

Commander's Note

September was not our Camp's busiest month. But we did have our own Joe White at the Texas Division DEC meeting in Lorena, Tx.

We would have sworn in James Peek , our newest member if he had not had to work the second shift this past meeting night. We will have that ceremony for him at the October meeting.

The 4th Brigade Quarterly meeting had our Camp's representation. I gave our Brigade's Commanders who were present, a plea to find someone within their camps to become their camp's coordinator for the Texas Confederate Grave Registration Program and a second person for their camp's Texas Division Guardian Program. I gave a few details of what each program is all about. The 4th Brigade has just 9 counties and 10 camps, but I estimate 4,000 possible confederate veterans buried in those 9 counties.



Events Coming Soon

- *Oct 12 Depot Days*
- *Gainesville, Texas*
- *With Living History 1860's*
- *Surgical Medicine*
- *Recruiting Booth for SCV, OCR & UDC Information*
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- *Oct 26-27 Oakwood Cemetery*
- *Sinners & Saints Tour*
- *Ft. Worth, Texas*
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- *Oct 28-Nov 4 Battle for*
- *Ft. Richardson*
- *Jacksboro, Texas*

James Young Light

Let me say finding non-conflicting information about him has been a challenge. As is any 150 year old information should be.

James was born in Waverly, Humphreys County, Tennessee, on Jan 01, 1845. He was the 4th out of 12 children. James' father William Light was also born in Waverly, on Oct 23, 1809. James' mother Amanda Nix Light was born Aug 5, 1817, somewhere in Tennessee. James' father, William was a farmer. William's adventure streak must have kicked in because the US Censes of 1850 has the Light family farming in Fannin County, possibly Bonham, Texas area. James' mother Amanda died Mar 3, 1860 in Fannin County. That is also listed as the year the 12th child died. The US Censes of 1860 register the Light's definitely in Bonham, Texas.

James is 16 now, but the censes do not show a wife for William or a mother for 11 kids.

When the War broke out Light cast his lot with the Stars and Bars. He was too young to enlist in the early stages, but along with W.B.B. Smith, of Ft. Worth, a boyhood friend, he entered as soon as he could. In 1863 James, now 19, joined the Army of the Confederate States of America and was with

them until the end of the War. His unit was Co E, Wells Battalion Texas Cavalry, with Capt. John Miller his company commander. Wells Cavalry Battalion, also called the 34th Battalion, completed its organization at the Spencer Academy in Doaksville, Indian Territory, during the fall of 1863. Attached to the Trans-Mississippi Department, the unit primarily skirmished the Federals at Ft. Gibson in Indian Territory; Poison Springs, Arkansas; Fayetteville, Arkansas; Ft. Smith, Arkansas; and other areas of Indian Territory for more than 15 various types of engagements during the unit's career. During March, 1864, part was stationed at Ft. Arbuckle and part at Ft. Washita, Oklahoma. Early in 1865, the Battalion was re-organized as Wells Cavalry Regiment from remnants of Wells Cavalry, Good's TX Cavalry and Gillett's TX Cavalry, and assigned to the 5th TX Cavalry Brigade, 2nd TX Cavalry Division, 1st Corp, Army of Trans-Mississippi. But was soon dismounted and ordered to Camp Angeles near Houston, TX to be surrendered in May-June of 1865. Lt. Col. John W. Wells was in command. Rather than go that far, most of the command disbanded before surrendering.

On the 20th of July 1865 James married Lucinda Cannon, who was born also in 1845, but in Illinois.

Lou, that's what he called her, and James had 6 children. The US Censuses of 1870 shows James, a farmer, and Lou to have 4 children in Bonham, TX. The US Censuses of 1880 shows James and Lou still in Bonham, TX farming, but with all 6 children. The Gainesville Daily Register states Mr. Light came to Gainesville in 1885, residing on his farm four miles north of town for a number of years. In 1886 James' wife Lou died. Lou is buried here at Fairview Cemetery. The US Censuses of 1900, James 55 and widowed, now living with his 22 year old son William Ira Light and his wife Laura with their daughter Dortha in Jacksboro, TX. The Gainesville Daily Register states Mr. Light left this city about 24 years ago, and recently had been living with his son, Ira Light, at Electra.

