

Border Patrol

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Lee-Bourland Camp 1848

Newsletter



Commander's Note:

Most of the month was taken up with staying out of the way of heat and humidity . I think it rained twice , but the 90 plus following the cool rains, just left us all running for the air conditioning.

Even though it was a hot month, the SCV & TSOCR / Black Rose members performed in an outstanding manner for a request of one of our SCV compatriots, Paul Ridenour, adjutant of W.H.L. Wells Camp # 1588.

Paul's ancestor was Pvt. Thomas Jefferson L. Jones. Thomas Jones was born 1 Sept 1839 in Blount, AL.. Thomas served as a confederate private in Co C 54th infantry of TN. After the war he started a new life in Jacksboro, Texas, Wise County. Thomas was a founding member of the First Assembly of God Church in Jacksboro, TX. Thomas was their preacher for a number of years. One of Thomas's sons followed in his dad's foot steps and was also the preacher for the church. Paul encouraged the current preacher, Rev. Richard Cleghorn to give us a short "bio," quite informative. Rev. Richard told me "I've never seen anything quite like this memorial before."

Paul was able to round up five other ancestors of Thomas. Life plays a part in peoples' plans , so only three were able to attend the service. They were pleased beyond any expectations.

The Texas SCV was represented by 4 camp's of the 4th brigade and at least 3 camps of the 3rd brigade. Camp commanders , brigade commanders, state Lt's and members of the SCV. State officers, chapter presidents and members of the TSOCR who were the Black Rose for our guests. There were SCV members, that this was their first time to perform in uniform. I for one would like to say " A job well done, Ladies & Gentleman!" I did not get a list of names of all who participated . We even had two SCV TX cavalry w/horses stand guard at posting & escorting into the cemetery. These events go by so fast when it all comes together and ya just don't have time to write down names.

But, I thank you fellow SCV Compatriots and Black Roses for all your help. I hope you can find your smiling faces in the pictures I'm putting in this newsletter, for your personal scrapbooks .

Again, Thanks, "Great Job!"

Coming Events:

- Sep 13 Sesquicentennial Event / Heritage Rally, Franklin, TN [confederate 150.com/2014.html](http://confederate150.com/2014.html)
- Sep 20 Sophia Porter grave dedication, N of Pottsboro, TX 2 PM hosted by Sherman Camp
- Sep 26-27 G'ville "History Alive" Weekend Fri-Sat at G'ville Airport
- Sep 27 West Hill Cemetery Comes Alive, Sherman, TX for info Linda Turner 903-271-1165
- Oct 11 Depot Days G'ville, TX
- Oct 24-25 Civil War / Living History Days, Frontier Village, Loy Lake Park, Denison, TX
Friday School Day, Saturday open to public
- Oct 31-Nov 1 Battle for Ft. Richardson Jacksboro, TX info call 940-567-3506 or
www.keysbattery.com/battleforfortrichardson
- Nov 8 Living History, TX Hwy Tourist Info Center, Denison, TX
- Nov 30 Christmas Parade, Valley View, TX
- Dec 6 Christmas Parade, Weatherford, TX
- May 8-9 2015 Sesquicentennial Confederate Seminar & related education activities focusing on
TX & the end of the War. SCV Camp #415 & Hodge-Martin-Chatfield Historical
Museum Ennis, TX
- Jun 5-7 2015 SCV TX Div Reunion Temple, TX
- Jul 9-12 2015 SCV National Reunion Richmond, VA



Image found of Confederate White House housekeeper

AP

By STEVE SZKOTAK July 19, 2014 11:40 AM



Mary O'Melia is seen in an undated photo provided by the American Civil War Museum. O'Melia served at ...

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Mary O'Melia left Ireland for America as a young widow with three children before she was hired as housekeeper at the White House of the Confederacy. An intimate witness to history, she also has been much of a mystery.

That was until this year, when a woman with a distinctive Irish lilt to her voice called The Ameri-

can Civil War Museum. The housekeeper, the woman said, was related to her late husband, and she had in her possession a necklace that Confederate first lady Varina Davis gave O'Melia.

But there was more.

"What really took my breath away is she said she had a photograph of Mary," said Cathy Wright, curator at the Civil War Museum, formerly the Museum of the Confederacy.

"Considering that it's been almost 150 years since she left the White House that anyone has been able to look at her face is just remarkable," Wright said in an interview.

The tintype adds a human dimension to what is a tantalizing but frustrating portrait of a woman who left her children in Baltimore to oversee the White House in the capital of the Confederacy during the duration of the Civil War but publicly revealed little of the experience.

O'Melia was among a staff of 20, was a confidante to the first lady, and may have been in the mansion in April 1865 when President Abraham Lincoln visited after Confederate defenders left the city smoldering. Historical records are unclear on that point.

