buried in an unmarked grave. However, extensive research in the New Mexico State Archives and the Texas State Archives did not uncover any documentation related to their deaths and burials.

Two of their brothers were Confederate Veterans: Clark(e) Uriah Cave [Co. B, 35th (Brown's) Texas Cavalry] and Hiram David Cave [Co. D, 18th Texas Cavalry]. Additionally, one of their nephews was a Confederate Veteran: William Clayton Knight [Co. A, 2nd Texas Cavalry, Col. Ford's Regiment], son of their sister, Martha Cave Knight Carver.

Neither F.M. nor Wayne ever married.

The 4th Texas Cavalry was originally organized in Sept 1861, in San Antonio. It was made-up of 10 companies and the unit was also known as the 4th Regiment of Texas Mounted Volunteers. They were commanded by Colonel James Reily who was a politician from Houston, Harris Co., TX, who was a veteran of the Mexican War. Reily served in the Diplomatic Corps of the Republic of Texas, and later as a United States Consul in Russia. He was killed at the Battle of Irish Bend in Franklin, LA on 14 April 1863.

The New Mexico Campaign was Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley's daring plan to take three regiments of volunteers to be raised in Texas and strike north up the Rio Grande into New Mexico, capturing the weakly-held Federal forts and their stores of supplies, gathering more volunteers from sympathizers in the countryside, and driving the Federal army out of the territory.

Sibley envisioned the conquest of Colorado, whose gold mining profits would be diverted to aid the Confederacy. From Colorado, he and his expanded army of conquest would march to San Francisco, acquiring a seaport that would be impossible for the Federals to blockade. With the Confederacy reaching from coast to coast, leaders in Europe would be likely to recognize it as a nation. Davis approved Sibley's plan, made him a Brigadier General, and gave him permission to raise the troops he required in Texas.

Sibley returned at once to San Antonio, to spend the Summer of 1861 to raise his brigade, consisting of the 4th, 5th, and 7th Texas Mounted Volunteers. Sibley encountered delays in enlisting and equipping his troops, which resulted in a late departure. The first wave left San Antonio for Franklin, Texas, in late Oct 1861. Sibley had unintentionally embarked upon a winter campaign in a territory of high steppe deserts, whose plateaus more often than not rose a mile above sea level. Two full regiments of Sibley's Brigade, the 4th and 5th Texas Mounted Volunteers, left San Antonio for New Mexico in late October and early November, traveling in small detachments because of the scarcity of water along their route of march. The third regiment in the brigade, the 7th Texas Mounted Volunteers, was still incomplete at the time of its departure for New Mexico in late November.

The first advance of Sibley's army arrived in Franklin, Texas, in mid-December. Hoping to gain foreign recognition for the Confederacy and to forestall any attempt by Union forces to cross Mexico, Sibley sent Colonel Reily of the 4th Texas on a diplomatic mission to the Mexican states of Sonora and Chihuahua. Lieutenant Colonel William R. Scurry assumed command of the regiment in Reily's absence. Reily bid his men farewell on Christmas Day in a camp just north of the Mexican border. Sibley's army had entered New Mexico Territory. Moving north up the Rio Grande, the 4th Texas established a camp above Fort Thorn, 70-miles from Fort Craig.

The 4th Texas' first skirmish was on Sunday, 16 February through Thursday, 20 Feb 1862 at Fort Craig, New Mexico Territory. On the night of 20 February, approximately 150 mules, used to pull supply wagons, were carelessly allowed to run off toward the Rio Grande looking for water.

The Battle of Val Verde was on Friday, 21 Feb 1862, the Confederates defeated the Union forces led by Colonel Edward R. S. Canby. Among the Union troops was the First New Mexico Volunteer Regiment, led by Colonel Christopher "Kit" Carson. Losses were about equal on each side. The Confederates failed to take Fort Craig. The unit marched onward and on Friday, 28 March 1862, the Confederates defeated the Union forces in the Battle of Glorietta Pass. Union reinforcements had come from the Colorado territory. These men were mostly miners, and were called "Pike's Peakers." When their supply train was destroyed, the Confederates were forced to retreat to Santa Fe.

Company E was commanded by Captain Charles Buckholts, who was killed at the Battle of Glorietta Pass on Friday, 28 March 1862 and the town of Buckholts in Milam Co., TX was named in his honor.

The New Mexico Campaign ended in May 1862 when a lack of supplies caused Sibley's Brigade to withdraw toward San Antonio.

