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right things. I hope to see you all at the next meeting, June 20. Thank you, Dennis and Rodney, for stepping up at the last meeting. Ya'll are true Patriots.

Commander, Kid Tillery

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 20th 6:30 p.m.
Refreshments at 6:00 p.m.
Old Union Community Center
Hwy 67E, Mount Pleasant, Texas

COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Danny "Kid" Tillery



Hope this finds everyone doing well. Good news from Buffalo. He is out of the hospital and doing a little better. Keep him in your prayers. I apologize for not being at the last meeting. I was in Oklahoma hauling fuel. Sucks to hav to work sometimes, but now with gas and everything totally out of site, I would wager to say a lot of folks will be coming out of retirement to just exist anymore. Pray for our country and its leaders that they would do the

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 127th 2022 National Reunion will be held at the Clarence Brown Conference Center in Cartersville, GA. on July 19-23
Check <https://scv.org> for all kinds of information

Our Charge...

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals 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, Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1906*



A BLAST FROM THE PAST



William R. M. (Sr. 2nd Lieutenant, Company L 6th Alabama Infantry Regiment) William Rhadamanthus Montgomery Slaughter was a son of John Robbin Slaughter and Temperance Harris

Slaughter. He was known as Rhaddie. He was born in Tallapoosa County, Alabama on November 24, 1840. He was born shortly after the Presidential Campaign of 1840, and his parents discussed naming him William Henry Harrison Slaughter, but also being fond of a Presbyterian minister by the name of Rhadamanthus Montgomery, who had just died, the parents compromised by naming him after both the President-elect and the deceased minister. His brothers and sisters were: (1) John Nichleson Slaughter, born November 4, 1828; (2) Hannah Elizabeth Slaughter, born April 16, 1830; died July 31, 1837. (3) Myles Matthew Slaughter, born September 22, 1832; died January 4, 1905. (4) Martha Emily Frances Slaughter, born September 8, 1838; died April 3, 1843; (5) William Rhadamanthus Montgomery Slaughter, born November 24, 1840, died October 18, 1898; (6) Richard Ross Slaughter, born July 6, 1845; died November 15, 1908.

William graduated from Oglethorpe University, in Atlanta, Georgia. When the Civil War commenced, he immediately joined the Confederate Army and was attached to the Sixth Alabama Infantry Regiment, Company L. He became a Lieutenant, but was called Captain by all his acquaintances.



Rhaddie Slaughter and Elizabeth Josephine Pearson were married in Tallapoosa County, Alabama on October 26, 1865. Rhaddie Slaughter was a schoolteacher. He and his wife came to Texas in February 1870. They were intending to go to Collin County for a visit, but stopped in Titus County to visit McKenzie (Mack) Harris, who was his first cousin. He lived in the Bridges Chapel community. During their visit with the Harris family, it was made known that he was a teacher and a teacher being needed at Greenhill, he was offered the place and it was accepted. He and his wife became Titus County citizens for the

remainder of their lives. In a diary kept by Elizabeth Josephine Pearson Slaughter, this entry was made on December 5, 1870:

"By the time we had eat breakfast, Cousin Mack came in his wagon, he said he had come after us to go to his house to stay 2 weeks. So my children and I went. Rhaddie started to Perryman Black's to buy the Grigsby place, but he met him at Suggs Store and bought the place--he gave \$800.00 in cash and \$500.00 cash next March."

The diary entries for the next two weeks show Mrs. Slaughter very busy in getting ready to move in the home, and among things that she did was to "tear up shucks" to make three mattresses. The diary for December 23, 1870 says:

"A very bitter cold day - Mr. Hall takes the rest of my baggage and I and the children on Nellie Gray (the horse), Rhaddie in the waggon, and we move to our new home."

This house was built in 1855 by a man by the name of Horn. Abner Grigsby bought it from Horn and he sold it, along with 300 acres of land, to Rhaddie Slaughter. It is a log house, but planking has been placed over the logs. The Slaughters lived there and raised the family. This house still stands and is in excellent condition. The house and 200 acres of land are owned by Zenobia Slaughter Lide, a daughter of Rhaddie Slaughter, and 100 acres by Bob Conroy, a grandson. In some way a story was started many years ago that there was gold buried around the old house, and this has caused much digging, but no gold. This house is about one mile North of Greenhill, in Titus County. The Slaughter children were: (1) Alfred Warren Slaughter, who married Gussie Akridge; (2) Annie Caroline, who married John Gilpin. They had one child, a girl, named Thalia, who married a Conroy, and these are Bob Conroy's parents; (3) Pearson Slaughter, who married Bessie Read. He was a Presbyterian minister; (4) Rhaddie, Jr., who died at 4; (5) Bessie Tempie, who married T. B. Caldwell, Sr.; and (6) Zenobia, who married Dean Lide.

Captain Rhaddie Slaughter was Tax Assessor of Titus County about 1888. He taught school at Greenhill, Mt. Pleasant, Chapel Hill and Hickory Hill, in Titus County and for a while in Hopkins County. For a while he owned a country store in

Greenhill, and was Postmaster there. He died on October 18, 1898, and his wife died on January 5, 1899. Submitted by gr gr Granddaughter Carolyn (Slaughter) Hammonds.