The discovery is important nonetheless because the museum, which is next door to the White House, has strived to piece together the often untold lives of the African-American slaves, free people of color and European immigrants who worked as domestics for the Davis family.

"One of the more elusive figures was Mary O'Melia," Wright said.



Varina Banks Howell Davis is seen in an 1860 photo provided by the American Civil War Museum. A phot ...

O'Melia was a central character in this Southern version of "Downton Abbey" and she remains a bit of an enigma. Even her name is a mystery. It's been spelled various ways through the years — O'Melia, O'Malley and O'Malla.

This much is known: she was born Mary Larkin on April 7, 1822, in Galway, in western Ireland. She was educated in a convent, and apparently the fine needlework the religious order of nuns taught her may have influenced her hiring by Varina Davis.

She married a ship captain, Matthias O'Melia, but was widowed at age 25 when he was lost at sea.

While the circumstances of her journey to America are not known, Mary O'Melia settled in Baltimore in about 1850. In 1861, she left her children with relatives and headed to visit friends in Richmond, where she was marooned when Virginia left the Union.

Told by friends Varina Davis could help her return north, she appealed to the Roman Catholic bishop to intercede on her behalf.

Ultimately, Davis prevailed upon O'Melia to take the position as housekeeper and companion to the first lady despite O'Melia's separation from her children.

O'Melia would eventually remain at the Confederate White House until Richmond's fall in 1865.

Despite her perch within the Confederate seat of power, O'Melia left little written accounts of her years in Richmond. She left it to others to speculate on her employment, including a reporter who wrote after her death of all the "exciting conferences" she would have witnessed.

When the first family left Richmond in April 1865, O'Melia remained to oversee the mansion.

Writing from Danville days after his departure, President Jefferson Davis wrote to his wife: "Mrs. Omelia behaved just as you described her, but seemed anxious to serve and promised to take care of everything which may mean some things."

Perhaps a more telling gesture of O'Melia's connection to the first family of the Confederacy was her correspondence with the Davis family after they parted and a wedding she and Varina Davis attended in 1867. They were the only white people in attendance at the wedding of Ellen Barnes, who had served in the White House.

When Jefferson Davis died in 1889, O'Melia attended a memorial in Baltimore. A reporter said she "attracted considerable attention" and was described as "a well-preserved old lady."

Wright said O'Melia's story resonates particularly with her because she calls herself the "modern housekeeper of the White House of the Confederacy."

"I'm supposed to be over there keeping it clean and maintaining it so I've always felt a personal affinity for her," she said.

After her service at the White House, O'Melia returned to Baltimore where she operated boarding houses until her death in 1907. ____

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE

In Honor of Private Thomas Jefferson L Jones

Hosted by Lee-Bourland Camp #1848 & Stonewall Jackson Camp #901



Thomas Jefferson L. Jones preaching the word of God at Jacksboro, Texas



Gravestone in Wesley Champel Road Cemetery, Jacksboro, Texas



Color Guard: Posting of Colors



Greetings given by Texas Division 2nd Lt Commander Gary Bray



Introductions by: Commander Charlie Waters (Lee-Bourland Camp #1848, Gainesville, Texas)



Dedication: Commander Jason Waggoner, Stonewall Jackson Camp #901, Denton, Texas



Biography by: Reverend Richard Cleghorn, First Assembly of God Church, Jacksboro, Texas



Biography by descendant: Paul Ridenour, Adjutant, Wm. H.L. Wells Camp #1588, Plano, Texas



Descendant Presentation: Descendant Christy Cooper



Descendant Presentation: Descendant Angela Gail Jones Harlan



Descendant Presentation: Descendant Paul Ridenour



Descendant Presentation: Descendant David Rozell



Ladies of the Order of Confederate Rose: Black Rose Ceremony with escorts

The Society of the Black Rose is a volunteer order to perpetuate the persona of a War Between The States widow at SCV functions, memorial services, grave dedications, etc. Order of Confederate Rose website: <http://www.confederaterose.org/>



Another Black Rose lady laying a rose on the grave of Private Thomas Jefferson L Jones



Sword Salute



Roll Call: 1) Pvt. Thomas Jefferson L Jones 2) Confederate Veterans Resting Here 3) All the Veterans of the United States of America Resting Here Rifle Salute

Firing of Motar Rounds..... **BOOM!**



Taps: By Jeff Hudson



Placement of Arm Bands Ceremony:



Arm Band Ceremony:



Descendants and Color Guard



Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans



Sons of Confederate Veterans with descendants of Private Thomas Jefferson L. Jones



Sons of Confederate Veterans, Descendants and The (OCR) Black Rose Ladies



Private Thomas J. L. Jones, Company C 54th Tennessee Infantry CSA

A big THANK YOU to everyone who gave of their time to support and participate in this Memorial Service to honor Private Thomas Jefferson L. Jones.

