



**Merry Christmas**



# DCV TRAVELLER

**DESCENDANTS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
A TEXAS BASED ASSOCIATION WITH CHAPTERS IN TEXAS & SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**Winter 2018**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont.**

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**J.D. Boydston**

Dear Members and Friends of the Descendants of Confederate Veterans-Texas and South Carolina,

As we come to the end of another year, it seems only natural to look back with a high degree of circumspection and reflection to evaluate what we have done or not done, where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going. As this relates to our organization, let me say this was supposed to be a quiet year, yet as it turned out, it was not to be as we surmised at this point last year. Many of us in leadership positions found ourselves in the middle of some very serious heritage controversies occupying a great deal of our time and energy.

We were successful in many cases while failing to be in others. In enumerating our successes, the heritage victory with the Tyler Independent School District has to be at the very top. The victory was so complete that the final motion to rename Robert E. Lee High School failed to achieve even a second from the Board of Trustees and died right there in front of the television cameras and a packed meeting room. Also, we were able to establish very positive communication with the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina who took our viewpoint into consideration as she decided the future location and display of the "Silent Sam" statue. She was willing to share her reasoned and measured observations on the controversy with us in a most helpful way.

Very disappointing to all was the outcome of the Austin Veterans Day Parade. We made our presence felt to be sure, and our position was very clearly articulated, and, in my opinion, very well argued. Logic appears to have

fallen on the deaf ears of people who already had their minds made up, for we came away empty-handed. Due to what could be termed a technicality, we had no standing in the matter to seek a legal remedy. This applies to this year only. I strongly advise the Capitol Chapter to reapply next year and consider legal recourse if denied participation.

At year's beginning I stated I would try to introduce new ideas and new ways of thinking into our organization, and to the best of my admittedly limited ability I have done so. I have tried to use my time at the speaker's pulpit to emphasize the pressing need for us to accentuate the historical and heritage aspects of our organization. Any reasonable person can and will discern the difference between racism and 'white nationalism' as opposed to heritage and history if given the opportunity. We must not be afraid to show who we are, to let others know we are the present day family members descended from those historical Confederate personalities who some Americans continue to denigrate and disrespect. Let them know it is personal with all of us and there will never be peace as long as they persist in doing so. **"Hey man, that's my grandfather you're talking about"!**

Due to statutory limitations I am eligible to serve only one year in this position. I would gladly serve another if able. It is my hope that someone younger will agree to serve in the future. Please think about that yourself if it applies to you. Finally, please allow me to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the heartfelt support you have given me this past year and to wish everyone the very, very best of the Holiday Season and much success in the coming year.

J. D. Boydston  
President, Board of Directors

## DCV DUES REMINDER

The DCV TRAVELLER typically places the dues reminder at the end of each years Winter edition. Hopefully by placing the reminder at the beginning more folks will see it and take action.

### **\*\*DUES ARE PAYABLE JANUARY 1\*\***

If you are a member of a Chapter you pay both Association dues and Chapter dues to your Chapter Treasurer.

Association dues are \$16 annually. Chapter dues may vary. Your Chapter Treasurer should contact you about submitting your dues.

If you are not a member of a Chapter you are an "At-Large" member and must send your dues to the Association Treasurer. Association Dues are \$16 annually.

Life Members do not pay annual dues to the Association.

At Large Members submit your check payable to:

### **Descendants of Confederate Veterans**

#### **Mail to:**

**Samuel Bennett  
P.O. BOX 160773  
Austin, TX 78716**

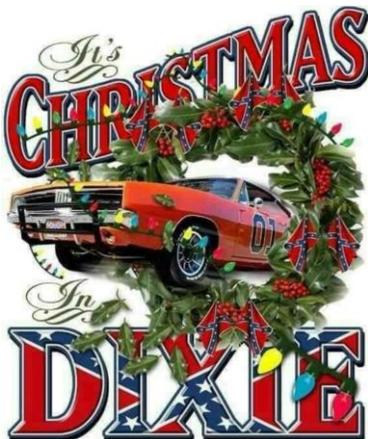
Life memberships are available

Age 18-59 years \$ 300.00

Age 60-69 years \$ 200.00

Age 70-79 years \$ 100.00

Age 80 + years \$ 50.00



## East Texas Chapter Marker Dedication

On October 13<sup>th</sup> the East Texas Chapter concluded their latest cemetery marker project with an outstanding dedication ceremony at East Mountain Cemetery near Longview, Texas. The East Mountain marker is the fourth of its type. The three other markers are in the Gum Springs Cemetery, the Pirtle Methodist Cemetery, and the Millville Cemetery. Old East Mountain Cemetery is relatively small and in past years had not been adequately maintained.