On Sept 23, 1918, James at age 79 filled an application for Texas Confederate Veteran's Pension # 35688. James gave his address to be living in Electra, Texas and having to state that he had no property of value.

The US Adjutant General's Office responded to inquiry from the State Comptroller that "the name of James Young Light or similar name has not been found on the records of said organization." Looks like he may have been one of the ones that disbanded rather than surrender. James' application is supported by affidavits of

two apparently confirmed members of his Regiment, W.B. Merrill & J.R. Eaton, stating in their affidavit, "that they belonged to the same company with the said James Young Light same being Company E of Well's Battalion; That the said James Young Light served in the Army of the Confederate State of America with them." At another web site of Well's Cavalry Battalion it was found in company muster rolls that Wiley Brandon Merrill April 1865 muster states AWOL since 2 Feb 1865. I guess he disbanded a little early. And I found no confirmation that James ever received any pension money. The US Censuses of 1920 shows James at 75 living in Jacksboro, Texas with daughter Mae Branch & her husband D. Newton Aynes. And that brings us to September 30, 1924 when James was 79 trying to get around at a Texas Division, United Confederate Veterans' reunion in Ft. Worth, Texas.

:The Jacksboro Gazette
Thursday, October 2, 1924

Mrs. D.N. Aynes received the sad news Tuesday of the death of her father, J.Y. Light in Fort Worth.

On the eve of a reunion with his old comrades with whom he so often faced death while fighting under the Stars and Bars more than 50 years ago James Y. Light, Confederate Veteran of Electra, was killed Tuesday when struck by a street car at Fifteenth and Main

streets. The aged man had just arrived in Fort Worth to attend the annual State meeting of the United Confederate Veterans, Texas division and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which opens here Wednesday. He was struck by a northbound street car as he dodged an automobile, according to T. W. Wren, general claim agent of the Northern Texas Traction Company, who is investigating the accident. When taken from under the car the veteran's coat was caught between the brake shoe and the wheel, although the wheel had not injured him, according to ambulance drivers. His skull was fractured and he was dead when removed.

The corner at which he was killed is not provided with electric traffic signals, as are all street intersections nearer the center of the business district.

Mrs. Aynes was greatly shocked from the report of the death and was unable to go to the funeral of her father which will be held in Gainesville, the old family home.

Mr. Light is survived by three daughters, Mrs. D.N. Aynes of Jacksboro, Mrs. Georgia Landers of Dallas, Mrs. Annie Hensley of Altus, Oklahoma; 2 sons ♂ Ira Light of Electra and Charlie Light.

Application for Warrant, says body was prepared for burial on Thursday Oct 2, 1924 by E. Harper, undertaker in Ft. Worth, then shipped to Gainesville via the Santa Fe passenger train.

The Gainesville Daily Register gives him front page billing Oct 2, 1924, but the larger print billing was "Big League Ball Players Are Expelled." That would have been the New York Giants throwing the 1924 World Series. The Register says, "A replica of the uniform that J.Y. Light, age 79, wore through the stirring days of '61-'65 and which

he was wearing when death overtook him, was his shroud when the body of the gallant old soldier was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery here Thursday





Members and Their Confederate Ancestor

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

Armstrong, Chad & Charles: Col. James G. Bourland TX Border Rgt. Cav. Red River of TX

Cassidy, Bill: (Father side) Hugh Cassidy (GGF) 26th Inf. SC

(Mother side) Jerimiah Hurst (GGGF) 8th Cav. GA

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

Herman, James: Sgt. William M. Herrmann Co G, 6th Inf. AL

Newton, Norman: Pvt. Charles Samuel Newton, James P. Douglas' Battalion

Tyler SCV Camp's namesake is James P. Douglas who is from

Tyler, TX

Peek, James Robert: Pvt. James W. Peak Co F 8th Dibrell's Cav. TN

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

Reed, Hunter: Pvt. Michael Lorance 2nd Co Cav. TN

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

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

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

Tisdale, William D.: Sgt. Augustus William Atwood Co G, 8th Inf. MS

Waters, Charles: (Father side) Pvt. James Manning Waters Co G, 47th Inf. GA

(Mother side) 5th Sgt. George Mosley Aston Co C, 9th Inf. TX

Wells, Matthew: Pvt. George A. Buchanan Co F, 19th Cav. TX

White, Joe: Capt. Mack Wilson Loyd 5th Cav. AL

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