Additionally thank you to everyone who attended.

By: Lee-Bourland Camp #1848 & Stonewall Jackson Camp #901

Acknowledgement: Picture of Thomas Jefferson L. Jones and CSA gravemarker from; Find A Grave: <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=42315670>

All other pictures by Norman L. Newton, 2nd Lt. Commander, Lee-Bourland Camp #1848

Members and Their Confederate Ancestor

Ansley, Reynolds: Pvt David Andrew Johnson Co K 39th Inf AL

Armstrong, Chad & Charles: Col Jms G Bourland TX Border Rgt 8th Cv Red River of TX

Bloodworth, Gary: Pvt Daniels S Bloodworth Co B 14th Cv TX

Boyer, David: Pvt David G Wilkins Co E Ham's Rgt Cv MS

Cassidy, Bill: (Father side) Pvt Hugh Cassidy (GGF) Co F 26th Inf SC
(Mother side) Jerimiah Hurst (GGGF) 8th Cv GA

Davis, Brian: Pvt Josiah Davis Brannen's Co 12th Wrght's Cv State GDS GA

Dillard, Robert: Pvt Wm Reece Bourland Co H 9th Cv TX

Dunbar, Thomas: Pvt Thomas Goodrich Dunbar Co B 14th Inf TN

Epperson, Lloyd: Pvt Leander Molinton Epperson Co D 2nd Mounted Rifles AK

Fenner, Farrell & Jameson: Pvt Houston Warren Roberts Co F 16th Inf AL

Hamilton, Gary: Pvt Jms Thomas Victory Co D 1st WP Lane's Partisan's Rangers TX

Herman, James: Sgt Wm M Hermann Co G 6th Inf AL

Montgomery, Ronnie L: 2nd Lt. John Calvin Montgomery, SR. 1st Mounted Rifles TX

Newton, Norman: Pvt Charles Samuel Newton, Capt Jms P Douglas' Co Art TX
Tyler SCV Camp's namesake is Jms P Douglas who is from Tyler, TX

Peek, James: Pvt Jms W Peak Co F 8th Dibrell's Cv TN

Reed, David: Pvt Rueben Blankenship Co D 18th Inf AL

Reed, Hunter: Pvt Michael Lorance 2nd Co Cv TN

Riley, Bill: Pvt Wm Chisum Co A 38th Inf TN consolidated to 22nd Batt

Roundtree, Bob: Pvt Jesse Ballard Roundtree Co E Morgan's Rgt Cv TX

Scott, Timothy: 2nd Lt Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO

Scott, Tyler Alec: 2nd Lt. Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO

Scott, Truman Lee, Cadet: 2nd Lt. Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO

Scott, Tucker Dwayne, Cadet: 2nd Lt. Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO

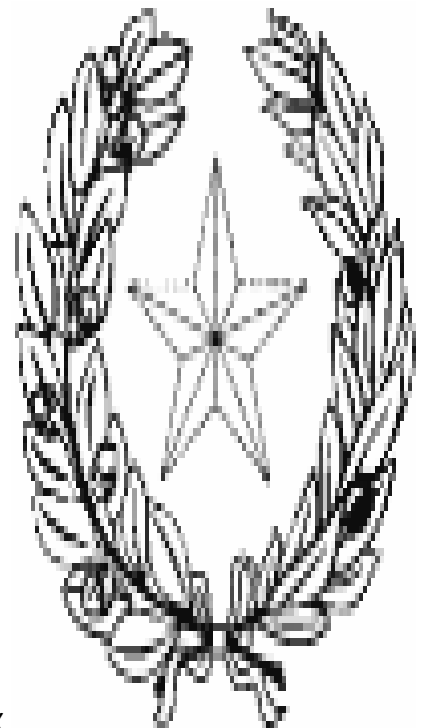
Scott, Trevor Ray, Cadet: 2nd Lt. Joseph B Scott Co E 10th Cv MO

Thompson, Johnny: Pvt Wm Rufus Sybert Co E 2nd Inf TX

Tisdale, Wm: Sgt Augustus Wm Atwood Co G 8th Inf MS

Waters, Charles: (Father side) Pvt Jms Manning Waters Co G 47th Inf GA
(Mother side) 5th Sgt George Mosley Aston Co C 9th Inf TX

White, Joe: Capt Mack Wilson Loyd Co H 5th Cv AL



Gainesville, TX Cooke

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MORE NEWS NEXT MONTH

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