



# ***THE MARSHALL GUARDIAN***

## ***IN MEMORY OF THE HARRISON COUNTY BOYS***



Dedicated to the memory of the **Sergeant William Williston Heartsill** Company F 2nd Texas Cavalry, C.S.A

### **Next Meeting...**

**Tuesday,**

**October 15th, 2024**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Program:**

**Frank Crisp, Famous people who were Confederates.**



**Jose Tequila Restaurant**

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**Bring a Friend**



**W. W. Heartsill**

**2024 Texas Division Awards:** Distinguished Camp Award, Four Star Camp Award, Community Service Award, 100% Retention Award, Best Camp Newsletter Award.

**2023 & 2024 SCV, ATM Superior Camp Winner**

Compatriots and my Brothers All:

Since last month's meeting we have reflagged Marshall, Greenwood, Scottsville, Fairview, and the Hebrew, cemeteries. So that accounts for almost 260 CSA flags. I thank all the brothers who came out to help. We have spread the word out about the video Robb made about our Confederate monument. Nothing but praise from all. Job well done Robb. Pete and I attended the DEC in Waco and heard about the status of the Texas Division. It appears we have lost more members. On Thursday Sept. 26 I got a call and met with Ross J. Cox, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander of our new Salt Works Camp in Lampasas. He was chasing history on the Knights of the Golden Circle and BG Elkanah Greer. I took him and his lady friend to Marshall and Greenwood Cemeteries and shared the heroes buried there, and I took him to the Museum's and our monument. They had nothing but praise about the work of our Camp in honoring our Veterans from here. He has a history of acquiring Texas Historical markers and wants and will pursue one on the KGC, and would like to place it next to the CSA marker in Marshall Cemetery with our help. So another great project to look into. Proud to serve our ancestors.

**Bill Elliott, Commander, at your service.**



### Camp Meeting September 17th. Pictures by Albert Colvin



1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Pete Craig receives his Guardian Award and SCV Commendation Award



2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Robb McMahan explains his video Randy Saxton receives a 2<sup>nd</sup> certificate



**Singing Dixie**

**Visiting with Terry Landrum**

We had a great meeting with 17 people in attendance. Terry Landrum who transferred from the Mt. Pleasant Camp, traveled up from Hallettsville to attend one of his new Camp's meetings. I found out that Pat Tomberlain also came down on Thursday thinking we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday by mistake. We had a great meeting show Robb's video 2 times. The Camp voted to make it public so Robb has set up a W. W. Heartsill #314 You Tube page and a Facebook page for the Camp. Slowly we are coming into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with Robb's help. We sent the video out to several people including the Harrison County Commissioner Court member who are friendly to our cause. We sent it to Johnny Anderson thanking him for his encouraging video on the Georgetown monument and he loved it and shared it with the ones who control of the Texas Division Face Book page and the Division's You Tube channel so more people will have access to our Video. Our Past CinC Jason Boshier loved it and is getting it over to the National's SCV Chat that airs on Face Book on Monday's and Thursday's.



### 1906 Confederate Monument dedication photo identification.

The people around the monument on Jan. 19, 1906

Right side:

**Major Edwin James Fry**, 12/1/1845 to 5/25/1927, Co. A, 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Partisan Rangers, Col W. P. Lane's Regiment became the Regimental Sgt.-Major. Fry and Charles Raquet sold their local Bank to group of investors and it became the 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Marshall. He was 61 years old in this picture. Buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

**Captain Thomas Jefferson Whaley**, 7/7/1833 to 5/4/1911. Was sitting County Commissioner at the time of this photo served as County Commissioner for 20 years. Left the Civil War as Captain of Co. K, 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment Texas Cavalry 1862-1865. Was 73 years old in this picture. His sons formed Logan & Whaley. Buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

**Sgt. Thomas Ashford Elgin**: 3/8/1841 to 5/5/1916. Served as Marshall City Alderman and owner operator of the namesake Elgin Hotel on N. Bolivar at the viaduct bridge, and was a cotton broker after war. Served 4 years in Co. F. 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Cavalry Regiment, was a POW for almost a year. His house he had built in the late 1870's still stands at 504 Greenwood Ave. He was 65 years old in this picture  
Left side starting on left.

**Dr. Eugene Burrus Blocker**: 2/22/1837 to 8/30/1922. Asst. Surgeon Co. A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Texas Cavalry 1862-1865. His Family were the Leigh and Crossroad Blockers, was part of the Marshall Medical Community for rest of his life and with 3 other former CSA doctors help curb the 1878 yellow fever epidemic here in Marshall. Buried in Algoma South Cemetery. Was 67 in this picture.