When cemetery representative Cathie Tehan took on the task of restoring the cemetery she and volunteers worked very hard to clean up and beautify the grounds. In doing so they discovered many of the older graves had missing or broken headstones. The next step was to bring in someone to do a complete survey of the cemetery. They contacted highly respected professional surveyor DCV member and East Texas Chapter President Terry Hedrick to survey the cemetery.



East Texas Chapter President Terry Hedrick

## East Texas Chapter Marker Dedication Cont.

Terry was making a very detailed study of the cemetery, measuring the angle and distance between each and every headstone. As he began to survey the graves he noticed something noteworthy. Something no one had ever noticed before.

Checking old records, he found 7 civil war veterans were buried there. Cemetery representative Cathie Tehan only knew of one Confederate Veteran there, "Because he is my great-great-grandfather," she says.

Terry found that several of the men had moved to Texas after the war, like many did to start a new life. He said "Texas was the land of opportunity. A lot of folks came over after the war. We're going to honor them."

Watch the KLTV News interview featuring Terry Hedrick:

<https://www.kltv.com/2018/09/24/surveyor-discovers-civil-war-veteran-graves/>



DCV President J.D. Boydston (L) and East Texas Chapter Heritage Committee Chairman Mark Appleton proudly showing the East Mountain Cemetery Marker

East Texas Chapter member and current DCV President J. D. Boydston submitted this account of the dedication.

"The East Mountain dedication was a resounding success. The weather held off just enough for us to get it in with no problems - it rained beforehand and rained heavily afterwards. Everyone was so pleased. We received many sincere thank-you's and handshakes from those in attendance, most of

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## East Texas Chapter Marker Dedication Cont.

whom had relatives among those we honored. The satisfaction of a job well done is enabled whenever the public is as appreciative as these people were. Every East Texas DCV member left the event feeling that no matter what kind of obstacles or adversity is in our way, an event like this makes them diminish to nothingness in the wake of knowing we have done the right thing at the right time. Personally, I haven't felt this good in quite a while."



Old East Texas Cemetery



(R) Mark Appleton East Texas Chapter Heritage Committee Chair/Chaplain (L) Jerry Heyems SCV John Gregg Camp

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Turnout for the marker dedication was excellent

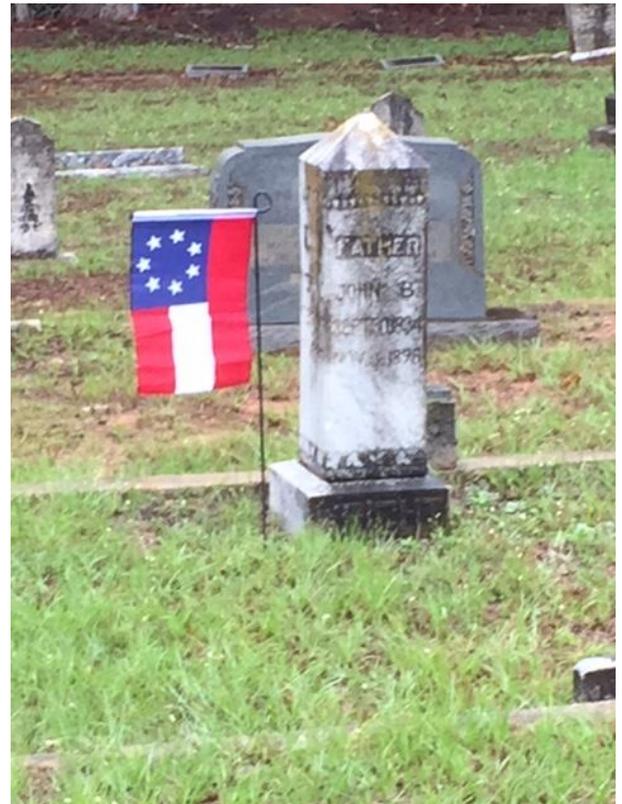
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East Texas Chapter members  
J.D. Boydston Terry Hedrick



L-R Michael Pepper Upshur County Patriots,  
Coley Mathews and Van Mathews East Texas chapter