This mounted infantry unit was originally assigned to Sibley's Brigade and was surrendered by General E. K. Smith, commanding the Trans-Mississippi Dept., on Friday, 26 May 1865. During the war, the 4th Texas Cavalry lost 76 men killed, 186 wounded, 136 died of disease, and 910 horses killed.



Confederate Artists Henry Arthur McArdle (1836-1908)

On June 9, 1836, McArdle was born in Belfast, Ireland and studied art there. In 1851, after the death of his parents, McArdle immigrated to Baltimore, MD with his maiden aunt. He enrolled in the Maryland Institute for the Promotion of the Mechanic Arts and graduated in 1860.



Henry A. McArdle Lee at the Wilderness

He was a Confederate sympathizer and admirer of Robert E. Lee. McArdle served the Confederacy during the Civil War as a draftsman in the Corps of Engineers and a designer of gunboats. He was also a topographer for General Robert E Lee.

After the war, he settled in Independence, Texas.

His first major piece was Lee at the Wilderness, depicting the campaign in West Virginia (1869-70).

In 1881, McArdle began his teaching career at Baylor University and Baylor Female College. In 1889, when the two colleges moved from Independence, McArdle set up a studio in San Antonio continue painting portraits. He became a student of Texas history and painted historical images including the ones that hang in the State Capitol in Austin. Those paintings were purchased by the state from the heirs of the artist, who had died financially strapped. In 1908, McArdle died in San Antonio, Texas.

Texas Division Historian's Essay Topics Remaining

Message from Carolyn Dowden Jamail
Texas Division Historian

Our list of Essay Topics was almost depleted by the entries submitted at the 2005 Texas Division Convention. Below is a list of remaining topics.

I would like request members to offer to sponsor new awards. Simply choose a subject that you would like to see written about, write a check payable to Treasurer, Texas Division, and mail to: Carolyn Jamail, Historian, TX Div UDC, xxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx., Spring, TX 77xxxxxxxx.

The deadline for getting the topics and check to me is Dec. 15, 2005. The award may be in any amount, (\$10.00 minimum). We must have them by that date in order to get them into the Minute Book. This is a great way to honor your ancestor, a family member, your chapter, or friend.

Copies of winning essays are available from your Division Custodian. These are a great source of program material for your chapter. Thanks for all your great work this year in the realm of History.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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A reminder to ALL members: **If you have NOT PAID YOUR DUES, please pay them as quickly as possible. Dues are \$35.00 a year, due yearly Sept. 1st and PAST DUE Jan. 1st. Any member whose dues are not paid by Jan. 1st, will be DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT** on the Chapter Per Capita Sheet. Please mail your check for \$35.00 payable to: ORAN M. ROBERTS 440 and mail to:
Connie Surrency
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Houston, Texas 77xxx

With the absence of our Chaplain in September, I conducted a short Memorial Prayer for our long time member (54 years), Emma Simon Bellew, who passed away Sept. 12, 2005 in Houston. Division and Chapter condolences were sent to her daughter in Uvalde, Texas and a chapter memorial will be made in her memory.

Lynna Kay Shuffield was voted to be the one delegate and I was the one alternate from ORAN M. ROBERTS CHAPTER 440 for the Texas Division Convention, Sept. 29th-Oct. 2nd at South Shore Harbor Conference Center in League City, Texas. I have a personal vote as a member of the Division Board. The proposed Bylaw changes to be considered at the Division Convention were reviewed. Please refer to Lynna Kay's "Report of Delegate to Division Convention" for convention news. I now have the set of the Texas Division Ancestor Rosters and the Index and will look to see if an ancestor has been submitted in Texas for you. Please email your prospect to me. Judy Grimes, our member who lives in California, will be attending her very first Convention, the General Convention, as a Texas delegate from ORAN M. ROBERTS and has signed up to page. Way to go, Judy.

Other News: The Beauvoir, former home of President Jefferson Davis, was NOT totally destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. While the original home and other buildings were damaged, they will be restored with the help of generous funds from the Chapters and Daughters.

To make a contribution, make check payable to "Beauvoir Relief Fund" and mail to:
Mississippi Division, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.
dba The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library
P. O. Box 7
Meridian, MS 39302-0007
Website: < <http://www.beauvoir.org/> >

On Oct. 22nd, the Texas Civil War Museum held a special "Volunteer and Donor Preview Celebration & Appreciation Reception." The Museum is located at 760 Jim Wright Freeway, N. (same as N. Loop 820), Fort Worth, Texas. The Grand Opening will be held in Jan. 2006, opening to all the members and the public.

We look forward to our next chapter meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2:00 p.m. at Dixie's Classic Diner.

Carolyn K. Farmer, President