**Archibald Gray Adams**: 7/4/1833 to 9/3/1915. Lt. Co. D, 7<sup>th</sup> Texas Regiment, POW in Ohio for 7 months. Exchanged and returned to the rebuilt under Granbury's Brigade. Served as City Alderman and County Tax Assessor after war. Buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Was 73 in this picture.

**William Williston Heartsill** : 10/7/1839 to 7/27/1916, Orderly Sgt. Co. F. 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Regiment Texas Cavalry. POW at Camp Butler Ill. . Returned home and operated Heartsill's Dry Goods at 107 N. Wellington sold to his Son-in-Law who later sold it and it became McPhail's Hardware. Served as Marshall Alderman and Marshall Mayor. Buried at Greenwood Cemetery. Was 67 years old in this picture.

**Mrs. Laura Owsley Elgin, (T.A. Elgin)** was 60 years old in this picture. She served as the President of the Marshall Chapter 412, United Daughters of the Confederacy for approx. 6 years. This was her passion to accomplish this monument. Buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

## Hometown Heroes, Major Edwin James Fry, 1845-1927



### From the Marshall Messenger, May 26, 1927

Funeral services for Major E. J. Fry, Marshall's grand old man, who died at his home (308 W. Austin) here yesterday following a lingering illness, will be held from the Trinity Episcopal Church at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, with Gray Commandary No. 16 Knights Templar officiating, with Grand Commandery of Texas assisting. Death removed one of the picturesque figures in Texas with the passing of Major Fry. His benevolences and philanthropies and his dynamic personality endeared him in the hearts of his fellowmen. No son of Marshall will ever be loved more than was Major Fry, a Christian with a heart of gold. Many are the homes in which he brought happiness by clandestine charitableness; leaving money or clothing at the door, and the recipients never knowing their benefactor, Major Fry was a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree I.G.H., Scottish Rite Mason, and also was past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Texas. He was a member of the Scottish Rites Bodies at Galveston and it was said that he was the first man in Texas to be made a member of the Mystic Shrine. Masonic and other friends from all over the state are expected to be here and pay their respects to this leader in this fraternity.

Major Fry was one of the founders of the Southland Life Insurance Company, Dallas, and was one of its principal stockholders. He was also vice-president and director of the Arthur A. Everett Firm (Jewelry) in Dallas. For more than half a century the life of Major E.J. Fry of Marshall has been linked with the history of East Texas. As a citizen, as a banker, as churchman, as a member of fraternal organizations, as a progressive, far-seeing businessman, as a friend to every worthy cause and as an unassuming, kindly neighbor to everybody in his home town. Major Fry has left his imprint for good as probably no person has here, in his own county and among his own people. He was one of the most widely known men in Texas. Go where you will and let it be known you are from East Texas, and you are sure to find a friend of Major Fry.

Major Fry was born December 1, 1845, near Charlottesville, Virginia, where he spent the first ten years of his life. In 1855 he came with his mother to San Augustine, Texas, his father having died. In 1858 his mother married George L. Clapp, a merchant of Sabinetown, Texas. From 1859-1861 young Fry was a student at Oak Grove Academy, Virginia, and in the later year returned to Texas and attended for a year a school at Bellwood at Nachitoches, Louisiana. The advance of the Federal Soldiers into Northern Louisiana broke up the school and in the summer of 1863 we find E.J. Fry

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enlisted in the Confederate Army, in Captain Edward's last Regiment of Texas Rangers, commanded by Gen. W. P. Lane. He was in the engagement at Wilson's farm the day before the battle of Mansfield, then in the battles of Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, and Monett's Ferry; he was at the capture of Federal gun boats and transports below Alexandria; was in the fight at Marksville; the battle of Yellow Bayou and other engagements that brought to an inglorious end the Red River Campaign of General Banks. Young Fry received several promotions and was frequently in command. (The highest rank I could find was Sgt. Major temporary). At the close of the war he was with some troops at Georgetown, Texas. After the war ended he went back to Sabinetown to wind up some business affairs of his stepfather's who in 1865 had moved to New Orleans. Major Fry remained in Texas and was in the mercantile business at Nacogdoches from 1866-1871. In the latter year he came to Marshall and with Captain C. M. Raquet, purchased the banking business of James H. Starr and Son. A successful bank was run under the name of Raquet and Fry until 1879 when Capt. Raquet retired and the business was continued under the name E.J. Fry until he and others in 1882 organized the *First National Bank of Marshall*, of which strong banking concern he has been Vice President since 1890.