John B. Wright Pvt. Company C Locke's Texas Cavalry



## East Texas Chapter Marker Dedication Cont



**CONGRATULATIONS EAST TEXAS CHAPTER**

## Capitol Chapter Veterans Day Parade

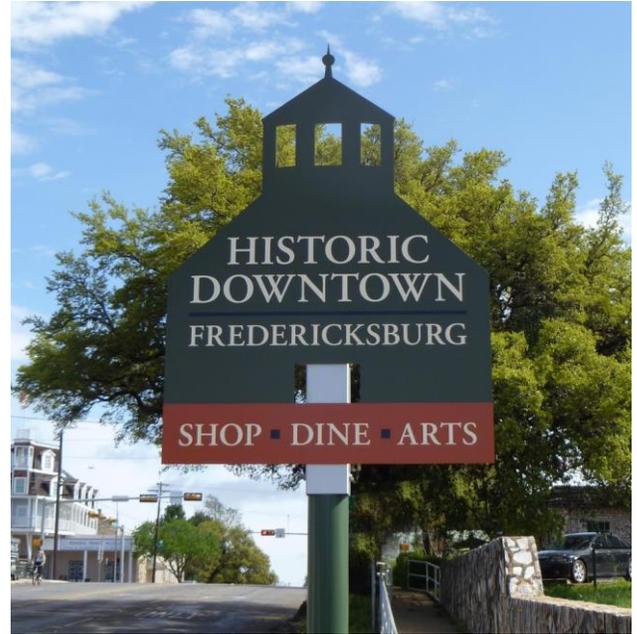
Since the founding of the DCV the Capitol Chapter has been an annual participant in the Veterans Day Parade in Austin, Texas. However, this year the Mayor of Austin and a member of the city council who both publically expressed opposition to participation by Confederate heritage groups co-sponsored and passed a resolution that stated the city would not waive historically waived fees if the private non-profit Veterans Day Parade Committee allowed certain groups the city of Austin deemed objectionable.

Anticipating the Parade Committee would abide by those terms the DCV Board of Directors discussed possible legal action. After the DCV and the SCV were officially notified their applications to participate were rejected the DCV Board determined legal action would most likely not be successful. The SCV also decided not to consider legal action.

Instead, both the DCV and the SCV accepted the enthusiastic welcoming of our groups to the Fredericksburg Veterans Day Parade. It was Austin's loss, Fredericksburg's gain.

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## Capitol Chapter Veterans Day Parade Cont.



New home for the DCV's participation in the annual Veterans Day Parade



Parade Staging



Steve von Roeder, (?), Lyn von Roeder, Jim Price, Jean Price, Sam Bennett, Terry Ayers, Doug Ayers, Teresa Chapman



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**Capitol Chapter Veterans Day Parade Cont.**



Shelby Little, Steve von Roeder, Jim Price, Sam Bennett

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Third from right Sam Bennett represents the DCV in the Color Guard