Regimental History: 6th Infantry Regiment, about 1,400 strong, was organized at Montgomery, Alabama, in May, 1861. Its twelve companies were recruited in the counties of Montgomery, Jackson, Autauga, Lowndes, Russell, Macon, Henry, and Wilson. Ordered to Virginia, the unit was assigned to Rodes', O'Neal's, and Battle's Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. It was engaged in many conflicts from Williamsburg to Cold Harbor, moved with Early to the Shenandoah Valley, and ended the war at Appomattox. In April, 1862, it contained 1,100 effectives. Subsequently, it lost fifty-nine percent of the 632 engaged at Seven Pines and reported 156 casualties at Sharpsburg and 161 at Chancellorsville. Of the 382 in the fight at Gettysburg, more than fifty percent were disabled.



The regiment surrendered with 4 officers and 80 men. Its commanders were Colonels John B. Gordon and John L. Seibels; Lieutenant Colonels B.H. Baker, Augustus M. Gordon, George W. Hooper, J.N. Lightfoot, and J.J. Willingham; and Majors I.F. Culver, S. Perry Nesmith, and Walter H. Weems.

Provided by Compatriot Steve Austin



LAST CAMP MEETING

I think due a mix-up in communications we had a small number present at the last meeting. I apologize for the problem. Marvin Pat Tomberlain Jr. was sworn in as a new member. WELCOME PAT!!! Joe brought sandwich makings and we had slam sandwiches. Adjutant Rodney Love gave a presentation on the 1853 Enfield rifle. Everyone had a good time and there were not any punches thrown.



SOME BATTLES FOUGHT DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

Battle of Cold Harbor - Cold Harbor Virginia

1-3 June 1864 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: {Unknown} Confederate, 12,000 Union!



Battle of Philippi - Philippi Western Virginia

3 June 1861 - General Robert S. Garnett verses General George B. McClellan. Casualties: 15 Confederate, 2 Union!

Battle of Cross Keys - Cross Keys Virginia

8 June 1862 - General Richard S. Ewell verses General John C. Fremont. Casualties: 288 Confederate, 584 Union!

Battle of Port Republic - Port Republic Virginia

9 June 1862 - General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson verses General John C. Fremont. Casualties: 800 Confederate, 1018 Union!

Battle of Brandy Station - Brandy Station Virginia

9 June 1863 - General James "J.E.B." Stuart verses General Alfred Pleasonton. Casualties: 523 Confederate, 936 Union!

Second Battle of Winchester - Winchester Virginia

14-15 June 1863 - General Richard S. Ewell verses General Robert H. Milroy. Casualties: 269 Confederate, 4443 Union!

Siege of Petersburg - Petersburg Virginia

19 June 1864 - 2 April 1865 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: 28,000 Confederate, 42,000 Union!



2 Chronicles 7:14

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Truly we are living in an hour when America really needs to repent & turn from her wicked ways. Are we doing our part to lead the sinners back to God?

None of us was without sin but yet we find forgiveness from our sins & we must show the lost the true way to Jesus.

God Bless
Chaplain Shawn Tully



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

June 1st – Laura Beckham
 June 23th – Billie Love
 June 15th – Rodney Love
 June 19th – Joe Reynolds
 June 19th – Kid Tillery
 June 20th – Buffalo



GUARDIAN NEWS



Our camp #2270 has 280 graves attended by 14 members. Remember to be a full Guardian your grave must have either a Confederate headstone or a Confederate footstone. Be sure to start to look into completing your responsibility to your veteran's graves. As usual, I'll leave you with the question that Phil Davis, Past Chairman of both the National and Texas Division Guardian Program always asks, "Are you a Guardian? If not, why not?"



CAMP SONG

Sons of Confederate Veterans

By: Harry King

We are the Sons of Confederate Veterans
 We wear the grey with Southern Pride
 In honor of our great forefathers
 Who went to battle, who fought and died

We are the Sons of Confederate Veterans
 In every camp we take a stand
 To preserve our Southern Culture
 The memory of every fighting man

We guard the Heritage of God and Family
 The cornerstone of our History
 From old Jeff Davis to Stonewall Jackson
 And our commander Robert E. Lee

We are the Sons of Confederate Veterans
 who shed their blood and stood their ground
 From Manassas to the fields of Shiloh
 Until they drove old Dixie down

We are the Sons of Confederate Veterans
 from the Heart of Texas to the Caroline's
 Shenandoah Valley and the Blue Ridge Mountains
 Louisiana to the Georgis Pines

So all you Johnny Rebs give a Rebel Yell
 Like your forefathers when duty called
 And hold your head up high in sacred honor
 of the fighting heroes who gave it all

We are the sons of Confederate Veterans
 We wear the grey with southern pride
 In honor of our brave forefathers
 Who went to battle who fought and died

Who fought for Dixie
 Who fought and died!



CAMP PHOTOS



Adjutant Rodney Love presenting program on the 1853 Enfield



Adjutant Rodney Love demonstrating the loading of 1853 Enfield



1st Lt. Dennis Beckham administering oath to Marvin Pat Tomberlain Jr.





**1st Lt. Dennis Beckham presenting membership certificate to Marvin Pat Tomberlain Jr.
Welcome Pat!!!**

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