Major Fry has been prominently connected with numerous business enterprises of Marshall and East Texas. He organized the Marshall Compress Company; was one of the organizers of the Marshall Car wheel and Foundry Company, one of the largest industries of its kind in the South. He has been President of the company since its organization. He was a moving spirit in enabling Marshall to have its first electric plant, its first opera house, its water works and every other modern improvement that Marshall enjoys today.

Major Fry was made a Master Mason in Milam Lodge No. 2, at Nacogdoches in 1867; became a Royal Arch the same year and in 1881 became a member of the Gray Commandry, Knight Templars in Marshall; he is a member of the Scottish Rites Consistory at Galveston. He has been Treasurer of Marshall Lodge A.F. and A. M. for more than forty years and has held practically all the elective offices in Masonry including the office of Grand Commander of the Knights Tempar of Texas.

Major Fry married Miss Mary L. Rankin October 11, 1899 and to them was born seven children of whom 5 are living. These are E.S. Fry, vice president of *First National Bank*, Edwin Fry, prominent business man in Dallas, and Mesdames W.L. Barry, E.P. Gaines and Lansing Irvine, all of Marshall. Major Fry has for many years been a vestryman of the Trinity Episcopal Church and ever taken an active interest in all of its activities. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, having become a member in 1872. He has not taken an active part in the management of the bank for a number of years. He has taken life easy since he was three-score and ten, has travelled much, visited many state and national gatherings of the Confederate Veterans and the various branches of Masonry to which he belongs, and he belongs to all of them. In the evening of his life Major Fry had the love and esteem of everybody, old and young, black and white, rich and poor. While he was very successful in a financial way he has never lost the friendship of the humble. His generosity was only limited to the need of the unfortunate and as a public spirited man there is not an institution in his adopted city that has not received largely of his time and money. There are few institutions of learning and likely no hospital or orphanage in the state to which he has not been a contributor. He has always been a man of decided opinions but ever tolerant and considerate to those who thought differently from him.

**Major Fry a Confederate Veteran who helped build and support Marshall.**

### The Anatomy of a Confederate Regiment: Structure and Strength in the Civil War

I know in many of my posts I refer to the 2nd Mississippi or perhaps some other particular regiment. Exactly what was a "regiment?" What was the organization of a typical Confederate regiment by regulation?

Below is the basic breakdown of a typical Confederate regiment. At full strength, it would number more than 1,000 officers and men. But as we know, regiments rarely, if ever, went into battle with this number of men. Sickness, detachments, recovering wounded, and battle losses quickly depleted the strength of the regiments as the war progressed. So, the below breakdown should be considered the norm only for a newly organized unit.

#### Regimental Command structure:

Field Grade Officers (3):

Colonel: 1st in command

Lieutenant Colonel: 2nd in command

Major: 3rd in command

Company Grade Officers: (30 -40 typically; 3-4 per company)

Per Company:

Captain (Captains commanded a company. There were 10 companies to a regiment; some regiments had more than 10 but were exceptions, not the rule).

1st Lieutenant

2nd Lieutenant

3rd Lieutenant\* (sometimes) - also called Junior 2nd Lieutenant - this differentiation was based on position within the company, and not actual rank - there was no actual "3rd Lieutenant" rank.

Sergeant: (5 to a company - similar to 3rd lieutenant, designations such as "2nd Sergeant, 3rd Sergeant, 4th Sergeant, etc. were designations for positions within the company, not an actual rank difference. The senior sergeant within the company was generally referred to as the First Sergeant or Orderly Sergeant.

Corporal: (5 to a company - referrals to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Corporal, etc., again referred to the position held within the company, not actual rank)

Musician: (2 - 4 to a company, drummers, bugler, fifers - as the war progressed, many company musicians were consolidated into the regimental band and many bands were later consolidated into only one band per brigade, usually assigned to a particular regiment)

Private: (90 to a company - typical at full strength; could vary)

#### Companies:

The ten companies in a regiment were each assigned a letter. The letters were A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K. The letter J was skipped (there is more than one argument as to why J was skipped)

#### Other regimental staff positions:

Quartermaster: held the same rank as a Captain but was in charge of regimental supply. There was one quartermaster per regiment.

Sergeant Major: Senior sergeant in the entire regiment. There was one per regiment. Acted as the disciplinarian of the unit.

Surgeon: Typically held the rank of Captain.

Assistant Surgeon: Rank of Captain.

Adjutant: Head clerk of the unit. The Colonel's aide. Usually, Captain or Lieutenant rank.

Chaplain: No formal rank but wore special chaplain collar insignia.