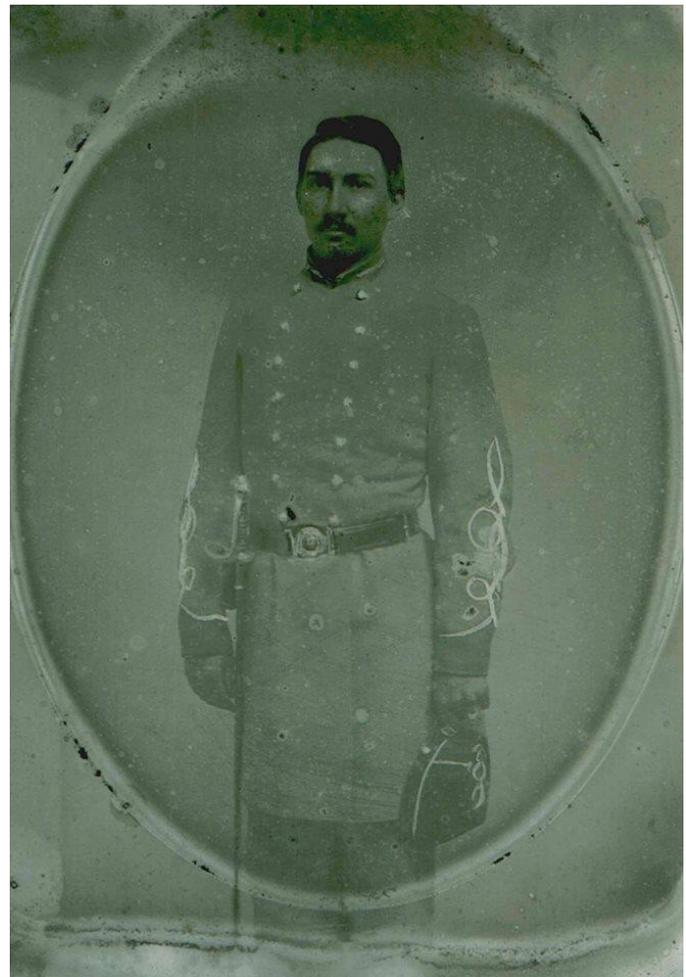


Jean Price, "Gracie", Lyn von Roeder, Teresa Chapman

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C**



Capitol Chapter Member Jim Price



Newly found photo of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.E. James as a 2nd Lt.



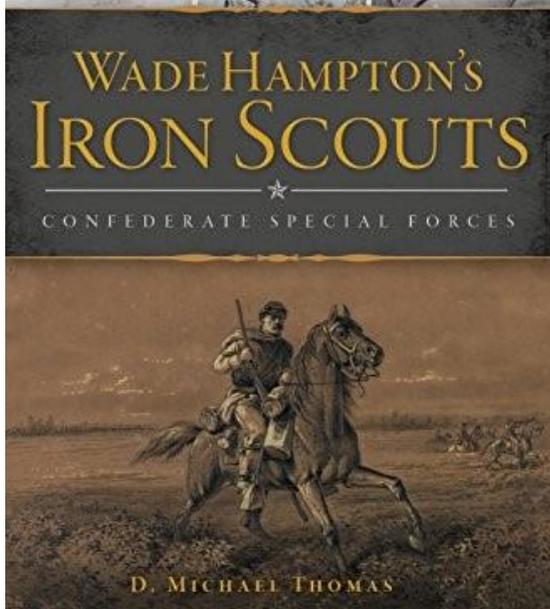
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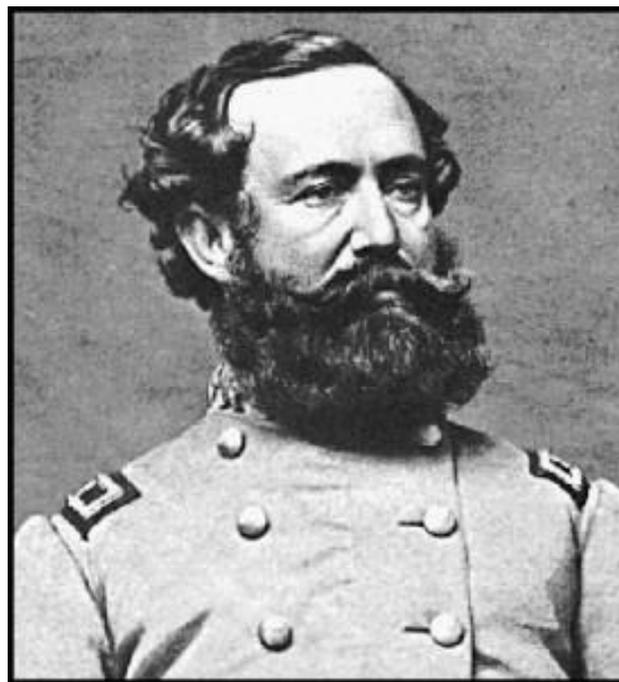
Michael Thomas, Author

Michael Thomas was the chapter's October speaker. His recently published book, "Hampton's Iron Scouts" was the subject of his presentation.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C Cont.

At his own expense Hampton organized the Hampton Legion, a regiment consisting of six companies of infantry, four of cavalry, and one battery of artillery. He was commissioned its Colonel in June 1861, and the legion soon after played an important part in the first Battle of Manassas (July 21, 1861). Hampton commanded an infantry brigade in the Peninsula Campaign (April–June 1862) and was wounded in the Battle of Seven Pines (May 31, 1862). He returned to command a cavalry brigade under General J. E. B. Stuart.



Lieutenant General Wade Hampton III

Hampton proved to be a superb leader of cavalry, who was at his best in leading raids behind the enemy lines, sometimes with great drama. In 1864 Hampton led the so-called Beefsteak Raid, capturing 2,468 cattle from the Union army. In August 1864 Hampton became the commander of the cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia. In that capacity Hampton played an important role in the defense of Richmond in the last months of the war. In January 1865 General Robert E. Lee sent him to defend South Carolina against Sherman's army, but the assignment proved hopeless. By war's end Hampton was one of only three Confederates without West Point training to achieve the rank of Lieutenant General.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt.W.E. James Chapter Darlington S.C Cont.**



Wade Hampton Statue on the Capitol Grounds  
Columbia South Carolina

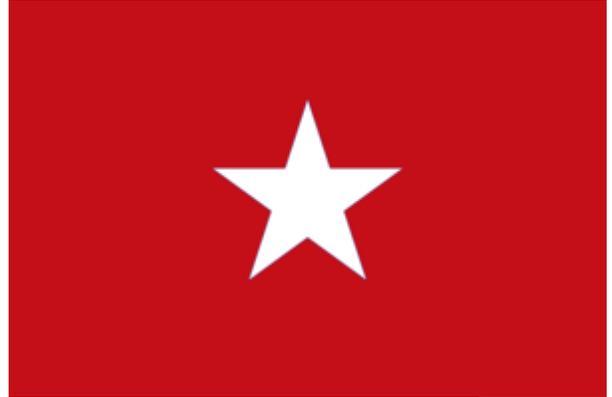


Wade Hampton III  
Born: 28 March 1818 Died: 11 April 1902  
Buried: Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Cemetery



**IN THEIR OWN WORDS AT CHRISTMAS**

In June 1861 President Jefferson Davis appointed Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley to recruit a brigade of volunteers in central and south Texas to occupy the adjacent federal territories. General Sibley proclaimed his brigade the "Army of New Mexico."



"Sibley Flag" Army of New Mexico

Sibley intended to march north from El Paso, occupy New Mexico, seize the rich mines of Colorado Territory, then turn west through Salt Lake City, and take over the seaports of Los Angeles and San Diego.



Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley

One of the Regiments, the Fifth Texas Cavalry, also known as the Fifth Texas Mounted Rifles and the Fifth Texas Mounted Volunteers was led by Colonel Thomas Green, a veteran of the Texas Revolution and a Texas Ranger. The regiment's Major was John Samuel Shropshire.

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS AT CHRISTMAS Cont.

Major Shropshire, born in Kentucky in 1833 settled in Columbus Texas in 1854 to practice law. He married Caroline (Carrie) Tait on July 21, 1859. The couple had one son, Charles (Charlie) born in 1861.



Major John Samuel Shropshire

Two of Major Shropshire's letters  
to his wife Caroline in December 1861  
(exactly as written)

Fort Davis Dec 12th 1861

My Dear Wife,

I recvd yours of the 28th Nov. two days since, much to my surprise & gratification. I am now in a great hurry to get this letter into the mail, which leaves this place in the morning. I am glad to hear that you and Charlie are once more well. I was sorry to hear that you had been sick. I hope this cold weather will cure you of the chills. We are getting along well as usual, our horses are failing very rapidly. Our cavalry will be converted to infantry before we return I expect. I would write you a long letter if I had time. I start in the morning to the Rio Grand abt 125 miles in seperate companies. My comp starts first. I will be commander all by myself. The route is dangerous. The Indians have been stealing mules from some of the commands ahead. Remember me to all. Keep my boy & take good care of him. Tell him I will write to him by the next mail if I have time. Tell the Dr I will write to him some of these days when I get time. I have a very poor opportunity to write while traveling. Give my love to sister Augusta. I would like to hear from her. Write to me every day. Good bye. God Bless you.  
Yours affectionately, Shrop.

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### **Camp on the Rio Grande, 5 miles below Fort Quitman, Dec 26th 1861**

Dear Carrie,

We arrived at this place last night, our mules & oxen broke down, having been out 36 hours without water. We came a new road nearly all the way from Fort Davis. The road was very heavy, & water was very scarce. Our horses are all in as good condition as could be expected, all poor & some of them very poor.

Christmas day 1861 will be remembered a long time by this Regmt, not a man of which I guess, but would have gladly been at home. I thought of you many times & hoped that you were enjoying a good time. The eggnog & good things you had to eat I sincerely hope you had the good apetite to enjoy. I could have enjoyed a dinner with you amazingly. The boys say that I can eat more than any body else. I have a wondrous apetite & enjoy fine health. I am fattening. I weighed at Fort Davis 184 lbs. I feel stouter than I have for years. I can not say how much glory we will gain, but I can say that we will have done as much hard work as any other soldiers in the Confederate service.

Cvalry on the march have a hard time at best on the march but especially do they suffer when they march through a wilderness when a scarcity of every thing essential to comfort prevails. I candidly confess I never would have come this way had I imagined the country was so mean. In after years when Charlie's grand children get old this country will be used for raising sheep. If I had the Yankeys at my disposal I would give them this country and force them to live in it. I would make Devil's River hollow headquarters for them.