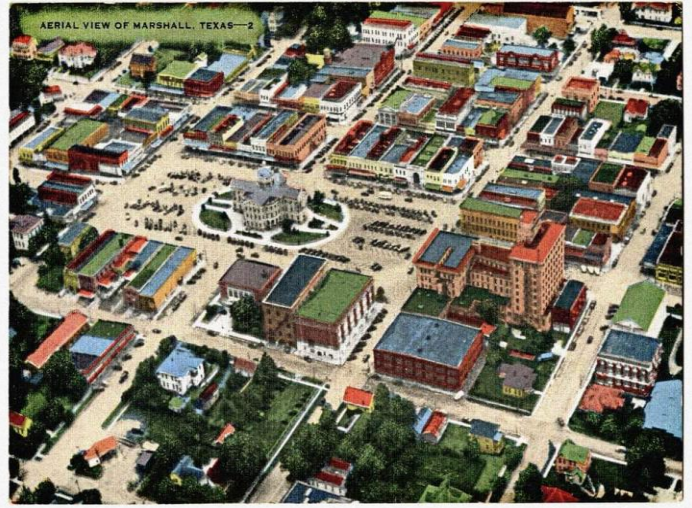
Ensign: A rank that existed only temporarily. Created during mid-war and later rescinded. The Ensign was a Confederate color bearer, holding the rank of First Lieutenant for pay purposes, but had no command authority.

Graphic: Strength and losses of the 2nd Mississippi as the war progressed.

**Blast from the Past:**



191 CENTRAL EAST TEXAS FAIR, MARSHALL, TEXAS



Washington Avenue - Looking North - Marshall, Texas 6-J-18



Snow Day in Downtown Marshall, Texas  
Peter Whetstone Square from around 1920

## Greenwood Cemetery Flagging: Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, picture by Albert Colvin.



**We got it re-flagged in about 2 hours. Thanks to Albert, Jeff, (pooch) Tom, Pete and Daryl**

**Approximately 154 CSA Vets and 17 Union Vets graves flagged at Greenwood, 130 at Marshall Cemetery, 35 at Scottsville, 5 CSA & 4 Union at the Hebrew Cemetery and 3 at Fairview Cemetery.**

**PS, It was hot!**



# In Memory of the Confederate Companies from Harrison County, Texas

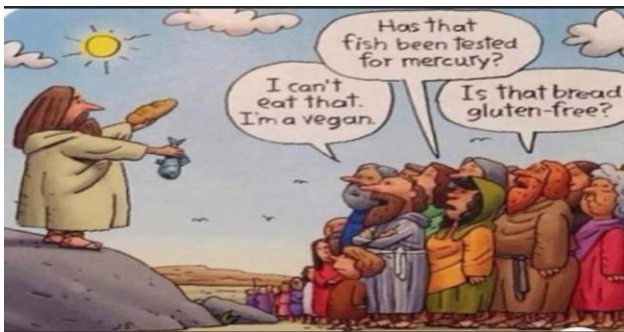
2nd Texas Cavalry Co. F “Walter P. Lane Rangers”  
 3rd Texas Cavalry Co A “The Texas Hunters”  
 1st Texas Infantry Co. E “The Marshall Guards”  
 7th Texas Infantry Co. D “Bass Greys”  
 7th Texas Infantry Co. H “Texas Invincibles”  
 17th Texas Cavalry Co. E “Hendricks Company”  
 17th Texas Cavalry Co. K “Clough Rangers”  
 14th Texas Infantry Co. B “Clough and Hill Avengers”  
 14th Texas Infantry Co A. “Marshall Mechanics”  
 14th Texas Infantry Co. H “Cypress Tigers”  
 8th Texas Cavalry Co. F “Harrison County Lancers”  
 1st Cavalry Regiment TX Partisans Rangers Co. E  
 1st Cavalry Regiment TX Partisans Rangers Co. L

Captain Sam J. Richardson  
 Captain T. W. Winston  
 Captain F. S. Bass  
 Captain K M Van Zandt  
 Captain W. B. Hill  
 Captain S. B. Hendricks  
 Captain Gil McKay  
 Captain W. L. Pickens  
 Captain N. S. Allen  
 Captain John Miller  
 Captain Phil Brown  
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**We will be passing the Bucket at our meetings for the Flag replacement fund, newsletter fund and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Confederate Heroes Fund.**



**Today's world?**

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### How Do I Join The Sons of Confederate Veterans?

The SCV is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans. Organized at Richmond, Virginia in 1896, the SCV continues to serve as a historical, patriotic, and non-political organization dedicated to ensuring that a true history of the 1861-1865 period is preserved. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either lineal or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet Membership.