Men & nations fight for principle. The U. S. A. spent millions of money to buy this country from Texas (I mean New Mexico) & then spent much money & life to whip it from Mexico & after all a country was acquired which would impoverish any private individual to own. Our people fought for principle and took the country for spoils, & got cheated. We are fighting for an outlet here where he gives it. It will only do for a Van Dieman's Land.

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**Camp on the Rio Grande, 5 miles below Fort Quitman, Dec 26th 1861 Cont.**

Since I commenced to write this letter, Col Waller, who has recently been promoted from major, has arrived at this camp, enroute for Hempstead. He promises to deliver this letter at some convenient place. I do not know which route he will take. Waller is going home to raise another Regmt for the S B. He reports lots of small pox in the uper Country abt Elpasso. He reports 2600 regulars in New Mexico to whip. I do not know why they are sending for more troops, except to promote Sibley, to Major General.

Since I have been writing it has sprinkled a little. The second sprinkle since we left I believe. It has not rained yet. Bob sends his love to all the gals. We hear no news from the head of affairs. Ask the Dr to send me the Delta after he reads it. I would like to know what is going on in the old world. We go into winter quarters near Fort Bliss, where we have plenty of corn, they say. Fort Bliss is near Elpasso. I intended to write you a long letter but can not write for the men around me.

Send me by mail all the good news you can get through by mail. I can not write any more. as soon as we get into quarters, I will write you again Good bye. Write to me every day. God Bless you & Charlie.

P. S. I will write to Ma, & as soon as I get quartered, send me the letters you get from home. You must not forget to tell me abt Mahala, when you write. I expect to find some letters from you at Fort Bliss. If I do not get them I should be disappointed. From the present prospects I fear it will be a long time before I see you again I fear I will be tempted to desert yet, or do some thing else desperate.

This is a hard life to lead for a man who has as good a home as I have. God grant that the war may soon end. Good bye Kiss my boy. Yours, John.  
Give my love to all. Especialy to Gabes babies.  
Remember me to Mr Delany when you see him. I should like to hear from him.

**IN THEIR OWN WORDS AT CHRISTMAS Cont.**

On March 28 1862, during the Battle of Glorietta, in New Mexico, at the age of 30 years old Major John Samuel Shropshire was shot and killed by Union musket fire.

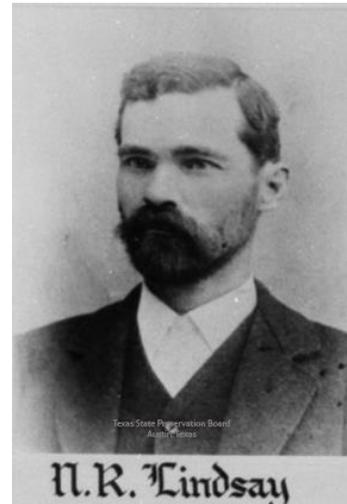
Major Shropshire was survived by his loving wife Caroline (Carrie) and one year old son "Charlie".



Battle of Glorietta

The Spring 2019 DCV TRAVELLER will feature an in depth account of the Sibley Campaign.

**14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DCV REUNION**  
**Comanche Housing Authority**  
**Judge Newton R. Lindsey Building**  
**Saturday February 16, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**404 East Cedar Avenue**  
**Comanche, Texas 76442**



Attorney and politician Judge Newton R. Lindsey served in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States. He attended college and law school in Mississippi before settling in Comanche County in 1874.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
Elizabeth R. "Liz" Hedges



**Liz Hedges at the 2018 annual reunion**

DCV East Texas Chapter member Liz Hedges of Carthage, Texas passed away on Monday night, Dec. 3, 2018 in Longview, Texas. Liz is the wife of DCV East Texas Chapter member Carl Hedges Jr.

Liz enjoyed genealogy and was actively involved. She was a member and held offices in the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of 1812, and the Colonial Dames. After serving two years as the State Registrar for the Children of the Republic of Texas, she was currently the State Historian General for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the President of the John Tilley Edwards Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Liz will be greatly missed.



**Carl and Liz Hedges**

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I invite and encourage each of you to contribute to the DCV TRAVELLER. Please send photos and descriptions of meetings, activities, and events. Large or small, every contribution we make to preserve and protect our Confederate history and heritage is worthy of being noted in our newsletter.

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